COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Bad Crop Reports and Renewed Wa Rumors Cause Some Strength.

TRADING IN WHEAT IS ONLY LIGHT

Grain Advances Only in Small Fractions and Provisions Close at a Slight Loss from Saturday's Final Figures.

CHICAGO, March 29.—Bad crop reports and a renewal of the European war rumors made a strong wheat market today, but the lightness of trade prevented more than a ⅜c advance. Corn closed ⅜c higher; oats, ¼c higher and provisions 7½c lower to 2½c higher.

Wheat started firm, notwithstanding some matters of a discouraging character. The amount of wheat on passage decreased only 400,000 bu. last week, notwithstanding the fact that the quantity put afloat in that time from all countries was only 3,725,000 bu. Beerbohm's report of the world's shipments for the week made the total 4,270,000 bu. The latter feature of the week's international trade was one of the reasons for the opening strength, although the firmness was principally attributed to a ½d decline in British consols and louder rumblings from the war-threatened east. Northwest receipts were very heavy, but this feature of the morning's news was almost entirely ignored. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 884 cars, against 294 cars last week and 535 cars on the corresponding day last year. Chicago receipts were 14 cars and 80,000 bu. were withdrawn from store. Opening sales of May were made at from 72¾c to 73c compared with Saturday's closing price of 72¾c. For over an hour the market ruled very dull and the extent of the fluctuations was from 72¾c to 73¼c, but the highest of these quotations was exceeded after the visible statement was published. Perhaps the latter, bullish as it was, would not have stirred the trade much, but about the same time Snow's crop report was given out, making the general average condition for winter 83.5 against 87 a year ago and remarking that the present is the lowest April condition on record except that of 1885. Shorts took alarm at this and bought in a considerable portion of the long wheat, which caused May to advance to 73¾c. During the last hour some reaction occurred on crop reports of a different tenor, May closing steady at 73¾c.

Corn surprised the scalpers in the middle of a dull session by doing something exciting. Some shorts, influenced by the bad reports as to the condition of the country stocks, tried to cover, but found no one to buy. Buyers for the long account made their appearance and prices went up in a hurry. A good seaboard demand was also a feature. Exports amounted to 7,781,000 bu. May opened a shade higher at 24⅝c, sold sparingly at from 24½c to 24⅝c, rose to 25c and closed at 24⅝@¼c bid.

Oats was quiet and uninteresting during the greater part of the day. The feeling was firm, but no advance resulted until the shorts, taking their cue from the corn pit, bought freely. Seaboard clearances were 160,000 bu. May opened a shade higher at 17¼c, advanced to 17⅝c and closed steady at from 17⅝c to 17¾c.

Provisions opened heavy at sharp declines, due to an unexpectedly large run of hogs and ruled weak during the greater part of the session. The firmness in grain finally infused more confidence in traders and a reaction set in near the end, which was, however, more pronounced in lard and ribs than in pork. At the close May pork was about 7½c lower at from $8.52½ to $8.55; May lard, 2½c higher at $4.22½, and May ribs unchanged at $4.00.

Estimated receipts Tuesday: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 170 cars; oats, 185 cars; hogs 16,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'd'y.
*Wheat-					
March.	71¾-72	72⅝	71¾	72⅛	71¾
May ...	72¾-73	73⅝	72¾	73⅜	72¾
July...	71¾	72⅜	70¾-71	71⅝@¾	71¾@¾
Sept...	69¾	69⅝@⅞	68⅝	69⅝@¾	69¾
*Corn—					
March.	23¾	24¼	23¾	24⅛	23¾@⅞
May....	24⅜	25	24⅛@⅜	24⅝	24⅛@⅜
July...	24¾	25⅛	25¾@¾	25⅜	25⅛
Sept...	26⅝	27⅜	26⅝	27⅛@¼	26¾@⅝
*Oats—					
March.	16¾	17⅜	16¾	16⅞	16¾
May....	17⅜	17⅝	17¼	17⅝@⅝	17⅜
July...	18	18¼	18	18⅛	18
Pork—					
May....	8 50	8 55	8 40	8 55	8 60
July...	8 60	8 65	8 50	8 65	8 70
Lard—					
May....	4 15	4 22½	4 15	4 22½	4 20
July...	4 25	4 35	4 25	4 35	4 30
Sh't Ribs					
May....	4 57½	4 60	4 52½	4 60	4 60
July...	4 60	4 65	4 57½	4 65	4 62½

* No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $4.30@4.50; winter straights, $4.00@4.20; spring specials, $4.50; spring patents, $4.00@4.10; straights, $3.40@3.70; bakers, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 72⅛@73½c; No. 3 spring, 72c; No. 2 red, 85¼@89½c.

CORN—No. 2, 24⅜@24⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 24⅝@24⅝c.

OATS—No. 3, 17c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20@21½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 17¼@20¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 33c.

BARLEY—No. 2, nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 26@32c; No. 4, f. o. b., 23@27c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 76@79½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.62½.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $8.50@8.75; lard, per 100 lbs., $4.17½@4.20; short ribs, sides (loose), $4.50@4.70; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00; short clear sides (boxed), $4.62½@4.75.

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

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	4,000
Wheat, bu	12,000	53,000
Corn, bu	127,000	15,000
Oats, bu	138,000	166,000
Rye, bu	10,000	.....
Barley, bu	20,000	6,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creamery, 15@19½c; dairy, 10@17c. Eggs, weak; fresh, 8½@9½c. Cheese, easy, 10½@10¾c. Dressed poultry, steady; turkeys, 12@12½c; chickens, 7½@8c; ducks, 11@12c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 29.—FLOUR—Receipts, 22,671 bbls.; exports, 40,889 bbls.; quiet, but steady at old prices; Minnesota patents, $4.15@4.35; Minnesota bakers, $3.70@3.85. Rye flour, dull.

BUCKWHEAT—34@35c.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 59c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 36½@36¾c.

BARLEY—Dull at 26½c; malting, 35@42c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 45@53c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 49,900 bu.; exports, 100,966 bu.; spot, firmly held; No. 2 red, 84¾c. Options opened steady on war news and bullish crop advices, was sustained during the early session by large decreases in the visible supply and local strength; and moderate covering; later advanced on firm late cables and reports that the English visible, closing unsettled with March ⅝c up and later months ¼c higher to ⅛c lower; sales included March, 81¼@82¼c, closed 81¼c; May, 78 13-16@78 15-16c, closed 79¼c.

CORN—Receipts, 44,850 bu.; exports, 8,924 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 26c; steamer yellow, 29¾c; ungraded yellow, 29¾c; steamer mixed, 29¾c; No. 3, 28c. Options opened steady and subsequently advanced on the decreased visible supply, firm bullish news from the west and good local support, closing ⅝@⅞c net higher; May closed at 30¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 208,800 bu.; exports, 141,335 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 22c. Options were quiet, but followed the advance in corn and closed at ⅛c net advance; May, 21¾@21⅞c, closed 21¾c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 50@55c; good to choice, 65@72½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, 1895 crop, 2½@5¼c; 1896 crop, 6@11c; Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 2@6c; 1896 crop, 6@12½c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 14c; California, 16½c.

LEATHER—Firm; hemlock, 20@21c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,264 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 15@19c; factory, 9@12c; imitation creamery, 10@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 641 pkgs.; market steady; state, large, 9@12½c; state, small, 9@12½c; part skims, 5@8c; full skims, 2½@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 21,498 pkgs.; market quiet; state and Pennsylvania, 10¼@10½c; western, 10c; southern, 9½@9¾c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $8.50@10.00; extra mess, $7.00@8.00; beef hams, $19.00@19.50; packers, $8.00@9.00; city extra, India mess, $14.50@15.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $5.25@5.75; shoulders, $5.25; hams, $9.00@9.75. Lard, inactive; western steam, $4.45; refined, quiet. Pork, easy; mess, $9.25@9.75; short clear, $9.25@10.75; family, $9.50@10.00. Tallow, quiet; city, 3¾c; country, 2¾c.

OILS—Petroleum, quiet; refined, $6.50; United closed at 94¾c bid; Pennsylvania crude, steady; April, 94¾c bid. Cottonseed, prime summer yellow, 23½@24c; off summer yellow, 22c; butter grades, 26c; 25½c. Rosins, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.65@1.67½. Turpentine, firm at 29½@29¾c.

RICE—Fair to extra, 4@6¾c; Japan, 4¼@4¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 23@30c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $10.50@11.00; northern, $10.50@12.75. Copper, quiet; brokers, $11.70 bid; exchange, $11.70@11.80. Tin, straits, $13.20@13.30; plates, easy. Spelter, steady; domestic, $4.10@4.20. Lead closed quiet, notwithstanding firm advices reaching here from St. Louis; spot lead, quiet; old, $3.40@3.42½; brokers, $3.30.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, March 29.—COTTON—Spot, quiet and steady; middling, 7 5-16c; middling uplands, 7 5-16c; middling gulf, 7 9-16c; sales, 732 bales. Futures, steady; sales, 65,400 bales; January, $6.77; February, $6.81; March, $6.82; April, $6.82; May, $6.87; June, $7.02; July, $7.06; August, $7.00; September, $6.81; October, $6.68; November, $6.70; December, $6.73. The market opened steady, with near positions unchanged and distant positions 3 points higher. Cables were disappointing, but were offset by reports of a bad break in the levee at Greenville, Miss. Later cables showed further loss in Liverpool and our market sold off 4 to 5 points. Trading was light, with the futures selling at Liverpool houses said to be against purchases abroad. At 11 o'clock the market was quiet and barely steady at a net loss of 2@4 points; sales, 35,000 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, March 29.—COTTON—Firm; middling, 6 15-16c; low middling, 6¼c; good ordinary, 6⅛c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh gathered, 7@7½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 7½@8c; choice to fancy roll, 10@12c; separator creamery, 13c; gathered creamery, 14c.

GAME—Blue winged teal ducks, $1.50; green wing, $1.25; redheads and mallards, $2.50@2.75; canvasbacks, $3.00; Canada geese, large, $6.00; small, $3.50@4.00.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., are quoted at 8@8½c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 7@8c; turkeys, hens, 11@12c; geese, 7@8c; ducks, 9@10c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½@7c; cocks, 3@4c.

PIGEONS—Live, 75@80c; dead pigeons, not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $4.50; midland, $3.50; lowland, $3; rye straw, $3.50; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOMCORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2@2½c; choice green, running to hurl, 2@2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN PEAS—Per 20-lb. box, $2.25.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $2.00.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $3.00@4.00.

ASPARAGUS—Per lb., 20c.

SPINACH—Per bu. box, $1.00.

TOMATOES—Per 7-basket crate, $3.00@3.50.

WAX BEANS—Per 16-qt. crate, $1.75.

PIE PLANT—Home grown, per lb., 8@10c.

TURNIPS—Per bbl., $1.50.

OLD VEGETABLES—Beets, carrots, parsnips, per bbl., $1.50.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20c.

LETTUCE—Per doz., 20c.

ONIONS—Per doz., 25c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 25c.

BERMUDA ONIONS—Per crate, $4.50.

SWEET POTATOES—Fancy Illinois, per bbl., $1.00@1.75; Kansas stock, $1.25.

ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., $1.25.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 3c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.00@1.10.

CABBAGE—Fancy stock, per 100 lbs., $1.75; California, $1.60@1.75.

CELERY—Per doz., large, California, 75c.

POTATOES—Good native stock, per bu., 25@30c; early Ohio seed potatoes, Red river valley, 50c; Minnesota early Ohio, 40@45c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Florida, per quart, 25c; Texas, per 24-quart cases, $4.50@5.00.

MALAGA GRAPES—Per keg, $7.

CRANBERRIES—Best Jersey, per bbl., $4.00@4.25; per crate, $1.25@1.35.

APPLES—Fancy, large, $2.25; choice, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUIT.

ORANGES—California navels, 150s to 200s, $3.75; large sizes, $3.25@3.50; seedlings, $2.25@2.65.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@3.25; choice California, $2.75; fancy, $3.00.

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

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., large size, 13c; Brazils, per lb., 10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy, soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10@11c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, large, 9@10c; jumbo, 11@12c; large hickory nuts, $1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, 4½c each.

FIGS—Imported fancy 4 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown 20-lb. boxes, 13@14c.

HONEY—Choice, 13@14c.

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

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

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 7c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 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 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 flint, Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 8@9c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 30@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; fed cut off, as it is useless to dry; freight and tare.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2c; grease, white A, 3c; grease, white B, 2c; grease, yellow, 2c; grease, dark, 1¾c; yellow butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, ½c.

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@2c; 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.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½c; good forequarters, steers, 5c; good hindquarters, steers, 8½c; western steers, 6c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 5¾c; good forequarters, heifers, 4¾c; good hindquarters, heifers, 7¾c; good cows, 5¾c; fair cows, 5½c; common cows, 4¾c; cow forequarters, 4¼c; cow hindquarters, 7¼c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, 20c; boneless strips, 9c; strip loins, 7c; rolls, 8½c; sirloin butts, 8½c; shoulder clods, 5½c; rump butts, 5c; steer necks, 4¼c; cow chucks, 3¾c; boneless chucks, 4¼c; cow plates, 3¼c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 11c; loins, No. 2, 11c; loins, No. 3, 8¼c; No. 1 short loins, 15c; No. 2 short loins, 12c; No. 3 short loins, 11c; sirloin ends, 7½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs, No. 2, 9c; ribs, No. 3, 6¾c; steer rounds, 6¼c; cow rounds, 5½c; cow rounds, shank off, 6¾c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 7¼c; trimmings, 4c; beef shanks, 2½c; brains, per pound, 2½c; cheek meats, per lb., 3c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per lb., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 2c; tongues, per lb., 12c.

MUTTON—Lambs, 7½c; yearlings, 7c; sheep, 6¾c; market racks (lambs), 8¼c; hotel racks (short), 11½c; legs and saddles, 8c; lamb legs, 9c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 5c; plucks, each, 3c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5¼c; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 14c; loins, 9½c; spare ribs, 5c; ham sausage butts, 7½c; boston shoulders, rough, 5c; shoulders, skinned, 5¼c; trimmings, 5c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 3½c; snouts and ears, 3½c; backbones, 3c; chek meats, 3½c; necklones, 6c; pigs' tails, 3½c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per dozen, 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per dozen, 10c; brains, per dozen, 15c; pigs' feet per doz. 30c; livers, each, 3c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, March 29.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Unsettled and fluctuating, closing: No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 84c asked; track, 95c; May, 89c bid; July, 74½@74¾c; August, 72¼c bid.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 21c bid; May, 22⅝@22¾c; July, 23¾c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 17¾c; May, 18¾c; July, 18¼c.

RYE—Dull; 34c asked.

BARLEY—No sales.

CORNMEAL—Quiet at $1.40@1.45.

BRAN—Dull and not much offered; sacked lots, 55c; carlots, 52c; bulk lots, 44c.

FLAXSEED—Nominally 75c.

TIMOTHY—$2.60@2.75 for prime.

HAY—Quiet, but firm; $6.50@12.50 for timothy and $4.00@7.50 for prairie.

BUTTER—Market steady; chickens, old and young, 6½@6¾c; turkeys, 7@9c; ducks, 7½@8¼c; geese, 5@6c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14@19½c; dairy, 8@15c.

EGGS—Easier at 7¼c.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.17.

METALS—Lead, firm at $3.17½@3.22½. Spelter, firm at $3.90 bid.

COTTON TIES—Unchanged.

BAGGING—Unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet; standard mess, jobbing, $8.50@9.00. Lard, firm; prime, $4.05; choice, $4.12½. Bacon (boxed), shoulders, $4.75; extra short clear, $5.37½; ribs, $5.50; shorts, $5.62½. Dry salted meats (boxed), shoulders, $4.87½; extra short clear, $5.00; ribs, $5.15.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 2,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 117,000 bu.; oats, 12,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 15,000 bu.; corn, 95,000 bu.; oats, 20,000 bu.

London Colonial Wool Sales.

LONDON, March 29.—At the wool auction sales today 13,207 bales were offered, of which 1,000 bales were withdrawn. Merinos were in good request and sold at full prices, while crossbreds met with limited demand and a slow sale. Geelong secured and lambs brought extreme rates and a lot of the latter sold at 2s 7d. New Zealand greasy and all secured sold well. The general tone, however, was slightly poorer. Prices were unchanged. Prices follow: New South Wales, 3,900 bales; scoured, 9d@1s 4d; greasy, 4d@1d. Queensland, 3,379 bales; scoured, 6½d@1s 2d; greasy, 3¾d. Victoria, 2,225 bales; scoured, 8d@2s 7½d; greasy, 5¾d@1s 2d. South Australia, 567 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5½d@1s 2d. Tasmania, 310 bales; scoured, 7½@9d; greasy, 3½@10d. New Zealand, 3,079 bales; scoured, 7¾d@1s 1½d; greasy, 5¾@10d.

A sale of low grade wools will be held on April 14, when 8,650 bales will be offered.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—WHEAT—Firm; slightly higher in some cases; No. 2 hard, 75@75c; No. 3, 72@73c; No. 4, 64@73c; No. 2 red, 96c; No. 3, 86@94c; No. 4, 80@85c; No. 2 spring, 77@78c; No. 3, 75@76c.

CORN—About ¼c higher; receipts light; No. 2 mixed, 20c.

OATS—Firm, rather active; No. 2 white, 19@21c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 31c.

HAY—Rather weak; choice timothy, $6.50@9.00; choice prairie, $5.00@6.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, very firm at 16@17c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—4c lower and weaker; receipts, heavy; strictly fresh, 7c.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The visible supply of grain Saturday, March 27, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, was as follows: Wheat, 29,023,000 bu.; decrease, 1,467,000 bu. Corn, 18,152,000 bu.; decrease, 925,000 bu. Oats, 12,786,000 bu.; decrease, 1,000 bu. Rye, 3,705,000 bu.; increase, 57,000 bu. Barley, 3,165,000 bu.; increase, 97,000 bu.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Anti-Trust Decision Still Exerts Powerful Influence.

NEW YORK, March 29.—The week opened with a continuance of the downward movement of prices which had been in evidence since last Tuesday, when the decision in the transmissouri case first influenced the trading on the exchange. The same influence was still powerfully at work and the apprehensions of security holders regarding its effects were intensified by the news of rate reductions by Missouri Pacific and St. Paul after their withdrawal from the traffic associations. The exceedingly uncertain tenure of confidence manifested in the prices on the London exchange was also reflected here, especially at the opening, and the trading opened with a veritable rush downward of prices. The low level thus quickly reached invited covering and prices recovered somewhat, but were soon tending downward again. Stop orders were uncovered by the constant fall in values and very large holdings of many stocks were thrown over. The lowest point was reached in the morning hour, and after noon a struggling improvement set in, which resulted in a partial recovery in many stocks. The day's transactions were large, especially in the morning decline, and there were heavy dealings for professional account, but large amounts of long stock also came out. The outside buying movement, which was started by the Lake Shore refunding bond issue and the accompanying purchase of Vanderbilt properties for inside interests, has been entirely suspended. The Vanderbilts scored sharp losses today, the stocks of the latter not largely. Canada Southern lost 3¼ per cent, Northwestern 2¼ per cent, Lake Shore 2 per cent, New York Central 1¾ per cent, Omaha 1 per cent, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis 1 per cent and Chesapeake & Ohio ⅞ per cent. Lake Shore recovered 1¾ per cent and New York Central 1 per cent. Michigan Central sold at 93, against 99 for the last previous sale, though it had in the meantime been bid down by steps. The low-priced shares cut quite a figure in the selling, the Goulds particularly. Missouri Pacific broke 3¼ points on reports that the road had cut the rate of freight on eggs, but recovered 1¼ per cent on a subsequent denial. The price at the decline was 14⅝, the lowest on record. Wabash preferred lost 1¼ per cent in sympathy and Atchison preferred declined 2 per cent on the statement for February, showing a decrease in surplus of $125,000. The international stocks all displayed the weakness in London. Erie second first preferred losing 3 per cent, Erie second preferred 1⅞ per cent, Louisville & Nashville 1⅜ per cent and Southern preferred 1¼ per cent. The grangers suffered from the general depression, Rock Island lost 2⅜ per cent and St. Paul and Burlington each 1⅜ per cent. Burlington alone of the group rallied to the extent of a point on the favorable showing of the February statement with its increase of surplus earnings of nearly $200,000. The Industrials were nearly all more or less under pressure or manipulation by the bears. Sugar, Tobacco, Bay State Gas, Chicago Gas, General Electric, American Spirits, Rubber and Cotton Oil losing from 1 to 2 points. Consolidated Gas lost 3 per cent and American Spirits preferred 2½ per cent. The coalers were steady and strong on account of their relatively favorable situation as regards traffic agreements, the harmonious financial interests which control making agreements necessary. New Jersey Central and Lackawanna were two of the exceptional stocks which showed net gains on the day, though they were only fractional. Similar net gains were made by Manhattan and United States Leather preferred. The net decline in the other coalers was only fractional, with the exception of a drop of 1½ per cent in Susquehanna & Western preferred. The closing was firm at par.

The bond market participated in the depression which was apparent in the share market and values of the more prominent speculative issues yielded from ½ to 2 per cent on liberal offerings. Sales for foreign account were quite a feature and included most of the active international liens. The market showed some steadiness toward the close, but fresh recoveries lacked consequence. The sales were $1,604,000. Governments were neglected at the board, but bid prices were quite firm and transactions were reported over the counter at a higher range.

The morning financial cablegram says: "The stock markets were dull and uninteresting today. Prices fell off from their own weight. A very pessimistic view is taken of Americans by some of the large financial houses here, but others are disposed to regard the decline as overdone. Neither section, however, is backing its opinion and the market is perfectly stagnant. The Paris bourse opened weak, but closed at a slight recovery. The Berlin market was flat."

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

Atchison	10	Ontario & W	13¾
Adams Ex	148	Oregon Nav	16
Alton, T H	55	O. S. L. & U. N	10
Am. Express	111	Pacific Mail	25¾
Baltimore & Ohio	14	Peoria, Dec. & E	½
Canada Pacific	45½	Pittsburg	162
Canada Southern	45¾	Pullman Palace	158
Central Pacific	8¾	Reading	20⅛
Ches. & Ohio	15⅝	R. G. W	12⅜
Chicago & Alton	162	do pfd	38⅞
C. B. & Q	70⅜	Rock Island	60⅛
Chicago Gas	77¼	St. Paul	87½
Consolidated Gas	153	do pfd	131⅝
C. C. C. & St. L	27¼	St. L. & San Fran	5⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron	½	St. P. & O. pfd	130
Cotton Oil Cert	10¾	Southern Pacific	14¼
Delaware & Hud	106½	Sugar Refinery	109⅝
Del. Lack. & W	154½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	24⅝
D. & R. G. pfd	37	Texas Pacific	8¾
East Tenn	12⅜	Tol. & O. Cen. pfd	50
Erie	27¼	Union Pacific	5½
Erie pfd	73	U. S. Express	38
Fort Wayne	162	W. St. L. & Pac	4⅜
G. Northern pfd	119	W. St. L. & P. pfd	12⅜
C. & E. I. pfd	95	Wells Fargo Ex	100
Hocking Valley	3½	Western Union	82⅝
Illinois Central	92	Wheeling & L. E	11⅝
St. P. & Duluth	18	W. & L. E. pfd	3¾
K. & T. pfd	26	Minn. & St. Louis	17
Lake Erie & West	13½	Den. & R. G	9
do pfd	50	Gen. Electric	31⅛
Lake Shore	164	Nat'l Linseed	12
Lead Trust	22¼	Col. Fuel & I	17
Louisville & N	45	do pfd	90
L. & N. A	¼	Tol. St. L. & K. C	5½
Manhattan Con	85	do pfd	18⅝
Memphis & C	15	Southern	7⅜
Michigan Central	93	Southern pfd	25⅜
Mo. Pacific	15½	Tobacco	72
Mobile & Ohio	17½	Tobacco pfd	104
Nashville Cha	66	Tenn. C. & C. Co	17
N. J. Central	85½	C. C. Co	156
N. & W. pfd	25	Am. Sugar pfd	100⅛
North Am. Co	3¾	Leather pfd	56
Northern Pacific	13¾	Rubber	19¾
N. Pacific pfd	34	Rubber pfd	62
U. P., D. & G	13¾	Cotton Oil pfd	56½
Northwestern	103⅜	P. C. C. & St. L pfd	47
do pfd	137	Am. Spirits	11
N. Y. Central	96¾	Am. Spirits pfd	29
N. Y. & N. E	37	O. & R. N. 4s	39

* ex-dividend.

The total sales of stocks today were 341,659 shares, including: American Tobacco, 19,100; American Sugar, 40,300; Burlington & Quincy, 15,600; Chicago Gas, 20,600; General Electric, 12,400; Louisville & Nashville, 5,300; Missouri Pacific, 6,200; New York Central, 4,500; Northwestern, 8,700; Northern Pacific preferred, 5,400; Omaha, 9,200; Reading, 16,400; Rock Island, 10,400; St. Paul, 37,000; Wabash preferred, 3,200; Southern preferred, 5,000. New Jersey Central, 10,000.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 29.—MONEY ON CALL—Easy at 1½@1¾ per cent; last loan, 1½ per cent; closed offered at 1¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¼@4.87½ for demand and at $4.85¾@4.86 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86½ and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84½@4.85.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—62½@62¾c.

BAR SILVER—62¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Firm.

STATE BONDS—Dull.

RAILROAD BONDS—Weak.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	123½	Erie 2ds	64
U. S. new coup	123½	G. H. & S. A. 6s	104
U. S. 5s, reg	112	do 7s	101
U. S. 5s, coup	114	H. & T. C. 5s	109¼
U. S. 4s, reg	97¾	do 6s	104
U. S. 4s, coup	113¾	M., K. & T. 1st 4s	86½
U. S. 2s, reg	96½	do 2 1-4s	56
Pacific 6s of '95	103⅜	Mutual Union 6s	110
Ala., class A	105	N. J. C. Gen. 5s	110⅝
Ala., class B	103¾	Pacific 6s	113
Ala., class C	90	do 2ds	22¾
Ala. Currency	94	N. W. Consols	142⅜
La. New Con. 4s	96½	do S. F. Deb. 5s	112⅜
Missouri 6s	103	St. P. Con. 7s	130⅜
N. C. 6s	123	St. P. C. & P. 1st	114
N. C. 4s	102	St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	73⅜
S. C. nonfund	½	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	111⅞
Tenn. new set 3s	75	T. & P. East 1st 5s	88
Tenn. new set 5s	103	Texas Pac. 2ds	19
Tenn. old 6s	60	U. P. 1st s of '96	101
Va. Centuries	63¼	U. P. 1st s of '97	107¾
do deferred	5	West Shore 4s	107¾
Atchison 4s	72⅞	L. & N. unified 4s	77¾
Atchison 2d A	43½	Southern 5s	88½
Canada So. 2ds	105	N. P. 4s	87¾
C. P. 1sts of '90	102⅜	O. R. & N. 1sts	101
D. & R. G. 4s	74⅞	O. R. & N. 4s	82½
D. & R. G. 4s	88		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, March 29.—Call loans, 2@3 per cent; time loans, 2¼@4 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F	9⅝	W. Elec. of I	50
American Sugar	109¾	Bd. Elec. Ill	145
Am. Sugar pref	109¾	Bay State Gas	7¾
Bay State Gas	4½	Atchison pfd	38⅜
Bell Telephone	223	Atchison 4s	80
Boston & Alby	214⅜	Alloucz Mining Co	90
Boston & Maine	169	Atlantic	20¾
C. B. & Q	70¾	Bonanza & Montana	12¼
Fitchburg	92½	Butte & Bost n	17½
General Electric	41	Calumet & Hecla	375
Illinois Steel	32⅜	Centennial	24
Mexican Central	8⅜	Franklin	19
Old Colony	177½	Kearsarge	16¾
Ore. Short Line	16	Oscoola	30½
Rubber	18½	Quincy	164
West End	94¾	Tamarack	124½
West End pfd	92	Wolverine	94
Wes. Elec	24		

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

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

Alta	1	Gould & Currie	25
Alpha Con	4	Hale & Norcross	84
Andes	10	Julia	4
Belcher	12	Kentucky Con	4
Best & Belcher	60	Mexican	21
Bullion	3	Occidental Con	8
Caledonia	8	Ophir	86
Challenge Con	32	Overman	6
Chollar	160	Potosi	31
Confidence	70	Savage	24
Con. Cal. & Va	110	Sierra Nevada	21
Con. Imperial	1	Silver Hill	1
Con. New York	1	Union Con	25
Crown Point	14	Utah Con	8
Exchequer	2	Yellow Jacket	24

Silver bars, 62¾c; Mexican dollars, 50¼