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Markets Generally Retain the Bullish Feeling of Saturday.

WHEAT STARTS STRONG BUT EASES OFF

Corn Is Active and Firm Early, Though It Gradually Eases Off and Trade Becomes Light as Well as Featureless.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The markets today were generally firm, they having retained the bullish feeling characteristic of Saturday's close. Wheat fluctuated considerably on conflicting news, but finally closed ¾c higher than it opened. Corn and oats followed the general trend of wheat, though to a lesser degree, while provisions showed material gains.

Wheat started off quite strong today and sold fully ½c above the close Saturday, but the market soon got weak and all the advance was soon lost. The early strength was partly the result of the bullish sentiment carried over from Saturday, to the firmer cables, the continued light deliveries in the northwest, and good local buying to cover shorts. For a time there was not much for sale, and the competition among buyers was sharp and prices were easily advanced. But later the enthusiasm of buyers cooled off and the market began to drag. It was reported that Australia—which has been of late a buyer of wheat—had actually exported some 80,000 bu. last week. Minneapolis wired that there was every reason to expect that deliveries in the northwest would increase and, besides, the financial conditions seemed to be growing worse, and there was talk of gold going to a premium. Money was said to be getting more difficult to borrow and loan rates were said to be hardening. All this finally had a depressing influence, and some of the early buyers turned sellers, prices gradually dropping to ¾c below the closing figures of Saturday. The visible supply of wheat increased 590,000 bu. last week, corn 28,000 bu. and oats 694,000 bu. The same week last year wheat decreased 510,000 bu. May sold early at 58⅝c, up quickly to from 59¼c to 59c split, then off to 58¾c and at noon was 58¼c. After selling off to 58¼c during the last hour May wheat turned strong on the big decrease in the English visible supply—2,800,000 bu.—and closed at 59¼c.

Corn was active but firm early, though it gradually eased off; trade was light and narrow as well as featureless. May sold from 28c to 28¼c, but eased off by noon to from 28c to 28⅛c. The market was easier during the last hour. May touching 28c, but strengthened a trifle later and closed at 28¼c. The chief feature of the trading was the comparative weakness in January, which compared with Saturday's closing price, is ⅝c lower, while cash and May are each about 3-16c higher.

Oats were quiet and featureless, but the market held firm. May sold at from 18⅞c to 19c, split, and from 19c to 19¼c, split, and at noon was about 19c. There was not much to be said during the last hour. May held at 19c and from 18⅞c to 19c, split, finally closing at 19c.

Hog products were higher on lighter receipts of live hogs and the better prices at the yards. There was a pretty fair trade. May pork sold at from $8.95 to $9.15, May lard at from $5.52½ to $5.60, and May ribs at from $4.57½ to $4.60. There was a quiet trade during the closing hour and prices were a shade higher, closing quotations showing gains for May delivery of pork 25c; lard from 10c to 12½c, and ribs from 7½c to 10c over Saturday's closing figures.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 140 cars; corn, 430 cars; oats, 280 cars; hogs, 19,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Dec.....	59@59¼	59⅞	55⅛	59⅛
Jan.....	59@59¼	59⅞	55⅛	59⅛
May.....	58¾@59	59¾	58¼	59@59⅛
Corn, No. 2.				
Dec.....	25⅝	25⅝	25⅜	25⅝
Jan.....	26	26	25⅝	25⅝@⅞
May.....	28	28	28¼	28@28¼
July.....	29	29	28⅛	28⅛@29
Oats, No. 2.				
Dec.....	17¼	17¼	17¼	17¼
May.....	18⅞@19	19@19⅜	18⅞@19	19
Pork per bbl				
Dec.....				7 85
Jan.....	8 65	8 85	8 65	8 75
May.....	8 95	9 15	8 95	9 12½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Dec.....				5 27½
Jan.....	5 32½	5 37½	5 32½	5 35
May.....	5 52½	5 60	5 52½	5 60
Short Ribs—				
Dec.....				4 32½
Jan.....	4 32½	4 35	4 30	4 32½
May.....	4 57½	4 60	4 57½	4 60

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easier; spring patents, $3.10@3.25; spring straights, $2.40@2.75; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; winter straights, $3.20@3.35; export bakers, $2.60@2.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56¾@57⅝c; No. 3 spring, 54@57c; No. 2 red, 61⅝@61¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 25⅝@25⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 25⅝@26c.

OATS—No. 2, 17¼c; No. 2 white, 19¼@20c; No. 2 white, 17⅛@19c.

RYE—No. 2, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 21@22c; No. 4, f. o. b., 21@22c.

FLAX SEED—No. 1, 93@93¼c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $3.52½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.87½@8.00; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.22½@5.32½; short ribs sides (loose), $4.30@4.35; dry salted shoulders (boxed), 4¾@4¾c; short clear sides (boxed), 4¾@4½c.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.50; granulated, $4.87; standard "A," $4.75.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	7,000	11,000
Wheat, bu.....	43,000	50,000
Corn, bu.....	158,000	67,000
Oats, bu.....	198,000	220,000
Rye, bu.....	2,000	700
Barley, bu.....	33,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creamery, 19@24c; dairy, 12@20c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 19@20c. Cheese, quiet; 8¾@9¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Closing Quotations on the Principal Commodities and Staples.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 27,900 bbls.; exports, 13,800 bbls.; market stronger in tone and demand improved by the strength in grain; Minnesota patents, $3.25@3.40; Minnesota bakers, $2.70@2.90; city mill patents, $4.00@4.25; winter patents, $3.45@3.65; winter straights, $3.30@3.45; winter extras, $2.65@3.05; winter low grades, $2.10@2.60; shipping extras, $1.90@2.00. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.50@2.75; fancy, $2.75@2.90. Buckwheat flour, dull; $1.20@1.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull; spot, 38c.

CORN MEAL—Dull.

RYE—Nominal; western, 226@35c.

BARLEY—Dull.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,100 bu.; exports, 217,400 bu.; spot market, strong; No. 2 red, 69¾c; No. 1 hard, 69¼c. Options opened strong on small spring wheat receipts; better cables, cold wave west and outside buying, sold off under the increase in visible, finally rallied on a big reduction in English visible and closing quotations of 25 per cent in industrial crop, and closed 1@1¼c higher; No. 2 red, May, 65⅞@66⅝c, closed 66⅝c; December, 66¼@66¾c; closed, 65¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 181,300 bu.; exports, 44,000 bu.; spot market, firm; No. 2, 34½c. Options, quiet; but generally firmer with wheat and on light receipts, and closed ⅛@¼c higher; May, 35⅛@35 11-16c; closed, 35⅜c; December, closed, 24½c.

OATS—Receipts, 135,800 bu.; exports, 23,100 bu.; spot market, steady; No. 2, 23¼c. Options, dull; future firm with the other markets, and closed ¼@⅜c higher; May, 23⅝@23¾c; closed, 24c; December, closed 23½c.

WOOL—Quiet.

HOPS—Weak.

HIDES—Dull.

LEATHER—Firm.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm. Cut meats, quiet; pickled hams, 8¼@8¾c. Lard, active and higher; western steam closed at $5.60 asked; December, $5.60, nominal. Pork, firm and active; mess, $7.50@7.75; short clear, $10.50@12.00; family, $10.00. BUTTER—Weak; Elgins, 23@in. 24c; state dairy, 13@21½c; state creamery, 17@22c.

TALLOW—Active, but lower; city, 3⅞c; country, 4c.

PETROLEUM—Steady; United closed at $1.43 bid.

ROSIN—Quiet.

TURPENTINE—Quiet.

RIO—Firm.

MOLASSES—Firm.

PIG IRON—Quiet.

METALS—Copper, quiet; brokers' price, $10.25; exchange, $10.00. Lead, easy; brokers' price, $3.06; exchange, $3.15@3.17½. Tin, weak; straits, $15.50; plates, market dull. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.50.

COTTON SEED OIL—Dull and heavy; prime crude, f. o. b., mills, 29@22c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Quiet; demand poor; No. 2 red winter, 5s 2½d; No. 2 red spring stocks exhausted; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 5s 2d. California, 5s 4d. Futures opened firm, with near positions ½d higher and distant positions ¼d higher; closed steady, with near positions ½d higher and distant positions ¼@¾d higher; business about equally distributed; December, 5s 2d; January, 5s 2¼d; February, 5s 4d; March, 5s 5d; April, 5s 5¼d; May, 5s 5¾d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed new, 3s 2d. Futures opened firm with near positions ¼d higher and distant positions ¼d higher; closed quiet with near positions ¼@¾d higher and distant positions unchanged to ¼d higher; business about equally distributed; December, 3s 3¾d; January, 3s 2½; February, 3s 2½; March, 3s 2½; April, 3s 2¼d; May, 3s 2½d.

FLOUR—Steady; demand poor; St. Louis fancy winter, 3s 3d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand, moderate; Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 26c; short rib, 28 lbs., 26s; long clear, light, 30 to 45 lbs., 26s; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 25s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s; short clear middles, heavy, 55 lbs., 25s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 25s 6d. Hams, short cut, 11 to 16 lbs., 38s; shoulders, square, 12 to 16 lbs., 28s. Tallow, fine North American, 22s. Beef, extra India mess, 72s 6d; prime mess, 70s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 57s; prime mess, medium, 55s. Lard, quiet; prime western, 27s 6d; refined, in pails, 28s 6d.

CHEESE—Quiet, but steady; demand, poor; finest American white, 44s; finest American colored, 45s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 92s; good, 60s.

TURPENTINE—Spirits, 29s 6d.

ROSIN—Common, 4s 7½d.

COTTON SEED OIL—Liverpool refined, 17s.

LINSEED OIL—28s.

PETROLEUM—Refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 3¾d; hindquarter, 6¼d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, 6s.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), 12 5s.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh stock, 17½@18c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 12@12½c; fair to good country, 13@14c; choice to fancy country, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 79 to 100 lbs., are quoted at 6¼@7c; large and coarse, 4@6c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 11¼c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; Club House, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $2.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 11¼c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 11¼c; Twins, fancy, 11c.

POULTRY—Dressed—Chickens, 5½@6½c; ducks, choice, 9@10c; turkeys, choice, 9@11c; geese, 6@7c.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; midland, $5.00; lowland, $4.50; rye straw, $4.00; 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, undrawn, per doz., $6.00@6.50; drawn, $5.00@5.50; quail, $1.50@1.75; Jack snipe, 75c@$1.00; grouse, $5.50@6.00; snipe, 60@75c; golden plover, $1.25; jack rabbits, per doz., $1.75@2.00; small rabbits, 75c@$1.00; mallard ducks, $3.50@3.75; redheads, $3.75@4.00; canvasback ducks, $5.00@8.00; teal, blue wing, $2.00@2.25; teal, green wing, $1.75@2.00, mixed ducks, $2.25@2.50; Canada geese, $6.00@7.50; small geese, $4.50@5.00; brants, $3.50; deer saddles, 15@16c; deer carcasses, 11@12c; elk saddles, 11@12c; elk carcasses, 8@10c; antelope saddles, 15@16c; antelope carcasses, 10@11c; squirrels, per doz., 60@75c.

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

VEGETABLES.

CAULIFLOWER—Per doz. heads, $2.00.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, heads small and hard, per lb., Mammoth stock, per lb., 2c.

MUSHROOMS—Per 1¼-lb. box, 60@75c.

POTATOES—Fancy native stock, 30c; from store in small lots, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 50@55c.

ONIONS—Per bu., $2@2.25.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Choice stock, $2.75 per bbl.

CELERY—California, per doz., 90c@$1.00; Colorado, 55@60c; Kalamazoo, 20@35c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 5c.

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

SCOTCH PEAS—In sacks, per bu., $1.00.

FRUITS.

CALIFORNIA STRAWBERRIES—None.

APPLES—Fancy New York, $3.25@3.50; choice stock, $2.50@2.75; Utah apples, per box, $1.50.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—None.

OREGON PEARS—None.

CRANBERRIES—Jersey, $8.75; Cape Cod, $10; McFarlin's, $10.

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

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California budded seedlings, regular sizes, $3.75; 96 to 126 sizes, $3.50@3.75; navels, $4.

LEMONS—California, per box, $3.75@4.50; Messinas, $4.00@4.50.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—Mediums, 15c; standards, 15c; extra selects, 24c; Branch & Co. selects, 26c; New York counts, 29c; standard bulk, per gal., $1.10.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14@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., $3; 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., 9c.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, per lb., 9@10c.

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

SODA CRACKERS—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., soft shell, 12c; standards, 11c; Sicily filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 10c; 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., 5¼@6c; good cows and heifers, 4½@5c; medium cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 3¼@3½c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6@6½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4½c; beef tenderloins, fresh, 12½c; beef rolls, boneless, 8½c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, 6½c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6½c; cow loins, No. 3, 7½c.

MUTTON—Dressed mutton, 5½c; racks, 8½c; legs, 7c; saddles, 7c; stews, 2½c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4¾c; pork trimmings, 4c; tenderloins, 12c; pigs' feet, cleaned, per doz., 25c.

FURS.

	No. 1 Lge.	No. 1 Md'm	No. 1 Sm'l	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 Yearlings.....	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
Tiger.....	10@ 50	6 00	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'g to beau'y)	50 00	30 00	20 00	15 00	6 00
Cross.....	7 00	3 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Red.....	3 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 00	1 00	1 00	50
Mink.....	80@85	60	45	25	10
Mink Dark.....	85	65	45	20	10
Mountain Lion, (perfect head and feet).....	10 2	8 00	6@ 7	5 00	4 00	2 00
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.....	75	40	25	20	10
Broad striped.....	20@25				
Wolverine.....	4 00	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00
Wolf Mountain.....	2 00	2 00	1 50	75	40
Wolf Prairie.....	65@90	60	40	30	10
Beaver, per skin.	5@ 6	4 50	2 00	4 00	2 00
Beaver Kits.....	2 00	1 50	75	50	25
MUSKRATS—					
Winter.....	8@10	9	7		
Fall.....		7	6		
Kits.....	2		3		

HIDES AND TALLOW.

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

SHEEP—Green salted, each 25@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. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 5½@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 thicks, 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, 2½c; tallow butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $15.00@14.00; dry cattle thighs, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, damp and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 20@22c; seedy, burry and cheaffy, 5@6c; scoured and broken, 25@27c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

Foreign Financial Notes.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 40 pfgs.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Three cent rentes, 100f 92½c for the account. Exchange on London, 25f 23½c for checks.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 230.50; Madrid, 17.62; Lisbon, 26.25; St. Petersburg, 40; Athens, 77; Rome, 107.50; Vienna, 103. The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance today, £55,000.

Financial Notes.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $12,553,452; balances, $1,462,280.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $75,977,513; balances, $5,176,488.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $1,894,542; balances, $350,292.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $9,622,673; balances, $1,649,952.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $4,683,699; balances, $696,473. Money, 5@8 per cent. New York exchange, 25c discount bid.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The treasury lost $714,809 today and gold by redemptions, leaving the true amount of the reserve $63,132,351.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $176,807,772; gold reserve, $64,204,657.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Clearings, $15,806,702. Money on call, firm at 6 per cent; on time, 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, $1 premium; foreign exchange, firm; bankers' (London) sterling, $4.85¾@4.88½.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Started in Under Discouraging Influences of Lower Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The stock market today started in under the discouraging influence of lower prices for the international stocks in London and reports some embarrassment incidental to the fortnightly settlement at that center. Arbitrage houses were also sellers here at the opening. The local traders, however, acting upon the assumed fact that a market for the impending issue of United States government bonds had been made prior to the formal public announcement of the terms of such issue, soon took hold and advanced prices all along the line. In the upward movement New Jersey Central and Sugar gained 2 per cent, and the grangers and other prominent shares also scored substantial improvement. The rise in Sugar stock was stimulated by a rise in the price of domestic and foreign sugars. The nonappearance of definite information as to the terms or date when the issue of bonds would be made, together with reports of premiums on gold and apprehension of tight money, soon took all the snap out of the market and sluggishness and a declining tendency of prices characterized operations during the remainder of the day. The uncertainty as to the treasury relief measures restricted activity in practically everything aside from the prime stocks.

Call funds at the Stock exchange fluctuated between 5 to 25 per cent on a considerable volume of business. The opening rate was 6 per cent, and the highest figures established until the close of business when the low point was reached. Applications were received for loan certificates by this clearing house committee, and no gold was engaged for shipment by Wednesday's steamer. Here again the influence of the expected bond government loan is manifest, as a more active demand for exchange than usual recently was noted today. After the close of the business it was reported that interests preparing to avail themselves of the bond issue had bid ¾ of 1 per cent for gold. The higher rates for money was explained as due to the usual shifting of loans and closing incidental to the dividend payments. Some liquidation was apparent, and the bears assumed a show of activity. The result was the loss of all the early improvement, in some instances recessions materially below Saturday's closing occurred, notably in Chicago Gas, Louisville & Nashville, St. Paul, Consolidated Gas and Sugar.

In the final dealings Baltimore & Ohio displayed optional strength, advancing 2½ per cent in the face of the depression in the general list. This was attended by reports that various powerful interests had proffered financial assistance to the company with the proviso that they should be allowed to name a successor to President Garrett. The remainder of the day was uninteresting at the lowest of the day. The market for railway and miscellaneous bonds ruled lower on dealings aggregating $1,226,000. The more important losses were recorded in the prominent issues. Union Pacific sympathized with the realization of the approach of the time for carrying out the practical details of the reorganization plan.

The Evening Post's London financial caldegram says: The stock market here was very dull today. Even gloomy apprehensions are once more being expressed in regard to Turkey, and a good deal of uneasiness is also being caused by political affairs in the Transvaal. American securities were comparatively steady today, for the reason that there was no business in them. South American shares were depressed for the reason given above.

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

Atchison.....	14	do pfd.....	141
Adams Ex.....	143	N. Y. Central.....	97
Alton, T. H.....	60	N. Y. & N. E.....	45
Am. Express.....	112½	Ontario & W.....	13
Baltimore & Ohio..	93	Oregon Imp.....	13
Canada Pacific....	50	Oregon Nav.....	75
Canada Southern..	48	O. S. L. & U. N....	4
Central Pacific....	14¾	Pacific Mail.....	25⅝
Ches. & Ohio.....	15	P. D. & E.....	2¾
Chicago & Alton...	153	Reading.....	16⅞
C., B. & Q.....	74⅛	Pullman Palace..	150
Chicago Gas.....	62⅜	Reading.....	4¾
Consolidated Gas..	146	R. G. W.....	12
C. C. C. & St. L....	78	R. G. W. pfd.....	30
Colo. Coal & Iron..	3	Rock Island.....	65¼
Cotton Oil Cert....	16	St. Paul.....	67
Delaware & Had..	123⅛	do pfd.....	126
Del., Lack. & W...	150½	St. P. & Omaha....	34⅝
D. & R. G. pfd....	42	do pfd.....	110½
D. & C. F. Co.....	13¾	Southern Pacific..	19¾
Erie.....	14	Sugar Refinery....	101¾
do pfd.....	23⅛	Tenn. Coal & Iron	27
Fort Wayne.....	160	Texas Pacific.....	7⅜
G. Northern pfd..	110	T. & O. Cent. pfd..	65
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Union Pacific.....	4⅜
Hocking Valley....	15	U. S. Express.....	40
Illinois Central....	92	U. S. L. & P.....	6¼
St. P. & Duluth....	25	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	15½
K. & T. pfd.....	24	Wells Fargo Ex....	95
Lake Erie & West	17¾	Western Union....	85⅛
do pfd.....	65¾	Wheeling & L. E...	10⅛
Lake Shore.....	141⅜	do pfd.....	53
Lead Trust.....	85⅜	Wis. Central.....	8¾
Louisville & N....	43	Edison Elec. Ills..	140
L. & N. A.....	78	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	60
Manhattan Con....	101⅛	New England 6s...	40
Memphis & C.....	15	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	41
Michigan Cent.....	94	Allouez Mining Co	30
Missouri Pacific..	24⅜	Atlantic.....	14¾
Mobile & Ohio.....	22½	Boston & Montana	66¾
Nashville Chat....	85	Bunker Hill.....	2 75
National Cordage.	5⅝	Calumet & Hecla..	280
Nat. Cordage pfd..	70¾	Franklin.....	10¾
N. J. Central.....	99¼	Kearsarge.....	11
N. & W. pfd.....	20	Quincy.....	123¾
North Am. Co.....	4⅛	Quincy.....	118
Northern Pacific..	3½	Tamarack.....	118
N. Pacific pfd.....	12	Wolverine.....	6
O. R. & N.....	37¾		
Northwestern.....	97¼		

The total sales of stocks today were 192,655 shares, including: American Sugar, 36,000; American Tobacco, 4,100; Atchison, 4,700; Burlington, 11,000; Chicago Gas, 23,700; Distilling and Cattle Feeding, 3,700; Louisville & Nashville, 4,800; Missouri Pacific, 3,600; Reading, 3,700; Rock Island, 5,600; St. Paul, 23,400; United States Leather preferred, 4,600; Western Union, 1,300; Western & Lake Erie, 3,900.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—MONEY ON CALL—6@25 per cent; last loan and closed 25 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Nominally 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@4.85¾ for demand and $4.87¾@4.88 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.88½@4.89 and $4.90@4.90½; commercial bills, $4.83@4.84 87.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—67¾@67⅝.

BAR SILVER—67c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Irregular; state bonds, inactive; railroad bonds, easier.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new.	114	C. P. 1sts of '95...	100
U. S. 4s, coupon, new	116	D. & R. G. 7s.....	109
U. S. 5s, reg.....	112½	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88
U. S. 5s, coup.....	112½	Erie 2ds.....	64½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	100¾	G. H. & S. A. 6s..	105
U. S. 4s, coup.....	100¾	G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U. S. 2s, reg.....	96	H. & T. C. 5s.....	105
Pacific 6s of '95...	99	do 4s.....	100
Ala., class A.....	110	M., K. & T. 1st 4s..	84
Ala., class B.....	110	do 2d 4s.....	57½
Ala., class C.....	101	Mutual Union 6s...	105
Ala. Currency....	102	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	116
La. New Con. 4s..	100	No. Pacific 1sts...	117¾
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	104
N. C. 6s.....	122	N. W. Consols.....	140
N. C. 4s.....	100	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	109
S. C. nonfund....	1	R. G. West. 1sts..	90
Tenn. new set 6s..	88¾	St. P. Consols 7s..	132
Tenn. new set 5s.	111	do C. & P. W. 5s.	112
Tenn. old 6s.....	61	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5.	79
Va. Centuries.....	66¾	St. L. & S. F. G. 6s	103
do deferred.....	5	Tex. Pac. 1sts....	81
Atchison 4s.....	72	do 2ds.....	20
Atchison 2d 4s....	45	U. P. 1sts of '96..	104¼
Canada So. 2ds....	104½	West Shore 4s....	107
L. & N. unified 4s.	74	Southern 5s.....	92¾
O. R. & N. 1sts....	112	N. Pac. 3ds.....	68

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Closing prices for stocks and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.....	13⅜	West End pfd.....	88¼
Am. Sugar.....	101¼	W. Elec. pfd.....	53
Am. Sugar pfd....	97	Wis. Central.....	8¾
Bay State Gas.....	10¾	Edison Elec. Ills..	140
Bell Telephone...	203	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	60
Boston & Albany..	208	New England 6s...	40
Boston & Maine..	171	Wis. Cent. 1sts....	41
C. B. & Q.....	74½	Allouez Mining Co	30
Fitchburg.....	92	Atlantic.....	14¾
Gen. Electric.....	25⅛	Boston & Montana	66¾
Gillette Motor....	2¾	Bunker Hill.....	2 75
Mexican Central..	9⅛	Calumet & Hecla..	280
N. Y. & N. E. pfd..	75	Franklin.....	10¾
Old Colony.....	177	Kearsarge.....	11
Rio Grand Junc....	4	Quincy.....	123¾
Rubber.....	25½	Quincy.....	118
San Diego.....	3	Tamarack.....	118
Union Pacific.....	4	Wolverine.....	6
West End.....	66		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	8	Hale & Norcross..	100
Alpha Con.....	23	Julia.....	2
Andes.....	18	Justice.....	4
Belcher.....	25	Lady Wash. Con..	1
Best & Belcher....	95	Mexican.....	65
Bodie Con.....	47	Mount Diablo.....	15
Bunton.....	12	Occidental Con....	65
Bulwer Con.....	10	Ophir.....	140
Caledonia.....	9	Overman.....	17
Challenge Con.....	28	Savage.....	34
Chollar.....	63	Scorpion.....	2
Confidence.....	110	Sierra Nevada.....	45