COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

French Bulge in Wheat Took a Final Tumble Yesterday.

CORN WAS DULL AND THE PRICE SUFFERED

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CHICAGO, March 6.—The French bulge in wheat, which was tottering yesterday afternoon, took its tumble today, the price for May closing ½c per bu. lower. Corn was about as dull as it could be and the price suffered ¼c reduction, and oats closed ¼c lower. Provisions varied the monotony of speculative dejection, putting on an appearance of sprightly firmness.

Wheat started tame and rather weak. There were numerous sellers at yesterday's closing price, which was 54¾c for May, but not many buyers at over 54¼c. For half an hour the general tendency was up and the range of the fluctuations was between 54c to 54¼c and 54⅝c. The weakness was a mere continuation of the feeling which had begun to appear yesterday afternoon as the result of the cessation of the bullish advices from France. Liverpool was quoted ½d lower, with buyers holding off, but there was a renewed suspicion of crop damage in France, traceable in the advices from the continent. The Paris market was quoted about steady and Berlin from ½ mark to ⅝ mark higher, and second cablegrams rather confirmed the feeling of uncertainty concerning the French crop, which the comparative firmness of continental markets appeared to indicate. The New York market was relatively firmer than Chicago. Some orders were reported to have been received there from France, and there were buying orders here also for the continent. The market here tended upward during the forenoon, after having its first weak spell, but the extent of the recovery did not carry it above 54¼c, and very little could be sold at that. The firmness referred to was in anticipation of Bradstreet's visible supply statement, and the effect of such a report having been discounted when it was received the market immediately began to weaken. In about ten minutes it dropped from 54⅜c to 54⅛c bid to 54¼c sellers. The Minneapolis and Duluth receipts were 227 cars, against 386 cars a year ago. The total primary market receipts were 316,000 bu. Closing Paris cables were not encouraging, and the market finished weak at 53⅞c.

In the corn pit the traders had no speculation in their eyes and very little in their actions and business was, therefore, of the slimest kind. The shipping houses reported a better inquiry from the seaboard for No. 3 yellow, and some was reported to have been worked. The heaviness of the wheat market was against any speculative advance in corn and such fluctuations as there were favored a slight reduction in prices. Corn opened at 44⅞c, sold as low as from 44⅝c to 44¾c, and as high as from 44⅞c to 45c, and closed at 44¾c.

Fluctuations in oats were narrow and influenced entirely by the course of the other markets. Sales were few and far between, all small. May started at from 29c to 29¼c, sold at 29¼c down to from 28⅞c to 29c, and closed at that price. Today's arrivals aggregated 96 cars, 74 of which were graded contract.

Provisions opened rather easy, but did not remain so. A demand developed, which changed the feeling of weakness into one of decided strength. Shorts were supposed to be the heaviest buyers, but some was reported on account. Also for packing offerings were not very free until after pork had advanced from $10.42½ at the opening for May to $10.72½. At the latter price there were more than was wanted, and a decline to $10.62½ occurred, leaving the gain for the day at 17½c per bbl. Ribs and pork in the improvement and made a net gain today of 5c, but lard showed at the close no change.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 25 cars; corn, 140 cars; oats, 117 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
March.....	52¼	52¼	51⅜	51⅞
May.....	54½@⅝	54⅝	53⅜@53½	53⅝
July.....	55¼	55⅝	54¾@54⅞	54¾@⅞
Corn No. 2.				
March.....	43	43@43¼	42⅞@43	42⅞
May.....	44⅜	44⅝@45	44⅜@⅝	44⅜
July.....	44⅜	44⅜	44¼@⅜	44¼@⅜
Oats No. 2....				
May.....	29@29⅛	29¼	28⅞@29	28⅞@29
June.....	29	29	28¾	28¾
July.....	27⅝	27⅝	27¼	27¼
Pork per bbl				
May.....	10 42½	10 72½	10 42½	10 62½
Lard, 100 lbs				
May.....	6 52½	6 60	6 50	6 55
July.....	6 65	6 70	6 65	6 67½
Short Ribs—				
May.....	5 37½	5 47½	5 35	5 42½
July.....	5 50	5 60	5 47½	5 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 53⅞@57⅞c; No. 3 spring, nominal; No. 2 red, 57⅜@58¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 42⅞@43c.

OATS—No. 2, 28¾c; No. 2 white, 32@32¾c; No. 3 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—No. 2, 51½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 53c; No. 3, 50@51c; No. 4, 50c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, $1.40.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $5.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $10.50@10.62½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $6.42½. Short ribs sides, loose, $5.30@5.35. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.75@4.87½; short clear sides, boxed, $5.60@5.65.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.28.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, unchanged.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	11,000	14,000
Wheat, bu	17,000	25,000
Corn, bu	111,000	72,000
Oats, bu	156,000	174,000
Rye bu	5,000	4,000
Barley, bu	20,000	27,000

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 10@18c; dairy, 8@17c. Eggs, steady; 15@16c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, March 6.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,700 bbls.; exports, 26,500 bbls.; sales, 39,500 pkgs. Market steady, but inactive except for city flour. Winter sought, but bids refused. Bakers' in fair demand. Buyers and sellers are 10@15c apart on spring; city mill patents, $4.00@4.15; winter patents, $2.80@3.10; city mill clears, $3.35; winter straights, $1.70@2.15; Minnesota patents, $3.05@3.80; winter extras, $1.90@2.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.00@3.60; winter low grades, $1.70@2.10; spring low grades, $1.75@1.90; spring extras, $1.85@2.25; Rye flour, firm; sales, 500 bbls.; superfine, $2.05@2.80; fancy, $2.85@3.10. Buckwheat flour, firm at $1.70.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; 49@54c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; sales, 150 bbls. 2 500 sacks; yellow western, $1.08@1.10; Brandywine, $2.40.

RYE—Nominal; car lots, 55c; boat loads, 55@56c.

BARLEY—Dull but firm; No. 2 Milwaukee, 64c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 70@72c; No. 3 western, 68@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, none; exports, 149,500 bu.; sales, 4,290,000 bu. futures and 119,000 bu. spot. Spot market easy; No. 2 red, in store and elevator, 58⅝c; afloat, 60¼c; f. o. b., 60⅝c; No. 1 northern, 58¼c delivered; No. 1 hard, 60¼c delivered. Options opened easier under favorable weather west and disappointing cables; rallied at noon on large exports, but declined and was weak all the afternoon under lower late cables and disappointing decrease in Bradstreet's visible; closing lower; No. 2 red, March, closed at 58⅜c; May, 59 1-16@59⅝c, closed at 59¼c; June, 58¼@58⅝c, closed at 58⅜c; July, 59 5-16@59⅝c, closed at 59⅜c; August, 59¼@59⅝c, closed at 59¼c; September, 60 1-16@60¼c, closed at 60¼c; December, 63¼c, closed at 62⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 8,800 bu.; exports, 16,500 bu.; sales, 310,000 bu. futures and 16,000 bu. spot. Spot market quiet; No. 2, 48¾c in elevator; steamer yellow, 49c; steamer mixed, 48¾c. Options opened easy; rallied a trifle, then sold off again and remained weak the balance of the day, closing ⅛c lower; May closed at 48⅛@48¾c, closed at 48¾c; July, 48¾@49¼c, closed at 48⅝c; September closed at 49¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 46,200 bu.; exports, none; sales, 170,000 bu. futures and 34,000 bu. spot. Spot market easier; No. 2, 33¼c; No. 2 delivered, 34¼c; No. 3, 32¾c; No. 2 white, 36⅝@37c; No. 3 white, 36¼c, track, white western and state, 37@41c. Options very dull and easier with corn, closing ⅜c lower; March closed at 32¼c; April, 33⅛@33⅜c, closed at 33¼c; May, 33⅛@33¼c, closed at 33¼c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 45@55c; good to choice, 55@70c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, old, 8@7c; 1894, 5@11c; Pacific coast, old, 3½@7c; 1894, 9@11c.

HIDES—Steady; New Orleans, wet salted, selected, 45 to 65 lbs., 5½c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 13@15½c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 9@12c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 14@19c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@28c; pulled, 19@24c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@10.25; extra mess, $8.25@8.50; extra India mess, $16.00@ 18.50. Cut meats, easy; pickled shoulders, $4.00. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $6.75; sales, 250 tierces at $6.75; March closed at $6.75 nominal; May, $6.85 nominal; refined, steady; continent, $7.15; South American, $6.70; compound, $5. Pork, firm; good demand; new mess, $11.50@12.50; short clear, $12.00@14.75; family, $11.50@12.00.

BUTTER—Quiet and easy; western dairy, 8@ 14c; western creamery, 13@23c; western factory, 7½@13c; Elgins, 24c; imitation creamery, 9@15c; state dairy, 13@18½c; state creamery, old, 11@15c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 9@11½c; small, 9¼@12c; part skims, 3@8¼c; full skims, 1½@2½c.

EGGS—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 23½c; western fresh, 23c; southern, 22c; receipts, 3,564 pkgs.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.55@1.60.

TURPENTINE—Firm at 24½@25c.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4¼@4⅜c; country, 4¾@4¾c.

PETROLEUM—New United closed at $1.05 bid; Washington, in bbls., $6.90@7.10; Washington, in bulk, $4.60; refined New York, $6.30; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $6.25; Philadelphia and Baltimore, in bulk, $3.75.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 4¼@6¾c; Japan, 4¾@4¼c.

ORANGES—Easier; California, $2.75@3.50; Havana, $3.50@4.80.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; Scotch, $15.00@20.00; American, $9.00@12.50. Copper, steady; brokers' price $9.62½; exchange price, $9.35@9.50. Lead, steady; brokers' price, $3.02½; exchange price, $2.87½@3.00. Tin, steady; straits, $13.10@13.20. Plates, quiet. Spelter, steady; domestic, $3.12½. Sales on 'change, 30 tons August tin, $13; 90 tons July, $13; 25 tons March, $13.10.

COTTON SEED OIL—Steadier; it is rumored that sales are being made that if reported would show better prices; others claim that if any such sales have been made they have been at concessions; prime summer yellow, 26c; prime crude, 22c; off crude, 20@21c; off summer yellow, 25@26c nominal; yellow butter grades, 27@28c; prime summer white, 28@29c nominal.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Per doz., 12@14c.

BUTTER—Culled stock, 6@8c; common to fair, 10c; fair to good country, 11@12c; choice to fancy, 13@15c; gathered creamery, 18c; separator creamery, 19@20c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½@7c; young roosters, 5c; ducks, 6c; turkeys, 6c; heavy toms, 5c; geese, 6c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, fair, 6c; choice large, 6½c; choice small, 7½@8c; turkeys, fair to good, 7@7½c; choice heavy, 8@9c; choice small, 9½@10c; ducks, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, full dressed, 9½@10c; geese, fair to good, 6@7c; fancy, full dressed, 9½@10c.

GAME—Blue wing teal, per doz., $1.50; green wing teal, per doz., $1.25@1.50; ducks, mixed per doz., $1.00@1.25; canvasbacks, $4.00@ 5.00; mallards and red heads, $2.50@3.00; small rabbits, 50c; jack rabbits, 75c; squirrels, 60c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6@8½c; large and coarse, 3@4c.

CHEESE—Wisconsin full cream, Young Americans, 13c; twins, 12½c; Nebraska and Iowa, full cream, 11c; Nebraska and Iowa, part skims, 7@ 8c; Limburger, No. 1, 11c; brick, No. 1, 11c; Swiss, No. 1, 15c.

HAY—Upland hay, $9; midland, $8.50; lowland, $8; rye straw, $6. Color makes the price on hay. Light shades sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

PIGEONS—Per doz., 75c@$1.00.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—Western stock, car lots, 75c; small lots, 80c.

OLD BEANS—Hand picked, navy, $2; Lima beans, per lb., 5½c.

ONIONS—On orders, $1.30@1.50; per bbl., $3.

CABBAGE—On orders, 2½c.

CELERY—California, 90c@$1.00.

SWEET POTATOES—Good stock, $2.50; Kansas, $2.00@2.25; seed, $2.25@2.50.

BEETS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CARROTS—Per bbl., $1.50.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate of a doz. and half or two doz., $2.25.

HORSERADISH—Per lb., 6@7c.

PARSNIPS—Per bbl., $2.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

PARSLEY—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

SPINACH—Per bbl., $3.50@4.00.

PIE PLANT—Per doz., 75c.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Winter Nellis, none.

APPLES—Choice stock, $4.75@5.00; box apples, $2.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, fancy, $11.50@12.00 per bbl.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Floridas, per box, $3.50@3.75; California Redlands, $3.25; navals, $3.50.

BANANAS—Choice stock, $2.00@2.50 per bunch.

LEMONS—Messinas, sizes 300 to 360, choice, $3.50; fancy, $3.75@4.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 16c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 25c; extra selects, 35c; company selects, 20c; New York counts, 30c; bulks, standard, per gal., $1.30.

FIGS—Extra fancy, 16c; fancy, 14c; choice, 12@ 12½; California, bags, 7c.

HONEY—New York, 16c; dark, 14c; California, 15@16c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Gallon jugs, per doz., $12; Bixby, 5-gal. cans, $3.

NUTS—Almonds, 15c; English walnuts, soft-shelled, 12c; standards, 10c; filberts, 8@9c; Brazil nuts, 8c.

SAUER KRAUT—Choice white, per bbl., $5.50; per half bbl., $3.00@3.25.

MINCE MEAT—Fancy, in half bbls., per lb., 5½c; 10-gal. kegs, 6c; condensed, per case of 3 doz. pkgs., $2.50.

CIDER—Pure juice, per bbl., $5; half bbl., $3.

HIDES AND TALLOW—

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½@4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15@15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5@10c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint, Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3¾c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3¾@4¼c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 3c; grease, dark, 2½@3c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 17@20c; rough tallow, 2c.

FURS.

FURS—Bear, black, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $15; No. 1 small, $8.00@10.00; bear, blacks, yearlings, No. 1 large, $12.00@15.00; No. 1 medium, $10; No. 1 small, $7; bear, black, cubs, No. 1 large, $6.00@8.00; No. 1 medium, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 small, $4; bear, black, Montana and Rocky mountain, No. 1 large, 18.00@20.00; No. 1 medium, $14; No. 1 small, $10; bear, black, Montana yearlings, No. 1 large, $12; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, black, Montana cubs, No. 1 large, $6.50; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, silver tip, No. 1 large, $20; No. 1 medium, $12; No. 1 small, $8; bear, silver tip, yearlings, No. 1 large, $11; No. 1 medium, $8; No. 1 small, $5; bear, silver tip, cubs, No. 1 large, $6; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; bear, brown, No. 1 large, $20.00@25.00; No. 1 medium, $16; No. 1 small, $12; bear, brown, yearlings, No. 1 large, $10.00@12.00; No. 1 medium, $8, No. 1 small, $6; bear, brown, cubs, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $3; lynx, No. 1 large, $3; No. 1 medium, $2; No. 1 small, $1.50; marten, No. 1 large, $2; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, $1; mink, No. 1 large, 60@65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; mink, dark, No. 1 large, 65c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 30c; mountain lion, perfect head and feet, No. 1 large, $11.00@12.00; impe fect skins, $6.00@7.00; No. 1 small, $7; otter, pale, No. 1 large, $7; No. 1 medium, $5; No. 1 small, $4; raccoon, No. 1 large, 60@70c; No. 1 medium, 50c; No. 1 small, 35c; raccoon, black, as to beauty, No. 1 large, $2.00@2.50; skunk, black, cased, narrow striped, No. 1 large, 50c; No. 1 medium, 40c; No. 1 small, 25c; skunk, broad striped, No. 1 large, 20@25c; wolverine, No. 1 large, $4; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $2; wolf, mountain, No. 1 large, $5; No. 1 medium, $3; No. 1 small, $1.50; wolf, prairie, No. 1 large, 65@90c; No. 1 medium, 60c; No. 1 small, 40c; beaver, per skin, No. 1 large, $5.00@6.00; No. 1 medium, $4.50; No. 1 small, $3; beaver kits, No. 1 large, 40c; No. 1 medium, $1.50; No. 1 small, 75c; muskrats, winter, No. 1 large, 8@10c; No. 1 medium, 9c; No. 1 small, 7c; muskrats, fall, No. 1 large, 4@6c; No. 1 medium, 7c; No. 1 small, 6c; muskrat kits, 2@3c.

WRECK OF ORANGE GROVES.

Extent of the Disaster Caused by Frost in the Land of Flowers.

A correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal draws a gloomy picture of the condition of Florida and the widespread ruin wrought by the winter's cold waves. "On the night of December 28, 1894," says the writer, "the outlook for the state was very bright. The orange groves had fruited more generously than in years. Already the growers had marketed about 3,000,000 boxes of oranges at remunerative prices, besides lemons, pines, bananas and other tropical fruits. There were still on the trees fully 2,500,000 boxes of oranges, and there were hundreds of acres in vegetables, which gave promise of soon being ready for the northern markets. But when the morning of December 29 dawned all this had been swept away. The mercury had fallen below the freezing point throughout the state on the night of the 28th, and the fruit and vegetable growers arose on the 29th to find oranges frozen solid and the groves and truck farms swept by a fire. In a few hours fruit worth several millions of dollars had been turned to ice.

"The owners of orange groves were staggered by this stupendous loss, but they did not despair. When the mercury began to race downward the first thought of your thoroughbred orange grower is not of the fruit on the tree, but of the tree itself. If the tree escapes injury he can view with a fair degree of equanimity the spectacle of yellowed leaves and oranges turned to golden balls of ice. So, after the December freeze, the growers began an examination of their groves and the result was an announcement that the trees were not mortally hurt and would yield probably a half crop of oranges this year.

"But this cheerful state of mind of the orange growers was destined to be succeeded by a condition of hopelessness bordering on despair. For February 8 the mercury once more fell below the freezing point throughout the entire state and remained below for three days. And since this second freeze no intelligent orange grower claims that there will be a crop of fruit in Florida this year. The consensus of opinion is that the last freeze was fatal to the trees, and that it will be years before they recover from the blow.

"The great groves of Marion, Sumter, Orange, Lake and De Soto counties have been recently visited and carefully examined. In every grove visited the majority of the trees have been split to the ground and the sap is exuding. Men who have been growing oranges all their lives say that when the sap runs from a tree after a freeze its doom is sealed. Of course, here and there a grove is found which, because of its protected situation, largely escaped damage. But such groves are so few as to be hardly worth mention in summing up the work of the freeze.

"Several weeks have elapsed since the cold wave—weeks of the most favorable weather—and no signs of life have been shown by the great majority of the groves. Ordinarily at this season of the year an orange grove is the most delightful spot, for the trees are garbed in an emerald coat with snowy blossoms for ornaments. But now the groves appear as black as bare as a northern forest in midwinter. To judge by their appearance, the trees are only fit for firewood, and already the sound of the ax is heard in many groves.

"As with the orange so with the lemon groves. In the last few years much attention has been devoted to lemon growing, and there were many large groves in the southern part of the state. This crop had become a large source of revenue. Last year about 200,000 boxes of lemons were shipped, and they brought fancy prices because of their superior quality and because they reached the market at a time when but little fruit from other places could be had. But the lemon trees are all dead.

"From the east coast, where are located the great pineapple plantations, comes the same story of blight. Pineapple growing had assumed large proportions in that section of the state, and a great deal of money had been invested.

"In addition to the destruction of the orange and lemon groves and pineapple plantations, all the vegetables were killed. The growing vegetables have assumed large proportions in Florida, and when the February cold wave came there were thousands of acres in beans, cucumbers, cabbage, peas, tomatoes, etc., which were flourishing, and in a few weeks would have commanded fancy prices in the northern and western markets. Now those fields of vegetables look as if they had been scorched by fire. The acreage in vegetables was larger this year than ever before in the history of the state. After the December freeze and the destruction of nearly 3,000,000 boxes of oranges on the trees, there was a rush to plant vegetables in order to recoup. The railroads encouraged the planting of vegetables by furnishing seed free. In this way the acreage in vegetables when the February freeze came, was probably 30 per cent more than ever before.

"The following incident, which is a type of hundreds, will give some idea of the enormous loss entailed by the destruction of the vegetable crop. Near Tropic, on the east coast, there were 12,000 crates of beans about ready for market. These beans would have readily brought $50,000 but for the freeze; now they do not represent 50 cents.

AVAILABLE STOCK CHANGES.

Bradstreet's Reports of Accumulations at the Principal Points.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Special mail and telegraphic advices to Bradstreet's, covering the principal points of accumulation in the United States, Canada and Europe, together with supplies afloat for Europe from eleven sources, indicate the following changes in available stocks last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday: Available supplies, United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, wheat, decrease, 1,700,000 bu.; United States, Pacific coast, wheat, decrease, 92,000 bu.; total decrease, wheat stocks both coasts, 1,792,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, wheat, decrease, 1,032,000 bu.; total decrease, world's available wheat, 2,824,000 bu.; United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, corn, increase, 748,000 bu.; United States and Canada, east of the Rocky mountains, oats, decrease, 116,000 bu. Among the more important decreases of wheat supplies in the United States last week were 183,000 bu. at Port Huron, 40,000 bu. at Ogdensburg, 29,000 bu. at Cleveland, 24,000 bu. at Fort William. Corresponding increases include 160,000 bu. in Chicago private elevators, 77,000 bu. in Manitoba, 43,000 bu. on the Lakes, 2,000 bu. at Kansas City, 29,000 bu. at Leavenworth, and 32,000 bu. each at Galveston and Cincinnati.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—WHEAT—Almost complete stagnation ruled the greater part of the session. After selling off ¼c early, the market advanced ¼c, later weakened and declined ⅝c, closing sellers ⅜c below yesterday. No. 2 red, cash, 53@53¼c; May, 53c asked; July, 52⅝c asked.

CORN—Dull, with but little trading in either spot or futures; No. 2, cash, 41⅝@41¾c; May, 41⅝c bid; July, 42c asked.

OATS—Lower on call for spot grades; No. 2, cash, 29½c bid; May, 29⅝@29¾c asked; June, 29½c bid.

RYE—No. 2, 57c asked for cast side.

BARLEY—Nominal; No. 2, 56c.

BRAN—Strong; 71c bid for east track.

FLAX SEED—Quiet at $1.36.

CLOVER SEED—Better; choice, $8.30@8.40.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25@5.50.

BUTTER—Dull and heavy; fancy Elgin, 20c; good to choice dairy, 11@13c.

EGGS—Lower; fresh, 14½c.

LEAD—Strong at $2.95.

SPELTER—Dull at $2.95@2.97½.

CORN MEAL—$2.00@2.05.

WHISKY—$1.28 for distillers' finished goods.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, $10.75. Lard, prime steam, $6.35; choice, $6.42½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50; longs, $5.25; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.75. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.25; longs, $5.87½; ribs, $6; shorts, $6.12½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 22,000 bu.; oats, 15,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 11,000 bu.; corn, 112,000 bu.; oats, 7,000 bu.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, March 6.—FLOUR—Firm, unchanged; western superfine, $1.80@2.00; western extra, $1.20@2.40; western family, $2.65@2.75; winter patent, $2.55@3.15; spring patent, $3.40@3.65; spring wheat, straight, $1.50@2.25. Receipts, 17,400 bbls.; shipments, 57,400 lbs.; sales, 800 bbls.

WHEAT—Steady; spot and month, 59@59¼c; May, 60½@60¾c; steamer No. 2 red, 59¼c; receipts, 1,000 bu.; stock, 500,000 bu.; sales, 5,000 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 58@60c; southern wheat, on grade, 56¾@59¾c.

CORN—Steady; spot, 47⅝@47¾c; month, 47¾@ 47¾c; May, 45¾@48½c; steamer, mixed, 47@47¼c; receipts, 60,000 bu.; stock, 405,000 bu.; sales, 64,000 bu.; southern white and yellow corn, 48c.

OATS—Steady and firm; No. 2 white, western, 30@30½c; No. 2 mixed, 34c; stock, 240,000 bu.

RYE—Quiet and firm; No. 2, 57@58c; receipts, 666 bu.; stock, 22,881 bu.

HAY—Firm; good to choice timothy, $12.50@ 13.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet.

Milwaukee Markets.

MILWAUKEE, March 6.—WHEAT—Less firm; No. 2 spring, 56c; No. 1 northern, 64c; May, 56c.

CORN—Firm and higher; No. 3, 43c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c.

BARLEY—Quiet and steady; No. 2, 53c; sample, 53¼@55c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 53c.

PROVISIONS—Firmer. Pork, $10.45. Lard, $6.40.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 22,000 bu.; barley, 7,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 23,000 bbls.; wheat, none; barley, 5,000 bu.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, March 6.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; sales, 7,000 bags Cuba centrifugal, 96 test, at breakwater at 2 7-32c and freights; refined, quiet but firm; No. 6, 3 7-16c; No. 7, 3⅜@3 9-16c; No. 8, 3 3-16@3⅜c; No. 9, 3⅜@3 6-16c; No. 10, 3 1-16@ 3⅛c; No. 11, 3@3 1-16c; No. 12, 2 15-16@3⅛c; No. 13, 2 15-16c; off A, 3⅝@3¾c; mould A, 4 1-16@ 4¼c; standard A, 3 11-16@3⅝c; confectioners' A, 3 11-16@3⅝c; cut loaf, 4 7-16@4⅝c; crushed, 4 5-16@4¾c; powdered, 4 1-16@4¼c; granulated, 3 13-16@ 3⅞c; cubes, 4 1-16@4¼c; 200 bags molasses sugar, 89 test, at 2 7-16c ex-ship.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 6.—Wheat closed easy; March, 57¾c; May, 57¾c; July, 58¾@58¾c; September, 55½c. On track—No. 1 hard, 58¾c; No. 1 northern, 58¼c; No. 2 northern, 57¼c. Receipts, 200 cars.

FLOUR—Firm; first patents, in wood, $3.20@ 3.45; second patents, $2.75@3.00; first clears, $2.25; low grades, $1.60@1.70.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, March 6.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 60c; March, 60c; May, 61½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 59c; March, 59c; May, 59¾c; July, 60c; September, 58c; No. 2 northern, cash, 56c; No. 3, 53c; rejected, 50c. To arrive: No. 1 hard, 60c; No. 1 northern, 59c.

Wool Market.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—WOOL—Fairly active; medium, 10@15c; light fine, 7@11c; heavy fine, 6@9c; coarse, 8@14c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation in Securities Was Largely in the Hands of Professionals.

NEW YORK, March 6.—Speculation on the Stock exchange has been largely in the hands of the traders for a long time past, with more professional spirit than ever in its character. The advance in American securities on the London exchange this morning brought prices of international stocks to figures above those current here, and the arbitrage houses became speculative buyers in the early dealings in this market, which imparted to it a firm tone. Small selling, however, by the room traders soon counteracted the influence of the foreign purchases, and a reaction set in which sent the figures down a fraction, except in the case of Baltimore & Ohio. This stock was pressed for sale in renewal of the rumors that the next dividend was in doubt. While some long stock was brought out, it is believed that the short interest in the shares was largely increased. As a result the shares broke 1¼ per cent and closed at the lowest point touched. The stock has been declining steadily since January 18, when it sold at 65¾, the lowest point today being 52⅜, a loss of 12¾ per cent. The earnings have also been decreasing along with those of all the other railways of the country, and of this fact gives some force to the bear rumors which bob up whenever a raid on the stock is contemplated. Before noon the general list had recovered its tone, the industrial group leading in the improvement which followed and which was checked about 10 o'clock, the market becoming stagnant.

Before 2 o'clock the bears began to hammer Southern Railway preferred on reports that the Seaboard Air Line was making a heavy cut in rates, which was likely to precipitate a rate war, and the stock broke 2½ per cent, closing 1¾ per cent above the lowest. During the last hour speculation was decidedly weak, and the entire list moved downward under the leadership of New Jersey Central, New York Central and the grangers, the market closing heavy and in a majority of cases below the closing sales of yesterday. Sugar was most largely traded in of the whole market and only on the bear side, the transactions resulting in a net loss on the day of 1¾ per cent, the last sale made being within ⅛ per cent of the lowest. There was considerable board room talk in reference to the approaching dividend, doubts being expressed on the side that it would be at the usual rate, while on the other offers to purchase the dividend at 2¼ per cent were made. It was expected that a directors' meeting to act on the question would be held today, but only the executive committee met, and it was announced that they had not considered the subject of dividends. The distilling reorganization committee was to have met today, but owing to the death of a brother of Chairman Hartshorn of the committee a meeting was not held. The principal losses on the day not already stated are: New Jersey Central, 1¾ per cent; New York Central, 1¼ per cent; Consolidated Gas, 1 per cent, and the grangers ¼@¾ per cent; Wheeling & Lake Erie preferred gained 1¼ per cent; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 1 per cent; Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis preferred, 1½ per cent, and Tobacco preferred and Cordage guaranteed, 1 per cent. The bond market during the day was somewhat more animated, and prices were fairly well held until the last hour, when, under the influence of the weakness of the share speculation, prices trended downward. The aggregate sales were $501,500.

The main declines are: Mexican National first and Kansas & Texas of Texas 5s, 2 per cent; Virginia Midland generals, 2½ per cent; Erie, 5th extended, 2¼ per cent; Peoria, Decatur & Evansville 1sts and Evansville division and Colorado Midland 1sts, 2 per cent; Iron Mountain 1sts, 1¼ per cent, and Chicago & Erie 1sts and Peoria & Eastern 1sts, 1 per cent.

Advances: Virginia Midland stamped, 2 per cent; St. Louis & San Francisco consol 4s, 1½ per cent, and Wheeling & Lake Erie 1sts, Wheeling division, Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern 1sts, Baltimore & Ohio 5s registered and Oregon Improvement consol 5s, 1 per cent; Lehigh & Wilkesbarre 5s sold at 85, against 92 on January 18.

The Evening Post's London cablegram says: Americans opened firm, notably Louisville & Nashville, on the publication in the Daily News of a reassuring telegram from August Belmont. Prices reacted generally on profit taking by yesterday's purchasers. The close was firmer again. Canadian Pacifics still were down nearly one point. The American loan was 4⅝ per cent premium. It is feared that gold shipments from your side cannot be long delayed, and there is talk of a fresh loan being imminent. The markets generally were idle. There are rumors of a fresh India sterling loan.

In its Wall street review today the Evening Post says: The 10-point decline in Baltimore & Ohio within a fortnight suggests undoubtedly some sales of actual holdings; though it is true, too, that the fall in the price today was affected through professional "bear" speculators. The simple fact is that the Baltimore & Ohio is finding its surplus earnings considerably short even of the reduced rate of dividend. In the calendar year 1894, which brings returns nearly to the close, the company's net earnings increased $500,000 from 1893. On this basis a small deficit would be left after the payment even of a 4 per cent dividend. But this situation is certainly not alarming, and the company, so far as its statements show, is increasing consistently.

The following were the closing quotations on the leading stocks of the New York exchange today:

Atchison	3⅜	Northwestern	88⅛
Adams Express	142	N. W. pfd	139
Alton, T. H.	35½	N. Y. Central	95⅝
Am. Express	110½	N. Y. & N. E.	29⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	52⅜	Ontario & W	16
Canada Pacific	89½	Oregon Imp	9
Canada Southern	49½	Oregon Nav	18
Central Pacific	14	O. S. L. & U. N	4½
Ches. & Ohio	16⅛	Pacific Mail	21¼
*Chicago Alton	147	P. D. & E	3
C., B. & Q	70¼	Pittsburg	153
Chicago Gas	71	Pullman Palace	158½
Consolidated Gas	130½	Reading	7⅝
C., C., C. & St. L	35⅞	R. G. W	14⅜
Colo. Coal & Iron	4	R. W. P. pfd	46
Cotton Oil Cert	22½	Rock Island	61⅝
Delaware & Hud	125½	St. Paul	54⅜