COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat is Strong Most of the Day, but Closes at a Decline.

WORLD'S VISIBLE A POWERFUL FACTOR

Opening Weakness Due to Disappointing Cables and a Closing Weakness on Realizing and Large World's Shipments.

CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Wheat today closed at about a ½c decline, after having sold nearly 1 cent above Saturday's close. The figures on the world's visible cut quite a figure in the day's speculation. Corn and oats were radically weak, corn declining ⅝c and oats ⅛c. Provisions were firm, but show trifling changes.

The news that traders in wheat had to start their operations on was not very encouraging for a bull market. Liverpool was only ½d higher at the opening than it closed at Saturday, which was disappointing, inasmuch as it was a very inadequate response to Saturday's 1½c advance here. Beerbohm's report on the world's clearances of wheat and flour for last week, which came in before the opening, gave the figures at 6,500,000 bu., and the heavy increase thus shown, together with Minneapolis and Duluth receipts, were not encouraging by any means, the total for the two places being 511 cars against 421 last week. Those were the circumstances under which May wheat, which closed at 77c on Saturday, opened today with sellers at from 76⅝c down to 76¼c. But the market became strong immediately after the opening. The early figures on the world's visible supply indicated a very large decrease, so large, in fact, that it made shorts scramble to cover their lines. Holders of wheat were not disposed to let go, the consequence being that the price of May got up to 77⅝c before any material reaction occurred. Meantime the Atlantic port clearances were reported at 435,000 bu. A decline to 76¾@76⅞c occurred, when an increase in the English visible was announced, but this was quickly succeeded by the advance to 77⅝c, the high point of the day, which occurred on the posting of the world's visible figures, showing a total decrease of 1,706,000 bu. Then the decline commenced slowly at first, but gaining momentum as the session drew to a close. It was due mostly to realizing, though this was accelerated by the world's shipments, which last week were 1,600,000 bu. larger than the week before. New York reported that foreigners had turned free sellers there. May finally got down to 76½c, and closed at from 76½ to 76¾c.

Corn maintained its price until the closing drop in wheat, but during the progress of the latter it emulated wheat's weakness and closed at a decline for the day of ⅝c per bu. in May. Receiving houses were active sellers. The visible supply increased 1,316,000 bu. May opened a shade lower at 24½c, sold at from 24¼ to 24⅜c, declined to 23⅞@24c, where it closed.

Oats was quiet during the first part of the session, but with a tendency toward firmness. Later, however, the market turned very weak, partially through sympathy with wheat and partly through liberal selling by the professional shorts. A heavy business was done at the decline. May opened a shade lower at from 17⅝c to 17¾c and declined to 17½c, establishing a low point for the crop. May closed at 17½c.

Provisions were well sustained amid the bearish feeling in grain, a firm hog market with comparatively light receipts giving tone to the market. The closing weakness in grain sliced off most of the day's slight advance, however. At the close May pork was about 2½c higher at $7.65, May lard 2½c higher at $3.82½, and May ribs 2½c higher at $3.92½.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 28 cars; corn, 240 cars; oats, 490 cars; hogs, 26,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'dy.
*Wheat—					
Feb....	76@¾	76⅝	75	75	75¼
May....	76¼@⅝	77⅝	76¼	76¾	77
July....	72⅝@¾	73½	72¼@⅝	72⅝@⅝	72⅞
*Corn—					
Feb....	22⅛@¼	21⅞@⅝	21⅝@⅝	21⅝@¾	22⅛@¼
May....	24¼	24¼@⅜	23⅞@24	23⅞@24	24⅜@⅝
July....	25⅛	25⅛	25	25	25⅜
Sept....	26⅝@¾	26⅝@¾	26¼	26¼	26⅝@¾
*Oats—					
Feb....	15⅝	15⅝	15⅛	15⅛	15⅝
May....	17⅝@¾	17	17¼	17¼	17¾
July....	17¾	18⅜	17⅝	17⅝	18¼@⅝
Pork—					
May....	7 76½	7 77½	7 62½	7 62½	7 65
July....	7 85	7 85	7 80	7 80	7 77½
Lard—					
May....	3 82½	3 85	3 82½	3 82½	3 80
July....	3 92½	3 95	3 90	3 90	3 87½
Sh't Ribs—					
May....	3 92½	3 95	3 92½	3 92½	3 90
July....	4 02	4 05	4 02½	4 02½	4 00

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady: winter patents, $4.35@4.60; straights, $4.10@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; bakers, $3.00@3.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 75@75½c; No. 3 spring, 76c; No. 2 red, 85½@86½c.

CORN—No. 2, 22¼@22½c; No. 2 yellow, 22½c.

OATS—No. 2, 16½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 19½@20c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 16⅝@19½c.

RYE—No. 2, 35½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 24@35c; No. 4, f. o. b., 24@28c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 74@75½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.65.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $7.60@7.65; lard, per 100 lbs., $3.70; short ribs, sides (loose), $2.75@4.00; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.25@4.50; short clear sides (boxed), $4.12½@4.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.17.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, 5¼c; granulated, $4.51.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	8,000	7,000
Wheat, bu.....	12,000	54,000
Corn, bu.....	378,000	140,000
Oats, bu.....	436,000	152,000
Rye, bu.....	6,000	1,000
Barley, bu.....	79,000	12,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@20½c; dairy, 13@17½c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 14½c. Cheese, steady; 9@9½c. Dressed poultry, quiet; turkeys, 11@12c; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 10@11c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—FLOUR—Receipts, 16,900 bbls.; exports, 23,850 bbls.; quiet for spring patents, which are held higher; winter brands more active and steady; winter patents, $4.00@4.75; Minnesota patents, $4.35@4.45; winter extras, $3.15@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $3.65@3.95. Rye flour, steady; superfine, $2.55@2.75; fancy, $2.50@3.00. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.25.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet at 34c.

CORN MEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 58@59c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 40@40½c.

BARLEY—Easy; western, 28½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 50@58c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 60,125 bu.; exports, 79,745 bu.; spot weaker; No. 1 hard, New York, 91¼c. Options opened easier owing to large northwestern receipts, turned strong at midday on a large decrease in the visible supply and New York stocks, but finally weakened on a big gain in the visible, closing about ¼c lower. No. 2 red, February, closed at 84½c; May, 82⅞@83 1-16c, closed at 82⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 141,375 bu.; spot weaker; No. 2, 28½c. Options opened steadier, but sold off with wheat and big receipts, closing ⅝c lower; February closed at 28¾c; May, 29 11-16@30⅛c, closed at 29⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 112,200 bu.; exports, 20,558 bu.; spot steady; No. 2, 21⅝c. Options opened steady, but afterward eased off with corn and closed ⅛@¼c lower; February closed at 21⅝c; May, 21⅝@22⅛c, closed at 21⅝c.

BUTTER—Steady; receipts, 7,378 pkgs.; western creamery, 12@21½c; Elgins, 21½c; factory, 7@14c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,077 pkgs.; state, large, 9@12½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@9½c; full skims, 3@3½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 5,456 pkgs; weak; state and Pennsylvania, 15½@16c; western, 13@15c; southern, 14@15c.

HAY—Weak; shipping, 52@55½c; good to choice, 67½@72½c.

HOPS—Steady; 1895 crop, 36@7c; 1896 crop, 8@12½c; Pacific coast crop, 1895, 3½@7c; 1896 crop, 9@11c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 12@13c; Buenos Ayres, nominal; Texas dry, 3½c; California, 25½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 19½@20½c; acid, 20@23c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $8.50@10.00; beef hams, $18. Cut meats, firm pickled bellies, 4½@4¾c; dry shoulders, 4⅝@4¾c. Lard, steady; western steamed, 4¾. refined, quiet. Pork, steady; mess, $8.15@8.75; short clear, $8.50@10.00. Tallow, dull and easy; city, 3¼@3⅜c; country, 3⅛@3½c.

OILS—Petroleum, steady; United closed at 82½c; Pennsylvania crude, firm; March, 82½c; sales, none. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.70. Turpentine, steady at 28½@29c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 3¼@7¼c; Japan, 4½@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 22@32c.

METALS—Pig iron, easy; southern, $11.00@12.00; northern, $11.00@13.50. Copper, quiet; exchange, $12. Tin, dull; straits, $13.65@13.85; plates, easy. Spelter, firm; domestic, $4.05@4.12½. Lead, firm; exchange, $3.22½@3.27½; brokers, $2.90. St. Louis reports strong market for lead.

Coffee Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—COFFEE—Options opened quiet and unchanged to 5 points lower; trading was light and entirely local. European cables were without influence, showing a narrow market. Local market ruled dull all day, and closed inactive, unchanged to 5 points net decline; sales, 10,000 bags, including: March, $9.45; May, $9.35. Spot coffee, Rio, dull; No. 7, $9.75. Mild, quiet; Cordova, $10.50@16.75; sales, 500 bags. Bucaramanga, 60. Total warehouse deliveries from the United States, 6,265 bags, including 5,468 from New York; New York stock today, 376,246 bags; United States stock, 415,625 bags; afloat for the United States, 285,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 700,625 bags, against 343,097 bags last year.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 8.—COFFEE—Firm; No. 7, Rio, 10,100 reis; exchange, $1 11-16d; receipts, 12,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 11,000 bags; for Europe, 1,000 bags; stock, 305,000 bags. Weekly report: Coffee, firm; exchange, standard, 10,100 reis; receipts during the week, 55,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 17,000 bags; stock, 305,000 bags.

SANTOS, Feb. 8.—COFFEE—Firm; good average Santos, 11,200 reis; receipts, 10,000 bags; stock, 488,000 bags. Weekly report: Coffee, firm; good average Santos, 11,200 reis; receipts during the week, 36,000 bags; shipments to the United States, 67,000 bags; stock, 498,000 bags.

HAVRE, Feb. 8.—COFFEE—Closed quiet at ⅛f net decline; sales amount to 17,000 bags.

HAMBURG, Feb. 8.—COFFEE—Unchanged; sales, 3,000 bags.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@10c; choice to fancy roll, 13@14c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; redheads and mallards, $3.75; small rabbits, 40@50c; jacks, $1.00@1.25; squirrels, 60@70c; Canada geese, large, $6.00@7.00; small, $4.00@5.00.

CHEESE—Domestic bricks, 10½c; Edam, per doz., $9; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.15; Limburger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young American, 10½c; twins, fancy, 10½c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 7@7½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 5½@6c; turkeys, 10@11c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 8@9c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@90c; 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 carret, per lb., 2½@2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2½@2¾c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

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

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.25@1.35.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $2.

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

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 30c.

FRUITS.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

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

APPLES—Fancy, New York, $1.60@1.65; extra fancy, large, $1.75.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Per box, $2.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, $2.75@3.00; California navels, 126s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedling, $2.75.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.50; choice California, $3.75; fancy, $3.75@3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $2.50; per bbl., $4.00@4.25.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.50@2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 12c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., ancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 11@11½c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; small, $1.50; cocoanuts, 5c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 15c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 3 crown, 11c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 5½c; No. 2 green hides, 4½c; 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 12 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 PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted, shearlings (short wool early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@6½c; 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@6c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 2@4c; feet cut off as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2½c; 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; coedy, burry and cotty, 8@9c; selected and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 9@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.

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.

FRESH MEATS.

BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6@7c; western steers, 5½@6c; good cows and heifers, 5½@6c; medium cows and heifers, 5¼c; good forequarters cows and heifers, 4½c; good forequarters steers, 5c; good hindquarters cows and heifers, 7½c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 2½c; rump butts, 5c; steer chucks, 4½c; cow chucks, 3½c; boneless chucks, 4c; plates, 3½c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 12½c; loins, No. 2, 10½c; loins, No. 3, 8½c; ribs, No. 1, 10½c; ribs, No. 2, 8½c; ribs, No. 3, 6½c; steer rounds, 6¼c; cow rounds, 5½c; rounds, shank or rump off, 6½c; rounds, shank and rump off, 7c; trimmings, 3½c; brains, per doz., 35c; sweetbreads, per lb., 15c; kidneys, each 5c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, 2c, tongues, per lb., 12c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4¾c; tenderloins, 13c; loins, 6c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 2½c; snouts and ears, 2½c; backbones, 2½c; neckbones, 2½c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 8c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed sheep, 6c; racks, 8½c; legs and saddles, 8c; breasts, and stews, 2½c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—FLOUR—Unchanged.

WHEAT—Opened lower, soon developed considerable strength and advanced rapidly, declined, but closed higher than Saturday for futures. Spot higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 86¼c bid; track, 89½@91c; No. 2 hard, cash, 77c; May, 85⅛@85⅜c, asked; July, 71½c.

CORN—Futures opened dull and easier; advanced a fraction, but closed under Saturday. Spot steady; No. 2 cash, 20½c; May, 21⅛c bid; July, 21⅛@21⅜c.

OATS—Dull and lower for futures, with spot steady; No. 2 cash, 16½c bid; May, 18⅛c.

RYE—Nominal at 33½c.

BARLEY—Dull at 38c.

CORN MEAL—$1.35.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, nominally, 41@42c.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 73½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.50.

HAY—Quiet and steady; prairie, $4.00@7.50; timothy, $6.00@10.50.

BUTTER—Steady and unchanged.

EGGS—Higher at 12c.

WHISKY—$1.18.

METALS—Lead, strong at $2.95@3.00. Spelter, firm at $3.85.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard, mess, jobbing, $7.50@8.10. Lard, steady; prime steam, $3.62½; choice, $3.70. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.65; ribs, $4.90; shorts, $5.05. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.50; extra short clear, $4.30; ribs, $4.40; shorts, $4.55.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 7,000 bu.; corn, 255,000 bu.; oats, 72,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 4,000 bu.; wheat, 2,000 bu.; corn, 98,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 8.—WHEAT—Spot steady; demand poor; No. 2 red, winter, nothing quoted; No. 2 red, spring, 6s 5d; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, nothing quoted; No. 1 California, 6s 7½d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ½d higher; closed steady, with near positions ⅝@¾d higher, and distant positions ¾@1¼d higher; business about equally distributed; March, 6s 3¾d; May, 6s 5½d; July, 6s 4½d.

CORN—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 2s 7½d. Futures opened easy, with near and distant positions unchanged; closed quiet, with near positions ⅛@¼d lower and distant positions unchanged to ¼d lower; February, 2s 7¼d; March, 2s 7½d; April, 2s 8d; May, 2s 8½d; June, 2s 9d; July, 2s 9½d.

FLOUR—Dull; demand poor; St. Louis, fancy winter, 8s 9d.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, steady; demand poor. Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 26s; short ribs, 20 to 24 lbs., 25s; long clear, light, 25 to 38 lbs., 25s; long clear, heavy, 40 to 45 lbs., 24s 6d; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs 24s; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 22s 6s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 27s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 18 lbs., 25s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 32s. Tallow, fine North American, 18s. Beef, extra India mess, 61s 3d; prime mess, 50s. Pork, prime mess, western, 46s 3d; medium western, 46s. Lard, dull; prime western, 29s refined, in pails, 21s 3d. Cheese, fine, 48s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 90s; good, 55s.

OILS—Linseed, 16s 3d. Petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERTOR BEEF—Forequarters, 4d; hindquarters, 5d.

HOPS—15s.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Feb. 8.—CORN—Firm; new No. 2, 18½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 19@20c.

RYE—Dull; nominal.

WHISKY—Market steady; finished goods on the basis of $1.17 for high wines.

RECEIPTS—Corn, 117,000 bu.; oats, 2,300 bu.; rye, none; whisky, None; wheat, 5,400 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Corn, 70,550 bu.; oats, 35,750 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 1,275 gals.; wheat, 4,200 bu.

New York Dry Goods Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The feature of the market was the purchase by the American Printing company of 750,000 pieces of 64-square print cloths, which relieves Fall River of the entire stock of that sort of goods. The effect on this market was exceedingly healthy, and while there was an increased demand for light brown cottons, buyers found the market against them. The demand for light and heavy weight woolens was of renewed importance, as it also was for wool dress goods. There was a wide order request for many moderate assortments of all classes of plain and fancy cottons, which in the aggregate, took care of a good many goods.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Sugar and Other Industrials Almost Monopolize the Dealings.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The overwhelming proportion of the transactions on the Stock exchange today were in the industrial stocks, with Sugar far in the lead in point of activity. Many factors combined to decline this group. The situation in the industrials continued much the same as for some time past, all being depressed by the proceedings in the city of the legislative committee, which is now investigating the Sugar company with a further investigation of other companies still in prospect. Sugar, as being immediately the subject of investigation, and as being open to other unfavorable conditions, was in the van of the downward movement, which began with the opening, and after a period of apathy, continued in a manner resembling partial demoralization. There were evidences of quite a heavy liquidation in this stock and in the course of the decline extension stop orders were apparently encountered, which accelerated the fall in prices. The whole market became a victim of this movement, the industrials in marked degree, and the general list fractionally. There was a notable lack of support for the yielding market, and the decline was practically unopposed. The decline in the price of Sugar in this movement was 2¾ per cent. Leather preferred yielded 1¼ per cent; Tobacco 1⅜ per cent; Chicago Gas, 1 per cent; American Spirits preferred, 1⅛ per cent, and Illinois Steel, 1 per cent. In the railway list Rock Island fell off 1⅛ per cent; Northern Pacific, 1 per cent; Northern Pacific preferred, 1⅛ per cent, and Delaware & Hudson, 1 per cent. Some influence was also caused on the market by an unfounded rumor that Admiral Bunce's squadron of United States war ships had been ordered to Havana to enforce the release of American prisoners there. There was also some depression reflected from London and Europe over the unsteadiness felt there on account of the political situation, the czar's ill health and the friction between the British and French governments over Egypt. But the decisive influence in the market was undoubtedly the Lexow trust investigation committee, and the day's proceedings before it. This was shown by the rally which occurred in the open market upon the announcement that this committee had adjourned over until Saturday. Sugar, on this announcement, regained all but ⅞ of the day's loss, carrying with it the other industrials. Tobacco, however, benefited only by ¼ per cent, thus scoring a net loss of ½ per cent on account of the belief that it is the next company to be taken up by the investigating committee. The preponderance of Sugar dealings in the market is shown by the fact that nearly half the total number of shares dealt in for the day were of that company. The market was almost wholly a professional one, and the rally after the decline was much accentuated by the covering of short interests. The dealings in other shares were without special significance or importance, the course of prices being almost wholly in sympathy with the industrials. The improvement shown in the statement of the eastbound tonnage failed to exert a sustaining effect on railway shares, and the general list shows fractional net declines. London sold at the outset for account of the European traders, was somewhat unsettled after the rally, but the closing was firm. The Atchison new common stock was first dealt in today and sold at 12⅝@14.

The bond market was less active, but a fairly good undertone prevailed near the close, when some concessions occurred in the speculative issues. The gilt-edged stocks continue conspicuous in the dealings, with Erie first consols rising 2½ to 143, and receding ⅛. The sales were $1,496,000. Government bonds were dull, but strong generally. The sales were $25,000.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: "There were heavy and depressed markets today, owing to political complications. They closed above the lowest. Nothing is doing. There was much bear selling because easy money remains a factor. Americans were weak, closing at the lowest. Japan bought £100,000 in gold. The Paris and Berlin markets were weak."

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

Atchison.....	14⅝	Ontario & W.....	14¾
Adams Ex.....	148	Oregon Nav.....	14
Alton, T. H.....	75	Oregon S. L. & U. N.....	25
Am. Express.....	118½	Pacific Mail.....	25
Baltimore & Ohio.	15¼	Peoria, Dec. & E.	2
Canada Pacific.....	55¾	Pittsburg.....	166½
Canada Southern.	44½	Pullman Palace...	164½
Central Pacific....	14	Reading.....	25⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	17⅛	R. G. W.....	12
Chicago & Alton..	164	do pfd.....	38½
C. B. & Q.....	74¼	Rock Island.....	73
Chicago Gas.....	77⅛	St. Paul.....	75⅛
Consolidated Gas.	148	do pfd.....	133
C., C., C. & St. L...	36½	St. Paul & Omaha.	48¾
Colo. Coal & Iron.	32	St. P. & O. pfd....	135
Cotton Oil Cert...	11⅛	Southern Pacific..	15⅛
Delaware & Hud..	108⅛	Sugar Refinery....	113⅛
Del., Lack. & W...	152¼	Tenn. Coal & Iron.	29⅝
D. & R. G. pfd.....	14⅛	Texas Pacific.....	6¾
East Tenn.....	14½	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd.	50
Erie.....	34⅛	Union Pacific.....	6⅞
Eric pfd.....	22	U. S. Express.....	35
Fort Wayne.....	165	W. St. L. & Pac...	16
G. Northern pfd...	121	W. St. L. & P. pfd..	15¾
C. & E. I. pfd.....	95	Wells Fargo Ex...	98
Hocking Valley...	9⅛	Western Union...	82¾
Illinois Central...	92	Wheeling & L. E...	2⅛
St. P. & Duluth...	20	do pfd.....	9¼
K. & T. pfd.....	30¼	Minn. & St. Louis.	19¼
Lake Erie & West.	15⅛	Den. & R. G.....	11
do pfd.....	66	Gen. Electric.....	35⅛
Lake Shore.....	152⅜	Nat'l Linseed.....	13
Lead Trust.....	22¾	Col. Fuel & I.....	25
Louisville & N....	49¾	do pfd.....	90
L. & N. A.....	¼	Tol. St. L. & K. C.	5¼
Manhattan Con...	89	do pfd.....	18¾
Memphis & C....	15	Southern.....	9⅛
Michigan Central.	89¼	Southern pfd.....	28⅛
Mo. Pacific.....	25¾	Tobacco pfd.....	109¾
Mobile & Ohio....	20	Tenn. C. & C. Co....	15⅛
Nashville Chat...	66	C. C. Co.....	150
N. J. Central....	99	Am. Sugar pfd....	102
N. & W. pfd.....	17¼	Leather pfd.....	59½
North Am. Co....	4⅛	Rubber.....	25
Northern Pacific..	15	Rubber pfd.....	14¾
N. Pacific pfd.....	37⅛	Cotton Oil pfd....	53
U. P., D. & G.....	4	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	98
Northwestern.....	103⅛	Am. Spirits.....	15⅛
do pfd.....	153	Am. Spirits pfd...	32⅛
N. Y. Central.....	93	O. R. & N. 4s.....	43½
N. Y. & N. E.....	37		

The total sales of stocks were 194,090 shares, including: American Tobacco, 5,900; American Sugar, 80,600; Burlington, 8,200; Chicago Gas, 3,900; General Electric, 3,500; Louisville & Nashville, 5,900; Northern Pacific, 3,800; Northern Pacific preferred, 6,400; Reading, 3,700; St. Paul, 10,400.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@2 per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86¼@4.86⅜ for demand, and at $4.84½@4.84¾ for sixty day bills; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.87½@4.88; commercial bills, $4.83¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—64⅞@65⅛c.

BAR SILVER—64¾c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—50⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Strong; new 4s, reg., 122⅜; coupon, 122⅜; 5s, reg., 113⅜; coupon, 113⅝; 4s, reg.; 111⅝; coupon, 112¼; 2s, reg., 95¼. Pacific 6s of '98, 103½.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Easier.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg..	122⅜	D. & R. G. 4s.....	88⅛
U. S. new coup....	122⅜	Erie 2ds.....	66
U. S. 5s, reg.....	113⅜	G. H. & S. A. 6s...	104
U. S. 5s, coup.....	113⅜	do 7s.....	96½
U. S. 4s, reg.....	111⅝	H. & T. C. 5s.....	108
U. S. 4s, coup.....	112⅜	do 6s.....	102
U. S. 2s, reg.....	95¼	M., K. & T 1st 4s.	84⅛
Pacific 6s of '95...	103⅜	do 2d 4s.....	59¾
Ala., class A.....	106	Mutual Union 6s...	111⅛
Ala., class B.....	104	N. J. C. Gen. 5s...	117
Ala., class C.....	98	No. Pacific 1sts...	110¾
Ala. Currency.....	96	N. W. Consols.....	140¾
La. New Con. 4s..	95½	do S. F. Deb. 5s..	111
Missouri 6s.....	100	R. G. West. 1sts...	73
N. C. 6s.....	122	St. P. Consols 7s..	130
N. C. 4s.....	101	do C. & P. W. 5s.	113¾
S. C. non-fund 6s.	...	St. L. & I. M. Gen. 5	76
Tenn. new set 3s..	80	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6	112
Tenn. new set 5s..	105	Texas Pac. 1sts...	88⅛
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	Texas Pac. 2ds...	21
Va. Centuries.....	62	U. P. 1sts of '95...	104½
do deferred.....	6⅛	do Sinking 4s....	73
Atchison 4s.....	82⅜	L. & N. unified 4s.	80
Atchison 2d A.....	47¾	Southern 5s.....	82½
Canada So. 2ds....	106	O. R. & N. 1sts...	112¾
C. P. 1sts of '93..	101¾	O. R. & N. 4s.....	84
D. & R. G. 4s.....	111¾	N. P. 3d.....	86

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Call loans, 2@3¼ per cent; time loans, 2¾@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	14⅜	Wis. Central.....	2
American Sugar..	113½	Bd. Elec. Ill.....	135
Am. Sugar pfd....	102	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	76
Bay State Gas.....	5¾	Atchison pfd.....	24¼
Bell Telephone...	215⅛	Atchison 4s.....	81⅛
Boston & Albany.	200¾	New England 6s..	113⅛
Boston & Maine..	166	Gen. Elec. 5s.....	95
C. B. & Q.....	74	Wis. Cent. 1s.....	39¼
Pitchburg.....	91⅝	Allouez Mining Co	1
General Electric..	34¼	Atlantic.....	22
Illinois Steel.....	39⅛	Bonanza & Montana	109
Mexican Central..	9	Butte & Bost m....	11⅛
N. Y. & N. E.....	60	Calumet & Hecla..	355
Old Colony.....	176⅛	Centennial.....	5¾
Ore. Short Line...	19	Franklin.....	11
Rubber.....	21⅛	Keearsarge.....	1⅛
Union Pacific.....	6¾	Osceola.....	31⅛
West End.....	66⅛	Quincy.....	117
West End pfd.....	89⅛	Tamarack.....	11d
West. Elec.....	24¾	Wolverine.....	9⅛
W. Elec. pfd.....	50		

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Bulwer.....	50	Ontario.....	9.00
Chollar.....	85	Ophir.....	90
Crown Point.....	30	Plymouth.....	20
Con. Cal. & Va....	200	Quicksilver.....	100
Deadwood.....	100	Quicksilver pfd...	1000
Gould & Curry....	40	Sierra Nevada....	35
Hale & Norcross..	100	Standard.....	150
Homestake.....	2900	Union Con.....	37
Iron Silver.....	32	Yellow Jacket.....	25