COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Feature of the Day the New Low Price Record of Pork.

IMPETUS GIVEN WHEAT CONTINUES

Starting Prices for September and December Were Each a Fraction Higher Than Wednesday's Closing Rates.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Pork made a new low mark today, September at one time selling at $5.80 a barrel. Rumors that orders for gold importation had been countermanded and lower Wall street prices weakened wheat after a favorable opening, the closing prices for September showing a ¼c decline. Corn was sympathetically weak and closed ¼c lower. Oats remain unchanged.

The impetus given to wheat by the engagement of gold for importation as reported yesterday afternoon was continued this morning. The starting price for September and December were each ⅛c per bu higher than the closing rates of the day before. One of the chief factors of the opening firmness was the strength displayed in the foreign markets. Liverpool was quoted as opening fire at ½d per cental advance and London at ¼d per quarter higher for American wheat. A paragraph from the Liverpool Corn Trade News was being paraded near the opening which said that the general impression there of the size of this year's American wheat crop was that it would be about 470,000,000 bu and that wheat would be 5s per quarter higher in the United Kingdom. They believed it to be materially smaller than that. The northwestern receipts commenced today to exhibit a contrast to those of the corresponding time of the year before. There is still some of that great crop left, but the daily exhibit of the Minneapolis and Duluth receipts will, nevertheless, show a great discrepancy compared with this year's. The two cities received 287 cars today as against 408 cars a year ago. The Atlantic port clearances were equal to 396,000 bu. of flour and wheat together. Closing cablegrams confirmed the strength reported of the foreign markets as the opening bids in the market exhibited all its strength in taking the little jump it did at the start. After the early advance business got slow and stocks getting weaker there was about as much effort to sell as there had been to buy early and all the improvement was lost. A rumor that some of the gold engaged for importation had been countermanded helped to depress the price near the end. There was a noticeable lack of outside support all day and the consequent dullness of trading prevented larger fluctuations than were recorded. September opened about ⅝c higher at from 56c to 56⅛c, gradually weakened to 55½c and closed steady at 55⅝c.

Corn was very dull and easier; prices were strong early, influenced largely by wheat, but were also helped by reports that the crop was hurt far more promising as a month ago. But after the first bulge the market began to decline. September opened strong at 23⅝c, ⅛c above yesterday's closing, and touched 23½c for a moment, but soon weakened and in the last half hour barely touched 23c, the closing price.

Oats were fairly active and for the most part ruled easier, although around the opening, when shorts bought in some, there was a tendency to do better. Selling was more general later and prices fell off and closed just where they did yesterday. Exchanging between September and May was a frequent occurrence. September opened a shade higher at from 17½c to 17⅝c, touched 17⅜c and declined to 17⅛c, closing steady at that figure.

A small sized raid on September pork early in the day was the chief feature of the trading in the provision pit. After 10c had been chipped off by a few small sales, John Cudahy's broker got at it with sledge hammers and smashed the other 10c off in about two blows. This brought the price down to $5.80, the lowest point ever reached. The last 10c was recovered again and the day's loss in September pork was 10. January, compared with yesterday's closing price, left off 2½c lower. Lard and ribs were more favored, the fair support given these commodities counteracting the effect of the weakness in pork, and closing prices were unchanged to 2½c higher.

Estimates for Friday: Wheat, 100 cars; corn, 450 cars; oats, 195 cars; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Closing.
Wheat, No. 2				
Aug.....	55⅝@⅝	55⅝	54⅝	54⅝
Sept.....	56@56⅛	56⅝	55⅝	55⅝
Dec.....	59⅝@⅝	59⅝	58⅝	59
Corn, No. 2.				
Aug.....	22⅝@⅞	23	22⅝	22⅝
Sept.....	23⅛@⅜	23⅜	23	23
May.....	27⅛@⅜	27⅜	26⅞	26⅞@27
Oats, No. 2.				
Sept.....	17⅛@⅜	17⅜@⅜	17⅛@⅛	17⅛
May.....	20	20⅛	19⅝@⅞	19⅝
Pork, per bbl				
Sept.....	6 00	6 02½	5 80	5 90
Oct.....	5 97½	5 97½	5 90	5 95
Jan.....	7 00	7 00	6 87½	6 97½
Lard, 100 lbs				
Sept.....	3 35	3 40	3 35	3 40
Oct.....	3 42½	3 47½	3 42½	3 47½
Jan.....	3 75	3 80	3 75	3 77½
Short Ribs				
Sept.....	3 25	3 27½	3 22½	3 27½
Oct.....	3 32½	3 30	3 30	3 35
Jan.....	3 47½	3 50	3 45	3 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady: winter patents, $3.15@3.20; straights, $2.90@2.95; spring patents, $3.15@3.35; straights, $2.50@2.60; bakers, $2.00@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 54⅝c; No. 3 spring, 52½@53c; No. 2 red, 58⅝@59⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 22⅝@22⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 23@23¼c.

OATS—No. 2, 17⅛@17⅝c; No. 2 white, 21½@21c; No. 3 white, 21c.

RYE—No. 2, 31c.

BARLEY—No. 2 nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 23c; No. 4, f. o. b., 18@22c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 66@66½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.77½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $5.90@5.95; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.45; short ribs, loose, $3.25@3.35; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $3.75@4.00; short clear sides, boxed, $3.62½@3.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.18.

POULTRY—Market steady; turkeys, 7½@10c; chickens, 8@9½c; ducks, 7½@9½c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.....	144,000	147,000
Corn, bu.....	271,000	628,000
Oats, bu.....	248,000	336,000
Rye, bu.....	2,000	.....
Barley, bu.....	9,000	1,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 9@16½c; dairy, 9@14c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 11c. Cheese, quiet; 6@6½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug 20.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,300 bbls.; exports, 3,872 bbls. More active and steady; demand today was chiefly for spring patents and low grade winters; winter extras, $2.15@2.40; winter patents, $3.40@3.55; Minnesota patents, $3.30@3.70; Minnesota bakers, $2.35@2.75.

Rye flour dull; superfine, $2.10@2.35.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 60c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 80@86c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 37½@38½c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 32@35c. c. i. f.

WHEAT—Receipts, 96,700 bu; exports, 103,923 bu.; spot, steady; No. 1 hard, 67½c. Options opened firm and advanced sharply on higher cables and large buying, but later ruled under local realizing, absence of outside support increasing receipts and lack of export demand; closed ⅝@⅞c net lower; August closed 63c; September, 63@63⅛c, closed 63c.

CORN—Receipts, 160,400 bu.; exports, 76,536 bu.; spot quiet; No. 2, 28⅝c. Options opened firm and advanced on covering, but later ruled weak with wheat, closing ⅛c lower on near and ⅛c higher on distant months. August, 28⅝@28c, closed, 28⅛c; September, 28⅝@28 1-16c, closed, 28⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 74,400 bu.; exports, 54,821 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 22½@22⅝c; Options quiet, but firm on light western stocks and bullish crop news, closing ⅛c higher; August closed, 22⅝c; September, 22½@22⅝c, closed, 22⅝c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 3,948 pkgs.; steady; western dairy, 9½@12c; western creamery, 11½@16c; Elgins, 16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 7,588 pkgs.; steady; large, 6⅝@7c; small, 6⅝@7c; part skims, 2@6c; full skims, 1@1½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,728 pkgs.; market strong; state and Pennsylvania, 13@15½c; western, 12@14c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, $6.00; good to choice, $8.50@9.00.

HOPS—Quiet; common to choice, 1896 crop, 30@35c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 25@30c; 1895 crop, 26@28c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 8½c; California, 12c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 9@21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef steady; family, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $18.50@19.00; packet, $6.00@7.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4½@5½c; pickled shoulders 3½c; pickled hams, $3.50@3.75. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.40; tongues, $3.75; ribs, 4c; short, 4¼@4½c. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders and longs, $3.50; ribs, $3.75; shorts, $3.87½. Lard, steady and active; western steam, $3.80; choice, $3.40; refined, dull. Pork, firm; old to new mess, $6.00@6.75; short clear, $5.25@6.25; family, $5.25@6.00; standard mess, nothing, $6.00@6.50.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, steady; prime crude, 19@20c; prime yellow, 23@24c. Petroleum, steady; United closed, $1.00½. Turpentine, steady, 34@34½c. Rosin quiet; strained, common to good, $1.70@1.80. Turpentine, quiet at 34@35c.

TALLOW—Firmer, with 40 bbls. sold for export.

METALS—Pig iron, weak; southern, $10.50@12.50; Lake copper, easy, nominal, $10.75; exchange, $10.10@10.50. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.90; exchange, $2.95@2.97½. Tin, easy; straits, $13.25@13.30. Plates, market firm. Spelter, dull; domestic, $3.70@3.75.

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

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, good to choice, 29@37c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 8½@9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7c; choice to fancy, country, 11@13c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 8½c; twins, fancy, 8½c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 6½c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 6@9c; spring ducks, 7@9c.

PIGEONS—Live, 90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $6.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¼c; choice green, running to burl, 2¼c; common, 1½@1¾c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated according to size, $2.50@2.75.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, $1.25.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 40c; ½-bu. basket, 20c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 25@30c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75c@$1.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy mammoth, 75@80c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 25c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 22@25c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Crawfords, 80c; 5 to 10 box lots, 75c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per box, $1.25@1.50.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per case, Fontainbleau, $1.25@1.40.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50@1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00.

SOUTHERN PEACHES—Per ¼-basket crate, free stones, 85c; clings, 75c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $1.60@1.75; Buerre Hardy, $1.50@1.50.

BLUEBERRIES—None.

NECTARINES—Per case, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Rodi, per case, $5.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $6.00@7.00; California lemons, $6.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California, amber color, 10c.

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

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

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 9@10c.

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; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished medium, 8c; large, fancy, 10c; pecans, raw, 6@7c; roasted, 7½c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb. boxes, per lb., 7c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Dressed steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½@7c; western steers, 4¾@5½c; good cows and heifers, 4¼@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@5c; forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, native steers, 8½c; rounds, 7½c; cow plates, 3c; boneless chucks, 4c; saw chucks, 3½@3¾c; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 18c; beef rolls, boneless, 8c; sirloin butts, boneless, 10c; hind hanging tenders, 5c; fore hanging tenders, 3c; backs, 7c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6c; cow loins, No. 3, 8c; beef trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 4c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 2½c; sheep plucks, 2c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; pork loins, 5c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausages, butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4¼c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 3½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 5c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 8@7c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 5c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEPS PELTS—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. 2, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2½c; tallow, No. 2, 1½c; grease, white A, 2½c; grease, white B, 1½c; grease, yellow, 1¼c; grease, dark, 1½c; oil 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, dark and nearly, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 60@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c, seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 5@9c; 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.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Futures opened strong and advanced on strong cables, but domestic markets became weak and declined here, closing higher than yesterday for August and lower for September and December. Spot, steady; No. 2 red, cash, 61c, elevator; 61½@61¾c track; No. 2 hard, 51½c; August, 61½c bid; September, 58⅝c; December, 61½c.

CORN—Futures opened stronger, then eased off, and closed steady, a shade under yesterday's close. Spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 21½c; August, 21½c; September, 21⅝c asked; December, 22⅝c bid.

OATS—Futures quiet and May sold ⅛c lower. Spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 18½c bid; August, 18½c; September, 18c bid; December, 20½c bid.

RYE—28c, elevator.

CORN MEAL—$1.25.

BRAN—Saleable, east track, at 30c, in sacks; 25c in bulk wines.

FLAXSEED—61@62c.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25@2.65.

HAY—Receipts heavy; but there is not enough demand to absorb all of it; prices lower; prairie, $3.00@6.00; timothy, $9.50@10.00, this side.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, old, 7c; spring, 8c; turkeys, spring, 8@8½c; ducks, 7c; geese, 5½@6c.

EGGS—Higher; 10½c.

LEAD—Dull at the recent decline; sellers asking $2.45, but no buyers at that. Spelter, holders ask $3.85, but sell none.

PROVISIONS—Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $6.25@6.75. Lard, lower; prime steam, $3.32½; choice, $3.37½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.12½; longs, $3.87½; ribs, $4.12½; shorts, $4. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $3.75; longs, $3.87½; ribs, $3.87½; shorts, $3.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 104,000 bu.; corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 30,000 bu.; corn, 132,000 bu.; oats, 22,000 bu.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Spot, firm, demand poor; No. 2 red, winter, stocks exhausted; No. 2 red, 4s 11½d; No. 1 California, 5s 4½d. Futures opened firm with near and distant positions ½d higher, closed firm, with August ¾d higher; other months ½d higher, with business about equally distributed; August, 4s 11d; September, 4s 11½d; October, 4s 11½d; November, 4s 11¾d; December, 5s ¼d.

CORN—Spot strong; American mixed, new, 2s 11d. Futures opened strong, with near and distant positions ½d higher, closed firm, with near and distant positions ½d higher; business about equally distributed; August, 2s 10½d; September, 2s 9½d; October, 2s 9¾d; November, 2s 10d; December, 2s 10½d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand fair; St. Louis fancy, winter, 6s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, firm; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs, 31s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 30s; long clear light, 35 to 38 lbs., 26s; long clear heavy, 35 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 28s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 46 to 50 lbs., 28s 3d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 22s; shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 24s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s 9d. Tallow, fine North American, 16s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 46s, 3d; prime mess, 38s 3d. Pork, prime mess, medium western, 38s 9d. Lard, prime western, 19s; refined in pails, 20s 6d.

CHEESE—Steady; demand, fair; finest American white, 38s 6d; finest American colored, 41s.

BUTTER—United States, 80s; good, 50s.

OILS—Linseed, 15s 3d. Petroleum; refined, 5½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¼d; hindquarters, 5¾d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £1 15.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 20.—WHEAT—Hard, active, almost unchanged; no good soft wheat on sale; No. 2 hard, 50@51c; No. 3, 46@47½c; No. 2 red, nominally, 55c; No. 3, nominally, 49@53c.

CORN—White, higher; mixed, about steady; No. 2 mixed, 21@21½c; No. 2 white, 22½c.

OATS—Market active, unchanged; No. 2 mixed, nominally, 16@17c; No. 2 white, 22½c; new, nominally, 20c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 35c.

HAY—Market firm; choice timothy, $7.00@7.50; choice prairie, $4.00@4.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, very firm; country butter coming in small quantities; creamery, 13@14c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Very firm, ⅛c higher.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—COTTON—Spot closed steady; middling, uplands, 8 7-16c; middling, gulf, 8 11-16c; sales, 1,000 bales. Futures closed steady; sales, 208,100 bales; January, 8.18; February, 8.22; March, 8.27; April, 8.31; August, 8.20; September, 8.07; October, 8.13; November, 8.09; December, 8.14.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20.—COTTON—Steady and unchanged; middling, 7⅞c; sales, 523 bales; receipts, 62 bales; shipments, 361 bales; stock, 12,826 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 20.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 7⅞c; low middling, 7 9-16c; good ordinary, 7 1-16c; receipts, 4,439 bales, all new; sales, 1,100 bales; stock, 96,730 bales.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—COFFEE—Options opened steady, August declined 5 points, other months unchanged to 5 point higher. The market was almost lifeless all day. Trading was confined to European account; closed quiet, 5 points decline to 3 points advance. Sales, 2,750 bags, including September, $8.75@8.80. Spot coffee—Rio, dull; No. 7, 10¼c; mild, quiet; Cordova, 12@25. Sales, 1,500 bags. Marcaibo p.t. Total farehouse deliveries from United States, 8,051 bags, including 7,825 bags from New York; New York stock today, 183,928 bags; United States stock, 216,499 bags; afloat for the United States, 274,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 490,499 bags, against 520,919 bags last year.

HAVRE, Aug. 20.—COFFEE—Closed quiet at unchanged to ¼f net advance; sales, 15,000 bags.

SANTOS, Aug. 20.—Firm; good average Santos, 11,000 bags; receipts, 20,000 bags; stock, 202,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Aug. 20.—Steady, ½ pfg decline; sales, 1,000 bags.

RIO, Aug. 20.—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 16,000 bags; Exchange, 7¾d. Receipts, 11,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 10,000 bags; stock, 250,000 bags.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Holders of Securities Much Disappointed with the Situation.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Today's stock market disappointed the owners and holders of securities, who had pinned their faith to a decided improvement in prices as a result of the beginning of the return flow of gold announced yesterday. A further engagement for import to this country of $250,000 was made today, and there were unconfirmed rumors after the close of business of additional heavy imports impending within a day or two. It was announced that the bank presidents whose conference was reported yesterday had decided that concerted action to secure gold from Europe was not called for in the existing circumstances. As usual in similar conditions the street was furnished with a considerable amount of ingenious but unauthoritative data regarding the prospective importation of the yellow metal. In well informed circles the impression prevailed that the imports of gold were for the express purpose of affording much needed financial relief to the mercantile community. There was also a conflict of opinion among experts as to whether the $2,000,000 engagement of Messrs. Lazard-Freres was or was not a "special" transaction. It is unquestionable that many business men have recently found it difficult to secure monetary accommodation, as is evidenced by the successive reports of the curtailment of industrial activity. Although not a matter of record, 8 per cent was paid in several instances today for money by merchants, and banking houses reported applications by customers for money wherewith to buy exchange. Conservative merchants believe, however, that most of the weak concerns have already been weeded out.

Transactions in commercial paper were reported at 7 per cent, as against nominal figures of 8@12 per cent quoted yesterday. The market was only moderately active, and prices moved irregularly, with a persistent downward trend. The fluctuations were in many instances quite marked. The traders were bearishly disposed on account of the failure of the London market to respond to the improvement on the local exchange yesterday. Reported further cutting of railroad rates, a stiffening in exchange figures and estimates of a heavy increase in reserves of the associated banks on Saturday contributed to depress stocks. The opening was quiet and irregularly weak, with the variations unimportant, aside from Missouri Pacific, which advanced ¾ per cent, and Western Union, which sold off ¾ per cent. The Grangers, however, made a diversion in that stock, resulting in an advance of 1 per cent, and checked the general reactionary tendency. Burlington and Manhattan rose ⅛ per cent each, and other shares gained sharp fractions. The rise was stimulated by the news of a $250,000 gold engagement abroad by a prominent banking house. Recessions followed on realizations and decided dullness succeeded. The tone became very much damaged by the speculative apathy in the later dealings and made an effective drive all along the line. Their operations were facilitated by an advance in exchange to the extent of $4.85¾ for demand, sixty-day bills ruling at from $4.84½ to $4.84¾. A marked depression occurred in the final hour. Sugar lost 2¾ per cent, and Burlington, which had sold up 2 per cent, failed to recover the amount of the disbursement, reacted 2¼ per cent. The losses in the other shares ranged from 1 to 1½ per cent, particularly in the Grangers and Tobacco. The last mentioned was affected by the reported institution of a suit by a competitor. The closing was at the lowest. Railroad bonds were irregular, with the fluctuations extremely wide in many issues. The sales were 538,000. Louisville & Nashville 5s led the decline, with a loss of 7½ per cent, and Louisville & New Albany consols led the advance, with a gain of 4 per cent. Silver certificates were steady on dealings of $15,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The activity in the stock markets continues to centre in Kaffirs. Germans are buying, but the market closed easier on Paris selling. The other markets were featureless and dull, the uncertainty in the American situation pending the Republican Americans were well nigh the only, with no business doing, the disposition here being to regard the salpments of gold to New York as evidence of the gravity of the financial situation in the United States. A large shipment of gold was made today to Montevideo, and in some quarters it was rumored that its real destination was the United States. This, however, is not so, although I gather that £1,500,000 is probably to go to New York on Saturday's steamer. The shipments are apparently made by banking houses in the financial syndicates, who probably found inducements on this side, probably the exchanging of securities for shipping gold. Five hundred thousand dollars in gold is believed to have been shipped from Paris today to America. I cannot absolutely confirm this.

The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows that the coin and bullion have increased £336,000, of which £116,000 was gold imported, and £100,000 of it from Australia and £16,000 from the continent. Notes issued from home circulation to the extent of £141,000, and other deposits decreased £396,000, showing that the margin of unused money is becoming less. The inquiry for money increased the public deposits by over £1,000,000. The Paris and Berlin markets were firm.

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

Atchison.....	10⅛	N. Y. Central.....	92
Adams Ex.....	139	N. Y. & N. E.....	20
Alton, T. H.....	53	Ontario & W.....	12⅝
Am. Express.....	105	Oregon Imp.....	7
Baltimore & Ohio..	15⅛	Oregon Nav.....	10
Canada Pacific....	57	O. S. L. & U.....	10
Canada Southern..	43	Pacific Mail.....	18⅝
Central Pacific....	13	Peoria Dec. & E....	2½
Ches. & Ohio.....	12¾	Pittsburg.....	155
Chicago & Alton..	150	Pullman Palace...	141
C., B. & Q.....	79⅛	Reading.....	7⅞
Chicago Gas.....	52	R. G. W.....	15
Consolidated Gas.	142	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
C., C., C. & St. L..	23	Rock Island.....	54
Colo. Coal & Iron..	¾	St. Paul.....	64
Cotton Oil Cert...	8⅛	do pfd.....	120
Delaware & Hud..	117	St. P. & Omaha....	34
Del., Lack & W...	147	do pfd.....	122
D. & R. G. pfd.....	39	Southern Pacific...	18
East Tenn.....	12	Sugar Refinery....	103⅞
Erie.....	27	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	16⅛
do pfd.....	15⅝	Texas Pacific.....	5⅝
Fort Wayne.....	159	T. A. & Canton, pfd....	50
G. Northern pfd...	107	Union Pacific.....	5⅛
C. & E. I. pfd.....	90	U. S. Express.....	80
Hocking Valley....	14	W. St. L. & P.....	5⅝
Illinois Central...	84⅛	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	12¼
St. P. & Duluth...	15	Wells Fargo Ex...	80
K. & T. pfd.....	20⅝	Western Union....	76⅛
Lake Erie & West	14	Wheeling & L. E..	5⅝
do pfd.....	50	do pfd.....	12⅝
Lake Shore.....	142	M. & S. L.....	127
Lead Trust.....	17¼	D. & B. G.....	10⅝
Louisville & N....	39	G. E.....	23⅝
L. & N. A.....	2⅝	N. P.....	13
Manhattan Con....	79⅛	U. P. & I.....	17
Memphis & C.....	15	do pfd.....	80
Michican Cent....	87	T. St. L. & K. C....	4⅝
Missouri Pacific...	16	T. St. L. & K.C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio.....	15	S. R. S.....	7
Nashville Chat....	68	S. R. R. pfd.....	19⅝
National Cordage.	3⅝	Am. Tob. Co.....	57
Nat. Cordage pfd..	6	do pfd.....	93
N. J. Central.....	92⅝	Am. Tel. & C. Co...	78
N. & W. pfd.....	12	Cent'l Cable Co....	125
North Am. Co.....	4	Am. Sugar pfd.....	103⅝
Northern Pacific..	8⅝	U. S. Cordage pfd..	13
N. Pacific pfd.....	16	U. S. Leather pfd..	44⅝
U. P. D. & G.....	1⅝	U. S. Rubber.....	15
Northwestern.....	93⅛	do pfd.....	69⅝
do pfd.....	144⅛		

The total sales of stocks today were 167,824 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 7,500; American Sugar, 45,000; Burlington & Quincy, 14,500; Chicago Gas, 6,300; Manhattan, 6,700; Reading, 8,900; Northwest, 4,100; St. Paul, 25,700; Western Union, 8,100; W. & L. E., 5,300; Silver certificates, 15,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm; 3½@4 per cent; last loan, 3½; closed 3½@4.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Nominally, 7@8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85½@4.85¾ for demand and $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4.86@4.87, and $4.86½@4.88. Commercial bills, $4.82¾.

BAR SILVER—66⅝.

MEXICAN CERTIFICATES—65½@67.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, heavy.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new.	113	C. P. 1st s of '95....	100
U. S. 4s coup. new.	113⅝	D. & R. G. 7s.....	109
U. S. 5s, reg.....	109⅝	D. & R. G. 4s.....	84⅝
U. S. 5s, coup.....	108⅝	Erie 2ds.....	57
U. S. 4s, reg.....	105	*G. H. & S. A. 6s...	102⅛
U. S. 4s, coup.....	106	G. P. & S. A. 7s....	96
U. S. 2s, reg.....	96⅛	H. & T. C. 5s.....	102
Pacific 6s of '95...	100	do 6s.....	107
Ala., class A.....	100	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.	80⅝
Ala., class B.....	100	do 2d 4s.....	50⅝
Ala., class C.....	95	Mutual Union 6s...	105
Ala. Currency.....	90	N. J. Gen. 5s.....	111⅝
La. New Con. 4s...	93	N. Pacific 1sts....	111
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	108
N. C. 6s.....	110	N. W. Consols.....	137
N. C. 4s.....	95	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	105
S. C. nonfund.....	1	R. G. West. 1sts...	66⅝
Tenn. new set 6s..	75	St. P. Consols 7s..	120
*Tenn. new set 5s.	108	do C. & P. W. 5s..	102⅝
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5.	70
Va. Centuries.....	54	St. L. & S. F. Gen 5.	102
do deferred.....	4	Texas Pac. 1sts...	76⅝
Atchison 4s.....	74	Texas Pac. 2ds...	15⅝
Atchison 2d A....	31	U. P. 1sts of '96...	98
Canada So. 2ds....	100	West Shore 4s....	101⅝
L. & N. unified 4s.	70⅝	O. R. & N. 1sts....	105
Southern 5s.....	82	N. Pac. 3ds.....	64

* offered.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	7	Exchequer.....	4
Alpha Con.....	6	Hale & Norcross..	145
Andes.....	27	Kentucky Con.....	4
Belcher.....	26	Mexican.....	55
Best & Belcher....	105	Mono.....	19
Bodie Con.....	59	Occidental Con....	56
Bullion.....	8	Ophir.....	100
Silver Con.....	34	Overman.....	13
Caledonia.....	10	Potosi.....	91
Challenge Con....	38	Savage.....	56
Chollar.....	205	Sierra Nevada....	44
Confidence.....	88	Silver Hill.....	100
Con. Cal. & Va....	190	Union Con.....	4
Con. Imperial.....	1	Utah Con.....	7
Con. New York....	4	Yellow Jacket....	34
Crown Point.....	26		

Silver bars, 66½c. Mexican dollars, 54@54½c.

Foreign Financial Affairs.

PARIS, Aug. 20.—Three per cent rentes, 16f 70c for the account; exchange on London, 20f 17c for checks.

BERLIN, Aug. 20.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 47½ pfg.

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