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Corn Declines Shade Over Cent Early, but Recovers.

LARGEST CROWD OF YEAR IN CORN PIT

Wheat is Quiet and Rather Heavy, Subordinate to Corn—Oats Furnishes Unusual Spectacle of Early Strength and Activity.

CHICAGO, March 13.—May corn declined a shade over a cent early today on profit-taking, but recovered on covering by shorts, closing steady, ⅝@½c under yesterday. Wheat was heavy, influenced by heavy receipts and a poor speculative demand, May closing ⅝@½c down. Oats closed ¼@¼c lower and provisions 2½@10c depressed.

The crowd in the corn pit was much greater than it has been at any other time for a year, not even excepting yesterday, when the 2c bulge made the coarse cereal the cynosure of speculative eyes. The price was controlled by two influences at various times—sales for profit and covering by shorts. May opened ⅝c over yesterday at 38¼@38⅜c. Then the excitement began. Longs who had gathered in the sheaves months ago came into the pit and reaped their reward—or as much of it as they deemed it advisable to take at present. It was estimated that many hundreds of thousands of dollars were taken out of sales today. Meanwhile May was shooting down from first figures to 37¼c, a drop of 1@1¼c from the opening. At the decline the excitement abated to a degree and shorts, who had waited to avoid covering on the bulge, began to protect themselves against another ascent. Under this influence and with the light country offerings and higher cables in mind, May recovered gradually to 37¾@38c. Later the market reacted to 37½c, where it steadied and closed, ⅝@⅞c under yesterday. Liverpool was up 1d for spot and 1@1¼d for futures. Primary receipts were 777,000 bushels, compared with 823,000 a year ago. Atlantic port clearances were 534,000 bushels. Local receipts were 684 cars, 186 cars under the estimate. New York reported 21 loads taken for export. Cash sales from here were put at 40,000 bushels and Philadelphia reported foreigners bidding at the advance. The statistical situation remained practically unchanged.

The wheat market was quiet and rather heavy, subordinate to corn all day. May opened ⅛c over yesterday at 66⅝@66¾c, influenced by higher cables from Liverpool and from Paris, and with the corn strength. The break in corn, lower late cables and the heavy northwest receipts, together with profit-taking by traders, caused a reaction, following the opening. May declined from 66½c, which the market touched shortly after the opening, to 65¾@65⅞c. The close was heavy, May ⅜@½c lower at 65⅞c. The cash business was encouraging, 300,000 bushels being sold from here direct to Liverpool, while New York reported 19 loads taken for export. Atlantic port clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 177,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 689,000 bushels, against 635,000 last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 952 cars, against 867 last week and 685 a year ago. Local receipts were 83 cars, 1 of contract grade.

The oats market furnished the unusual spectacle—for late in the day—of activity and strength early, influenced by wheat and corn. The exhibition was of short duration, however, and with the break in corn the market declined and the windup was rather weak. Local receipts were 528 cars. May ranged from 24c to 23¾@23⅞c and closed ⅛@¼c under yesterday at 23¾@23⅞c.

The experience in provisions was much similar to that in corn—considerable profit-taking on the hand and covering by shorts on the other. It was a fairly active market, apparently inclined toward easiness. May pork ranged from $11.12½ down to $10.95 and closed 10c under yesterday at $11; May lard from $6.07½ to $6.02½, closing 2½c lower at $6.02½, and May ribs from $6.05 to $6, with the close 2½@5c depressed at $6.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 40 cars; corn, 410 cars; oats, 200 cars; hogs, 13,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
Mch.	.....	.....	.....	65	65⅝
May	66⅝@66¾	66½@65⅞	65⅞	65⅞	66⅛@66¼
July	67⅛@67⅜	67⅜@66⅞	66⅞@67	67	67⅛@67⅜
*Corn—					
Mch.	.....	.....	.....	36	36½
May	38⅜	38⅜	37¼	37½	37⅞@38
July	38⅝	38⅝	37⅝	37⅝@37⅞	38⅛
Sept.	38⅝@38⅞	38⅝	38	38⅛	38½
*Oats—					
May	24	24	23¾@23⅞	23⅞@23⅞	24
July	23	23	22¾	22¾@22⅞	23
*Pork—					
May	11 07½	11 12½	10 95	11 00	11 10
July	11 00	11 10	10 92½	10 97½	11 10
*Lard—					
May	6 05	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½	6 05½
July	6 15	6 17½	6 12½	6 12½	6 12½
*Ribs—					
May	6 00	6 05	6 00	6 00	6 05
July	6 05	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½	6 07½

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady: winter patents, $3.40@3.60; straights, $2.90@3.30; clears, $2.70@3.00; spring specials, $3.80; patents, $3.60@3.45; straights, $3.20@3.40; bakers, $2.00@2.40.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 66@67½c; No. 3 spring, 61¼@64c; No. 2 red, 68¼@68¾c.

CORN—No. 2, 36½c; No. 2 yellow, 36½@36¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 23½@24c; No. 2 white, 26¼@27c; No. 3 white, 25¾@26¾c.

RYE—No. 2, 56½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 37@41c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 and northwest, $1.60. Prime timothy, $2.40@2.50. Clover, contract grade, $9.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl, $10.10@11.05. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5.80@6.92½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.85@6.10. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $6.25@6.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $6.15@6.30.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, on basis of high wines, per gal., $1.24.

SUGARS—Cut loaf, $6.06; granulated, $5.49. Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipm'ts.
Flour, bbls.	12,000	8,000
Wheat, bu.	31,000	102,000
Corn, bu.	412,000	158,000
Oats, bu.	486,000	225,000
Rye, bu.	14,000	10,000
Barley, bu.	128,000	21,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was weak; creameries, 19@21c; dairies, 16@22c. Cheese, firm at 12@13c. Eggs, easy; fresh, 13c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations for the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, March 13.—FLOUR—Receipts, 24,150 bbls.; exports, 7,700 bbls.; quiet; the trade is filled up with spring patents and refuses to meet the extreme views of holders of winter straights, so that trade keeps quiet; winter patents, $3.65@3.80; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $3.70@3.90; winter extras, $2.00@2.60; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.00; winter low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour, dull; fair to good, $3.10@3.20; choice to fancy, $3.20@3.60. Buckwheat flour, steady at $1.50@1.75.

BUCKWHEAT—Dull at 56½c, c. i. f., New York.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, 85c; city, 83c.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 63½c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 58@59c, c. i. f., New York, car lots.

BARLEY—Quiet; feeding, 43@44c. New York; malting, 49@54c, New York.

BARLEY MALT—Dull; western, 55@65c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 58,400 bu.; exports, 15,824 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 76¾c, elevator; No. 2 red, 78¾c, f. o. b., afloat, in store; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 78¾c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80c, f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options opened firmer on a demand from shorts, but, meeting heavy offers to sell on the bulge for profit taking account, fell off rapidly. This condition lasted pretty much all day, influenced by big northwest receipts, warm weather west and a sharp drop in corn. Closed weak at ⅛@1½c decline. March, 76⅝@77⅜c, closed at 76⅝c; May, 72¾@73 9-16c, closed at 72¾c; July, 72⅝@72 5-16c, closed at 72⅝c; September, 72⅝@72⅞c, closed at 72⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 82,875 bu.; exports, 19,994 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 44½c, f. o. b., afloat; and 44¾c, elevator. Options opened stronger on a general demand from shorts. At the advance, however, heavy profit taking occurred and prices dropped off rapidly, rilling unsettled and weak all day. Closed weak at ¾c net decline. May, 42⅝@43⅜c, closed at 42⅝c; July, 42¾@43⅜c, closed at 42⅞c.

OATS—Receipts, 19,400 bu.; exports, 75 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2, 28½c; No. 3, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31½c; track mixed western, 29@30½c; track white, 31½@35c. Options, dull and easy.

HAY—Firm; shipping, 65@70c; good to choice, 80@87½c.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1896 crop, 6c; 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@15c; Pacific coast 1896 crop, 4@6c, 1898 crop, 7@9c; 1899 crop, 12@15c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 19½c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 18½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 23@25½c; acid, 23@25½c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 25@28c; Texas, 15@18c.

COAL—Steady.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $11.00@13.00; mess, $10.00@10.75; beef hams, $20.00@22.00; packet, $11.00@11.75; city extra India mess, $18.00@20.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $6.37½@7.50; pickled shoulders, $6.00@6.25; pickled hams, $9.00@10.50. Lard, firm; western steam, $6.30; March closed, $6.22½, nominal; refined, firmer; continent, $6.85; South American, $8.00; compound, $6.12½. Pork, quiet; short clear, $12.00@13.25; mess, $11.00@11.50. Tallow, easy; city, 5 5-16c; country, 5¼@5½c.

BUTTER—Firm; imitation creamery, 15@22c; fancy western creamery, 26c; fancy western prints, 27c.

EGGS—Firm and 1½@1¾c higher; fresh nearby and western, 16½@16¾c; fresh southwestern, 16½c; fresh southern, 15½@16c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 2,374 pkgs.; strong; fancy large, white and colored, 13@13¼c; fancy small, white, 13@13¼c; fancy small, colored, 13¼@13½c; choice grades, 12@12¾c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 4¾@6½c; Japan, 4¾@6c.

MOLASSES—Quiet; New Orleans open kettle, good to choice, 44@53c.

PEANUTS—Steady; fancy handpicked, 4@4½c; other domestic, 3¾@4c.

FREIGHTS—To Liverpool, quiet; cotton by steam, 32c; grain by steam, 3½d.

METALS—Business continues very slack in the market for metals. There was a decided decline in the price of tin, dropping from $34.60, quoted yesterday, to $32.25@32.75, closing weak at those figures in sympathy with a 6d decline in that metal at London. Pig iron warrants were very dull; lake copper, unchanged at $16.25, nominal; lead, $4.70@4.75, closing steady, and spelter eased off 2½ points, closing easy, with prices $4.62 bid and $4.67½ asked. The brokers' price for lead was $4.45 and for copper $16.50.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts increasing; fresh stock, 10c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Choice to fancy turkeys, 8@9c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 8@9c; spring chickens, 7@7½c; hens, 7@7½c; roosters, 4@5c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6@6½c; spring chickens, 6@6½c; young, staggy and old roosters, 3@5c; ducks, 7½@8c; geese, 7½@8c; turkeys, 7½@8c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 16½c; choice, 17@18c; separator, 25c; gathered creamery, 22@23c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEALS—Choice, 9@10c.

OYSTERS—Medium, per can, 18c; standard, per can, 22c; bulk standard, per gal., $1.25; extra selects, per can, 30c; extra selects, per gal., $1.60@1.75; New York counts, per can, 37c; New York counts, per 100, $1.25.

FISH—Herring, per lb., 5c; round perch, 5c; sun, 5c; cod, 6c; haddock, 6c; blue pike, 7c; dressed and dressed perch, 6c; pickerel, 6c; medium dressed trout, 7½c; cropple, 7½c; pickerel, 7½c; finnan haddies, 7½c; white fish, 9c; yellow pike, dressed, 9c; small trout, dressed, 9c; red snapper, 9c; smelts, 9c; smoked white fish, 9c.

HAY—Per carload lots: Upland, choice, $6; midland, choice, $5.50; lowland, choice, $5; rye straw, choice, $4.50; No. 3 corn, 27½c; No. 3 white oats, 22½c; cracked corn, per ton, $12; corn and oats chopped, per ton, $12.50; bran, per ton, $12.50; shorts, per ton, $13.50.

VEGETABLES.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 20c.

NEW TURNIPS—Per doz. bunches, 60c.

SPINACH—Per box, $1.

NEW BEETS—Per doz. bunches, 40@50c.

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

RADISHES—Per doz. bunches, 35c.

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

POTATOES—Per bu., choice, 30@40c.

CABBAGE—Holland seed, 2¼@2½c.

CAULIFLOWER — California, per crate, $2.50@2.75.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; California, per bunch, 40@75c.

TURNIPS—Rutabagas, per lb., 1¼c.

TOMATOES — Florida, per six-basket crate, $3.50.

MUSHROOMS—Per lb. box, 50c.

RHUBARB—Per doz., 60@75c.

ONIONS—Retail, yellow, 75c; red, 85@90c; Ohios, per bbl., $2.25.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Choice western shipping stock, $4.50; New York stock, $4.50; fancy, $4.75.

GRAPES—Malaga, per bbl., $7.00@9.00.

CRANBERRIES—Jerseys, per bbl., $10.50; per crate, $3.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California, fancy navels, per box, $3.25@3.50; choice navels, $2.75@3.00; California seedlings, per box, $2.50@2.75.

LEMONS—California, choice, per box, $3; fancy, $3.50; Messinas, choice, per box, $3.50; fancy, $4.

BANANAS—Per bunch, medium, $1.75@2.00; fancy, $2.00@2.25.

HIDES.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 7c; No. 2 green hides, 6c; No. 1 salted hides, 8c; No. 2 salted hides, 7c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 9c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 8c.

MISCELLANEOUS

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $3.50.

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

CHANGES IN AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

Conditions Indicated in Special Cable and Telegraphic Dispatches.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Special cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's indicate the following changes in available supplies last week:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, decrease, 1,635,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 1,500,000 bu.; total supply, decrease, 135,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 2,700,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rocky mountains, increase, 428,000 bu.

Among the important increases reported are those of 295,000 bu. at Manitoba storage points, 111,000 at Milwaukee private elevators and 11,000 at Chattanooga.

The principal decreases are those of 1,200,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 237,000 at Chicago private elevators, 149,000 at Portland, Me., and 132,000 at Newport News.

The aggregate stock of wheat held at Portland, Me., and Tacoma and Seattle, Wash., decreased 129,000 bu. last week.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 70¾c; track, 73@75½c; March, 70c; May, 69¾c; July, 66¼@66½c. No. 3 red, 65@66c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 36c; track, 37c; March, 35¾c; May, 36¼c; July, 36⅝c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 24¼c; track, 24¾c; March, 24¾c; May, 24½c; No. 2 white, 26½c.

RYE—Steady at 56c.

FLOUR—Firm; patents, $3.50@3.60; extra fancy, $3.15@3.20; clear, $2.70@3.00.

SEEDS—Timothy, easy; ordinary, $2.15@2.25; prime worth more. Flax, nominal at $1.57.

CORNMEAL—Higher at $1.35@2.00.

BRAN—Firm, sacked lots, east track, 68@70c.

HAY — Timothy, steady at $9.50@12.50; prairie, firm at $8.75.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.24½.

COTTONTIES—$1.25.

BAGGING—6¾@7¾c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork: Firm; jobbing, old, $10.50; new, $11.25. Lard: Firm; prime steam, $5.70; choice, $5.75. Dry salt meats (boxed) steady; extra shorts, $6.12½; clear ribs, $6.25; clear sides, $6.37½. Bacon (boxed), quiet; extra shorts, $6.62½; clear ribs, $6.75; clear sides, $6.87½.

METALS—Lead: Firm at $4.57½@4.60. Spelter: Lower at $4.45.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 6@7½c; turkeys, 7@8c; ducks, 9c; geese, 5½@6c.

EGGS—Higher at 13c.

BUTTER—Easier; creamery, 20@24½c; dairy, 16@20c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 4,000 bbls.; wheat, 18,000 bu.; corn, 76,000 bu.; oats, 37,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 7,000 bbls.; wheat, 34,000 bu.; corn, 107,000 bu.; oats, 26,000 bu.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, March 13.—WHEAT—May, 62⅝c; cash, No. 2 hard, 64c; No. 2 red, 66@68½c; No. 2 red, 70c; No. 3, 65@66c.

CORN—May, 34c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 34¼@34½c; No. 2 white, 35c; No. 3, 34½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 25c.

RYE—No. 2, 55c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $10.00@10.50; choice prairie, $7.25@7.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 20@22c; dairy, 19c.

EGGS—The demand is unequal to the liberal supplies now arriving and the tone is weak; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 10½c, cases returned; new white cases included, 11c.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 14,400 bu.; corn, 10,400 bu.; oats 11,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 27,000 bu.; corn, 37,700 bu.; oats, 5,000 bu.

Duluth Wheat Market.

DULUTH, March 13. — WHEAT — No. 1 hard, cash, 67¾c; May, 67½c; No. 1 northern, cash, 66¼c; May, 66c; July, 66⅝c; No. 2 northern, 62½c; No. 3 spring, 59c.

OATS—23½@24c.

CORN—35½c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, March 13. — WHEAT — Steady; No. 1 northern, 66½@67c; No. 2 northern, 64½@65c.

RYE—Firm; No. 1, 58½c.

BARLEY—Steady; No. 2, 43c; sample, 37@42c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, March 13.—CORN—Higher; No. 2, 36½c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 24½@25c.

WHISKY—Firm, on the basis of $1.24½ for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat and Flour.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 13.—WHEAT—In store: No. 1 northern, March, 64¾c; May, 63⅞@64c; July, 65c. On track: No. 1 hard, 66¼c; No. 1 northern, 64¾c; No. 2 northern, 66¼c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, March 13.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 2d. Futures, quiet; March, 5s 10d; May, 5s 9¼d; July, 5s 8¾d.

CORN—Spot, American mixed, new, firm at 3s 11½d; American mixed, old, firm at 3s 11½d. Futures, easy; May, 3s 10¾d; July, 3s 10½d.

PROVISIONS — Beef, extra India mess, firm at 78s 9d; prime mess, 72s 6d. Lard, American refined, in pails, steady at 33s; prime western, in tierces, firm at 31s. Hams, short cut, firm at 48s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, firm at 38s 6d; clear bellies, steady at 37s 6d.

Close: Wheat, firm. Corn, firm.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Stock Market Shows Plainly Effects of Reduction of the Short Interest.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The stock market today showed very plainly the effects of the reduction of the short interest, which accompanied yesterday's sharp advance in prices. While yesterday's covering movement was in part the cause of the sharp advance it was also the result of substantial buying, which was attributed to large financial interests. This buying was not in evidence today. London also was disposed to take profits on the news of the arrival of the British forces before Bloemfontein.

But notwithstanding the lack of aggressive strength in the market the bears showed themselves timid about making fresh ventures. There was some pressure against the bull at times, especially Metropolitan, Sugar, Peoples Gas, Steel Hoop and the New York City stocks generally. Missouri Pacific suffered from disappointment over the showing made in the annual statement and Rubber was raided down an extreme 3½ points. These and other declines were largely recovered before the close and in the final transactions a sharp marking up of prices showed that the shorts among the traders were having difficulty in getting back the stock they had sold earlier in the day.

Offerings of stocks on all recessions were in fact extremely light and there were evidences of strength which acted as sustaining factors for the whole market, notably Third Avenue, the Atchison stocks, New York Central and Norfolk & Western preferred. It was the made manifest that while the market waits on developments in the money market for a rise holders of stocks are not prepared to make concessions to sell. Call money did not command above 6 per cent and fell to 3 per cent, but this was probably due to the cessation of the stock market demand as much as to any new supply of funds. The losses by the banks to the subtreasury since last Friday already foot up $3,284,000, which is more than half the remaining surplus over the legal requirement held by the banks. It is evident therefore that relief from the operation of the currency law must come quickly if it is to prevent a pinch in the money market.

A feeling of assurance was caused by an intimation from Washington that the first payments on account of bond premiums in the refunding operation will be made from the subtreasuries and not from the government deposits in national banks. The money market is expected to show relief from this source more quickly than from the putting out of new circulation. A striking feature of the day's events was the sharp break in sterling exchange, demand sterling yielding ¾ and cables ½c in the pound. Considering the advance in London discounts the selling of stocks for London account was reported and the large subscriptions in New York to the British loan, the course of sterling was the more remarkable. The explanation may be found in the statement of merchandise exports from New York for the week, which were valued at $15,243,969, against $13,570,162 in the preceding week and $9,878,229 in the corresponding period of last year. The movement of cotton and the high price prevailing are the principal causes of the high export figures.

Bonds continued in good demand and prices were firmly held. Total sales, par value, $3,435,000. United States 2s declined ¼ and 4s ¼ in the bid price.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: The markets here were strong in general at the start on the news that General French was at Bloemfontein and business was distressingly meagre and fell off all around, operators talking of the war and not dealing. A private dispatch received by a broker from Mafeking saying, "All right here. How are markets?" replied, "All starving here. How is Mafeking?"

The war loan still absorbs attention. It is reported that £6,000,000 on application has already been deposited, equivalent to a subscription of £300,000,000. J. P. Morgan & Co. are still lodging heavy applications. The premium has been 2¾, closing at 2¼. Allottment letters are dealt in at ¼ discount on the premiums. Consols were 101⅝, closing unchanged. Americans began firm, but sagged slightly, falling support on either side of the ocean. The bank bought £235,000 gold in bars and received £100,000 from Holland. The bank has withdrawn its buying price for eagles and is now in complete control of the money market. There were large renewals today; also large fresh loans and discounts.

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

Atchison	23⅝	Texas & Pac	16¾
do pfd	63⅝	Union Pacific	59¼
Baltimore & O	63⅝	do pfd	74¼
Can. Pacific	95	Wabash	6⅝
Can. Southern	49¼	do pfd	20¼
Ches. & Ohio	24⅝	W. & L. E.	10
Chicago, Gt. W.	13½	do 2d pfd	27
C., B. & Q.	124⅝	Wis. Central	17
Chicago, R. & I.	71½	Adams Ex	115
do pfd	83	American Ex	142
Chicago & E. I.	96	United States Ex	45
Chicago & N. W.	162⅝	Wells Fargo Ex	122
C., R. I. & P.	106⅝	A. Cot. Oil	33
C., C., C. & St. L.	78¾	do pfd	93½
Colo. Southern	6⅝	Am. Malting	1
do 1st pfd	42	do pfd	24½
do 2d pfd	17¼	Am. S. & R.	30¼
Del. & Hudson	115	do pfd	91
D., L. & W.	180	Am. Spirits	2
Den. & R. G.	19⅞	do pfd	17
do pfd	71⅝	Amber St. H.	36
Erie	12⅝	do pfd	83½
do 1st pfd	37⅝	Am. S. & W.	56¼
Gt. Nor. pfd	157½	do pfd	91¼
Hocking Coal	15½	Am. Tin Plate	24
Hocking Valley	32	do pfd	93
Illinois Central	113	Am. Tobacco	109¾
Iowa Central	14	do pfd	135
do pfd	49	An. Min. Co	49
*K. C. P. & G.	12	Brk. Rap. Tr.	69⅞
L. E. & W.	20¼	Colo. F. & I.	44¼
do pfd	85	Con. Tobacco	23¾
Lake Shore	194	do pfd	84¾
Louis. & Nash.	82	Federal Steel	50⅝
Man. L.	95½	do pfd	74⅛
Met. St. Ry.	164⅝	Gen. Electric	125
Mex. Central	12½	Glucose Sugar	52
Minn. & St. L.	60½	do pfd	98
do pfd	92	Int'n'l Paper	18½
Mo. Pacific	46	do pfd	63¼
Mobile & Ohio	44	Laclede Gas	74½
M., K. & T.	19½	Nat. Biscuit	35½
do pfd	32½	do pfd	92
N. J. Central	116	National Lead	24¼
N. Y. Central	134⅞	do pfd	104½
Nor. & West	32⅝	National Steel	45¼
do pfd	76⅞	do pfd	94¾
No. Pacific	53½	N. Y. Air Brake	138¼
do pfd	74¼	No. American	14⅞
Ontario & W.	23½	Pacific Coast	50½
O. R. & N.	42	do 1st pfd	83
do pfd	76	do 2d pfd	60
Pennsylvania	135	Pacific Mail	38
Reading	17¼	People's Gas	98
do 1st pfd	58	Pressed S. C.	52⅝
do 2d pfd	29	do pfd	84½
Rio G. W.	23½	Pul. Pal. Car	183½
do pfd	90	S. R. & T.	6½
St. L. & S. F.	10½	Sugar	124⅝
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	107¼
do 2d pfd	34½	Tenn. C. & I.	34¾
St. L. S. W.	11	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do pfd	24½	do pfd	72½
St. Paul	127⅞	U. S. Rubber	29½
do pfd	172½	do pfd	94¼
St. S. & O.	17½	Western Union	81¼
So. Pacific	35¼	Republic I. & S.	22⅝
So. Railway	13⅝	do pfd	67
do pfd	58⅝	P. C. C. & S. L.	67

*First assessment paid.

Boston Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, March 13.—Call loans, 3½@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A., T. & S. F.	23⅝	West End	93½
do pfd	68⅝	West. Elec.	42½
Am. Sugar	124¼	Wis. Central	17
do pfd	109	Atchison 4s	82½
Bell Tel.	314	N. E. G. & C. 5s	79
Boston & A.	239	Adventure	4½
Boston Ele.	118	Allouez M. Co.	2½
Boston & Me.	193	Amal. Copper	94¼
C., B. & Q.	124⅝	Atlantic	27
Dom. Coal	43½	Boston & Mont.	394
Federal Steel	50¼	Butte & Boston	61
do pfd	73	Cal. & Hecla	740
Fitchburg pfd	139	Centennial	18
Gen. Electric	126½	Franklin	15
do pfd	137	Osceola	95
Ed. Elec. Ill.	205	Parrot	44¾
Mex. Central	12¼	Quincy	134
N. E. G. & C.	18	Santa Fe Cop.	5¾
Old Colony	207	Tamarack	188
Old Dominion	18½	Utah Min.	29½
Rubber	27½	Winona	2½
Union Pacific	40⅝	Wolverines	41
Union Land	2		

Bank Clearings.

CHICAGO, March 13.—Clearings, $21,701,736; balances, $2,155,916. Posted exchange, $4.83½@4.87. New York exchange, 35c discount.

PHILADELPHIA, March 13. — Clearings, $16,395,298; balances, $1,943,993.

ST. LOUIS, March 13.—Clearings, $5,990,838; balances, $711,802. Money, 3@7 per cent. New York exchange, 25c premium bid, 35c premium asked.

BALTIMORE, March 13. — Clearings, $3,549,556; balances, $317,470.

NEW YORK, March 13.—Clearings, $194,381,674; balances, $9,423,021.

BOSTON, March 13.—Clearings, $21,437,833; balances, $1,445,821.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, March 13.—MONEY—On call, firm at 3@6 per cent; last loan, at 3 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4¾@6½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾ for demand and $4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¾@4.82.

SILVER — Certificates, 60¼@61¼c; bar, 59¾c; Mexican dollars, 47¾c.

BONDS—Government, weak; state, inactive; railroad, firm.

The following are the closing quotations on bonds:

U. S. 2s, reg.	102	N. Y. C. 1s	110
do 3s, reg.	111½	N. J. C. g. 5s	123¾
do coupon	111½	Nor. Carolina 6s	127
do new 4s reg.	136½	do 4s	106
do new 4s coup.	139¼	Nor. Pac. 3s	65⅞
old 4s, reg.	111	do 4s	104¾
do coupon	113	N Y C & St L 4s	106
do 5s reg.	110½	Nor. & W. c. 4s	95½
do 5s coup.	110½	do gen. 6s	130
D. of C. 3s, 65s	110	Ore. Nav. 1s	108
Arch. gen. 4s	101½	do 4s	102¾
do, mtl. 4s	92⅝	O. S. L. 6s	128
Can. So. 2s	106⅞	do con. 5s	114
Ches. & O. 4½s	97½	Reading gen. 4s	80¼
do 5s	118¾	R. G. W. 1s	98¼
C. & N. W. c. 7s	142	St L & I M c 5s	111¾
do S. F. d. 5s	121	St L. & S F g 6s	120
Chicago Ter. 4s	101¾	St. Paul con.	168
D. & R. G. 1s	107¾	St. P. C. & P. 1s	119½
do 4s	95⅞	do 5s	121
E. T., V. & G. 1s	109¾	So. Rail way 5s	110
Erie gen. 4s	71¾	S. R. & T. 6s	74
F. W. & D. C. 1s	70	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95
Gen. Electric 5s	116½	Tex. & Pacific 1s	114
G. H. & S. A. 6s	108	do 2s	69
do 2s	107¾	Union Pacific 4s	105¾
H. & T. C. 5s	110½	Wabash 1s	117
do con. 6s	110	do 2s	100
Iowa Central 1s	114	West Shore 4s	113½
K. C. P. & G. 1s	71½	Wis. Cent. 1s	90⅞
La. new con. 4s	98	Va. Centuries	88½
L. & N. uni. 4s	99	Va. deferred	5
M., K. & T. 2s	66¼	Col. So. 4s	83
do 4s	91¾	So. Pacific 4s	83

New York Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 13.—The following are the official closing quotations for mining shares:

Chollar	22	Ontario	825
Crown Point	12	Ophir	70
Con. Cal & Va.	145	Plymouth	12
Deadwood	60	Quicksilver	150
Gould & Curry	18	do pfd	750
Hale & Norcross	26	Sierra Nevada	65
Homestake	5000	Standard	295
Iron Silver	68	Union Con.	19
Mexican	27	Yellow Jacket	14

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, March 13.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	101⅛	Pennsylvania	69⅝
do account	101⅜	Reading	9⅛
Can. Pacific	90	No. Pacific pfd.	76½
Erie	13⅛	Wabash	21½
do 1st pfd	39¼	Louisville	84½
Illinois Central	116½	Grand Trunk	8⅝
U. P. pfd.	76½	Anaconda	10⅛
St. Paul, com.	127⅝	Rand Mines	3⅞
N. Y. Central	137¼		

BAR SILVER—Steady at 27 9-16d per ounce.

MONEY—3½@4 per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¾ per cent and for three-months' bills 4@4¼ per cent.

Imports and Exports.

WASHINGTON, March 13.—The monthly report of the imports and exports of the United States for February last shows: Merchandise, imports, $68,774,150, of which nearly $31,000,000 was free of duty. The increase for the month as compared with February, 1899, was $8,500,000; exports, $119,765,762, increase about $26,000,000.

Gold imports, $1,890,378, decrease $3,300,000; exports, $1,493,658, increase $823,000. Silver imports, $2,780,095, increase $1,400,000; exports, $4,952,811, increase $623,000.

During the last eight months there was an increase in the imports of merchandise of $127,867,784, as compared with the corresponding period last year, an increase of $76,439,820 in the exports of merchandise; a decrease in the imports of gold of $45,268,; and an increase of $12,628,860 in the exports of gold. The imports of silver show an increase of $573,662 and the exports of silver a decrease of $3,005,355.

Wool Market.

LONDON, March 13.—The offerings at the wool sales today amounted to 9,359 bales. Merinos brought out active competition between continental and American buyers, who secured the bulk, a small portion going to the home trade. Crossbreds were in active demand for