GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Sharp Advance in Wheat Prices Caused by Continued Drouth.

CASH MARKET FOR ALL GRAINS STRONGER

Weak Opening on Reported Rains in Kansas, but Prices Advance on Predictions of Continued Fair Weather.

OMAHA, April 23, 1907.

Weakness was evident at the opening of the market, which sagged on account of rains reported in Kansas, but the market turned strong on the showing that the rains were insufficient and prices rose sharply. The weather map was the cynosure for all eyes, as the further course of the market will be determined principally by weather developments. A heavy buying movement ensued shortly after noon, when the weather report was published and little hope was given for precipitation in the southwestern wheat belt.

May wheat was given the most attention by traders and July options did not respond as largely as did the May crop. The cash market was very strong, with a good demand prevalent for all grains at higher prices. Many reports of damage were received, some of green bug damage from various points in Indiana and the Miami valley in Ohio. The buying was scattered and the southwestern markets were very strong. Although statistics are bearish and cables were lower, the weather conditions caused a strong feeling. Fair weather was predicted for all points with the exception of light showers in Missouri. It is conceded that a good, soaking rain in Kansas and Oklahoma would save a greater part of the winter crop, but the drouth has been unbroken except for light showers. The close was strong, with a net advance of ¾c in May wheat and ⅝c in the July options.

Corn was strong, but trading was light, as interest is centered principally in the wheat market. Little news was received affecting the corn crop, but the market advanced in sympathy with the strength shown in wheat. Cables were slightly lower, but the close was steady, an advance of ⅛c being made in May corn.

Oats were active, with a large general trade, as the weather conditions affecting wheat have had some similar effect on the oats crop. May oats opened steady at 41¾c bid, and closed steady with slight advances.

Primary wheat receipts were 718,000 bushels and shipments 411,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 281,000 bushels and shipments of 360,000 bushels. Corn receipts were 516,000 bushels and shipments 704,000 bushels, against receipts of 546,000 bushels and shipments of 413,000 bushels last year.

Clearances were 150,000 bushels, corn 11,000 bushels, oats, and wheat and flour equal to 141,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed ¼@¼d lower on wheat and unchanged to ¼d lower on corn.

An increase of 2,880,000 bushels in the visible wheat supply was reported by Bradstreet's, against an increase of 582,000 bushels last week and a decrease of 128,000 bushels last year.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
May...	72¾A	72¾B	71¾A	72¾B	71¾A
July...	73¾A	74¾B	73¾A	74¾B	73¾A
Sept...	75¾A	76¼B	75¾A	76¼B	75¾A
Corn—					
May...	44 A	44¾B	44 A	44¾B	44 A
July...	43¼A	43¾B	43¼A	43¾B	43¼A
Sept...	43¾B	43 B	43¾A	43 B	43¾A
Oats—					
May...	41¾B			41¾B	41¾B
July...	41¼B	41¼B	41¼B	41¼B	41¼B
Sept...	34¾A	34¾B	34¾A	34¾B	34¾A

A asked. B bid.

Omaha Cash Prices

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, 70½@71½c; No. 3 hard, 67@70c; No. 4 hard, 59@61c; No. 3 spring, 65@72c.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 41½@42¼c; No. 3 white, 42c.

OATS—No. 3 mixed, 39½@39¾c; No. 3 white, 39½@40c.

RYE—No. 2, 60c; No. 3, 58¼c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	15	297	419
Kansas City	70	55	36
Minneapolis	287	...	...
Omaha	32	31	27
Duluth	417	4	...
St. Louis	32	77	129

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, April 23.—Fresh reports of damage to the growing crop created strength today in the wheat market, the July delivery closing at a net advance of ⅝c. Corn was up ⅝c and oats ¼c. Provisions were 2½@10c to 7½@10c higher.

The market opened weak because of reports of rain in Kansas, but later advices were found later to have been somewhat exaggerated. In addition the weather bureau predicted fair weather tonight and tomorrow for the entire state. Numerous reports were also received from all parts of the southwest telling of ravages of the green bug, and these were supplemented by a number of similar reports from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, where it was claimed the crop is rapidly deteriorating. These advices caused active buying by shorts and local bulls and resulted in a strong market for the remainder of the day. Indications of an improved demand for export also strengthened the market. The market closed strong with prices almost at the top notch. July wheat opened a shade to ⅛@¼c lower at 80¼@80⅝c, advanced to 81¼@81½c and closed at 81⅛@81¼c. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 138,000 bu. The world's visible supply, as shown by Bradstreet's, increased 2,880,000 bu. Primary receipts were 718,000 bu., compared with 281,000 bu. for the same day a year ago. Minneapolis, Duluth and Chicago reported receipts of 729 cars, against 635 cars last week and 245 cars a year ago.

There was very little trading in corn, but the market was firm almost all day. A moderate decline at Liverpool caused a slightly easier tone at the start, but this was soon overcome by the strength of wheat. A lively demand for the cash grain helped to strengthen the options. The close was firm. July corn opened unchanged to ⅛c lower at 48¼@48¾c, sold off to 48@48⅛c and then advanced to 48¾c. The close was at 48¾c. Local receipts were 297 cars, with 16 cars of contract grade.

Oats were weak early in the day because of free selling by local holders. The market rallied later on buying by commission houses and pit traders. The demand was based mainly on the strength of wheat. The close was firm. July oats opened ¼@¾c lower at 40¾@40¾c, advanced to 41¼c and closed at 41c. Local receipts were 410 cars.

Provisions were quiet all day, the feature of trading being that changing from May to the more distant futures. The strength of grain and a 5c advance in the price of live hogs were the bullish factors. At the close July pork was up 7½@10c at $16.00. Lard was up 2½@5c at $8.82½. Ribs were 5@7½c higher at $8.72½@8.75.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 43 cars; corn, 104 cars; oats, 226 cars; hogs, 31,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
May	77¾@78	78¾	77¾	78¾@78¼	
July	80¾@81	81¾@82	80¾	81¼@81⅝	80¾@81
Sept.	82¾@83	83¾	82¾	83⅝@83¾	82¾@83
Dec.	83½@84	84¾	83½	84¾	84@84¼
*Corn—					
May	47¾@48	48¾	47¾	48¼	47¾
July	48¼@48¾	48¾	48@48⅛	48⅜	48¼
Sept.	48¾@49	49¼	48¾	48⅝	48¾@48¾
*Oats—					
May	43¼@43½	43¾	43¼	43¾	43¾@43½
July	40¾@41	41¼	40¾	41	40¾
Sept.	35	35¼	35	35¾	35¼
Pork—					
May	15 72½	15 77½	15 72½	15 75	15 75
July	15 92½	16 02½	15 92½	16 00	15 92½
Lard—					
May	$ 67½	$ 70	$ 67½	$ 70	$ 65
July	$ 80	$ 82½	$ 80	$ 82½	$ 80
Sept.	$ 92½	$ 95	$ 92½	$ 95	$ 92½
Ribs—					
May	$ 52½	$ 57½	$ 52½	$ 57½	$ 50
July	$ 70	$ 75	$ 70	$ 75	$ 67½
Sept.	$ 82½	$ 85	$ 82½	$ 85	$ 80

*No. 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Easy; winter patents, $3.10@3.40; straights, $2.90@3.25; spring patents, $3.40@3.45; straights, $3.00@3.30; bakers, $2.00@2.80.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 82@85c; No. 3, 74@84c; No. 2 red, 77¼@78¼c.

CORN—No. 2, 47½c; No. 2 yellow, 48c.

OATS—No. 2, 43½c; No. 2 white, 43¾@44c; No. 3 white, 42@44c.

RYE—No. 2, 60c.

BARLEY—Fair to choice malting, 69@72c.

SEEDS—No. 1 flax, $1.11½; No. 1 northwestern, $1.13½. Timothy, prime, $4.25. Clover, contract grade, $14.75.

PROVISIONS—Short rib sides (loose), $8.37½@8.50. Mess pork, per bbl., $15.75@15.87½. Lard, per 100 lbs., $8.07½. Short clear sides (boxed), $8.75@9.00.

The receipts and shipments of flour and grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	46,100	18,600
Wheat, bu	44,200	58,100
Corn, bu	324,800	456,900
Oats, bu	647,000	534,900
Rye, bu	6,000	7,200
Barley, bu	88,700	16,900

On the Produce exchange today the butter market was firm; creameries, 25@30c; dairies, 23@28c. Eggs, steady; at mark, cases included, 15¼c; firsts, 15½c; prime firsts, 16¼c. Cheese, steady; 14@15c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, April 23.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,623 bbls.; exports, 11,922 bbls.; market steady, but quiet; Minnesota patents, $4.10@4.45; winter straights, $3.35@3.45; Minnesota bakers, $3.35@3.70; winter extras, $2.80@3.00; winter patents, $3.60@3.85. Rye flour, firm; fair to good, $3.65@3.80; choice to fancy, $3.85@4.15.

CORNMEAL—Firm; fine white and yellow, $1.20; coarse, $1.08@1.10; kiln dried, $2.65@2.75.

WHEAT—Receipts, 29,000 bu.; spot market firm; No. 2 red, 84¼c, elevator and 85¼c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 94¼c, opening navigation f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, 88¼c, opening navigation f. o. b. afloat. Opening firmer on yesterday's late export business, wheat eased off slightly owing to weakness in western markets, but recovered and was firm for the balance of the day. The late improvement was influenced by a better cash wheat and flour demand, bug stories from the southwest and renewed bull support. Final prices showed ¾@⅞c net advance. May, 83⅝@87¼c, closed at 87¼c; July, 87 11-16c@88 7-16c, closed at 88¼c; September, 89@89¾c, closed at 89¾c.

CORN—Receipts, 113,950 bu.; exports, 41,783 bu.; spot market firm; No. 2, 67½c, elevator, and 55c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 white, 57½c, and No. 2 yellow, 55c, f. o. b. afloat. The option market was without transactions, closing partly ⅛c net higher, as follows: May, 55c; July, 66¼c; September, 56¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 151,500 bu.; exports, 10,455 bu.; spot market steady; mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 47½c; natural white, 30 to 32 lbs., 45¼@50¼c; clipped white, 36 to 40 lbs., 49½@50c.

HAY—Quiet; shipping, 70@80c; good to choice, $1.15@1.20.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1906 crop, 15@17c; 1905 crop, 4½@6c; Pacific coast, 1906 crop, 8@11c; 1905 crop, 6@8c.

HIDES—Steady; Central America, 24½c; Bogota, 24½c.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 27½@28c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $14.00@14.50; medium, $9.50@10.00; beef hams, $26.00@26.00; packet, $10.00@11.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $10.50@12.00; pickled hams, $11.75@12.25. Lard, market steady; western prime, $8.80@8.90; refined, steady; continent, $9.30; South America, $10.00; compound, $8.25@8.62½. Pork, steady; family, $18.50@19.00; short clear, $17.00@18.50; mess, $17.25@18.00.

TALLOW—Easy; city ($2 per pkg.), 6@6¼c; country (pkgs. free), 5¼@6¼c.

RICE—Firm; domestic, fair to extra, 5¼@6¼c; Japanese, nominal.

BUTTER—Strong; street prices, extra creamery, 33@34c. Official prices: Creamery, common to extra, 25@32c; held, common to extra, 22@32½c; state dairy, common to finest, 23@32c; renovated, common to extra, 18@28c; western factory, common to firsts, 20@23c; western imitation creamery, extras, 28@29c; firsts, 26@26c.

CHEESE—Steady; state full cream, colored and white, small factory, 15c; October best, 14@14¼c; good to prime, 13@13½c; winter made, best, 23½c; large September fancy, 15c; October, best, 14@14½c; good to prime, 12¾@13¼c.

EGGS—Steady; state, Pennsylvania and nearby fancy selected white, 20c; choice, 19@19½c; brown and mixed, extra, 18¼@19c; firsts to extra firsts, 17@18c; western storage packed, 16½@18½c (official price); storage packed, 16¼@16c.

POULTRY—Alive, quiet and steady; chickens, 9@11c; fowls, 12½c; turkeys, 11c. Dressed, steady; chickens, 10@16½c; turkeys, 10@14c; fowls, 10@14½c.

St. Louis General Market

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—WHEAT—Higher; track, No. 2 red cash, 79@79½c; No. 3 hard, 76@78c; May, 76⅝@76¾c; July, 79¼@79¾c.

CORN—Higher; track, No. 2 cash, 48@48½c; May, 46c; July, 47¾c; No. 2 white, 49@50c.

OATS—Steady; track, No. 2 cash, 42c; May, 41¾c; July, 38½c; No. 2 white, 42½c.

FLOUR—Steady; red winter patents, $3.65@3.85; extra fancy and straight, $3.30@3.55; clear, $2.65@2.85.

SEEDS—Timothy, steady; $3.00@3.75.

CORNMEAL—Steady; $2.40.

BRAN—Firm; sacked, east track, 93@94c.

HAY—Dull; timothy, $15.00@18.50; prairie, $10.00@13.00.

IRON COTTON TIES—$1.10.

BAGGING—10¾c.

HEMP TWINE—10c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, firm; jobbing, $16.20. Lard, higher; prime steam, $8.40. Dry salt meats, lower; boxed extra shorts, $9.25; clear ribs, $9.37½; short clears, $9.50. Bacon, lower; boxed extra shorts, $10.12½; short clears, $10.37½.

POULTRY—Lower; chickens, 11c; springs, 20@28c; turkeys, 12@13½c; ducks, 12c; geese, 7c.

BUTTER—Higher; creamery, 23@32½c, dairy, 22@27c.

EGGS—Steady at 14½c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls	8,000	12,000
Wheat, bu	32,000	29,000
Corn, bu	77,000	126,000
Oats, bu	139,000	101,000

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, April 23.—WHEAT—Unchanged; May, 71c; July, 73¼c; September, 75¼c. Cash: No. 2 hard, 71½@75¼c; No. 3, 69@75c; No. 2 red, 76½@77c; No. 3, 69@76c.

CORN—1c higher; May, 45¾c; July, 45¾c; September, 44½c. Cash: No. 2 mixed, 44¾c; No. 3, 45½@46c; No. 2 white, 46½c; No. 3, 45¼c.

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

RYE—Steady, 58@59c.

HAY—Steady; choice timothy, $14.25@15.00; choice prairie, $10.25@11.00.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 29c; packing, 20c.

EGGS—Market ¼c lower; firsts, 14½c.

The receipts and shipments of grain were:

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu	70,000	81,000
Corn, bu	25,000	38,000
Oats, bu	9,000	6,000

Kansas City cash prices:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	70¾	71¾	70¾	71@71¼
July	73@73¼	73¾	73¼	73¼
Corn—				
May	41¾	42¾	41¾	42¼@42¾
July	43¼	43¼	43¼	43¾@43¾

Visible Supply of Grain.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet show the following changes in available supplies as compared with previous account. Available supplies: Wheat, United States, east rockies increased 254,000 bu. Canada, decreased 1,166,000 bu. Total United States and Canada, decreased 912,000 bu. Afloat, for and in Europe, increased 1,800,000 bu. Total American and European supply, increased 2,88,000 bu.

Corn, United States and Canada, decreased 1,046,000 bu.

Oats, United States and Canada, decreased 19,000 bu.

The leading increases and decreases reported this week are:

Decreases: Manitoba, 1,309,000.; Lincoln, Neb., and vicinity, 179,000 bu.; Chicago private elevators, 170,000 bu.; Aberdeen, 60,000 bu.

Increase: Milwaukee private elevators, 50,000 bu.

Liverpool Grain Market.

LIVERPOOL, April 23.—WHEAT—Spot, steady; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 3½d; No. 1 California, 6s 4½d; futures, quiet; May, 6s 6¼d; July, 6s 3¾d.

CORN—Spot, steady; American mixed, new, 4s 7d; American mixed, old, 5s ¼d; futures, quiet; May, 4s 6¼d; July, 4s 7d; September, 4s 6¼d.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 83@84c; No. 2 northern, 80@82½c; July, 81¼@81½c.

RYE—No. 1, 71½@72c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 71½@72c; sample, 69@71c.

CORN—No. 3 cash, 45½@46c; July, 45¾c bid.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, April 23.—WHEAT—May, 82¾c; July, 83¼c. No. 1 hard, 84¼@84¾c; No. 1 northern, 83¼@83¾c; No. 2 northern, 81¼@81¾c; No. 3 northern, 78@79c.

FLOUR—First patents, $4.30@4.40; second patents, $4.15@4.25; first clears, $3.20@3.50; second clears, $2.40@2.50.

BRAN—In bulk, $16.50@16.75.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, April 23.—CORN—Firm; No. 3 yellow and No. 4, 47½c; no grade, 21@33c.

OATS—Firm: No. 2 white, 43@44c; No. 3 white, 42@43c; No. 4 white, 41@42c.

RYE—Firm: No. 2, 67@68½c.

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, April 23.—EGGS—Firm; good demand; firsts, free cases, 18c, at mark.

CHEESE—Firm, good demand; New York full creams, fancy, 14¼@14½c; choice, 14¼c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, April 23.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, 83½c; No. 2 northern, 82½c; May, 83½c; July, 84½c; September, 84½c.

CATS—April, 40c.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Speculators Are Much Disappointed by the Reactionary Tone of Market.

PRICES MOVE BACKWARD SLOWLY

Rise in Wheat on Unseasonable Weather One of the Causes Assigned—Rally in Union Pacific Near Close.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The speculative element in the stock market was greatly disappointed today over the way in which prices were turned backwards from their upward course of yesterday. The action today was accepted as conclusive of the professional character of yesterday's rise and of the large proportion of covering by shorts in the buying which caused it. The casual encounter between Mr. Hill and Mr. Harriman and the fact it gave rise to no outward show of hostility seems to have been the principal basis for the most of yesterday's buying, which, it will be remembered, converged largely on the Hill and Harriman railroad stocks. This seems to have been recognized today as rather an unsubstantial ground on which to base a renewal of a bull movement in stocks, although there was a show of excitement in Union Pacific late in the day.

Today's reaction did not by any means wipe out all of yesterday's very substantial gains. The movement might be better described simply as a desisting from yesterday's operations for a rise. The effect was to throw the market back into the deep neglect which was so notable last week. So far as yesterday's rise was due to expectation of improvement in the wheat crop news, there was ground for the reaction today in the disappointment of the hopes of abundant rains in the sections from which complaints have come of the need of them. The reality of this need was brought out in the weekly bulletin of the weather bureau. Its report of unseasonably cold weather and want of rain in much of the wheat country east of the Rockies emphasized the effect of today's report that the expected showers had proved scanty. There was some renewal of the tone of apprehension over the Industrial outlook which has weighed recently upon the market. Attention was attracted by a report of a large reduction in the working force by an important western electric equipment company and the offered explanation that the demand for the product was falling off on account of its high price level. A rise in prices on a level discouraging to consumption, where such a condition becomes at all general, constitutes the central force making for reaction. The signs of such a condition hitherto have been few, but the whole financial world is keenly on the alert to discern them and such a report as that published today is a strong influence on speculative sentiment. The principal event of the day from the money market standpoint was a rate reduction, as was expected, of the official discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany from 6 per cent to 5½ per cent. The bank of The Netherlands also made a further reduction in its discount rate, which was advanced recently to cut off a movement of gold from that market to New York. London sent another consignment of gold to Paris in repayment of previous advances. The Paris discount market was reported firm, but rates receded in London and Berlin. In this market there was a further decline in rates for time loans. The early rise in prices seemed to be due to foreign influence. The brisk rally late in the day was in sympathy with some of the extraordinary transactions in Union Pacific, which rushed that stock up to the highest level of the day.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $1,962,500. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and closing quotations on stocks were:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express				
Amalgamated Copper	65,400	97¾	95¾	97
Am. C. & F.	500	87¾	87¼	87¼
Am. C. & F. pfd	500	99¾	99	99
Am. Cotton Oil	500	31⅜	31	30¾
Am. Cotton Oil pfd				92
American Express	200			200
Am. H. & L. pfd	100	20¾	20¾	20¾
American Ice	200	74½	73¾	73½
Am. Linseed Oil	100	13	13	12¾
Am. Linseed Oil pfd				35
Am. Locomotive	700	64¼	62¾	64
Am. Locomotive pfd				105
Am. Sm. & R.	5,600	135¾	133¼	134
Am. Sm. & R. pfd	1,000	106¾	104¾	106¾
Am. Sugar Refining	1,000	138	134¾	137¾
Am. Tobacco pfd etfs	100	92¾	92¾	92
Anaconda Mining Co	12,100	63¼	62¼	62¾
Atchison	9,400	86¾	85¾	86¼
Atchison pfd	500	95¼	94¾	95
Atlantic Coast Line	400	105	104½	104½
Baltimore & Ohio	1,800	100¼	99¾	100¼
Bal. & Ohio pfd	100	89¾	89¾	89
Brooklyn Rapid Tr	10,300	61¾	59¾	60¾
Canadian Pacific	1,000	176¾	175¼	176¼
Central of New Jersey				195
Chesapeake & Ohio	3,800	43¾	42	42¾
Chicago Gt. W.	400	13¾	13¼	13
Chicago M. & N. W.	600	155¼	155	153¾
C., M. & St. P.	9,800	137¾	135¾	135¾
Chicago T. & T.				5
Chicago T. & T. pfd	200	15	15	15
C., C., C. & St. L.	400	72¾	71	71¼
Colorado F. & I.	2,400	37	35¾	36¾
Colorado & So.	700	37¼	35¾	36¾
Colo. & So. 1st pfd	200	59¾	59¾	59¾
Colo. & So. 2d pfd	200	48¼	48	47¾
Consolidated Gas	100	134	134	132¾
Corn Products	400	10¾	10	10
Corn Products pfd	100	76¼	75½	75½
Delaware & Hudson	700	188	187	186½
Del., L. & W.	100	474¼	474½	470
Denver & R. G.				23¾
D. & R. G. pfd				78
Distillers' Securities	1,400	71¾	70½	70¾
Erie	5,700	24¾	24¼	24¾
Erie 1st pfd	900	56¾	56	56
Erie 2d pfd				47
General Electric	700	149¾	149	148¾
Illinois Central	200	147	146¾	146¾
International Paper				14¾
Int. Paper pfd				74
Int. Pump				29
Int. Pump pfd				78
Iowa Central				18¾
Iowa Central pfd	200	36¾	36¾	36¼
Kansas City So.				25½
K. C. So. pfd	1,000	60¾	60	60¾
Louisville & N.	1,000	121	120	120¾
Mexican Central	500	22	21¾	21¾
Minn. & St. L.	1,100	50¾	48	50
M., St. P. & S. S. M.				104
M., St. P. & S. S. M. pfd	200	134¾	134	133¾
Missouri Pacific	1,700	76¾	76	76¼
M., K. & T.	1,400	37¾	36¾	37¼
M., K. & T. pfd	200	65¾	65¼	65¾
National Lead	2,400	63¼	62	62¾
N. R. S. of M. pfd				100
New York Central	1,800	119¾	118¾	119¼
N. Y., O. & W.	200	33¾	33¾	33¾
Norfolk & W.	1,800	77	76¼	77
Norfolk & W. pfd				75
North American	200	74¼	74¼	74¼
Pacific Mail	400	29	28	28¾
Pennsylvania	46,100	137¼	136	136¾
People's Gas	1,100	93¾	93	93¼
P., C., C. & St. L.				70
Pressed S. C.	500	37¾	37	37
Pressed S. C. pfd	200	93¾	92¾	93
Pullman Palace Car	100	168	168	165
Reading	144,200	111¾	108¾	111¼
Reading 1st pfd, offered				84
Reading 2d pfd, ex-div				81
Republic Steel	1,700	29¼	28	29¼
Republic Steel pfd	200	85¾	85¾	85¾
Rock Island Co.	1,600	23¾	21¾	23¼
Rock Island Co. pfd				66
Rubber Goods pfd				90
St. L. & S. F. 2d pfd	600	58	58	55
St. L. S. W.	100	23¾	23¾	23¾
St. L. S. W. pfd	1,100	52	52	51¾
Southern Pacific	34,400	86¼	84	84¾
So. Pacific pfd				118
Southern Railway	2,100	25¾	25	25¾
So. Railway pfd	600	67¾	67	67¼
Tennessee C. & I.				146
Texas & Pacific	100	23¾	23¾	23¾
T., St. L. & W.	400	29¼	28¾	29¼
T., St. L. & W. pfd	1,300	54¾	54¾	54¾
Union Pacific	311,900	149¾	146¾	149¼
Union Pacific pfd				86
U. S. Express	100	106	106	104
U. S. Realty	200	74¾	74	73
U. S. Rubber	100	43	43	42¾
U. S. Rubber pfd	400	103	102¾	101¾
U. S. Steel	68,200	38¾	37¾	38
U. S. Steel pfd	7,100	101¾	100	101¼
Va.-Carolina Chemical	200	58¾	58¾	58¾
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd				103
Wabash	100	14¾	14¾	14¾
Wabash pfd	400	28¾	28	28
Wells-Fargo Express	100	240	240	240
Westinghouse Electric	100	146	143	144¼
Western Union	300	83¾	83¼	83¼
Wheeling & L. E.				13¾
Wisconsin Central				18¼
Wis. Central pfd				39¾
Northern Pacific	13,100	136¾	134¾	135¾
Central Leather	100	30	30	29¾
Central Leather pfd	100	97	97	96
Sloss-Sheffield Steel	100	54	54	53¾
Great Northern pfd	8,700	137¾	135	136¾
Int. Metropolitan	700	25	25¼	25¼
Int. Met. pfd	600	60¾	60	60¾

Total sales for the day, 784,100 shares.

Foreign Financial.

LONDON, April 23.—On the Stock exchange today the cheapness of money gradually exercised a favorable effect on the different departments, transactions broadened and prices hardened, particularly in the case of gilt-edged securities. But the market closed with prices below best quotations of the day. The reduction of the discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany assisted in promoting a cheerful feeling as well as in reviving the hopes that the Bank of England will reduce its rate April 25. Copper shares were again active under the lead of Rio Tinto, though the latter reacted in the forenoon with other continental specialties on adverse advices. Americans were cheered by the strength of the New York money at its close yesterday, started at well over parity and improved further under the bears covering. Realizations caused a setback in the afternoon, but with the favorable New York opening steadiness until near the close of the day, when selling caused another reaction also the market closed dull. Japanese Imperial 6s of 1904 closed at 103½.

BERLIN, April 23.—Prices on the Bourse today opened strong and later declined slightly. Americans were the firmest section upon New York advices. The discount rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany was reduced today from 6 to 5½ per cent.

PARIS, April 23.—Prices on the Bourse today generally were firm on the better foreign advices. Russian imperial 4s closed at 73.75 and Russian bonds of 1904 at 495.00.

New York Money Market.

NEW YORK, April 23.—MONEY—On call, easy at 2@2½ per cent; ruling rate, 2¼ per cent; closing, bid, 2 per cent; offered at 2¼ per cent. Time loans, easy; sixty days, 3¼@3½ per cent; ninety days, 4¼@4½ per cent; six months, 4¾ per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—5¼@6 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Strong, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8560@4.8645 for demand and at $4.8335@4.8340 for sixty-day bills; posted rates, $4.83½@4.84 and $4.86½@4.87; commercial bills, $4.84.

SILVER BAR—49¼c; Mexican dollars, 39¾c.

BONDS—Government, steady; railroad, irregular.

Closing quotations on bonds today were as follows:

U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	104	Japan 6s, 2d series	93
do coupon	104	do 4s etfs	83¼
U. S. 3s, reg.	109¼	do 4½ etfs	91¾
do coupon	109¼	*do 3d series	90¾
U. S. old 4s, reg.	101¾	*L. & N. unl. 4s	100¼
do coupon	101¾	Man. c. g. 4s	99½
U. S. new 4s, reg.	129¾	*Mex. Central 4s	80
do coupon	130¼	do 1st inc.	37
Am. Tobacco 4s	100¼	*Minn. & St. L. 4s	97
do 6s	106¾	M., K. & T. 4s	97⅜
Atchison gen. 4s	99	do 2s	84¾
*do adj. 4s	90¾	*N. R. R. of M. c. 4s	97
Atlantic C. L. 4s	96¾	N. Y. C. g. 3½s	94¾
Bal. & Ohio 4s	100¼	N. Y. C. & St. 5s	123⅜
do 3½s	91¾	No. Pacific 4s	102
Brk. R. T. c. 4s	85¾	do 3s	71¾
*Central of Ga. 5s	102¾	N. & W. c. 4s	98
*do 1st inc.	95	*O. S. L. rdg. 4s	91¾
**do 2d inc.	77¾	Penn. conv. 3½s	95¾
**do 3d inc.	62	Reading gen. 4s	97¼
Ches. & Ohio 4½s	105	*S. L. & I. M. c. 5s	110
*Chicago & A. 3½s	85¾	St. L. & S. F. fg. 4s	81
C., B. & Q. n. 4s	95¾	St. L. & W. c. 4s	78¾
C., R. I. & P. 4s	86¾	Seaboard A. L. 4s	77½
do 5s	94	So. Pacific 4s	85¾
*do col. 5s	94	do 1st 4s etfs	94
*CCC. & S. L. g 4s	100	So. Railway 5s	110¾
Colo. Ind. 5s, ser. A	64	*Texas & P.	118¾
Colo. Mid. 4s	60	T., St. L. & W. 4s	80
*Colo. & So. 4s	90	T. & P. 1st & W. 4s	101
Cuba 5s	102	Union Pacific 4s	102¾
**D. & R. G. 4s	91¼	U. S. Steel 2d 5s	99¾
Del., L. & W. 7s	134	do deb. B	111¾
Erie p. l. 4s	97¾	do deb. B	104
do gen. 4s	77¾	Western Md. 4s	75
*Hocking Val. 4½s	104¾	*W. & L. E. 4s	81
Japan 6s	103¾	*Wis. Central 4s	87

*Bid. **Offered.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, April 23.—Call loans, 2½@3 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing quotations were:

Atchison adj. 4s	91	Bingham	18¾
do 4s	95¾	Cal. & Hecla	850
Mex. Central 4s	81	Centennial	30
Atchison	85⅞	Copper Range	81¾
do pfd	95¾	Daly West	25¼
Boston & Albany	245	Franklin	17
Boston & Maine	160½	Granby	135
Boston Elevated	142	Isle Royale	19
Fitchburg pfd	130	Mass. Mining	8¾
Mexican Central	21¾	Mohawk	53
N. Y., N. H. & H.	177¾	Mont. C. & C.	3¾
Union Pacific	143¾	Old Dominion	54½
Am. Pneu. Tube	8	Osceola	128
Amer. Sugar	134¾	Quincy	131
do pfd	135	Shannon	17¾
Am. T. & T.	133½	Quincy	131
Am. Woolen	29¼	Shannon	17¾
do pfd	86	Tamarack	109