COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Declines in Face of Support by Leiter Interests.

WEAK CABLES FURNISH PRINCIPAL CAUSE

Provisions Are the Only Strong Feature on the Market, Showing an Advance of from Five to Ten Cents.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Wheat today lost all the advance it acquired yesterday and closed at ½@¾c decline. The market received some support from the Leiter interests, but weak cables and general apathy of trade resulted in a decline in spite of this buying. Corn dropped 1¼@1⅝c in sympathy. Oats closed a shade lower. Provisions were the only strong market on the floor and advanced 5@10c.

Opening prices for wheat showed a slight decline, May starting at 90¾@90⅞c, as compared with yesterday's closing of 91c. This was because Liverpool showed a very small advance in response to the gain here yesterday, and Paris opened weak and lower. The northwestern receipts were again too heavy to be a comfort to bull, and small receipts here were the only circumstance that they could claim in their favor. Trading was restricted by the general bearishness of the speculative crowd, which prevented them from buying, and their timidity at the same time of being caught short under the threatening local conditions that now exist. For a short time after the opening the market did show some strength. Brokers for the Leiter interests were buyers at 90⅝c, and their example in this respect was followed by some of the small fry, the price at a result advancing to 91⅛c. Rumors that the French duty on grain was about to be reduced were persistently circulated at the opening and helped in the advance. Denials soon became so unanimous, however, that the crowd dropped the tariff reduction as a motive for the decline at Paris, and the market here eased off from that time. Chicago received 18 cars, Minneapolis and Duluth received 267 cars, against 353 on the same day of the week before and 213 the corresponding day of last year. The receipts at western primary markets were 426,000 bu., against 350,000 bu. the corresponding day of the year before. Liverpool advance was only ¼ per cent, and Paris opened from 5 centimes to 15 centimes lower. Beerbohm cabled that Argentine wheat sold at 33s 6d, or the equivalent of $1.06½, and that cargoes of that wheat were being freely offered to arrive. On the other hand the Minneapolis dispatches reiterated their constant theme of coming scarcity in that region. The export clearances of wheat and flour from the Atlantic ports amounted to 415,000 bu. Closing cables brought lower quotations from continental markets, while Liverpool closed about ¼d lower for May, and futures for September showing ¼d advance. Paris quoted flour for this month's delivery 45c lower, and for March-May, 1-5c higher; wheat, 5c lower for both immediate and remote deliveries. Antwerp, 25c lower for American red and 12½c lower for Walla Walla. The price of May fluctuated between 90⅝c and 91c for the greater part of the session, and at 1 o'clock was acting at 90¾c. The last fifteen minutes of the session support almost entirely disappeared and operators who had become "long" on the early French rumors had considerable difficulty in unloading. May declined quite rapidly in consequence and was quoted at 90⅜@90⅝c at the close.

Corn was very quiet. The market was easy at the opening with the wheat. It turned firm on the prospects of a cold wave, but turned easy again as wheat declined and showed weakness for the rest of the session. Scalpers did the principal buying. Shorts who covered yesterday did the selling today. May ranged from 29⅝c to 29c, and closed ¼@⅝c lower at 29@29¼c.

The market for oats was slow. Some firmness was shown at the opening under fairly good buying by commission houses and on the good cash demand, but later prices fell off with wheat and corn. May ranged from 23⅞ to 23⅝c, and closed a shade lower at 23⅝@23¾c.

Provisions were strong throughout. Much lighter receipts of hogs than expected started the market at small advances all around. Some reaction followed, but at the concessions there were plenty of buyers and a second and more material advance quickly ensued. The market was well supported to the close, May pork closed at 29.65; May lard, 5c higher at $4.85 and May ribs, 10c higher at $4.80.

Estimated receipts for Thursday: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 410 cars; oats, 23 cars; hogs, 37,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows.

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
*Wheat—					
Jan....	91¼	91⅝	91	91	91¾
May...	90¾@91	91⅝	90⅛	90⅜@⅝	91
July...	81⅞@81¾	82	81¼	81¼	81⅞
*Corn—					
Jan....	28⅝	29⅜	28⅛	28⅛	28⅝
May...	29@29⅛	29⅝	29	29@29¼	29⅝
July...	30¼@30⅜	30⅝	30@30⅛	30@30⅛	30⅜
*Oats—					
May...	23¾	23¾	23½	23¾	23⅝
July...	22⅛	22⅜	22⅛	22⅜	22½
Pork—					
Jan....	....	....	....	9 37½	9 25
May...	9 45	9 52½	9 40	9 50	9 37½
Lard—					
Jan....	....	....	....	4 75	4 70
May...	4 85	4 87½	4 82½	4 85	4 80
July...	4 92½	4 95	4 90	4 93	4 90
Sh'rtRibs					
Jan....	....	....	....	4 65	4 67½
May...	4 75	4 80	4 72½	4 80	4 70

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet; winter patents, $4.70@4.80; straights, $4.30@4.40; spring wheat, $4.35@5.35; spring patents, $4.40@4.70; straights, $4.00@4.30; bakers, $3.50@3.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 86@86½c; No. 3 spring, 80@90c; No. 2 red, 90½@91c.

CORN—No. 2, 26½@26¾c; No. 2 yellow, 26½@26¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 23½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 24@24½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

BARLEY—No. 2, f. o. b., 28@38c.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork per bbl., $9.37½@9.45. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.75. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.50@4.75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.75@5.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.80@4.90.

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

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.14; granulated, $5.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	14,000	19,000
Wheat, bu	54,000	18,000
Corn, bu	457,000	119,000
Oats, bu	388,000	190,000
Rye, bu	13,000	4,000
Barley, bu	52,000	17,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 14@19c; dairies, 11@17c. Cheese, quiet at 8½@8¾c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 28c. Dressed poultry, turkeys, 10@10½c; chickens, 6@7c; ducks, 7@7½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,561 bbls.; exports, 15,963 bbls.; quiet and about steady; city mill patents, $5.65@5.90; city mill clear, $5.35@5.45; Minnesota patent, $5.00@5.30; Minnesota bakers', $4.20@4.50; winter straights, $4.45@4.55; winter extras, $3.40@3.95; winter low grades, $2.80@3.00. Rye flour, steady at $2.50@3.20. Buckwheat flour, quiet at $1.25@1.35.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull and easy.

CORNMEAL—Dull.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 western, 55c.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 34½c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 52½@60c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 24,975 bu.; exports, 72,534 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, $1.01½. Options opened easy under cable news, rallied sharply on scattering covering prompted by a strong home situation and better late cables, but broke badly near the close under realizing and the small export trade, closing ½@⅝c net lower; January, 98⅜@98 11-16c, closed 98⅝c; May, 92@92 11-16c, closed 92¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 72,150 bu.; exports, 27,674 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 34¾c. Options opened steady and advanced with wheat, finally reacting under prospective colder weather and increased receipts, closing ¼c net lower; January closed at 32⅞; May, 34@34⅛c, closed 34c.

OATS—Receipts, 111,600 bu.; exports, 65,002 bu.; spot, dull; No. 2, 28¾c. Options were quiet and barely steady, closing unchanged to ⅛c net lower; May closed at 28¾c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 35@45c; good to choice, 70@75c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@18c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 7@9c; 1897 crop, 16@17c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15c; Texas dry, 12c; California, 17@18c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, heavy, 20½@21½c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 29@31c; pulled Texas, 13@17c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.00@11.50; extra mess, $8.00@8.50; beef hams, $22.00@22.50; packet, $9.00@10.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.00@6.00; pickled shoulders, $5.00; pickled hams, $7.00. Lard, firm; western steam, $5.10; refined, firm. Pork, firm; mess, $9.00@9.50; short clear, $9.75@11.25; family, $10.00@10.50. Tallow, dull; country, 3½@3¾c; city, 3¾c.

OILS—Linseed, dull; United, 66½c. Rosin, firm; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine, firmer at 34@34½c. Cottonseed, quiet, firm and held higher; prime crude, 19c; prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 15@16c; prime summer yellow, 22½c; off summer yellow, 22c; butter oil, 24@25c; prime winter yellow, 27½@28½c.

METALS—The New York metal market is variable with a weak general undertone. The Metal exchange calls pig iron warrants very dull at $6.00 bid and $6.10 asked. Lake copper, easier at $10.85 bid, $10.95 asked. Tin, firmer at $13.60 bid, $13.85 asked. Spelter, quiet and unchanged at $3.90 bid, $4.00 asked, and lead weak at $3.90 bid, $3.95 asked. The firm that fixes the settling prices for miners and smelters calls the lead market weak at $3.55.

RICE—Quiet; fair to extra, 4¼@5¼c; Japan, 4¾@5c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@31c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, 18@19c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@11c; choice to fancy, 14@15c; separator creamery, 21c; gathered creamery, 19@19c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 85 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8c; large and coarse, 4@5c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Chickens, 6@7c; turkeys, 9@11c; geese, 8c; ducks, 7½c.

GAME—Small rabbits, per doz., 90@90c; large, per doz., $1.00; squirrels, 90@90c.

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

HAY—Upland, $6.00; midland, $5.50; lowland, $5.00; rye straw, $4.50. Color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES

QUINCES—California, per box, $1.25.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 40c; small, 25@30c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 65c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.35@1.30.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., $2.50.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1½c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; western stock, 70c.

FRUITS

APPLES—Winter stock, $3.00; California Bellefleur, boxes, $1.50; Colorado Jonathans, boxes, $1.75; Oregon, boxes, $1.25.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $7.25@7.50; Wisconsin Early and Bugle, $7.50@7.75; Wisconsin Bell and Cherry, $6.50.

GRAPES—Catawbas, 2-lb. baskets, 14@15c; Malagas, $2.00@2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3.00@3.25; California, navels, $3.25@3.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $3.00@4.00; California, 360, $2.25@2.50; 300, $2.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium size bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 18@19c; small, 16c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 8@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium size, 10@11c; large size, 12@13c; hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FISH—Pompano, fancy, 3 crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5 crown, 24-lb. boxes, 14@15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.00.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@10c.

KRAUT—Per bbl., $4.00; half bbl., $2.25@2.35.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, pure, per doz., $12.00; half-gal. cans, $6.25; pint cans, $3.50.

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Satr, 5½c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.00; bbls., $5.25.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 6½c; good forequarters native steers, 5½c; good hindquarters steers, 8½c; western steers, 5½c; Texas steers, 5½c; fancy heifers, 6c; good heifers, 5½c; good forequarters heifers, 5c; good hindquarters heifers, 8c; good cows, 5½c; fair cows, 5c; cow forequarters, 3½c; cow hindquarters, 7½c.

BEEF CUTS—Hanging tenderloins, 12½c; ribs, No. 1, 11c; ribs No. 2, 8c; ribs, No. 3, 6c; steer rounds, 7c; cow rounds, 6¼c; cow rounds, shank off, 8c; cow rounds, shank and rump off, 8½c; trimmings, 2½c; beef shanks, 2½c; chains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., 12½c; kidneys, per doz., 40c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2c; hearts, per lb., 3c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass of sides, 9c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c; tenderloins, fresh, 18c; tenderloins, frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 8c; boneless strips, frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 12c; strip loins, frozen, 8½c; rolls, boneless, 9½c; rolls, spencer cuts, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 9c; shoulder clods, boneless, 5c; rump butts, boneless, 8½c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; 3 chucks, 4¼c; boneless chucks, 4½c; cow flanks, 2½c; steer plates, 3c; flank steak, 6c; loins, No. 1, 13c; loins, No. 2, 10c; loins, No. 3, 8c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; short loins, hotel style, 5c above loins; sweet loin ends, 8c; strip loin ends, 9c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 8½c per lb.; lambs, 7½c; sheep, 6½c; market racks, long, 8c; hotel racks, short, 11c; loins, 8½c; saddles, 8½c; legs, 9c; lambs' legs, 9c; hearts and stews, 3½c; tongues, each 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5c per lb.; dressed hogs, 4½c; tenderloins, 12½c; loins, short, 5½c; long, 5c; spare ribs, 4c; ham sausage butts, 5½c; Boston butts, 5c; shoulders, roasts, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5c; heads, cleaned, 4c; snouts and ears, 3c; backbones, 2c; slip bones, 2½c; check meat, 2½c; neck bones, 2c; pigs' tails, 3c; chucks, each, 5c; tenderloins, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each 3c; tongues, each 2c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 25c; livers, each 3c; hog rinds, 2c; blade bones, 3c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green shafted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint, Kansas and Nebraska murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 2¾c; tallow, No. 2, 2¼c; rough tallow, No. 1, 1¾c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2¼c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; grey fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $50.00@75.00.

HORSE HIDES—Each, $1.50@2.25.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.35@4.50; clear, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, closing with January unchanged and May and July ¼c under yesterday. May opened ¼c lower, advanced ½c, declined that much, rallied ¼@⅜c and then went off ⅜@⅝c, closing weak with buyers at the bottom. Spot, strong; No. 2 cash, elevator, 93c; track, 93@96c; No. 2 hard cash, 87½@89c; January, 93c bid; May, 93⅝c; July, 79c asked.

CORN—Futures in small demand, with sellers of May at close 1¼@1⅜c below yesterday's asked price. Spot, lower; No. 2 cash, 26c; January, 25⅝c bid; May, 27@27¼c; July, 28¼c asked.

OATS—Easier, but irregular for futures, closing fractions either side of yesterday's finals. Spot, easy; No. 2 cash, 22c; track, 24@24½c; January, 23c; May, 24c bid; July, 22⅜c asked; No. 2 white, 25@26c.

RYE—Steady, 44½c.

FLAXSEED—Steady, $1.15.

TIMOTHY SEED—Firm; prime, $2.50.

CORN MEAL—$1.40.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 53c bid and 54c asked this side.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $6.00@8.50; timothy, $7.00@10.00.

BUTTER—Lower; creamery, 16@21c; dairy, 9@16c.

EGGS—Steady, 15c.

WHISKY—$1.19.

COTTON TIES—70c.

BAGGING—5¾@6¼c.

METALS—Lead, flat, $3.50, sellers. Spelter, nominal, $3.75.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; standard mess, jobbing, $9.37½. Lard, higher; prime steam, $4.75; choice, $4.65. Bacon (boxed lots), extra short clear, $5.25@5.37½; ribs, $5.37½@5.50; shorts, $5.50@5.62½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.75@5.00; extra short clear, $4.75@4.87½; ribs, $4.87½@5.00; shorts, $5.00@5.12½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 8,000 bu.; corn, 154,000 bu.; oats, 42,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 20,000 bbls.; wheat, 6,000 bu.; corn, 99,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

Weare Commission Company.

OMAHA OFFICE, Jan. 12.—With cables ¼c stronger than last night's close, our market opened a trifle weaker than it closed last night, however, soon recovered on advances in the northwestern markets and on May wheat reached as high as 91¼c, without corn or oats following with any strength. Continental cables were weaker and were explained by the positive New York statement of reduced duties, which was considered bearish and had the ruling of the market, although there were but 18 cars of wheat and 366 cars of corn and 165 cars of oats received, with an estimate of 32 cars of wheat, 410 cars of corn and 230 cars of oats for tomorrow.

The weakness abroad caused by the reason above given induced speculative offerings with extreme dullness, helping the bears to the above stated close.

The report of but 6,000,000 bu. of holdings in elevators tributary to Superior and Minneapolis or the northwestern markets, which is from but one-quarter to one-half of the usual holdings there, with terminal houses containing but light stocks, with a good demand for flour, and the sales in December more than ever known for that month before, is not a bearish feature in the home situation. It is also reported that Minneapolis is taking from 25 to 30 cars per day of wheat from Kansas City, which, if continued, and the situation looks as though it would be necessary for it to be, will have its effect a little later. The cash situation being the predominant feature since speculation is running at so low an ebb, and indulged in by so few at the present time. For which reason we believe the situation in all of the grains to be strong.

Privileges in May wheat today were puts, 89⅝c and calls, 91c.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 12.—HOG PRODUCTS—Steady. Pork, standard mess, $8.75. Lard, refined tierces, $4.75@4.87½. Dry salted meats, dry salt shoulders, $4.62½; sides, $4.62½. Bacon, clear ribs sides, $5.37½@5.50. Hams, choice sugar cured, $8.00@8.75.

COFFEE—Quiet; Rio, ordinary to fair, 7¼@7¾c.

RICE—Ordinary to good, 3¾@4¼c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $4.50@4.60; patents, $4.60@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.60.

BRAN—69@75c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@13.00; choice, $14.00@14.50.

CORN—No. 2 sacked white, 36@37c; mixed, 36c; yellow, 36@37c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 29@29½c.

Baltimore Markets.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Dull; western superfine, $2.70@3.10; western extra, $3.25@4.10; western family, $4.20@4.45; winter wheat patents, $4.75@5.00; spring patents, $5.00@5.20; spring wheat straights, $4.85@5.15; receipts, 12,329 bbls.; exports, 23,354 bbls.

WHEAT—Weak; spot, 97¼@97¾c; month, 97@97¼c; May, 92⅜c bid; steamer No. 2 red, 92⅝@92¾c; receipts, 28,423 bu.; exports, 153,861 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 92@98c; southern wheat, on grade, 93@97½c.

CORN—Steady; spot, 32¼@32⅝c; month and February, 31½@32¼c; steamer mixed, 31¾@32c; receipts, 243,219 bu.; exports, 81,265 bu.; southern white corn, 29@34c; southern yellow corn, 29@32c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white western, 29½@30c; No. 3 mixed western, 27½@28c; receipts, 16,449 bu.; exports, 124,000 bu.

RYE—Easier; No. 2 nearby, 52¾c; No. 2 western, 53¾c; receipts, 76,449 bu.; exports, 124,093 bu.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $11.00.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Very dull; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 4d, January; Cork for orders, per quarter, January, 2s 7½d; February, 3s 6d.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy imitation, 17@18c; fancy ladle, 16c; good ladle, 14@15c; store packed, 12@14c.

EGGS—Quiet; fresh, 18c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, 8¾@10c; fancy medium, 10@10½c; fancy small, 10¼@10½c.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 1 red, northern spring, dull at 5s 5¼d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, firm at 3s 2¼d; futures quiet; February, 3s 1⅝d; March, 2s 11¾d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 3s 9d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £4 15s@£5 5s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 65s 3d; prime mess, 55s 3d. Pork, firm; prime mess, fine western, 47s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., firm at 57s. Bacon, easy at 28s. Short ribs, dull at 29s; long clear middles, light, steady at 27s 6d; long clear, heavy, 27s; short clear backs, 27s 6d; clear bellies, easy at 23s 6d. Lard, prime western steady at 29s 6d. Shoulders, square, steady at 28s. Tallow, prime city, firm at 23s.

CHEESE—American finest white and colored, firm at 42s 6d.

Cincinnati Markets.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 12.—FLOUR—Steady; fancy, $4.25@4.40; family, $3.60@3.75.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 82½c.

CORN—Active, firm; No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 22¼c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2, 46c.

PORK—Steady; $9.50@9.75 bid. $4.65. Bulk meats, firmer, $4.00. Bacon, steady, $5.50.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.19.

BUTTER—Easier, lower; fancy Elgin creameries, 22c; Ohio, 19@19c; dairy, 11c.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.16@6.10.

EGGS—Steady, 16½c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio, flat, 8½@9c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 12 cars. MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 329 cars.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Receipts today: Wheat, 18 cars; corn, 366 cars; oats, 165 cars. Estimated car lots tomorrow. Wheat, 32; corn, 410; oats, 210.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 46 cars.

DULUTH, Jan. 12.—Receipts: Wheat, 28 cars.

PEORIA, Jan. 12.—Receipts: Corn, 53,800 bu.; oats, 9,700 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 75 bbls.; wheat, 1,200 bu. Shipments: Corn, 2,750 bu.; oats, 25,700 bu.; rye, none; whisky, 800 bbls.; wheat, none.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 12.—BUTTER—Fancy western creamery, 20@21c.

EGGS—Firm and 1c higher; fresh nearby and western, 20c.

CHEESE—Firmer; New York factory, choice, 9½@9¾c; New York factory, fair to good, 8¼@8¾c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, Jan. 12.—CORN—Market firm and higher; No. 2, 26½c.

OATS—Market quiet; No. 2 white, nominal; No. 2 white, 22⅜@23c.

WHISKY—Market steady; high proof spirits, $1.18.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 91¼c; No. 2 red, 91c; May, 95½c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 28½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 25½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 12.—WHEAT—Weaker; January, 89¾c; May, 89¼c; July, 87¼c; No. 1 hard, 91¾c; No. 1 northern, 91¼c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 12.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, cash, 91c; January, 91c; May, 90¼c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Union Pacific and Northern Pacific Are Centers of Attraction.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Today's market for securities was of much the same character as yesterday's. The principal interest was centered in Union Pacific and a number of its affiliated companies and in Northern Pacifics, which were the leading factors of strength, while on the other hand Sugar continued under the weight of a depression, which was the case yesterday. A new feature of special interest was Chesapeake & Ohio, which advanced a point on heavy buying. Transactions were on a very large scale and the heavy dealings of large operators, backed by the powerful interests, were manifest all thorugh the market. These large operations attracted a considerable following, both among the smaller traders and from outside houses. Commission business was not noticeable in the day's business. It was obvious, however, that realizing on a large scale was going on in the different parts of the list coincidently with the strength in other parts. A striking example of this process was seen in the two Northern Pacific stocks, the common being advanced over a point, while realizing in the preferred carried it at times close below last night's sale. The grangers, outside of St. Paul, will also be seen to reflect a supply of stock fully equal to the demand. The anthracite coalers were weak and continued the decline, but the Ohio soft coal roads maintained their recent showing of strength. Union Pacific rose at one time to over 2 points, but recent buyers began to profit as soon as a report was published that a new company had secured control of Oregon Short Line. The strength of the disintegrated portions of the old Union Pacific system is fully explained by today's announcement. This buying was evidently founded on a belief in far-reaching plans of combination and extension, which, according to some prevalent rumors, will embrace one trust system from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Much wait in the market on a reported bond issue on the Chesapeake & Ohio, though the benefits to accrue seem to be somewhat exaggerated regarding the transaction. Advices from London and the continental markets showed the tone of American securities in the financial markets to be excellent. London bought in this market on less than the usual run of the favorite international stocks and the marked strength of Union Pacific, Denver & Rio Grande preferred and Northern Pacific was directly attributable to this demand. The weakness in Sugar seemed to be connected with the annual meeting of directors in progress today, though no news regarding the company reached the public. Money declined to yield today below 2½ per cent, but the tone of the market reflected the prevalent feeling that rates will yield in the near future. Large amounts of money found their way into investment and speculation today. The available possibility of relief to the money market was indicated by the reduction of 1½ points in posted rates, the decline not being prevented by the expected arrival tomorrow at San Francisco of another $1,000,000 of gold from Australia. The par value of today's transactions in bonds is not as large as that of yesterday, but business was remarkably well distributed-all through the list. Gains were the rule, but there were some declines. Total sales, $4,775,000. United States old 4s, coupon, and the 2s were ½ higher bid today. Fierce rises in sales of the 4s, coupon, at 125¾, which is the highest on record.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: There was less activity in Grand Trunks and Canadian Pacifics in the stock market here today and increased animation and strength in Americans and Argentines, particularly Argentine rails. Mines were neglected. Americans are still mainly supported by New York and the continent. There are still increased dealings here, but entirely by professional speculators. Denver & Rio Grande preferred has risen sharply on professional clique buying. Union Pacifics were strong on buying from New York and the continent. Prices generally closed strong. It is reported, but I cannot in any way confirm it, that the purchaser of Manitoba & Northwestern bonds is the Northern Pacific company. Gold is in increased demand for Germany. It is officially quoted at 75s 10½d, but it is really much higher. You may entirely discredit the rumors of Anglo-German Chinese loans. The negotiations, whether completed or not, are on the lines already cabled.

Following are the closing quotations of the leading stocks on the New York market today:

Atchison	12¾	do pfd	34¼
do pfd	31⅞	St. P. & Om	76¾
Baltimore & Ohio	13¾	do pfd	148
Canada Pacific	87¾	St. P. M. & M	122
Canada Southern	53¾	So. Pacific	21⅞
Central Pacific	11¾	So. Railway	9⅜
Ches. & Ohio	23	do pfd	32½
Chicago & Alton	161¾	Texas & Pacific	11⅜
C., B. & Q	101⅜	Union Pacific t. r.	30⅝
C. & E. I.	54	U. P. D. & G.	9¾
C. C. C. & St. L.	34¼	Wabash	7⅞
do pfd	90	do pfd	19¾
Del. & Hudson	112½	Wheel. & L. E.	3⅜
Del. L. & W.	152¾	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	14
Den. & Rio G	13	Adams Ex	159
do pfd	48	American Ex	119
Erie new	15¾	United States Ex	110
Erie 1st pfd	38¼	A. Cot. Oil	22¼
Ft. Wayne	168¾	do pfd	75¾
Great Northern pfd	130	Am. Spirits	7¾
Hocking Valley	7¾	do pfd	18¾
Illinois Central	107	Am. Tobacco	89¾
Lake Erie & W	17½	do pfd	110
do pfd	73¾	People's Gas	98⅛
Lake Shore	173¾	Cons. Gas	180
Louisville & Nash	57¾	Com. Cable Co	175
Manhattan L.	116½	Col. F. & Iron	26⅛
Met. St. Ry.	153¾	do pfd	70
Michigan Central	103¾	Gen. Electric	35¾
Minn. & St. L.	23	Illinois Steel	47
do 1st pfd	85	La Clede Gas	40¾
Mo. Pacific	34¾	Lead	36
Mobile & Ohio	29¾	do pfd	100¾
Mo. K. & T.	13¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	18
do pfd	30¾	Oregon Imp. Co	22
Chi., Ind. & L.	9¾	Pacific Mail	31¾
do pfd	30¾	Pullman Pal	174⅝
N. J. Central	96¾	Silver Certificates	57¾
N. Y. Central	110⅜	Stand. Rope & T.	4
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	13¾	Sugar	140¾
do 1st pfd	70	do pfd	114¾
do 2d pfd	36	T. C. & Iron	27
Norfolk & Western	15¾	U. S. Leather	4½
No. Amer. Co	4¾	do pfd	64¾
No. Pacific	24¼	U. S. Rubber	16¼
do pfd	61⅜	do pfd	63¾
Ontario & W	14¾	Western Union	92
Ore. R. & Nav	40¾	S. L. & S. W.	4
Ore. Short Line	21	do pfd	9
Pittsburg	168½	Rio Grande West	22
Reading	22⅜	do pfd	69
Rock Island	91⅛	Chicago-Great W	15⅞
S. L. & S. F.	7½	Northwestern	123
do 1st pfd	26¾	do pfd	164¾
St. Paul	96	Hawaiian Com	30⅝

Total sales of stocks today were 490,400 shares, including: Atchison preferred, 8,561; Chesapeake & Ohio, 20,752; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 3,772; Denver & Rio Grande preferred, 3,285; Louisville & Nashville, 16,315; Manhattan, 29,920; Metropolitan Street Railway, 4,235; Hawaiian Commercial Company, 3,800; Reading preferred, 4,320; Missouri Pacific, 7,422; New York Central, 8,193; Northern Pacific, 23,347; Northern Pacific preferred, 32,600; Rock Island, 6,339; St. Paul, 38,639; Southern Pacific, 4,987; Southern Pacific preferred, 7,300; Union Pacific, 45,231; Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 16,646; Wabash preferred, 6,525; Wheeling & Lake Erie, 3,100; Tobacco, 4,250; Chicago Great Western, 9,030; People's Gas, 4,485; Laclede Gas, 6,950; Sugar, 66,000; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 5,625; Western Union, 5,431.

The committee on stock lists of the New York exchange has listed the following securities: $2,592,000 of Atlantic & Pacific 1st 50 year gold bonds, series of 1937, of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railway company, making the total amount listed $25,125,000; $37,000 additional 4 per cent consol bonds of the Oregon Railway and Navigation company, making a total amount listed of $19,220,000.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 4s, reg	129½	N. J. C. 5s	112
U. S. new 4s coup	129¾	N. C. 6s	125
U. S. 4s, reg	113	N. C. 4s	101
U. S. 4s, coup	114¼	So. Pacific 1sts	117¾
U. S. 5s, reg	114¾	So. Pacific 4s	82¼
U. S. 5s, coup	114¾	No. Pacific 4s	93¾
District 3.65s	116	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	107¾
Ala., class A	107	N. Y. Chi. & St. L. 4s	118