COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Wheat Market in Speculative Pit is Lively and Strong.

CORN AND OATS QUIT FOURTH OF A CENT UP

Stormy Weather in Northwest Additional Influence for Good Trading—Pork and Ribs Unchanged.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Reports of serious damage to the wheat crop in Argentina put the bears in full retreat today and induced such general covering of the short sales previously made that prices were advanced sharply. December closed half a cent higher, corn gained 1¼@½c, oats are up ¼c, pork left off 2½c higher, and lard and ribs gained 5c each.

An advance of 10@1 3-8d at Liverpool over night, the reported concentration of a large body of Russian troops at Pekin, in addition to reports from New York that there were 42 boatloads engaged for export, stirred up the market for wheat and made a strong and lively affair of it. The stormy weather in the northwest was an additional influence. It soon developed, however, that in the face of this information the people were selling. Then came a denial of the export business at the seaboard and there were reports also that the exporting firms were undeniably taking profits on long wheat. The actual export clearings were not up to the usual high total and the primary market receipts indicated that a big export business could be supplied and leave a surplus here besides. Though the bulls reinforced their early battle with reports of large flour sales in the northwest and told of a snow storm in North Dakota, trade was inclined to wait until noon to see what the increase in the visible would be. The early sales caused a decline of 3-8@⅝c.

Bradstreet's report indicated an increase since two weeks ago of 4,737,000 bu. in the world's visible supply, which was about 40 per cent of the amount expected and caused a rally of ½@¾c. The total primary receipts at the principal western markets amounted to 1,949,000 bu. Reports of serious frost damage to wheat in Argentina gave the market near the close quite a little strength. There was a considerable short interest and the shorts were rather uneasy about standing out over the jubilee tomorrow. The shorts bought wheat with such freedom that December was advanced to 65⅝c and closed at 65 5-8@65¾c, buyers.

The strength developed by corn at the start was due largely to a sharp advance at Liverpool. The storms also proved to check arrivals and gave the bulls a chance to operate with courage. There was considerable professional buying at the outset, but it was met with offerings by scattered holders and by brokers and commission firms which presumably represented elevator interests. That, together with the decline in wheat, caused a reaction and the early high points were not fully maintained. The estimate of only 450 cars acted as an offsetting influence. December began unchanged at 31½@31 5-8, advanced to 31¾@31 7-8c and closed at 31 6-8@31¾c, buyers.

There was quite a large trade in oats at higher prices. The demand was urgent at the beginning, but later in the day quite a few of the early buyers turned sellers and caused the market to lose nearly all of the advance. There was an active cash demand, however, and prices were near the top of the range. Receipts, 326 cars. May started at 1-8c up at 23⅝@23 7-8c, rose to 24c and reacted to 23 7-8c and closed at 23 7-8@24c.

Provisions opened firm in sympathy with grains, despite an easier hog market and large receipts here and elsewhere. Later in the session, when grains began to rally and when it became known that there was a large demand for cash ribs, there was a rally in the whole list. January pork opened unchanged at $9.17½, rose to $9.20, sold off to $9.12½, then recovered to $9.20, the closing figures. The range in lard and ribs was inconsequential.

Estimates for tomorrow: Wheat, 171 cars; corn, 450 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

Holiday Wednesday on account of peace jubilee parade.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y
*Wheat.					
Oct....	.....	.....	.....	64⅝	65⅝
Dec....	64⅝@⅝	65⅝	65⅝@⅝	65⅝@⅝	65⅝@⅝
May....	66⅝@⅞	66⅞	66⅝@⅞	66⅝@⅞	66⅝
*Corn.					
Oct....	31	31¼	31	31	31
Dec....	31⅛@⅜	31⅜@⅜	31⅛	31⅜@⅜	31⅛
May....	33⅝@⅞	34⅛	33⅝	34	33⅝
*Oats.					
Dec....	22¼	23⅛	22¼	23	22⅞
May....	23⅝@⅞	24	23⅝	23⅞@24	23⅝@⅞
Pork					
Dec....	7 92½	8 00	7 90	8 00	7 95
Jan....	9 17½	9 22½	9 12½	9 20	9 17½
Lard.					
Dec....	4 90	4 97½	4 90	4 97½	4 92½
Jan....	5 00	5 05	4 97½	5 05	5 00
Ribs.					
Oct....	5 30	5 37½	5 30	5 37½	5 32½
Jan....	4 72½	4 80	4 72½	4 80	4 75

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; spring special brands, $4.00@4.10; hard patents, $4.10@4.30; winter straights, $3.00@3.20.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 64¾c; No. 3 spring, 62½@64c; No. 2 red, 66@67c.

CORN—No. 2, 31½c; No. 2 yellow, 31 5-8c.

OATS—No. 2, 23c; No. 2 white, 25½@26c; No. 3 white, 24½@25c.

RYE—No. 2, 49½@49½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 32@45c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, No. 1, 91@92c. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

PROVISIONS—Pork, mess per bbl., $7.90@7.95. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4.97½@5.00. Bacon, short ribs sides (loose), $5.20@5.40.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.25.

The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	15,500	75,400
Wheat, bu.....	234,200	106,300
Corn, bu.....	582,600	188,900
Oats bu.....	491,700	426,200
Rye, bu.....	20,200	1,600
Barley, bu.....	194,700	9,600

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@21c; dairies, 12@18c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 15c. Cheese, steady and prices unchanged.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,232 bbls.; exports, 13,511 bbls.; firmer and fairly active at the old prices; spring patents, $3.90@4.50; winter straights, $3.40@3.60; winter patents, $3.75@3.85; spring clears, $3.15@3.40; extra No. 1 winter, $2.80@3.00; extra No. 2 winter, $2.65@2.75; no grade, $1.72½ to arrive. Buckwheat flour, dull and easy.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 35@38c.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 73c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 211,875 bu.; exports, 250,302 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2 red, 75 5-8c f. o. b., afloat. Options opened strong on cables, but lost part of the advance through disappointing export developments and constant attacks from Chicago. Trade was mostly local, with foreign houses on both sides. The close was strong after a late rally on reported frost in Argentine at ½@⅝c net advance; sales included No. 2 red, May, at 70¾@71 1-8c.

CORN—Receipts, 111,100 bu.; exports, 138,140 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 38⅞@39c, f. o. b., afloat. Options again ruled strong all day, receiving its impetus from higher cables and bullish crop advices; closed 3-8c higher; May, 39¼@39 3-8c, closed 39 3-8c.

OATS—Receipts, 70,000 bu.; exports, 170,873 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2, 28c. Options were dull.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 58@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@20c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 58@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 17@20c.

WOOL—Dull; fleece, 15@22c.

CHEESE—Quiet; large white and colored, 8 5-8@8¾c; small white, 9c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 2,700 pkgs.; market firm; western creamery, 15@22c; Elgins, 22c; factory, 12½@14½c.

EGGS—Firm; western fresh, 19c.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 3 5-8c; country, 3 5-8@3 7-8c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Firm; prime yellow, 21c; crude, 19c.

RICE—Firm; fair to extra, 4 5-8@5c.

MOLASSES—Firm; western, 51½c c. i. f., Buffalo; 55½c f. o. b. afloat, to arrive.

METALS—Pig iron, quiet; northern, $10.75@11.00; southern, $10.50@11.50. Copper, firm; lake, brokers, $12.00; exchange, $12.50. Lead, quiet and easy; domestic brokers, $3.70; exchange, $3.80@3.82½. Tin, firm; straits, $17.75; plates, steady. Spelter, quiet; domestic, $3.90. The feature of today's market for metals was a sharp further rise in the price of tin to $17.75, as contrasted with $17.10 Saturday. Other departments were quiet to easy, the sudden advance of yesterday having been followed by some increase in demand and in some instances prices as well. Sellers, however, were conservative and offered very sparingly very much all day. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants quiet and unchanged, with $7.00 bid and $7.20 asked. Lake copper was firm at $12.50. Tin was firmer; buyers and sellers, $17.75. Lead was quiet and easy at $3.60 bid and $3.82½ asked. Spelter was unchanged; buyers and sellers at $5.00. The firm naming the settling price for the leading western miners and smelters quoted lead at $3.70.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Good stock, 16c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 10@12c; separator, 22c; gathered creamery, 20@21c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5½@6c; old roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 6½@7c; ducks, 5@6c; geese not wanted.

GAME—Teal, blue wing, $1.75; green wing, $1.50; mixed, $1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, young, $3.50; old, $2.50.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEAL—Choice, 9c.

VEGETABLES.

CELERY—Per bunch, 30@35c.

ONIONS—New, per bu., 25@40c.

BEANS—Hand-picked navy, per bu., $1.30@1.40.

POTATOES—Per bu., 30@40c.

CABBAGES—Per bu., crated, 1c.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Seedlings, $2.75; Mediterranean sweets, $3.

LEMONS—California, $6; fancy Messina, $6.50@7.00.

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

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., Jonathans, $3.50; choice shipping stock, $3; other stock, $2.50; Michigan apples, $2.25@2.50.

PEACHES—California, 20-lb. case, $1.10.

PLUMS—Oregon, $1.00@1.25.

PEARS—Bartlett, California, out of the market; other varieties, $2.00@2.25.

GRAPES—California Tokays, $1.50@1.65; New York grapes, 15c.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per box, $1.25; Cape Cods, per bbl., $6.25@6.50.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., large size, 12@13c; small, 11c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 11@12c; 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, $1.15@1.25 per bu.; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.50@5.00; peanuts, raw, 6½c; roasted, 7½c.

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

HONEY—Choice white, 12½c.

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

FIGS—Imported fancy, 3-crown, 14-lb. boxes, 10c; 5-crown, 44-lb. boxes, 15c; 3-lb. boxes, 22@23c per box; California, 10-lb. boxes, $1.

CIDER—Per half bbl., $3.25@3.50.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¾c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¾c; 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@2¼c.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 15@75c; green salted shearings (short wooled early skins), each, 15c; dry shearings (short wooled early skins), per lb., 1c, 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, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

Northwestern Interior Elevators Show Increase of 500,000 Bu. Wheat.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreets indicate the following changes in available supplies of grain last Saturday, as compared with the preceding Saturday:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase, 3,478,000 bu.; Liverpool Corn Trade News, afloat for and in Europe, increase, 1,300,000 bu.; total supply, total increase, 4,778,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 2,309,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 1,260,000 bu.

Among the more important increases are the gains of 500,000 bu. in stocks at northwestern interior elevators, totals of which for the last week have been received as a result of the fuller information regarding under estimates in amounts held, 121,000 bu. at Louisville, 160,000 bu. at Milwaukee private elevators, 79,000 bu. at Galveston and 75,000 bu. at Manitoba and Ontario storage points. The only important decrease is the reduction of 50,000 bu. at Cleveland.

The aggregate stocks of wheat held at Portland, Ore., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., show an increase of 263,000 bu. over last week.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged.

WHEAT—Futures were strong and higher; spot, higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 69c; track, 69c; December, 69 5-8c; May, 69 1-8c; No. 2 hard, cash, 64½@66c.

CORN—Futures were firm and higher; spot higher; No. 2 cash, 31½c; October, 31½c; December, 29 7-8c bid; May, 31 7-8@32c.

OATS—Fractionally higher for futures; spot, higher; No. 2 cash, 28c bid; track, 23½c; October, 23½c; December, 23¾@23 7-8c; May, 24 7-8c; No. 2 white, 25½c.

RYE—Firm at 47½@48c.

SEED—Flaxseed, higher at 91c; prime timothy seed, nominally $2.30.

WHISKY—$1.25.

CORNMEAL—$1.60@1.65.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 53@54c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $6.50@6.80; prairie, in demand at $4.60@4.65.

BUTTER—Higher and scarce; creamery, 19@23c; dairy, 15@20c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c.

METALS—Lead, dull at $3.67½@4.00. Spelter, strong at $4.82½.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm and higher; standard mess, jobbing, $8.00. Lard, higher; prime, steady at $4.80; choice, $4.85. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.37½; extra short clear, $5.25; ribs, $5.[illegible]@5.20.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 87,000 bu.; corn, 140,000 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 31,000 bu.; corn, 18,000 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 18.—WHEAT—Market higher; No. 1 hard, 64c; No. 2, 62½@64c; No. 3, 59@62c; No. 2 red, 68c; No. 3, 64c.

CORN—Market higher and active; No. 2 mixed, 28@28½c; No. 2 white, 28½@29c; No. 3, 28½@29c.

OATS—Market higher, but slow; No. 2 white, 24½c.

RYE—Market firm; No. 2, 48½@49c.

HAY—Better grades higher on light receipts; choice timothy, $6.75@7.00; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

BUTTER—Market steady; separator, 20@21c; dairy, 16c.

EGGS—Market firm; fresh, 15c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 91,800 bu.; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 123,000 bu.; corn, 2,600 bu.; oats, 3,000 bu.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—FLOUR—Firm and unchanged; receipts, 14,100 bbls.; exports, 25,000 bbls.

WHEAT—Firm; spot, 73@73¼c; receipts, 73,800 bu.; southern wheat, by sample, 68@74c.

CORN—Firm; spot, 36c; receipts, 66,840 bu.; southern white corn, 36c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 white western, 29c; receipts, 25,890 bu.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 51c; receipts, 56,800 bu.

EGGS—Firm and unchanged.

CHEESE—Unchanged.

BUTTER—Steady.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 18.—FLOUR—Quiet.

WHEAT—Firm; No. 2 red, 69c.

CORN—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 31½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 25c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 45c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, steady at $4.85. Bulk meats, firm at $3.57½. Bacon, firm and higher at $6.80.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.25.

BUTTER—Higher; fancy Elgin creamery, 23c; Ohio, 15@18c.

SUGAR—Steady.

EGGS—Weak at 12c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Oct. 18.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2, cash, October and December, 69 3-8c.

CORN—Active; No. 2 mixed, 32c.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 mixed, 23c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, cash, 50½c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Dull; prime, 44c.

OIL—North Lima, 77c; South Lima and Indiana, 72c.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 18.—WHEAT—Stronger; October, 64c; December, 63c; May, 64 7-8c; No. 1 northern, 64½c.

FLOUR—Firm; first patents, $4.00@4.00; second patents, $3.70@3.80; first clear, $2.70@2.80.

BRAN—In bulk, $8.50@9.00.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Oct. 18.—CORN—Market firm, steady; No. 2, 28½c.

OATS—Market firm; higher; No. 2 white, 24½@25c.

WHISKY—Market firm at $1.25.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—PROVISIONS—Hog products, quiet; pork, standard mess, $8.00@9c. Lard, refined tierce, 5¾c. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, 4 7-8c; sides, 5 5-8@5¾c. Bacon, clear rib sides, 6 3-8@6½c. Hams, choice sugar cured, 10½@11½c.

COFFEE—Ordinary to fair, 6 5-8@8 15-16c; Rio firm; ordinary to good, 4¾@5c.

FLOUR, GRAIN AND FEEDSTUFFS—Quiet; flour, extra fancy, $2.40@2.50; patents, $3.80@4.00. Cornmeal, $1.60@1.65. Bran, 62c. Hay, prime, $9.00@11.00; choice, $12.00@12.50. Corn, No. 2 sacked, 31c; yellow, 33c. Oats, quiet; No. 2, 28½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 18.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 1 northern, 66@66½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 49½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 45c; sample, 37@40c.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—BUTTER—Firm; fancy western creamery, 22@22½c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh western, 18@18½c.

CHEESE—Firm but quiet.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS.

Market Stagnant and Sluggish with Limited Buying.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Prices of stocks drifted sluggishly and to all appearances aimlessly all through today's session. The almost stagnant condition of the market was scarcely relieved by a single feature. Even the "trust" stocks fell into neglect after a long period of erratic fluctuations.

Tobacco was razed down at the opening on the explicit announcement that the much talked of plug tobacco combination had once more fallen. There were injected into the dullest portion of the day's trading two successive transactions of 12,500 shares and 6,000 shares, respectively, of Tobacco preferred at 115, "sellers 30." This represented a transaction of over $2,480,000 and was supposed to show the disposal of the company's treasury stock, application for the listing of which was made yesterday. The common stock was rather feverish for a time after this sale, but settled down into steadiness and neglect. There was an upturn in Sugar also during the day, which was explained by the news that certain grades of soft sugars had been advanced in prices. Realizing subsequently wiped out practically all the advance.

The railroad list held generally firm throughout the early part of the day, but subsequently eased off in sympathy with Sugar and the Northern Pacifics. The daily attack on the coalers lacked vim and the decline only reached a point in New Jersey Central. The traffic statement of St. Paul for the second week in October, showing an increase over last year's earnings of nearly $140,000, is undoubtedly a pretty fair indication of what is going on in the grain-carrying roads. All reports agree that it is difficult to secure enough cars to meet the demand for the freight movement, both east and westbound. The speculative public apparently views these developments with apathy. The apathy existed today in all the security markets of the world, the pause in London being attributed to waiting for more settled political conditions and the completion of liquidation in Berlin. The process of accumulating exchange here is going on from day to day and the banks continue to gain cash from the subtreasury. The final statement of government 3s from Washington makes it probable that government deposits in national banks will soon approach the $100,000,000 mark, after which the deficit in the revenues is expected to steadily diminish their account.

Bonds were dull and firmly held today. Total sales, $1,345,000. United States old 4s, registered, advanced 1-8 per cent; United States old 4s, coupon, and the 5s, ¼ per cent in the bid price.

The Evening Post's London financial cablegram says: The stock markets were idle in tone. There was no noteworthy change. Paris continues to buy South African shares, which is the best answer to the political reports. That market is also buying copper shares, the prices of the metal continuing to advance. Gold is being bought in this market for America through Paris in small amounts, and the fact supports the discount rates.

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

Atchison	12½	St. Paul & Omaha	79
do pfd	35⅝	do pfd	138
Baltimore & Ohio	41	St. P., M. & M.	171
Canada Pacific	83¾	Pacific Express	23
Canada Southern	52½	Southern Railway	8⅝
Central Pacific	25	do pfd	34⅝
Ches. & Ohio	21⅝	Texas & Pacific	18¼
Chicago & Alton	154	Union Pacific	32⅝
C., B. & Q.	114¾	do pfd	65
Chi. & E. Ill.	54	U. P. D. & G.	1⅝
C., C. C. & St. L.	39¾	*W. & L. E.	3⅝
do pfd	89	do pfd	17⅝
Del. & Hudson	102⅝	Adams Express	147
Del. L. & W.	158¾	Amer. Express	130
Den. & Rio G.	12⅝	United States Ex.	40
do pfd	54⅝	Wells-Fargo Ex.	120
Erie (new)	12½	A. Cot. Oil	5½
do 1st pfd	32	do pfd	85
Ft. Wayne	170	Am. Spirits	11
Gt. Nor. pfd	135½	do pfd	33
Hocking Valley	3½	Am. Tobacco	115¾
Illinois Central	106½	do pfd	140
Lake Erie & W.	13⅝	People's Gas	102⅝
do pfd	59½	Con. Gas	171
Lake Shore	190¾	Com. Cable Co.	173
Louisville & Nash.	54¾	Col. F. & Iron	50½
Manhattan L.	95¾	do pfd	90
Minn. & St. L.	27	General Electric	38
do 1st pfd	89½	Laclede Gas	87
Missouri Pacific	33¾	do pfd	108
M., K. & T.	19¾	Nat. Lin. Oil	34
do pfd	29½	N. S. & L. 1st pfd	76
Chic. Ind. & L.	7½	Pacific Mail	32½
do pfd	27½	Pullman Palace	198
N. J. Central	85	Silver Certificates	69¼
N. Y. Central	115¾	Standard R. & T.	6
N. Y., C. & St. L.	11¼	Sugar	118
do 1st pfd	39	do pfd	117½
do 2d pfd	12	T. C. & Iron	36⅝
Nor. & West	12	U. S. Leather pfd	63½
N. American Co.	5¾	Western Union	91⅝
Northern Pacific	40	St. L. & S. W.	4⅝
do pfd	75⅝	do pfd	11
Ontario & Western	18⅝	Chi. G. W.	16⅝
Ore. R. & Nav.	82½	C. & N. W.	101
Ore. Short Line	32⅝	do pfd	176½
Pittsburg	170	Int. Paper Co.	15⅝
Reading	16¼	Pacific Coast 1st pfd	80
Rock Island	100⅝	do 2d pfd	60½
St. L. & S. F.	7¼	Minn. Iron	125
do 1st pfd	62	Phila. R. T.	9⅝
do 2d pfd	29⅝	Hawaii Com. Co.	45
St. Paul	107½	Reading 1st pfd	39
do pfd	166		

*4th assessment paid.

Total sales of stocks today were 174,500 shares, including: Burlington, 3,389; Manhattan, 3,775; Metropolitan, 7,300; Northern Pacific, 3,535; St. Paul, 9,045; Union Pacific preferred, 4,332; American Tobacco, 14,985; Tobacco preferred, 18,880; Sugar, 40,770.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—MONEY ON CALL—Market easy at 1½@2½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Market steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.81¾@4.84⅝ for demand and $4.81½@4.81¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.82½ and $4.85; commercial bills, $4.80¼.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—59¾@60½c.

BAR SILVER—60c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—46¾c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Market strong; 2s, 105⅝; new 4s, reg., 126½; coupon, 127½; 4s, reg., 110⅝; coupon, 111½; 2s, 99; 5s, reg., 111⅝; coupon, 112⅝; Pacific 6s of '99, 102½.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. new 3s	105⅝	N. C. 6s	122
U. S. new 4s, reg	127⅝	N. C. 4s	103
U. S. do coup	128	No. Pacific 1st s	117
U. S. 4s, reg	111¾	No. Pacific 3s	66¼
U. S. do coup	112⅝	No. Pacific 4s	100⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	99	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	104⅝
U. S. 5s, reg	113⅝	N. & W. 6s	123
U. S. 5s, coup	113⅝	N. & W. Consols	148
District 3.65s	117⅝	N. W. Deb. 5s	120¼
Ala., class A	108	Ore. N. 1sts	113
Ala., class B	108	Ore. N. 4s	99¾
Ala., class C	101	O. S. L. 6s, t. r.	120
Ala., Currency	105	O. S. L. 5s, t. r.	107
Atchison 4s	93¾	Pacific 6s of 95	102⅝
Canada So. 2ds	108¼	Reading 4s	81
C. & O. 5s	117	R. G. W. 1sts	87⅝
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	97
D. & R. G. 1sts	110⅝	St. L. & S. F. Gen. 6s	119⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	97¾	St. P. Consols	159
East Tenn. 1sts	106¼	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	119¾
Erie Gen. 4s	70¼	St. P. C. & P. 5s	117¾
F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	74⅝	So. Ry. 5s	97⅝
Gen. Elec. 5s	108	S. R. & T. 6s	76
G. H. & S. A. 6s	104	Tenn. new set 3s	94
G. H. & S. A. 2ds	105	T. P. L. G. 1sts	107¼
H. & T. Cent. 5s	110¼	T. P. Ry. 2ds	49¾
H. & T. C. con. 6s	109	U. P. D. & G. 1sts	77
Iowa C. 1sts	105	Wab. 1st 5s	113¾
La. New Con. 4s	105¼	Wab. 2ds	88
L. & N. Uni. 4s	96⅝	W. Shore 4s	110
Missouri 6s	100	Va. Centuries	78⅝
M. K. & T. 2ds	64¼	Va. deferred	7¼
M. K. & T. 4s	87⅝	Wis. Cent. 1sts	59
N. Y. C. 1sts	117¾	Chi. Terms., 4s	89¾
N. J. C. 5s	113⅝		

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Oct. 18.—Call loans 2@3 per cent; time loans, 3@4 per cent. Closing quotations on stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.	12½	Atchison 4s	92
Amer. Sugar	113	W. s. Central 1s	38
Bay State Gas	1½	Allouez Mining Co.	3½
Bell Telephone	279	Atlantic	26½
Boston & Albany	239	Boston & Mont.	37
Boston & Maine	164	Butte & Boston	41¼
C., B. & Q.	114¾	Calumet & Hecla	525
General Electric	37¾	Centennial	18⅝
do pfd	161	Franklin	13⅝
Old Colony	192	Old Dominion	28¾
West End	87	Osceola	64
do pfd	108	Quincy	119
Wes. Electric	33½	Tamarack	174
do pfd	98	Wolverine	27½
Boston L.	62¾	Parrott	27¾
Ed. Elec. Ill.	198	Humboldt	8
Atchison pfd	32½		

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—Idleness prevails on the Stock exchange here; business is at a low ebb, and this state of affairs promises to continue until the political atmosphere brightens and the menace of the financial depression in Germany is removed. American securities after a dull and rather weak opening were firmer but inactive. The closing tone was firm. The amount of bullion withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today was £15,000. Gold at Lisbon has advanced to 52. Gold is quoted at Buenos Ayres today at 151.80.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—Business on the bourse today had a quiet tendency at the opening, then prices became firm, later they weakened slightly on realizations and subsequently rallied and closed firm. Foreign securities were irregular. Spanish 4s, Brazilian securities and Turkish securities were strong. Rio Tintos were in moderate demand. Three per cent rentes, 102f 20c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 15c for checks.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—On the bourse today prices opened firm, but subsequently eased off under sales from Paris and closed with a general decline. American securities were quiet. Canadian Pacifics were weak on the announcement of unfavorable traffic receipts. Exchange on London, 20m 44pfg.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—The closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	2	Kentucky Con	1
Alpha Con	1	Mexican	19
Belcher	7	Ophir	45
Best & Belcher	14	Overman	1
Bullion	1	Potosi	19
Caledonia	19	Savage	5
Challenge Con	12	Scorpion	3
Chollar	20	Sierra Nevada	20
Con. Cal. & Va	64	Union Con	29
Crown Point	7	Utah Con	5
Gould & Curry	13	Yellow Jacket	12
Hale & Norcross	32	Standard	155
Justice	4		

Silver bars, 59 3-8c; Mexican dollars, 47¼@47½c. Drafts, sight, 17½c; telegraph, 20c.

New York Mining Quotations.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The following are the closing quotations on mining stocks:

Choler	19	Ontario	350
Crown Point	68	Ophir	40
Con. Cal. & Va	55	Plymouth	10
Deadwood	40	Quicksilver	125
Gould & Curry	12	do pfd	350
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	64
Homestake	500	Standard	170
Iron Silver	64	Union Con	15
Mexican	19	Yellow Jacket	10

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	109 5-16	St. Paul	111¼
Consols, acct	109 9-16	N. Y. Central	119
Canadian Pacific	87½	Pennsylvania	53¼
Erie	12	Union Pacific pfd	68
Erie 1st pfd	44½	Atch'son	13¼
Illinois Central	112	L. & N.	56⅞
Nor. Pac. pfd	78	Grand Trunk	7⅛

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27 11-16d.

MONEY—2½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 3½ per cent; three months' bills, 3½@3 5-8 per cent.

Financial Notes.

OMAHA, Oct. 18.—Clearings today were $1,205,031.57; balances, $101,495.94. Clearances last year were $999,040.95; balances, $100,808.55. Excess in clearings, $206,990.62.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $19,770,772; balances, $1,410,820; New York exchange, 5c discount; sterling exchange, posted rates, $4.82½@4.85; actual rates, $4.81¼@4.84¾; sixty days, $4.80@4.82½. Stocks stagnant; Alley L., 77½; Biscuit, 32 5-8; Biscuit preferred, 56½; Diamond Match, 140; North Chicago, 215; Strawboard, 31½; West Chicago, 96½.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $14,793,142; balances, $1,809,467.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $4,544,160; balances, $533,166.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $157,775,463; balances, $8,682,163.

BOSTON, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $22,548,490; balances, $2,433,005.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 18.—Money, 2½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 25c premium; clearings, $2,055,550.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $5,211,632; balances, $452,331; money, 4@7 per cent; New York exchange, 25c discount bid.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 18.—Clearings, $2,117,000; New York exchange, bank, 50c premium; commercial, 12.5c discount.

Statement of Bank of Germany.

BERLIN, Oct. 18.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows this following changes:

Cash in hand, increase, 7,020,000 marks; treasury notes, increase, 1,400,000 marks; other securities, decrease, 30,480,000 marks, notes in circulation, decrease, 64,140,000 marks.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5 5-16c; net receipts, 200 bales; gross, 504 bales; sales, 263 bales; stock, 53,944 bales; exports to Great Britain, 9,026 bales;