COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Government Crop Report Intimidates Wheat Market All Day.

MAY DECLINES CENT; GAINS ONE-EIGHTH

Corn Unchanged and Oats Eighth of a Cent Lower, Pork Down 7 1-2 Cents and Lard and Ribs 2 1-2 Cents Each.

CHICAGO, April 10.—The shadow of the impending government crop report hung over the wheat market all day. At the commencement it obscured the prospects of the bulls and near the end of the session it cast the pathway of the bears into a somber shade. After a decline of 1c May wheat closed with a net gain of ⅛c. Corn is unchanged and oats ⅛c lower. Pork lost 7½c and lard and ribs 2½c each.

Fine weather and an expectation among traders that the government crop report would be less extravagant as to the serious injury to winter wheat than recent reports have been developed weakness in wheat at the beginning. May opened ⅝@¾c lower at from 70⅝c down to 69⅞c, and as general liquidation set in the price slipped off gradually to 70¼c. At that point the decline was arrested by a report from New York that fifty boatloads of wheat had been disposed of for export. As that announcement was accompanied by a statement that the weather on the continent of Europe had turned unfavorable for grain crops, early sellers showed a disposition to buy back former holdings. Chicago received, 59 cars, of which 13 were graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth got 425 cars, compared with 271 for the corresponding day a year ago. Aggregate of receipts at western primary markets amounted to 675,000 bu, against 300,000 bu last year. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour equaled 335,000 bu. In the last hour of the session confidence as to the forthcoming crop report being bearish was upset and the market recovered all its early decline. May rose to 71⅛c, and closed at 71¼@71⅜c. Liquidation on account of the mild weather and reports that seeding was well under way in many states weakened corn early. Later, however, buying by elevator people against sales for shipment, together with the concluding firmness of wheat, caused a firm feeling near the end. May started ¼@⅜c lower at 33⅞@34c, sold off to 33⅜c, advanced to 34⅝c and closes with buyers at 34½c.

Oats broke at the start on selling by elevator interests against corn purchases. Subsequently the decline was recently checked on bullish country advices and a better cash demand, although shipping transactions were embarrassed by small offerings. Receipts, 82 cars. May began ¼@⅜c lower at 25¼@26c, declined to 25⅛@25⅜c, rallied to 26⅛c and closed at 26¼c.

Provisions were flat and transactions consisted principally of changing from May to July. There was an impression that much of present May holdings would have to be liquidated at a loss and the belief prevailed that the market would be lifeless and drooping until their holdings were liquidated. May pork opened 7½c lower at $9.20, sold off to $9.15, recovered to $9.22½, closing at $9.20. The range in lard and ribs was exceedingly narrow.

Estimated receipts for Tuesday: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 257 cars; oats, 140 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y.
*Wheat.					
May...	70⅝@⅞	71⅛	70⅛	71⅛@¼	71⅛@⅛
July...	70⅝-71	71⅛@⅜	70⅛	71⅛@⅜	71⅛
*Corn.					
May...	33⅞-34	34⅜	33⅝	34⅜	34⅛
July...	34⅝@⅞	35⅛@¼	34⅛	35⅛@¼	34⅞-35
Sept...	35⅛@⅜	35¾	35⅛	35¾	35⅛@⅜
*Oats.					
May...	25¾-26	26¼	25¾@⅞	26⅛	26⅛
July...	24⅞-25	25½	24⅞@⅝	25	25⅛
Pork.					
May...	9 20	9 22½	9 15	9 22½	9 27½
July...	9 30	9 35	9 27½	9 32½	9 37½
Lard.					
May...	5 27½	5 27½	5 27½	5 27½	5 27½
July...	5 40	5 40	5 37½	5 40	5 42½
Sept...	5 50	5 52½	5 50	5 52½	5 55
Ribs.					
May...	4 72½	4 75	4 72½	4 72½	4 75
July...	4 87½	4 87½	4 85	4 87½	4 87½
Sept...	4 97½	4 97½	4 97½	4 97½	5 00

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Slow and easy; winter patents, $3.50@3.60; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $3.00@3.10; spring specials, $4.10@4.25; patents, $3.20@3.60; straights, $2.90@3.10; bakers, $2.20@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 69@70½c; No. 3 spring, 64@69c; No. 2 red, 71@74c.

CORN—No. 2, 34c; No. 2 yellow, 34¼@34½c.

OATS—No. 2, 26⅜@27c; No. 2 white, 30@31c; No. 3 white, 29¼@30c.

RYE—No. 2, 52½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 39@47c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.19½; northwest, $1.22½. Prime timothy seed, $2.30.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.15@9.20. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.25@5.27½. Short ribs sides (loose), $4.50@4.85. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $4.37½@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $4.95@5.05.

CLOVER SEED—Contract grade, $5.85.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.26.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.83; granulated, $5.33. The following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Ship'ts.
Flour, bbl.....	22,000	19,000
Wheat, bu.....	71,000	13,000
Corn, bu.....	163,000	89,000
Oats, bu.....	164,000	137,000
Rye, bu.....	5,000	6,000
Barley, bu.....	19,000	5,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 14@20c; dairies, 11½@18c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 12¼@12½c. Cheese, steady; creams, 11¾@12½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on General Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 10.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,861 bbls.; exports, 9,131 bbls.; market lower to sell; little demand with bakers and spring patents. Rye flour dull.

WHEAT—Receipts, 13,875 bu.; exports, 57,846 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, 82¼c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 83½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 northern, Duluth, 79c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 83½c, f. o. b., afloat. Options opened weak and continued to decline all the morning under bearish weather west, general unloading, easy cables and a large visible supply increase. The crowd oversold, however, and subsequently, when confronted with export rumors, covered freely, establishing a sharp rally. Closed firm at ¼c advance over Saturday's final prices. May, 75⅝@76⅝c, closed 76¼c; July, 74⅞@75⅛c, closed 75⅛c; September, 73⅞@74c, closed 74c.

CORN—Receipts, 13,050 bu.; exports, 84,233 bu. Spot firm; No. 2, 42½@43c, f. o. b., afloat, new and old. Options opened easy with wheat, but recovered on a demand from shorts, stimulated by export talk and the visible supply decrease. Closed firm at unchanged prices from Saturday's curb. May, 39⅞@39 7-16c, closed 39⅝c; July, 39 5-16@39¾c, closed 39¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 246,400 bu.; exports, 42,253 bu. Spot dull; No. 2, 33c; No. 2 white, 36c; No. 3 white, 34½c. Options dull.

HOPS—Dull; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6@8c; 1897 crop, 11@13c; 1898 crop, 16@17c. Pacific coast: 1896 crop, 6@7c; 1897 crop, 11@12c; 1898 crop, 17@18c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 16½@17c; Texas dry, 12½@13c; California, 8½c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@21c; Texas, 12@14c.

TALLOW—Dull, 4½c; country, 4⅛@4⅜c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4½@7c; Japan, 5⅝@⅞c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 32@37c.

BUTTER—Steady; western creamery, 16@21c; western factory, 12½@14c; imitation creamery, 14@18½c; state dairy, 14@20c; state creamery, 16@21c.

CHEESE—Firm; large white and colored, 12@14c; small colored and white, 12@12½c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 13½@13½c; western fresh, 13@13½c southern, 12½@13c.

METALS—Pig iron warrants, dull and nominal, at $10.30; lake copper, $18.00; tin, strong, $25.25@25.50; lead, dull, at $4.35; spelter, firm, $6.50@6.60. Brokers' price for lead is $4.10 and for copper $18.50.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, April 10.—FLOUR—Quiet; western super, $2.25@2.50; western extra, $2.50@3.10; western family, $3.35@3.60; winter patent, $3.35@3.90; spring wheat patent, $3.90@4.10; spring wheat straight, $3.65@3.85; receipts, 22,336 bbls.; exports, 11,192 bbls.; sales, none.

WHEAT—Steady at decline; No. 2 red spot, 74⅝@74¾c; the month, 74⅝@74¾c; May, 75@75¼c; July, 74c asked; steamer, No. 2 red, 70½c; receipts, 16,355 bu.; exports, none; southern, on grade, 71@75c.

CORN—Easier; mixed spot, 38¼@38½c; the month, 38¼@38½c; May, 38¼@38⅜c; June, 38c asked; steamer mixed, 37¼@37½c; receipts, 111,458 bu.; exports, 206,641 bu.; southern white corn, 41c asked; southern yellow, 39c asked.

OATS—Dull; No. 2 white, 35@35½c; No. 2 mixed, 32@32c; receipts, 29,885 bu.

BUTTER—Steady; fancy creamery, 22@23c; fancy imitation, 18@19c; fancy ladle, 15@16c; good ladle, 13@14c; store packed, 11@12c; rolls, 12@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 13c.

CHEESE—Firm and active; 60 large, 12@12¾c; 37 medium, 12⅝@13c; 23 small, 13@13¼c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; demand moderate; market 11c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 11@12c; choice, 14@15c; separator, 20c; gathered creamery, 17@18c.

POULTRY—Chickens, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 8½@9c; old and staggy roosters, live, 4@6c; dressed, 5@7c; ducks and geese, live, 7½@8c; dressed, 8@10c; turkeys, live, 8@10c; dressed, lightweight, 12½@13c; heavyweight, 11@12c.

PIGEONS—Live, per dozen, 75@90c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

OYSTERS—Bulk Standard, per gal., $1.10; mediums, per can, 15c; Standard, per can, 20c; Extra Select, per can, 25c; New York Counts, per can, 30c.

FRESH WATER FISH—Catfish, per lb., 12c; buffalo, per lb., dressed, 7c; white fish, 9c; lake trout, 9c; small trout, green, 11c; yellow pike, 8c; silver herring, 4c; perch, 6c; bullheads, dressed, 10c; black bass, very scarce, 15@18c.

SEA FISH—Flounders, 8c; haddock, 9c; Columbia river salmon, 15c; halibut, 11c; No. 1 smelts, 10c; blue fish, 10c; Spanish mackerel, 10c; red snapper, 10c; extra large mackerel, each, 30c; roe shad, each, 70c.

FRUITS.

STRAWBERRIES—Per crate, $5.00@5.50; pints, $2.75.

APPLES—Ben Davis, per bbl., $5.00; Gentons, $4.75; New York Baldwins, Greenings and others, choice, per bbl., $5.50; western boxed, $2.00.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, $9.00.

VEGETABLES.

RADISHES—Per doz., 25@35c.

TOMATOES—None in market.

SPINACH—Per basket, $1.25@1.35.

LETTUCE—Home grown, per dozen bunches, 40@50c.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 12@15c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per doz. bunches, according to size, 30@35c.

WATERCRESS—16-qt. cases, $1.60.

CABBAGE—Crated, per lb., 3½c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

ONIONS—Per bu., 90@$1.00.

BEANS—Hand-picked, navy, per bu., $1.50@1.60.

POTATOES—Choice Iowa, sacked, 70c; poorer stock, 60c; Minnesota Burbanks, 85@90c; Colorado, $1.00; early Ohio seed potatoes, $1.00@1.10.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Med. sweets, $3.00; seed sweets, $2.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

LEMONS—California, fancy, $3.75@4.00; choice, $3.50@3.75; Messina, fancy, $4.00.

ORANGES—Navels, fancy, $3.75; choice, $3.50; seedlings, $2.50@2.95.

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

DATES—Hallowee, 60 to 70-lb. boxes, 6c; Sair, 6c; Fard, 9-lb. boxes, 10c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—Almonds, per lb., 17c; Brazils, per lb., 9@10c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12@12½c; standards, 10c; filberts, per lb., 11c; pecans, polished, 8@10c; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.00; peanuts, raw, 5½@6c; roasted, 6½@7c.

CIDER—Per half bbl, $3.

SAUERKRAUT—Per half bbl., $2.

HONEY—Choice white, 12½@13c.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five-gal. cans, each, $2.50; gal. cans, pure per doz., $12; half-gal. cans, $8.25; quart cans, $3.50.

MAPLE SUGAR—Choice, in boxes, 9@10c.

HIDES, TALLOW, ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8¼c; No. 2 salted hides, 7¼c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 10c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 3½c; tallow, No. 2, 3c; rough tallow, 1½c; white grease, 2½@3c; yellow and brown grease, 1½@2½c.

FURS—Mink, 100@75c; bear (black or brown), $5.00@20.00; otter, $1.50@8.00; beaver, $1.00@6.00; skunk, 15@75c; muskrat, 3@10c; raccoon, 15@50c; red fox, 25c@$1.25; gray fox, 25@60c; wolf (timber), 25c@$2.50; wolf, (prairie), coyote, 10@50c; wildcat, 10@25c; buffalo robes, dressed, $50.00@75.00.

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, 4@5c; dry flint, Colorado murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c.

St. Louis Market.

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—FLOUR—Quiet and steady; patents, $3.65@3.75; straights, $3.30@3.40; clear, $2.85@3.10; low to medium grades, $2.10@2.60.

WHEAT—Options steady to a shade easier; spot lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 75c; track, 76c; April, 75c; May, 75⅞c; July, 70⅛@70⅜c bid; No. 2 hard, 69c.

CORN—Spot, nominally lower; options easy; No. 2 cash, 33½c; track, 34@35c; April, 36½c; May, 32⅝c asked; July, 33½c.

OATS—Options lower; spot, No. 2 cash, 28c; track, 28½@29c; April 28c; May, 27¼c bid; July, 25¼c asked; No. 2 white, 30½@31½c.

RYE—Quiet; 55c.

SEEDS—Flaxseed, steady, $1.15½. Prime timothy seed, $2.35.

CORNMEAL—$1.80@1.85.

BRAN—Scarce and firm; sacked, east track, 59c.

HAY—Steady to firm; timothy, $8.50@11.50; prairie, $6.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Firmer; creamery, 18@22c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Firm; 11c.

WHISKY—Steady; $1.26.

METALS—Lead, dull, $4.12½. Spelter, firm, $6.20 bid.

PROVISIONS—Pork, quiet, $9.25. Lard, quiet; prime steam, $5.05; choice, $5.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $4.37½; extra shorts, $4.87½; ribs, $5.00; shorts, $5.12½. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $5.00; extra shorts, $5.25; ribs, $5.37½; shorts, $5.62½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 10,000 bu.; corn, 112,000; oats, 66,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 21,000 bu.; corn, 29,000 bu.; oats, 29,000 bu.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, April 10.—PROVISIONS—Steady. Pork, standard mess, $9.25@9.50. Lard, refined tierce, $5.62½@5.75; pure, $5.87½@6.00. Boxed meats, dry salt shoulders, $5.50; ribs, $5.12½. Bacon, clear rib sides, $5.75@5.87½. Hams, choice sugar-cured, $8.50@9.50.

COFFEE—Quiet; Rio, ordinary to fair, 6½@7½c.

RICE—Steady; ordinary to good, 3¾@4¾c.

FLOUR—Extra fancy, $3.50@3.60; patents, $3.90@4.00.

CORNMEAL—$1.95@1.97½.

BRAN—72c.

HAY—Prime, $11.00@12.00; choice, 13.50@14.00.

CORN—No. 2 white, 43@43½c; mixed, 42½c; yellow, 43@43½c.

OATS—No. 2 sacked, 34c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—WHEAT—lower; May opened down ⅝c at 64½c, closing around 64c; cash, No. 2 hard, 64@65c; No. 3, 62@64c; No. 2 red, 78c; No. 3, 73@75c; No. 2 spring, 61@64c; No. 3, 56@61c.

CORN—Steady; May, 30⅝@31c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 32c; No. 2 white, 33c; No. 3, 32½@33c.

OATS—Firm; No. 2 white, 29½c.

RYE—Lower; No. 2, 51c.

HAY—Higher; choice timothy, $8.25@8.50; choice prairie, $7.50@8.00.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 14@20c; dairy, 15c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh, 10½c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 48,000 bu.; corn, 3,900 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 3,000 bu.; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Cincinnati Market.

CINCINNATI, April 10.—FLOUR—Dull; fancy, $3.10@3.25; family, $2.45@2.65.

WHEAT—Easy; No. 2 red, 72½@72½c.

CORN—Quiet; No. 2 mixed, 35½c.

OATS—Firmer; No. 2 mixed, 30c.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2, 60c.

PROVISIONS—Lard, quiet at $5.10. Bulk meats, steady at $4.85. Bacon, steady at $5.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.26.

BUTTER—Steady.

SUGAR—Firm; hard refined, $4.25@5.97.

EGGS—Firm at 10½c.

CHEESE—Firm; good to prime Ohio flat, 11½c.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, April 10.—WHEAT—Active and weak; No. 2 cash, 72½c; May, 73⅛c.

CORN—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 34½c.

OATS—Dull, steady; No. 2 mixed, 28c.

RYE—Dull, lower; No. 2 cash, 55c bid.

CLOVER SEED—Active, lower; prime cash, old, $3.35; new, cash and April, $3.50 asked.

Grain Receipts at Principal Markets.

ST. LOUIS, April 10.—Receipts: Wheat, 16 cars.

KANSAS CITY, April 10.—Receipts: Wheat, 80 cars.

CHICAGO, April 10.—Estimated cars for tomorrow: Wheat, 80; corn, 257; oats, 140.

Peoria Markets.

PEORIA, April 10.—CORN—Dull; new No. 3, 32½c.

OATS—Irregular; No. 3 white, 27⅜@27¾c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.26 for finished goods.

Liverpool Wheat Imports.

LIVERPOOL, April 10.—Imports of wheat into Liverpool for the week were: From Atlantic ports, 85,000 quarters; from Pacific ports, 15,000 quarters; from other ports, 20,000 quarters. The imports of corn into Liverpool from Atlantic ports during the week were 94,000 quarters.

Grain in Store and Afloat.

NEW YORK, April 10.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, on Saturday, April 8, is as follows:

Wheat, 30,431,000 bu.; increase, 444,000 bu.
Corn, 31,961,000 bu.; decrease, 93,000 bu.
Oats, 11,130,000 bu.; increase, 118,000 bu.
Rye, 1,464,000 bu.; decrease, 19,000 bu.
Barley, 2,099,000 bu.; decrease, 221,000 bu.

Minneapolis Wheat Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 10.—Close: WHEAT—In store, No. 1, April, 69¼c; May, 69¼c; July, 70⅛@70⅝c. On track: No. 1 hard, 70¼c; November, 69¼c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.75@3.85; second patents, $3.55@3.65; first clears, $2.60@2.70.

BRAN—In bulk, $10.00@10.25.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, April 10.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 72⅝c; April, 72⅝c; May, 73⅝c; July, 73¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 69⅝c; No. 2 northern, 56⅞c.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 10.—WHEAT—⅜d lower; May, 5s 5¼d; July, 5s 5¼d.

CORN—Quiet, ⅝@½d lower; May, 3s 4⅝d; July, 3s 4⅝d.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., April 10.—BUTTER—Steady at 20½c; all offerings save 23 tubs withdrawn were sold; sales, 141 tubs.

STORY OF DAY IN WALL STREET.

Interest in Stock Speculation on a Diminished Scale.

NEW YORK, April 10.—Interest in stock speculation today was on a diminished scale, the dealings aggregating a little over 500,000 shares. Prices moved in an uncertain manner and a number of market net losses resulted. There was a flurry at the opening at which the specialties specially participated, a midday rally led by the Vanderbilts and an afternoon decline, in which the grangers were prominent. The liquidation of Friday permitted a number of brokers to return borrowed money and rates were generally easier, 6@7 per cent prevailing the greater part of the day. Several million dollars of sterling loans were made and call money closed 3@4 per cent. Foreign bankers apparently assumed that comparatively good prices were probable here for money for a more or less protracted period.

The sterling loans were responsible for an easier tone in the sterling exchange market. The recurrence of syndicate operations and the flotation of industrials is the basis of the expectation of fair rates at least for money.

This week $28,000,000 approximately is to be called in connection with the flotation of the American Pump company, the Chicago & Alton syndicate deal and subscription payment on Manhattan, while the call for subscriptions involving several million dollars of the steel hoop combination has been postponed. Commission house business fell off considerably, but there was evidence of an effort to stimulate interest in the market in some specialties again, now that Friday's decline had wiped out weak accounts. Some large accounts were closed out today, causing the early decline. One block of 15,000 shares of Brooklyn Transit was sold just after the opening. The Vanderbilt shares, which all advanced smartly, retained part of their rise. Gossip about new subscription privileges advanced Great Northern preferred. Consolidated Gas broke 8 points, presumably because of the published interview with a prominent politician favoring municipal ownership of that industry. The selling of the grangers in the afternoon was due to apprehension as to the possible character of the government crop statement to be made known this afternoon. The market closed steady.

Transactions in railway mortgages were rather light and while the market lacked a decided tone, the changes either way were only fractional. Total sales, $2,235,000.

United States 5s declined ¼ per cent and the new 4s, coupon, ¼ per cent in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets were irregular today on closing before the morrow's settlement. Investment stocks were dull on dead money fears. They rallied later. Americans opened above parity, but were idle here. New York came dull and became a shade harder. The close was mixed between the home and yank. The only features were Chesapeake & Ohio and New York Central. The latter spurted sharply on New York buying. The market here regards the New York money squeeze as merely a shakeout of weak industrials. Paris sold Spanish 4s down to 57¼. They rallied to 58⅛. Tintos were 42⅜. The bank bought £13,000 in gold bars. There arrived £10,000 of gold from Holland. The bank bought at 77s 9½d a part of an African parcel. Trade returns show exports increased 7.15 pounds. But this is due mainly to new shipping not included last year. Imports decreased 4 points, mainly owing to the rise in copper and tin.

The following are the closing quotations for leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Atchison	20⅝	do pfd	71
do pfd	59⅝	do 2d pfd	38⅝
Balt. & Ohio	70	St. L. & S. W.	11½
Can. Pacific	86¼	do pfd	32¼
Can. Southern	58	St. Paul	135⅞
Cent. Pacific	15	do pfd	169
Ches. & Ohio	27⅝	St. P. & O.	34
Chi. & Alton	168	do pfd	166
Chi. B. & Q.	146⅝	So. Pacific	34½
Chi. & E. Ill.	73	So. Railway	12⅝
do pfd	139	do pfd	45⅝
Chi. G. W.	15¼	Texas & Pacific	22¼
Chi. Ind. & L.	8½	Union Pacific	46⅝
do pfd	43	do pfd	76⅝
Chi. & N. W.	135	U. P. D. & G.	12½
do pfd	156	Wabash	8
C. C. C. & St. L.	62¼	do pfd	23¼
do pfd	97	Wheel. & L. E.	11¼
Del. & Hudson	117	do pfd	30
Del. L. & W.	165½	Adams Ex.	112
D. & Rio G.	21⅝	American Ex.	140
do pfd	74	United States Ex.	52
Erie (new)	13½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	125
do 1st pfd	37¼	A. Col. Oil	36
Ft. Wayne	181	do pfd	34½
Gt. Nor. pfd	193	Am. Spirits	14⅝
Hocking Valley	8¾	do pfd	28¼
Ill. Central	114¼	Am. Tobacco	220
Lake Erie & W.	18	do pfd	141
do pfd	67	Cons. Gas	185
Lake Shore	200	Com. Cable Co.	185
Louis. & Nash.	64¼	Tenn. Coal, Iron	33¼
Manhattan L.	187¼	do pfd	93
Met. St. Ry.	247	Gen. Electric	141½
Mich. Central	114	Haw. Com. Co.	40
Minn. & St. L.	50	Brooklyn R. T.	41⅞
do 1st pfd	90	Inter. Paper	32
Mo. Pacific	48½	do pfd	97
Mobile & Ohio	42	Laclede Gas	84½
Mo. K. & T.	13⅝	Lead	34½
do pfd	29¼	do pfd	112½
N. J. Central	111½	Nat. Lin. Oil	5
N. Y. Central	135⅝	Pacific Mail	36
N. Y. C. & St. L.	13¼	People's Gas	115¾
do 1st pfd	65	Pullman Palace	160
do 2d pfd	32	Silver Cert	60
Norf. & West.	17½	U. R. & T.	10
do pfd	73½	Sugar	136½
Nor. Amer. Co.	9⅛	do pfd	110
No. Pacific	56⅞	T. C. & Iron	55¼
do pfd	78¼	U. S. Leather	6¾
Ontario & W.	19½	do pfd	71½
Ore. R. & Nav.	70	U. S. Rubber	49½
Ore. Short Line	41⅝	do pfd	116⅝
Pac. Coast	40	Western Union	93½
Pac. Coast 1st pfd	113	Am. S. & W.	7¾
do 2d pfd	60	do pfd	67
Pittsburg	184	Ore. Nav. pfd	70
Reading	22½	Federal Steel	40
do 1st pfd	64½	do pfd	83
do 2d pfd	34	Colo. Southern	20½
R. G. W.	38	do 1st pfd	51
do pfd	75½	do 2d pfd	20½
Rock Island	115¾		
St. L. & S. F.	11½		

The total sales of stocks today amounted to 557,110 shares, including American Steel & Wire, 15,600; American Sugar, 11,200; American Tobacco, 3,200; American Tinplate, 3,700; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 23,900; Burlington, 34,000; Chesapeake & Ohio, 13,200; Chicago & Northwestern, 6,000; Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, 35,900; Continental Tobacco, 29,700; Federal Steel, 25,800; Federal Steel preferred, 11,600; Manhattan Consolidated, 32,100; Metropolitan Street Railway, 5,600; Missouri Pacific, 23,600; National Steel, 3,700; New York Central, 22,900; Northern Pacific, 4,300; Norfolk & Western, 3,100; Ontario & Western, 4,300; Pacific Mail, 4,000; People's Gas & Coke, 26,000; Reading first preferred, 8,000; Reading second preferred, 4,400; Rock Island, 9,200; St. Paul, 19,700; Union Pacific, 7,600; Union Pacific preferred, 12,200; United States leather preferred, 6,500; United States Rubber, 3,600; Wabash preferred, 3,800.

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta	8	Justice	17
Alpha Con	6	Kentucky Con	3
Andes	14	Mexican	38
Belcher	33	Nevada	32
Best & Belcher	59	Occidental Con	32
Bullion	3	Ophir	105
Caledonia	55	Overman	11
Challenge Con	33	Potosi	10
Choller	31	Savage	31
Confidence	75	Scorpion	4
Con. Cal. & Va.	175	Sag Belcher	3
Con. New York	12	Standard	250
Crown Point	21	Union Con	48
Gould & Curry	29	Utah Con	13
Hale & Norcross	30	Yellow Jacket	56
Julia	2		

Silver bars, 59⅝c; Mexican dollars, 45@48½c. Drafts: Sight, 12½c; telegraph, 15c.

In the Foreign Financial World.

PARIS, April 10.—Business was hesitating on the bourse today during the greater part of the time and prices closed heavy. Foreigners were generally firm. Spanish 4s started weak on account of the Carlist movements, but recovered on the rumor that sealed bonds would be exempt from taxation. Rio Tintos were firm on repurchases, but eased at the close. Gold shares were strong, notably the shares of the British Chartered South Africa company, which were purchased for London account in anticipation of an increase in the March output. The per cent rentes, 101f 87½c; exchange on London, 25f 23½c.

BERLIN, April 10.—On the bourse today international securities were dull, particularly Spanish 4s, closing with a recovery. There were large realizations of local securities, owing to uneasiness regarding the Samoan situation.

FRANKFORT, April 10.—Business was quiet and prices were easier on the bourse today. Spanish 4s were weak on western advices. American securities were steady and local shares relapsed.

BERLIN, April 10.—The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows the following changes: Cash in hand, increase 3,520,000 marks; treasury notes, increase 140,000 marks; other securities, decrease 55,800,000 marks; notes in circulation, decrease 52,300,000 marks.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 10.—MONEY ON CALL—Steady, at 6 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—3½@4½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easier, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85@4.86 for demand, and at $4.82@4.82⅝ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85 and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.82@4.83.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—69@69½c.

BAR SILVER—59½c.

MEXICAN DOLLARS—47⅝c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Weak; new 5s, 108⅛; new 4s, reg., 129⅜; coupon, 129⅞; 4s, 112⅛; coupon, 113¼; 2s, 99½; 5s, reg., 113; coupon, 113.

Closing quotations on bonds were:

U. S. new 4s	108	N. Y. C. 1st s	114⅝
U. S. new 4s, reg	130	N. J. C. 5s	118⅝
U. S. 4s coup	130⅝	N. C. 6s	128
U. S. 5s, reg	113	N. C. 4s	104
U. S. 5s coup	114	No. Pacific 1sts	118⅝
U. S. 2s, reg	99⅝	No. Pacific 3s	67¾
U. S. 5s, reg	114	No. Pacific 4s	109⅝
U. S. 5s, coup	114	N. Y. C. & St. L. 4s	106
District 3.65s	117	N. & W. 5s	130
Ala., class A	109	N. W. Consols	143⅝
Ala., class B	109	N. W. Deb. 5s	122
Ala., class C	100	Ore. N. 1sts	111
Ala., Currency	100	Ore. N. 4s	102
Atchison 4s	100⅝	O. S. L. 6s U. P.	128¼
Do. adj. 4s	82¾	O. S. L. 5s U. P.	111
Canada So. 2ds	107⅝	Reading 4s	88⅞
C. & O. 4½s	93⅞	R. G. W. 1sts	97⅛
Chi. Terms. 4s	100	St. L. & I. M. con 5s	108¾
C. & O. 5s	118⅝	St. L. A. & T. Gen. 6s	123
C. H. & D. 4½s	104⅝	St. P. Consols	138⅝
D. & R. G. 1sts	108⅝	St. P. C. & P. 1sts	121⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	101	St. P. C. & P. 5s	121⅝
East Tenn. 1sts	105	So. Ry. 5s	108
Erie Gen. 4s	72	S. R. & T. 9s	90
F. W. & D. 1sts, t. r.	83⅝	Tenn. new set 3s	48⅝
Gen. Elec.