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Wheat Speculators Seek Cover for Their Deals.

FLUCTUATIONS RATHER BROAD ALL DAY

Prospective Heavy Receipts of Corn and Heavy Country Selling Combine to Neutralize the Effect of Wheat.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The unexpected strength at Minneapolis today set wheat speculators to scrambling for cover to such an extent that December closed at an advance of ¾c after selling that much below Saturday's close. Corn was heavy and closed ½c lower. Oats closed unchanged and provisions 2½c to 7½c higher.

The foreign advices received this morning were of a nature to cause uneasiness to the bulls in the wheat market and the consequence was that many of them who had long wheat made haste to dispose of it. The weakness also encouraged some selling short, the result of which was a decline in the first hour and a half of the session of ¾c below the closing Saturday. Cables came lower, both from Liverpool and on the continent, the former opening ½d off and later lost another ½d; the amount on ocean passage showed an increase of 1,500,000 bu. during the last week and the world's shipments were unofficially reported at 8 220 000 bu. In addition to this New York wired that foreigners were large sellers there and that many buying orders had been cancelled. The opening price for December was 61¾c, Saturday's closing figure, and by 11 o'clock 60½c to 60⅝c was quoted. The decline, however, met with a stubborn resistance, and nothwithstanding the weakness of closing cables and selling in New York by foreigners, the market hardened under the steady acceptance of all offerings. Minneapolis and Duluth received 1,108 cars, against 1 502 cars on the Monday preceding and 1,655 on the corresponding day of last year. Atlantic exports amounted in wheat and flour to 256,000 bu. December finally sold to 62¼c and closed firm at from 62¼c to 62¼c.

Corn was quiet and weak. Prospective heavy receipts and heavy country selling combined to neutralize any effect the late strength of wheat may have had. The increase in visible was also a factor. May opened ½c lower at 24⅝c, declined to from 24⅜c to 24¼c, and closed easy at the opening price.

Oats were weaker and lower, but rallied and closed with all the decline recovered. May opened ⅛c lower at 19c, declined a shade and rallied to 19¼c, where it closed.

Provisions were firm and ruled higher. Opening prices were slightly higher, as a result of a better hog market. Packers were liberal buyers and further material advance followed, most of which was retained. January pork closed 7½c higher at $7.05. January lard 2½c higher at $3.90; January ribs 5c higher at $3.47½@3.50.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 360 cars; corn, 700 cars; oats, 400 cars; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Sept.....	60	61¼	59⅜	61¼
Dec.....	61	62¾	60¼	62¼
May.....	65⅛	66¾	64⅛	66⅝
Corn, No. 2				
Sept.....	21	21¼	21	21¼
Oct.....	21⅝	21⅝	20⅝	21¼
Dec.....	21¾	21⅝	21⅜	21¾
May.....	24⅜	24¾	24⅜	24⅝
Oats, No. 2				
Sept.....	16	16¼	16	16¼
Oct.....	16	16⅜	16	16⅜
Dec.....	16¾	16⅞	16⅝	16⅞
May.....	19	19¼	18⅞	19¼
Pork, per bbl				
Oct.....	5 90	5 97½	5 90	5 95
Jan.....	7 00	7 10	6 95	7 05
Lard, 100 lbs				
Oct.....	3 50	3 57½	3 50	3 52½
Jan.....	3 85	3 95	3 82½	3 90
Short Ribs—				
Oct.....	3 15	3 15	3 12½	3 15
Jan.....	3 45	3 50	3 45	3 50

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.20@3.40; straights, $3.10@3.20; spring patents, $3.40@3.65; patents, $3.00@3.45; straights, $2.50@2.90; bakers, $2.00@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 61¼c; No. 3 spring, 55@58½c; No. 2 red, 62¼@64c.

CORN—No. 2, 21¼@21⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 16¾c; No. 2 white, 21@22c; No. 3 white, 16½@21c.

RYE—No. 2, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, 24@33c; No. 4, 22@23c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 65@69½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50@2.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $5.55@6.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.52½@3.55. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.15@3.50. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $3.50@3.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $3.50@3.62½.

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

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 8@11c; chickens, 7½c; ducks, 8@8½c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	101 000	182,000
Corn, bu	326,000	492,000
Oats, bu	353,000	265,000
Rye, bu	11,000	2,000
Barley, bu	40,000	22,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creamery, 9@14½c; dairy, 9@13c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14c. Cheese, steady; 7½@8¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 21,700 bbls.; exports, 10,574 bbls.; the market quiet, early decline in wheat shutting out orders, near the close, however, the tone improved; Southern flour, steady at $3.25; Minnesota patents, $3.50@3.75; Minnesota bakers, $2.30@2.35. Rye flour, firm; superfine, $2.40@2.50. Buckwheat flour, dull; old, fresh ground, $1.50.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, $5.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 35½@40c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 20½@34c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 115,500 bu.; exports, 110,770 bu. Spot opened weak; closed strong; No. 1 hard, 70¾c. Options opened weak and declined under foreign and local selling, an increase on passage, weak cables, prospects of heavy world's shipments and a big visible supply increase, but finally had a full recovery on a scare of the shorts; closed ½@¾c higher; October, 65⅝@66⅝c, closed at 66⅞c; December, 67⅜@68⅝c, closed at 68⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 11,100 bu.; exports, 34,789 bu. Spot firmer; No. 2, 26¾c. Options declined at first under liquidation and talk of larger receipts, but subsequently rallied with wheat and closed ¼@¾c net advance; May, 30@30¼c, closed at 30¼c; December, 27¾@28c, closed at 28c.

OATS—Receipts, 206,100 bu.; exports, 55,188 bu. Spot, dull and easy; No. 2, 20¼c. Options dull and heavy all day, closing unchanged to ½c decline; September closed at 20¼c; December closed at 21½c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, $5.50@6.00; good to choice, $7.00@7.50.

HOPS—Dull; state, 1895 crop, 3@7c; 1896 crop, 8@10c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@4c; 1895 crop, 3@6½c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c, nominal; Texas, dry, 8c; California, 12½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light and heavy weights, 19½@20c; acid, 19@22c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,656 pkgs.; steady; dairy, 9@11c; western creamery, 11@15c; Elgins, 15c; factory, 7@10½c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large, 7@9¼c; small, 7@9¼c; part skims, 3@6c; full skims, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Receipts, 9,356 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 17c; western, 14@16c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; packers, $7.00@8.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 5@6c; pickled shoulders, 4c; pickled hams, 9@10c. Lard, firmer; western steam, $3.90; September, $3.85; refined, higher. Pork, firmer; mess, $7.50@8.25; short clear, $7.75@8.50; family, $10.00@11.50.

OILS—Cottonseed, steady; prime crude, 20c; yellow, 24½@24¾c; crude, 19@20c; prime summer yellow, 24½@25c; off summer yellow, 23@23½c. Petroleum, firm; United closed at $1.11 bid. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.62½. Turpentine, firm at 28½@28¾c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, 4@4¼c.

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

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.75@12.50. Copper, quiet; brokers, $10.62½; exchange, $10.75@11.00. Lead, quiet; brokers, $2.60; exchange, $2.75@2.80. Tin, easy; straits, $13.00@13.10. Plates, steady. Spelter, firm; domestic, $3.55@3.65.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 21.—WHEAT—1c below Saturday's close, despite small receipts; No. 2 hard, 55@55½c; No. 3, 51@51½c; No. 2 red, 59@61c; No. 3, nominally, 55@56c; No. 2 spring, 52c; No. 3, 49@50c.

CORN—White, steady; mixed, 1c lower; No. 2 mixed, 20@21c; No. 2 white, 21c.

OATS—Rather slow, slightly lower; No. 2 mixed, nominally, 15c; No. 2 white, old, 21@21½c; new, 16@16½c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally, 26c.

HAY—Weak and unchanged.

BUTTER—Firm; supply cleaned up; creamery, 12@13c; dairy, 9@12c.

EGGS—Firmer; quotable, 10½c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 21.—PROVISIONS—Bacon steady; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 28s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 28s 3d; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 28s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 28s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 21s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 23s 6d. Shoulders, square cut, 12 to 14 lbs., 24s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s 6d. Tallow, fine North American, 17s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 46s 3d; prime mess, 36s 3d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 45s; medium western, 38s 9d. Lard, firm; prime western, 19s; refined, in pails, 20s 6d.

CHEESE—Firm; demand poor; finest American white, 42s; finest American colored, 44s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 66s.

OILS—Linseed, 16s 9d. Petroleum, refined, 5¾d, Spirits, 5¾d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¾d; hindquarters, 5½d.

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

WHEAT—Spot firm; demand poor; No. 2 red, winter, stocks exhausted; No. 2 red, spring, 5s 6d; No. 1 California, 5s 8¾d. Futures opened easy, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; closed steady, with near positions ⅜d lower and distant positions ¾@¾d lower; business about equally distributed; September, 2s 10d; October, 5s 4¾d; November, 5s 4¾d; December, 5s 4¾d; January, 5s 5d; February, 5s 5¼d.

CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed, 2s 7d. Futures opened quiet and unchanged; closed quiet, with near positions ¼d lower and distant positions ¼@¾d lower; business about equally distributed; September, 2s 10d; October, 2s 10d; November, 2s 10½d; December, 2s 10¾d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand moderate; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s 3d.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 12½c.

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

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $2.50@3.00; quail, $1.25@1.50.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $5.50; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $2.60; Young Americas, 8¾c; twins, fancy, 8½c.

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

POULTRY—Live hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 7c; spring ducks, 7@7½c.

PIGEONS—Live, 50c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $4; lowland, $3.50; rye straw, $3.50; 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., 2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2¼c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated, according to size, $1.75@2.25.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, 75@80c.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 20@35c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@50c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

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

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75@90c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy mammoth, 60@65c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 30@40c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 15c; large lots, 13@14c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, 90c; clings, 85c.

PLUMS—Oregon, $1.25; California fancy, $1.25@1.35.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Muscats and other fancy varieties, $1.60@1.15; Tokays, $1.25; black Ferrara, $1.00@1.10.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50; eating, $1.75; Jonathans, fancy, $2.25@2.50.

EASTERN PEACHES—Michigan, baskets, fifths, 25c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $1.50@1.65; Buerre Hardy, $1.40@1.50; Buerre Clairgeau, $1.40 @1.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—None.

LEMONS—Messinas, $6.00; California lemons, $5.25@5.50.

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

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

OYSTERS—New York counts, per can 35c; New York selects, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 20c; standards, per can, 25c; mediums, per can, 20c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25; per 1,000, $11; New York selects, per gal., $2; per tub, $10; bulk standards, per gal., $1.35.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 10c, 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.

FISH—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 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, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6½@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, 4½@5½c; good cows and heifers, 4½@6½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@5½c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters, native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5c, cow plates, 3c; cow chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 2d cut, 3½c; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 15c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 9c; loin backs, 7c; cow ribs, No. 3, 6c; cow loins, No. 3, 8c. Beef trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 5c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 10c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 2½c; sheep plucks, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; pork loins, 8c; spare ribs, 3½c; hand sausage, butts, 6½c; pork shoulders, 4½c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 2c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 4c; No. 2 green hides, 3c. No. 1 green salted hides, 5c; No. 2 green salted hides, 4c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 6c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 7@8c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 6@7c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 6c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 3c; 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, 2c; grease, white A, 2½c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2½@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@25c; rough tallow, 1c.

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, dump and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheffy, 5@6c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed, medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@15c; tub washed, 18@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 21.—FLOUR—Quiet; export business at a standstill, but domestic fair; patents, $3.25@3.35; extra fancy, $2.90@3.00; fancy, $2.50@2.60; choice, $2.00@2.15.

WHEAT—Weak at the opening, owing to the lack of buyers and some pressure to sell. Later there was a lot of bull news, which caused futures to advance and close firm and ½c higher than on Saturday; spot dull and lower; No. 2 red, cash, in elev., 62c; on track, 62@63c; No. 2 hard cash, 54½c; September, 62½c; December, 65½c bid.

CORN—Futures easy, with little doing, the close being a shade under Saturday's finals; spot dull and steady; No. 2 cash, 19¼c bid; September, 19¼c; December, 20c; May, 22¾c asked.

OATS—Futures weak and lower; spot lower; No. 2 cash, 16c bid; September, 16¾c asked; May, 19¼c bid.

RYE—Nominal.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Firm, in demand; 28c, east track, and 31c, this side.

FLAXSEED—62½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

HAY—Dull but with a good inquiry for choice grades, which are firm and scarce; prairie, $6; timothy, $4.00@10.00, this side.

WHISKY—$1.18.

LEAD—Quiet at $2.57½; sellers for common and $2.60 bid for desilverized.

SPELTER—Nominal at $3.35.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, old, 6½c; springs, 7½c; turkeys, lower; spring, 9c; ducks, spring, 6½@7c; geese, 6c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, 16.25; Lard steady; prime steam, $3.25; choice, $3.40; Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.12½; boxed hams, $3.87½; ribs, 4c; shorts, 4c. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $3.75; longs, $3.87½; ribs, $3.50; shorts, $3.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 52,000 bu.; corn, 47,000 bu.; oats, 55,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 9,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 102,000 bu.; oats, 13,000 bu.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Sept. 21.—WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 58c; No. 2 red, 57c; No. 4 red, 53c.

CORN—Shade easier; No. 2, 21c; No. 3, 20¼c.

OATS—Fair, market moderately active; No. 3 white, 16c; No. 2, 16c.

RYE—Little demand.

BARLEY—Dull and nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods, $1.18 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 54,000 bus.; corn, 26,750 bus.; oats, 52,900 bus.; rye, 600 bus.; barley, 5,000 bus.; whisky, none.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 8,400 bus.; corn, 13,850 bus.; oats, 27,650 bus.; rye, none; barley, 2,100 bus.; whisky, 1,020 gals.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 21.—WHEAT—Dull, higher; No. 2 cash, 66¾c bid; December, 63¾c.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 21½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 15½c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 cash, 33c.

CLOVER SEED—Active; prime cash and October, $4.50; December, $4.57½.

OIL—Dull and unchanged.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Mail orders are fairly good for seasonable specialties, such as cotton and wool dress plaids and printed fabrics and other purely autumn stuffs, but for staple goods the request was moderate. Printing cloths were quiet and firm at 2 11-16c.

FALL RIVER, Sept. 21.—Print cloths quiet at 2 11-16c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—SUGAR—Raw, rather dull; fair refining, 3¾c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3¾; refined steady; standard, 4¾c; granulated, 4¾c.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; centrifugal, 96s 9d. Muscovado, fair refining, 9s 6d. Beet sugar, quiet; buyers and sellers indifferent; September, 8s 10½d; October, 9s 11½d.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, September 19, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 49,656,000 bu.; increase, 2,504,000 bu. Corn, 13,621,000 bu.; increase, 614,000 bu. Oats, 8,460,000 bu.; increase, 382,000 bu. Rye, 1,962,000 bu.; increase, 186,000 bu. Barley, 1,338,000 bu.; increase, 186,000 bu.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Volume of Business Rather Small, with Good Distribution.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—Although the volume of business in stocks was not large today, the distribution of the trading was fairly good, and the tone was quite strong. The improvement was based on an easier tendency in the rates for both call and time money, moderate European buying of our securities, a change for the better in the industrial situation evidenced by numerous reports of it starting up of mills and manufacturing plants in various sections, continued gold imports and the absence of any new unfavorable developments of importance. It was noted that for the first time since the recent stringency began, time loans were made today at 6 per cent on good mixed stock and collateral without commission. Leather preferred was helped by the reported improving tendency for Sole Leather and manipulation of several of the other specialties, including Chicago Gas, induced covering of shorts. Reading securities were more prominent than usual recently in connection with the refusal of the court to postpone the foreclosure sale set for Wednesday and rounded rumors of the probable acquisition by the company of a new and advantageous character. The extreme gains scored extended in the specialties to 2¾ per cent in Manhattan, while Rock Island rose 1¾ per cent, and in the industrials, Leather preferred advanced 1¾ per cent from the low point. Sugar gained only a point, its upward course being impeded by rather persistent realizing. Tobacco, owing to the recurrence of its fight with the plug manufacturers and uncertainty regarding the probable action on the impending dividend, was corresponding to the general movement. The stock was irregular with a small range and left off unchanged.

The railway stocks were strong in the face of unfavorable forecasts of earnings. In a general way the buying of stocks was considered better than for some time. The closing was strong at about top level, the final figures recording gains of 1 to 2 per cent. Railway bonds were active and took on a strong tone in sympathy with the more cheerful sentiment generally. The active bonds improved about a point, with the Reading issues prominent.

Sales, the $980,000.

Government bonds were strong and slightly higher on dealings of $102,000. Silver certificates brought 66¾ for $6,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "Stock markets opened good today on a better feeling, both as to politics and easier money. But utter stagnation and more gold exports subsequently weakened the market, which closed dull, although prices were better on balance. Consols sold at 110¼, after touching 110⅝. Americans pursued a course independent of the other market.

After a good opening, prices steadily improved and closed quiet at the best. Denver & Rio Grande statement, and more cheerful views as to the result of the election in the United States have caused some renewal of activity here with a demand for bonds. Today's withdrawals of gold from the bank of England was made on anticipations that the bank will raise its price for eagles, which is probable, if more gold is withdrawn.

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

Atchison	11¾	do pfd	140
Adams Ex	142	N. Y. Central	92⅝
Alton T. H	53	N. Y. & N. W	20
Am. Express	106	N. Y. Susq. & W	13
Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	Oregon Imp	⅞
Canada Pacific	58	Oregon Nav	12
Canada Southern	44	O. S. L. & U. N	18¾
Central Pacific	13½	Pacific Mail	18¾
Ches. & Ohio	13⅝	Peoria Dec. & E	13¾
Chicago & Alton	152	Pittsburg	150
C., B. & Q	68½	Pullman Palace	142¾
Chicago Gas	69⅝	Reading	16¾
Consolidated Gas	145	R. G. W.	15
C., C., C. & St. L	24½	R. G. W. pf.	40
Colo. Coal & Iron	20	Rock Island	69¾
Cotton Oil Cert	12½	St. Paul	71¾
Delaware & Hud	121¾	do pfd	127
Del., Lack. & W	153	St. P. & Omaha	36¾
D. & R. G. pfd	42¾	do pfd	115
East Tenn	12¾	Southern Pacific	15½
Erie	20	Sugar Refinery	103¾
do pfd	49	Tenn. Coal & Iron	20¾
Fort Wayne	145	Texas Pacific	6¾
G. Northern pfd	112	T. & O. C. 1st pfd	80
C. & E. I. pfd	80	Union Pacific	6¾
Hocking Valley	13½	U. S. Express	85
Illinois Central	80	W. St. L. & P	5⅜
St. P. & Duluth	15	W. St. L. & P. pf.	17¾
K. & T. pfd	23	Wells Farzo Ex	89
Lake Erie & West	14½	Western Union	83⅝
do pfd	63	Wheeling & L. E	4¾
Lake Shore	144¾	do pfd	23
Lead Trust	20	M. & St. L	14¾
Louisville & N	41½	D. & R. G	10¾
L. & N. A	2	do pfd	27¾
Manhattan Con	87½	N. J. Central	104
Memphis & C	15	C. F. & I	18¾
Michigan Cent	87	do pfd	75
Missouri Pacific	19	T. St. L. & K. C	4½
Mobile & Ohio	16	T. St. L. & K. C. pf.	10
Nashville Chat	68	S. R. R	7½
National Cordage	3¾	S. R. R. pf	21½
N. Y. Cord'ge pf.	11	Am. Tob. Co	92¾
N. J. Central	100¾	do pfd	124
N. & W. pf.	12¾	Am. Tel. & C. Co	88
North Am. Co	4½	Con'l Cable Co	140
Northern Pacific	4¾	Am. Sugar pfd	99
N. Pacific pfd	20¼	U. S. Rubber	15
U. P. D. & G	4¼	U. S. Leather pfd	54
Northwestern	99¼	U. S. Rubber	17¾

The total sales of stocks today were 173,682 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 6,100; American Sugar, 28,100; Burlington & Quincy, 10,700; Chicago Gas, 6,900; Louisville & Nashville, 11,200; Manhattan, 13,800; Northwestern, 3,800; Reading, 11,200; Rock Island, 7,300; St. Paul, 23,900; Union Pacific, 4,600; Western Union, 6,400; silver certificates, 6,000.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—MONEY AN CALL—Easier at 3½@6 per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; closed at 3½@4 per cent.

TIME MONEY—Steady; PRIME PAPER—7@9 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83¾@4.84 for demand and $4.81½@4.81¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.84½ and $4.84½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80½.

BAR SILVER—65¾c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65½@65¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, strong.

Closing quotations were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new	115¾	D. & R. G. 7s	110½
U. S. 4s, coup., new	115¾	D. & R. G. 4s	80
U. S. 5s, reg	110¼	Erie 2ds	58½
U. S. 5s, coup	110⅛	G. H. & S. A. 6s	102
U. S. 4s, reg	104¼	G. H. & S. A. 7s	100
U. S. 4s, coup	104¼	H. & T. C. 6s	102
U. S. 2s, reg	92½	do 5s	102
Pacific 6s of '95	10 0½	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	80
Ala., class A	100	do 2d 4s	55
Ala., class B	101	Mutual Union 6s	107
Ala., class C	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	114
Ala. Carroncy	90	No. Pacific 1st	114½
La. New Con. 4s	90	do 2ds	105
N. C. 6s	110	N. W. Consols	131½
N. C. 4s	90	do S. F. 2ds	108
S. C. nonfund	1½	R. G. West. 1st	68
Tenn. new set 6s	70	St. P. Consols 7s	124
Tenn. new set 5s	108	do C. & P. W. 5s	110
Tenn. old 6s	70	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5s	69
Va. Centuries	58½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	103
do deferred	4	Texas Pac. 1st 5s	79¾
Atchison 4s	75⅝	Texas Pac. 2ds	17
Atchison 2d	25¾	U. P. Lats of '79	100
Canada Southern 2ds	101¾	West Shore 4s	103⅜
Central Pacific 1sts	107	O. R. & N. 1sts	107¾
L. & N. unified 4s	72¾	N. Pac. 3ds	68
Southern 5s	83		
C. P. Lats of '95	98		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Sept. 21.—Call loans, 6@7½ per cent; time loans, 6@8 per cent. Closing prices for stocks:

A. T. & S. F	11⅛	N. Elec. pfd	49
Am. Sugar	113⅜	Vis. Central	18¾
Am. Sugar pfd	99⅜	Jen. Elec. pfd	60
Bay State Gas	8¾	Atchison 2d	17⅝
Bell Telephone	205	Atchison 4s	75⅛
Boston & Albany	203	New England 6s	109
Boston & Maine	157	Jen. Electric 5s	85
C. B. & Q	68¾	Old Colony	179
Fitchburg	89	Allouez Mining Co	25
Gen. Electric	27¾	Atlantic	16¼
Illinois Steel	37	Boston & Montana	83¾
Mexican Central	5¾	Bonte & Boston	1¾
N. Y. & N. E	60	Calumet & Hecla	305
Old Colony	173	Franklin	8
Ore. Short Line	133	Kearsarge	10⅝
Rubber	17	Osceola	24⅜
Union Pacific	40	Quincy	104
West End	67¾	Tamarack	82
West End pfd	90	Wolverine	6
Westingh. Elec	22		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	6	Hale & Norcross	140
Alpha Con	15	Justice	4
Andes	27	Kentucky Con	7
Belcher	50	Lady Wash. Con	2
Best & Belcher	92	Mexican	49
Bodie Con	10	Mono	10
Bullion	17	Occidental Con	45
Bulwer Con	42	Ophir	90
Caledonia	10	Overman	12
Challenge Con	40	Potosi	97
Chollar	215	Savage	58
Confidence	120	Sierra Nevada	65
Con. Cal. & Va	175	Silver Hill	1
Con. Imperial	2	Union Con	33
Crown Point	45	Utah Con	7
Exchequer	3	Yellow Jacket	20
Gould & Curry	50		

Silver bars, 65¾c; Mexican dollars, 50½@51c. Sight drafts, 10c; telegraphic, 15c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	40	Ontario	900
Chollar	210	Ophir	90
Crown Point	50	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va	165	Quicksilver	150
Deadwood	105	Quicksilver pfd	1500
Gould & Curry	50	Sierra Nevada	68
Hale & Norcross	140	Standard Con	110
Homestake	2900	Union Con	40
Iron Silver	45	Yellow Jacket	30
Mexican	52		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—4 p. m. closing:

Consols, m'y	110 3-16	Mexican ordinary	19⅜
Consols, acc't	110⅛	St. Paul com	73⅜
Can. Pacific	59⅞	N. Y. Central	93¼
Erie	13¾	Pennsylvania	53
Erie 1st pfd	30⅝	Reading	8¾
Ill. Central	91⅛	Mex. Cen. new 4s	68¾

BAR SILVER—30 3-16d per ounce.

MONEY—¾ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short and three months' bills is 1⅝@1⅞ per cent.

Foreign Financial.

BERLIN, Sept. 21.—Exchange on London, eight days' sight, 20 marks 37 pfg.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—Gold is quoted at Buenos