COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Takes an Upward Whirl on Cable Reports from France.

MAY AND JULY EACH CLOSE AT AN ADVANCE

Corn Is Also Strong and Closes Higher, with Oats Unchanged, While Provisions Are Lower.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The wheat market took an upward swirl about an hour from the close on a report that France would not reimpose the duty on wheat until next October. Final figures were 5c higher for May, and July 1⅝c stronger and ¾c better for September. Corn was strong to begin with and much stronger a little later, netting a gain of ⅛@⅜c. Oats followed corn, but closed unchanged. Provisions ruled dull and easy, and closed 7½c lower each for pork, lard and ribs.

Wheat got to call prices today, but closed under the top. It was a short market, puts having been good for several days. The best advance was in the last hour on cable advances from Paris that the remission of the wheat tariff might be extended to October, the chambers of commerce having petitioned for that action. Liverpool cables showed a decline for the day from 5-8d to 2d per cental. There was a continuance of favorable weather in the west. The Price Current was rather bearish. Joseph Leiter had a bid today for another heavy line of wheat from the same people to whom he sold 2,000,000 bushels for shipment to France about two weeks ago. Chicago receipts were smaller, 237 cars, against 11 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth 437 cars, compared with 486 cars the year before. The total of the domestic receipts at primary western markets was again surprisingly heavy, compared with those of last year, today's being 1,111,000 bushels and last year's 474,000 bushels. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 362,000 bushels. The opening strength here was added to by reports emanating from St. Louis that complaints of rust in wheat were being received from northern sections of Missouri, and, of course, as the British visible sentiment was based almost entirely on the unblemished reputation of the coming crop, shorts took fright immediately upon the shadow of suspicion being cast upon it. July sold down to $1.05⅞ and September to 88¾c, and they rose respectively to $1.07¾ and 89⅜c on the first scare. July wheat opened ¾c higher at $1.06, sold up to $1.08 5-8, declined to $1.05⅞, recovered to $1.07¼ and closed at $1.07 asked. September began ¼c higher at 88 3-8c, advanced to 88¾c, off to 88¼c, rallied to 89 5-8 @89¾c and reacted to 88 7-8c at the close. May opened unchanged, declined to $1.35 and advanced to $1.45 at the close.

Corn was firm today compared with last night's close, up at one time a full strength over Wednesday. There was a lot of buying by the bull side, which yesterday apparently sold out 600,000 bushels. July opened ¼c higher at 35 3-8c, advanced to 36 1-8c, declined to 35 3-8c and closed at 35 3-8@35¾c.

Oats followed corn and was firm at the close. The cash demand was slack. Receipts, 282 cars. July opened ¼c higher at 26 1-8c, sold up to 26 3-8@26¼c, declined to 26c and closed at 26@26 1-8c.

The provision crowd traded on the theory that there was selling by the packing houses. Everything averaged a little lower, although the market was somewhat irregular. Hogs are up 5c. Receipts, 43,000 head. July pork opened 7½c lower at $12.20, advanced to $12.30, declined to $12 and rallied to $12.10 at the close. July lard was 5c off at the opening, rose to $6.62½@6.65, sold back to $6.57½ and closed at $6.60. July short ribs began 2½c lower at $6.37½, declined to $6.17½, then up to $6.32½ at the close.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 300 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 230 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Leading futures range as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
*Wheat—					
May	.....	1 45	1 35	1 45	1 40
July	1 06¼	1 07¾	1 05⅜	1 07	1 05¼
Sept	88⅞	89¾	88¾	88⅞	88⅝
Dec	84¼	84¼	84	84⅜	84
*Corn—					
May	35¼	35⅝	35¼	35⅜	35
July	35⅝	36⅛	35⅜	35⅞	35⅝
Sept	36¼	37	36¼	36⅝	36⅜
*Oats—					
May	30⅛	30¼	29¾	29⅝	30
July	26⅜	26⅜	26	26⅛	26⅛
Sept	23⅜	23⅝	23⅜	23⅜	23⅝
Pork—					
May	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 12½
July	12 20	12 30	12 00	12 10	12 30
Sept	12 42½	12 42½	12 10	12 22½	12 40
Lard—					
May	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 65
July	6 60	6 63	6 47½	6 47½	6 67½
Sept	6 67½	6 70	6 55	6 55	6 75
Ribs—					
May	6 37½	6 37½	6 17½	6 22½	6 40
Sept	6 47½	6 47½	6 25	6 30	6 47½

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Slow; winter patents, $6.60@6.80; straights, $6.20@6.40; clears, $6.00@6.20; bakers, $4.75@6.25.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, $1.12; No. 3 spring, $1.10@1.25; No. 2 red, $1.40.

CORN—No. 2, 35¾@36c; No. 2 yellow, 35¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 30½c; No. 2 white, 33¼c; No. 3 white, 32½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 42@48c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, $1.38.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.80.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $12.00@12.10; lard, per 100 lbs., $6.50@6.60; short ribs, sides (loose), $6.10@6.45; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.00@5.25; short clear sides (boxed), $7.00@7.12½.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.22.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.88; granulated, $5.25; standard A, $5.25.

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	13,900	9,700
Wheat, bu	310,000	242,000
Corn, bu	515,200	429,400
Oats, bu	308,700	297,100
Rye, bu	1,000	.....
Barley, bu	21,400	3,150

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 12@16c; dairies, 12@12c. Eggs, 9½c. Cheese, firm; creams, 9½c. Live poultry, in good demand; spring chickens, 8½@10c; ducks, 6@6½c; turkeys, 6@7c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, May 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 29,704 bbls.; exports, 434 bbls.; market weak and lower, following wheat; Minnesota patents, $5.90@7.25; winter patents, $6.30@7.00; winter straights, $5.25@5.40. Rye flour, quiet at $3.65@4.20.

CORNMEAL—Dull; yellow western, 79c; city, 81c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2 western, 70c.

BARLEY—Dull; feeding, 42c.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 58@70c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 514,855 bu.; exports, 22,933 bu.; spot steady; No. 2 red, $1.52½ f. o. b. afloat to arrive, export grades. Options opened steadier on better cables and were further advanced later in the day by rumors concerning a possible extension of time on French duties; closed steady at 1-8@1c net advance; No. 2 red, May, $1.53@1.55, closed at $1.54; July, $1.12¾@1.14⅜, closed at $1.13 7-8.

CORN—Receipts, 143,350 bu.; exports, 223,160 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 41½c. Options strong early on covering and wet weather news, but turned finally and closed unchanged from last night; May, 39 5-8@39¾c, closed at 39 5-8c; July, 40¾@40 5-8c, closed at 40 3-8c.

OATS—Receipts, 21,500 bu.; exports, 39,980 bu.; spot dull; No. 2, 32½c; No. 3 white, 30½@37c. Options moderately active and lower, closing at ⅛c net decline; May, 34⅛@35 1-8c, closed at 34¼c.

FEED—Quiet; bran, 77½@90c; middlings, 90c@$1.00; rye feed, 80@85c.

HAY—Dull; shipping, 35@40c; good to choice, 55@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c. Pacific coast, 1895 crop, 3@4c; 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 13@15c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 15½c; Texas dry cows, California, 17½@18c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, 19½@20c.

WOOL—Steady; fleece, 16@22c; Texas, 12@21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $12.50@13.50; extra mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $21; packet, $11.50@12.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $6.25@7.25; pickled shoulders, $4.75@5.00; pickled hams, $7.50@8.00. Lard, steady; western steam, closed at $6.80; refined, steady. Pork, firm; mess, $11.75@12.25; short clear, $12.50@14.50; family, $13.50@14.00. Tallow, strong; city, 4c; country, 3¾@4 1-8c, as to quality.

OILS—Petroleum, dull. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.42½@1.45. Turpentine, steady at 29½@29¾c. Cottonseed, market firmly held; prime crude, 20½@21c nominal; prime crude f. o. b. mills, 19@17½c; prime summer yellow, 25½@26c; off summer yellow, 24½c; butter oil, 27½@28½c; prime winter yellow, 29@30c.

RICE—Steady; fair to extra, 5 1-8@5¼c; Japan, 5 7-8@6c.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 28@35c.

FREIGHTS—Dull; cotton by steam, 3d nominal; grain by steam, 3d.

METALS—Little change is noted in most departments of the metal market and business still hangs fire. Spelter received the bulk of attention today and exhibited relative strength. At the close pig iron warrants were quiet and unchanged at $8.75 bid and $9.00 asked; lake copper, unchanged at $12.00 bid and $12.10 asked; tin, firmer at $7.45 bid and $14.62 asked; spelter, unchanged but firm at $4.25 bid and $4.30 asked, and lead dull at $3.30 bid and $3.35 asked. The firm fixing the settling price for miners and smelters quotes lead at $3.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 4,110 pkgs.; market steady; western creamery, 14@15c; Elgins, 15c; factory, 12@13c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,002 pkgs.; market quiet; light skims, 4½@6½c; part skims, 5@6c; full skims, 2@3c.

EGGS—Receipts, 12,077 pkgs.; market steady; western, 10½@; southern, 9@10c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 9½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 9@11c; separator, 16c; gathered creamery, 13@14c.

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

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 7@7½; old roosters, 3½@5½c; young roosters, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 20@22c.

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.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90c@$1; new southern, per lb., 2½c.

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

SWEET POTATOES—Kansas, Po-peck bbls., $2.50; seed sweet potatoes, $2.00.

CABBAGE—Mississippi, per crate, $2.25; Texas, $2.00.

POTATOES—Home grown, 70@55c; Colorado stock, 70c; northern fancy early Ohio potatoes, 75c; new potatoes, per bbl., $3.50@4.00; bushel boxes, $1.25.

TOMATOES—Per crate, $3.00@3.25.

BEETS—New, per bu. box, $1.25.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 5@35c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 35@40c.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., 12@15c.

WATERCRESS—Per 16-qt. case, $1.60.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., $1.00.

WAX BEANS—1-3 bu. box, 75c.

PEAS—Per bu., fancy Mississippi, $1.25.

SPINACH—Per basket, 35.

PIEPLANT—Home grown, per lb., 2c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Arkansas, 24-qt. case, good to shipping stock, $2.00; peddlers' stock, per crate, 50c@$1.00.

APPLES—Genetons, $3.75.

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

GRAPES—Malagas, $5.00@6.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $2.50; Mediterranean sweets, $3.00@3.25.

LEMONS—California, $3.00@3.25; fancy Messina, $3.00@3.50.

BANANAS—Choice, large stock, per bunch, $2.00@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, 11½@11c; standards, 8@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.

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

FIGS—Imported, fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 12c; 5-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 13c; 2-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. box, $1.

HONEY—Choice white, 12c; Colorado amber, 10@11c.

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

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

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3c; tallow, No. 2, 2½c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@2¾c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; 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, 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, 3@4c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

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@40c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@50c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf (prairie coyote), 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; badger, 5@40c; silver fox, $5.00@75.00.

FRESH MEATS.

DRESSED BEEF—Good native steers, 7¼c; good forequarters steers, 6c; good hindquarters steers, 9c; western steers, 7c; native heifers, 6¾c; good forequarters heifers, 5¾c; good hindquarters heifers, 8¾c; native cows, 6¼c; western cows, 6½c; cow forequarters, 8½c; cow hindquarters, 8½c; backboards, cow, 6½c; steer, 7c; triangles, cow, 4¾c; steer, 5¼c.

BEEF CUTS—Tenderloins, fresh, 18c; frozen, 16c; boneless strips, fresh, 11c; strip loins, fresh, 9c; frozen, 7½c; rolls, boneless, fresh, 11c; rolls, Spencer cuts, fresh, 11c; sirloin butts, boneless, fresh, 11c; shoulder clods, boneless, 6½c; rump butts, boneless, 6c; No. 1 chucks, 5½c; No. 2 chucks, 5½c; No. 3 chucks, 5c; boneless chucks, frozen, 5c; fresh, 5¾c; cow plates, 4½c; steer plates, 4¾c; flank steak, 10c; loins, No. 1, frozen, 13c; loins, No. 2, 11c; loins, No. 3, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12¾c; loins, No. 3, frozen, or fresh, 10¼c; short loins, market style, 2c above loins; hotel style, 4c above loins; cow loin ends, 8½c; steer loin ends, 9½c; hanging tenderloins, 4¾c; ribs, No. 1, frozen, 10c; fresh, 12¾c; No. 2, frozen, 8c; fresh, 10¼c; ribs, No. 3, frozen, 6c; fresh, 8¼c; No. 1 rounds, 7¼c; No. 2 rounds, 7¼c; No. 3 rounds, 7c; beef rounds, shank off, ¾c additional; beef rounds, shank and rump off, 1¼c additional; trimmings, 4¼c; beef shanks, 3c; briskets, 3½c; sweetbreads, per lb., frozen, 10c; fresh, 12½c; sweetbreads (calves), per lb., 4c; kidneys, per doz., 35c; ox tails, each, 3c; livers, per lb., 3c; hearts, per lb., 3c; tongues, per lb., 12c; calf livers, each, 35c; calves, whole carcass or sides, 5½c; calf head and feet, scalded, per set, 75c.

MUTTON—Spring lambs, 10c; regular lambs, 9c; sheep, 8c; market racks (long), 9c; hotel racks (short), 11c; loins, 9½c; saddles, 10c; legs, 10½c; lamb legs, 12c; breasts and stews, 3c; tongues, each, 3c; forequarters, 6c.

PORK—Dressed pigs, 5¾c; dressed hogs, 5½c; tenderloins, 12c; loins, small, 7½c; large, 7¼c; spare ribs, 4½c; ham sausage butts, 6c; Boston Butts, 5½c; shoulders, rough, 5½c; shoulders, skinned, 5¾c; trimmings, 4½c; leaf lard, not rendered, 6c; heads, cleaned, 3c; snouts and ears, 3c; fresh hams, 16 to 18 lbs., 7¼c; fresh short clears, 5¾c; cheek meat, 4c; neckbones, 2c; pigs' feet, 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., 30c; livers, each, 3c; hog rinds, 3c; blade bones, 5c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—FLOUR—Quiet; patents, $6.25@6.40; straights, $5.75@6.00; clear, $5.00@5.50; medium, $4.25@4.75.

WHEAT—Firm at the close, with May 4c lower, July 1c and September 5-8@⅝c above yesterday; December unchanged. Spot, lower. No. 2 cash, elevator, $1.23; track, $1.24; May, $1.21 bid; July, 96¾c bid; September, 86 1-8@86¼c; December, 82¼c; No. 2 hard cash, $1.27@1.24.

CORN—Futures closed at the bottom, only 1-8c above yesterday. Spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 34½c bid; May, 33 5-8c bid; July, 33¾c asked; September, 35c asked.

OATS—Nominal; No. 2 cash, 32c; track, 32c; May, 32c bid; July, 25¾c bid; September, 23 5-8c asked; No. 2 white, 34@34½c.

RYE—Lower, 63c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, nominal, $1.35. Prime timothy seed, $2.90@2.95.

CORNMEAL—Strong, $1.90@2.00.

BRAN—Easier, dull, sacked, east track, 63c offered.

HAY—Firm; prairie, $8.00@10.50; timothy, $8.00@15.50.

BUTTER—Dull and weak; creamery, 14@16c; dairy, 12@14c.

EGGS—Lower, 9½c.

WHISKY—$1.23.

COTTONTIES—70c.

BAGGING—5 7-8@6 3-8c.

METALS—Lead, lower, $3.47½ asked. Spelter, higher, $4.15.

PROVISIONS — Pork, lower; standard mess, jobbing, $12.15. Lard, lower; prime steam, $6.27½; choice, $6.37½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, 5½; extra short clear, $7.12½; ribs, $7.25; shorts, $7.37½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, 5.50; extra short clear, $6.62½; ribs, $6.75; shorts, $6.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 20,000 bu.; corn, 119,000 bu.; oats, 53,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 12,000 bu.; corn, 152,000 bu.; oats, 21,000 bu.

Liverpool Market.

LIVERPOOL, May 19.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red western winter, stocks exhausted; No. 1 red northern spring, dull at 11s; futures, May, 11s; July, 10s 6d; September, 9s 11d; December, 7s 2¼d.

CORN—Spot, easy; American mixed, new, 3s 10½d; futures, quiet; May, 3s 9¼d; July, 3s 8¾d; September, 3s 9 1-8d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, dull at 14s 3d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), dull at £2 0s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; prime mess, 68s 9d. Pork, steady; prime mess, fair western, 5s 5d; medium, 52s 6d. Hams, short cut, steady at 27s. Bacon, firm at 35s 6d; short ribs, 35s; long clear middles, light, 36s; long clear middles, heavy, 35s 3d; short clear backs, 35s; bellies, 35s 6d. Shoulders, square, firm at 27s. Lard, prime western, dull at 23s.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, Liverpool, refined, steady at 16s 9d. Turpentine spirits, steady at 28s 9d. Rosin, common, firm at 5s 5d.

CHEESE—Dull; American finest white, 40s; finest colored, 43s.

The grain market will be closed May 28, 30 and 31, the Whitsuntide holidays.

Wool Markets.

BOSTON, May 19.—WOOL—The following are the prices for leading descriptions:

Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces, X and above, 20c; XX and XX above and delaine No. 1 and No. 2 combing, 20@20c. Michigan, Wisconsin, etc.: X Michigan, 22@23c; No. 2 Michigan and Illinois combing, 27@28c; X New York, New Hampshire and Vermont, 22@23c; delaine Michigan, 28c; unwashed medium Kentucky and Indiana quarter blood combing and three-eighths blood combing, 22@23c; Missouri quarter blood combing, 22@23c; braid combing, 20c; Jake and Georgia, 19@20c. Texas wools: Spring medium (12 months), 16@18c; scoured, 40@42c; spring fine (12 months), 16@18c; scoured, 43@45c. Territory wools: Montana fine medium and fine, 15@18c; scoured, 45c; staple, 48c; Utah, Wyoming etc., fine medium and fine, 14@15c; scoured, 42@43c; staple, 48c. Australian wools: Scoured basis, combing superfine, 70@72c; combing, good, 65@68c; combing, average, 62@65c; Queensland combing, 65c.

LONDON, May 19.—WOOL—The third series of the colonial wool sales closed today, with a good attendance. The offerings numbered 11,575 bales, including good Queensland, Brenay, which sold at the highest of the present prices. New South Wales and New Zealand were strongly supported. Competition was strong throughout the sales, with prices ruling against buyers, especially low cross-breds. During the sales 206,000 bales were available, and of this number 178,000 were catalogued, 10,000 withdrawn and 28,000 not offered and carried over to the next series. The home trade purchased 82,000 bales, and the continental buyers 70,000 bales. The Russian buyers purchased a few hundred. A few trial lots were taken by the American buyers. Early sales showed hesitation, with occasional declines, merinos and crossbreds, showing 5 per cent lower than the second. After a few days the sale became animated and prices hardened until the March quotations were unequalled. Low merinos and heavy cross-breds, however, did not recover the losses of the early part of the series, and closed 5 per cent lower than the second series. The offerings at the fourth series are limited to 200,000 bales. The following are the sales in detail: New South Wales, 3,500 bales; scoured, 9½d@1s ½d; greasy, 5½@7d. Queensland, 1,300 bales; scoured, 1s 1½d@1s 3½d; greasy, 5½@9½d. Victoria, 1,400 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 5½d. South Australia, 1,500 bales; scoured, 6¼d@1s 2½d; greasy, 5½@8¼d. New Zealand, 4,200 bales; scoured, 8d@1s 6½d; greasy, 5@9d. Cape of Good Hope and Natal, 700 bales; scoured, 6¼d@1s 2d; greasy, 5½@7¾d.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, May 19.—FLOUR—Firm, unchanged; receipts, 4,146 bbls.; exports, 5,050 bbls.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, $1.23¼@1.33 3-8; July, $1.08¾ asked; steamer, No. 2 red, $1.23¼@1.28 3-8; receipts, 93,634 bu.; exports, 102,744 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, $1.28@1.34; southern, on grade, $1.23¼@1.33⅜.

CORN—Dull, easy spot and month, 39¾@40c; July, 39¾@40c; steamer mixed, 38¾@39c; receipts, 204,805 bu.; exports, 103,256 bu.; southern white corn, 41@41½c; southern yellow, 40½@41c.

OATS—Dull, easy; No. 2 white, 38c; No. 2 mixed, 33¾@33¼c; receipts, 58,214 bu.; exports, 50,000 bu.

RYE—Dull, lower; No. 2 nearby, 65@65½c; No. 2 western, 65c; receipts, 5,949 bu.; exports, 60,000 bu.

HAY—Strong; choice timothy, $11 bid.

GRAIN FREIGHTS—Quiet, unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady, unchanged.

EGGS—Weak, unchanged.

CHEESE—Steady, unchanged.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, May 19.—WHEAT—Hard active, about steady; soft dull; No. 1 hard, $1.29; No. 2, $1.17@1.13½; No. 3, $1.10@1.17; No. 1 red, $1.19; No. 2, $1.17¼@1.18; No. 3, $1.12@$1.13½; No. 2 spring, $1.15@1.16; No. 3, $1.10@1.12.

CORN—Market active, lower; No. 2 mixed, 34c; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 white, 31½@32c.

RYE—Market lower; No. 2, 57c.

HAY—Prairie, firm; choice, 10c; timothy, $10.50.

BUTTER—Market lower, 12½@14c; dairy, 10@12c.

EGGS—Market firm; fresh, 8c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 66,000 bu.; corn, 68,500 oats, 14,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 53,400 bu.; corn, 52,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, May 19.—FLOUR—Firm and higher; fancy, $5.50@6.25.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, $1.27.

CORN—Steady; No. 2 mixed, 38c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 33¼c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 63c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, easier at $6.32½. Bulk meats, easy at $6.50. Bacon, active at $7.25.

WHISKY—Quiet at $1.23.

BUTTER—Dull; fancy Elgin creamery, 17c; Ohio, 12@15c; dairy, 10@10½c.

SUGAR—Easy; hard refined, $4.47@6.10.

EGGS—Quiet at 9c.

CHEESE—Dull; good to prime Ohio flat, 8@8½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, May 19.—WHEAT—Steady and active; No. 2 cash, $1.42 bid; May, $1.41½.

CORN—Active and easy; No. 2 mixed, cash and May, 37½c.

OATS—Dull but steady; No. 2 mixed, 29½c.

RYE—Dull and lower; No. 2 cash, 64c.

CLOVERSEED—Active and steady; prime cash, $2.27½.

OIL—North Lima, 60c; South Lima and Indiana, 55c.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

MINNEAPOLIS, May 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 229 cars.

ST. LOUIS, May 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 237 cars; corn, 626 cars; oats, 282 cars. Estimated tomorrow: Wheat, 300 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 230 cars.

DULUTH, May 19.—Receipts: Wheat, 118 cars.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, May 19.—CORN—Easy; No. 2, 36c.

OATS—Slow and easy; No. 2, 36c; No. 2 white, 36c.

WHISKY—Firm; high proof spirits, $1.22½.

Detroit Market.

DETROIT, May 19.—WHEAT—No. 1 white, $1.25; No. 2 red, cash and May, $1.36.

CORN—No. 2 mixed, 33c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 35c.

RYE—No. 2, 64c.

Philadelphia Produce.

PHILADELPHIA, May 19.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 15@15½c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh western, 11c.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Heavy Speculators Are Waiting More Definite War News.

NEW YORK, May 19.—No great success attended an effort to awaken active speculation in interests in stocks today. There was in fact no vigorous effort to do so, the powerful influences in the market being apparently content to rest on their oars and wait for more definite information of the operations of the opposing fleets in West Indian waters. The measures taken by the government to shut off all information on this subject have apparently proved entirely successful, and Wall street was completely in the dark. Even rumors on the subject, which are likely to prove plentiful in such circumstances, were not forthcoming and the market was consequently dull. There were a number of conspicuous advances during the day, but they were by no means uniform, nor were they simultaneous. First one stock, then another, seemed to be the object of some special demand, but these isolated movements had little influence on the general list. Sugar was the most prominent of such stocks and advanced suddenly about 2 points, after a period of early hesitation. Tobacco also had its period of strength. Rock Island continued to lead the Grangers and rose at one time to 102, the highest point on the present movement. The other Grangers were also quite strong, though the volume of dealings was below that of the last few days. Later in the day Manhattan enjoyed a period of strength and activity. This kind of demand seemed to have exhausted itself late in the day, and the semi-stagnation which ensued encouraged the bears to make a desultory attack on prices, which yielded all around, the Rock Island group continuing