## COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

European War Scare Controlling Factor Among the Speculative Crowd.

GRAIN MARKETS ON AN UPWARD SCALE

December Wheat Advances Two and a Half Cents and Corn, Oats and Provisions Are Stronger and Higher.

markets were excited and up equal to 55/96 t-3c and English consols were 3-8/9/5 per cent lower. In addition to that there were reports from New York of enormous Condition of Trade and Quotations on export engagements of wheat by Europe, Then came a lot of supplemented news of a similar encouraging nature from the interior. Minneapolis told of sales of 130,000 arator, EG; gathered creamery, 206121c bbis, of flour yesterday, of which a third was for export, and there were advices of eight inches of show in portions of the northwest which had been relied upon to supply a good portion of the coming movement of spring wheat from first hands. An enormous business was transacted here. For instance one firm that had bought chils Tuesoay night on fully 2,000,000 bu, of wheat, was credited with having sold 1,000,000 bu, of it during the first hour. The demand was such that the grain was readily absorbed, and the price, after a slight dip on some profit taking, advanced to a higher figure than it had yet reached. By noon December wheat had started 20024c nigher than Tuesday's close at 67.5804cc, and advanced to 584cc and the market kept abreast. Receipts here were only 385 cars and the total arrivals at primary markets was for export, and there were advices of

Oct Dec May	67%-69	68147244	6744 6894	68 68 684(#14	64% 65% 44 65% 614
Oct Dec May	32 3234 - 34 3434 - 35	32% 32% 65% 85@%	32 3234 3494	824 324 344-834	3156.634 34
Dec	23 % (8%)	23%(8%)	23% @ %	28%	23
May	243 k (8%)	24%	24%	24%	235-24
Jan	8 15	8 15	8 075	8 10	8 00
Lard	9 85	9 40	9 275	9 32%	9 20
Dec	5 07 %	5 12%	5 05	5 12%	4 9736
Jan	5 15	5 20	5 12%	5 17%	5 05
Oct	5 45	8 45	5 40	5 40	5 3734
Jan	4 85	4 8734	4 80	4 57%	4 80

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbis	19,600 240,306 754,460 542,500 48,200 168,500	94.700 417,500 408,800 1,000

Buffalo.

RARLEY MALT—Firm; western, 55660e.
WHEAT—Recapts, 120.875 bu.; exports, 191.70 bu.; spot steady; No. 2 red., 731-Sc. f. o. b., affoat. Options opened strong and excited on the advance in cables and political disturbances abroad. After shorts were filled realizing developed and with the subsequent decline at Liverpool where weakened clearly closing 15.55. prices here weakened clearly, closing 1340 !

13-3c not higher; May, 73 11-16@715c, closed 755-8c, CORN—Receipts, 66,690 bu.; exports, 20 800thern wheat, by sample, 75775c, CORN—Receipts, 66,690 bu.; exports, 20 800thern wheat, by sample, 75775c, CORN—Receipts, 66,690 bu.; exports, 20 800thern wheat, by sample, 75775c, CORN—Receipts, 66,690 bu.; exports, 20 800thern wheat, by sample, 75775c, CORN—Receipts, 74,891 bu.; exports, 13,390 bu.; exports, 13 40 1-8c OATS-Receipts, 50,200 bu.; exports, 400 bu.; spot firmer; No. 2, Ele; options quiet, nothinal.

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110PS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1898 crop, 5000; 1898 crop, 119130; 1898 crop, 119130; 1898 crop, 119130; Pacific coast, 1898 crop, 5000; 1897 crop, 119130; 1898 crop, 1191200; Wissi-Dulli flence, 179120; CHEESE—Quiet; large white and colored, 85-50; small white and colored, 90; EGGS—Firm; western fresh, 200; TALLOW—Steady, COTTONSEED OIL—Firm; prime crude, 180; prime vellow, 2240;

CHICAGO, Oct. 29.—Rumors of a forthcoming European war and enormous export engagements today caused a decided
rally in wheat prices. December closed
with a gain of 24,072.5%. Corn advanced
7-8fele. Oats improved 1,072.5%. Pork and
lard left off at an advance of 125c each
and ribs rose 75,040c.

An old-fashioned European war scale,
with all the trimmings, was the controlling inducate in wheat at the opening.
Refore business started here reports from
the other side were to the effect that grain
markets were excited and up equal to

## OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Simple and Pancy Produce.

EGGS-Good stock, 16@17c, BUTTER-Common to fair, 10@12c; sep-LIVE POULTRY-Hens, 5 1-2c; old roosters, 4c; spring chickens, 64207c; ducks, 5@ 6c; geese not wanted.

GAME—Teat, blue wing, \$1.75; green wing, \$1.50; mixed, \$1.75@2.25; prairie chickens, young, \$1.50; old, \$2.50.
PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c, VEAL—Choice, 9c.

VEGETABLES. CELERY-Per bunch, 30@35c; Colorado elery, 40/3/45c. ONIONS-New, per bu., 35/9/40c.

POTATOES-Per but, 35645c. SWEET POTATOES-Per bbl., \$2.00@2.25. POTATOLS—TATOES—Per bbl., \$2.00g.s.s. CABBAGES—Fer bu., crated, ic. TROPICAL FRUITS. ORANGES—Socidings, \$2.75; Mediterranean sweets, \$2.00; Valencias, \$3.75; LEMONS—California, \$6; fancy Messina,

eceipts, 27,137 but BUTTER AND EGGS—Steady, CHEESE—Steady and unchanged.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 20.—FLOUR—Firmer, WHEAT—Strong, higher; No. 2 red, 70c, CORN—Strong, higher; No. 2 mixed, 224c, OATS—Firm, higher; No. 2 mixed, 254c, BYE—Firm, No. 2, 55c, FROVISIONS—Lard, stronger, higher; 4,95p5.00, Bulk ments, active, higher; 45.50, accon, firm; \$5.75.
WHISKY—Firmer; \$1.25.
BUTTER—Firm.
CHEESE—Firm.

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EGGS-Quiet; Ile. Minneapolis Wheat Market. MINNEAPOLIS. Oct. 20.—WHEAT— Stronger; October, 604gc; May, 68c; No. hard, 684gc. FLOUR-First patents, \$3.90%4.00; second patents \$3.70%3.80; first clears, \$2.70%2.80. BRAN—In bulk, \$8.5049.00.

Liverpoot Grain Market. LIVERPUOL, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Market quiet. 25:623-d higher; December, 68:3d: March, 88:2d. COHN—Market steady. 5:634d higher; November, 38:10d; December, 38:93d; March, 38:8d.

Milwankee Grain Market. MILWAUKEE, Oct. 20. — WHEAT — Higher; No. 1 northern, 70c; No. 2 northern, RYE-Higher: No. 1, 45%, c. BARLEY-Higher; No. 2, 47c; sample,

Peoria Market. PEORIA, Oct. 20.—CORN—Market strong and higher; No. 2, 31%c.
OA.S—Market strong and higher; No. 2 WHISKY-Market firm; basis of \$1.25.

Philadelphia Market. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 20.—BUTTER— Inchanged: fancy western creamery, 22%c. EGGS—Firm: fresh western, 17@171/2c. CHEESE—Steady.

OPERATIONS IN STOCKS AND BONDS. Resistance to Depressing Influences

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Boston Stock Quotations. BOSTON, Oct. 20.—Call loans 2573 per ent; time loans, 3574 per cent. Closing protations on stocks, bonds and mining

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 43s cars. CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—Receipts, two days: Wheat, 28s cars; corn. Est cars; oats, 412 KANSAS CHY, Oct. 20.—Receipts: Wheat, 171 cars.

Wheat, 171 cars.

San Francisco Wheat Market. SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 20.—WHEAT—Strong; \$1.55 7-8.

BARLEY-Firm; December, \$1.25.

Pattimore Market. EALTIMORE, Oct. 20.—Floure-Firmer; receipts, 11.58 bbls; exports 25.73 bbls. WHEAT—Strong, higher; No. 1 spot, 76; Wheat, 43s cars. Control of the Bank of England. London Pacific. 490 Union Pacific tone are quiet in all grades.

OIL CHY, Oct. 20.—Credit balances, \$1.15; certificates opened. Sales cash, \$1.204; offered. Sa

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at \$4.84'g 64.84'g for demand and \$4.84'g for sixty days; posted rates, \$4.82'g and \$4.85'g; commer tal bills, \$4.84'g 48.84'g and \$4.85'g; commer tal bills, \$4.84'g 48.85'g; compon, \$1.84'g 48.85'g; compon, \$1.85'g; compon, \$1 GLUT OF COMMON GRADES IS SERIOUS 1 bull ..... 1220 33 str. Tex 1031 1 feeder ... 1060

Desirable Sorts Strong, Good Stendy and Ordinary Slow and Lower -Rogs Suffer a Five-Cent Cut and Sell Slowly.

SOUTH OMAHA, Oct. 20. Four days this week. 21.247 22.873 21.413 3 cows. 586 2 60 1 reeder 80 4 60 8 am days last week. 24.789 25.881 28.593 1 cow. 1000 2 60 2 feeders 850 4 60 8 am days week before 25.11 24.874 23.432 21 steers 1074 3.85 4 steers 1220 4 20 8 am three weeks ago 24.515 28.724 14.06 21 steers 115 3 50 3 steers 1107 4 20 8 Average price paid for hogs for the last 20 steers 115 3 50 2 steers 1185 4 25 8 average price paid for hogs for the last 20 steers 115 4 10 several days with comparisons:

\* Indicates Sunday. The official manber The official number of cars of stock brought in today by each read was:

Cattle, Hogs, Sheep, H'r's. Union Pac. System. 53
C. & N. W. Ry. 3
F. E. & M. V. R. R. 66
C. St. P. M. & O. Ry. 2
B. & M. R. R. 98
C. B. & Q. Ry. 1
K. C. & St. J. 2
C. R. I. & P. Ry. E. System., 53

Total receipts ....257 134 The disposition of the day's receipts was as follows, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated: Cattle, Hogs, Sheep,

Omaha Packing Co. 226 1.011
G. H. Hammond Co. 778 5.71
Swift and Company 472 1.35
Cudahy Packing Co. 8.72 2.985
P. D. Armour 1.113 2.191
R. Becker and Degan 200
Vansant & Co. 44
J. L. Carey 131
Lobman & Co. 115
Hill & Huntzinger 8
L. F. Husz 106
Llyingston & Schaler 51
Hamilton & R. 427
McCreary 169
Elankington P. Co. Mill 56 96 159 McCreary Plankinton P. Co., Mil. 750 3,400

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J. S. Ball. 51 feeders., 351 4 05 Collorado. 1 buil.....1690 2 85 6 hetfers... 670 3 40 29 cows..... 983 3 05 85 feeders... 622 3 75

bulls....1317 buil.....1160 feeders. 683 12 steers. 110 a 00 24 feeders. 807 3 75 4 feeders. 770 3 75 18 feeders. 1016 3 70 67 steers. 1180 4 13 30 yrings. 634 4 20 Hark r. 1 steer.....1130 2 85 6 45 steers....1038 3 85 28 feeders...917 4 10 1 bull.....1429 1 cows....1056 | 1 steer.... 560 | 2 feeders...1070 | Stubler. 4 steers ... 1065 3 00 2 steers ... 1021 3 00 2 feeders ... 1000 8 50

45 feeders., 946 4 00 ....1510 2 60 1 bull ... 1519 2 90 1 buil ... 1580 2 50 1 buil ... 1580 2 70 1 cow ... 1590 3 00 1 cow ... 1051 0 35 1 feeder ... 550 4 00 2 feeders ... 550 4 00 4 steers ... 1229 4 20 3 steers ... 1207 4 20

47 cows...

MONTANA.

43 feeders. 762 755

HOGS—Today's receipts of hogs were larger than yesterday's by a few loads and the largest of the week to date. Receipts so far this week have been rather below the average, as will be noted from the table of receipts at head of column, and hardly up to the requirements of the markets, so that the failing off in receipts is evidently due to the storm.

The early reports from different markets were not especially unfavorable this morning and the market at this point opened very nearly steady. That is, a few of the first loads to sell brought about yesterday's prices. The market did not remain in that condition, as later riports from Chicago indicated a break in values there, and the trade here weakened off before much business had been transacted. The packers wanted the hogs, but they wanted them a little lower and the market closed a shade to 5c lower. A good many of the heavy hogs that brought 3570 yesterday had to sell at \$3.675. As sellers were a little backward about making any concessions, the trade was inclined to drag and it was rather late before a clearance was finally effected. Representative sales:

No. Av. Sh. Pr. No. Av. Sh. Pr. 12. 288 40 8150 68. ... 275 329 3 70 No. Av. Sh. Pr. 12.....208 40 \$3 50

was last week so far as values are con-

cerned.
Quotations are: Good grass westerns, \$3.90 (4.00; good yearlings, \$4.206.4.35; good to choice lambs, \$5.1596.50; fair to good lambs, \$4.206.4.35; good to choice lambs, \$5.1596.50; fair to good lambs, \$4.906.50; feeder wethers, 2-year-olds and over, \$3.8564.00; feeder yearlings, \$4.906.1.25; feeder lambs, \$4.506.4.85; cull sheep, \$2.506.3.00; cull lambs, \$4.006.4.25. Representative sales;

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

and Prices Rule Strong.
CHICAGO, Oct. 29.-CATTLE-There was a good demand for cattle today and the comparatively moderate offerings of good grades enabled sellers to derive better barent circumstances; choice steers, \$5.45765.90; medium, \$4.9005.15; beef steers, \$4.0004.85; stockers and feeders, \$3.0004.70; bulls, \$2.00 f4.25; cows and heffers, \$3.5004.25; culves, \$3.0007.25; western rangers, \$2.7504.70; western fed steers, \$4,90065,50; Texas steers, \$3.2

ern fed sieers, \$4.0095.50; Texas steers, \$3.29
94.25.
HOGS—The demand for hogs continued active with large purchases by eastern shippers and prices ruled strong; full to choice, \$3.850.3.97.5; pucking lots, \$3.550.3.97.5; pucking lots, \$3.550.3.97

Kansas City Live Stock.

Subject Stockers and Stockers Live and firm prices prevailing; choice heavy steers, \$5.25-\$5.49, medium \$4.0075.25, light weights, \$4.4095.49, stockers and feeders \$1.2095.09, hutcher cows and helfers, \$2.7904.75, western steers, \$3.5995.29, Texas steers, \$2.859, 2.35, Texas butcher cows, \$2.790.109, canning stock, \$2.0071.65, and for all grades, \$1.509.265, lights, \$1.509.37, SIEEEP-Roccipts, \$3.89 head, good general demand, light supply. Yosterday's advance was fully sustained; native lambs, \$1.009.50, native muttons, \$4.25, \$64.75, range feeding lambs, \$4.509.459, western lambs, \$4.509.59, western lambs, \$4.509.50, western instans, \$4.25, \$64.75, range feeding lambs, \$4.509.459, western lambs, \$4.509.50, stock even, \$3.259.50.

St. Louis Live Stock.

ST. LOUIS. Oct. 20.—CATTLLE—Receipts, 2.900 head; shipments. L.900 head; market steady; fair to fancy native shipping and export steers, \$4.5005.65; bulk of sides, \$4.5505.40; foressed beef and butcher steers, \$4.5005.80; bulk of sides, \$4.5505.20; steers under 1.000 pounds, \$3.2004.90; bulk of sales, \$4.5504.20; bulk of snles, \$4.0000 and beifers, \$2.5004.50; bulk of snles, \$4.0000 and heifers, \$2.5000 HOGS-Receipts, 6,600 head; shipments.

2,000 head; market steady; yorkers, \$1,700 386; packers, \$2,700 a.se; butchers, \$3,900 a.s.; SIDJLP-Receipts, 2,000 head; shipments, 25c head; market steady; muttons, \$4,900 4.75; cuis and bucks, \$1,750 a.55; stockers, \$1,200 a.35; lambs, \$4,750 a.00.

New York Live Stock. NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—BEEVES—Receipts, L125 head; feeling stendy. Cattle lower; live cattle, logilic per lb.; refrigerator beef, 85,c p.r lb. Exports, 12 cattle and 115 sheep. Calves, receipts, 289; market slow, veals, \$1,500,25; tons, 88,50.
SHEEP AND LAMES—Receipts, 5,198 head; sheep. common to good, \$3,500,450; lambs, \$5,256,60.
HOGS—Receipts, 5,041 head; firmer at \$4.08 HOGS-Receipts, 5,041 head; firmer at \$4.06

601.20. CINCINNATI, Oct. 20.-HOGS-Strong 2.109 1.90, CATTLE—Quiet: \$2.5064.85. SHEEP-Steady; \$2,250,4.00, LAMBS-Steady; \$1,0095.60,

Stock in Sight. Record of receipts of live stock at the four principal markets or the Sheep, 2,000 Totals ........... 37,929 51,572 24,600

Cotton Market.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 5½c; net receipts, 400 bales; gross, 12.75 bales; sales, 625 bales; stock, 85,135 bales; continent, 371 bales. Total today; Net receipts, 66,445 bales; stock, 82,476 bales; continent, 21.285 bales; stock, 82,476 bales; continent, 21.285 bales; stock, 82,476 bales; consolidated; Net receipts, 366,435 bales; stock, 82,476 bales; consolidated; Net receipts, 366,435 bales; stock, 82,476 bales; consolidated; Net receipts, 366,485 bales; to the continent, 102,235 bales; to the continent, 102,235 bales; to France, 66,236 bales; to France, 66,236 bales; to free continent, 310,173 bales.

NEW Oftleans, Oct. 20.—COTTON—Steady; ordinary, 39c; good ordinary, 4 3-16c; low middling, 54c; middling, 4 16-16c; good middling, 54c; middling, 51d; November, \$1,892,196; December, \$4,967,195; January, \$4,964,196; February, \$5,0495,95; January, \$4,964,196; February, \$5,0495,95; January, \$4,964,196; February, \$5,0495,95; January, \$4,964,196; February, \$5,0495,95; January, \$4,964,196; Cottober, \$4,87 bid, November, \$4,964,196; July, \$5,2590,29; 1,1VERPOOL, Oct. 20.—COTTON—Spot, good demand and fair business done; prices 1-32d lower; American middling, fair, 315-32d; good middling, 34d, middling, 31-16d; low middling, 229-32d; good ordinary, 23d; ordinary, 29-32d; good ordinary, 23d; ordinary, 29-31d; The sales of the day were 12,690 bales, of which 1,600 were for speculation and export and included 11,100 bales American, receipts, 4,000 bales, including 3,300 American, Futures opened quiet with a moderate demand and closed steady; American middling, 1, M. C., October, 393-1-94d, value; October and November, 30, buyers; November and December, December and January, 2 63-649, 8elers; January and February, 2 63-649, 8elers; January and August, 3 4-649, 3 5-64d, selers; June and July, 3 3-64 (83 4-84d, selers; June and July,

3 5-64d, sellers. NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—COFFEE—Options opened steady and unchanged, ruled exceptionally inactive and featureless, with selers backward, owing to higher ruling of Havre, Hamburg and Santos markets, but the local situation was merely destitute or speculative interest; closed dull and unchanged to 5 points lower; sales, 5,700 bags, including October, \$6,25, spot coffee, Rio, dull and featureless; No. 1 invoice, 61-8c, No. 7 jobbing, 85-8c, Mild, quiet; Cordova, 8g/15c.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—SUGAR—Firm; centrifugal, new, 421-20; seconds, 25-24c.
MOLASSES—Firm; centrifugal, new, 23c; open kettle, nominal, 45-247c. New syrup, 374-38c. NAW YORK, Oct. 20.—SUGAR—Raw, firm, with upward tendency; fair refining. 3%c; centrifugai, 96 test, 1/4c; molasses sugar, 3½c; refined, firm, with upward tendency.

DUSTLESS TRACKS. The Oil Sprinkling Experiment a Pro-

nonneed Success. Oil sprinkling on the tracks of the Boston & Albany railroad in Massachusetts is about over for this year. The company has been greatly pleased with what has been done, reports the Boston Transcript, and Chief Engineer Walter Shepard says that the sprinkling had proceeded westward from Boston as far as the 114th mile post, excepting a few short stretches of track in Brookfield, Huntington and one or two other places, where takes the sprinkled section some distance beyond Springfield, and it is the intention to finish the work as far west as Chester this month, when further sprinkling will be post-

noned until next year. All that is needed to prove the efficacy of this method of laying the dust along the roadbed, so the officials say, is the sight of a train passing over the sprinkled sections at high speed. Where such a train was formerly followed by a whirling cloud of dust, there is now hardly any disturbance of that sort; and the railroad men say that it saves rolling stock because it prevents the particles of grit from getting into the running gear and wearing it out. Crude oil has been used on the eston & Albany tracks, and 18 has cost, roughly speaking, \$100 a mile. This includes the first cost of the oil, the transportation to this state and the cost of the license and right to build and use a sprinkling car under the patents of the company that controls this method of treating roadbeds. The Boston & Albany company has used about eighty-two tanks of oil this season, and will use ten more before finishing the work laid out. A tankful is about

6,000 gallons. The company has been using a sprinkling car fitted up according to the patented plans of the roadbed company. This is merely an ordinary platform car, over which is constructed a framework of pipes, with valves and controllers, which supply the oil to a perforated cross pipe, extending across the track underneath the car, and with a moveable arm that can be extended out at one side whenever it is decided to sprinkle the alope of an embankment. A small shield is so fastened that it at all times prevents the oil from falling on the rails. This pipe car is always used in connection with a tank car, the pipe car, tank car and locomotive constituting the sprinkler train.

This first sprinkling of oil penetrates the ballast to a depth of about four inches, and cakes together the fine particles of dust, forming an oily surface, which not only prevents the dust from being whirled about, so it is claimed, but also keeps the rain from penetrating and washing away the ballast in addition, the advantages claimed for this treatment of the roadbed are that it prevents many hot boxes, by keeping the dust out of the running gear, prevents frost from damaging the ballast, destroys and prevents vegetation, and reduces the noise of trains. The oil used is almost odorless and is noninflammable, and it is asserted that the rains renew its surface by washing off the dust that accumulates on it after the first sprink-

Only one sprinkling a year is required. The company will sprinkle again next summer, but since the roadbed will then have had one sprinkling, only about one-third of the first amount of oil will have to be used in the treatment. Whether it will be necessary to sprinkle again in the third aummer is an open question, for the reason that none of the roads that so far have tried this treatment have had it on trial as long as a third season.

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