COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Market Was Heavy, May Touching a Low Mark.

ENGLISH CABLES WERE MUCH LOWER

Corn Did Not Sympathize Very Much with Wheat and the Demand for that Article Was Active.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The wheat market was very heavy today, May touching 59⅝c, the lowest point of the season. The news of the day was very bearish and the prices obeyed the direction indicated by the news, closing at a net loss of ⅝c for the day. Corn closed slightly higher, after opening lower, and oats and provisions also closed at slightly higher prices.

Wheat has ruled rather dull and decidedly weak, declining gradually ⅝c from Saturday's close and making but little recovery. Closing prices were very near to Saturday, but there was a rapid break and before noon the price had gone down fully ⅝c. The English cables were lower, domestic markets dull and heavy, the receipts in the northwest were larger than the same day last week and 800 bu. more than for the same day last year. Wheat and flour on ocean passage increased 1,520,000 bu., and the world's shipments were unofficially reported at 8,000,000 bu. The situation was much more depressing by the reports concerning the visible supply. From the start it was evident that most of the wheat which disappeared last week was in sight again. The final figures on the visible supply showed a net increase of 3,048,000 bu. where there had been a decrease of 117,000 bu. the week before. After selling off on this news there was a little rally on the report that the English visible supply had decreased 1,768,000 bu. May sold early at from 59⅝c to 60c split, gradually sold off to 59⅝c, up to 59⅝c bid, and closed at that figure.

Corn did not sympathize much with wheat. The demand for through billed carloads was quite active and was the chief reason for a degree of strength in the market, which was unexpected in view of the heaviness of the wheat market. January delivery was more particularly wanted, the general impression being that it is largely oversold. May corn is ⅛c higher, December ¼c, and January is up from ⅛c to ⅜c as the result of the day's trading.

Oats were active throughout the session, with good general buying. The feeling was generally firm, although at one time prices were below Saturday's final quotation. At the start May sold at from 19c to 19⅛c, touched 19⅛c, and declined to from 18⅞c to 19c, rallied to 19⅛c, closing with that price bid.

Provisions opened firm and continued in strength inversely to the weakness in wheat. Some talk of lard getting the strength it showed because of an advance in the price of cotton seed oil was indulged in, but shorts who started to cover on Saturday continued that proceeding today, and that was considered a more potent reason. The changes since Saturday are all in the way of advances—January pork, 12½c; January lard, 2½c; January ribs, 5c.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 250 cars; corn, 575 cars; oats, 305 cars; hogs, 29,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	56	56⅝	55⅝	56⅛@¼
Jan.....	56⅛	56⅛	55⅝	56⅛
May.....	59⅝@¾	59⅝@⅞	59¼	59⅝@⅝
Corn, No 2..				
Dec	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛	25⅛
Jan.....	25⅝	25⅞	25⅝	25⅝@¾
May.....	28⅛	28⅛@⅜	28⅛	28⅛@⅜
July.....	29⅛	29⅛	29	29
Oats, No. 2..				
Dec.....				16⅝
May.....	19⅛@19⅛	19⅛	18⅞@19	19⅛
Pork, per bbl				
Dec.....	8 00	8 00	7 95	7 95
Jan.....	8 50	8 62½	8 50	8 62½
May.....	8 87½	9 00	8 87½	8 97½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Dec.....				5 22½
Jan.....	5 32½	5 35	5 32½	5 35
May.....	5 55	5 57½	5 55	5 57½
Short Ribs—				
Dec.....				4 32½
Jan.....	4 32½	4 35	4 32½	4 32½
May.....	4 55	4 57½	4 55	4 57½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $3.15@3.50; winter straights, $2.50@2.70; spring patents, $3.15@3.50; spring straights, $2.65@2.90; bakers, $1.85@2.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56½@57½c; No. 3 spring, 55@56½c; No. 2 red, 59⅝@61⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 25½@25⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, 19⅛@19⅜c; No. 3 white, 18½c.

RYE—No. 2, 33½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 22@40c; No. 4, 22@28c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 94c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.50@3.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.00@8.12½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.30@5.32½. Short ribs, sides (loose), $4.00@4.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.50@4.75; short clear sides (boxed), $4.50@4.57½.

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

POULTRY—Firm; turkeys, 7@10c; chickens, 5½@7½c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 6@8c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	10,000	6,000
Wheat bu.....	86,000	117,000
Corn, bu.....	232,000	81
Oats, bu.....	294,000	18 0
Rye bu.....	8,000	9 0
Barley, bu.....	56,000	39 0

On the Produce Exchange today the butter market was firm: creamery, 19@20c; dairy, 12@22c. Eggs, firm; 21@22c. Cheese, quiet; unchanged: twins, 8¾@9¼c; Young Americas, 9@9½c; cheddars, 8¼@8¾.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,800 bbls.; exports, 30,000 bbls.; dull, with concessions necessary to sell; mills remain firm and now 10@15c above best bids; winter extra, $2.65@3.50; city mill patents, $4.10@4.25; winter patents, $3.45@3.65; city mill clears, $4.00@4.10; winter straights, $3.30@3.40; Minnesota patents, $3.55@3.65; Minnesota bakers, $2.75@3.00; winter low grades, $2.10@2.60. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.85@2.95.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 39½@40c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, coarse, 70c; Brandywine, $2.35.

RYE—Nominal; western, 42@45c.

BARLEY—Nominal; western, 39@46c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 48@58c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 221,100 bu.; exports, 65,100 bu. Spot weaker; No. 2 red, 68½c; No. 1 hard, 67c delivered. Options opened weaker under discouraging foreign news, including lower cables and big world's shipments, declined further on the enormous visible supply increase and gain on passage, and finally rallied partially on western news and covering; closed ⅛@⅝c lower; No. 2 red, May, 66½@66¾c, closed 66½c; December, 64⅝@65⅛c, closed 65⅛c.

CORN—Receipts, 215,500 bu.; exports, 153,200 bu. Spot market steady; No. 2, 35⅝c. Options opened easier with wheat, but ruled steady all day, helped by the small visible supply increase, and closed unchanged to ¼c lower; May, 34½@34⅝c, closed 34⅝c; December, 33⅝@33⅞c, closed 33⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 44,400 bu.; exports, 100 bu. Spot dull; No. 2, 22½c. Options easier and quiet all day, closing at ⅛@¼c net decline; May, 21⅛@21¼c, closed 21¼c; December closed 22¼c.

HAY—Firm; shipping, $7.00@8.00; choice, $8.50@9.50.

HOPS—Weak; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 26@7c; 1895 crop, 7@10c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 3½@7c; 1895 crop, 6@10c.

HIDES—Dull; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 18@19c; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 16c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 20 to 24 lbs., 21c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 12@13c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 22c; acid, 21½@21c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@22c; pulled, 19@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $10.00@12.00; beef hams, $15.00@15.50. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 4.75@5.25; pickled shoulders, $5.00@5.25; pickled hams, $8.50@9.00. Lard, higher; western steam closed at $5.60 asked; December, $5.60 nominal; refined lard higher; continent, $5.65; South American, $6.35. Pork, active but lower; short clear, $10.00@10.50; family, $10.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,422 pkgs.; strong; western dairy, 11@19c; western creameries, 16½@27c; Elgins, 27½@28c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 847 pkgs.; dull; large, 7¼@9c; small, 7¾@10½c; part skims, 2¼@4c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,233 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 24@28c; western, 24@24c; southern, 21@23c.

PETROLEUM—Easy; United closed at $1.50 bid.

TURPENTINE—Steady, 28@28½c.

TALLOW—Easy; city, 4c; country, 4½c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 3¼@4¼c; Japan, 3¾@4c.

ROSIN—Firm; strained, common to good, $1.72½@1.77½.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 29@36c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet. Copper, steady; brokers' price, $10.50; exchange price, $10.62½@10.65. Lead firm; brokers' price, $3.15; exchange price, $3.2½@3.25. Tin, steady; straits, $13.55@13.85; plates, dull. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.40.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull; prime crude, 25½@26c; butter grades, 31@32c; prime summer yellow, 29c.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—COTTON—Contracts opened quiet at 2@3 points advance; at 11 o'clock the market was quiet and steady at 3@5 points decline; at 12 o'clock prices showed 1 point net decline; sales, 75,000 bales. The early market was strong on satisfactory cables. Shortly after the opening the market developed weakness on slow trading. It was reported that a Virginia capitalist who failed Saturday was long 50,000 bales, and that until this had been liquidated a heavy market was likely. Private cables describe the situation as satisfactory. Spot quiet; middling uplands, 8 9-16c; middling gulf, 8 13-16c; port receipts for the day estimated at 46,000 bales, against 43,402 bales last week and 75,317 bales last year. For the week, estimated at 321,000 bales against 272,474 bales last week and 354,765 bales last year; middling, 8 9-16c; net receipts, 1,251 bales; gross, 6,379 bales; sales to France, 325 bales; on the continent, 2,894 bales; forwarded, 1,721 bales; stock, 1,292,756 bales. Futures closed quiet and steady; sales, 224,900 bales; January, 8.32; February, 8.34; March, 8.38; April, 8.39; May, 8.42; June, 8.46; July, 8.46; August, 8.47; September, 8.48; October, 8.51; November, 8.52; December, 8.52.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—COTTON—Dull; middling, 8½c; low middling, 7½c; good ordinary, 7c; net receipts, 14,734 bales; gross, 15,748 bales; exports to France, 5,546 bales; sales, 2,200 bales; stock, 374,611 bales.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—COTTON—Steady; middling, 8 5-16c; no sales reported; receipts, 7,493 bales; shipments, 6,849 bales; stock, 61,253 bales.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 18c; held stock, 16@18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12@12½c; fair to good country, 13@14c; choice to fancy country, 15@18c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 70 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6½@7c; large and coarser, 4@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11½c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 11½c; Roquefort, ¼-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11½c; Swiss, fancy, 16c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 6@6½c; ducks, 8@9c; turkeys, choice, 9@10c; geese, 6@7½c.

HAY—Upland, $6.00; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; 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., 3½c; choice green running to hurl, 2¾c; common, 1½c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, young, per doz., $6; quail, $1.75; jack snipe, 75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.00@1.25; small rabbits, 50@75c; mallard ducks, $2.50; redheads, $3.50; canvasback ducks, $3.00@3.50; teal, blue wing, $1.75@2.00; teal, green wing, $1.75; mixed ducks, $1.75@2.00; Canada geese, $5; small geese, $4.50; brants, $1.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 12½@13c; elk saddles, 11@12c; elk carcasses, 9@10c; antelope saddles, 12@14c; antelope carcasses, 9@10c; squirrels, per doz., 50@75c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1; dead pigeons not wanted.

CHRISTMAS GREENS—Holly, per case, $5; Christmas trees, per doz., $2.50@6.00.

VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads, $1.50@2.00.

CABBAGE—Holland cabbage, heads small and hard, per lb., 1½c; California stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1½-lb. box, 60@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 35c; from store in small lots, 40c; Colorado stock, 35@45c.

ONIONS—Per bbl., $3.00; home grown Spanish, per bbl., $1.50; 2 to 5-bbl. lots, $1.25.

BEANS—Handpicked navy, per bu., $1.65@1.75.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 75@90c; Colorado, 50@60c; Kalamazoo, 30@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

WATER CRESS—Per 18-qt. case, $1.50@1.75.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—Per box, 35c.

APPLES—Fancy stock, $3.25@3.50; choice stock, $2.50@2.75.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—Per case, $2.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75; Cape Cod, $9.25 $9.50; McFarlin's, $9.50.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per 60-lb. bbl., $6; per 65 to 70 lbs., gross, $7.50.

EASTERN GRAPES—No shipping stock.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexicans, per box, $4.25; California navies, seedlings, regular sizes, $3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, $2.75; navels, $3.00@4.00.

LEMONS—California, per box, $3.75@4.50; Messinas, $4.50@4.75.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 19c; extra selects, 24c; Branch & Co. selects, 29c; New York counts, 29c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 15c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.75.

CIDER—Pure juice, per half bbl., $2.75; per bbl., $4.75.

SAUER KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.75; half bbl., $2.25.

FIGS—New crop, California, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 10c; imported fancy, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 11½@12c.

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

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each $1.40.

COCOANUTS—Per 100, $4.50; each, 5c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium size, 12c; large, 12c; peanuts raw, 5½c; roasted, 7@7½c; hickory nuts, small, per bu., $1.75; hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1.50; black walnuts, per bbl., $2.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Light western steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 5½@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4¾@5c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6½@7c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 16c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; new ribs, No. 3, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c; steer ribs, 7½c; steer loins, 9c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5¾c; racks, 8½c, legs, 7c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 35c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'll	2	3
BEAR—					
Black	$20@25	$ 15 00	$ 8@10	$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	1 @12	8 00	6 00	8 00	4 0
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
FOX—					
Silver (according to beauty).....	100 00	60 00	40 00	30 00	10 00
Silver Pale (according to beauty)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross	7 00	2 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@90	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark.....	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, (perfect head and feet).....	1@ 2				
Otter	8 00	5@ 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.....	20@25				
Wolverine	4 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain....	3 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie.....	65@90	50	40	25	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Spring					
Winter	8@10	9	7		
Fall		7	6		
Kits	2	2	3		

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 25 to 60 lbs., 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 25 to 60 lbs., 3c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6½c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4½c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4c; 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 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, 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, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; 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 musty, per ton, $8.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 18@19c; fine, 16@18c; tub washed, 19@21c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

CHRISTMAS TREES—$2.50@6.00 doz.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet at 5 points decline under unsatisfactory cables and slack spot demand; advanced on local bidding and absence of outside interest; closed steady at a net advance of 5@15 points; sales, 2,500 bags, including March, 13.60@13.95; spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, 14.75; mild, quiet; Cordova, $18.00@18.25; sales, 1,500 bags Rio, No. 7, 13.50. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 8,875 bags; New York stock today, 421,465 bags; United States stock, 292,999 bags; afloat for the United States, 220,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 522,930 bags, against 540,999 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 16.—Quiet; good average Santos, 14.50; receipts, 13,000 bags; stock, 414,000 bags. Weekly: Quiet; receipts during week, 79,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 2,000 bags; stock, 414,000 bags.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 16.—Steady; No. 7, 13.75; exchange, 9 5-16d; receipts, 14,000 bags; cleared, for the United States, 5,000 bags; for Europe, 4,000 bags; stock, 219,000 bags. Weekly: Steady; exchange, standard, 13.75; exchange, 9 5-16d; receipts during the week, 63,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 49,000 bags; stock, 219,000 bags.

HAVRE, Dec. 16.—Coffee opened quiet, ¼f up to ¼f down; at noon, unchanged to ¼f down; at 3 p. m., steady, unchanged to ¼f higher; closed steady at unchanged to ¼f net advance; sales, 19,000 bags.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3⅛@3⅛c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3½@3⅝c; refined, quiet; standard A, 4½c; cut loaf, 5½c; powdered, 4⅝c; granulated, 4⅝c.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; buyers and sellers indifferent; centrifugal, Java, 12s 3d; Muscovado, fair refining, 10s 6d. Beet, quiet, tending downward slowly; December, 10s 7½d; January, 10s 9d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Dealings in Securities on 'Change Fairly Active.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The dealings in stock exchange securities today were fairly active. Although the preponderance of activity was, as usual, in the industrials, the transactions in the railway stocks assumed larger proportions than for some time past. Strength characterized the movement in this department. The anticipation of the publication of the plan or reorganization of the Reading system was advanced as one explanatory bull argument. It was urged that the powerful interest back of the plan would not permit its publication to fall flat. The plan was, as expected, published at the closing of business. The delay in the public delivery of the report of Secretary of the Treasury Carlisle was found to have detracted from its importance in a speculative sense.

A sharp demand soon developed for the coalers, grangers, Vanderbilts, Louisville & Nashville, southwestern shares and Denver & Rio Grande preferred. The advances resulting ranged up 1½ per cent in Burlington. Covering of shorts furnished the chief stimulating influence. Buying on this account was partially responsible for marked strength in Manhattan railway, although a rise of 5 per cent in the stock was attended by reports of probable improved exhibits of earnings under the reduced interest charges taking effect at the commencement of the new year. Rumors of extensive refunding of the large investors in the property to fare with their interests were also a contribution toward a strengthening factor. The trading in the stock was unusually active. In the specialties some notable advances occurred. Erie Telegraph, Bay State Gas and Mobile & Ohio rose 2½ per cent each and Tennessee Coal and Iron 1½ per cent. The opening was rather irregular and fairly active. A strong tendency in the railroads, apparent in the initial dealings, was practically unimpaired throughout the day. The industrials moved in a rather erratic fashion. Tobacco reacted 1½ per cent, recovered 1⅛ per cent, declined 3¼ per cent to 73¾, improved to 74½, and closed at 74, a net decline of 2⅛ per cent. Leather preferred, after a slight fraction, receded 2¾ per cent to 67¾, fallied to 68⅝, and left off 1 per cent lower net. Sugar and Chicago Gas moved within the range of a point. The market closed active and strong and at the best figures of the day for the railroad list. Trading in bonds was on a better scale than usual recently, and upon an advancing movement. Reading issues were the features. The aggregate sales were $1,967,000. Atchison, Colorado & Pacific 1sts and Denver & Rio Grande improvement 5s advanced 1¾ per cent and Manhattan consol 4s rose 1¼ per cent. The most important decline was St. Joseph & Grand Island 1st, that receded 1½ per cent.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The settlement has been satisfactorily concluded. The markets today were quiet, but of a distinctly better tone. Consols led the rise, at 105⅝. All other investment stocks were strong. The speculative markets were also better, especially mines, on the cessation of forced sales. Americans were better. Reports are put about that they are going higher, but this is rather discredited in good quarters. Norfolks were flat. At Paris the bourse has been better today, but closed weaker. The financial position is less dangerous than it was a month ago, but it is far from satisfactory or healthy.

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

Atchison.....	10⅝	*N. Y. & N. E.....	55
Adams Ex.....	147	Ontario & W.....	15⅝
Alten. T. H	40	Oregon Imp.....	8
Am. Express.....	113	Oregon Nav.....	17
Baltimore & Ohio..	48	O. S. L & U. N.....	6⅛
Canada Pacific....	55	Pacific Mail.....	32¾
Canada Southern..	55	P. D. & E.	3
Central Pacific...	16	Pittsburg	167
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅛	Pullman Palace..	162
Chicago & Alton...	156	Reading.....	5⅝
C. B. & Q.....	94	R. G. W.....	17
Chicago Gas.....	70⅝	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
Consolidated Gas..	159⅝	Rock Island	74⅞
C., C., C. & St. L....	41⅛	St. Paul.....	75⅛
Colo. Coal & Iron..	34	do pfd.....	125¼
Cotton Oil Cert...	17⅞	St. P. & Omaha.....	42
Delaware & Hud..	128⅞	do pfd.....	123⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	167¼	Southern Pacific..	23
D. & R. G. pfd	40	Sugar Refinery....	103¾
D. & C. F. Co.	19⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	31
Erie	12⅛	Texas Pacific.....	8⅞
do pfd.....	23	T. & O. Cent. pfd...	70
Fort Wayne.....	167	Union Pacific.....	7⅝
G. Northern pfd...	75	U. S. Express.....	42
C. & E. I. pfd.....	100	W. St. L. & P.....	7⅛
Hocking Valley...	17½	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	18⅝
Illinois Central...	97½	Wells Fargo Ex...	100
St. P. & Duluth....	22	Western Union....	89¼
K. & T. pfd	22	Wheeling & L. E..	5⅝
Lake Erie & West	22	do pfd	41
do pfd.....	74	M. & St. L.....	21⅝
Lake Shore.....	152½	D. & R. G.....	13⅝
Lead Trust.....	34⅝	G. E.....	31⅝
Louisville & N...	53	N. L.....	20½
L. & N. A.....	9⅝	C. F. & I.....	20⅝
Manhattan Con...	103⅝	do pfd.	98
Memphis & C....	15	H. & T. C.	14⅝
Michigan Cent....	102	T. A. & N. M.....	4
Missouri Pacific..	30	T. St. L. & K. C....	7
Mobile & Ohio	24⅝	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	15
Nashville Chat....	75	S. R. R.....	10⅝
National Cordage.	8⅝	Wabash	3⅝
Nat. Cordage pfd..	13	Am. Tob. Co	73⅞
N. J. Central.....	109¾	do pfd.....	101
N. & W. pfd.....	8⅝	Am. Tel. & C. Co..	95
North Am. Co.....	5⅝	Com'l Cable Co...	157
Northern Pacific...	8	Am. Sugar pfd.....	97½
N. Pacific pfd.....	14⅝	U. S. Cordage gtd.	25¼
U. P. D. & G	3⅝	U. S. Leather ptd.	68¼
Northwestern.....	104⅝	U. S. Rubber	33⅝
do pfd.....	150	do pfd.....	94¼
N. Y. Central.....	100¾		

* offered.

The total sales of stocks today were 265,219 shares, including: American Sugar, 18,900; American Tobacco, 55,899; Burlington, 18,800; Chicago Gas, 17,500; Kansas & Texas preferred, 3,800; Louisville & Nashville, 3,800; Manhattan Con., 12,800; Missouri Pacific, 7,900; Reading, 7,900; Rock Island, 4,600; St. Paul, 9,300; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 9,700; United States Leather, 40,300; Western Union, 6,100.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed at 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.88⅛@4.88¾ for demand and $4.87½@4.87⅝ for 60 days; posted rates, $4.89@4.89 and $4.89½@4.90; commercial bills, $4.86¾.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—66¼@66⅝c.

BAR SILVER—66c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—2s regular up ½ per cent; others steady. State bonds, dull. Railroad bonds, firm.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U.S. 4s, reg., now.	121	C. P. 1sts of '95..	106½
U.S. 4s coup, new.	121	D. & R. G. 7s.....	112½
U.S. 5s, reg.....	115	D. & R. G. 4s.....	92½
U.S. 5s, coup.....	115	Erie 2ds.....	77
U.S. 4s, reg.....	111	G. H. & S. A. 6s..	105
U.S. 4s, coup.....	112¼	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U.S. 2s, reg.....	97	H. & T. C. 5s.....	111¼
Pacific 6s of '95...	109	do 6s.....	118
Ala., class A.....	110¼	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	85⅝
Ala., class B.....	110	do 2d 4s.....	62¼
Ala., class C.....	101	Mutual Union 6s..	115
Ala. Currency.....	101	N. Y. L. Gen. 5s...	110⅝
La. New Con. 4s..	100	No. Pacific 1sts...	118⅞
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	105⅛
N. C 6s.....	124	N. W. Consols....	140¼
N. C 4s.....	101	do S. F. Dep. 5s.	110⅛
S. C. nonfund.....	1	R. G. W. 1st 4s....	78⅞
Tenn. new set 6s..	89	St. P. Consols 7s..	129
Tenn. new set 5s.	105	*do C. & P. W. 5s	115½
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5.	82½
Va. centuries.....	63⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6.	105⅛
do deferreds.....	6	Tex. Pac. 1sts.....	86¾
Atchison 4s.....	77⅛	do 2ds.....	21¼
Atchison 2d A....	26⅝	U. P. 1sts of '95..	108¼
Canada So. 2ds...	108	West Shore 4s....	108
L. & N. unified 4s.	92½	Southern 6s.....	96
O. R. & N. 1sts...	110⅛		

* offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—Call loans, 4@5½ per cent; time loans, 3½@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	10⅝	W. Elec. pfd.....	54½
Am. Sugar	103⅝	Wis. Central.....	2
Am. Sugar pfd.	98⅝	Edison Elec. Ills..	150
Bay State Gas.....	12⅝	Gen. Elec. pfd....	60
Bell Telepone....	203	Atchison 2ds.....	26¾
Boston & Albany..	207	Atchison 4s.....	73¾
Boston & Maine ..	178⅝	New England 6s...	113