COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Business in the Speculative Market Was Fairly Active.

CORN OPENED AT TUESDAY'S PRICES

Oats at the Opening Were Steady and Quiet but Later There Was Some Activity.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—Business in the speculative markets had an appearance of greater activity today, but it may be inferred from the fact of the oat market becoming quite exercised over ½c decline that it takes much in these days of stagnant trade to work up enthusiasm. Prices suffered little. Compared with yesterday's closing prices wheat is from 1-16c lower for December to ¼c lower for May. Corn is ¼c lower for November and unchanged for May, and provisions show declines of 10c in pork, 2½c in lard and from 2½c to 5c in ribs.

There was a great deal of December wheat for sale around 57½c at and around the opening. The indication thus given of a desire to liquidate the holdings before delivery day had a depressing effect and was chiefly instrumental in bringing about the decline, which succeeded a rather firm opening. The Chicago receipts today were 246 cars, compared with 325 a week ago, and Minneapolis and Duluth got the comparatively small number of 365 cars. On Wednesday of last week the two last named cities received 1,152 cars, and today's receipts only exceeded those of the corresponding day a year ago by ten cars. The demand for red winter wheat for shipment did not result in the taking of such chunks of it as on the day before, but for car loads to go to interior millers it was still active. A convincing proof of the scarcity of soft red wheat was the fact of bids being received for it from Kansas City, but the price asked was apparently beyond the ideas of the Kansas City men, for nothing came out of the inquiry so far as ascertained up to a few minutes of the close of the session. Closing cables were firm and the market here ruled steady at the price it had been hammered down to during the middle of the session. May opened at 61⅝c bid, declined to 61⅜c, sellers, and closed at from 61⅝c to 61½c. December ranged from 57½c to 57⅝c at the start to 57⅜c, and closed at 57⅜c, sellers.

Corn opened at about the price ruling at the close of the previous day's session, but weakened for the near futures as the session progressed. The excellent grading of the new corn is the weakening feature of the situation so far as November and December are concerned. Much of the corn sold to arrive this month is contracts for delivery of No. 3 is grading No. 2.

Oats at the opening were steady and quiet. Later on the session some activity was noticeable, and for half an hour around noon this market was the only one of consequence on the floor. The feeling was easy, and prices were a shade lower than yesterday, at from 29⅝c to 29½c, and closed at 29½c bid.

The trade in provisions was more active than for several days past, but the price suffered, as the increased transactions came from the selling out of long stuff. Country liquidations was guessed at from the number of selling orders which appeared to be in the hands of commission houses. Hog receipts were fair for head, and the same number is expected tomorrow. Prices at the close show declines of 10c on pork, 2½c on lard, and from 2½c to 5c in ribs.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 340 cars; corn, 350 cars; oats, 115 cars; hogs, 45,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Nov.....	57	57	56⅝	56⅝
Dec.....	57⅝@⅜	57⅝@⅜	57⅛	57⅛
May.....	61⅝@⅝	61⅝@⅝	61⅜	61⅜@⅝
Corn, No. 2				
Nov.....	28	28	27⅝	27⅝
Dec.....	27½	27½	27⅜	27⅜
Jan.....	27⅝	27⅝	27⅜	27⅜
May.....	29⅝	29⅝	29¼	29¼
Oats, No. 2				
Nov.....	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝	17⅝
Dec.....	18	18	18	18
May.....	20⅝	20⅝	20⅜@⅝	20½
Pork, per bbl				
Dec.....	7 95	7 95	7 95	7 95
Jan.....	8 97½	8 97½	8 87½	8 90
May.....	9 37½	9 37½	9 25	9 27½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Nov.....				5 52½
Jan.....	5 55	5 55	5 52½	5 52½
May.....	5 75	5 77½	5 75	5 75
Short Ribs—				
Nov.....				4 42½
Jan.....	4 57½	4 57½	4 50	4 50
May.....	4 77½	4 77½	4 75	4 75

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $2.15@2.50; winter straights, $2.50@3.20; spring patents, $3.15@3.50; spring straights, $2.65@2.90; bakers, $1.85@2.30.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56⅝@57¼c; No. 3 spring, 56⅛@55⅞c; No. 2 red, 57¼@58⅛c.

CORN—No. 2, 27⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 18c; No. 2 white, 20½@2½c; No. 3 white, 18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 36c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 23c; No. 4, 23@28c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 81½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.95@8.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.47½@5.50. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.45@4.55; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $4.75@4.87½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

POULTRY—Market steady, with exception of turkeys, dull; turkeys, 7c; chickens, 6@6c; ducks, 9c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	37,000	9,000
Wheat bu.....	347,000	119,000
Corn, bu.....	349,000	118,000
Oats, bu.....	353,000	257,000
Rye bu.....	5,000	3,000
Barley, bu.....	141,000	.....

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady: creamery, 14@22c; dairy, 11@19c. Eggs, steady; 19½@20½c. Cheese, quiet; 9½@9½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,400 bbls.; exports, 22,700 bbls.; steady but inactive all around; spring brands weak and winters fairly steady and in moderate demand; city mill patents, $4.10@4.35; winter patents, $3.50@3.70; city mill clears, $3.60@4.10; winter straights, $3.20@3.40; Minnesota patents, $3.40@3.60; winter extras, $2.70@3.10; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@3.10. Rye flour, steady; fancy, $2.80@3.00. Buckwheat flour, dull at $1.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Weak at 45@46c.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow, coarse, 70@75c; Brandywine, $2.40@2.55.

BRAN—Dull at $2.00.

RYE—Nominal; No. 2 western, 42c.

BARLEY—Weak; western, 48@48c.

BARLEY MALT—Weak; western, 50@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 208,700 bu.; exports, 99,900 bu. Spot market dull; No. 2 red, 67⅝c; No. 1 hard, 67⅝c. Options opened lic higher on firmer cables and smaller spring wheat receipts, advanced on good local support, but finally lost the advantage under bad realizing and closed unchanged from last night; December, 64 1-16@64 15-16c, closed 64⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 71,200 bu.; exports, 76,600 bu. Spot, steady; No. 2, 29½c. Options opened steady and advanced, influenced by the light movement; later eased off and closed ⅛c up on near and ⅛c down on distant months; November, 29@29⅛c; December, 29 3-16@29⅜c, closed 29⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 61,200 bu.; exports, 200 bu. Spot market, dull; No. 2, 23c. Options were quiet and steady within a narrow range and closed unchanged; November, closed 23c; December, 23⅛c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 30@32c; pulled, 19@22c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, $7.00@7.50; good to choice, $8@8.50.

HOPS—Easy; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 30@7c; 1893 crop, 7@10c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 3@6c; 1893 crop, 4@10c.

HIDES—Dull; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@18½c; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 19 to 24 lbs., 21c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 19@19c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy, 24c; acid, 21@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.50; beef hams, $15.00@15.50. Cut meats steady; pickled bellies, $5.50@6.00; pickled hams, $5.75@6.00. Lard, steady; western steam closed at $5.80; November, $5.80, nominal. Pork, dull and easy; old mess, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,128 pkgs.; steady; western creamery, 16@22c; Elgins, 23c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,549 pkgs.; quiet; large, 7⅝@8c; small, 9@10½c; part skims, 3½@7½c; full skims, 1⅝@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,575 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@23c; western, 21@22½c.

PETROLEUM—Active and higher; United closed at $1.59 bid; refined, New York, $5.50; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $5.45.

TALLOW—Quiet; city, 4⅛c; country, 4½c.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.70.

MOLASSES—Dull; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@32c.

TURPENTINE—Quiet; 27@28½c.

RICE—Quiet; domestic, fair to extra, 3⅞@4½c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $12.00@14.00; northern, $12.00@15.50. Copper, dull; brokers' price, $11.25; exchange price, $11.13@11.25. Lead, dull; brokers' price, 31c; exchange price, $2.90@2.92½. Tin, easy; straits, $14.35@14.40; plates, weaker. Spelter, weak; domestic, $3.35@3.65.

COTTON SEED OIL—Inactive; undertone firm; prime crude, 25½@26c; prime summer yellow, 29@30c; off summer yellow, 29@29c.

Review of the Iron Trade.

CHICAGO, Nov. 20.—The Industrial World of November 21 will say: Finished iron and steel are in fair demand, largely from manufacturers of railroad rolling stock. Iron bars, steady at $1.50, but steel bars weak at $1.67½. The new orders placed last week aggregate 2,600 freight cars and inquiry continues. So far car builders have bought little raw material, and as the tonnage of pig iron will be large, an active buying movement will set in after the holidays. Some inquiry is already noted by furnaces for early delivery next year, and producers are willing to contract on a basis of $11 for No. 2 foundry. The iron market, though quiet, is fairly steady; the only weakness noted as yet is the speculative lots held by outsiders, neither mills nor furnaces are disposed to cut at present.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

While poultry is low to what it was a short time ago, it is higher than it was a year ago. It is in fact too high as compared with other meats. Hogs are selling at only about 3½c per pound and fancy corn fed steers at 4½c per pound, while cow beef and mutton are still lower. By the side of these figures even 5c for chickens looks high. Quotations:

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 25c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 9@10c; fair to good country, 12@14c; choice to fancy country, 16@18c; gathered creamery, 16@18c; separator creamery, 19@20c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6@7c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11⅝c; Edam, per doz., $10; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $2.00; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 11⅝c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young American, 10½c; Swiss, fancy, 12c.

POULTRY—Live—Hens, per lb., 5c; chickens, per lb., 5c; roosters, 2½c; ducks, 7@8c; turkeys, 7½@8c; geese, 7½@8c. Dressed—Chickens, 6c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c; turkeys, 8@9c.

HAY—Upland, $6.50; midland, $6; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best. Only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—New crop, delivered on track in country, choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2½c; choice green running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, young, per doz., $3; quail, $1.75@2.00; jack snipe, 75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $2; small rabbits, $1; mallard ducks, $2; redheads, $2; canvasback ducks, $3.00@7.00; teal, blue wing, $1.75; teal, green wing, $1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@1.75; Canada geese, $6; small geese, $4.50; brants, $3.50; deer saddles, 10@16c; deer carcasses, 12@13c; elk saddles, 16@18c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 12@14c; antelope carcasses, 9@11c.

VEGETABLES.

POTATOES—On track, car lots, 25c; small lots from store, 30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 25@30c; imported Spanish onions, per crate, 60@65c; home grown Spanish, per bbl., $1.50; 2 to 5-bbl. lots, $1.35.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.65@1.75.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2 per bbl.

CABBAGE—On orders, crated, per 100 lbs., 75c@$1.00.

CELERY—Fancy large Colorado, 55@60c; choice stock, large No. 1, 40@45c; large No. 2, 35c; small, 25@30c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5½c.

WATER CRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—Per box., $1.50.

OREGON PEARS—Per case, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Choice stock, per bbl., $8.50.

ALMERIA GRAPES—per 60-lb. bbl., $6; per 68 to 70 lbs. gross, $7.

TOKAY GRAPES—New York Concords, per basket, 25@24c.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Tokays, per double case, $3.00@3.25.

APPLES—Jonathans, $3.25@3.50; choice shipping stock, Ben Davis, Gentton, Winesap, etc., $1.75@2.25; fancy fine apples, $2.25@2.50.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—None.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

Commission men who have been accustomed to handling a good many Florida oranges are likely to miss that feature of their business this season. Florida farmers, according to all reports, have put in a larger acreage of vegetables than ever before. The killing of the orange groves by frost during December and January last seems to have turned the producers of that state to the cultivation of vegetables. It is said that in some sections of Florida the acreage of tomatoes, beans, peas, cabbage, lettuce, etc., is unprecedented, while the orange sections have been restricted in their cultivation by the refusal of the manufacturers of fertilizers to trust them another year. Quotations:

ORANGES—Mexicans, per box, $3.75; Jamaicas, per box, $4.75.

LEMONS—California, per box, $4.50@4.75.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 4½c; No. 2 green hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 5½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 40 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 5c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP SKINS—Green salted, each 20@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 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@5c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6½c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry pieces and bucks, actual weight, 2@3c. Have feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow No. 1, 3½c; tallow No. 2, 3c; grease, white A, 3½c; grease, white B, 3c; grease, yellow, 2½c; grease, dark, 2c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 60@70c; fine light 68@6c; quarter blood, 19@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black and kemp, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 6@6c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Light western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 4½@5c; good cows and heifers, 4⅛@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4⅛@4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 2½@4c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½@7c; fair hindquarters cows and heifers, 5@6c; cow rounds, 4½@5c; cow chucks, 2@3½c; steer chucks, 3½@4c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 15½c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6@7c; cow ribs, No. 2, 6@7c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c; steer ribs, 7½c; steer loins, 9c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5¾c; racks mutton, 5½c; legs mutton, 7c; saddles mutton, 7c; stews, 2c.

PORK—Pork loins, 7c; spare ribs, 5c; pork shoulders, 5c; pork shoulders, skinned, 5½c; tenderloins, 15c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

New Persian dates will soon be on the market now, as the first steamer is expected to arrive in New York in a very few days. Quotations:

OYSTERS—Medium, 45c; horseshoes, 20c; extra standards, 25c; extra selects, 25c; Branch & Co. selects, 27c; New York counts, 30c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $2.60; per bbl., $4.50.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.

NUTS—California almonds, 10c; English walnuts, soft shelled, 12½c; standards, 10c; filberts, 10c; Brazil nuts, 9@10c; pecans, 10@12c; peanuts, raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; chestnuts, 14@15c; black walnuts, per bu., 75c; small hickory nuts, per bu., $1.75.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75@3.00; per doz., $12; ½-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 11c; common California figs, 60-lb. boxes, 6c; imported fancy, 30-lb. boxes, 16c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 12c.

DATES—Persian, 60-lb. boxes, per lb., 5½c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 8c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 2-lb. pails, each $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $5.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	120@25	$ 15 00	$ 10 00	$10@12	$ 5 00
Black Yearlings..	12@15	10 00	7 00	7 00	3 00
Black Cubs.....	6@ 8	5@ 6	4 00	5 00	2 00
Black Montana & Mountain	18@22	14 00	10 00	10 00	4 00
Black Montana Yearlings	12 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Black Montana Cubs	6 50	4 50	3 00	4 00	2 00
Silver Tip.....	20 00	12 00	8 00	9 00	4 00
Silver Tip Yrlgs.	11 00	8 00	5 00	5 00	2 50
Silver Tip Cubs..	6 00	4 50	3 00	3 00	1 50
Brown	20@25	16 00	12 00	12 00	5 00
Yearlings	10@12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 00
Cubs	7 00	5 00	3 00	4 00	2 00
Badger	1@1 50	60	50	50	50
Fisher	8 00	6 00	4 00	4 00	2 00
Silver (according to beauty).....	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Gray (according to beauty)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red	1 50	1 25	1 00	75	25
Gray	75	50	40	35	15
Kit	50	40	30	20	10
Lynx	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 25	50
Marten	2 00	1 50	1 00	1 00	50
Mink	80@75	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, (perfect head and feet)	1@ 2				
Otter	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
Otter Pale.....	7 00	5 00	4 00	3 00	1 50
Raccoon	60@70	50	35	20	10
Raccoon, Black, (as to beauty).....	50@ 2				
SKUNK—					
Black, cased.....	1 25	75	50	50	25
Short striped.....	1 00	70	45	40	20
Narrow striped....	50	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	30@25				
Wolverine	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain....	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	20	10
Beaver, per skin.	3@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 00	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2		3		

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 20.—WHEAT—Opened weak, but above yesterday's final figures; the market was dull, dragging during the last hour or so and closing heavy for cash and steady for options; No. 2 red, cash, 63½c; December, 57⅛c; May, 62½c.

CORN—Market featureless, showing but a slight change from yesterday; No. 2 mixed, cash, 26c; December, 26⅝c; January, 24½c; May, 26⅝@26¾c.

OATS—Futures dull and easy, with but little change in price; spot market, quiet but about steady; No. 2, cash and December, 18c; May, 20½c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2 offered regular, 34½c; bid, 34c.

CORN MEAL—$1.55@1.40.

BRAN—Steady; 47c for sacked, east track.

FLAX SEED—Better; 87c bid.

TIMOTHY SEED—$1.60@1.50.

HAY—Strong and higher for best grades, which are scarce; prairie, $7.00@8.00; timothy, $9.50@12.00, this side.

BUTTER—Steady; demand fair; separator creamery, 20@21c; fancy Elgin, 21c; dairy, 16@18c.

EGGS—Firm; 17½c for fresh.

WHISKY—$1.22.

LEAD—Dull, with continued downward tendency; sales, 2 cars more at $2.95.

SPELTER—Dull and declining, sellers asking $3.35.

PROVISIONS—Pork, standard mess, jobbing, $9.50. Lard, prime steam, $5.85. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.12; ribs, $5.25; shorts, $5.375.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 19,000 bu.; corn, 15,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 27,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Security Market Enjoyed a Rally Late in the Day.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The stock market enjoyed a belated rally today, under the stimulus of covering in shorts by both local and foreign dealers. Moderate purchases for long account were also noted. Contributory causes were various. In the first place the general expressions of opinion from prominent railroad officials as to the eventually extreme beneficial effect upon earnings of the respective properties to result from the ratification of the trunk line agreement had a favorable influence. Burlington rallied from an early decline on the announcement of the declaration of the regular quarterly dividend. Secretary Carlisle's speech at the Chamber of Commerce dinner was well received. Northern Pacific was helped by the publication of the earnings of the second week in November, showing an increase in gross of $81,300.

Furthermore, the short interest in a number of stocks had become unwieldy, and a rally was inevitable. On the other hand, the total of gold shipments for the week to date was increased by $1,000,000 to be forwarded by tomorrow's steamer, making the aggregate exports $2,750,000. Despite a slight reaction in the rates for sterling exchange, which was announced late in the afternoon and was due to the offerings of gold bills, further shipments of gold are expected to be made Saturday, the estimates ranging up to $4,000,000. The commercial houses shipping tomorrow were again in the market today. London quotations for Americans previous to the opening here came lower and the foreign news was not encouraging. The market started in active and weak and the bears had a good grasp on the speculation during the forenoon and caused sharp recessions in a number of the leading shares. About 1 o'clock the rally began, inspired by the Burlington dividend and other influences noted elsewhere. In the upward movement material gains were scored throughout the list, and particularly in Tobacco, Western Union, Manhattan, Rock Island, Northwestern, Louisville & Nashville, Sugar, Distilling, Burlington and Missouri Pacific. Prices at the top notch were above yesterday's finals and in some cases showed material net gains. The closing was said and strong at about the best figures of the day.

There was some irregularity to the course of the bond prices today, but on the whole a better tone was evident than on preceding days of the week. The aggregate of business was moderate, the sales aggregating $1,278,000. The more noteworthy changes are: Advances: Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis 4s, St. Louis division, and Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis generals, 1½ per cent; Oregon Short Line 6s, 2 per cent; Oregon Short Line trust receipts, 1½ per cent; San Antonio & Aransas Pass 4s, 1⅝ per cent, and Peoria & Eastern 4s, 1½ per cent. Declines: Atlantic & Pacific guaranteed 4s, 3 per cent; Kansas Pacific consols, trust receipts, 2⅝ per cent; Wabash debentures, series B, and Colorado Midland 4s, trust receipts, 2 per cent; Brooklyn Elevated 1sts, 1⅝ per cent, and Detroit, Milwaukee & Minneapolis land grants, Oregon Improvement 1sts, 1 per cent. Governments were steady on transactions of $28,000. In the state bonds Virginia centuries were traded in at 62 sellers, twenty days.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets here today were that from start to finish. There was a semi-panic and indiscriminate selling. The prevailing feeling was yesterday about the disappointment in the crushing returns of one of the deep level Kaffir mines nearly knocked the bottom out of the mining market. It must be remembered though, that its present position is officially stated and some persons attribute the report to the bears. Mining shares closed at the lowest point reached since the slump commenced. Consols closed at 100⅛, and as heavy on bear sales. American securities were dull, in sympathy with other markets, but closed above the worst. No special developments were known today, either political or financial, but continental sales poured in from all sides, and the London market is flooded with bankrupt stock.

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

Atchison.....	17	U. P. D. & G	4⅝
Adams Ex.....	148	Northwestern.....	105⅝
Alton, T. H.	59	do pfd.....	147
Am. Express	113	N. Y. Central.....	100
Baltimore & Ohio..	57	N. Y. C. & N. W.	47
Canada Pacific...	54	Ontario & W.	14⅛
Canada Southern..	54	Oregon Imp.....	4
Central Pacific....	15⅛	Oregon Nav.....	19
Ches. & Ohio.....	19⅝	O. S. L. & U. N.	5
Chicago & Alton...	160	Pacific Mail.....	30⅝
C., B. & Q.	85⅝	P. D. & E.	4½
Chicago Gas.....	64⅝	Pittsburg.....	167
Consolidated Gas..	148	Pullman Palace..	163
C., C. C. & St. L.	41	Reading.....	10⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron..	4	R. G. W.	17
Cotton Oil Cert....	19	R. G. W. pfd.....	38
Delaware & Hud..	128⅝	Rock Island	75⅛
Del., Lack. & W...	140	St. Paul.....	70⅝
D. & R. G. pfd.....	44⅝	do pfd.....	127
D. & C. F. Co.	19⅛	St. P. & Omaha....	40⅝
Erie.....	9⅝	do pfd.....	121
do pfd.....	29	Southern Pacific..	21⅛
*Fort Wayne	157	Sugar Refinery....	100⅛
G. Northern pfd...	118	Tenn. Coal & Iron	32⅞
C. & E. I. pfd	100	Texas Pacific.....	8⅝
Hocking Valley....	20	T. & O. Central pfd..	75
Illinois Central....	96⅝	Union Pacific.....	8⅞
St. P. & Duluth....	26	U. S. Express.....	42
R. & T. pfd.....	30⅛	W. St. L. & P.	9
Lake Erie & West	22⅛	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	19
do pfd.....	72⅛	Wells Fargo Ex...	95
Lake Shore.....	140⅝	Western Union...	88⅝
Lead Trust.....	31	Wheeling & L. E..	13⅝
Louisville & N....	52⅝	do pfd.....	42⅝
L. & N. A.	94	Wabash	22⅝
Manhattan Con ...	99⅝	D. & R. G.	12⅛
Memphis & C....	15	G. E.	31
Michigan Cent....	98	N. L.	22⅛
Missouri Pacific...	30	C. F. & I.	18
Mobile & Ohio....	19	do pfd.	98
Nashville Chat....	75	H. & T. C.	2⅝
National Cordage.	7	T. A. & A. N. M.	7
N. Jersey & Chic.	9⅝	St. L. & K. C.	2
N. J. Central.....	107⅝	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	15
N. & W. pfd.....	10⅛	S. R. E.	10⅝
North Am. Co.....	4⅝	do pfd.....	34⅝
Northern Pacific...	4⅛	Am. Tob. Co.....	85⅝
N. Pacific pfd.....	15⅝	do pfd.....	101⅝

* bid.

Total sales of stocks today 227,949 shares, including: American Sugar, 19,600; American Tobacco, 31,400; Atchison, 9,200; Burlington, 24,900; Chicago Gas, 3,300; Distilling and Cattlefeeding company, 3,800; Kansas & Texas preferred, 3,200; Louisville & N., 5,100; Nashville, 15,100; Manhattan consolidated, 7,900; Missouri Pacific, 3,400; Reading, 4,200; Rock Island, 4,200; St. Paul, 21,200; Southern Railroad preferred, 5,500; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,300; United States Leather preferred, 3,600; Western Union, 28,200.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed at 2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.89@4.89¼ for demand and $4.87⅝@4.87¾ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.90@4.90½; commercial bills, $4.86⅝.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—67½@67¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady. State bonds, inactive. Railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U.S. 4s, reg., new.	121	C. P. 1sts of '95...	104½
U.S. 4s coup, new.	121	D. & R. G. 7s.....	113
U.S. 5s, reg.....	114⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	90½
U.S. 5s, coup.....	114⅝	Erie 2ds.....	74⅝
U.S. 4s, reg.....	111⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s..	105
U.S. 4s, coup.....	111⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s..	109
U.S. 2s, reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	111⅛
Pacific 6s of '95...	102	do 6s.....	104
Ala., class A.....	109⅛	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	80⅝
Ala., class B.....	109⅛	do 2d 4s.....	61
Ala., class C.....	100	Mutual Union 6s..	110
Ala. Currency.....	100	N. J. C. 6s.....	104
La. New Con. 4s..	98	No. Pacific 1sts...	117⅛
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	102⅝
*N. C. 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols....	140
do 4s.....	103	O. S. L. Deb 5s	111
S. C. nonfund.....	1	R. G. West. 1sts..	77
Tenn. new set 6s..	89	St. P. Consols 7s..	127⅛
Tenn. new set 5s.	105	do C. & P. W. 5s.	115
†Penn. old 6s.....	2	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5.	94
Va. Centuries.....	62	*St. L. & S. F. Gen 6	107
do deferred.....	6	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	80⅝
Atchison 4s.....	77⅝	do 2ds.....	23
Atchison 2d A.....	20⅝	U. P. 1sts of '96..	108⅝
Canada So. 2ds.....	107⅝	West Shore 4s.....	107⅝
L. & N. unified 4s.	81	Southern 5s.....	96⅛
O. R. & N. 1sts....	110⅝		

* bid. † offered.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	4	Ontario.....	850
Chollar.....	20	Ophir.....	100
Crown Point.....	40	Plymouth.....	10
Con. Cal. & Va....	210	Quicksilver.....	200
Deadwood.....	80	Quicksilver pfd....	1650
Gould & Curry....	22	Sierra Nevada	55
Hale & Norcross...	125	Standard.....	290
Homestake.....	2000	Union Con.....	40
Iron Silver.....	20	Yellow Jacket....	20
Mexican.....	35		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Nov. 20.—Call loans, 3@5 per cent; time loans, 3⅝@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	17	W. Elec. pfd.....	54
Am. Sugar.....	100