COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Inactivity Marks Day's Session of Board of Trade.

TRADING IN WHEAT IS MOSTLY LOCAL

Wheat Opens Weak, but Makes Up on Report of Decline of Visible Supply—Corn Bearish—Provisions Steady.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Inactivity marked today's session of the Board of Trade and influenced by lower cables. September wheat closed ¼c lower, September corn closed ½c lower, oats were ¼c lower, but provisions were strong, closing from 5@7½c to 22½c higher.

Heavy receipts in the northwest, together with lower cables, caused a weak opening in the wheat pit. The early loss, however, was more than recovered later on a decrease in the visible supply of 1,151,000 bu. and on heavy seaboard clearances. Trading was mostly for local account. September opened ⅛@⅜c lower and ⅝@¾c lower at 70⅝c to 71c. On commission house selling the price declined to 70⅝c, but rallied later on covering by local shorts to 71½c. The close was ¾c lower at 71⅛@71¼c. Toward the close there was considerable changing from December to September. Wordoff's shipments were 11,343,000 bu., compared with 10,728,000 bu. last week, and the amount on passage increased 664,000 bu., compared with an increase last week of 1,672,000 bu. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 1,851,000 bu. and thirty-one boatloads were reported taken for export. Primary receipts were 1,124,000 bu., against 1,731,000 bu. last year. Receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth were reported as 652 cars, compared with 386 cars last week and 491 cars a year ago. Local receipts were 185 cars, eleven of contract grade.

Heavy rains east of the Mississippi river caused a weak opening in corn. Speculative operations were small and traders appeared to be waiting for developments of relations with supply and demand. The weakness in wheat was one of the causes for the bearishness in corn. September sold between 57⅝c and 58⅛c and closed ¼c lower at 58⅛c. Receipts were 224 cars, with seventeen cars of contract grade.

Oats opened steady to ¼c higher and with corn there was a rapid decline from the top. Trading was light throughout the day and the one bear influence was the weakness in corn. On the decline there was considerable realizing by outsiders, while the buying was scattered, mostly for local account. September ranged between 35⅝c and 36c, closing ¼c lower at 35⅞c. Receipts were 364 cars.

Provisions were steadier on higher prices for hogs. On good buying by packing houses the market became strong. Trading was light on the whole. January pork closed with a gain of 22½c, after selling between $15.30 and $15.52½, final figures being at the top. Lard, September, between $7.87½ and $8.02½, closing at $8.02½@8.05. Ribs ranged between $7.97½ and $8.10, closing 10@15c higher at the top.

Estimated receipts tomorrow: Wheat, 375 cars; corn, 325 cars; oats, 585 cars; hogs, 18,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Sat'y.
*Wheat—					
Sept.	70⅝@71	71½	70⅝	71⅛@¼	71¼@⅜
Dec.	73½	73⅝@74	72⅞	73½@¾	73⅞
May	76½@¾	77¼	76⅝	77⅛	77⅜
*Corn—					
Sept.	57⅝@58	58⅛	57⅝	58⅛	58⅜
Dec.	59⅝@59¾	60⅜	59⅝	60⅛@⅜	60⅜
May	61⅞@⅞	63⅜	61⅞	62⅝	62⅝@63
*Oats—					
Sept.	35⅝@⅞	36	35⅝	35⅞	36
Dec.	36⅞@37	37⅛@¼	36⅞	37⅛	37⅛
May	39 @⅛	39⅜@¼	39	39⅛	39⅛@⅜
Pork—					
Sept.	14 10	14 45	14 10	14 45	14 07½
Oct.	14 40	14 57½	14 35	14 55	.....
Jan.	15 50	15 72½	15 50	15 72½	15 50
Lard—					
Sept.	8 85	8 95	8 85	8 95	8 8[illegible]
Oct.	8 95	9 05	8 95	9 02½	8 92½
Jan.	8 87½	8 95	8 87½	8 92½	8 87½
Ribs—					
Sept.	8 20	8 22½	8 20	8 22½	8 20
Oct.	8 30	8 45	8 30	8 45	8 30
Jan.	7 97½	8 10	7 97½	8 10	8 00

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Dull; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.20@3.30; clears, $2.70@3.10; spring specials, $4.20@4.30; patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $2.80@3.20; bakers', $2.20@2.65.

WHEAT—No. 3 spring, 69@70½c; No. 2 red, 71½c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 58@58⅛c.

OATS—No. 2, 36⅛@37c; No. 2 white, 38⅛@39c; No. 3 white, 38⅛@39c.

RYE—No. 2, 58c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 60@63c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.61; No. 1 northwestern, $1.64@1.64½; prime timothy, $5.25; clover, contract grade, $10.00@10.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $14.45@14.50. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.92½@8.95. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.15@8.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.25@7.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.70@8.80.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.29.

SUGAR—Cut loaf, 6c; granulated, 5.52c; confectioners' A, 5.39c; off A, 5.24c.

Following are the receipts and shipments for today:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	20,000	21,000
Wheat, bu	237,000	176,000
Corn, bu	154,000	171,000
Oats, bu	372,000	362,000
Rye, bu	14,000	2,000
Barley, bu	29,000	15,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was steady; creameries, 14@18c; dairies, 13@18c. Cheese, steady, 5¾@10½c. Eggs, easy, 14½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—FLOUR—Receipts, 19,411 bbls.; exports, 16,329 bbls.; dull and about steady; winter patents, $3.60@4.10; winter straights, $3.35@3.50; winter extras, $2.90@2.80; winter low grades, $2.30@2.40; Minnesota patents, $3.85@4.15; Minnesota bakers, $2.85@3.15. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $2.75@3.15; choice to fancy, $3.15@3.50.

CORNMEAL — Dull; yellow western, $1.25; city, $1.22; Brandywine, $3.30@3.50.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 63c, f. o. b. afloat; state, 55@56c, c. i. f., New York carlots.

BARLEY—Steady and dull, feeding, 52c, c. i. f., Buffalo; malting, 60@65c, c. i. f., Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 109,300 bushels; exports, 368,451 bushels; spot quiet; No. 2 red, 78⅝c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 76½c, elevator; No. 1 northern Duluth, 79⅝c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 88c, f. o. b. afloat. Options started out weak and heavy, following cables, foreign selling, bearish European statistics and liquidation. Rallied by enormous clearances, the afternoon market recovered, helped also by a visible supply decrease and active covering; closed steady at ⅛@¼c net decline; September, 76⅛@77 3-16c, closed 76⅞c; October, 76⅛@77⅛c, closed 76⅞c; December, 78 3-16@78⅛c, closed 78⅞c.

CORN—Receipts, 37,300 bushels; exports, 13,342 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 62¾c elevator and 63¼c f. o. b. afloat; option market was weak and lower at first with wheat, cables and rains west, but eventually rallied on covering and the late strength of wheat, closing about steady at ⅛@¼c net decline; September, 62⅛@62¼c, closed 62¼c; December, 63¼@63⅛c, closed 63⅛c.

OATS—Receipts, 121,500 bushels; exports, 120 bushels; spot steady; No. 2, 40c; No. 3, 39c; No. 2 white, 43@43½c; No. 3 white, 42½c; track mixed western, 39@41c; track white, 41@48c. Options quiet and irregular with corn.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 72½@75c; good to choice, 90@95c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1900 crop, 13@17c; 1899 crop, 10@13c; old, 7@8c; Pacific coast, 1900 crop, 13@17½c; 1899 crop, 11@15c; old, 2@6c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19½c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 14½c.

LEATHER—Steady; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavyweights, 23½@24½c; acid, 23½@24½c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $11.50@12.00; mess, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $20.50@22.00; packet, $10.00@10.50; city extra, India mess, $16.00@18.00. Cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, 8⅝@10½c; pickled shoulders, 7@7½c; pickled hams, 11c. Lard, firm; western steamed, $8.25; refined, firmer; continent, $8.25. S. A., $10.00; compound, $7.12½@7.25. Pork, steady; family, $16.25@16.75; short clear, $16.25@17.50; mess, $15.50@16.50.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,447 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 14@18c; creamery, 16@20½c; June packed factory, 14½@15½c; imitation creamery, 14@17½c.

CHEESE — Receipts, 11,864 pkgs.; quiet; fancy large colored, 9⅝@9½c; fancy large white, 9⅝@9⅝c; fancy small colored, 9⅝c; fancy small white, 9½c.

EGGS — Receipts, 5,979 pkgs.; market strong; state and Pennsylvania, 17@19c; western uncandled, 10@16½c; western candled, 16@17½c.

MOLASSES—Quiet.

POULTRY—Firm; alive, springers, 11@14c; turkeys, 10c; dressed, firmer on fowls and better on spring chickens; springers, 10@14c; fowls, 10@9c.

METALS—Features of importance were lacking in local metals circles today. Information from abroad furnished but little in the way of buying or selling motive, as prices at London were unchanged from Friday's close, being quoted at £115 5s for spot and £111 10s for futures. Here after a dull day the market closed at $6.65 for spot. Copper in London advanced 15s to £66 15s for spot and £67 2s 6d for futures. Locally the market was nominally unchanged at 16½c to 17c for Lake Superior and 16⅝@16¾c for casting and electrolytic. Lead was dull and unchanged here at $4.37½, while prices at London declined 1s 3d, closing at £11 10s. Spelter at New York was 2½ points better today in sympathy with a similar advance in London, the close being firm here at $5.92½@5.97½ and at £17 2s 6d in London for spot. Iron was again dull and nominally unchanged at $19@19 for pigiron warrants; northern foundry, $15.00@15.50; No. 2 southern, $14.00@14.50; No. 1 foundry southern, $14.75@15.25; No. 2 foundry southern soft, $14.75@15.25. Glasgow warrants closed at 54s 4d and Middlesborough at 46s 3d.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Receipts fair; loss off, 12½@13c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 6½c; young and old roosters, 5c; turkeys, 6@8c; ducks and geese, 5@6c; spring chickens, per lb., 12@12½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 12@12½c; choice dairy, in tubs 15@16c; separator, [illegible]

FRESH FISH—Black bass, 18c; white bass, 10c; bluefish, 16c; bullheads, 10c; blue fins, 7c; buffaloes, 6½c; catfish, 12c; cod, 9c; crappies, 10c; cisco[illegible], 5c; halibut, 11c; herring, 6c; haddock, 10c; pike, 9c; red snapper, 10c; salmon, 14c; sunfish, 8c; trout, 10c; whitefish, 10c.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., 60c.

VEALS—Choice, 8@9c.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice upland, $10.00; No. 2 upland, $9.00; medium, $8.50; coarse, $7.50. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Damaged hay fair.

WHEAT—65c.

CORN—55c.

OATS—40c, old.

BRAN—$11.

VEGETABLES.

GREEN CORN—Per doz., 12½c.

CARROTS—Per doz., 20c.

BEETS—Per half bushel basket, 40c.

TURNIPS—Per basket, 30c.

CUCUMBERS—Home grown, per doz., 20@30c.

LETTUCE—Per bu., 20c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 15@20c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 20c.

NEW POTATOES—[illegible]

CABBAGE—Home grown, 3½c.

TOMATOES—Home grown, per 18-lb. basket, 50@60c.

ONIONS—Home grown, per lb., 3c.

CAULIFLOWER—Home grown, per doz., 75c.

BEANS—Wax, per half-bu. basket, $1; string, per half-bu. basket, 75c.

PEAS—Per bu., $1; per half-bu., 60c.

CANTALOUPE—Home grown, per doz., 75c@$1.25; crates $2.50.

WATERMELONS—Texas, 20@35c, as to size.

CELERY—Kalamazoo, per bunch, 25@35c.

FRUITS.

APPLES—Per bbl., $2.50@2.50.

CHERRIES—Native, per 8-lb. basket, 35c; Missouri, per 24-qt. case, $2.

PEACHES—California, per box, 90c; freestone, $1; choice Elbertos, $1; fancy, $1.20.

PLUMS—California, per crate, $1.25@1.50; home grown, per 8-lb. basket, 25c.

PEARS—Bartletts, $2.25@2.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Valencias, $5.00; Med. sweets, $4.50.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.00@2.50.

FIGS—California, new cartons, 75c; layers, 60c; imported, per lb., 10@12c.

DATES—Persian, in 60-lb. boxes, 5a[illegible]rs, 5c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NUTS—English walnuts, per lb., 15c; filberts, per lb., 13c; almonds, per lb., 18@20c; raw peanuts, per lb., 5@5½c; roasted, 6½@7½c; Brazils, 13c; pecans, 10@22c.

CIDER—Per bbl., $4.50; per half-bbl., $2.75.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6½c; No. 2 green, 5½c; No. 1 salted, 7½c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 45 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 8@13c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red cash, elevator, 70½c; track, 71⅞@72c; September, 70⅝c; December, 73⅝@73½c; May, 78c; No. 2 hard, 71c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 59⅝c; track, 59⅞c; September, 59⅝c; December, 60⅝c; May, 63⅝@63¾c.

OATS—Lower; No. 2 cash, 37½c; track, 38@38½c; September, 37⅝c; May, 40½c; No. 2 white, 38⅝@39c.

RYE—Firmer, 62½@63c.

FLOUR—Quiet; new red winter patents, $3.50@3.65; extra fancy and straight, $3.10@3.25; clear, $2.70@3.00.

SEEDS—Timothy, scarce and firm, $5.00@5.50; flax, no market.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $3.10.

BRAN—Dull; sacked lots east track, 86c bid.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $14.50@15.00; prairies, $10.00@13.00.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.30.

IRON—Cotton ties, quiet, $1.25.

BAGGING—Quiet, 6⅛@7¼c.

HEMP—Twine, 9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, strong; jobbing, $15.75. Lard, higher, $7.77½. Dry salt meats, firm, boxed lots, extra shorts, $8.50; clear ribs, $8.82½; clear sides, $8.87½. Bacon, firm, boxed lots, extra shorts, $9.50; clear ribs, $9.62½; clear sides, $9.75.

METALS—Lead, firm, $4.40. Spelter, quiet, $3.80.

POULTRY—Steady; chickens, 6½c; springs, 10c; turkeys, 6c; young, 8@11c; ducks, 5c, geese, 3c; springs, 4c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 17@22½c; dairy, 14@18c.

EGGS—Steady, nearby, 11c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 14,000 barrels; wheat, 21,000 bushels; corn 62,000 bushels; oats, 37,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS — Flour, 12,000 barrels; wheat, 11,000 bushels; corn, 37,000 bushels; oats, 51,000 bushels.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Spot No. 2 red winter, steady, 5s 8d; No. 1 northern spring, quiet, 5s 8d; No. 1 California, steady, 6s 7½d; futures closed quiet; September, 5s 7½d; December, 5s 9½d.

CORN—Spot, firm; American mixed new, 4s 11½d; American mixed old, no stock. Futures closed quiet, September, 4s 11⅝d; October, 4s 11⅝d; November, 5s 1½d.

PEAS—Canadian, 6s 5½d.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, steady, 7s 6d.

HOPS—At London, Pacific coast, dull, £3 15s.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; extra India mess, 63s 6d. Pork, firm; prime mess, 68s 9d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., steady, 62s 3d. Lard, steady; American refined in pails, 44s; prime western, in tierces, 36s 6d; Bacon, steady; Cumberland cut, 25 to 30 lbs., 43s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs., 47s; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., 45s 6d; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., 43s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 50s 6d; shoulders, square, 11 to 13 lbs., quiet, 37s.

BUTTER—Firm; finest United States, 95s; good United States, 78s.

CHEESE—American finest white, 6s 9d.

TALLOW—Firm, 25s 9d.

The imports of grain into Liverpool for the week were as follows:

Wheat, from Atlantic ports, 82,000 quarters; from Pacific ports, none; from other ports, 6,000 quarters.

Corn, from Atlantic ports, 32,300 quarters.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—September, 65⅞c; December, 68⅝@68⅞c; May, 72⅞c; cash, No. 2 hard, 67c; No. 2 red, 72½c.

CORN—September, 58⅝@58⅞c; December, 58⅞@59c; May, 62½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 58⅝@59c; No. 2 white, 59@59½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 39@40½c.

RYE—No. 2, 58@58½c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $13.50; choice prairie, $13.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 16½@19c; dairy, 14@16c.

EGGS—Firm; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock quoted on change at 12c doz., loss off, cases returned.

RECEIPTS—Wheat, 328,400 bu.; corn, 62,400 bu.; oats, 44,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Wheat, 129,000 bu.; corn, 24,400 bu.; oats, 17,000 bu.

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, O., Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Higher, active; No. 2 cash, 75¼c; September, 73½c; December, 75⅝c.

CORN—Firm, dull; No. 2 mixed, 59½c; September, 58⅝c; December, 60⅝c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 cash, 36⅝c; September, 36⅝c; December, 37c.

RYE—Easy; No. 2 cash, 58½c.

CLOVERSEED—Firm; prime cash, $6.35; October, $6.25.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 northern, 71@73c; No. 2 northern, 70@71½c; September, 71½c.

RYE—Lower; No. 1, 59½c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 64@65c; sample, 45@63½c.

CORN—September, 58⅛c.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, August 17, as compiled by the New York Produce exchange, is as follows: Wheat, 26,770,000 bushels, decrease 1,449,000 bushels; corn, 12,753,000 bushels, decrease 513,000 bushels; oats, 5,447,000 bushels, increase 1,092,000 bushels; rye, 935,000 bushels, increase 213,000 bushels; barley, 252,000 bushels, decrease 68,000 bushels.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 19.—WHEAT—No. 1 hard cash, 73⅝c; No. 2 northern, 68⅛c; No. 1 northern, 70⅝c; September, 70⅝c; December, 71⅝c.

OATS—86⅝@86⅞c.

CORN—55½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Ill., Aug. 19.—CORN—Easier; No. 2, 58c.

OATS—Quiet; No. 2 white, 37½c billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.29 for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 19.—WHEAT—Cash, 69½c; September, 68⅝c; December, 70½c; on track, No. 1 hard, 71⅝c; No. 1 northern, 69½c; No. 2 northern, 67@67½c.

FLOUR AND BRAN—Unchanged.

Elgin Butter Market.

ELGIN, Ill., Aug. 19.—BUTTER—Firm at 21c; offerings, 51 tubs. The week's output was 610,300 lbs.

MOVEMENTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS.

Interest in Some Affects Values of All Securities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Dealings in stocks today were too small to offer a broad basis or generalizations, but the fact is significant that very few stocks were offering for sale, holders apparently being content to retain their holdings in spite of some of the developments unfavorable to values, so that the demand, small though it was, was sufficient to overcome the opening decline and establish a higher range of prices than those at the close of last week. The additions to the ranks of the striking steel workers over Sunday was responsible for the opening heaviness not only in those stocks, but in the general list. The interests involved in the strike are so large that its vissicitude affects the values of all securities. The market guardians supported them and the starting of some of their mills had a reviving effect; but they did not fully share in the later recovery of the market, which carried some of the railroad stocks substantially over Saturday's prices. The activity and strength was confined to a few stocks only and was apparently due to causes individual to those stocks. Norfolk & Western was most conspicuous under the influence of the net earnings of the company for the fiscal year, showing a substancial surplus over the present dividend rate. Chesapeake & Ohio rose to a less extent in sympathy. The buying of these stocks was attributed to Philadelphia account.

The figures of the coal export trade published this morning, showing the value of coal exports doubled since 1897 and the amount more than trebled since 1891, were an influence in the strength of these stocks, which are peculiarly benefited by the coal export trade. Northern Pacific rose 2½ over Saturday. The rise in St. Paul and Atchison reached about the same figure in a sudden spurt just before the close. Chicago & Eastern Illinois mounted 8 points over the previous sale. Amalgamated Copper resumed its upward movement and there was some activity in Sugar, owing to the concerted action of the companies in fixing prices. The stock advanced, but lost practically all the rise.

There was greater confidence felt in the money outlook than on Saturday after the bank statement. This feeling was due to several causes. The unexpectedly large decrease in cash was said to be due to the retirement of circulation by the absorbed Bank of the Republic. The subtreasury has made a small contribution to the money market since Friday by reason of large pension payments and disbursements on account of Philippine expenditures. But the sudden weakness developed in the foreign exchange market was the dominant influence in causing the better feeling over the money outlook, on account of the assurance afforded that gold from Europe will be forthcoming to meet any urgent needs on the part of New York. The demand bills fell today to $4.86½, compared with $4.88 at the high point last week, marking a relapse of approximately a third of the range from the gold export to the gold import point.

Offerings of bills against wheat exports, purchases of stock for London account and a cessation of the demand for repayment by syndicates of the loans from European borrowers were all influential in the weakness of exchange. The market closed firm but very dull on the last rally.

Railroad bonds were little dealt in and were irregular. Total sales, par value, $595,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram: There was a dead calm in the stock market today with prices generally sagging. Consols were heavy and the weakness of New York exchange suggests the possibility of gold withdrawals. American stocks in a nominal market opened weak on Saturday's bank statement and the spread of the steel strike. But London is inclined to pick up stocks on reaction and New York came as a buyer, particularly of Norfolk & Western, on the rumors of a combination. The close was irregular. The internationals were strong on wild talk of a world's copper combination.

The Bank of England has received £33,000 gold in bars and 1,000 eagles and had bought £166,000 in India and £16,000 on the continent. Austria is inquiring for gold. Money on call was finally unlendable. On talk of gold exports Paris exchange touched 25.22.

The following are the closing prices on the New York Stock exchange:

Atchison	78	So. Pacific	56¼
do pfd	95⅝	So. Railway	31⅝
Amer. Sugar	132¼	do pfd	88¼
American Tel	161½	Texas & Pacific	42
Boston & Albany	257½	Toledo, S. L. & W.	19½
Boston Elevated	179	do pfd	38⅝
Boston & Me	342½	Union Pacific	98
U. S. Steel	42⅝	do pfd	88⅝
do pfd	91⅝	Wabash	22½
Fitchburg pfd	145	do pfd	38⅝
Gen. Electric	262½	Parrot	51
Ed. Electric Ill	247	Quincy	179
Mex. Central	24½	Santa Fe Copper	8¼
Old Colony	248	Tamarack	348
Old Dominion	20½	Utah Mining	29
Union Pacific	91½	Wolverines	85½
West End	96		

*Offered. **Trust receipts.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—Call loans, 3½@5 per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Official closing:

A., T. & S. F	76	Atchison 4s	102
do pfd	95⅝	Adventure	24½
Amer. Sugar	132¼	Bingham Min. Co	25½
American Tel	161½	Amal. Copper	112¼
Boston & Albany	257½	Atlantic	27
Boston Elevated	179	Cal. & Hecla	745
Boston & Me	342½	Centennial	24⅝
U. S. Steel	42⅝	Franklin	14⅝
do pfd	91⅝	Humboldt	25
Fitchburg pfd	145	Osceola	100¼
Gen. Electric	262½	Parrot	51
Ed. Electric Ill	247	Quincy	179
Mex. Central	24½	Santa Fe Copper	8¼
Old Colony	248	Tamarack	348
Old Dominion	20½	Utah Mining	29
Union Pacific	91½	Wolverines	85½
West End	96		

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, Aug. 19.—Bank clearings today, $1,059,875.46; clearings for corresponding day last year, $1,019,531.92; increase, $40,343.54.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $7,140,773; balances, $1,086,449; money steady, with good demand; New York exchange, par bid, 15c premium asked.

BOSTON, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $15,779,339; balances, $1,191,255.

CHICAGO, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $23,451,739; balances, $2,564,221; posted exchange, $4.85 for sixty days and $4.87½ on demand. New York exchange, 25c discount.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $109,140,161; balances, $6,632,049.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $3,727,650; New York exchange, 10@15c discount; money, 3½@6 per cent.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $2,568,391; balances, $293,581; money, 4½@5 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 19.—Clearings, $13,748,755; balances, $2,305,410; money, 4@4½ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—MONEY—On call, closed steady at 2@3 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86⅝ for demand and $4.84½ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.85½ and $4.88; commercial bills, $4.83½@4.84.

SILVER—Bar, 58⅝c; Mexican dollars, 5c.

BONDS—Government, steady; state, inactive.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	107⅝	N. Y. Central 1s	104⅝
do coupon	107⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	130
do 3s, reg	108¼	No. Pacific 3s	71⅝
do coupon	108¼	do 4s	104¼
do new 4s, reg	137	N Y, C & St L 4s	106½
do coupon	137	N. & W. con. 4s	101½
do old 4s, reg	113	Oregon Nav. 1s	110
do coupon	113	do 4s	102½
do 5s, reg	107⅝	*Oregon S. L. 6s	128⅝
do coupon	107⅝	do consol 5s	111⅝
D. of C. 3-65s	124	Reading gen. 4s	98½
Atchison gen. 4s	103⅝	Rio G. W. 1s	101
do adj. 4s	97	St L & I M C. 5s	116
Canada So. 2s	109	St L & S F g. 6s	125
Ches. & O. 4½s	107⅝	St. Paul consols	134
do 5s	112	St P. C & P 1s	111
C. & N. W. c. 7s	136½	do 5s	116½
*do S. F. deb. 5s	123¼	So. Pacific 4s	97⅝
Chicago Ter. 4s	95	So. Railway 5s	117
Colorado So. 4s	87⅝	S. R. & T. 6s	58
Denver & R. G. 4s	99½	Texas & Pacific 1s	118½
Erie general 4s	86	*do 2s	98½
F. W. & D. C. 1s	104	Union Pacific 4s	104½
Gen. Electric 5s	120	Wabash 1s	117⅝
Iowa Central 1s	116½	do 2s	108
L. & N. uni. 4s	100⅝	West Shore 4s	112½
M. K. & T. 2s	82	Wis. Central 1s	85⅝
do 4s	98	Va. Centuries	94¼

*Offered.

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Aug. 19.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	94⅝	M., K. & T. pfd	54½
do account	94⅝	N. Y. Central	154½
Anaconda	9⅛	Norfolk & W	36
Atchison	58⅝	do pfd	89½
do pfd	97⅝	No. Pacific pfd	58½
Baltimore & Ohio	39	Ontario & W	24⅝
Canadian Pacific	112⅝	Reading	29¼
Ches. & Ohio	47⅝	do 1st pfd	39⅝
Chicago G. W	22½	do 2d pfd	26⅝
St. Paul	168⅝	So. Railway	32¼
Denver & R. G	49¼	do pfd	87⅝
do pfd	91	So. Pacific	58⅝
Erie	36½	Union Pacific	99⅝
do 1st pfd	65⅝	Wabash	22⅝
do 2d pfd	50⅝	do pfd	38⅝
Illinois Central	151⅝	Con. Gas	223½
Lake Shore	202	**Con. Tobacco	15⅝
Louisville & N	103¼	do pfd	117¼
Manhattan L	117½	Gen. Electric	261
Met. St. Ry	166	Glucose Sugar	54
Mex. Central	25	Hocking Coal	20
Mex. National	11	Inter Paper	22
Minn. & St. L	107	do pfd	76
Mo. Pacific	101½	Inter. Power	32⅝
M., K. & T	26⅝	Laclede Gas	85
do pfd	54½	National Biscuit	43⅝
N. J. Central	160⅝	National Lead	20⅝
N. Y. Central	152⅝	National Salt	42
Norfolk & W	56⅝	do pfd	91
do pfd	90	Pullman P. Car	206
No. Pacific pfd	58	Republic Steel	20⅝
Ontario & W	24	do pfd	73
Pennsylvania	144	Sugar	132
Reading	41⅝	Tenn. Coal & Iron	63½
do 1st pfd	77⅝	Union Bag & P	21⅝
do 2d pfd	52⅝	do pfd	72
St. L. & S. F	46⅝	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do 1st pfd	78	do pfd	80½
do 2d pfd	53	U. S. Rubber	18
St. L. Southw	28½	do pfd	56
do pfd	62	U. S. Steel	42⅝
St. Paul	164⅝	do pfd	91⅝
do pfd	188	Western Union	93⅝

**Trust receipts.

Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 8c; middling gulf, 8¼c; sales none. Futures closed steady; August, 7.22c; September, 7.24c; October, 7.34c; November, 7.38c; December, 7.42c; January, 7.44c; February, 7.46c; March, 7.47c; April, 7.49c.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Firm; sales, 1,350 bales; ordinary, 7⅜c; good ordinary, 6 9-16c; low middling, 7¾c; middling, 8 3-16c; good middling, 8 9-16c; middling fair, 8 13-16c; receipts, 1,285 bales; stock, 47,148 bales; futures steady; August, 7.99@7.92c; September, 7.48c; October, 7.39@7.33c; November, 7.30@7.32c; December, 7.31@7.32c; January, 7.33@7.34c; February, 7.31@7.36c; March, 7.35@7.37c.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8c; sales, 75 bales; receipts, 50 bales; shipments, 364 bales; stock, 20,538 bales.

GALVESTON, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Firm; 8 1-16c.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Closing, spot, moderate business; prices firmer; American middling, fair, 5 3-32d; good middling, 4 27-32d; middling, 4 9-64d; low middling, 4 11-32d; good ordinary, 4 3-32d; ordinary, 3 27-32d. The sales of today were 7,000 bales, of which 600 were for speculation and export and included 6,300 bales American. Receipts, 1,000 bales; no American; futures opened quiet, but closed quiet. American middling, l. m. c., August, 4 26-64@4 27-64d sellers; September, 4 23-64d, sellers; October, 4 [illegible] 4 11-64d, buyers; October and November, 4 8-64d, buyers; November and December, 4 6-64@4 7-64d, buyers; December and January, 4 5-64@4 7-64d, buyers; January and February, 4 4-64@4 7-64d, buyers; February and March, 4 7-64d, buyers; March and April, 4 7-64@4 8-64d, buyers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 19.—COTTON—Futures opened steady, with prices 1 point higher to 2 points lower, displaying an indifferent response to bullish Liverpool cables and bullish crop news. Immediately following the call weakness supplanted the early stability and prices broke 8 points from the initial bids, under professional liquidation, rumors of good rains in central Texas and sheer absence of speculative support. Yet it was very evident that the bear contingent was in no humor to adopt aggressive tactics, for covering was quietly done on the down turn, and preparations were made for a rally later in the day. Liverpool quickly conformed to our heaviness and lost most of its advance before the close. The first break here carried October off to 7.28c and January to 7.38c, from which there was a rebound of 2 points. After a lengthy period of hesitation and apathy the market developed bullish tendencies, despite reports of two inches of rain in Sherman, Tex., and worked slowly but steadily back to the opening figures. Soon after midday shorts became nervous as a result of predictions for a bullish weekly government report tomorrow and following bad crop news from parts of the Carolinas and Georgia. This buying in conjunction with fairly active bull support caused prices in some instances to reach new high levels for the day, with the January option leading the rise. New Orleans and European buying orders with sensitive strength in the New Orleans market did much to help the late market here. Wall street was a liberal bu