COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

December Wheat Declines Over One Cent During the Session.

LIVELY FLUCTUATION FOR AWHILE

Two Decidedly Depressing Items of News Greet the Bulls in the Wheat Pit at the Opening.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—December wheat today declined 1⅜c. The market was too heavy to be held up, even with the active support of a large contingent playing for big profits, the big northwestern receipts and the world's shipments bringing out more wheat than the market could stand. Corn declined ¾c; oats advanced ¼c and provisions declined from 7½c to 10c.

Two decidedly depressing items of news greeted the bulls in the wheat market at the opening. One was the Russian shipments of wheat, which amounted to 2,024,000 bu., compared with 1,584,000 bu. the week before. This made the total exports to Europe 8,419,000 bu., as against 6,416,000 bu. last year. It was far from confirming the statements of shortage of the Russian crop, which have done so much in helping to create the bull sentiment with which the traders are saturated. The receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were 1,182 cars, compared with 903 cars a week ago and 1,226 a year ago. The effect of this was seen at once. December, which closed yesterday at 67⅜c, opened weak at from 66⅝c to 67¼c. The depression lasted till December wheat touched from 66½c to 66⅝c. It recovered to 67⅝c in about an hour, the rise being gradual, but steady. After that the price jumped around like popcorn over a hot fire, but in the end it did not swell worth a cent. The Atlantic port clearances were amounting in wheat and flour to more than 500,000 bu., but was the reason for some resistance to the decline which threatened every temporary advance. Bradstreet's report came during the last hour, showing an increase of the world's stocks last week of only 2,856,000 bu., where there were over 6,000,000 bu. increase the week before, but this did not arrest the weakness. The selling pressure was heavy and December dropped to 66⅞c, but reacted later to 66¾c, but turned weak again and closed easy at from 66¼c to 66⅜c.

Corn averaged firmer, notwithstanding the weakness in wheat. There was a good demand, partly to cover shorts and partly for the long account, and while the average was the same to a fraction better than it closed yesterday. May opened ¼c lower at 25⅛c, fluctuated between from 25⅝c to 25¾c, closing steady at 25¾c.

Oats were firm under a good inquiry largely from the location of shorts and were also helped by the firmness in corn. The opening was slightly easier, but prices soon declined. May opened about unchanged at from 18⅜c to 19¼c, fluctuated between 19¼c and 19¾c, and closed steady at from 19⅜c to 19¼c.

Provisions got a weak start on account of liberal receipts of hogs at all western points, and nothing happened to turn speculative sentiment. The demand for cash products was reported to be good. Western packers were liberal sellers of January pork, and commission houses appeared to have a good deal of it short, which they were covering for profits. Prices ruled easier all day, closing easy at slightly lower prices; January pork closed 10c lower at $7; January lard, 7½c lower at $4.07½; January ribs, 7½c lower at $3.47½.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday: Wheat, 155 cars; corn, 610 cars; oats, 280 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Art cles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Sept.....	66¼@⅜	67⅛	65⅜	65⅜
Dec.....	66⅝@¾	67⅜	66¼	66¼@⅜
May.....	70⅜@⅝	71	69⅝	69⅝
Corn, No. 2				
Sept.....	21¾	21¾	21⅜	21⅜
Oct	21¾	21¾	21⅜	21¾
Dec.....	21¾	22⅛	21⅜	22¼@⅜
May.....	25⅝@⅞	25¾	25⅜	25⅝
Oats, No. 2				
Sept.....	16¾	17	16⅛	16⅜
Oct.....	16¾	17	16⅛	16⅜
Dec.....	17⅛	17⅜	17⅛	17⅛
May.....	19⅜@¼	19⅝@¾	19⅛@¼	19⅜@¼
Pork, per bbl				
Oct	6 05	6 05	6 00	6 00
Jan.....	7 07½	7 07½	6 97½	7 00
Lard, 100 lbs				
Oct	3 75	3 75	3 70	3 72½
Jan.....	4 12½	4 12½	4 07½	4 07½
Short Ribs—				
Oct	3 15	3 20	3 15	3 15
Jan.....	3 50	3 52½	3 47½	3 47½

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.30@3.60; straights, $3.00@3.40; spring specials, $3.55@3.75; straights, $2.75@3.10; bakers, $2.25@2.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 65¾c; No. 3 spring, 63¼@65c; No. 2 red, 67¾@68c.

CORN—No. 2 corn, 21½@21⅝c.

OATS—No. 2, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20@21½c; No. 3 white, 17@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 35c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24@24¾c; No. 4, 23@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 74@75¼c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.55.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $6.05@6.10; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.75@3.77½; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.25@3.50; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $3.50@3.75; short clear sides, boxed, $3.50@3.62½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.08.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.32; granulated, $4.76.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	16,000	12,000
Wheat, bu.....	201,000	98,000
Corn, bu.....	632,000	301,000
Oats, bu.....	677,000	230,000
Rye, bu.....	22,000	30,000
Barley, bu.....	90,000	8,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 9@15c; dairy, 9@14c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14c. Cheese, steady; 7½@8¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 18,100 bbls.; exports, 20,100 bbls.; sales, 28,800 bbls.; easier, particularly on spring brands, which have been pressed for sale; Minnesota patents, $3.60@4.10; winter patents, $3.70@4.00. Rye flour, firm; superfine, $2.50@2.70. Buckwheat flour, steady at $1.50@1.65.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 32@32½c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 54c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, western, 41¼c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 79,500 bu.; exports, 111,886 bu.; spot, weaker; No. 1 hard, 74¾c. Options opened weak and lower on account of disappointing cables, heavy world's shipments, large spring performance, and big clearances, but easily sold off under realizing and absence of export demand; closed 1@1¼c net lower; May, 75@75¼c, closed 75c; December, 72⅛@73½c, closed 72¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 86,000 bu.; exports, 254,281 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 27¼@27½c. Options opened steady and advanced on lighter receipts and big clearings, later easing off with wheat and closed ⅛c net lower; May, 24@24⅛c, closed 31c; December, 28¼@28 11-16c, closed 28½c.

OATS—Receipts, 247,100 bu.; exports, 1,710 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 21c. Options quiet, but steady, closing unchanged; September closed at 20¾c; December closed at 22c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 3½@6c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 24@27c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.00@12.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, 4¾@6c; pickled shoulders, 3¾@4c; pickled hams, 9@9¾c. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $4.20; September, $4.17, nominal; refined, steady. Pork, firm; old mess, $7.50@8.00; new mess, $8.00@8.50; extra prime, $7.00@7.50; family, $9.00@10.00. Tallow, steady; city, 3¼c; country, 3¾@3¾c. Oils—Cottonseed oil, quiet; prime crude, 21@22c; prime summer yellow and off summer yellow, 23@23½c. Petroleum, firm; United closed at $1.17½ bid. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.60@1.62½. Turpentine, firm at 25½@25¾c. HAY—Easy; shipping, 55@60c; good to choice, 70@75c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 24@27c; 1896 crop, 7@10c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 24@26c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, 24c; 15c, nominal; dry California, 13c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20c; sold 19½@22c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 11,273 pkgs.; firm; western dairies, 7½@11c; western creamery, 11@16c; Elgins, 16c; factory, 17@18c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 4,137 pkgs.; dull; large, 7@9c; small, 7@9¼c; part skims, 3@6c; full skims, 1½@2c.

EGGS—Receipts, 11,581 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, 18¼@19c; western, 14@18c.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.75@12.00. Copper, steady; brokers, $10.62½; exchange, $10.76. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.60; exchange, $2.77½@2.80. Tin, quiet; straits, $13.06@13.10; plates, steady. Spelter, flat; domestic, $3.60.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet and unchanged to 5 points advance; ruled quiet, but generally firm on covering demand, with few sellers; closed steady at 10 points net advance; sales, 2,750 bags, including September, 18.90 bid; December, 18.70@18.75. Spot coffee, dull; No. 7, invoice, 11.00. Mild, quiet. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 23,317 bags, including 21,750 bags from New York; New York stock today, 213,650 bags; United States stock, 257,755 bags; afloat for the United States, 213,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 470,597 bags, against 525,999 bags last year.

HAMBURG, Sept. 29.—COFFEE—Steady and unchanged; sales, 6,000 bags.

RIO, Sept. 29.—COFFEE—Barely steady; No. 7, Rio, 10,600 reis; exchange, 8 25-32d; receipts, two days, 22,000 bags; cleared, for the United States, 13,000 bags; for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 232,000 bags.

SANTOS, Sept. 29.—COFFEE—Weak; good average Santos, 9,900 reis; receipts, two days, 25,000 bags; stock, 583,000 bags.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 29.—FLOUR—Very quiet; no business being reported and little demanded; patents, $3.50@3.70; winter patents, $3.30; fancy, $3.05@3.15; choice, $2.80@2.90.

WHEAT—Futures declined ¾c at the opening but rallied sharply on statements that Liverpool cables were up, and on reports of a big exporting inquiry at New York. The rally was not held, the market declining and closing weak at ⅝@¾c under yesterday; spot, steady; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 66¼c; track, 68¼@69c; No. 3 hard, cash, 61c; September, 69¼c; December, 67⅝@67¾c; May, 72¾c.

CORN—There was a further advance in the speculative trading, but trading was quiet, and the close was irregular at fractional changes from yesterday; spot, steady; No. 2 cash, 20c; September, 20¼c asked; December, 20¾c asked; May, 23½c asked.

OATS—Futures on call, firm, but without change from yesterday; spot, steady; No. 2 cash and September, 16c bid.

RYE—Higher; track, 46c.

CORN MEAL—$1.25.

BRAN—Hardly any offered; saleable, east track, at 81c and this side at 82@85c.

FLAXSEED—Higher; 67@68c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

HAY—Strong for choice timothy and offerings small; improvement noted in lower grades; prairie, $8.

BUTTER—Higher; creamery, 11½@17c; dairy, 11@23c.

EGGS—Firm; 12½c.

POULTRY—Quiet; chickens, old, 6½c; spring, $2.00; turkeys, 6@6½c; ducks, 6½@7c; geese, 4@5c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

SPELTER—Quiet and steady at $3.40.

COTTON TIES—$1.45; bagging, 5¾@6¼c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $6.00@6.50. Lard, steady; prime steam, $3.62½; choice, $3.70. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.25; longs, $4.00; ribs, $4.12½; shorts, $4.25. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $3.75; longs, $3.50; ribs, $3.62½; shorts, $3.75.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 6,000 bbls.; wheat, 50,000 bu.; corn, 52,000 bu.; oats, 41,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 10,000 bbls.; wheat, 33,000 bu.; corn, 37,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 13@13½c.

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; teal ducks, $1.25@1.50; red heads and mallards, $2.50@3.00.

CHEESE—Full cream, brick, 8c; Edam, per doz., $9.25; club house, 4-lb. jars, per doz., $2.15; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 10¼c; twins, fancy, 9½c.

POULTRY—Live fat, 50 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 6½c; spring ducks, 7@7½c; turkeys, 8@10c.

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

HAY—Upland, $5; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4; rye straw, $4; 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—Cabbage, 1½c; cucumbers, 15c per doz.; tomatoes, 15@20c per bu. basket, 20@25c.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $1.75.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated, according to size, $1.50@2.25.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, 75@80c.

TOMATOES—20@25c per bu. basket, 20@25c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

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

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

POTATOES—Hand picked navy, per bu., 21@31.50.

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

CELERY—Per doz., 25c; fancy, large, 45@50c.

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

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 15c; large lots, 12½c; New York, per basket, 25c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, 90c; clings, 75c.

PLUMS—Oregon, $1.25; California fancy, $1.25@1.35; Bretelians and Italian prunes, 1.75@1.85.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Tokays, $1.25; black Ferrara, $1.00.

CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, per bbl., $6.00@6.50.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50; eating, $1.75@2.00; Jonathans, $2.25.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $2.60; Buerre Hardy, $1.75; Buerre Clairgeau, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA QUINCES—Per box, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $4.25@4.50.

LEMONS—Messina, $3; California lemons, $4.50.

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, 45c; New York selects, per can, 40c; extra selects, per can, 35c; standards, per can, 30c; mediums, per can, 25c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25; per 1,000, $11; New York selects, per gal., $2; per 100, $1.75; standards, per gal., $1.50.

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

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.75; per bbl., $4.50@4.75.

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

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 30-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., 9c; pecans, polished medium, 9c; large, 10c; peanuts, raw, 6½@7c; roasted, 7½c.

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

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 wreen 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 12 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, 4c 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, coarse, 6c 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, 1½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 25@28c; rough tallow, 1c.

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

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 5@6c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed: Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c dead pulled, 5@6c.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 29.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; demand poor; No. 2 spring, 5s 10½d; No. 1, California, 6s 1½d. Futures opened firm, with near and distant positions 1¼d higher; closed steady, with near positions 1¼d higher and distant positions 1⅛@1¼ higher; business about equally distributed; September, 5s 9¼d; October, 5s 9½d; November, 5s 9¾d; December, 5s 9¾d; January, 5s 9¾d; February, 5s 10¼d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 3½d. Futures opened quiet, with near positions ¼d higher and distant positions ½d higher; closed steady, with near positions unchanged from yesterday's closing and distant ¼d higher, business about equally distributed; September, 2s 10d; October, 2s 10d; November, 2s 10¼d; December, 2s 10¾d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand poor; St. Louis fancy, winter, 7s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, firm; demand good; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 26s 6d; ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 29s; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 27s 6d; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 27s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 25s 6d; short clear middles, 45 to 50 lbs., 21s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 25s. Hams, short cut, 45 to 55 lbs., fine North American, 48s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 48s 9d; prime mess, 37s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 48s; medium western, 38s 9d. Lard, steady; prime western, 31s; refined, in pails, 23s 6d.

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

BUTTER—Finest United States, 82s; good, 69s.

OILS—Linseed oil, 17s; petroleum, refined, 6¾d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¼d; hindquarters, 6¾d.

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

Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 189,000 centals, including 122,000 centals American.

Receipts of American corn during the past three days, 179,900 centals; weather showery.

Accumulation of Grain Stocks.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's covering principal points of accumulation indicate the following changes in available supplies last Saturday as compared with the preceding Saturday: Available stocks, wheat, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease, 1,157,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 752,000 bu.; total increase in world's available supply, 595,000 bu. Corn, United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 656,000 bu. Available stocks of wheat, east of the Rocky mountains, exclusive of those included in the official visible supply statement, and among others the following changes last week: Increase, 331,000 bu. in Chicago private elevators, 300,000 bu. in northwestern interior elevators, 150,000 bu. at various Manitoba storage points, and 140,000 bu. at Galveston; decrease, 155,000 bu. at Fort Madison, 25,000 bu. at Cleveland, and 25,000 bu. at Omaha.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Sept. 29.—CORN—Market firm, higher; No. 2, 20¾c; No. 3, 20¼c.

OATS—Market irregular; No. 2 white, 19@20¼c; No. 3 white, 18@19c.

RYE—Market dull, nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.18 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 40,150 bu.; oats, 19,250 bu.; rye, none; wheat, 9,000 bu.; whisky, 15 gals.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 18,100 bu.; oats, 54,450 bu.; rye, none; wheat, 4,200 bu.; whisky, 770 gals.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 29.—WHEAT—15@1c lower; No. 2 hard, 62½c; No. 2 red, 67½c; No. 3 red, 65c; No. 2 spring, 58c; No. 3, 55½c.

CORN—Slightly higher; No. 2 mixed, 20c; No. 3, nominally 19c; No. 2 white, nominally 20@20½c.

OATS—Very slow; No. 2 mixed, nominally 15@15c; No. 2 white, new, nominally 16@16½c; old, 20@21c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally 36c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 13c; dairy, 11@12c.

EGGS—14c higher at 12c.

Frost Does Little Damage.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—The Illinois weekly crop bulletin issued today says: Little or no damage from frost has resulted, owing to the advanced stage of all farm products. Farm work has been pushed rapidly during the past week. The soil having been placed in excellent condition for work by the rains of the previous week. Plowing was general over the state and seeding in central counties.

Oil City Market.

OIL CITY, Sept. 29.—Credit balances, $1.18; certificates opened, $1.17; highest, $1.17½; low and closed, $1.17; sales, 2,000 bbls.; shipments, 50,597 bbls.; runs, 118,628 bbls.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Professional Operators Attempt to Manipulate the Market but Fail.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Today's stock market, read between the lines, indicated a change in the character of the speculation. Operators who had figured prominently in the original bull movement decided at the close of last week that a reaction in prices was impending and sold out their holdings. Efforts began yesterday to bring about a decline and create a new short interest were continued today in the early dealings. The manipulators discovered, however, that stocks were not easily dislodged and promptly reversed their positions. The reputation bears, however, were not as sensitive to the general temper, and put out quite a line of new shorts. The result was an irregular movement of prices. The market was fairly active and the distribution of the transactions were better than for some time past. The opening was lower under the influence of realization and offerings for the foreign account. The cause for the change of front on the part of the London dealers was not generally known until the last hour of business, when it transpired that political rumors had unsettled the European bourses. The grangers and specialties displayed the greatest heaviness.

The reactionary movement was facilitated by a firmer market for foreign exchange, actual rates for long and short bills diverging further from the natural gold import. This action was the logical outcome of the market for commercial paper. The October remittance requirements are also a case in point, while the advances in the prices of wheat and cotton restrict the movement of commercial bills. The low level induced heavy purchases for both accounts, a material increase in commission house buying being noted. The low priced shares were in especial favor, and large blocks of Reading changed hands at substantial advances. The other leaders improved sympathetically. The publication of the Burlington statement gave a decided impetus to the general upward movement, as the exhibit was decidedly less discouraging than had been expected. The activity subsided to a considerable extent in the afternoon dealings, but the upward tendency was still in evidence. The high priced stocks were in good demand. The advance from the low point averaged 1 per cent or thereabouts in the principal features, with a large reaction at the close. The market left off steady.

The bond market displayed aggressive strength on investment and speculative dealings, with the greatest activity in the trading issues. The sales were $1,667,000. Government was firm on dealings of $75,000. Silver certificates were a shade higher at 66¼c on dealings of $71,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were dull today and little business was done. Two small failures were announced on the Stock exchange due to the recent severe fall in prices. Consols dropped to 105⅝ on unfounded political rumors, but closed at 106⅛, the monthly settlement in consols has begun and contangoes as high as 2⅛ per cent is reported, the bank borrowing in consols so as to harden the money market. This cannot be confirmed and I scarcely believe it. Americans were offered the first time in months. New York prices and cable advices that £560,000 in gold was on the way to New York from Australia. Mines were especially flat on adverse news from Mashonaland. Shares were practically unsalable. The continental exchanges are dropping. Berlin exchange today going rather heavy against London. The Paris bourse was flat on the approach of the settlement and the failure to underwrite the Spanish loan in London. Paris being heavily committed in Spanish stocks. The Berlin market was steady.

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

Atchison.....	13	do pfd.....	140
Adams Express.....	143	N. Y. Central.....	99⅜
Alton, T. H.....	56	N. Y. & N. E.....	45
Am. Express.....	108	Ontario & W.....	13⅝
Baltimore & Ohio..	14	Oregon Imp.....	¾
Canada Pacific.....	85	Oregon Nav.....	18
Canada Southern...	46⅛	O. S. L. & U. N....	14
Central Pacific....	14	Pacific Mail.....	20⅜
Ches. & Ohio.....	15⅝	Peoria Dec. & E....	12
Chicago & Alton..	154	Pittsburg.....	155
C., B. & Q.....	70⅝	Pullman Palace....	147
Chicago Gas.....	62⅞	Reading.....	19
Consolidated Gas.	148	R. G. W.....	15
C., C., C. & St. L..	20¾	R. G. W. pfd.....	40
Cleveland & Pitts..	⅞	Rock Island.....	63
Cotton Oil Cert...	13	St. Paul.....	71⅜
Delaware & Hud..	124	do pfd.....	125⅝
Del., Lack. & W...	154	St. P. & Omaha....	38⅜
D. & R. G. pfd.....	43	do pfd.....	117
East Tenn.....	14⅛	Sugar Refineries...	130
Erie.....	30⅜	Sugar Refinery....	112
do pfd.....	58⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	22¾
Fort Wayne.....	148	Texas Pacific.....	7¾
Great Northern, pf.	131	Union Pacific.....	50
C. & E. I. pfd.....	89	Union Pacific.....	7
Hocking Valley...	15¼	U. S. Express.....	35
Illinois Central...	90⅛	W. St. L. & P.....	6
Lake Shore.....	174	W. St. L. & P. pfd.	15⅛
L. & T. pfd.....	24	Wells Fargo Ex....	83
Lake Erie & West.	16	Western Union....	83¾
do pfd.....	65¾	Wheeling & L. E..	5⅛
Lake Shore.....	146¾	do pfd.....	25⅝
Lead Trust.....	21¾	Wis. Central pfd...	8
Louisville & N....	42⅛	D. & R. G.....	11⅛
L. & N. A.....	1¼	G. E.....	28⅝
Manhattan Con....	88⅜	N. L.....	16
Memphis & Ch.....	51	P. C. & L.....	20⅜
Michigan Cent.....	90	do pfd.....	80
Missouri Pacific..	21⅛	T. St. L. & K. C....	4¼
Mobile & Ohio.....	18¾	T. St. L. & K. C. pf	10
Nashville Chat....	68	Am. Tob. Co.....	61½
National Cordage..	4¾	do pfd.....	93
Nat. Cordage pfd..	9	Am. Tel. & C. Co..	90
N. J. Central.....	103⅜	Com'l Cable Co....	140
N. & W. pfd.....	14½	Am. Sugar pfd.....	99⅝
North Am. Co.....	4¾	U. S. Cordage 1st..	18⅜
Northwestern.....	104	U. S. Cordage pfd..	58⅜
Northwestern pfd..	141½	U. S. Rubber.....	21¾
U. P. D. & G.....	13⅜	do pfd.....	70
Northwestern.....	99¼	*U. S. L. & E 1st Tr	42⅛

*offered. †ex-div.

The total sales of stocks today were 239,244 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 11,100; Atchison, 4,500; American Sugar, 26,300; Burlington, 35,600; Louisville & Nashville, 13,400; Manhattan, 8,200; Reading, 43,400; Rock Island, 87,200; St. Paul, 33,600; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 3,400; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 4,100; Southern preferred, 4,300.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm; 4@4½ per cent; last loan, 4 per cent; closed, 4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—6¼@7½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84¼@4.84½ for demand, and $4.81¾@4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, blank; commercial bills, $4.80@4.82.

BAR SILVER—65⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—66@66¼c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm; state bonds firm; railroad bonds strong.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg., new.	117	*C. P. 1sts of '95...	102
U. S. 4s coup., new.	117	D. & R. G. 4s.....	110⅛
U. S. 5s, reg.....	111¾	D. & R. G. 4s.....	86
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113¾	Erie, 2ds, reg.....	59½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	107⅜	*G. H. & S. A. 6s...	102
U. S. 4s, coup.....	108⅛	*G. H. & S. A. 7s...	100
U. S. 2s, reg.....	93	H. & T. C. 5s.....	106⅜
Pacific 6s of '95...	103⅜	do 5s.....	102⅜
Ala., class A.....	107	M., K. & T., 1st 4s.	81¾
Ala., class B.....	100	do 2d 4s.....	54⅜
Ala., class C.....	94	Mutual Union 6s..	107
Ala. Currency.....	95	N. J. C. Gen. 5s....	114
La., New Cons. 4s..	90	N. Y. Cent. 1sts...	112⅜
Missouris.....	100	do 2ds.....	107
N. C. 6s.....	110	N. W. Consols.....	138
N. C. 4s.....	95	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	107
*S. C. nonfund. 1...	11¼	R. G. West. 1sts...	69
Tenn. new set 5s..	107	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
*Tenn. new set 5s..	108	do C. & P. W. 5s.	110¾
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s.	75
Va. Centuries.....	67¼	St. L. & S. F. G. 4s.	106
do deferred.....	4	Texas Pac. 1sts....	81
Atchison 4s.....	77⅜	*Texas Pac. 2ds....	19¼
Atchison 2d A.....	30¾	U. P. 1sts of '95....	101
*Canada So. 2ds....	102	West Shore 4s.....	104
L. & N. unified 4s.	73¾	O. R. & N. 1sts....	108⅛
Southern 5s.....	85¼		

*offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Sept. 29.—Call loans, 5@4½ per cent; time loans, 6@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.....	13	W. Elec. pfd.....	49½
Am. Sugar.....	111⅛	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	89
Am. Sugar pfd.....	99⅜	Gen. Elec. 1sts.....	65
Bay State Gas.....	6¾	Atchison 2d.....	19⅛
Bell Telephone.....	206½	Atchison 4s.....	77⅞
Boston & Albany..	204	New England 6s....	110
Boston & Maine..	158	Gen. Electric 5s....	87⅛
C., B. & Q.....	70¼	Wis. Cent. 1sts	36¾
Fitchburg.....	92	Allouez Mining Co	25
Gen. Electric.....	28⅜	Atlantic.....	18
Illinois Steel.....	45¾	Bonanza & Montana	603⅜
Mexican Central..	8⅞	Butte & Boston....	234
N. Y. & N. E.....	65	Calumet & Hecla..	310
Old Colony.....	171⅛	Franklin.....	84¼
Ore. Short Line....	14⅞	Kearsarge.....	13⅝
Rubber.....	17	Osceola.....	27¾
Union Pacific.....	7	Quincy.....	110
West End.....	67¼	Tamarack.....	85
West End pfd.....	84⅛	Wolverine.....	7
Wesingh. Elec.....	24		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	4	Gould & Curry.....	42
Alpha Con	11	Hale & Norcross..	130
Andes.....	25	Justice.....	4
Belcher.....	46	Kentucky Con.....	5
Best & Belcher....	80	Mexican.....	45
Bodie Con.....	59	Mono.....	15
Bullion.....	16	Ophir.....	82
Bulwer Con.....	37	Overman.....	12
Caledonia.....	10	Potosi.....	68
Challenge Con.....	47	Savage.....	46
Collar.....	195	Sierra Nevada....	61
Confidence.....	125	Union Con.....	49
Con. Cal. & Va.....	5.15	Utah Con.....	5
Con. Imperial.....	2	Yellow Jacket.....	28
Crown Point.....	45		

Silver bars