COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Leiter Unloads an Enormous Quantity of July Wheat.

THIS CAUSES A BREAK IN THAT MARKET

May Wheat Touches the Highest Point Since 1892, but Covers a Range of Seven Cents During the Day.

CHICAGO, April 15.—The unloading of something like 5,000,000 bu. of July wheat today by Joseph Leiter resulted in a break of 2 cents in that option. May also declined sharply, closing 2½c lower than it did yesterday. The wildness and activity of the market is shown by the fact that there was 7c difference between the high and low points of May and 3¼c in July. The high point for May—$1.15—is the highest since 1892. Corn and oats declined about ½c each in sympathy. Provisions were steady and showed slight closing advances.

Trade in wheat started out with the usual jump in May and new high prices were made for that delivery. May closed yesterday at $1.11½, but opened today all the way from $1.12 to $1.14, and in two minutes' time it had been up to $1.15. Not since 1892 has wheat reached such a high level. A sharp break to $1.10 followed, followed by a quick recovery to $1.13¾. After that all interest until near the close was centered in the avalanche of long July wheat which was thrown on the market by the big longs. July opened at 87⅝@87¾c, compared with yesterday's closing price of 87¾c. Hundreds had it for sale at those figures and the decline which started did not halt until 80⅝c was recorded. There the market rested, but for only a few moments. Liquidation was redoubled and it was estimated that at least 5,000,000 bu. was dumped on the market in the hour and a half which followed the opening, chiefly by one concern. John Cudahy was credited with disposing of a large proportion of this. Others credited it to Armour, Leiter and others. The order of liquidation was on Leiter's account and the heavy lines he disposed of, coupled with this enormous cash sales the last week, must have materially reduced his line of holdings. The Liverpool market was ⅝@⅝d lower before this market opened, but apart from that no real reason for the weakness could be gathered. Other holders were evidently determined to realize their profits on the recent large increase and their action brought nearly all the small "tailers" in with their lines of long wheat. After the July price had got down to 80⅝c the market also went down to a certain extent and up to 12.20 the decline was very gradual, but in the last half hour's trading liquidation was resumed again and this time May also suffered, though more from lack of support than from extensive offerings. It was evident then that the early bulge in May was part of a cleverly prearranged plan to help Leiter liquidate his July holdings and it undoubtedly did act as a steadying influence during the first tremendous flood of wheat. The ordinary news of the day was entirely neglected. Northwest receipts were small—228 cars, against 223 last week. The addition to the contract stocks today amounted to about 83,000 bu. Crop reports were rather conflicting in nature, but generally favorable. Argentine shipments were 1,000,000 bu., compared with 1,672,000 bu. the week previous. Atlantic seaboard clearances were 423,000 bu. The market became weak toward the close and the lowest prices of the day for July were quoted as the session came to an end. July closed at 84⅝@84⅞c; May closed at $1.09, after selling at $1.08.

Corn was easier, partly on account of fine weather, but principally by sympathy with wheat. The cash demand showed a big falling off, another bearish factor. Professionals led the selling, but offerings were not heavy. Shippers bought sparingly. May ranged from 29⅝c to 29⅛@29⅜c and closed ½c lower at 29⅛@29⅛c.

Oats was fairly active, weak and lower. There was a good deal of selling by leading longs. The weakness of wheat and corn was the main factor. Weather was also an influence. New York was a moderate buyer. May ranged from 26½c to 25⅝c and closed ½c to 1½c lower at 25⅝@25⅝c.

Provisions, considering the weakness of the grain markets, were quite steady. Business was very dull, however. Business was scattered, but sufficient to care for all offerings. Fluctuations were narrow. The close was steady; May pork 2½c lower at $8.80, May lard 2½c lower at $5.15, and May ribs [illegible]. Estimated receipts Saturday: Wheat, [illegible] cars; corn, 240 cars; oats, 245 cars; hogs 16,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y.
Wheat—					
May	1 12@4	1 15	1 08	1 09	1 11¼
July	87⅝@⅞	87⅞	84⅝	84⅝@⅞	87¾
Sept	78⅝@⅞	78⅞	77⅝	77⅝	79
Dec	78⅝	79⅛	77⅝	77⅝	79¼
Corn—					
May	30⅛	30⅛	29⅝@⅞	29⅝@⅞	30⅛@⅜
July	31⅛@⅜	31⅜	30⅛@1	31⅛	31⅛
Sept	31⅛	32⅛	31⅛	32⅛	32⅛
Oats—					
May	26 @¼	26⅛	25⅝	25⅝@⅞	26¼
July	23⅛	23⅛	23	23	23⅛
Pork—					
May	9 80	9 80	9 75	9 80	9 77½
July	9 80	9 92½	9 87½	9 92½	9 90
Lard—					
May	5 12½	5 15	5 12½	5 15	5 12½
July	5 17½	5 22	5 17½	5 22½	5 20
Sept	5 25	5 30	5 25	5 30	.....
Sh'tRibs—					
May	5 12½	5 15	5 12½	5 15	5 12½
July	5 17½	5 22	5 17½	5 22½	5 20
Sept	5 23	5 30	5 25	5 30	.....

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm: winter patents, $4.65@4.80; straights, $4.30@4.50; spring specials, $4.80@4.90; spring patents, $4.70@4.80; straights, $4.40@4.50; bakers, $3.40@3.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 92½c@$1.01; No. 3 red, $1.06.

CORN—No. 2, 29⅝@30⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 25⅝@25⅞c, f. o. b.; No. 2 white, 30½c; No. 3 white, 29½@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

BARLEY 37@46c.

FLAXSEED—$1.09@1.08.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.55@2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.80@9.85. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.15. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.85@5.30; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.62½@4.87½; short clear sides, $5.05@5.25.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.20.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.69; granulated, $5.13@5.38.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	36,000	157,000
Corn, bu	222,000	335,000
Oats, bu	238,000	187,000
Rye, bu	6,000	.....
Barley, bu	28,000	28,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 15@18½c; dairies, 11@17c. Cheese, steady, 8@8¾c. Eggs, firm, 9½c. Live poultry, market steady; turkeys, 9@10c; chickens, 8@8½c; ducks, 8c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 15.—FLOUR—Receipts, 14,408 bbls.; exports, 18,583 bbls.; dull but steadily held with old prices; winter straights, $4.35@4.70; Minnesota patents, $3.20@4.50; winter extras, $2.60@4.10; Minnesota bakers', $4.25@4.45; winter low grades, $2.90@3.00. Rye flour, dull at $2.75@3.20. Buckwheat flour, $1.20@1.50.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 70c.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal at 45c.

RYE—Strong; No. 2 western, 60c.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Quiet; western, 52@56c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 88,725 bu.; exports, 15,297 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2 red, $1.07 f. o. b. afloat, spot; options, easier and with few exceptions were very weak all day; liquidation was a feature, particularly near the close, when May went to pieces and closed 2c net lower, against 1⅝@2⅞c loss in other months. Additional bear factors were lower cables, less warlike news and better crop prospects in California. No. 2 red May, $1.04@1.06⅝, closed, $1.04.

CORN—Receipts, 236,825 bu.; exports, 187,848 bu.; spot, weak; No. 2, 30½c; options opened easy and sold off during the day with wheat and weak cables, closing ⅜c net lower; May, 34⅝@34⅞c, closed 34⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 94,400 bu.; exports, 1,250 bu.; spot, quiet; No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, 32½c; options, fairly active and weaker with corn, closing ⅛c net lower; May, 29⅝@29⅞c, closed 29⅝c.

HAY—Quiet; spring, 90@95c; good to choice, $8@70c.

HOPS—Quiet; 1897 crop, 46@5c; 1896 crop, 4@6c; 1895 crop, 1@11c; Pacific coast, 1897 crop, 4@6c; 1896 crop, 4@8c; 1895 crop, 15@21c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 25½c; Texas dry, 12½c; California, 17½@19½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20½c.

WOOL—Quiet; fleece, 19@22c; Texas, 13@14c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.00@11.75; extra mess, $9.00@9.75; beef hams, $22@23; packet, $11.00@11.50. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $5.75@4.88; pickled shoulders, $4.38; pickled hams, $7.50@7.75. Lard, dull; western steamed, $5.45; May, $5.50; refined, quiet. Pork, quiet; mess, $9.75@9.87; short clear, $10.75@12.50; family, $11.50. Tallow, quiet; city, 3½@3⅝c; country, [illegible], as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.67½@1.65. Turpentine, quiet, 30@32½c. Cottonseed, steady; bbl. quiet; prime crude, 19½c; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 14½@15½c; prime summer yellow, 21½@22½c; off summer yellow, 22½c; butter oil, 24@25c; prime winter yellow, $1.60@c.

BUTTER—Steady; fair to extra, 6@20½c; Japan, [illegible].

SUGAR—Quiet; New Orleans, 4@5c; refining, good to choice, 3@3½c.

METALS—There was a partial recovery of the recent decline in today's market; a better feeling prevailed, although business continues light in most instances. At the close pig iron warrants were very dull, with $6.65 bid and $6.85 asked; lake copper, firm, with buyers at $12.60; tin, quiet but firm, with $14.30 bid and $14.40 asked; spelter, unchanged, with $4.25 bid and $4.35 asked; lead, steadier, with $3.60 bid and $3.65 asked. According to the firm fixing the selling price for miners and smelters in the west, lead is unchanged at $3.55.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,359 pkgs.; market steady; creamery, 17@20c; Elgins, 20c; factory, 12½@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 998 pkgs.; market steady; large choice, 7½@7¾c; small choice, 7⅝@8c; light skims, 5½@6½c; part skims, 4@5c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 8,619 pkgs.; market steady; state and Pennsylvania, 10@10½c; western, 10½c; southern, 9½@9½c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 9c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator creamery, 20c; gathered creamery, 15@16c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., quoted at 8@9c; large and coarse, 6@7c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 70@75c; old roosters, 40@5c; young roosters, 6½@7c.

GAME—Mallards, $2.50@2.75; redheads, $2.25@2.50; teal, $1.15@1.25; brants, $2.00@2.00; Canada geese, $4.50@6.00; mixed ducks, $1.00@1.25.

PIGEONS—Live, $1.15@1.25; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $7.00; midland, $6.00; lowland, $5.50; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Good stock, large, 50c; small, 25@35c.

ONIONS—Per bu., 80@90c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.25.

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, 10-peck bbls., $2.50; good sweet potatoes, $2.00.

CABBAGE—Good stock, per lb., 1¾@2c.

POTATOES—Home grown, 50@55c; Colorado stock, 70c; northern fancy early Ohio seed potatoes, 65c.

TOMATOES—Per crate, seven baskets, $2.50.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 20@25c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 15c.

WATERCRESS—Per 10-qt. case, $1.00.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.25@1.50.

WAX BEANS—½ bu. box, $1.25.

PEAS—Per basket, $1.25.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.

PIEPLANT—Per 50-lb. box, $2.25.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per 24-pint case, $2.25; 24-qt. case, $4.50.

APPLES—Winter stock, $2.00@2.50; boxes, $1.75.

CRANBERRIES—Fancy Jersey, per bbl., $10.00.

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, $2.75@3.00; fancy seedlings, $2.25; choice, $2.00.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.00; choice, $2.50; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $1.00@2.25; medium sized bunches, $1.75@2.00.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 10@11c; standards, 9@9c; filberts, per lb., 10c; pecans, polished, medium, 6@7c; extra large, 8@9c; large hickory nuts, $1.00@1.10 per bu.; small, $1.25@1.35 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4; peanuts, raw, 5@5½c; roasted, 6@6½c.

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 2-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 3-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 15c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@25c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

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

KRAUT—Per bbl., $3.50; half bbl., $2.25.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 5½c; Sair, 5c; Fard, 8-lb. boxes, 9c.

CIDER—Per half-bbl., $3; bbl., $5.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 6c; No. 2 green hides, 5c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 green salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 7c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 25c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 6@6c; 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, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3½c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; mink, 15@60c; beaver, $1.00@3.00; skunk, 15c, 25c, 50c; muskrat, 3c, 5c, 7c; raccoon, 15@60c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@75c; wolf, (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 50@40c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7c per lb.; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters steers, 9c; western steers, 6½c; native heifers, 6½c; western heifers, 6½c; good forequarters heifers, 5½c; good hindquarters heifers, 8½c; native cows, 5½c; western cows, 5½c; fat cows, 6c; cow forequarters, 4c; cow hindquarters, 8c; barkhalves, 6@6½c; triangles, 4½c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, fresh, 18c; frozen, 15c; boneless strips, fresh, 10c; frozen, 9c; strip loins, fresh, 8½c; frozen, 6½c; rolls, boneless, frozen, 9c; fresh, 10c; rolls, Spencer cuts, frozen, 9c; fresh, 10c; sirloin butts, boneless, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump bits, boneless, 5½c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 4½c; No. 3 chucks, 4½c; boneless chucks, frozen, 4½c; fresh, 5½c; cow plates, 2½c; steer plates, 4c; flank steak, 7c; loins, No. 1, frozen, 12c; fresh, 16c; loins, No. 2, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12c; loins, No. 3, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10c; short loins, market style, 3c above loins; hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin ends, 8½c; steer loin ends, 9½c; hanging tenderloins, 4½c; ribs, No. 1, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12c; ribs, No. 2, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10c; ribs, No. 3, frozen, 6c; fresh, 8c; No. 1 rounds, 7c; No. 2 rounds, 6½c; No. 3 rounds, 6½c; No. 3 rounds, 6½c; beef rounds, shank off, ⅝c additional; beef rounds, shank and rump off, 1½c additional; trimmings, 4½c; beef shanks, 3c; brains, per doz., 25c; sweetbreads, per lb., frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 40c; kidneys, per doz., 25c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 2½c; hearts, per lb., 2½c; tongues, per lb., 12c; calf livers, each, 15c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 10½c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Fancy lambs, 9c per lb.; regular lambs, 8c; sheep, 7½c; market racks (long), 5c; dotted racks (short), 12c; loins, 9c; saddles, 9c; legs, 9c; lamb legs, 10c; breasts and stews, 2½c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 5½c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5½c per lb.; dressed hogs, 5c; tenderloins, 15c; loins, small, 6½c; large, 5½c; spare ribs, 4½c; hams sugar cured, 8½c; Boston butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 4½c; shoulders, skinned, 5c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 5½c; heads, cleaned, 5c; snouts and ears, 3c; fresh hams, 16 to 18 lbs., 7½c; fresh hams, short clears, 5½c; cheek meats, 4c; neckbones, 3c; pigs' tails, 3c; plucks, each, 5c; chitterlings, 5c; hocks, 4c; hearts, per doz., 25c; stomachs, each, 3c; tongues, each, 7c; kidneys, per doz., 10c; brains, per doz., 15c; pigs' feet, per doz., 20c; livers, each, 3c; frog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

St. Louis General Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 15.—FLOUR—Higher in sympathy with wheat; patents, $4.70@4.85; straights, $4.25@4.50; clears, $4.00@4.25; medium, $3.50@3.75.

WHEAT—Lower, with May 1⅛c, July 2½@2⅝c and September 1⅝c off compared with yesterday morning; May, $1.09@1.09½; July, 84½@84⅝c; track, $1.01; April, 98½c; May, $1.01¼; July, 79⅝c; September, 75⅝c asked; No. 2 hard, cash, 92c.

CORN—Futures depressed with wheat and fractionally lower; No. 2 cash, 28c; April, 27⅝c; May, 27⅝c asked; July, 28⅝@28⅞c; September, 29⅝c asked.

OATS—Futures dull and fractionally lower; spot dull, steady; No. 2 cash, 27c; track, 27½c; April, 25c; May, 25⅝c bid; July, 23½c bid; September, 21⅝c bid; No. 2 white, 29½c.

RYE—Strong, 52c.

FLAXSEED—Nominal, $1.20.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.45@2.75.

CORNMEAL—Firm, $1.55@1.60.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 52c.

HAY—Steady; prairie, $6.50; timothy, $6.75@10.50.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 17@21c; dairy, 11@18c.

EGGS—Higher, 9½c.

WHISKY—$1.28.

COTTONSEED OIL—79c.

BAGGING—5⅝@6⅝c.

METALS—Lead, dull, $3.42½@3.45. Spelter, strong, $4.10.

PROVISIONS—Pork, better; standard mess, jobbing, $9.87½. Lard, nominally strong; prime, $5.00; choice, $5.05. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.37½@5.50; extra short clear, $5.87½; ribs, $5.60; short, $5.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.75@4.87½; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.50.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 4,000 bu.; corn, 76,000 bu.; oats, 16,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 152,000 bu.; corn, 176,000 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 15.—FLOUR—Higher; western superfine, $2.70@3.10; western extra, $3.40@4.00; western family, $4.00@4.25; winter patents, $4.65@5.10; spring wheat patents, $5.25@5.50; spring wheat straights, $5.10@5.25; receipts, 4,472 bbls.; exports, 9,833 bbls.

WHEAT—Weak and lower; spot and month, $1.02@1.02½; May, $1.07⅝@1.08; steamer, No. 2 red, 93⅝@93c; receipts, 29,800 bu.; exports, 140,000 bu.; southern wheat by sample, $1.00@1.03; southern wheat on grade, 99⅝@$1.02⅞.

CORN—Firm; spot and month, 35½c; steamer mixed, 34⅝@35c; receipts, 181,000 bu.; exports, 151,745 bu.; southern white corn, 36½c; southern yellow corn, 36c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 2 mixed, 30½@31c; receipts, 24,833 bu.; exports, none.

RYE—Easier; No. 1 nearby, 57½@58½c. Receipts, 4,000 bu.; exports, none.

HAY—Firm for the best grades; choice timothy, $12.00@12.50.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Firm, not much doing; steam to Liverpool, per bu., 3c bid, May.

BUTTER—Fancy creamery, 21@22c; fancy imitation, 17@18c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 9c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy New York, large, 9½@9½c; fancy New York, medium, 9½@10c; fancy New York, small, 10½@10½c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

CHICAGO, April 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 6 cars; corn, 394 cars; oats, 230 cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 194 cars.

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 66 cars.

DULUTH, April 15.—Receipts: Wheat, 12 cars.

New York Wheat Market.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The bears had a crack at it today and forced a decline and closed prices 1⅝@2c lower than last night. The lowest cross was in the May option, which after holding fairly steady all day tumbled 1½c a bushel in the last ten minutes, following a big smash at Chicago. Cables were all weak and lower, war news was less stirring and crop accounts from the west and California favorable, so that bull traders, having driven in all the shorts two days ago, found themselves completely at the mercy of their opponents.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 15.—WHEAT—Market active and lower; No. 1 hard, 85c; No. 2, 89@92c; No. 3, 88@89c; No. 4, 86c; No. 2, 92@94c; No. 2 spring, 88@89c; No. 3, 86@88c.

CORN—Market active and higher; No. 2 mixed, 28½@28c.

OATS—Market active and higher; No. 2 white, 29½c.

RYE—Market firm; No. 2, 50c.

HAY—Market very firm and strong; choice timothy, $8.00; choice prairie, $7.50.

BUTTER—Market steady; choice creamery, 16@19c; dairy, 13@15c.

EGGS—Market steady; fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 49,800 bu.; corn, 11,600 bu.; oats, 2,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 39,400 bu.; corn, 14,300 bu.; oats, none.

New Orleans Markets.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.—HOG PRODUCTS—Dull; mess pork, standard, $10.00. Lard, refined, tierce, $5.67½@5.75; pure lard, $5.50@5.67½. Boxed meats, dry salted shoulders, 4½@4⅝; sides, 5@5⅛. Bacon, clear rib sides, 5½@5⅝. Hams, sugar cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Quiet but steady; good to fair, 7⅛@9½c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3⅝@4⅝c.

FLOUR—Quiet; extra fancy, $4.00@4.10; patents, $4.80@5.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.65@1.70.

BRAN—71c.

HAY—Prime, 11@12c; choice, 14@14½c.

CORN—No. 2 sacked, mixed, 28c; white and yellow, 28@28½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked western, 31½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 15.—WHEAT—Active, lower; No. 2 cash, $1.01½; May, 11 bid.

CORN—Active, lower; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 27½c.

RYE—Dull, firmer; No. 2 cash, 53½c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Dull, steady; prime cash, $3.32.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, April 15.—BUTTER—Dull, weak; fancy western creamery, 21c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh western, 9½c.

CHEESE—Firmer; New York full cream fancy, 9@9¼c; New York full cream, fair to choice, 7⅝@8⅝c.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, April 15.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, 92c; No. 2 red cash and May, 87c.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 31½c.

RYE—No. 2, 54c.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 15.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 29½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 27½c.

WHISKY—High proof spirits, $1.19½.

San Francisco Wheat Market.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 15.—WHEAT—Steady; December, $1.56½; May, $1.59½.

BARLEY—Steady; December, $1.28; May, $1.42.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 15.—WHEAT—No. 2 red, spring, firm, 3s 5d; May, quiet, 3s 4½d; July, quiet, 3s 4½d.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Buying by Professionals Causes a Temporary Advance.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Professional traders bought stocks this morning, causing an advance in prices of a point or over in the speculative favorites, but most of these takings were sold again before the expiration of the day's session, carrying prices back over their own course and leaving net changes in almost all cases insignificant, but with small gains predominating. The party in the exchange which exposed the bull side yesterday found cause for encouragement in the advance in the price of Americans on the London exchange this morning. Other foreign markets were also strong, the tendency for Americans and Spanish 4s rallied from an early depression before the opening of trading here. The cause of this strength was a rumor that the powers had intervened between the United States and Spain and that the Cuban insurgents had agreed to an armistice. This rumor seemed to have great force in foreign circles and affected a sympathetic rise here at the opening, which was assisted by the persistent manipulation of the market from London indicate that there has been extensive dealing in options of Americans on that market and today's demand was in large part from sellers of these options for the purpose of covering their contracts. Whatever influence attached to the intervention theory abroad, it was not deemed important in this country and the buying movement was quickly exhausted. The midday period of intense dullness and selling pressure gave way to a more active selling movement in the final hour on belief that the senate would take action before adjourning. The definite information from London that Great Britain would refuse to join in naval demonstration in behalf of Spain and the Austrian ambassador's open avowal that he had given up hope of Europe preventing war were not received in Wall street until after the close. Nevertheless it was known that the regular army had been ordered to the seaboard. Dealings were on a small scale and the wide movement of prices indicated a small flowing supply of stocks, holders maintaining their waiting attitude. Sugar was the feature of the day, it was the reaction of 4% points ex-dividend in Tobacco, the corner against the bears having been closed out. Another was the active demand for Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, which rose 2½ on time a point on the belief that the pending reorganization will not bear heavily on the stock. The money market continued firm today and the demand from the interior continued unabated. As was foreshadowed in these dispatches last night, the supply of currency has become so scarce that some of the city banks are shipping gold in response to the interior demand. Further engagements of nearly $1,500,000 in gold for import were made today. Notwithstanding the firmness of the London money market and the disinclination of Paris or Berlin to supply gold. Paris exchange on London, as a result, jumped 1⅛ centimes to 25 francs, 30 centimes, the advance of 6 centimes over a week ago. The market was dull and about steady. Rock Island extension 5s were large dealt in, three separate blocks of $300,000, $200,000 and $100,000 respectively changing hands during the day. Total sales, 1,475,000. United States 5s were ¼ lower today (the registered exterest), the 2s were 1 per cent higher and the old 4s, registered, ¼ higher bid.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: A general improvement was apparent today and a more confident tone both in the money and stock markets. Delay is believed to be favorable for peace. Spanish 4s, the keynote to the market, were 44⅝ and closed at 44⅝. American shares were better, although there is little initiative buying. The close was quiet and dull. There was a sharp rise in Argentines on Paris support and on the belief that in the event of war the country would benefit by wheat exports. Gold is in good demand for New York. Nearly £4,000,000 is now on the way to New York, chiefly from Africa, Japan, England and Australia. Some also is coming from Germany. The tendency of the London money market is easier, the current rate being 2 15-16 per cent, with American bills on forward delivery at 3⅝.

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

Atchison	11⅛	do pfd	41⅛
do pfd	25⅝	St. P. & Om	68⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	17	do pfd	140
Canada Pacific	79⅝	St. P. M. & M	129
Canada Southern	46	So. Pacific	19⅝
Central Pacific	11⅛	So. Railway	7⅝
Ches. & Ohio	18⅝	do pfd	25⅝
Chicago & Alton	154	Texas & Pacific	10
C., B. & Q	92	Union Pacific pfd	62⅝
C. & E. I.	51	U. P. D. & G	6⅝
C., C., C. & St. L	77	Wabash	15⅝
do pfd	78⅝	do pfd	15⅝
Del. & Hudson	105⅝	Wheel. & L. E	1⅝
Del., L. & W	144⅝	Wheel. & L. E. pfd	8⅝
Den. & Rio G	16⅝	Adams Ex	140
do pfd	43⅝	American Ex	120
Erie (new)	12	United States Ex	38
Eric 1st pfd	32⅝	Wells Fargo Ex	114
Ft. Wayne	168	Am. Cot. Oil	16⅝
Great Northern pfd	147	A. Cot. Oil pfd	67⅝
Hocking Valley	8⅝	Am. Spirits	9
Illinois Central	98⅝	Am. Spirits pfd	21⅝
Lake Erie & W	13⅝	Am. Tobacco	112⅝
do pfd	76	Brooklyn R. T.	41⅝
Lake Shore	180	People's Gas	90⅝
Louisville & Nash	48⅝	Cons. Gas	177⅝
Manhattan L	95⅝	Com. Cable Co	150
Met. St. Ry	138	Col. F. & Iron	16⅝
Michigan Central	102	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L	24	Gen. Electric	31⅝
do 1st pfd	60	Illinois Steel	44⅝
Mo. Pacific	29	La Clede Gas	45
Mobile & Ohio	27	Lead	103⅝
Mo. K. & T	10⅝	do pfd	14
Mo. K. & T pfd	31⅝	Nat. Lin. Oil	28⅝
Chi., Ind. & L	6⅝	Oregon Imp. Co	23⅝
do pfd	23	Pacific Mail	19
N. J. Central	99⅝	Pullman Pal	172
N. Y. Central	110⅝	Silver Certificates	55⅝
N. Y. Chi. & St. L	12	Stand. Rope & T	3⅝
do 1st pfd	69	Sugar	116⅝
do 2d pfd	29	do pfd	107
Norfolk & Western	13	U. S. Leather	5⅝
No. Amer. Co	5⅝	do pfd	56
Pacific Mail	22⅝	U. S. Rubber	20⅝
Phila. & Reading	6⅝	do pfd	67⅝
Ontario & W	14⅝	Western Union	85⅝
Ore. R. & Nav	43⅝	Northwestern	117⅝
Ore. Short Line	28	do pfd	174
Pittsburg	168	Rio Grande West	23
Reading	16⅝	do pfd	53⅝
Rock Island	85⅝	Chicago-Great W	14⅝
S. L. & S. F	6⅝	St. L. & S. W	4
do 1st pfd	50	do pfd	8⅝
St. Paul	88⅝	Hawaii C. C.	23

Total sales of stocks today, 395,200 shares, including: 14,256 Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, 4,172 Louisville & Nashville, 7,935 Manhattan, 3,375 Metropolitan, 4,434 Northern Pacific preferred, 3,325 Rock Island, 18,600 St. Paul, 16,297 Union Pacific preferred, 34,475 Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf, 46,930 Tobacco, 23,250 Sugar.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 15.—The following are the closing mining quotations:

Choller	17	Ontario	275
Crown Point	10	Ophir	90
Con. Cal. & Va	70	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	75	Quicksilver	100
Gould & Curry	15	Quicksilver pfd	900
Hale & Norcross	45	Sierra Nevada	70
Homestake	3700	Standard	160
Iron Silver	38	Union Con	20
Mexican	20	Yellow Jacket	15

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, April 15.—The market for American securities opened weak, declined slightly and close AL a shade easier. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres at 166.30; at Lisbon, 32½, at Rome, 10s 60. Spanish 4s closed 44⅝, against 44⅝, the closing street price of yesterday.

PARIS, April 15.—The bourse was agitated today, but business closed in better shape. Equities at first were well supported. They afterward weakened and, after the close of the day, recovered, owing to the receipt of a dispatch from Madrid saying the insurgents had decided to submit. Three per cent rentes, 102f 27½c for the account. Spanish 4s closed at 44⅝, a net gain of 1⅛ from yesterday's closing price in the street.

BERLIN, April 15.—Bourses was quiet and prices were well maintained on the bourses today. Northern Pacific were harder and Mexicans were easier on realizations.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 15.—MONEY ON CALL—Nominally 2@4 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5⅛@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.83@4.83½ for demand and $4.79@4.80 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.80@4.81 and $4.84@4.84½; commercial bills, $4.78@4.79⅝.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—56@56⅝c.

BAR SILVER—65⅝c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—65c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Irregular; new 4s, registered, ex-interest, 129; 4s, coupon, 129; 4s registered, 108⅝; 4s, coupon, 110⅝; 2s, registered 96; 5s, coupon 6s of '81, 1.05.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows: