COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

Chicago Wheat Pit Has Its Eyes on Government's Report.

EXPECTED BEAR NATURE BRINGS EASE

Wheat Closes Slightly Lower for May and Corn and Oats Also Show Light Drops, Though Demand is Fairly Active.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Prospects of a bearish government report caused an easier feeling in the wheat pit today and the close was ⅛@⅜c lower for May. Corn was ⅝c lower and oats were also off ⅝c. May provisions closed from 5c to 7½@10c lower.

Wheat was only moderately active, and prices were disposed to slump off, the market being especially weak early in the day, but later on a fair export demand and a decrease in the world's visible supply, together with covering by shorts, a partial recovery followed. Quite general selling of December soon after the opening was the cause of the break on prices, May being affected by the cash month. It was expected that the government report, which was made public late in the afternoon, would show a good increase over the previous estimate and this tended to weaken the market. The close was easy and near the low point. May opened unchanged at 76⅞@77c and ranged between 76½@76⅝c and 76c, closing ⅛@⅜c lower at 76⅝c. Bradstreet's world's visible showed a decrease of 2,185,000 bu., compared with a decrease in the corresponding week last year of 813,000 bu. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 280,000 bu. Primary receipts were 486,000 bu., against 614,000 a year ago. Minneapolis and Duluth reported receipts of 275 cars, which, with local receipts of 111 cars, with one of contract grade, made total receipts for the three points of 386 cars, against 417 last week and 529 a year ago.

Inactivity was again manifested in corn and this fact taken in conjunction with the good weather for the grading and movement resulted in an easier undertone throughout the day. Weakness in wheat was the principal bear factor, although liquidation by locals late in the session added to the general depression. The close was easy with May ⅝c lower at 43⅛@43⅜c, after selling between 43⅛@43⅝c and 43⅛c. Local receipts were 632 cars, with six of contract grade.

Oats were fairly active and the market was quite steady after a fractional decline early along with other grains. There was considerable liquidation at the start, but the offerings were well taken. Commission houses were the best buyers. There was less doing in the last half of the session and the close was easier, with May ⅝c lower at 33⅞c, after ranging between 33⅞c and 34⅛@34⅜c. Local receipts were 238 cars.

Provisions reflected the weakness in the situation, due to extremely heavy receipts, there being 50,000 hogs posted on the arrival sheets, and prices at the yards were 10@15c lower. This led to considerable selling early by locals and there was also a good deal of January sold by brokers, presumably for the account of some of the packers. There was a good demand for May lard, which helped prices. The close was steady with May pork 7½@10c lower at $16.45@16.47½, May lard was off 7½c at $9.55 and ribs were 5c lower at $8.62½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 55 cars; corn, 260 cars; oats, 110 cars; hogs, 25,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
*Wheat					
Dec.	74⅝	74⅝	73⅝	73⅞	74⅝
May	76⅞@77	77	76½@76⅝	76½@76⅝	76⅞@77
July	73⅞	74	73⅝	73⅝	73⅞
*Corn—					
Dec.	45⅛@⅛	45⅛	44⅛	44⅛	45⅛
Jan.	45⅛	45⅛	44½	44½	45⅛
May	43⅝@⅝	43⅝	43⅛@43⅛	43⅛@⅜	43⅝@⅝
*Oats—					
**Dec.	32⅝	32⅝	32⅛	32⅛	32⅝
May	34⅛@⅛	34⅛@⅜	33⅞	33⅞	34⅛
Pork—					
Jan.	17 20	17 27½	17 20	17 27½	17 25
May	16 45	16 47½	16 42½	16 47½	16 55
Lard—					
Dec.	10 25	10 40	10 25	10 30	10 40
Jan.	9 85	10 00	9 90	9 92½	10 02½
May	9 55	9 57½	9 52½	9 55	9 62½
Ribs—					
Jan.	8 47½	8 47½	8 47½	8 47½	8 52½
May	8 62½	8 65	8 62½	8 62½	8 67½

*No. 2. **New.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Quiet but firm; winter patents, $3.40@3.50; straights, $3.10@3.20; spring patents, $3.40@3.70; straights, $2.90@3.20; bakers, $2.25@2.75.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 74c; No. 3, 69½@74c; No. 2 red, 75⅝@74⅝c.

CORN—No. 2, 44@44¼c; No. 2 yellow, 48@49c.

OATS—No. 2, 32½c; No. 3 white, 32¼@34½c.

RYE—No. 2, 48½c.

BARLEY—Good feeding, 39@42c; fair to choice malting, 45@56c.

SEED—No. 1 flax, $1.14; No. 1 northwestern, $1.22; prime timothy, $3.75. Clover, contract grade, $11.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $17.25. Lard, per 100 lbs., $10.35@10.37½. Short ribs sides (loose), $8.37½@8.62½. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $8.25@8.50; short clear sides (boxed), $9.00@9.12½.

WHISKY—Basis of high wines, $1.31.

Following were the receipts and shipments of flour and grain Saturday:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	22,500	18,300
Wheat, bu	77,900	11,100
Corn, bu	600,300	124,600
Oats, bu	263,900	169,400
Rye, bu	11,700	13,800
Barley, bu	69,300	6,100

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was quiet and steady; creameries, 18@26c; dairies, 17@25c. Eggs, quiet and firmer; loss off, cases returned, 25c. Cheese, dull but steady at 13@13¼c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKETS.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Receipts, 37,333 bbls.; exports, 4,478 bbls.; dull, but steadily held; winter patents, $3.60@3.70; winter straights, $3.45@3.55; Minnesota patents, $4.00@4.20; winter extras, $2.85@3.15; Minnesota bakers', $3.25@3.40; winter low grades $2.60@2.85. Rye flour, steady; fair to good, $3.10@3.40; choice to fancy, $3.50@3.60. Buckwheat flour, quiet, $2.30@2.35, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL — Easy; yellow western, $1.10; city, $1.18; Brandywine, $3.40@3.45.

RYE—Quiet; No. 2 western, 55c, f. o. b. afloat.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 39@40c, c. i. f. Buffalo; malting, 48@60, c. i. f. Buffalo.

WHEAT—Receipts, 73,125 bu.; exports, 15,984 bu. Spot, dull; No. 2 red, 80¼c, elevator; No. 2 red, 79⅝c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 86⅝c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard, Manitoba, 87⅝c, f. o. b. afloat. Options were slow all day and at first depressed, but gradually rallied on export rumors, a big decrease in world's stocks for the week and local covering. Near the close it softened through liquidation and finally was ⅛@⅛c net loss. July, 78 7-16@78⅝c; closed at 78½c; December, 84⅞@84 7-16c; closed at 84c.

CORN—Receipts, 73,500 bu.; exports, 65,243 bu. Spot, easy; No. 2, 59½c, elevator, and 58c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 yellow, 60c; No. 2 white, 60c. The option market was dull and barely steady throughout the session. Closed dull and easy at a partial ⅝c net decline.

OATS—Receipts, 90,000 bu. Spot, steady; No. 1, 38½c; standard white, 40½c; No. 3, 37½c; No. 2 white, 40½c; No. 3 39½@40c; track, mixed western, nominal, 60@63c. Option opened fairly active and about steady; December closed at 43c.

HOPS—Firm; state, common to choice, 1902, 29@32c; 1901, 24@26c; olds, 7@12½c; Pacific coast, 1902, 29@31c; 1901, 23@26c; old, 7@12½c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 25 lbs., 18c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 19c; Texas, dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 24c.

LEATHER—Firm.

WOOL—Firm; domestic fleece, 25@30c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $16.00@18.00; mess, $10.50@11.00; beef hams, $2.50@3.50; packet, $14.16; city extra India mess, $23@25; cut meats, quiet; pickled bellies, $8.12½@8.75; pickled shoulders, $8.25@8.50; pickled hams, $11.25@11.50. Lard, easy; western steamed, $10.75; refined, dull; continent, $10.30; compound, 7.75@7.75. Pork, steady, firm; fair, $18; short clear, $21.00@22.00; mess, $18.25@23.30.

BUTTER—Receipts, 6,880 pkgs.; irregular; state dairy, 20@26c; creamery, extra, 28@29c; creamery, common to choice, 21@27c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 3,737 pkgs.; firm; fancy, large, full cream, colored, fall made, 14c; late, 13½c; fancy, large, white, fall made, 14c; late made, 13½@13¾c; fancy, small, colored, fancy made, 14c; late made, 13¾c; fancy small, white, fall made, 14c; late made, 13¾@13¾c.

EGGS—Receipts, 3,843 pkgs.; firm; state and Pennsylvania, August, best, 28c; western, poor to fancy, 20@25c.

POULTRY—Alive, irregular; chickens, 11c; turkeys, 14@15c; fowls, 12@13c; dressed, slow; western chickens, 12@12½c; western fowls, 10@12c; western turkeys, 17@18c.

HEMP—Firm.

METALS—Tin advanced 15s in London today, spot closing there at £120 15s and futures at £121 12s 6d, and was firm and tighter here, closing at $28.50@28.75. Copper also advanced in London and locally, the gain abroad being a matter of 2s 6d to £2 5s 6d for spot and £3 12s 6d for futures. The local market was quiet; standard was quoted at $11, nominal; lake, $11.62½@11.87½; electrolytic, $11.60@11.75; casting, $11.50@11.62½. Lead advanced 1s 3d in London to £13 17s 6d, but remained quiet and unchanged here at $4.12½. Spelter declined 2½c here to $4.70, but advanced 2s 6d in London, closing at £19 17s 6d. Iron at Glasgow closed at 53s 6d and in Middlesborough at 46s 4½d. Locally iron was dull and unchanged; warrants continue nominal. No. 1 northern foundry, $23.00@25.00; No. 2 northern foundry, No. 1 southern foundry and No. 1 soft southern foundry at $22.00@23.00.

OMAHA WHOLESALE MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Fresh stock, 24c.

LIVE POULTRY—Hens, 8½@9c; old roosters, 4@5c; turkeys, 12@13c; ducks, 8@9c; geese, 7½@8c; spring chickens, per lb., 9½@10c.

DRESSED POULTRY — Hens, 10@11c; young chickens, 9@10c; turkeys, 15@17c; ducks, 10@11c; geese, 11@12c.

BUTTER—Packing stock, 17@17½c; choice dairy, in tubs, 20@21c; separator, 29@30c.

CORN—New, 37c.

OATS—34c.

RYE—No. 2, 45c.

OYSTERS—Standards, per can, 28c; extra selects, per can, 35c; New York counts, per can, 42c; bulk, extra selects, per gal., $1.75; bulk, standards, per gal., $1.45.

FRESH FISH—Trout, 9@10c; herring, 5c; pickerel, 8c; pike, 9c; perch, 6c; buffalo, dressed, 7c; sunfish, 5c; bluefins, 5c; whitefish, 9c; salmon, 15c; haddock, 11c; codfish, 12c; redsnapper, 10c; lobsters, boiled, per lb., 30c; lobsters, green, per lb., 28c; bullheads, 10c; catfish, 14c; black bass, 20c; halibut, 11c.

BRAN—Per ton, $13.50.

HAY—Prices quoted by Omaha Wholesale Hay Dealers' association: Choice No. 1 upland, $8.50; No. 1 medium, $7.50; No. 1 coarse, $7.00. Rye straw, $6.00. These prices are for hay of good color and quality. Demand fair, receipts light.

VEGETABLES.

NEW CELERY—Kalamazoo, per dozen, 25c; Utah, per dozen, 45c; California, per dozen, for stalks weighing from 1 to 1½ lbs., each, 45@75c.

POTATOES—Per bu., 50c.

SWEET POTATOES—Iowa Muscatines, per bbl., $3.25; Kansas, $2.25.

TURNIPS—Per bu., 40c; Canada rutabaga, per lb., 1c.

BEETS—Per basket, 40c.

CUCUMBERS—Hothouse, per dozen, $1.50.

PARSNIPS—Per bu., 40c.

CARROTS—Per lb., 1c.

GREEN ONIONS—Southern, per dozen bunches, 45c.

RADISHES—Southern, per dozen bunches, 40c.

WAX BEANS—Per bu. box, $3; string beans, per bu. box, $1.50.

CABBAGE—Miscellaneous Holland seed, per lb., 1¼c.

ONIONS—New home grown, in sacks, per bu., 75c; Spanish, per crate, $1.75.

NAVY BEANS—Per bu., $2.60.

TOMATOES—New California, per 4-basket crate, $2.75.

CAULIFLOWER — California, per crate, $2.50.

FRUITS.

PEARS—Fall varieties, per box, $2.00; Colorado, per box, $2.25.

APPLES—Western, per bbl., $2.75; Jonathans, $4; New York stock, $3.25; California Bellflowers, per bu. box, $1.60.

GRAPES—Catawbas, per basket, 18c; Malagas, per keg, $6.00@7.00.

CRANBERRIES—Wisconsin, per bbl., $10; Bell and Bugles, $11; per box, $3.50.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

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

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

ORANGES—Florida Brights, $3.75; California navels, $3.50; California sweet Jaffas, all sizes, $3.75.

DATES—Persian, in 70-lb. boxes, per lb., 6c; per case of 30-lb. pkgs., $2.25.

FIGS—California, per 10-lb. cartons, $1; Turkish, per 25-lb. box, 14@15c.

GRAPE FRUIT—Florida, $6.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—New Utah, per 24-frame case, $3.75.

CIDER—New York, $4.50; per ½ bbl., $2.75.

SAUERKRAUT—Wisconsin, per ½ bbl., $2.25; per bbl., $3.75.

POPCORN—Per lb., 2c; shelled, 4c.

HIDES—No. 1 green, 9c; No. 2 green, 5c; No. 1 salted, 7c; No. 2 salted, 6½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 8½c; No. 2 veal calf, 12 to 15 lbs., 6c; dry hides, 16@12c; sheep pelts, 25@75c; horse hides, $1.50@2.50.

NUTS—Walnuts, No. 1 soft shell, per lb., 15c; hard shell, per lb., 14c; No. 5 soft shell, per lb., 13c; No. 2 hard shell, per lb., 12c; Brazils, per lb., 12c; filberts, per lb., 12c; almonds, soft shell, per lb., 16c; hard shell, per lb., 15c; pecans, large, per lb., 12½c; small, per lb., 11c; cocoanuts, per doz., 50c; chestnuts, per lb., 10c; peanuts, per lb., 5½c; roasted peanuts, per lb., 7c; black walnuts, per bu., $1.00; hickory nuts, per bu., $1.50; cocoanuts, per 100, $4.

OLD METALS, ETC.—A. B. Alpire quotes the following prices: Iron, country, mixed, per ton, $11; iron, stove plate, per ton, $8; copper, per lb., 8½c; brass, heavy, per lb., 8½c; brass, light, per lb., 5½c; lead, per lb., 8c; zinc, per lb., 2½c; rubber, per lb., 6½c.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

110-111 Board of Trade, Omaha, Neb.—Telephone 1516.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—The market has been weak, especially for December, the discount widening to 3c under the May at times. The selling has been scattered, trade small and of a holiday order. Weather both in Argentina and this country very favorable. The map shows more snow protection than supposed. The market was somewhat influenced by the idea the government report would largely raise earlier estimates as to wheat yield. Contract stock, 4,152,000 bu.; increase, 108,000. The seaboard reported 35 loads taken for export.

CORN—Futures were up slightly early, with some demand that seemed to come from local shorts. The cash corn started strong, but like the futures closed with the slight advance lost. The whole trade has been quiet. Weather is favorable.

OATS—The market has been easy for futures. There has been selling by local holders and some buying that suggested Patten. Samples were ¼c higher.

PROVISIONS — The provision market opened off on larger receipts of hogs than expected. Cudahy Packing company sold May lard. Swift sold 2,000 tierces May lard; commission houses bought. July product has been rather weak.

WEARE COMMISSION COMPANY.

St. Louis Grain and Provisions.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 73½c asked; track, 75c; May, 76¼c bid; July, 71⅞c; No. 2 hard, 69@72½c.

CORN—Lower; No. 2 cash, 45⅝c; track, 45⅝c; December, 45c; May, 43⅝@40c.

OATS—Strong; No. 2 cash, 33c; track, 33¼@34c; May, 34⅛@34¼c bid; No. 2 white, 35c.

RYE—Firm at 49½c.

FLOUR—Dull; red winter patents, $3.25@3.50; extra fancy and straight, $3.05@3.20; clear, $2.50@3.00.

SEED—Timothy, steady, $2.90@3.40.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.30.

BRAN—Strong; sacked, east track, 71@72c; direct at 70c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $11.00@15.00; prairie, $10.50@12.00.

WHISKY—Steady at $1.32.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.07½.

BAGGING—6 5-16@7 1-16c.

HEMP TWINE—9c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, standard mess, $18.00. Lard, lower at $10.00. Dry salt meats, quiet; boxed extra shorts, $9.12½; clear ribs, $9; short clears, $9.50. Bacon, quiet; boxed extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clear, $11.

METALS—Lead, steady at $3.95@3.97½. Spelter, firm at $4.45.

POULTRY — Stronger; chickens, 9c; springs, 9c; turkeys, 11½@12c; ducks, 12c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER — Steady; creamery, 23@30c; dairy, 18@22c.

EGGS—22c, loss off.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	6,000	14,000
Wheat, bu	42,000	91,000
Corn, bu	107,000	368,000
Oats, bu	42,000	43,000

Toledo Grain and Seed.

TOLEDO, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Dull and easier; cash and December, 77½c; May, 80⅝c.

CORN—Dull and easier; December, 45¼c; May, 46c.

OATS—Dull and easier; December, 34c; May, 34⅝c.

RYE—72½c.

SEEDS—Clover, fairly active; January, $8.60; March, $6.90. Prime timothy, $1.80. Prime alsike, $5.70.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 northern, 77c; No. 2 northern, 75½c; May, 76⅝c.

RYE—Steady; No. 1, 51½@52c.

BARLEY—Firm; standard, 58c; sample, 52@56c.

CORN—May, 43⅝c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Cash, No. 1 hard, 74½c; No. 2 northern, 71⅝c; No. 1 northern, 74c; December, 73⅝c; May, 76c.

OATS—May, 32½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—Spot, firm; No. 2 red, western, winter, 5s 11½d; No. 1 California, 6s 3d; futures quiet; December, 5s 7½d; March, 5s 7d; May, 5s 7d.

CORN—Spot, quiet; American mixed, new, 4s 11½d; American mixed, old, 5s 5d; futures, quiet; January, 4s 8¾d; March, 4s 2¾d.

PROVISIONS—Hams, short cut, steady, 52s. Bacon, Cumberland cut, steady, 48s; short clear backs, quiet, 47s 6d; clear bellies, dull, 57s 6d. Shoulders, square, quiet, 42s. Lard, prime western, in tierces, quiet, 55s; American, in pails, 47s.

CHEESE—Finest, firm, 60s; American, finest colored, firm, 60s.

Receipts of wheat during the past two days, 160,000 centals, including 75,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the past two days, 24,000 centals.

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Cable and telegraphic dispatches to Bradstreet's this week show the following changes as compared with last accounts:

WHEAT—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 315,000 bu.; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 2,500,000; total supply, decrease, 2,185,000 bu.

CORN—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 1,044,000 bu.

OATS—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 183,000 bu.

Among the more important increases reported are those of 300,000 bu. at Chicago private elevators, 75,000 bu. at Davenport, 63,000 bu. at outside Lincoln elevators and 55,000 bu. at Portland, Me. The leading decreases are those of 600,000 bu. at northwestern interior elevators, 300,000 bu. at Port Huron, 84,000 bu. at Syracuse, 76,000 bu. at Dallas, 62,000 bu. at Depot Harbor, 52,000 bu. at Milwaukee private elevators and 50,000 bu. at Nashville.

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—WHEAT—December, 63c; May, 68@68c; cash, No. 2 hard, 68½c; No. 3, 65@65c; No. 4 hard, 55@61c; rejected hard, 53@67c; No. 2 red, 67@68c; No. 3, 65@67c.

CORN—December, 36⅞c; May, 37½c; cash, No. 2 mixed, 37¼@38½c; No. 2 white, 38@38½c; No. 3, 37½c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 33@33½c.

RYE—No. 2, 45@46c.

HAY—Choice timothy, $12.00@12.50; choice prairie, $9.50@10.00.

BUTTER—Creamery, 25@27c; dairy, fancy, 22c.

EGGS—Weak; fresh Missouri and Kansas stock, 21½c, loss off, cases returned; new No. 2 whitewood cases included, 22c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	21,600	83,200
Corn, bu	42,400	108,800
Oats, bu	7,000	10,000

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; extra western creamery, 30c; extra nearby prints, 32c.

EGGS—Firm, good demand; fresh nearby, 29c, loss off; fresh western, 29c, loss off; fresh southwestern, 28c, loss off; fresh southern, 27c, loss off.

CHEESE—Firm but steady; New York full creams, prime small, 14c; New York full creams, fair to good small, 13½@13¾c; New York full creams, prime large, 14c; New York full creams, fair to good large, 13½@13¾c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 30.—CORN—Dull; new No. 3, 41c.

OATS—Steady; No. 3 white, 32¼c, billed through.

WHISKY—On the basis of $1.31 for finished goods.

Minneapolis Wheat, Flour and Bran.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 30.—FLOUR—Dull; first patents, $3.65@3.85; second patents, $3.45@3.65; first clears, $2.90@3.10; second clears, $2.30@2.60.

BRAN—In bulk, $13.00@13.25.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Review of Operations on Stock Exchange Up to Noon.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Prices moved downward in the opening dealings, Amalgamated Copper leading the way with a decline of ¾. Brooklyn Transit also lost a large fraction. Sugar showed a small advance and Chicago Great Western rose ¼, but the preferred B stock lost 1¼. Business was on a very small scale and there were no changes excepting a small fraction beyond those mentioned.

The scarcity of offerings on the decline checked any further short sales, and the bears bought to cover, causing a quick recovery. Manhattan, Brooklyn Rapid Transit were conspicuously firm, but did not rise more than a fraction above last night. Metropolitan securities rose 4, International Pump preferred 3 and St. Joseph & Grand Island preferred lost 4¼. Sugar was sold freely to realize after it touched 130 and had gotten below 129 before 11 o'clock.

The stiffness of the dull money rates at 12 per cent and above did not prevent large buying of the Erie stock on account of the favorable November earnings. Other coalers advanced in sympathy, but the sympathetic responses in the Gould list was light. Erie rose 1½ and the second preferred 1¼. There was an advance of about a point in Reading; Delaware & Hudson gained 3; Chicago Great Western, St. Louis, Southwestern preferred, Cleveland and Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Iowa Central, General Electric and Anaconda gained a point. Bonds were irregular.

Realizations only caused a temporary check to the advance which was renewed with more confidence in all quarters. Advances of an hour were numerous, while Erie and Rock Island gained 2, Erie second preferred 3¾ and Lackawanna 4. Iowa Central preferred also sold 2¼ and the United States Express 2½ higher.

The strength of the coal permeated the general list and there was a more active demand for the standard railroads and numerous specialties. The transcontinental stocks were in good demand, led by St. Paul, which reached 178. Advances elsewhere ran from 1 to 1¾ for Great Northern, Union Pacific, Rock Island, Louisville, Amalgamated Copper, Manhattan, Brooklyn Transit and some others of less prominence. General Electric rose 3 and Westinghouse Electric 6.

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

Atchison	83⅝	do pfd	92½
do pfd	95	Texas & Pacific	32
Bal. & Ohio	99⅝	Toledo, St. L. & W.	27
do pfd	93½	do pfd	45½
Canadian Pacific	131⅞	Union Pacific	100⅝
Canada So.	75	do pfd	93
Ches. & Ohio	48⅝	Wabash	20¼
Chicago & Alton	33⅞	do pfd	43
do pfd	71	Wheeling & L. E.	24¼
Chicago & E. Ill.	195	do 2d pfd	52
Chicago & G. W.	28	Wis. Central	26⅝
do 1st pfd	85	do pfd	75⅝
do 2d pfd	39	Adams Ex.	200
Chicago & N. W.	217	American Ex.	220
Chicago Ter. & Tr.	17½	United States Ex.	135
do pfd	35	Wells-Fargo Ex.	115
C. C. C. & St. L.	96¼	Amal. Copper	62
Colorado So.	28	Amer. Car & F.	35½
do 1st pfd	69½	do pfd	90½
do 2d pfd	45½	Amer. Linseed	10½
Del. & Hudson	170½	do pfd	40
Del. L. & W.	255	American S. & R.	42½
Denver & R. G.	40	do pfd	92½
do pfd	88⅝	Anac. Mining Co.	50
Erie	38⅝	Brooklyn R. T.	67⅝
do 1st pfd	68⅝	Colo. Fuel & Iron	86¼
do 2d pfd	51½	Cons. Gas	212⅝
Great Nor. pfd	139⅝	Cont. Tobacco pfd	116
Hocking Valley	96½	Gen. Electric	177½
do pfd	95½	Hocking Coal	39⅝
Illinois Central	145¼	Inter. Paper	17¼
Iowa Central	29⅝	do pfd	71
do pfd	72	Inter. Pump	44¼
Lake Erie & W.	48	Laclede Gas	85
do pfd	115	National Biscuit	44½
L. & N.	126⅞	National Lead	27⅝
Manhattan	143⅝	N. American	63
Met. St. Ry.	139	Pacific Coast	70
Mex. Central	25¼	Pacific Mail	39
Mex. National	17½	People's Gas	102⅞
Minn. & St. L.	109	Pressed S. Car	36⅝
do pfd	118¼	do pfd	82
M., K. & T.	26⅞	Pullman P. Car	226
do pfd	56⅝	Republic Steel	30⅝
N. J. Central	175	do pfd	94⅝
N. Y. Central	152	Sugar	128⅞
Norfolk & W.	72½	Tenn. Coal & I.	58⅝
do pfd	90⅝	Union Bag & P.	13
Ontario & W.	31⅝	do pfd	146
Pennsylvania	155¼	U. S. Leather	12
Reading	46⅝	do pfd	88⅝
do 1st pfd	57	U. S. Rubber	17⅝
do 2d pfd	34½	do pfd	58
St. L. & S. W.	27	U. S. Steel	35⅝
St. L. & S. F.	74½	do pfd	85⅝
do 1st pfd	78	Western Union	88⅝
do 2d pfd	67⅝	Amer. Locomotive	29¼
St. Paul	178	do pfd	93
do pfd	193	Colo. Southern	21⅝
So. Pacific	61½	do 1st pfd	56⅝
So. Railway	32½	do 2d pfd	31½

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 5½@6½ per cent. Official closing of stocks and bonds:

Atchison	102	Adventure	15⅝
Gas	100⅝	Allouez	3⅝
Mex. Central	76	Amalgamated	67½
Atchison	83⅝	Bingham	28½
do pfd	100	*Calumet & Hecla	490
Boston & Albany	258	Centennial	18⅝
Boston & Me.	345	Copper Range	39⅝
Boston Elevated	153⅝	Dominion Coal	121⅝
N. Y., N. H. & H.	221½	Franklin	9⅝
Fitchburg pfd	141	Isle Royale	13⅝
Union Pacific	100⅝	Mohawk	41
Mex. Central	25	Old Dominion	56⅝
American Sugar	128⅝	Osceola	90
do pfd	126⅝	Parrot	26½
American T. & T.	164	Quincy	115
Dominion I. & S.	61½	Santa Fe Copper	1⅝
Gen. Electric	178	Tamarack	150
Mass. Electric	35½	Trinity	16⅝
do pfd	84	United States	23⅝
United Fruit	116⅝	do pfd	88
Daly West	40	Victoria	6
U. S. Steel	35⅝	Winona	5⅝
do pfd	85⅝	Wolverine	67
Wentwgh. Common	89	Butted Copper	29⅝

*Bid.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Money was in increasing demand today. Discounts were easier in view of the cheaper rates for money which are expected soon to prevail. On the Stock exchange prices were generally firm, with a fair business and an increase in the outside interest. Consols were a fraction lower at first on the closing of the accounts and owing to some apprehensions in regard to the affairs in Morocco, but they closed firmer. Home rails were cheerful. Americans opened dull. Encouraging reports from New York, however, caused them to improve somewhat with much irregularity. A good recovery was made later and the market closed strong on New York buying orders. South Americans were firm. Rio tintos were lower. Kaffirs were steady. On the street at 5:30 p. m. Americans were booming, Erie being the feature at 39⅝; Reading was quoted at 33⅝, Southern Pacific at 66⅝ and Union Pacific at 102⅝.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Prices opened heavy on the bourse today owing to the situation in Morocco, but a general improvement soon set in and it was especially marked toward the close. Foreigners were irregular. Rio tintos dropped on the fall in the price of copper and unsatisfactory New York advices. Kaffirs closed heavy as a result of realization.

Three per cent rentes, 49f 60c for the account; exchange on London, 25f 14½c for checks.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Prices opened weak on the bourse today owing to the alarming news from Morocco and New York advices, but grew firmer on account of the speculative colliery purchases and more encouraging reports from Vienna.

Exchange on London, 20m 43¼pfg for checks; discount rates for short bills, 3½ per cent; three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—MONEY—On call, firm at 3@4 per cent; closed at 3@4 per cent; time money, easier for sixty and ninety days; prime mercantile paper, 6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.86@4.86½ for demand and at $4.83@4.83125 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84 and $4.87½.

SILVER—Bar, 48c; Mexican dollars, 38c.

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

The closing quotations on bonds are as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106⅝	L. & N. uni. 4s	101⅝
do coupon	108⅝	Mex. Central 4s	78
do 3s, reg.	107½	do 1st inc.	28⅝
do coupon	108	Minn. & St. L. 4s	102⅝
new 4s, reg.	135⅝	M., K. & T. 4s	97½
do coupon	136⅝	do 2s	82½
old 4s, reg.	109½	N. Y. Central 3s	102½
do coupon	110½	do general 3½s	105
do 5s, reg.	103⅝	N. J. C. gen. 5s	135½
do coupon	105⅝	No. Pacific 4s	103⅝
Atchison gen. 4s	102⅝	do 2s	72⅝
do adj. 4s	93⅝	N. & W. con. 4s	100⅝
Bal. & Ohio 4s	102	Reading gen. 4s	97½
do 3½s	95⅝	St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	112⅝
do conv. 4s	104⅝	St. L. & S. F. 4s	97
Canada So. 2s	106½	St. L. & S. W. 1s	94½
Central of Ga. 5s	107	do 1s	83
do 1s inc.	75	S. A. & A. P. 4s	87½
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	102⅝	So. Pacific 4s	90½
Chicago & N. W.	99	So. Railway 5s	119⅝
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	95⅝	Texas & Pacific 1s	116⅝
C. M & St P g. 4s	113½	T. St. L. & W. 4s	75½
C. & N. W. c. 7s	133½	Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
C., R. I. & P. 4s	104½	do conv. 4s	105½
C. C C & St. L. 4s	99⅝	Wabash 1s	118
Chicago Ter. 4s	86⅝	do 2s	108
Colorado So. 4s	92	do deb. B	76⅝
Denver & R. G. 4s	101	West Shore 4s	112½
Erie prior lien 4s	100	Wheel. & L. E. 4s	91
do general 4s	86⅝	Wis. Central 4s	93
F. W. & D. C. 1s	110½	Con. Tobacco 4s	65⅝
Hocking Val. 4½s	109		

London Stock Quotations.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Closing quotations:

Consols for money	93	New York Central	156
do account	93	Norfolk & Western	84
Anaconda	4⅝	do pfd	94
Atchison	83⅝	Ontario & Western	22
do pfd	102⅝	Pennsylvania	79½
Baltimore & Ohio	101⅝	Reading	14⅝
Canadian Pacific	134⅝	Reading	31⅝
Chesapeake & Ohio	48⅝	do 1st pfd	44½
Chicago G. W.	28	do 2d pfd	29⅝
C., M. & St. P.	182	Southern Railway	32⅝
DeBeers	23⅝	do pfd	95
Denver & R. G.	40⅝	Southern Pacific	65¼
do (ex-div.)	80½	Union Pacific	102⅝
Erie	36⅝	do pfd	93⅝
do 1st p