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Wheat Declines Over Two Cents to the Eighty Mark.

LIVERPOOL REPORT A WEAKENING FEATURE

Lower Opening in Domestic Inevitable After Declining Cables Had Been Frequently Circulated Among Traders on 'Change.

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Wheat touched the 80c mark today, a decline of 2¼c from Saturday's closing price. It recovered some later and closed at 80⅝c. Corn and oats closed ⅛c lower. Provisions show but little change.

Wheat had a somewhat sensational break on the first hour's trading today. Liverpool again repeated its scenic tactics and in the face of a substantial advance here Saturday sent out opening quotations from ⅝d to 1d lower. A weak opening here was inevitable and when Minneapolis reported the receipt of 970 cars and Duluth 78 cars, a total of 1,048, against 400 last week, the price got for a moment to 80c, or from 2⅞c to 2¼c below the closing of Saturday. May opened irregular at from 81c to 80⅝c, with no very general demand at even the lowest of the figures given. There soon appeared buyers enough to take the not very heavy offerings at from 80⅝c to 80¾c, and 80⅝c was paid for some, but the heavy Minneapolis receipts stopped all such buying, and it was not until after 8½c had been recorded that the decline was stopped for the time being. The unexpectedly large decrease in the visible supply was quite a help to the market. Opinion had varied on the latter subject between a decrease of 500,000 bu. and 1,000,000 bu. until Buffalo was found to have increased only 295,000 bu., whereas an increase of about 1,500,000 bu. had been looked for. The actual decrease was announced in the end as 2,092,000 bu., compared with a decrease the year before of only 117,000 bu. This caused an improvement in the price of May to 81c. Then both liquidation and short selling started again, encouraged by the weak closing tone at Liverpool, the price breaking to 80c. Later, on the report that a considerable quantity of new business had been done for immediate shipment, the price had a bulge to 81c.

Corn was slow and weak, but the decline was slight compared with the slump in wheat, which market corn was inclined to follow. The shipping demand was light and rather heavier receipts are expected tomorrow. May started fractionally higher at 26c, sold between 27⅛c at **25⅞c, closing easy** at from 26c to 26⅛c.

Oats were quiet, with prices ⅛c lower at the close than they were at the finish on Saturday. No features to speak of and prices fluctuated within a narrow range. Sympathy with wheat and corn caused the easier tone. There was a good cash business. May opened a shade lower at 21⅝c, declined to 21⅛c and reacted to from 21⅛c to 21⅜c, where it closed.

Provisions opened easy and at a slight decline, affected by the drop in wheat and large receipts of hogs. A good demand existed, however, and the early loss was soon recovered, prices holding firm for the rest of the session. May pork closed 2½c higher at $7.90; May lard unchanged at $4.07; May ribs 2½c higher at $4.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 585 cars; hogs, 28,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'dy.
*Wheat—					
Dec....	77¾	77⅞-78	77	77⅞	79¼
May....	80⅝-81	81-81⅛	80	80⅝	82⅝@¾
July....	74⅝-75	75-75⅛	74⅛	74¾	76⅝
*Corn—					
Dec....	23	23	22⅝	23	23
Jan....	23	23⅛@¼	23	23⅛@¼	23⅛@¼
May....	26	26⅛	25⅞	26-2⅛	26⅛@¼
*Oats—					
Dec....				18¼	18⅛
May....	21⅜	21⅜	21⅛	21⅛@⅜	21⅜@⅜
Pork—					
Dec....	6 75	6 80	6 75	6 80	6 85
Jan....	7 52	7 57½	7 50	7 57½	7 52½
May....	7 85	7 90	7 82½	7 90	7 87½
Lard—					
Dec....				3 70	3 67½
Jan....	3 80	3 85	3 80	3 85	3 82½
May....	4 02½	4 07½	4 00	4 07½	4 07½
Sh'ribs.					
Dec....				3 85	3 80
Jan....	3 80	3 85	3 80	3 85	3 82½
May....	3 95	4 00	3 95	4 00	3 97½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows: FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $4.50@4.75; straights, $4.20@4.40; spring patents, $4.90; spring patents, $4.25@4.65; straights, $3.90@4.10; bakers' $3.25@3.60.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 77⅝@78c; No. 3 spring, 76c; No. 2 red, 80⅝c; No. 3 red, 78c.

OATS—No. 2, 18½c; No. 2 white, 18@18⅜c.

RYE—No. 2, 29½c.

BARLEY—No. 3, f. o. b., 24@36½c; No. 4, f. o. b., 23@28c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 77½@79c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $6.80@6.85; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.95@3.97½; short ribs, sides, loose, $3.75@3.95; dry salted shoulders, boxed, $4.25@4.50; short clear sides, boxed, $4.00@4.12½.

POULTRY—Slow; turkeys, 10c; chickens, 8c.

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

On the following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	6,000	21,000
Wheat, bu.	33,000	362,000
Corn, bu.	197,000	358,000
Oats, bu.	315,000	192,000
Rye, bu.	17,000	45,000
Barley, bu.	74,000	30,000

On the Produce exchange to-day the butter market was firm: creamery, 15@23c; dairy, 10@11c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 22c. Cheese, steady; 8@9c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,700 bbls.; exports, 17,683 bbls.; dull and lower to sell on springs, but fairly steady for winters, winter patents, $4.90@5.10; Minnesota patents, $4.60@4.90; winter extras, $3.35@4.00; Minnesota bakers, $3.50@4.25; winter low grades, $2.85@3.05. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.85@3.05; fancy, $3.10@3.35. Buckwheat flour, quiet; $3.05.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 55@57c.

CORN MEAL—Steady; yellow western, 59c.

RYE—Nominal; car kids, 40@42c.

BARLEY—Steady; western feeding, 28½@29c; malting, 28@46c.

BARLEY MALT—Nominal; western, 50@55c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 44,400 bu.; exports, 164,198 bu.; spot, dull and weak; No. 1 hard, 89@89½c. Options had a bad break, owing to lower cables, heavy northwestern receipts, rain in India and liquidation; rallied a little in the afternoon, on heavy reductions of the visible supply and small world's shipments, but closed barely steady at 1⅝@1⅝c net decline; No. 2 red, May, 86@86 1-16c, closing 86½c; December, 87⅛@87⅜c, closing 87⅜c.

CORN—Receipts, 13,100 bu.; exports, 89,463 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 29½c. Options opened steady and ruled dull all day, with unimportant changes, closing active at ⅛c net lower; May, closing 26⅞@27c, closing 27c.

OATS—Receipts, 116,700 bu.; exports, 53,520 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 23⅝c. Options ruled inactive and weaker, closing ⅛@¼c lower; May closed 22⅝c; December, 23⅝@23 7-16c, closing 23⅝c.

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

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@7½c; 1896 crop, 8@14c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@7½c; 1896 crop, 9@14c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 18c; Buenos Ayres, dry, nominal; Texas dry, 18c; California, 15½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $9.00@10.00; extra mess, $7; beef hams, $17.50@18.00. Cut meats, easy; pickled bellies, 4½@5c; pickled shoulders, 4c; pickled hams, 8@9c. Lard, steady; western steamed, $4.10, nominal; refined, steady. Pork, dull; old mess, $8.25@8.75; short clear, $8.75@10.50; family, $10.50@11.00.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, dull; prime crude, 21@21½c; prime crude, f. o. b., 17@18c; off summer yellow, 23½c; butter grades, 27c; prime white, 27@28c. Petroleum, dull; United closed at $1.10. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.80@1.82½. Turpentine, steady; 27@27½c.

COTTON—By steam, 5¾c.

GRAIN—By steam, 4½c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 7,303 pkgs.; firm; western creamery, 13½@24½c; Elgins, 24½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 8,355 pkgs.; steady; large, 7@7½c; small, 7¼@7½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 7,550 pkgs.; steady; state and Pennsylvania, 22@25c; western, 15½@24c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¾@6c; Japan, 4@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@34c; new crop, 8c.

METALS—Pig iron, steady; southern, $11.00@11.25; northern, $11.00@13.00. Copper, easy; brokers, $11.37½; exchange, $11.25@11.50. Lead, strong; brokers, $2.75; exchange, $3. Tin, quiet; straits, $13; plates, easy. Spelter, quiet; $4.25.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 7.—WHEAT—Spot, good; No. 2 red, western, 4s 11½d; No. 1 California, 7s 5d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions 1¾d lower; closed steady, with near positions 1¾d lower and distant positions 1¼@1½d lower; business heaviest on middle positions; December, 6s 8¼d; January and February, 6s 8½d; March, 6s 9d; April, nominal; May, 6s 8¾d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 11¾d. Futures, quiet, with near and distant positions unchanged; closed quiet, with near and distant positions ¼d lower; business heaviest on latest positions; December, 2s 11¼d; January, February and March, 2s 10¾d; April, nominal; May, 2s 10½d.

FLOUR—Firm; poor demand; St. Louis fancy winter, 5s 3d.

PEAS—Canadian, 4s 4d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, firm; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 29s 6d; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 29s; long clear, light, 35 to 38 lbs., 28s 6d; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 28s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 28s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 26s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 29s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 30s. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 43s. Tallow, fine North American, 17s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 57s 6d; prime mess, 47s 6d. Pork, prime mess, fine western, 49s 6d; medium western, 47s 3d. Lard, dull; prime western, 29s 6d; refined, in pails, 24s 6d.

CHEESE—Dull; demand poor; finest American, white and colored (September), 50s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 95s; good, 60s.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, 15s 3d; linseed oil, 16s; petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarter, 3¾d; hindquarter, 5¼d.

BLEACHING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, £7.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £3 10s.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 21@22c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 8@9c; choice to fancy, roll, 13@15c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered cream, 19@20c.

GAME—Prairie chickens, per doz., $6.00@6.25; quail, $1.00@1.50; blue winged teal ducks, $1.50@1.75; green wing, $1.25; redheads and mallards, $2.50@3.75; small rabbits, 100@60c; jacks, $1.00@1.50; squirrels, 60@75c; deer saddles, 10@12c; carcasses, 10@12c; antelope saddles, 12@14c; carcasses, 10@11c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $5.00; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 9c; Roquefort, 45-lb. jars, per doz., $3.00; Young Americas, 11c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Dressed fat, 50 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; turkeys, 8@9c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8c.

LIVE POULTRY—Not wanted.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@50c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.50; 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, 2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

SWEET POTATOES—On orders, per bbl., $2.00.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@40c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb. 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.30@1.40.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 90c @$1.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@35c; fancy, large, 45@50c.

POTATOES—Good stock, per bu., 25c; Wyoming stock, racked, 80c per 100 lbs.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Crates, 15 pony baskets, Concords and Catawbas, per crate, $3.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.00@7.50.

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

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00; fancy New York, $1.75@2.00.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.00@2.25; New York, per bbl., $3.50@4.00.

QUINCES—Per bbl., $4.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $3.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, $5.00; choice California, $3.50@3.75; fancy, $4.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.25@4.50.

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

SAUER KRAUT—Per half bbl., $1.75@2.00; bbls., $3.00@4.25.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 16c; choice 15-lb. boxes, 3-crown, 12@13c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@13½c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, fancy, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50.

DATES—Fard, 15-lb. boxes, per box, 9c.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 4@5c; western steers, 3¾@4½c; good cows and heifers, 3½@4c; medium cows and heifers, 4¾c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 2¾c; good forequarters native steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 6¾c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5¾c; cow plates, 3¼c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½c; steer chucks, 4c; beef tenderloins, 22c; beef rolls, boneless, 10c; sirloin butts, boneless, 10c; loin backs, boneless, 10c; loin backs, 8c; cow ribs, No. 3, 7c; cow loins, No. 3, 9c; beef trimmings, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 2½c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 5c; pork loins, 6½c; pork tenderloins, 15c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage, butts, 5c; pork shoulders, rough, 4¼c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c.

MUTTON—Dressed lamb, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, mutton, 8½c; legs, mutton, 8½c; saddles, mutton, 8½c; stew, 3c; sheep plucks, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1, green hides, 5c; No. 2 green hides, 4c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 9@10c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 8@9c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 8@9c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP YELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15@25c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 40@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, 1c; shearings are worth more than pelts.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; old butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1c.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine, heavy, 6@7c; fine, light, 8@9c; quarterblood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and chaffy, 8@9c; 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, 50@6c.

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

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—FLOUR—Dull and weak; patents, $4.00@4.75; extra fancy, $4.10@4.20; fancy, $3.40@3.50; choice, $3.00@3.10.

WHEAT—Futures opened weak and lower, owing to cables and spot decline. There was considerable bearish news and the trading was light throughout the session, except in May, which fluctuated within a narrow range and closed ½@¾c lower Saturday. December was nominally steady, lower. No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 76c; track, 91½@91¾c; No. 2 hard, cash, 78½c bid; December, 19½c; May, 89⅞@90c.

CORN—Less active than wheat, though the futures closed firm at Saturday's close; spot, firmer; No. 2, cash, 21½c; December, 20¾c; May, 22½c.

OATS—Dull, but firm for both spot and futures; No. 2, cash, 20c bid; May, 22½c.

RYE—Lower; 34c bid.

BARLEY—Prices ranged from 24c to 37c for Minnesota.

BRAN—Dull and unchanged.

PRIME TIMOTHY SEED—$2.50.

HAY—Quiet and steady; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@12.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 14@19½c; dairy, 11@18c.

COTTON TIES—90c.

BAGGING—5¾@6¾c.

EGGS—Higher at 19c.

POULTRY—Chickens, slow; old and spring, 5c; turkeys, firm; 8c; ducks, firm; 7@7½c; geese, dull; 40@55c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

LEAD—Easy at $2.72½@2.75.

SPELTER—Quiet; $4.19 asked.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, jobbing, $7.10@7.25. Lard, firmer; prime steam, $3.60 bid; choice, $3.75. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.75; clear ribs and clear sides, $4.10; shorts, $4.87½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.65; extra short, clear and ribs, $4.00; shorts, $4.15.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 23,000 bu.; corn, 169,000 bu.; oats, 40,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 22,000 bu.; corn, 100,000 bu.; oats, 18,000 bu.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Options opened barely steady, with prices unchanged to 15 points higher on cables and foreign buying; turned weak under local selling, following slack spot demand, large supplies and no speculative support; closed easy at 15@25 points net decline; sales, 15,000 bags, including December, $9.25@9.50; March, $9.35@9.55. Spot coffee, Rio, steady; No. 7, jobbing, $10.50; invoice, $10. Mild, steady; Cordova, $15.50@17.00. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 8,381 bags, including 7,424 bags from New York; New York stock today, 245,906 bags; United States stock, 381,941 bags; afloat for the United States, 280,000 bags; total visible supply for the United States, 661,941 bags, against 541,432 bags last year.

SANTOS, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Quiet; good average Santos, 10,800 reis; receipts, 19,000 bags; stock, 732,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Steady; 6 pfg. advance; sales, 12,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Steady; No. 7 Rio, 10,100 reis; exchange, 8¼d; receipts, 13,000 bags; cleared, for ports of United States, 7,000 bags; for Europe, 7,000 bags; stock, 382,000 bags.

RIO, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Weekly report: Steady; exchange standard, 10,600 reis; receipts, during the week, 35,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 31,000 bags; stock, 382,000 bags.

SANTOS, Dec. 7.—COFFEE—Weekly report: Quiet; good average Santos, per 10 kilos, 10,800 reis; receipts, during the week, 148,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 7,000 bags; stock, 732,000 bags.

Peoria Grain.

PEORIA, Dec. 7.—CORN—Steady; No. 2, 21c; new No. 2, 20½c; No. 3, 20¼c; new No. 3, 20¼c.

OATS—Slow and irregular; No. 2 white, 19@23½c; No. 3 white, 16½@17½c.

WHISKY—Steady; finished goods on a basis of $1.18 for high.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 85,000 bu.; oats, 56,800 bu.; rye, 1,800 bu.; wheat, 10,800 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 4,950 bu.; oats, 38,750 bu.; rye, 1,200 bu.; wheat, 13,200 bu.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—SUGAR—Raw, firm; fair refining, 2 15-16c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3 5-16c. Refined, quiet; standard "A," 4¼c; confectioners' "A," 4⅛c; cut loaf, 5c; crushed, 5c; granulated, 4⅞c.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—SUGAR—Cane, quiet; centrifugal Java, fils 4½d; Muscovado, fair refining, 10s. Beet, quiet and prices barely maintained; December, 9s 1½d; January, 9s 3d.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—COTTON—Futures closed quiet and steady; sales, 209,200 bales; January, 7.32; February, 7.40; March, 7.48; April, 7.53; May, 7.59; June, 7.63; July, 7.65; August, 7.67; December, 7.27; middling, 9 9-16c.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—COTTON—Easy; middling, 7⅛c; low middling, 6 15-16c; good ordinary, 6 11-16c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Security Market Quite Irregular as to the Movement of Prices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The stock market today was irregular as to the movement of prices. A heavy undertone was noted throughout the speculation, at times bordering on absolute stagnation, pending the publication of the president's message. Subsequent to the announcement rumors of a disturbing character in connection with the supplementary report of Secretary of State Olney and the references of the president to the Union Pacific and the trusts encouraged selling. The market was almost exclusively professional, and only in the last half of the final hour was there to be noted any approach to animation. The initial prices were but slightly different from Saturday's final figures, but the appearance of foreign selling orders and pressure by the bears against the high-priced specialties caused recessions. Consolidated Gas losing 2¼ per cent, and Tobacco and Manhattan about a point. Business was restricted, however, and at the low point supporting orders were issued, which started covering and moderate buying for the long account, and carried the list fractionally above Saturday's final prices. The ensuing dealings were uninteresting and were on a limited scale until the final hour, when some sharp changes occurred. The late operations were erratic, but a general tendency downward was evident. Sugar, Manhattan, Louisville & Nashville, the grangers and Union Pacific yielded from ½ to 1½ per cent from the top figures of the day. The unsettled course of stocks failed to affect the railway bond market and a fair volume of business was noted. The closing was weak at a net loss of a point, or thereabouts, in many instances. Railway bonds were moderately active, but generally firm. The changes, as a rule, were slight, aside from Atchison, Colorado & Pacific firsts, which declined 3 per cent, Western Union 4s and firsts, which advanced 5 per cent to 118, and Northern Pacific consol 5s, the last mentioned being conspicuous on the sale of a block of $269,000 at 34⅞, with a later break to 33½. The sales were $1,782,000.

Governments were neglected but firm, on dealings of $1,000. Silver certificates were slightly lower at 65⅝c, on sales of $10,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The recovery in mines stimulated all the stock markets here today, mines having been the weak spot. The recovery in Kaffirs was due to better reports from the deep level mines, to purchases for the continent, and to covering by bears prior to the settlement, to begin tomorrow. It is impossible to say yet whether the recovery is anything more than a spurt. A sharp rise in Brazilians and other South American stocks was also a feature today. Home rails were dull through fear of labor difficulties. Americans were quiet, but with a very good tone, the closing being at the best. The tone of Americans is becoming further confirmed, money being easy. It is believed in good quarters that if the discount rate here falls to 2½ per cent, large supplies of American bills will come forward. The present quotation is 2¾ per cent. The foreign trade returns of Great Britain for the month of November were issued today. They show an increase in imports of merchandise as compared with November, 1895, of 3,406,000 lbs. and a decrease of 1,000,000 lbs. in exports. The noteworthy feature in the import returns is an increase of 2,153,000 lbs. in the cotton receipts from the United States. Paris and Berlin markets were steady.

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

Atchison	14	N. Y. Central	95¾
Adams Ex	140	N. Y. & N. E.	43¾
Alton T. H.	57	Ontario & W.	13½
Am. Express	103	Oregon Imp.	¼
Baltimore & Ohio	14⅝	Oregon Nav.	15
Canada Pacific	55½	O. S. L. & U. N.	12
Canada Southern	48½	Pacific Mail	25¾
Central Pacific	15⅝	Peoria Dec. & E.	2
Ches. & Onio	19⅝	Pittsburg	160
Chicago & Alton	160	Pullman Palace	150⅝
C., B. & Q.	76	Reading	23⅝
Chicago Gas	75⅝	R. G. W. pfd.	70¾
Consolidated Gas	159¾	Rock Island	68⅝
C., C., C. & St. L.	28½	St. Paul	74⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	35	do pfd.	136
Cotton Oil Certs.	12	St. L. & San Fran.	47¾
Delaware & Hud.	126	do pfd.	126
Del., Lack. & W.	158½	Southern Pacific	16¼
D. & R. G. pfd.	43½	Sugar Refinery	115⅝
East Tenn.	21	Tenn. Coal & Iron	28½
Erie	14⅝	Texas Pacific	6½
do pfd.	20	T. & O. Cent. pfd.	30
Fort Wayne	160	Union Pacific	10
G. Northern pfd.	130	U. S. Express	40
C. & E. I. pfd.	95	W. St. L. & P.	6¾
Hocking Valley	17½	W. St. L. & P. pf.	16½
Illinois Central	93	Wells Fargo Ex.	95¾
K. & T. pfd.	28⅝	Western Union	86¼
Lake Erie & West.	18½	Wheeling & L. E.	2
do pfd.	70½	do pfd.	30
Lake Shore	154¾	M. & St. L.	10½
Lead Trust	24½	D. & R. G.	12
Louisville & N.	40⅝	R. G. W.	32½
L. & N. A.	14	N. L.	15
Manhattan Con.	95¾	C. F. & I.	24⅝
Memphis & C.	15	do pfd.	70
Michigan Central	92	Int. T. & K. G.	4½
Missouri Pacific	22	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio	22¾	S. R. R.	6¾
Nashville Chat.	68	S. R. R. pfd.	29⅝
National Cordage	3⅝	Am. Tob. Co.	74
Nat. Cordage pfd.	12	Am. Tob. & C. Co.	90
N. J. Central	103	U. S. Cordage 1st	24
N. & W. pfd.	16¾	U. S. Leather pfd.	61⅝
North Am. Co.	5⅝	U. S. Rubber	25⅝
Northern Pacific	14	U. S. Rubber pfd.	80⅝
N. Pacific pfd.	33½	Cotton Seed Oil pfd	51
U. P. D. & G.	2¾	Am. Spirits	13⅝
Northwestern	105¾	do pfd	30⅝
do pfd.	140		

The total sales of stocks today were 190,537 shares, including the following: American Tobacco, 5,000; American Sugar, 36,200; Burlington, 12,700; Chicago Gas, 8,200; General Electric, 4,100; Louisville & Nashville, 9,900; Manhattan Consolidated, 13,300; Reading, 6,700; Rock Island, 5,900; Union Pacific, 10,000; Western Union, 9,300; silver certificates, 10,000.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closed, 1½@2 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—4@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¾@4.88⅛ for demand and $4.83½@4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.87½, and $4.88.

COMMERCIAL BILLS—$4.82¾.

SILVER—Bar silver, 65⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65¼c.

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

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new	119¾	O. R. & N. 1sts	112½
U. S. 4s coup. new	119¾	N. Pac. 3ds	78
U. S. 5s, reg.	109 ¼	U. P. 4s	102
U. S. 5s, coup.	113¾	D. & R. G. 7s	111¾
U. S. 4s, reg.	109	D. & R. G. 4s	90¾
U. S. 4s, coup.	110¼	Erie 2d s.	65¼
U. S. 2s, reg.	96¼	H. & S. A. 6s	100¼
Pacific 6s of '95	99⅝	G. H. & S. A. 7s	95
Ala., class A	102	H. & T. C. 5s	108
Ala., class B	102	do 6s	100
Ala., class C	96	M. K. & T. 1st 4s	82¾
Ala. Currency	94	do 2d 4s	70
La. New Con. 4s	96	Mutual Union 6s	110
Missouri 6s	100	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	118⅝
N. C. 6s	119	No. Pacific 1sts	115¾
N. C. 4s	100	do 2ds	117
S. C. nonfund	1⅛	N. W. Consols	139
Tenn. new set 6s	80	do S. F. Deb. 5s	109
Tenn. new set 5s	100⅝	R. G. West. 1sts	76¾
Tenn. old 6s	69	St. P. Consols 7s	130
Va. Centuries	60¾	do C. & P. W. 5s	114
do deferred	7	St. L. & I. M. Gen 5	54
Atchison 4s	79	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	110
Atchison 2d A	41¾	Texas Pac. 1sts	85¼
Canada So. 2ds	105	Texas Pac. 2ds	21¾
L. & N. unified 4s	79	U. P. 1sts of '93	102
Southern 5s	91⅝	West Shore 4s	107

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—Call loans, 2¼@4 per cent; time loans, 3¾@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	14	W. Elec. pfd.	50½
Am. Sugar	115¼	Ed. Elec. Ill.	140
Am. Sugar pfd.	114¼	Bos. Elec. pfd.	70
Bay State Gas	5¼	Atchison pfd.	22⅝
Bell Telephone	208¾	Atchison 2d	79
Boston & Albany	207	New England 6s	91
Boston & Maine	165½	Gen. Electric 5s	40
C. B. & Q.	78⅝	Allouez Mining Co	50
Fitchburg	93	Atlantic	22
Gen. Electric	32½	Boston & Montana	92
Illinois Steel	47½	Butte & Boston	6¼
Mexican Central	4⅞	Calumet & Hecla	322
Old Colony	179¼	Franklin	11
Ore. Short Line	15¼	Kearsarge	16
Rubber	25¼	Osceola	30
Union Pacific	10	Quincy	110¼
West End	66	Tamarack	95
West End pfd.	87½	Wolverine	8⅞
Wesingh. Elec.	24¼		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer	40	Ontario	700
Choller	130	Ophir	90
Crown Point	20	Plymouth	20
Con. Cal. & Va.	140	Quicksilver	175
Deadwood	105	Quicksilver pfd.	1025
Gould & Curry	40	Sierra Nevada	38
Hale & Norcross	90	Standard Con.	100
Homestake	2000	Union Con.	38
Iron Silver	160	Yellow Jacket	25
Mexican	40		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	4	Gould & Curry	37
Alpha Con	8	Hale & Norcross	88
Andes	12	Justice	4
Belcher	27	Kentucky Con.	3
Best & Belcher	50	Mexican	41
Bodie Con.	51	Mono	15
Bullion	11	Occidental Con.	15
Bow Con.	34	Ophir	94
Caledonia	7	Overman	5
Challenge Con.	27	Potosi	61
Chollar	120	Savage	35
Confidence	70	Sierra Nevada	37
Con. Cal. & Va.	125	Union Con.	33
Con. Imperial	1	Utah Con.	5
Crown Point	20	Yellow Jacket	28

Silver bars, 65⅝c; Mexican dollars, 51⅛@52c. Sight drafts, 10c; telegraphic, 12½c.

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