COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Prices Scramble Up in All Pits and Day Remarkably Bullish.

NO LET UP COMES TO OPENING BOOM

Bulls Hold Tight Reins and Values Go Soaring Up to Dizzy Heights, Holding Big Gains When Race Ends.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Bull enthusiasm was paramount in all speculative pits on the Board of Trade today. The influence was a well developed weather scare and shorts were the sufferers. Trade was excited in general and stuff was held so tightly that when the movement got into swing prices advanced with big jumps. Wheat made gains of from 2¾c to 2¾@2¾c, corn 2⅝c to 2¾c and oats 1½c to 1¾c. May wheat closed 2¾c up, May corn 2⅛c higher and May oats 1¾c advanced. Provisions closed 15@17½c to 30c higher.

Wheat went booming from the very start. There were numerous bullish incentives and the crowd turned bulls to a man. Cables started out strong and advanced. This was unexpected and started the upturn. Then came the crop damage scare that set every one buying. The rains in the winter belt yesterday, though enough to allay the heat, were reported far from sufficient to save crops. Added to this came the weather report that freezing temperatures would probably be reached in some sections of the southwest tonight. Receipts also were exceedingly light and argued rapidly decreasing stocks. Higher outside markets, especially in the southwest, where it was argued the speculators had information nearer at hand, augmented the upturn. Reports, both government and private, persisted in the advice that the crops were being badly damaged. The Millers' association of Kansas reported the crop of that state at a condition of 56 per cent. Indiana was said to be suffering and advices stated that from 20 to 25 per cent of the sown fields would be plowed up. There was a lot of liquidation for profits on the early advance, but commission house buying started renewed spurts. The wheat traders were seriously aroused over the critical condition of the crop and bought with the conviction that there was money in it. Trade was enormous, possibly as large as on the big bull campaign last December. There was practically no time when the market was not advancing and at jumps. May opened ¼@⅜c up at 74⅞@75c and soared to 77c, closing strong and excited, 2¾c up, at 76¾c. July closed 2⅜c up at 78⅛@78¼c and September 2⅜c advanced at 78¼c. Local receipts were 26 cars, and Minneapolis and Duluth reported 109 cars, making a total for the three points of 135 cars, against 144 last week and 286 a year ago. Primary receipts were 203,000 bu., compared to 446,000 last year. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour equaled 229,000 bu. Cash business was good and the seaboard trade improved.

Corn had the influence of the wheat boom to start it advancing, but the bull incentive in this pit was the renewed heavy buying by the big commission houses, which, it was reported several weeks ago, were trying to corner July options. Wall street is said to be behind this crowd and as the big lines were accumulated "tailers" followed and bought feverishly. The local crowd bought early, the theory that it had a bull manipulative campaign was on foot. There was considerable liquidation at times for profits and to those moments the market eased a trifle. Upward spurts immediately followed, however, and as offerings were never excessive, additional gains were made. The market was strongest at the close. The southwestern markets were even more bullish than Chicago and influenced prices here. May opened ⅜@½c higher at 62⅝@62¾c and advanced to 64⅝c, closing strong, 2⅛c up, at that figure; July sold to 66c and closed 2⅝@2¾c higher at 65⅞c. Receipts were only 83 cars.

Oats were strong throughout the session on the influence of the strength in the other grains and the fear that there might be serious damage to the new crop from lack of moisture. There was also a good cash business, which added to the strength of the futures. Trade, while not large, was of good character, receiving and commission houses buying. Scalpers sold to some extent. Crop damage reports from Iowa and elsewhere were bullish incentives. May sold from 43½c to a strong close, 1⅜c advanced, at 44⅝c; old July gained 1⅜c, closing at 37⅝@37⅞c. Receipts were only 75 cars.

Hog products had a strong and advancing market, influenced by a steady hog market and the grain bulge. Trade, however, was not very active, considering the rapid advances made. Buying was good, particularly by the local crowd in the way of covering. Packers sold moderately on the upturn, but supported early. The country was on the buying side. Heavy shipments of products was a bullish incentive. Lard was particularly in good demand. May pork closed 30c higher at $16.75, May lard 17½c up at $9.85 and May ribs 15@17½c higher at $9.30.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 85 cars; oats, 15 cars; hogs, 23,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat					
May	74⅞@75	77	74⅞	76⅞	74⅝
July	76⅛@¼	78¼	76⅛	78⅛@¼	75⅝@⅞
Sept.	75⅝@⅞	78¼	75⅝	78¼	75½
*Corn—					
May	62⅝@⅝	64⅝	62⅝	64⅝	62¼
July	63½@⅝	66	63½	65⅞	63¼@⅜
Sept.	62⅝@⅞	64⅞	62⅝	64⅞	62¼
*Oats—					
May	43½	44⅝	43½	44⅝	43¼
a July	38 @⅛	39⅝	38	39⅝	37⅞
o July	36 @¼	37⅝	36	37⅝@⅝	35⅞@36
s Sept.	33	35	33⅝	34⅞	33½@⅝
b Sept.	31¾@⅞	32⅞	31⅝	32⅞	.....
Pork—					
May	16 50	16 75	16 50	16 75	16 45
July	16 67½	17 00	16 67½	17 00	16 67½
Sept.	16 90	17 07½	16 90	17 07½	16 75
Lard—					
May	9 72½	9 85	9 72½	9 85	9 67½
July	9 82½	9 95	9 82½	9 95	9 80
Sept.	9 92½	10 05	9 92½	10 05	9 90
Ribs—					
May	9 07½	9 20	9 07½	9 20	9 02½
July	9 20	9 37½	9 20	9 37½	9 20
Sept.	9 27½	9 45	9 27½	9 45	9 27½

*No 2. a New. b Old.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $3.70@3.90; winter straights, $3.20@3.40; winter clears, $3.00@3.40; spring specials, $4.00@4.10; spring patents, $3.20@3.60; spring straights, $3.00@3.10.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 75½c; No. 2 red, 85c.

OATS—No. 2, 44¼@44½c; No. 2 white, 46@46½c; No. 3 white, 45¼@46c.

RYE—No. 2, 68½@69c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 65@69c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.68; No. 1 northwestern, $1.70; prime timothy, $6.90; clover, contract grade, $8.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $16.75@16.80. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.82½@9.85. Short ribs sides (loose), $9.15@9.25. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $7.62½@7.75. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.70@9.80.

WHISKY—On basis of high wines, $1.30.

The following were the receipts and shipments yesterday:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	30,000	30,000
Wheat, bu.	58,000	8,000
Corn, bu.	72,000	19,000
Oats, bu.	213,000	102,800
Rye, bu.	3,000	1,000
Barley, bu.	25,000	4,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 22@26c; dairies, 21@24c. Cheese, firm, 12½@13c. Eggs, steady; fresh, 15½@16c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 28,846 bbls.; exports, 3,301 bbls.; sales, 12,500 pkgs.; market was held 5c higher and generally paid in a small way; winter straights, $3.75@3.90; Minnesota patents, $3.90@4.20; winter patents, $3.85@4.05; winter extras, $2.10@2.35; winter low grades, $2.00@3.15; Minnesota bakers, $2.90@3.20. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.10@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.50@3.65.

CORNMEAL—Firm; yellow western, $1.20; city, $1.28; Brandywine, $3.50@3.55.

RYE—Firm; No. 2 western, 65⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; state, 61@62c, c. i. f., New York, carlots.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 64@68c, c. i. f., New York; malting, 67½@73c, c. i. f., New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 146,250 bu. Spot market strong; No. 2 red, 83½c, elevator, and 85c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 76c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 89½c, f. o. b., afloat. There was an exceedingly strong market in wheat all day, with a big speculative trade, including liberal orders to buy. The demand was chiefly due to lack of rain and serious crop conditions as indicated by numerous damage complaints from the southwest. All outside markets were strong, notably St. Louis. The close was ⅛@¼c net higher. May, 83⅛c, closed at 83c; July, 81⅝@81¾c, closed at 83¼c; September, 80 15-16@81⅜c, closed at 82⅛c; December, 82⅝@82¾c, closed at 84⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 10,900 bu.; exports, 20,200 bu. Spot, strong; No. 2, 71⅝c, elevator, and 72½c, f. o. b., afloat. Fair activity, a strong and big advances were the features in corn today influenced by manipulation west, the wheat upturn and bull crop news. The close was strong at 1⅜@2c net advance, with May at 70⅝c, closed at 70¾c; July, 70⅝c, closed at 70⅝c; September, 68⅝@69⅝c, closed at 69⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 48,000 bu.; exports, 5,815 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 white, 54c; No. 3 white, 53c; track, mixed western, 50@51c; track white, 53@56c. Options were active and stronger on crop news and the jump in other markets.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60@65c; good to choice, 85@90c.

HOPS—Quiet; state, common to choice, 1901 crop, 16@20c; 1900 crop, 13@14c; olds, 4@6c; Pacific coast, 1901 crop, 15@18½c; 1900 crop, 13@14c; olds, 4@6c.

HIDES—Firm; Galveston, 18c; California, 18½c; Texas dry, 13c.

LEATHER—Firm; acid, 24@25c.

WOOL—Quiet; domestic fleece, 16@29c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, strong; family, $15; mess, $12; beef hams, $21.00@22.00; packet, $13; city extra India mess, $21.00@23.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, $10.50@11.25; pickled shoulders, $8.50; pickled hams, $11.50@12.00. Lard, firmer; western steamed, $10.25; refined, firmer; continent, $10.45; South America, $11; compound, 8.12½@8.37½. Pork, firm; family, $19.00@19.50; mess, $16.75@17.75; short clear, $17.75@20.00.

TALLOW—Firm; city (2 per pkg.), 6⅝c; country (pkgs. free), 6½@6¾c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 5,784 pkgs.; steady; state dairy, 24@21c; state creamery, 24½@27½c; June creamery, imitation, 24½@27½c; factory, 22@25c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 8,651 pkgs.; firm; fancy large full cream, fall make, colored and white, 12@12½c; fancy, small, state, full cream, early make, colored and white, 13@13¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 20,383 pkgs.; easy; state and Pennsylvania, 17@17½c; western, at mark, 17@17½c.

MOLASSES—Firm; New Orleans, 33@41c.

POULTRY—Alive, weaker; turkeys, 13c; fowls, 12c; dressed, quiet; fowls, 12c; turkeys, 11½@12½c.

METALS—Conditions in the metal markets at home and abroad somewhat favored buyers today. At London tin prices closed 5s net lower, with spot at £125 15s and futures at £122 7s 6d. At New York the bid price was lowered about 25 points to $27.25@27.37½ for spot, the tone ruling easy. Copper was easier generally, with prices at $11.00@11.25 and June and July at $11.10@11.20. Lake closed at $11.75@12.25, electrolytic at $11.55@12.00 and casting at $12, nominal. London was 10s lower to £52 5s for spot and futures. Lead was steady here at $4.12½, but at London lower prices were in force, the metal declining to £11 15s. Spelter ruled easier and unchanged and steady at London at £118. Pig iron warrants were nominal. No. 1 foundry, northern, $19.00@20.00; No. 2 foundry, northern, $18.00@19.00; No. 1 foundry, southern, $17.50@18.00; No. 1 foundry, southern soft, $17.50@18.00. Foreign markets were lower. Glasgow closed at 54s and Middlesborough at 48s 4½d.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKETS.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Including new No. 2 cases, 15c; cases returned, 14½c.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, 8½@9c; old roosters, according to age, 50@7c; turkeys, 10@12c; ducks and geese, 8@8½c; broilers, per lb., 25c; dressed stock in good condition, 1@2c higher than live stock.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 19c; choice dairy, in tubs, 22@23c; separator, 26c.

FRESH CAUGHT FISH—Trout, 9c; crappies, 10c; herring, 6c; pickerel, 9c; pike, 11c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 5c; bluefins, 8c; whitefish, 11c; catfish, 13c; black bass, 18c; halibut, 13c; salmon, 16c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; red snapper, 10c; roe shad, each, 60c; shad roe, per pair, 30c; split shad, per lb., 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 27c; lobsters, green, per lb., 25c.

OYSTERS—Mediums, per can, 7c; standards, per can, 25c; extra selects, per can, 33c; New York Counts, per can, 40c; bulk standards, per gal., $1.25; bulk, extra selects, $1.60@1.65; New York Counts, per gal., $1.75.

PIGEONS—Live, per doz., $1.

VEAL—Choice, 6@8c.

CORN—60c.

OATS—48c.

BRAN—Per ton, $17.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice hay, No. 1 upland, $9; No. 1 medium, $8.50; No. 1 coarse, $8. Rye straw, $5.50. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair. Receipts light.

VEGETABLES.

SEED POTATOES—Per bu., Ohios, $1.50; Rose, $1.25; Triumphs, $1.15.

POTATOES—Northern, $1.00@1.05; Colorado, $1.20.

CARROTS—Per bu., 75c.

BEETS—Per bu basket, 65c.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 50c; Rutabagas, per 100 lbs., $1.25.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 60c.

ASPARAGUS—California, per lb., 15c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per doz., $1.50.

GREEN ONIONS—Per doz., according to size of bunches, 15@25c.

SPINACH—Southern, per bu., 75c.

LETTUCE—Head, per hamper, $2.50; hothouse, per doz., 40@45c.

PARSLEY—Per doz., 30@35c.

RADISHES—Per doz., 20@25c; per box, $1.50.

WAX BEANS—Florida, per basket, $4.00@4.50.

GREEN PEAS—Per basket, 75c@$1.

RHUBARB—Home grown, per lb., 5c.

CABBAGE—California, new, 3c.

ONIONS—Spanish, per crate, $2; Ohios, per bbl., $4.50.

CELERY—California, 40@75c.

TOMATOES—Florida, per 6-basket crate, $3.00@3.50.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $1.80@1.90.

FRUITS.

FIGS—California, new cartons, $1; imported, per lb., 12@14c.

STRAWBERRIES—Texas, per 24-qt. case, $5; Louisiana, per 24-pt. case, $2.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—California navels, fancy, $4; choice, $3.75; budded, $3; med. sweets, $3.25@3.50.

LEMONS—Fancy, $3.50; choice, $3.25.

BANANAS—Per bunch, according to size, $2.25@2.75.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Per 24-section case, $2.75@3.00.

NUTS—New crop walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 12c; hard shell, per lb., 11½c; No. 2 soft shell, 10c; No. 2 hard shell, 9c; Brazils, per lb., 14c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, 16c; hard shell, 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12c; small, 10c; cocoanuts, per sack, $3.50.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 6c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7½c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12½ lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 16@18c; sheep pelts, 75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.25.

CIDER—Nehawka, per bbl., $3.25; New York, $3.50.

POPCORN—Per lb., 5c; shelled, 6c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 1 northern, spring, 6s 2½d; No. 1 California, 6s 3d. Futures, steady; May, 6s 1¼d; July, 6s 1¼d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 5s 9d; American mixed, old, 5s 8d. Futures, quiet; July, 5s 1¾d; September, 5s 1½d; October, 5s 1½d.

PEAS—Canadian, firm, 7s.

PORK—Ext. London (Pacific coast), firm, 42 15s@£4 15s.

FLOUR—St. Louis fancy winter, firm, 8s 6d.

PROVISIONS—Beef, strong; extra India mess, 90s. Pork, firm; prime mess western, 73s 6d. Hams, firm; short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 47s 9d. Bacon, firm; Cumberland cut, 26 to 30 lbs., 43s. Short ribs, 26 to 30 lbs., firm, 50s 3d; long clear middles, light, 28 to 34 lbs., firm, 49s 9d; long clear middles, heavy, 35 to 40 lbs., firm, 50s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs., firm, 49s 6d; clear bellies, 16 to 20 lbs., 55s 6d. Shoulders, square, full to 13 lbs., firm, 39s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, steady, 39s 3d; American refined, in pails, steady, 39s 3d.

BUTTER—Firm; finest United States, 29s.

CHEESE—Firm; American finest white, strong, 55s; American finest colored, strong, 57s.

TALLOW—Prime city, firm, 49s 6d; Australian, in London, dull, 32s 6d.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—WHEAT—Higher; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 81⅞c; track, 82@82½c; May, 81⅞c; July, 77½c; No. 2 hard, 78@79c.

CORN—Higher; No. 2 cash, 66⅝c; track, 66@67c; May, 65⅝c; July, 65⅝c; September, 64c.

OATS—Higher; No. 2 cash, 45c; track, 45½c; May, 44½c; July, 36c; September, 32½c; No. 2 white, 46@46½c.

RYE—Higher at 61c.

FLOUR—Firm and higher; red winter patents, $3.70@3.85; extra fancy and straight, $3.40@3.60; clears, $3.00@3.20.

SEED—Timothy, quiet, $5.00@6.00.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $3.15.

BRAN—Stronger; sacked, 85@92c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $12.50@14.75; prairie, $10.00@13.50.

WHISKY—Steady, $1.30.

IRON COTTON TIES—Steady, $1.05.

BAGGING—Steady, 5⅛@6⅝c.

HEMP TWINE—Steady, 9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, higher; jobbing, old, $16.50; new, $17.45. Lard, higher, $9.70. Dry salt meats (boxed), strong; extra shorts, $9.50; clear ribs, $9.10; short clear, $9.62½. Bacon (boxed), strong; extra shorts, 10.37½; clear ribs, 10.37½; short clear, $10.62½.

METALS—Lead, quiet at $3.97½@4.00. Spelter, dull at $4.15.

POULTRY—Easy; chickens, 9c; turkeys, 10c; ducks, 10½c; geese, 4½@5c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 23@26c; dairy, 20@25c.

EGGS—Steady at 15c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	3,000	7,000
Wheat, bu.	8,000	37,000
Corn, bu.	22,000	83,000
Oats, bu.	20,000	45,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—BUTTER—Steady; extra creamery, 26c; extra nearby prints, 30c.

EGGS—¼c lower; fresh nearby, 16½@17c; fresh western, 17c; fresh southwestern, 16½@17c; fresh southern, 16½c.

CHEESE—Steady; fancy small, 12¾@13c; fancy, fair to choice, 11@12½c.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—WHEAT—May, 74½c; July, 75c; cash, No. 2 hard, 75½c; No. 3, 65½c; No. 2 red, 80c; No. 3, 79@80c.

CORN—May, 65⅝@66c; September, 62½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 67c; No. 2 white, 68c; No. 3, 66@67c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 46c.

RYE—No. 2, 59c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $13.50@14.00; choice prairie, $13.50@14.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 26c; dairy, fancy, 21c.

EGGS—Steady; at mark, new No. 2 white-wood cases included, 14½c; cases returned, 14c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	15,300	8,800
Corn, bu.	27,200	48,500
Oats, bu.	8,000	18,000

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, April 23.—WHEAT—Active and strong; cash, 85½c; May, 85c; July, 80½c; September, 80½c.

CORN—Active, strong; cash, 63½c; May, 64⅝c; July, 65⅝c.

OATS—Active, strong; cash, 45½c; May, 43½c; July, 38c.

SEED—Clover, active, strong; cash, $5.22½; April, $5.22; October, $5.40; No. 2, $4.60@4.70.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—WHEAT—May, 75⅝c; July, 77⅛c; on track, No. 1 hard, 79⅝c; No. 1 northern, 76⅞c; No. 2 northern, 75⅝c.

FLOUR—Higher; first patents, $4.10@4.20; second patents, $3.95@4.05; first clears, $3; second clears, $2.25@2.35.

BRAN—In bulk, $14.00@14.50.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, April 23.—WHEAT—Market higher; No. 1 northern, 77½c; No. 2 northern, 76½c; July, 78½c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 60c.

BARLEY—Firm; No. 2, 70c; sample, 60@69½c.

CORN—July, 65½c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 23.—CORN—Inactive; No. 3, 64c.

OATS—Firm; No. 3 white, 44½@44½c, billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.30 for finished goods.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, April 23.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74⅝c; No. 2 northern, 72½c; No. 1 northern and May, 76¾c; July, 77¾c.

OATS—46½c.

CORN—64c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS.

Sharp Rally in Sugar, but Market Undertone Heavy.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Today's transfers of stocks again reached an aggregate of over 1,000 shares, but the animation of the speculation is decidedly deteriorated from the nearly 2,000,000 share business of Monday. There was great variety in the dealings today, but the undertone of the market was decidedly heavy all day and the advances in some portions of the list were insufficient to clear up the tone.

The weather news from the western grain regions was the central topic of discussion. Prices were successfully forced upward during the dealings, the grain carriers sharing fully in the advance. In the case of Atchison the opening rise was 1¼, but half an hour later when trading began in the grain markets, with prices strongly advancing, these stocks gave way.

The government weather map was sufficient evidence that yesterday's hopeful estimates of sufficient rain to undo any damage already done were not well founded. The strong rise in the corn market also helped to depress stocks, notwithstanding the unlikelihood of any accurate knowledge at this time of the chances of the corn crop.

There was a renewal of the recent active demand for the coalers, the Readings again taking the lead on the supposition that the settlement of the wages dispute is imminent. When, however, it was perceived that the strength in this section of the market had little effect in checking the dribbling liquidation of western railroad stocks the movement of the coalers ceased and prices reacted lower.

The strength of the sterling exchange market called renewed attention to the possibility of gold exports and revived discussion of the present heavily expanded condition of credits. The provision to be made for the great steamship merger, the coming stock conversion by the United States Steel corporation, the provision for the purchase of the Louisville & Nashville and the subscription to the Pennsylvania bond issue for $50,000,000, indicate some of the heavy requirements upon the present narrowed resources of the money market.

An incident of the day was a sharp rally in sugar of 4¼ in the expressions of confidence in the belief in Washington that an agreement would be reached on the Cuban reciprocity bill. The stock closed with a net gain of 3¼.

Amalgamated Copper, Tennessee Coal, the Cotton Oil and Virginia-Carolina Chemical stocks, International Silver preferred and a number of minor specialties were strong. There was strength also in the number of minor railroad stocks on the ground. The Wisconsin Central stocks, the Toledo, St. Louis & Western stocks and the Detroit Southern stocks were in this class. The market closed heavy.

Consolidated Tobacco as we were strong and active. Otherwise the bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,790,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last call.

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

Atchison	79½	So. Railway	26⅝
do pfd	97½	do pfd	96⅝
Baltimore & O.	108⅝	Texas & Pacific	41⅞
do pfd	96½	Toledo, St. L. & W.	22½
Canadian Pacific	124⅝	do pfd	46⅝
Canada So.	90	Union Pacific	102
Ches. & Ohio	47⅝	do pfd	87⅝
Chicago & Alton	37⅝	Wabash	25⅛
do pfd	76	do pfd	44⅛
Chicago, Ind. & L.	68	Wheeling & L. E.	24⅞
do pfd	80	do 2d pfd	33¼
Chicago & E. Ill.	167	Wis. Central	26⅛
Chicago & G. W.	25⅛	do pfd	48
do 1st pfd	86	Adams Ex.	204
do 2d pfd	46	American Ex.	230
Chicago & N. W.	249⅝	U. S. Ex.	118
C., R. I. & P.	171½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	218
C., B. & Q.	131	Amal. Copper	66⅝
Colorado Tex.	21	Am. Car & F.	28⅝
do 1st pfd	74	do pfd	89⅝
do 2d pfd	44⅝	Amer. Lin. Oil	24
Del. & Hudson	173	do pfd	55½
Del., L. & W.	285	Amer. S. & R.	44⅝
Denver & R. G.	44	do pfd	96⅛
do pfd	91⅝	Anac. Min. Co.	113
Erie	30⅛	Brooklyn R. T.	67⅝
do 1st pfd	49⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	136⅛
do 2d pfd	34⅝	Con. Gas	224
Gt. Nor. pfd	184	Con. Tobacco pfd	120
Hocking Valley	83	Gen. Electric	225
do pfd	91	Hocking Coal	20⅛
Illinois Central	146½	Inter. Paper	22
Iowa Central	48	do pfd	75⅝
do pfd	86⅝	Inter. Power	185⅛
Lake Erie & W.	67½	Laclede Gas	89
do pfd	128	National Biscuit	50⅛
L. & N.	136⅝	National Lead	18⅛
Manhattan L.	134½	*National Salt	20
Met. St. Ry.	157½	**do pfd	69⅝
Mexican Central	28⅝	Nev. American	127½
*Mex. National	19½	Pacific Coast	83
Minn. & St. L.	112	Pacific Mail	42
Mo. Pacific	99⅝	People's Gas	103⅛
M., K. & T.	35⅛	Pressed S. Car	40½
do pfd	55⅛	do pfd	84
N. J. Central	192	Pullman P. Car	235
N. Y. Central	156⅝	Republic Steel	19⅝
Norfolk & W.	85	do pfd	74⅝
do pfd	80	Sugar	125½
Ontario & W.	34⅛	Tenn. Coal & I.	73⅝
Pennsylvania	151	Union Bag & P.	18½
Reading	46⅝	do pfd	80
do 1st pfd	86	U. S. Leather	12⅝
do 2d pfd	72	do pfd	83½
St. L. & S. F.	67⅝	U. S. Rubber	17⅝
do 1st pfd	83	do pfd	59
do 2d pfd	72⅝	U. S. Steel	41⅝
St. L. Southw.	27⅛	do pfd	92⅝
do pfd	60	Western Union	93⅝
St. Paul	168	Amer. Locomotive	25⅝
do pfd	190	do pfd	98
So. Pacific	46⅝	K. C. Southern	26
		do pfd	55½

*Trust receipts. **Offered.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, April 23.—4 p. m.—Closing:

Consols, money	94 7-16	Norfolk & Western	40⅝
do account	94½	do pfd	92
Anaconda	5⅝	Ontario & Western	23⅝
Atchison	81½	Pennsylvania	77½
do pfd	101	Reading	32⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	110⅝	do 1st pfd	42½
Canadian Pacific	127⅝	do 2d pfd	36⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	48⅝	Southern Railway	27⅝
Chicago G. W.	24	do pfd	94
C., M. & St. Paul	173⅛	Southern Pacific	69⅝
Denver & R. G.	45⅛	Union Pacific	106⅝
do pfd	91½	do pfd	90½
Erie	41	United States Steel	42⅛
do 1st pfd	71⅝	do pfd	91
do 2d pfd	57	Wabash	26
Illinois Central	151½	do pfd	45
Louisville & Nash.	128	Spanish 4s	74⅝
M., K. & T.	34⅝	Rand Mines	12⅝
do pfd	55½	DeBeers	43⅝
N. Y. Central	156½		

BAR SILVER—Dull at 23⅝d per ounce.

MONEY—2¼@3 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅝ per cent and for three months' bills 2 11-16@2⅝ per cent.

Bank Clearings.

OMAHA, April 23.—Bank clearings today, $1,408,878.14; corresponding day last year, $1,427,655.94; decrease, $18,777.80.

BALTIMORE, April 23.—Clearings, $4,832,083; balances, $678,749; money, 5 per cent.

BOSTON, April 23.—Clearings, $25,664,951; balances, $1,694,262.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—Clearings, $3,447,700; money, 4@6 per cent; New York exchange, 30c premium.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—Clearings, $24,512,904; balances, $3,018,846; money, 4½ per cent.

CHICAGO, April 23.—Clearings, $28,028,706; balances, $2,189,315; posted exchange, $4.86 for sixty days and $4.88½ on demand; New York exchange, 25c discount.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Clearings, $284,504,277; balances, $15,301,992.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Clearings, $7,099,882; balances, $1,042,506; money, steady, 1½@6 per cent; New York exchange, 35c premium.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—MONEY—On call, steady at 3@4½ per cent; closing bid and asked, 4 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 4½@5½ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87⅛@4.88 for demand and at $4.85¼@4.85⅞ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.86 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.84⅝@4.85¾.

SILVER—Bar, 51⅝c; Mexican dollars, 41c.

BONDS—Government, steady; state, firm; railroad, irregular.

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	109½	L. & N. uni. 4s	102
do coupon	109½	Mex. Central 4s	83¾
do 3s, reg	109¾	do 1st inc.	33½
do coupon	109½	Minn. & St. L. 4s	100
do new 4s, reg	138	M., K. & T. 4s	100⅝
do coupon	139¼	do 2s	84
do old 4s, reg	112½	N. Y. Central 3s	104
do coupon	111¼	do gen. 3½s	103
do 5s, reg	106¼	*N. J. C. g. 5s	141
do coupon	107	No. Pacific 4s	103¾
Atchison gen. 4s	103¼	do 1st inc.	74½
do adj.	80	N. & W. con. 4s	101⅞
B. & O. 4s	102½	Reading gen. 4s	99⅛
do 3½s	96½	*St L. & I M c. 5s	117½
do conv. 4s	108	*St. L. & S. F. 4s	101
Canada So. 2s	106	St. L. Southw. 1s	100⅝
Central of Ga. 5s	112½	do 2s	86⅛
do inc.	87½	S. A. & A. P. 4s	91⅝
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	108½	So. Pacific 4s	95⅛
Chi. & Alton 3½s	84⅝	So. Railway 5s	122⅛
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	96	Texas & Pacific 1s	121
C. M & St P g. 4s	118	T., St. L. & W. 4s	83⅛
C. & N. W. c. 7s	136½	Union Pacific 4s	106½
C. R. I. & P. 4s	112½	do conv. 4s	105⅛
C.C.C. & S. L. g. 4s	104⅛	Wabash 1s	120
Chicago Ter. 4s	90	do 2s	110⅝
D. & R. G. 4s	104	do deb. B	76
Erie prior lien 4s	100¼	West Shore 4s	113⅝
do general 4s	87⅝	Wis. Cent. g. 4s	85⅝
F. W. & D. C. 1s	115½	Wis. Central 4s	85⅛
Hocking Val. 4½s	111¼	Con. Tobacco 4s	67⅝

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, April 23.—Call loans, 3⅝@4½ per cent; time loans, 4@5 per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison 4s	103	Allouez	3½
Bos. Elevated	86	Amalgamated	66⅛
Bos. Gas	86	Baltic	36½
Mex. Central 4s	83	Bingham	8½
N. E. G. & C.	53½	Calumet & Hecla	19
Atchison	79½	Copper Range	60¼
do pfd	97⅝	Dominion Coal	137½
Boston & Albany	264	Franklin	11
Boston & Me.	195	Isle Royale	12½
Boston Elevated	166	Mohawk	35½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	229½	Old Dominion	19¼
Pittsburg pfd	146	Osceola	62½
Union Pacific	103	Parrot	24½
Wisconsin Central	26⅝	Quincy	125
Am. Sugar	126	Santa Fe Copper	2⅝
do pfd	118	Tamarack	178
American T. & T.	178¼	Trimountain	80
Mass. Electric	44⅝	Trinity	13¼
N. E. G. & C.	44½	United States	21¼
United Fruit	97	Utah	22½
U. S. Steel	41⅝	Victoria	5⅛
do pfd	92⅝	Winona	1-16
Westingh. Common	112	Wolverine	52½