GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Feature of Session Covering by Shorts on Cold Wave.

PRICES OPEN LOWER, BUT STRENTHEN UP

St. Louis Begins to Send Out Talk of Hessian Fly—Corn and Oats Strong, Latter Advancing Rapidly.

OMAHA, Feb. 21, 1907.

The feature of the wheat market was covering by shorts, which brought prices up to yesterday's close after a lower opening. The cold wave was responsible for the covering, and the strength in the northwest helped to steady the market. Receipts at Winnipeg were much larger than a year ago. Petri of St. Louis is beginning to talk of Hessian fly in Kansas and Oklahoma and says with a little spring weather the fly will appear.

Corn ruled strong, closing ¼c above yesterday. The cash market was firm locally. St. Louis reported considerable cash buying.

May oats closed ¼c higher and there were few offered for sale at any price, the market advancing rapidly with small offers. Cash oats were strong and higher in price.

Primary wheat receipts were 540,000 bushels and shipments 241,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 690,000 bushels and shipments 581,000 bushels. The corresponding day last year was a holiday. Clearances were 115,000 bushels wheat, 7,000 bbls. flour, 397,000 bushels corn and no oats.

Liverpool closed ½@¾d lower on wheat and ½@¾d higher on corn.

Bradstreet's weekly clearances were 2,900,000 bushels wheat and 1,600,000 bushels corn.

Argentina wheat shipments are estimated at 4,000,000 bushels and corn shipments at 500,000 bushels.

The Price Current today says: "Some growing wheat looking brown, but not believed to be injured. General condition favorable and not materially changed. Sowing of spring crop commencing. Interior grain offerings free. Car situation improved. Week's packing 646,000, against 565,000 last year."

Minneapolis wired: "Receipts much smaller than was fed to believe they were and disappointing to local bears, who expected they would run 400 to 500 cars daily. Very cold here and through northwest."

Toledo wired: "Corn situation here is bearish enough. We know of 2,000,000 bushels within fifty miles of Toledo in elevators that would move in five days if roads could furnish cars and elevators take care of it."

Tomorrow being a legal holiday, the Omaha Grain exchange will be closed.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
May...	70⅝B	70⅞	70⅝B	70⅞	70⅝A
July...	70⅝B	71 B	70⅝B	71 B	70⅝B
Corn—					
May...	42 B	42⅝B	42 B	42⅝B	41⅝B
July...	41⅝B	41⅝B	41⅝B	41⅝A	41⅝A
Sept...	41⅝B	41⅝B	41⅝B	41⅝A	41⅝B
Oats—					
May...	29⅝B	29⅝B	29⅝B	29⅝A	29⅝A
July...	35 B	35⅝B	35 B	35⅝A	35 B

A asked. B bid.

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 68½@69c; No. 3 hard, 64@67½c; No. 4 hard, 60@65c; No. 3 spring, 66@68c.

CORN—No. 2, 38½@38¾c; No. 4, 38½@37c; no grade, 32@35c; No. 3 yellow, 38½@38¾c; No. 3 white, 40½@41c.

OATS—No. 2 mixed, 37½@37¾c; No. 3 white, 38½@38¾c; No. 4 white, 36c.

RYE—No. 3, 56c; No. 2, 57½c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	7	406	157
Kansas City	66	25	32
Minneapolis	4...241	...	...
Omaha	8	85	21
Duluth	56	...	...
St. Louis	38	116	80

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Trading and Closing Prices on Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—Liquidation by small holders caused an easy tone at the close of the local wheat market today, the May delivery showing a net loss of ⅝c. Corn was up ¼@⅝c. Oats were ⅛c higher. Provisions were 2½@60c lower.

Trading in the wheat pit was only moderate in volume because of the reluctance of many traders to open new accounts preceding the holiday tomorrow. Commission houses were fair buyers at the opening, but offerings were light and for a short time under these conditions the market held steady. Cold weather in the winter wheat belt and small receipts in the northwest were chiefly responsible for the demand. The market soon eased off, however, on selling by pit traders, but rallied again at the end of the first hour on renewed buying by commission houses. During the remainder of the day the market was unsettled, but near the close sentiment became bearish and longs sold freely. The close was easy. May opened unchanged to ⅛c lower, at 71⅞@71⅝c, sold between 71⅝@71⅞c and closed at 71⅝c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 144,700 bushels. Primary receipts were 54,000 bushels, compared with a holiday last year. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 304 cars, against 300 cars last week and a holiday last year.

Despite favorable weather for the movement, the receipts today were less than had been estimated and the deficit was responsible for a firm tone which prevailed all day. Commission houses and cash interests were free bidders, but offerings were light. The market closed firm. May opened unchanged, at 46⅝c, advanced to 47⅛c and closed at 47⅛@47¼c. Local receipts were 406 cars with 4 of contract grade.

Oats were exceptionally strong because of the buying of May by a leading bull. There was also free covering by shorts. A lively demand for cash oats by eastern shippers was the principal bullish influence. May opened ⅛c higher, at 40⅝c, advanced to 41⅛@41⅛c and closed at 41⅛c. Local receipts were 157 cars.

Provisions were quiet and steady. A 10c advance in the price of hogs was offset by an estimate that during last week 90,000 more head had been packed than during the same week last year. At the close May pork was off 5c, at $14.70. Lard was down 5c, at $8.77½. Ribs were 2½c lower, at $9.27½.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 32 cars; corn, 412 cars; oats, 149 cars, hogs, 23,000 head.

The Board of Trade will be closed tomorrow, it being a legal holiday.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
May	77⅛@⅞	77⅛	77⅛	77¼	77⅛
July	78 @⅛	78⅛@⅜	77⅞	77⅞	78
Sept.	77⅛@77⅝	78⅛	77⅞	77⅞	77⅞@78
*Corn—					
May	46⅞	47⅛	46⅞	47⅛@¼	46⅞
July	46½	46⅞	46⅝	46⅞@¾	46⅝@⅞
Sept.	46⅝	47⅛	46⅝	47	46⅝@⅞
*Oats—					
May	40⅝	41⅛@⅛	40⅝	41⅛	40⅛
July	36⅝@37	37⅛	36⅞	37⅛	36⅞
Sept.	32⅞	33⅛	32⅞	32⅞@⅜	32⅝
Pork—					
May	16 75	16 75	16 70	16 70	16 75
July	16 92½	16 92½	16 82½	16 85	16 87½
Lard—					
May	9 85	9 87½	9 77½	9 77½	9 82½
July	9 85	9 87½	9 77½	9 77½	9 85
Sept.	9 87½	10 00	9 90	9 90	9 95
Ribs—					
May	9 35	9 35	9 27½	9 27½	9 30
July	9 40	9 42½	9 37½	9 37½	9 40

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Steady; winter patents, $3.90@4.50; winter straights, $3.60@3.75; spring patents, $3.70@4.50; spring straights, $3.10@3.50; bakers, $2.10@2.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 79@80c; No. 3 spring, 71@80c; No. 2 red, 72½@74½c.

CORN—No. 2, 43½c; No. 2 yellow, 44½c.

OATS—No. 2, 39½c; No. 2 white, 42½c; No. 3 white, 40½@41½c.

RYE—No. 2, 65c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 59½@62c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.17½; No. 1 northwestern, $1.24½. Prime timothy, $4.85. Clover, contract grade, $12.70.

PROVISIONS—Short ribs, sides (loose), $9.00@9.25. Mess pork, per bbl., $16.70@16.75. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9.62½. Short clear sides (boxed), $9.25@9.50.

The receipts and shipments of flour and grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	45,400	32,500
Wheat, bu	17,000	13,500
Corn, bu	396,000	226,500
Oats, bu	169,500	252,500
Rye, bu	18,000	2,000
Barley, bu	41,600	14,000

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 22@28½c; dairies, 20@26c. Eggs, strong; at mark, cases included, 16@22c; firsts, 23c; prime firsts, 23c; extras, 23c. Cheese, steady, 14@16½c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red western winter, 8s 3d; futures, steady; March, 8s 1½d; May, 8s 3½d; July, 8s 3½d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s 6d; old, 4s 7½d; futures, firm; March, 4s 4½d; May, 4s 5½d.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—FLOUR—Receipts, 8,861 bbls.; exports, 1,186 bbls.; sales, 5,600 pkgs.; dull but steady; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.40; winter straights, $3.40@3.55; Minnesota bakers, $3.30@4.25; winter extras, $2.00@2.00; winter low grades, $2.70@2.90. Rye flour, firm; fair to good, $3.65@3.80; choice to fancy, $3.85@4.20. Buckwheat flour, steady, $2.30, spot and to arrive.

CORNMEAL—Firm; fine white and yellow, $1.30@1.35; coarse, $1.10@1.12; kiln dried, $2.65@2.75.

WHEAT—Receipts, 92,000 bu.; exports, 103,118 bu.; sales, 3,600,000 bu. futures and 84,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 81⅝c, elevator, and 83⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 91⅝c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 87½c, f. o. b., afloat. A steadily firm tone prevailed in wheat up to the last hour, due to cold weather west, commission house support, smaller northwest receipts and covering. Reaction near the close, due to unloading, left the market rather depressed and ⅛c net lower to ⅛c net higher. May closed at 84⅛c, July at 81⅛c and September at 82⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 118,520 bu.; exports, 58,620 bu.; sales, 10,000 bu. futures, and 120,000 bu. spot. Spot, firm; No. 2, 58c, elevator, and 53½c, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 white, 54½c; No. 2 yellow, 53½c, f. o. b., afloat. The option market was quiet, but firmer, on big clearances and lighter receipts, closing dull at ⅛c net advance. May closed at 54⅛c and July at 52⅝c.

OATS—Receipts, 91,500 bu. Spot, firm; mixed oats, 23 to 32 lbs., 47c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 49½@51½c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 50½@53½c.

FEED—Steady; spring bran, $22.85; middlings, $22.10.

HAY—Steady; good to choice, $1.00@1.10.

HOPS—Dull; Pacific coast, 1906 crop, 10@18c.

HIDES—Steady; Galveston, 20 to 28 lbs., 20c; California, 21 to 25 lbs., 21c; Texas dry, 24 to 30 lbs., 19c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 27½@22c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, firm; family, $18.00@15.50; mess, $9.00@9.50; beef hams, $24.00@26.00; packet, $11.00@12.00; city, extra India mess, $20.00@22.00. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $10.75@12.50; pickled hams, 12.25. Lard, steady; western prime, $9.85@9.95; refined, steady; compound, $8.62½@8.87½. Pork, firm; family, $20.50; short clear, $18.00@19.25; mess, $18.50@19.25.

TALLOW—Steady; city, 6⅝c; country, 6⅛@6⅜c.

RICE—Steady; domestic, fair to extra, 5¼@6¾c; Japan, nominal.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy, steady; western creamery, 23½@24½c; official prices creamery, common to extra, 20@31½c; held, common to extra, 21@31c; state, dairy, common to finest, 20@31c; renovated, common to extra, 19@24c⅝ western factory, common to firsts, 17@21c; western imitation creamery, extras, 26@27c; firsts, 23@26c.

CHEESE—Strong; state full cream, small and large, September fancy, 14⅝c; October best, 11⅞@14½c; good to prime, 13⅝@13½c; winter made, average best, 12½c; inferiors, 11@12½c; skims, 8½@11½c.

EGGS—Firmer; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white, 23c; state, choice, 22@23c; state, brown and mixed extra, 22@23c; firsts to extra firsts, 27@28c; western firsts, 27c; official price, firsts, 27c; seconds, 26@26½c.

POULTRY—Live, quiet; roosters, 8½@12c; fowls, 13c; turkeys, 15c; dressed, quiet; western chickens, 11@16c; turkeys, 16@17c; fowls, 8@13½c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—Weak; track, No. 2 red cash, 77@78c; No. 3 hard, 74@76½c; May, 76⅝c; July, 76@76½c.

CORN—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 43½@44c; No. 3 white, 45½@46½c; May, 44⅝@44⅞c; July, 45½@45¾c.

OATS—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 41½c; No. 3 white, 42½c; May, 40½c; July, 36½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.60@3.80; extra fancy and straight, $3.30@3.70; clear, $2.65@2.85.

SEED—Timothy, firm, $3.75@4.15.

CORNMEAL—Steady, $2.40.

BRAN—Easier; sacked, east track, 86@90c.

HAY—Steady; timothy, $15.00@19.00; prairie, $10.00@13.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—10½c.

HEMP TWINE—10c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $12.75. Lard, higher; prime steam, $9.45. Dry salt meats (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $9.75; clear ribs, $9.75; short clears, $9.87½. Bacon (boxed), steady; extra shorts, $10.50; clear ribs, $10.50; short clears, $10.62½.

POULTRY—Weak; chickens, 9½c; springs, 11½c; turkeys, 11c; ducks, 11½c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Steady; creamery, 27@34c; dairy, 21@27c.

EGGS—Higher at 22c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	9,000	8,000
Wheat, bu	38,000	50,000
Corn, bu	117,000	113,000
Oats, bu	80,000	137,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—May 70⅝c; July, 71½c; September, 71¼c; cash No. 2 hard, 70@73½c; No. 3, 67@72½c; No. 2 red, 74@74½c; No. 3, 69@73c.

CORN—May, 41½c; July, 42c; September 42⅝c; cash No. 2 mixed, 40½@40¾c; No. 3 40c; No. 2 white, 42½@42¾c; No. 3, 42½c.

OATS—No. 2, white, 41½@42c; No. 2 mixed 41c.

RYE—Steady, 60@62c.

HAY—Strong; choice timothy, $14.50@15.00; choice prairie, $11.00@11.50.

BUTTER—Creamery, 22c; packing, 20c.

EGGS—Firm; firsts, 22½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	66,000	103,000
Corn, bu	25,000	41,000
Oats, bu	21,000	10,000

Board of Trade quotations for Kansas City delivery. The range of prices, as reported by Logan & Bryan, 112 Board of Trade building, was:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	71⅝@71½	71½	70⅝	70⅝⅞B
July	71⅛@⅝	71⅝	71⅛	71⅛⅛P
Corn—				
May	41½	41⅝	41⅜	41½B
July	41⅛	42⅛	41⅝	41⅝@42

B bid.

There will be no markets tomorrow.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Feb. 21.—CORN—Higher; No. 3 yellow and No. 3, 41c; No. 4, 39½c; no grade, 32@38½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 40½c; No. 3 white, 39½@39¾c; No. 4 white, 38½c.

RYE—Firm; No. 2, 60@60½c.

WHISKY—On basis of $1.29 for finished goods.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—May, 78⅝c; July, 79¼c; September, 77⅝c; No. 1 hard, 81⅝c; No. 1 northern, 80⅝c; No. 3 northern, 74@76c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.10@4.30; second patents, $4.05@4.15; first clears, $3.25@3.35; second clears, $2.40@2.60.

BRAN—Bulk, $17.50@17.75.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 21.—BUTTER—Firm, good demand; extra western creamery, 34@35c.

EGGS—Steady, fair demand; western fresh, 28c at mark.

CHEESE—Firm, fair demand; New York full creams, 13⅝@14⅝c.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—Market steady; No. 1 northern, 83@85c; No. 2 northern, 79@80c.

RYE—Higher; No. 2, 66@67½c.

BARLEY—Higher; No. 2, 63½@65c; sample, 52@62c.

CORN—Higher; No. 3 cash, 43⅝@43½c; May, 47½@47½c asked.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Feb. 21.—WHEAT—On track, No. 1 northern, 79⅝c; No. 2 northern, 77⅝c; May, 79⅝c; July, 80⅝c; September, 78c.

OATS—To arrive, 38c.

RYE—60c.

BARLEY—45@52c.

Toledo Seed Market.

TOLEDO, Feb. 21.—SEEDS—Clover, cash, February, March, $7.50; timothy, $2.20; Alsike, $7.65.

Wool Market.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—WOOL—Market quiet, firm; no upward tendency is noted. There is a fair demand for fair grades of territory wool. The demand for fine wools is good. For pulled grades there is also a fair request. Foreign wools are firm. Indiana, Illinois and Missouri, fine, three-quarter blood, 24@26c; combing, quarter blood, 29@30c. Texas, scoured basis, fine, twelve months, 39@40c; fine, six to eight months, 68@60c; fine, fall cleaned, 60@62c. California, scoured basis, northern, choice, 67@68c; northern, good, 66@67c; middle county, 60@66c; southern, 52@55c; fall free, 54@56c. Oregon, scoured basis, eastern, No. 1 staple, 70@72c; eastern, No. 1 clothing, 68@70c; valley, No. 1, 69@72c. Territory staple, scoured basis, fine, 73@75c; fine medium, 69@70c. Territory ordinary, scoured basis, 70@72c; fine medium, 67@70c. Colorado and New Mexico, spring scoured, X, 69@70c; No. 1, 66@68c. Boiled wools, scoured basis, extra, 106@73c; fine A, 65@68c; A supers, 57@60c; B supers, 47@52c.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 21.—WOOL—Steady; medium grades, combing and clothing, 24@25½c; light fine, 20@22c; heavy fine, 16@18c; tub washed, 30@35c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Volume of Business Smallest of Year Because of Approach of Holidays.

PRESSURE AGAINST ALL HILL ISSUES

Statement of Great Northern Magnate that Reaction Has Set in Disturbs Prices—Poor Bank Statement Expected.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—The stock market was unimportant as marking any extensive adjustment of financial relations or as a reflection of events upon the movement of prices. With a three day holiday intervening in prospect there was no disposition to enter upon any new commitments to be left to the hazard of unexpected developments at a time when action or security holdings would be hampered. The usual tendency at such a time is rather to reduce commitments. So far as the process was followed today the impression was left of very small speculative commitments in the market to be retired. It was the smallest day's business of the year and prices moved only with the greatest effort by the room traders.

The special weakness of Union Pacific which has been the feature of the recent market was no longer in evidence, although the resumption of the trading on Monday is likely to find the dreaded Interstate Commerce commission inquiry in force again. The pressure against the Hill stock seemed to be prompted by the outspoken assertion of the head of these properties that a reaction in business which has been vaguely argued as possible in recent stock market discussion had actually set in. The weakness of the group seemed not to be mitigated by the fact that Mr. Hill was inclined to except the northwestern territory from the field of the reaction which he perceives to have set in; or by the fact that he regards the reaction as a means of relief from some of the embarrassments in the money situation as well as of other strained railroad conditions. Reading was under pressure on reiterated rumors of an intended note issue, which were without any confirmation during the day. The news from Washington that the general board of the navy had been in conference over the national defense was of some effect in a slight but noticeable misgiving over the possible results of the California school difficulty with Japan.

The likelihood of a poor bank return to appear before stock market operations are resumed was taken account of. The banks seem to be gaining thus far this week on the interior movement, but not sufficiently so to offset the withdrawals by the treasury. The outcome of the discussion of the Aldrich currency bill also may change the current of influences in the market. The Bank of England weekly returns today clearly showed the continued control of the money market by that institution, chiefly by the large increase in government deposits, which serve to increase the money supply in the market and to compel resort to the bank by borrowers. The considerable increase in other securities is the consequence. It was this increase that was responsible for the decline in the ratio of specie, the bullion holdings showing a liberal expansion. The Bank of France reported moderate improvement in position and sterling exchange at Paris moved up. Discounts hardened in London and eased in Berlin. Prices here were little changed on the day, although the attack on Reading and on Baltimore & Ohio was renewed late in the day.

Bonds were steady. Total sales per value, $1,386,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

The following was the range of prices on the New York Stock exchange:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	...	...	...	260
Amalgamated Copper	32,400	113⅞	112⅞	113⅞
Amer. Car and Foundry	2,400	47⅞	45⅞	47⅞
do pfd	100	102⅞	102⅞	102
Amer. Cotton Oil	600	22	21⅞	21⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	88
Amer. Express	...	...	...	230
Amer. Hide & Leather pfd	...	...	...	34⅞
Amer. Ice	...	...	...	30
Amer. Linseed Oil	...	...	...	14⅞
do pfd	100	35	35	32
Amer. Locomotive	200	73⅞	73⅞	73⅞
do pfd	100	110⅞	110⅞	110⅞
Amer. Smelting & Ref.	11,500	144⅞	143⅞	143⅞
do pfd	400	115⅞	114⅞	115⅞
Amer. Sugar Refining	1,100	134	133⅞	133⅞
Amer. Tobacco pfd ctfs	100	98	98	98⅞
Anaconda Mining Co.	49,500	296⅞	292	294
Atchison	17,400	103⅞	101⅞	101⅞
do pfd	100	99	99	99⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	500	118⅞	118⅞	118⅞
Baltimore & Ohio	10,400	112⅞	111⅞	111⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	90
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	3,100	71⅞	70⅞	70⅞
Canadian Pacific	6,400	146⅞	145⅞	146⅞
Central of New Jersey	...	...	...	205
Chesapeake & Ohio	4,900	51⅞	50⅞	51
Chicago Great Western	1,200	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Chicago & Northwestern	1,100	146	145	146
C., M. & St. Paul	20,500	146⅞	143⅞	144⅞
Chicago Term. & Trans.	100	9⅞	9⅞	9
do pfd	700	21	20⅞	20
C., C., C. & St. Louis	...	...	...	89⅞
Colorado Fuel and Iron	2,000	48⅞	47⅞	47⅞
Colorado & Southern	200	38⅞	38⅞	38
do 1st pfd	300	67⅞	67⅞	67
do 2d pfd	200	56⅞	56⅞	56⅞
Consolidated Gas	300	137⅞	137⅞	137
Corn Products	...	...	...	12⅞
do pfd	200	87⅞	87⅞	87⅞
Del. & Hudson, ex-div	300	207⅞	206⅞	206⅞
Del., Lack. & Western	...	...	...	500
Denver & Rio Grande	600	38	37	38
do pfd	100	81	81	79⅞
Distillers' Securities	1,100	75⅞	74⅞	75⅞
Erie	8,200	35⅞	34⅞	35
do 1st pfd	100	70	70	69⅞
do 2d pfd	...	...	...	60⅞
General Electric	800	159	158⅞	158
Hocking Valley	...	...	...	136
Illinois Central	...	...	...	156
Inter. Paper	...	...	...	16
do pfd	100	80⅞	80⅞	79⅞
Inter. Pump	...	...	...	34
do pfd	...	...	...	76⅞
Iowa Central	300	25	24⅞	24⅞
do pfd	200	44⅞	44⅞	44⅞
K. C. Southern	...	...	...	34⅞
do pfd	100	55⅞	55⅞	55⅞
Louisville & Nashville	700	132⅞	132	132⅞
Missouri Central	100	23⅞	23⅞	23⅞
Minn. & St. Louis	200	56	56	56
M., St. P. & Sault Ste. M.	...	...	...	139⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	144
Missouri Pacific	1,100	83⅞	82⅞	82⅞
Missouri, Kan. & Texas	6,500	41⅞	41⅞	41⅞
do pfd	100	76⅞	76⅞	76⅞
National Lead	400	71⅞	71	70⅞
N. R. R. of Mexico pfd	...	...	...	54
New York Central	4,000	127	126⅞	126⅞
N. Y., Ont. & Western	200	44⅞	44	44⅞
Norfolk & Western	400	85⅞	85⅞	85⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	90
North American	...	...	...	81
Pacific Mail	200	36	36	35
Pennsylvania	15,200	123	122⅞	122⅞
People's Gas	1,100	93⅞	92⅞	92⅞
Pitts., C., C. & St. L.	...	...	...	72
Pressed Steel Car	1,000	51⅞	51	51
do pfd	100	96⅞	96⅞	97⅞
Pullman Palace Car	...	...	...	169
Reading	167,100	122⅞	119⅞	120⅞
do 1st pfd	...	...	...	86
do 2d pfd	...	...	...	80
Republic Steel	1,100	35	34⅞	34⅞
do pfd	100	96⅞	96⅞	96⅞
Rock Island Co.	1,300	26⅞	25⅞	25⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	70
Rubber Goods pfd	...	...	...	100
St. L. & San Fran. 2d pfd	100	55⅞	55⅞	55⅞
Southern Pacific	7,500	93⅞	92⅞	92⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	117⅞
Southern Railway	1,300	28⅞	28⅞	28⅞
do pfd	100	84	84	84⅞
Tennessee Coal and Iron	100	150	150	152
Texas & Pacific	200	33⅞	33	32
T., St. L. & Western	100	29⅞	29⅞	29⅞
do pfd	800	81⅞	81⅞	81⅞
Union Pacific	71,600	177	171⅞	172⅞
do pfd	400	90⅞	90⅞	90⅞
U. S. Express	...	...	...	105
U. S. Realty	100	47	47	46⅞
U. S. Rubber	100	51⅞	51⅞	51⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	107
U. S. Steel	38,900	45⅞	44⅞	44⅞
do pfd	6,900	104⅞	104⅞	104⅞
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	...	...	...	34⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	109
Wabash	...	...	...	16
do pfd	600	31	31	30⅞
Wells-Fargo Express	...	...	...	270
Westinghouse Electric	...	...	...	150
Western Union	...	...	...	82
Wheeling & Lake Erie	100	12	12	12
Wisconsin Central	...	...	...	21⅞
do pfd	...	...	...	41
Northern Pacific	8,300	152⅞	151⅞	151⅞
Central Leather	...	...	...	27⅞
do pfd	100	101⅞	101⅞	101
Sloss-Sheffield	...	...	...	62⅞
Great Northern pfd	4,100	167⅞	165⅞	166
Interborough Metropolitan	8,500	22⅞	21⅞	22⅞
do pfd	100	70⅞	70⅞	70⅞

Total sales for the day, 381,000 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Money was in good demand and meager supply in the market today. Discounts were harder. The tone on the Stock exchange continued to be irregular, the effect of the favorable statement of the Bank of England being negatived by the fact that there was no reduction in its rate of discount, indicating an uncertain monetary position, which checked new ventures. Consols hardened fractionally and home rails were dull. Great Eastern was weak as a result of the wreck of the company's steamer Berlin, but closed above the worst quotation of the day. Americans opened steady and hardened to over parity during the forenoon. Mines were in better demand under the lead of Beers and supported by Paris. Rio Tintos was strong. Other copper stocks were easy. Russian bonds weakened on an unconfirmed and discredited rumor of the assassination of Emperor Nicholas. Japanese imperial 4s of 1904 closed at 103⅞.

BERLIN, Feb. 21.—Trading on the Bourse today was quiet. Most of the transactions were in domestic stocks, the telegraph wires to western and middle Europe being interrupted by the storm.

PARIS, Feb. 21.—Prices on the Bourse today were heavy and an irregular tone prevailed. Russian imperial 4s closed at 74.70 and Russian bonds of 1906 at 88.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—MONEY—On call, firm, 2@5½ per cent; ruling rate, 5 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; offered at 2 per cent. Time loans dull and steady; sixty days and ninety days, 5½ per cent; six months, 5¼@5½ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5¾@6¼ per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Steady with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8450@4.8455 for demand and at $4.8305@4.8040 for sixty-day bills; posted rates, $4.84½@4.85½; commercial bills, $4.80¼.

SILVER—Bar, 68⅞c; Mexican dollars, 53⅞c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, steady.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. reg. 2s, reg	105⅞	Japan 5s	95⅞
do coupon	105⅞	Japan 6s, 2d series	99⅞
U. S. 3s, reg	109⅞	do 4½s, ctfs	90⅞
do coupon	109⅞	do 3d series	89⅞
U. S. old 4s, reg	101⅞	do 4s	84
do coupon	101⅞	*L. & N. uni. 4s	100
U. S. 4s, reg	139	Mex. Central 4s	84⅞
do coupon	139	do 1st inc	34⅞
Am. Tob. 4s	75	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	97
do 6s	116⅞	M., K. & T. 4s	94⅞
Atchison gen. 4s	101⅞	do 2ds	84⅞
do adj. 4s	91⅞	N. R. R. of M. c. 4s	85
Atlantic C. L. 4s	98	N. Y. C. gen. 3½s	93⅞
B. & O. 4s	101⅞	N. J. C. gen. 5s	135⅞
do 3½s	92	Nor. Pacific 4s	101⅞
Balt. & T. ev. 4s	88⅞	do 3s	72⅞
*Cent. of Ga. 5s	109⅞	Norfolk & W. c. 4s	94⅞
**do 1st inc	30	Ore. S. L. "rfg. 4s	102⅞
**do 2d inc	76	Penn. cv. 3½s	93⅞
*do 3d inc	63	Reading gen. 4s	97
Ches. & O. 4½s	105⅞	*St. L. & I. M. c. 5s	111⅞
Chicago & A. 3½s	73⅞	St. L. & S. F. fg. 6s	81⅞
C., B. & Q. 4s	95	*St. L. S. W. c. 4s	77⅞
C., R. I. & P. 4s	73⅞	**Seaboard A. L. 4s	85⅞
do col. 5s	91⅞	*So. Pacific 4s	88⅞
*CCC. & St. L. g. 4s	101⅞	do 1st 4s, ctfs	94⅞
*Colo. Ind. 5s, ser. A	69⅞	Southern Ry. 5s	110⅞
*Colo. Mid. 4s	71⅞	**Tex. & P. 1st 5s	118⅞
*Colo. & So. 4s	91	*T., St. L. & W. 4s	81⅞
Cuba 6s	103⅞	Union Pacific 4s	101⅞
D. & R. G. 4s	86⅞	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	98⅞
Distillers' Sec. 5s	99	*Wabash 1st	112
Erie prior lien 4s	97⅞	*do deb. B	70
do gen. 4s	73	*Western M. 4s	80
*Hock. Val. 4½s	104⅞	*W. & L. E. 4s	86⅞
		Wis. Central 4s	88

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 6@6½ per cent. Official prices on stocks and bonds were:

*Atchison adj. 4s	91	Amalgamated	113⅞
do 4s	99⅞	Atlantic	16⅞
Mex. Central 4s	84	Bingham	19⅞
Atchison	102⅞	Cal. & Hecla	840
do pfd	103⅞	Centennial	17