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Poor Export Business and Good Crop Reports Depress Wheat.

PROVISIONS SLUMP ON HEAVY REALIZING

Corn and Oats, Influenced by Wheat, Both Close Lower—Northwestern Grain Markets Weaker Than Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Wheat, depressed by the poor export business, the decline in outside markets and good crop news, closed weak, May ¾c under yesterday. Provisions slumped on heavy realizing, May pork closing 10@12½c, May lard 7½@10c and May ribs 5@7½c lower. Corn closed ¼c and oats ⅛c under yesterday.

The wheat market opened easy on the absence of any stimulating news. May a shade under yesterday at 69¼@69¾c. This was the high notch for the day, for thereafter the price went under puts and stayed there, buying against those privileges causing only the feebiest upward movement. The poor export business was one reason for the selling, good crop news from Argentina and elsewhere another. The weakness of northwest markets—Minneapolis showing a greater falling off than Chicago—and selling orders from that section were also a factor in the weakness. On the decline considerable long wheat was let out. With this array of gloomy news the fact that receipts were more liberal and clearances small added but little to the discouragement of the bulls. Ten thousand bu. cash wheat was sold for the seaboard, but in view of the large stock the transaction was contemptuously labeled "retail business" and forgotten. May slumped as far as possible and then closed weak, ¾c under yesterday at 68¾c. Primary receipts were 501,824 bu., against 633,668 bu. last year and Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 250,000 bu. Receipts here, 76 cars, none of which graded contract. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 455 cars, compared with 333 last week and 442 a year ago.

The strength exhibited early by the provision market was overcome later by heavy realizing, prosecuted throughout the session with great animation. Receipts of hogs, 6,000 head under expectations, and better prices at the yards were the cause given for the slight gain recorded at the opening. A good demand from new quarters and some conservative purchases by others caused a further advance. Under pressure of profit-taking the gain was all lost and the market turned weak. May pork ranged from $10.72½ to $10.90@10.97½, closing 10@12½c under yesterday at $10.77½. May lard from $5.92½ to $6.05@6.07½, with the close 7½@10c under at $5.95, and May ribs from $5.72½ to $5.82½, closing 5@7½c down at $5.72½@5.75.

Corn, steadied by provisions for a time, later succumbed to the influence of wheat and the reaction of provisions and closed rather easy. Country offerings were reported a little freer and primary receipts light—483 cars here. Clearances were fairly large. Scattered lots of long corn were let out on the decline. Trade was dull throughout the session. May sold from 37⅞c to 38¼c, closing ¼c down at 37¾@38c.

The trade in oats was small and prices a shade lower in sympathy with the other grain markets, although there was a fair demand for cash to be loaded on boats and held until the opening of navigation. Local receipts were 168 cars. May ranged from 23¾@23⅝c to 24c and closed easy ⅛c under yesterday at 23⅞c.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 310 cars; oats, 165 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Jan.	65⅞	65⅞	65¼	65¼	66
May	69¼@69⅝	69¾@69⅞	68⅝	68¾	69¾
July	70@71	70@71	69⅜	69⅝	70⅛
*Corn—					
Jan.	30½	30½	30¼	30¼	30⅝
May	33⅝	33⅞	32⅞	32⅝@33	33@33¼
July	33⅞	33⅞	33⅜	33⅜@33⅝	33⅞@34
*Oats—					
Jan.	22	22	22	22	2.1⅛
May	24	24	23¾@23⅞	23⅞	24
Pork—					
Jan.				10 47½	10 57½
May	10 90	10 97½	10 72½	10 77½	10 90
Lard—					
Jan.	5 85	5 85	5 80	5 80	5 87½
May	6 05	6 07½	5 92½	5 95	6 05
Ribs—					
Jan.	5 67½	5 67½	5 62½	5 62½	5 67½
May	5 80	5 82½	5 72½	5 75	5 81

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.00@3.20; clear, $2.90@3.10; spring specials, $3.90@4.00; spring patents, $3.60@3.65; straights, $2.80@3.00; bakers, $1.90 @2.35; low grades, $1.35@1.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, 67½@68¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 31c; No. 2 yellow, 31½@31¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 22¾@22c; No. 2 white, 25½c; No. 3 white, 24¾@25¼c.

RYE—No. 2, 50@53½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 38@45c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flaxseed, $1.49½; northwest, $1.49½. Prime timothy seed, $2.35. Clover, contract grade, $8.10.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $9.30@ 10.50; lard, per 100 lbs., $5.67½@5.82½; short ribs, sides (loose), $5.50@5.80; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.50@5.75; short clear sides (boxed), $5.80@5.85.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis high wines, per gal., $1.23½.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $5.70; granulated, $5.18. Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls	28,000	35,000
Wheat, bu	25,000	41,000
Corn, bu	287,000	128,000
Oats, bu	251,000	157,000
Rye, bu	6,000	16,000
Barley, bu	76,000	17,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 19@22c; dairies, 17@22c. Cheese, firm at 12¾@13c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 19@19½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—FLOUR—Receipts, 11,927 bbls.; exports, 15,697 bbls.; rather quiet and at the close weaker in tone, with a disposition to cut prices because of the drop in wheat; Minnesota patents, $3.80@ 4.05; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.10; winter patents, $3.60@3.75; winter straights, $3.40@3.45; winter extras, $2.55@2.80; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, firmer and active; choice to fancy at $3.55@ 3.60. Buckwheat flour, steady at $2.10@2.25.

CORNMEAL—Quiet; yellow western, 80c; city, 78c; Brandywine, $2.25@2.30.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 60¾c f. o. b. afloat; state, 56c c. i. f. New York; car lots.

BARLEY—Firmer; feeding, 43½@44½c c. i. f. New York; malting, 49@54c c. i. f. New York.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 6,400 bu.; exports, 32,- 658 bu.; spot, steady; No. 2 red, 75c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 79½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 81½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 2 red, 73c, elevator. Options opened easy and with little exception were weak all day, particularly in the afternoon, when liquidation developed and bears made a vigorous attack. Weakness abroad, disappointing Argentine news, a break in provisions, light clearances and northwest selling all contributed to the heaviness; closed weak at ⅝@⅞c decline, except March, which was steady and unchanged on strength of cash property; March, 75⅝@76c, closed at 75⅞c; May, 74⅝@75 3-16c, closed at 74⅝c; July, 74⅝ @75⅜c, closed at 74¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 58,500 bu.; exports, 46,148 bu.; spot, easy; No. 2, 40½c f. o. b. afloat and 39¾c elevator. Options opened easy and further declined with wheat and on talk of larger receipts resulting from favorable weather west. Weakness in provisions also helped; closed weak at ⅝@ decline; May, 39@39⅛c, closed at 39c.

OATS—Receipts, 55,900 bu.; exports, 9,920 bu.; spot, firm; No. 2, 25¼c; No. 3, 28¾c; No. 2 white, 31½c; No. 3 white, 31c; track mixed, 29@30½c; track white, 31@35c. Options quiet.

HAY—Stronger; shipping, 75@80c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@ 14c; Pacific coast, 1896 crop, 40@6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@14c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 25@25½c; acid, 20@25½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, dull; family, $12.50@ 13.00; mess, $10.50; beef hams, $22.50@23.00; packet, $11.50@12.00; city extra India mess, $21.00@23.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $5.25@7.25; pickled shoulders, $7.75; pickled hams, $8.25@9.00. Lard, easier; western steam closed at $6.10; January, $6.15, nominal; refined easy; continent, $6.50; South America, $6.40; compound, $5.62½@5.75. Pork firm; family, $12.00@12.50; mess, $10.25@10.75; short clear, $11.25@12.00; family, $12.00@12.50. Tallow, firmer; city, 5⅛c; country, 5¼@5⅝c.

METALS—Tin broke badly today in sympathy with unfavorable foreign news and indifference on the part of the buyers, closing in an irregular condition and very quiet. The other metals were not specially active, nor were features of importance developed. At the close the Metal exchange called pig iron warrants quiet (quotations omitted); lake copper, unchanged at $16.50; tin, easy at $24.50@24.70; lead, steady, at $4.70@4.75; spelter, quiet at $4.40@4.60. Tae brokers' price for copper is $16.25; exchange, $16.50; casting, $15.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, dull; cotton by steam, 25d, nominal; grain by steam, 3½@3¾d.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@ 6¼c; Japan, 4¾@5¾c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 32@40c.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts light; fresh stock weak at 16c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 10c; ducks, 8c; geese, 6@8½c; spring chickens, 7@7½c; hens, 6½@7c; roosters, 4 @5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 5c; spring chickens, 5½c; old and staggy roosters, 3c; ducks, 5½c; geese, 6½c; turkeys, 7c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 15½c; choice, 18@19c; separator, 26c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 75c.

VEALS—Choice, 9c.

GAME—Ducks, mallards, $3.00@3.25; blue wing teal, $1.75; green wing teal, $1.25@1.50; mixed ducks, $1.50@2.00.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.50; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.75@2.00; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

HAY—Upland, choice, $6.50; midland, choice, $6; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $5.50; No. 1 corn, 25c; No. 2 white mixed, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats, chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $13; shorts, per ton, $14.

VEGETABLES.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 75c.

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 40c.

LETTUCE—Per doz. bunches, 40c; fancy head lettuce, per bbl., $5.

SWEET POTATOES—Per bbl., Illinois, $3; Jerseys, $5; large bbls., Kansas, $2.75.

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Per lb., 1½c; Holland seed, 1¾@2c.

CAULIFLOWER—Per crate, $2.50.

CRANBERRIES—Bell and Bugle, per bbl. $6.50; Jerseys, $6.25.

ONIONS—Retail way, yellow, 65c; red, 75 @85c.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 45@75c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c; Canadian, per bu., 40@45c.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $4.50@5.00.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $3.00@3.50; New York stock, $3.75@4.00.

GRAPES—Catawbas, per small basket, 18c; Malaga grapes, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Mexican, per box, $3; California navels, per box, $3.50@3.75; California seedlings, per box, $2.75@3.00.

LEMONS—California fancy, $3.75; choice California, $3.50; Messina, $1.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.25.

NUTS—Hickory nuts, large, per bu., $1; shellbarks, $1.25@1.35.

FIGS—California layers, per 10-lb. box, $1; California carton, per 10-lb. box, $1.10; imported figs, per lb., 13c.

DATES—50-lb. boxes, 5½@6c per lb.

MAPLE SUGAR—Per lb., 9c.

HIDES, TALLOW ETC.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 8c; No. 2 green hides, 7c; No. 1 salted hides, 9½c; No. 2 salted hides, 8½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

TALLOW, GREASE, ETC.—Tallow, No. 1, 4c; No. 2, 3½c; rough, 2c; white grease, 2¾@3¼c; yellow and brown grease, 2½@3c.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 68½c; track, 71½@72½c; No. 2 hard, 65@67c; January, 69¾c; May, 71c; July, 68¾c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 30½c; track, 31@31¼c; January, 30c; May, 31¾c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 24c; track, 24½c; No. 2 white, 26c; May, 25c.

RYE—Higher at 53c.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged; patents, $3.45@3.55; extra fancy, $3.10@3.15; clear, $2.75 @2.90.

SEEDS—Timothy, $2.00@2.35; flax, nominal at $1.46.

CORNMEAL—$1.70@1.75.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 64@65c.

HAY—Timothy, steady at $10.00@12.00; prairie, firmer at $5.50@8.50.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.23½.

COTTONTIES—Higher at $1.10.

BAGGING—Steady at 5¾@6½c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Dry salt boxed meats, extra shorts, $5.62½; clear ribs, $5.75; clear sides, $5.87½. Bacon, extra shorts, $6.12½; clear ribs, $6.25; clear sides, $6.37½. Pork, steady; jobbing, $8.75, old; $11.25, new. Lard, nominal; prime steam, $5.60; choice, $5.65.

METALS—Lead, higher at $4.67½. Spelter, lower at $4.25.

POULTRY—Dull; chickens and ducks, 6½c; turkeys, 7c; geese, 5½c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 3,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,- 000 bu.; corn, 54,000 bu.; oats, 46,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 8,000 bbls.; wheat, 25,000 bu.; corn, 63,000 bu.; oats, 6,000 bu.

Butter, Egg and Cheese Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—BUTTER—Unchanged; fancy western creamery, 29c; fancy western prints, 30c.

EGGS—Dull and 2c lower; fresh nearby, 20c; fresh western, 20c; fresh southwestern, 19c; fresh southern, 18c.

CHEESE—Quiet but firm.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—BUTTER—Receipts, 3,500 pkgs.; strong; June creamery, 27½c; western creamery, 24@30c; factory, 16@22c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,719 pkgs.; firm; full made, fancy, small, 12¾@13c; full made, fancy, large, 12¾@13c; late made, small, 12 @12½c; late made, large, 11¾@12c.

EGGS—Receipts, 4,225 pkgs.; firm; western, 25½@26c; loss off; western, ungraded, at mark, 16½@24c.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 24@28c; dairy, 19@24c.

EGGS—Steady at 17½c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—BUTTER—Firm; creameries, 19@23c; dairies, 17@23c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh, 19½c.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—BUTTER—Creamery, 21@24½c; dairy, 17@18c.

EGGS—Steady; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, firsts, 16c doz., cases returned; storage, 10@11c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—Spot, No. 2 red, western winter, firm at 5s 10d; No. 1 northern spring, firm at 6s 1½d; No. 1 California, 6s 3d@6s 3½d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 3s 6d; American mixed, old, firm at 3s 6¼d; futures, quiet; January, 3s 5¾d; February, 3s 5¾d; March, 3s 5¾d.

Receipts of wheat during the last three days, 129,000 centals, including 96,000 centals American.

Receipts of American corn during the last three days, 130,800 centals.

PROVISIONS—Lard, American refined, in pails, firm at 32s; prime western, in tierces, firm at 30s 3d. Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm at 33s 6d; long clear middles, light, firm at 34s 6d; long clear middles, heavy, firm at 34s; short clear backs, firm at 33s 6d; clear bellies, firm at 36s.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—May, 65¾c; cash, No. 2 hard, 63@63½c; No. 3, 59@ 62½c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 63@68c; receipts, 32 cars.

CORN—May, 29¾c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 28¾@29c; No. 2 white, 29c; No. 3, 28¾c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 24c.

RYE—No. 2, 49@49½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $9.00@9.50; choice prairie, $7.00@7.50.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 19,200 bu.; corn, 27,300 bu.; oats, 4,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 22,800 bu.; corn, 10,- 800 bu.; oats, 8,000 bu.

Toledo Market.

TOLEDO, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—Active and higher; No. 2 cash, 68¼c; May, 73½c.

CORN—Dull and unchanged; No. 2 mixed, 32½c.

OATS—Dull but steady; No. 2 mixed, 24c.

RYE—Dull but firm; No. 2 cash, 57c bid.

CLOVERSEED—Quiet; prime cash, old, $4.85; January, new, $5.70; March, $5.77½.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, January, 64¾c; May, 67¾c; July, 67¼c; on track, No. 1 hard, 66c; No. 1 northern, 64¾c; No. 2 northern, 61¾c.

FLOUR—First patents, $3.40@3.50; second patents $3.30@3.40; first clear, $2.20@2.30.

BRAN—In bulk, $11.00@11.25.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—Market 1c lower; No. 1 northern, 67c; No. 2 northern, 64¾@65c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 55c.

BARLEY—Easy; No. 2, 45c; sample, 35@ 44c.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, Jan. 5.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard, cash, 66¼c; No. 1 northern, cash, 64¾c; May, 67¾c; July, 68¾c; No. 2 northern, 62¼c; No. 3 spring, 58¾c.

Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—COFFEE—The coffee market opened steady with prices 5 points lower to 10 points higher and following the call ruled generally 5@10 points higher on brisk covering and investment buying, which was founded on increasing consumptive demand and a favorable statistical outlook. The foreign market news did not average up favorably, though at the same time not the reverse. The market closed firm, with prices unchanged to 20 points higher. Total sales, 18,000 bags, including: January, $6.40@6.45; March, $6.40; May, $6.50@6.55; June, $6.55; September, $6.70 @6.75; November, $6.75@6.80; December, $6.85. Spot, Rio, firm; No. 7, invoice, $7.25; No. 7, jobbing, $7.75. Mild, firm; Cordova, $8.00 @12.50.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Prices Cover a Wide Range—Lack of Funds for Speculation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Prices of stocks traversed a considerable range today, moving forward in the early dealings and then pursuing a retrograde course to about last night's level. The deduction to be drawn is that professional traders are disinclined to undertake extensive speculative commitments. The most effective influence toward this disposition is the conviction that the money markets of the world are not yet in condition to afford abundant funds for speculation on credit.

The incident which pointed this moral was the unexpected proportions of the gold engagements for tomorrow's steamer, mounting up to $3,500,000, as compared with preliminary estimates of $2,000,000. The large engagements were in spite of surging interest rates in London and a sharp decline in the discount rate at Berlin. It is evident, therefore, that the British government designs abundant use for large additional funds and that available gold supplies will be drawn to London as far as possible. Such a prospect must definitely against the probability of an easy money market in New York in spite of the replenishment which various factors are now bringing to this center.

The cause of the morning strength in the stock market was the cessation of the selling pressure for Berlin account. The absorption of New York Central stocks and the sympathetic effect upon the whole railroad list continued. The reaction gained force with the growth in volume of the gold engagements and the bears were disposed to take advantage of the situation to depress the industrials, notably Sugar and the steel and iron stocks. Rumors were circulated that new difficulties would be encountered in effecting the distribution of dividends on the common stocks of iron and steel companies, which it has been represented was soon to be made. The disclaimers that any such difficulties were apprehended failed to cause any notable recovery in the stocks affected. The closing of the market was, however, firm, but very dull and net changes, aside from the industrials, were not important.

The week's regular currency movement by express has been largely in favor of the banks, the outgo having fallen to less than $1,000,000, so that the week's gain from that source is estimated at over $3,- 000,000, not counting receipts by registered mail, which last week were considerable. In addition the banks have gained from the subtreasury $256,000. But $5,000,000 of gold exported last week must be reckoned; that loss on all accounts is figured at $1,- 500,000 at least. Whether this has been offset by loan contraction is doubtful, in view of the week's activity in the stock market.

The bond market was dull and irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,365,000. United States 3s, registered, and the new 4s advanced ⅛ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says:

The markets here opened dull and quiet today. Stocks were found to be scarce, especially Americans, prices for which responded readily to the better feeling. In all other departments business was small. The chief factors were the changed feeling, relative ease in money and better news from Berlin, where it was reported the liquidation was over and there was some pick-ing up of Canadian Pacific and other Pacific shares. Paris also bought Spanish 4s and Tintos.

In the afternoon the cheerfulness was assisted by vague Transvaal rumors that the Boers had made an unsuccessful effort to break through General French's line and that Cecil Rhodes had escaped from Kimberley. Paris reported that a battle was raging on the Tugela, official reports of which were kept dark. These stories were generally discredited. Nevertheless they had an effect.

Americans were particularly affected by the increasing confidence and persistent New York buying of New York Central.

Money was very easy on the release of £5,000,000 in government dividends, but tomorrow the market has to pay £6,000,000 on the balance of the treasury bills. The local loan stock was quoted today at 2¾c premium, which helped the money market. Call money at the close was unlendable at 3½ per cent.

The bank lost £6,065 gold, engaged for Argentina, and £20,000 for Malta. From Germany it bought £45,000 and £27,000 was secured in bars.

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

Atchison	19½	Texas & Pacific	15
do pfd	61¾	Union Pacific	47¼
Baltimore & O	57⅞	do pfd	74⅞
Canadian Pac	90¼	Wabash	7
Canadian Sou	49⅝	do pfd	20⅝
Ches. & Ohio	31¾	Wheel. & L. E.	5¼
Chicago G. W	12⅜	do 2d pfd	2⅝
C., B. & Q	122¾	Wis. Central	19½
Chi. Ind. & L	15¾	Adams Ex	111
do pfd	47	American Ex	142
Chi. & E. I	87	Ex	45
Chicago & N. W	162½	Wells-Fargo Ex	120
C., R. I. & P	106⅞	Amer. Cot. Oil	33¾
C. C. C. & St. L	64⅝	do pfd	89
Colorado So	5¾	Amer. Malting	7¾
do 1st pfd	19½	do pfd	30½
do 2d pfd	4½	Amer. S. & R	35½
Del. & Hudson	115	do pfd	88
Del. L. & W	177	Amer. Spirits	3¾
Denver & R. G	18	do pfd	17
do pfd	68¾	Amer. Steel H	43
Erie	15	do pfd	81
do 1st pfd	32¾	Amer. S. & W	16½
Gt. Nor. pfd	171	do pfd	69
Hocking Coal	16	Amer. Tin Plate	31¾
Hocking Valley	32	do pfd	80¾
Illinois Central	112	Amer. Tobacco	102¾
Iowa Central	12⅞	do pfd	135
do 1st pfd	39	Anac. Min. Co	39¼
K. C. P. & G	8¾	Brooklyn R. T	63¾
Lake Erie & W	24½	Colo. Fuel & I	42¾
do pfd	84½	Con. Tobacco	34⅞
Lake Shore	200	do pfd	86
L. & N	79⅝	Federal Steel	51⅝
Manhattan L	93½	do pfd	74
Met. St. Ry	176	Gen. Electric	122
Mex. Central	11⅜	Glucose Sugar	56½
Mex. Nat.	9¾	do pfd	95
Minn. & St. L	58½	Inter. Paper	24½
do pfd	89½	do pfd	67
Missouri Pac	41¾	Laclede Gas	75
Mobile & Ohio	39½	National B'scuit	35⅞
Mis., K. & T	10	do pfd	91
do pfd	32⅜	National Lead	23⅜
N. J. Central	116¾	do pfd	101¾
N. Y. Central	130⅞	North American	12
Norfolk & W	24⅛	National Steel	68
do pfd	68	do pfd	91
No. Pacific	22¾	*N. Y. Air Brake	115
do pfd	73¼	N. Y. American	145
Ontario & W	21⅞	Pacific Const	52
Ore. Ry. & Nav	42	do 1st pfd	85
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	65
Pennsylvania	132¼	Pacific Mail	45⅞
Reading	17⅞	People's Gas	104½
do 1st pfd	52¼	Pressed S. Car	56⅝
do 2d pfd	35⅜	do pfd	85½
Rio G. W	15	Pullman P. Car	184
do 1st pfd	81	Standard R. & T	9½
St. L. & S. F	9	Sugar	131⅜
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	110
do 2d pfd	32½	Tenn. Coal & I	84⅜
St. L. Southw	10¼	U. S. Leather	10⅜
do pfd	25	do pfd	75¼
St. Paul	118	U. S. Rubber	32¼
do pfd	172	do pfd	104
St. P. & Omaha	118	Western Union	87⅜
So. Pacific	37½	Republic I. & S	22¼
So. Railway	11⅝	do pfd	66
do pfd	53½	P. C. C. & St. L	79½

*Ex-dividend.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 6@7 per cent. Official closing quotations of stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F	19⅝	Westingh. Elec	49½
do pfd	61¾	Wis. Central	19¼
Amer. Sugar	131½	Dom. Coal	45
do pfd	115	do pfd	115
Bell Telephone	341	Atchison 4s	96
Boston & Albany	242	Adventure	6
Boston Elevated	98¼	Allouez Min. Co	8
Boston & Me	202	Atlantic	25
C., B. & Q	122¾	Boston & Mont	283
Ed. Elec. Ill	246	Butte & Boston	59
Gen. Electric	122	Calumet & Hec	552
do pfd	127	Centennial	13½
Federal Steel	51½	Franklin	14½
do pfd	74	Humboldt	2
Mex. Central	11¼	Osceola	73
Old Dominion	212	*Parrot	42½
Rubber	43	Santa Fe Cop	6¾
Union Pacific	46⅞	Tamarack	185
Union Land	3¼	Winona	17½
West End	92½	Wolverines	46
do pfd	111	Utah	23

*Ex-dividend.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—American securities opened better and improved somewhat, but eased off later and remained quiet, with the settlement absorbing the attention of members. The close was steady. Bullion to the amount of £93,000 was withdrawn from the Bank of England on balance today. Spanish is closed at 65¼. Gold premiums are quoted as follows: Buenos Ayres, 128.60; Madrid, 28.50.

PARIS, Jan. 5.—A cheerful feeling prevailed on the bourse today, the case of money in New York and London encouraging purchasing, partly on German account. Rentes were in good demand. International securities were harder. Kaffirs were better, although the transactions were unimportant, this being due to the absence of decisive news from South Africa. Three per cent rentes, 99f 40c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 21c for checks; Spanish 4s, 67 40.

BERLIN, Jan. 5.—Prices on the bourse today were firm on the strength in New York and western bourses. Bears covered on the unconfirmed report that the German steamer Bundesrath had been released.

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 5.—The gold quotation today was 128.50.

MADRID, Jan. 5.—Spanish 4s closed today at 66⅝. Gold was quoted at 28.50.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—MONEY—On call, steady at 4@6 per cent; last loan at 4½ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87¾ for demand and at $4.83@4.83¼ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½@4.84 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.81¾@4.82¼.

SILVER—Certificates, 58½@59½c; bar, 59c; Mexican dollars, 47½c.

BONDS—Government, strong; state, strong; railroad, irregular.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg	102½	N. Y. C. 1s	106½
do 2s, reg	102¾	N. J. C. gen. 5s	118
do coupon	110¾	N. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s, reg	134½	do 4s	106
do coupon	134½	Nor. Pac. 1s	110
do old 4s, reg	111½	do 3s	70
do coupon	111½	do 4s	103¾
do 5s, reg	112½	N.Y.C. & St.L. 4s	104½
do coupon	113¾	N. & W. gen. 6s	127¾
D. of C. 3.65s	119	do gen. 6s	123
Atch. gen. 4s	99½	Ore. Nav. 1s	110
do adj. 4s	76¾	Reading gen. 4s	104½
Canada So. 2s	106	Rio Grs. W. 1s	79
C. & O. 4½s	96½	do consol 5s	111
Ches. & O. 5s	115	Reading gen. 4s	84
C. & N. con. 7s	139	Rio G. W. 1s	65
do S. F. deb. 5s	118½	St. L. & I.M. c. 5s	110
Chicago Ter. 4s	91	St. L. & S.F. g. 6s	120
D. & R. G. 1s	103¾	St. Paul cons. 7s	167
do 4s	96	St. P., C. & P. 1s	118
E. T., V. & G. 1s	101	do 5s	113¾
Erie gen. 4s	68¾	So. Railway 5s	106¾
F. W. & D. C. 1s	73¾	S. R. & T. 6s	80¾
Gen. Electric 5s	113	Tenn. n. 5s	99
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	T. & P. con. 1s	111¾
do 2s	105	*do 2s	54
H. & T. C. 5s	109¾	Union Pacific 4s	102¼
do con. 6s	111¾	Wabash 1s	113
Iowa C. 1st	111½	do 2s	99
K. C., P. & G. 1s	88	West Shore 4s	104¼
La. con. 4s	100½	W'g. Central 1s	87⅜
L. & N. uni. 4s	98	Va. Centuries	85
So. Pacific 4s	81⅝	do deferred	5
M., K. & T. 2s	68	Colo. So. 4s	83
do 4s	88¾		

*Offered.

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Choller	15	Ontario	750
Crown Point	10	Ophir	65
Con. Cal. & Va.	120	Plymouth	8
Deadwood	50	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Currie	18	do pfd	800
Hale & Norcross	30	Sierra Nevada	35
Homestake	6500	Standard	235
Horn Silver	54	Union Con	75
Mexican	25	Yellow Jacket	18

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Cons., money	99⅛	N. Y. Central	141
Consols, acct	99⅜	Pennsylvania	67½
Canadian Pacific	94	Reading	9⅝
Erie	11⅜	No. Pacific pfd	75½
do 1st pfd	33⅜	Atchison	20
Illinois Central	115	Louisville	87
Union Pac. pfd	76⅞	Grand Trunk	7
St. P. common	121	Amsonda	8¾

BAR SILVER—Flat at 27 5-32d per oz.

MONEY—3@4 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 4¾@4⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 4¼@4⅜ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

BOSTON, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $23,690,638; balances, $1,900,840.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $215,2?5,- 913; balances, $12,234,226.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $5,335,040; balances, $705,678. Money, 4@8 per cent. New York exchange, 40c premium bid, 60c premium asked.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $17,- 451,229; balances, $1,754,121.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $3,703,- 084; balances, $631,153.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—Clearings, $26,418,615; balances, $2,324,962. Posted exchange, $4.83½@4.88½. New York exchange, 20c premium.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $283,891,027; gold reserve, $236,251,838.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—COTTON—Futures closed quiet and steady: January, $7.32; February, $7.34; March, $7.37; April, $7.38; May,