GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKET

Scarcity of Supplies Causes Wheat to Continue Strong, with Advance.

MILLER BUYERS CLAMORING

Corn Tends Toward Bullishness, While Receipts Fail to Improve—Prices Jumped Sharply at Opening of Market.

OMAHA, Dec. 10, 1909.

The wheat market continues strong and prices advanced with the scarcity of supplies and the higher cash values. Traders find it almost impossible to find any offerings and the milling trade is anxious buyers owing to their low stocks of milling wheat.

The corn market is very strong and sentiment rules extremely bullish. The scarcity of supplies increases with each advance and receipts do not improve.

Wheat was firm and a shade higher today, with trade rather high, but the market was firm enough to take all offerings, without a slump. Primary receipts are extremely light.

Corn values advanced sharply at the start when the market was found bare of offerings and buying became general. Receipts continue light and arrivals are likely to continue so until the weather moderates.

Primary wheat receipts were 282,000 bushels and shipments were 165,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 638,000 bushels and shipments of 152,000 bushels.

Primary corn receipts were 345,000 bushels and shipments were 271,000 bushels, against receipts last year of 799,000 bushels and shipments of 224,000 bushels.

Clearances were 35,000 bushels of corn, 34,000 bushels of oats and wheat and flour equal to 482,000 bushels.

Liverpool closed 1d to ¼d higher on wheat and unchanged on corn.

Local range of options:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wheat—					
Dec....	1 08¾	1 09	1 08¾	1 09	1 08¾
May....	1 03¾	1 05	1 03¼	1 05	1 03¾
Corn—					
Dec....	55¾	57	55¾	57	55¾
May....	60¼	61	59¾	61	59¾
Oats—					
Dec....	40¾	41¾	40¾	41¾	40¾
May....	41¾	43¾	41¾	43¾	41¾

Omaha Cash Prices.

WHEAT—No. 2 hard, $1.04@1.07; No. 3 hard, $1.02@1.06; No. 4 hard, 96c@$1.00; No. 2 spring, $1.05@1.06; No. 3 spring, $1.00@1.04½; No. 3 durum, 85½@86½c; No. 3 durum, 86@86c.

CORN—No. 3 white, 60¼@62c; No. 3 white, 60¼@62c; No. 4 white, 59@60c; No. 2 yellow, 60@62c; No. 3 yellow, 60@62c; No. 4 yellow, 59@61c; No. 2, 60@62c; No. 3, 59½@60c; No. 4, 58@59c; no grade, 52@57c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 42¾@43½c; standard, 42@43c; No. 3 white, 41½@42c; No. 4 white, 41@41¾c; No. 3 yellow, 41½@42c; No. 4 yellow, 40@41c; No. 3 mixed, 40@41c.

BARLEY—No. 4, 53@54c; No. 1 feed, 53@53½c.

RYE—No. 2, 71@72c; No. 3, 70@71c.

Carlot Receipts.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	16	9	57
Minneapolis	102	...	...
Omaha	2	5	4
Duluth	60	...	...

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

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

CHICAGO, Dec. 10.—Light receipts and a sharp bulge in coarse grain imparted a strong tone to the wheat market today, prices at the close showing net gains of ¼@¾c. Corn and oats were influenced by firmness, the former closing 1¼@1¼c to 1¾@2c higher and the latter ¾@1c higher, compared with the final figures of the previous day. Provisions also closed strong.

Domestic conditions supplanted the Argentine situation with traders in the wheat pit here. The crop experts of local interests, who is now in that country, claimed that the damage was unimportant. Continued light receipts formed the chief reason for the firmness. The total movement was estimated at 232,000 bu., as against 638,000 bu. the same day a year ago. The future deliveries displayed greater strength than the December option and during the day May sold between $1.08¼@1.09¾ and $1.03. December ranged between $1.09¾ and $1.10¾. At the close December was up ¼c at $1.10, while May was ¾@¾c net higher.

Corn for May delivery sold at the highest price for crop, the new record being 64¼c, which was ½c above the previous. December advanced 1¼c above the final figures of the previous session. The range for the day on December was between 59½c and 60¾c and on May between 63¾c and 64¼c. The close on December was at 60c and on May at 64c.

Trading in oats was active and the market was strong. The close was at the top with December at 42½c and May at 44¾c.

Provisions closed strong, with prices 5c to 22½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
*Wheat—					
Dec....	1 10⅜	1 10¾	1 07¾	1 10	1 09⅜
May....	1 03¾	1 05	1 02¾	1 05	1 04¼
July....	99⅛	99	96½	99	98⅝
*Corn—					
Dec....	59	60¾	58¾	60	58¾
May....	63¼	64¼	63¼	64	63¼
July....	63¼	63¾	62¼	63½	62
*Oats—					
Dec....	42¼	43¾	42¼	43¼	42¼
May....	43¾	44¾	43¾	44¾	43¾
July....	41¾	42	41¾	42	41¾
Pork—					
Jan....	21 60	21 70	21 52½	21 55	21 60
May....	21 60	21 87½	21 60	21 75	20 95
Lard—					
Jan....	12 85	12 95	12 85	12 95	12 87½
May....	11 75	11 85	11 75	11 82½	11 70
July....	11 65	11 75	11 65	11 72½	11 60
Ribs—					
Jan....	11 70	11 97½	11 70	11 85	11 63¾
May....	11 00	11 15	11 00	11 07½	10 95

*No 2.

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; winter patents, $5.30@5.70; straights, $5.10@5.40; spring straights, $4.70@4.90; bakers, $3.95@5.35.

RYE—No. 2, 70@70c.

BARLEY—Feed or mixing, 50@53c; fair to choice malting, 65@70c.

SEEDS—Flax, No. 1 northwestern, $1.81; No. 1 northwestern, $1.91. Timothy, $3.75. Clover, $9.50@14.25.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $22.50@23.00. Lard, per 100 lbs., $13.25@13.37½. Short clear sides (boxed), $12.00@12.25.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 482,000 bu. Exports for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's were equal to 3,980,000 bu. Primary receipts were 282,000 bu., compared with 638,000 bu. the corresponding day a year ago.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Corn, 2d cars; oats, 40 cars; hogs, 14,000 head.

Cash—Wheat: No. 2 red, $1.08@1.09; No. 3 red, $1.23@1.24; No. 2 red, $1.15@1.20; No. 2 hard, $1.11¼@1.12¼; No. 3 hard, $1.06@1.10; No. 1 northern spring, $1.13@1.18; No. 2 northern spring, $1.09@1.12. Corn: No. 2 cash, old, 60½c; No. 3, 59¾c; No. 4, 59@59¼c; No. 3 white, 65¼@65½c; No. 3 yellow, old, 60½c; No. 4 yellow, 58¼@58c.

OATS—No. 4 white, 44@45c; No. 4, 43¾c; standard, 44¾@45c.

BUTTER—Steady; creameries, 26@32½c; dairies, 24@28c.

EGGS—Receipts, 2,457 cases. Market steady; at mark, cases included, 30½@35½c; firsts, 29c; prime firsts, 29½c.

CHEESE—Firm; daisies, 16¾@16¾c; twins, 16@16½c; Young Americas, 16¼c; long horns, 16½c.

POTATOES—Steady; choice to fancy, 45@65c; fair to good, 35@40c.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 17c; chickens, 14c; springs, 13c.

VEAL—Steady; 50 to 65-lb. weights, 8@9c; 60 to 85-lb. weights, 9@10½c; 80 to 110-lb. weights, 10½@11½c.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—December, $1.09¾; May, $1.05¾; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.13@1.13¾; No. 1 northern, $1.11¾@1.13¾; No. 2 northern, $1.05¾@1.07¾; No. 3 northern, $1.07@1.09¾.

FLAX—Closed at $1.91¾.

CORN—No. 3 yellow, 59¾@61¾c.

OATS—No. 3 white, 40¾@41¾.

RYE—71¾@71¾c.

BRAN—In 100-pound sacks, $19.50.

FLOUR—First patents (in wood, f. o. b., Minneapolis), $5.40@5.60; second patents, $5.20@5.40; first clears, $4.30@4.45; second clears, $3.20@3.30.

Milwaukee Grain Market.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.14@1.15; No. 2 northern, $1.12@1.13; May, $1.09.

OATS—45c.

BARLEY—Samples, 60@70c.

Duluth Grain Market.

DULUTH, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—No. 1 northern, $1.10¾; No. 2 northern, $1.06¾; December, $1.08¾; May, $1.04¾@1.05.

OATS—45c.

Liverpool Grain and Provisions.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Spot, quiet; No. 2 red western, winter, 5s 10½d; futures quiet; December 5s 11½d; March, 5s 09½d; May, 5s 7½d.

CORN—Spot quiet; new American, mixed, via Galveston, 5s 10d; futures firm; January, mixed, 5s 4½d; January, plate, 5s 5½d.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—FLOUR—Receipts, 25,850 bbls.; exports, 5,250 bbls.; market, firm, with quiet trade; Minnesota patents, $5.25@5.55; Minnesota bakers, $4.50@4.85; winter patents, $5.25@5.75; winter straights, $5.00@5.50; winter extras, $4.30@4.85; winter low grades, $4.00@4.70; Kansas straights, $4.85@5.30. Rye flour, firm; fair to good, $4.20@4.25; choice to fancy, $4.30@4.50. Buckwheat flour, quiet; bulk, $2.30 per 100 lbs.

CORNMEAL—Steady; fine white and yellow, $1.50@1.55; coarse, $1.40@1.45; kiln dried, $2.30.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 82¼c, nominal, f. o. b., New York.

BARLEY—Steady; feeding, 60@65c; nominal, c. i. f., New York.

WHEAT—Receipts, 91,300 bu.; exports, 124,558 bu.; spot firm; No. 2 red, $1.26, nominal, elevator; No. 2 red, $1.25¾, nominal, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.31, nominal, f. o. b., afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.22¾, nominal, f. o. b., afloat. There was a firm market in wheat, with prices at new records for the movement on the strong cash situation, small receipts and in sympathy with corn. At the close prices were ¼@⅝c net higher. December closed at $1.11⅝; May closed at $1.31; July closed at $1.06¾.

CORN—Receipts, 68,500 bu.; exports, 1,550 bu.; spot firm; No. 2, 71¾c, elevator, domestic, and 73c, delivered, nominal, old; No. 2, 67c, f. o. b., afloat, nominal. Options without transactions, closed ¼@⅝c net higher; December closed at 70c; May closed at 70¾c.

OATS—Receipts, 41,600 bu.; exports, 235 bu.; spot firm; mixed, 26 to 32 lbs., 45@46c; natural white, 26 to 32 lbs., 46¼@46¾c; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 47¼@51½c.

HIDES—Steady; Bogota, 21½@22½c; Central America, 22@23¼c.

HAY—Strong; No. 2, 80@85c; good to choice, 90c@$1.00.

LEATHER—Steady; acid, 22@26c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, steady; family, $15.00@15.50; mess, $11.00@11.50; beef hams, $24.00@26.00; packet, $12.00@12.50; city extra India mess, $21.00@21.50. Cut meats, steady; pickled bellies, $13.75@14.50; pickled hams, $13.00@13.50. Lard, firm; middle west, $13.75@13.85; refined, firm; continent, $14.30; South America, $15.00; compound, 10.75@11.00. Pork steady; family, $16.00@27.00; short clears, $25.00@27.00; mess, $26.25@25.75.

TALLOW—Steady; city ($2 per package), 4¼c; country (packages free), 4@4¼c.

BUTTER—Strong; creamery specials, 32@33c; extras, 31½@32c; thirds to firsts, 27@31c; state dairy, common to fine, 27@32c.

CHEESE—Firmer; state, new, full cream, specials, 17½@18c; same, September, fancy, 17c; same, October, best, 16½c; same, late made, best, 15½c; same, common to good, 13@15¼c; skims, full to special, 5@14c.

EGGS—Firm; western, 32@38c; firsts, 31c; seconds, 27@29c.

POULTRY—Alive, dull; western chickens, 13c; fowls, 15c; turkeys, 12@16c; dressed, firm; western chickens, 15@16c; fowls, 13@16c; turkeys, 21@23c.

WEATHER IN THE GRAIN BELT

Snow Saturday and Then Colder Afternoon and Evening.

OMAHA, Dec. 10, 1909.

The area of high pressure, extending over the central portion of the country, has shifted slowly eastward during the last twenty-four hours, and now extends from Manitoba southeast over the Mississippi valley, lake region and Ohio valley, the middle Atlantic and southern states. The eastern low is disappearing off the upper Atlantic coast. A disturbance is central over the Rocky mountains and snows are general this morning in the northwest, over the eastern slope of the mountains and throughout the upper Missouri valley. This disturbance will continue eastward and will cause snow in this vicinity tonight and probably Saturday. The weather is much warmer from the mountains east over the central valleys, but is followed by colder on the Pacific slope. It will be somewhat warmer in this vicinity tonight, probably followed by colder Saturday afternoon or night.

Record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1909.	1908.	1907.	1906.
Minimum temperature....	6	30	18	14
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	T

Normal temperature for today, 29 degrees.

Excess in precipitation since March 1, 4.45 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1908, 3.94 inches.

Deficiency corresponding period in 1907, 7.01 inches.

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Local Forecaster.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Higher; track: No. 2 red, cash, $1.27½; No. 2 hard, $1.11@1.15½; December, $1.10¾; May, $1.09.

CORN—Higher; track: No. 2 cash, 60½@60c; No. 2 white, 61½c; December, 61½c; May, 64¼c.

OATS—Higher; track: No. 2 cash, 43c; No. 2 white, 45½c; December, 42¾c; May, 44¾c.

RYE—Nominal; 76c.

FLOUR—Strong; red winter patents, $5.00@5.50; extra fancy and straight, $5.00@5.50; hard winter clears, $3.90@4.30.

SEED—Timothy, $2.50@3.50.

CORNMEAL—$3.90.

BRAN—Strong; sacked, east track, $1.06@1.07.

HAY—Firm; timothy, $14.00@17.50; prairie, $11.00@12.50.

BAGGING—6¾c.

HEMP TWINE—7c.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; jobbing, $22.75. Lard, steady; prime steam, $13.00@13.25. Dry Salt meats, steady; boxed extra shorts, $13.37½; clear ribs, $13.37½; short clears, $13.62½. Bacon, steady; boxed extra shorts, $14.62½; clear ribs, 14.62½; short clears, $14.87½.

POULTRY—Firm; chickens, 11c; springs, 13c; turkeys, 13c; ducks, 14c; geese, 8c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 29@30c.

EGGS—Higher, 29c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.	5,700	8,600
Wheat, bu.	13,100	32,200
Corn, bu.	61,000	54,200
Oats, bu.	27,200	27,100

Kansas City Grain and Provisions.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 10.—WHEAT—Nominally unchanged; No. 2 hard, $1.05@1.11; No. 3, $1.02@1.08; No. 2 red, $1.18@1.22; No. 3, $1.12@1.18. December, $1.09¼; May, $1.04¾@1.04, bid; July, 94¼c, bid.

CORN—1c higher; No. 2 mixed, 62@62½c; No. 3, 61½@62c; No. 2 white, 63c; No. 3, 63½@63¾c; December, 62¾c, bid; May, 60¾c, sellers; July, 63¾c, sellers.

OATS—Unchanged to 1c higher; No. 2 white, 43@43c; No. 3 mixed, 42@43c.

RYE—68@70c.

HAY—Unchanged to 50c higher; choice timothy, $13.50@13.00; choice prairie, $11.50; choice alfalfa, $15.50@16.75.

BUTTER—Creamery, 32½c; firsts, 31c; seconds, 29c; packing stock, 22c.

EGGS—Extras, 31c; firsts, 29c; seconds and dirties, 25c; current receipts, 28c.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
Wheat, bu.	34,000	59,000
Corn, bu.	10,000	10,000
Oats, bu.	12,000	6,000

Options at Kansas City:

Articles.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May.....	1 03¼	1 05¾	1 03¼	1 05¾
December ...	1 03¼	1 04¾	1 03¼	1 04¾
Corn—				
May.....	61¾	63¾	61¾	63¾
December ...	60½	63	60½	62¾
July.....	61¾	63¾	61¾	62¾

Philadelphia Produce Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—BUTTER—Firm; ½c to 1c higher; extra western creamery, 30½c; nearby prints, 32c.

EGGS—Steady; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, 33c at mark; current receipts in returnable cases, 29c; western firsts, free cases, 29c; current receipts, free cases, 28@29c.

CHEESE—Firm; good demand; New York full creams, choice, 17¼c; fair to good, 16½@17c.

Peoria Market.

PEORIA, Dec. 10.—CORN—Firm; No. 3 white, 57¼c; No. 3 yellow, 57½c; No. 3, 57¼c; No. 4, 56@56½c.

OATS—Strong; standard, 43½@43¾c; No. 3 white, 43½c; No. 4 white, 42c.

RYE—Steady; 76c.

Metal Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—METALS—Standard copper was quiet today; spot, $12.75@13.00; lake copper was quoted at $13.25@13.50; electrolytic, $13.12½@13.37½ and casting, $12.00@12.25; London market easy; spot, £58 15s; futures £60 15s. Tin closed firm; spot, $32.00@32.50; London market firm; spot, £161; futures, £146 15s. Lead, firm; spot, $4.45@4.50; London market higher at £13. Spelter quiet; spot, $5.10@5.20; futures, $5.00@5.10. London, market unchanged at £22 2s 6d. Iron higher, with Cleveland warrants quoted at 52s 6½d in London market. Local market unchanged.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 10.—METALS—Lead, firm at $4.30@4.40. Spelter, unsettled, $5.10@5.20.

NEW YORK STOCKS AND BONDS

Choppy and Uneven Movement Partly Due to Profit Taking.

PENNSYLVANIA IS STRONG

Rumor that System is to Get Control of Norfolk & Western—Market Turns Irregular on Disquieting Rumors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The choppy and uneven movement of stocks today was partly traceable to the profit-taking operations based on the considerable rise in prices for the week. There was some disquieting rumors which caused weakness in individual stocks and added to the irregularity. These had to do mainly with Reading, which was said to be involved in some contemplated action by the Department of Justice in connection with the commodities clause of the Hepburn law.

The special strength shown by the Pennsylvania group was accompanied by rumors that the directing control of Norfolk & Western was to revert to that system through the medium of the Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis. The statistics for November of the Copper Producers' association lacked stimulating influence. The nominal decrease of stocks in the hands of producers results from a reduction in output, the deliveries for consumption and export falling slightly below those for October in spite of the stimulating effect of the rumor of a combination of producers to restrict the output which enlivened the market for copper early in the month.

Estimates of the week's currency movement showed strong counter-currents still in force. The express movement with the interior has yielded a heavy balance in favor of New York, enough, it is supposed, to leave a small net gain in cash for the banks after allowing for the $4,409,000 absorption of the subtreasury operations and $1,700,000 of gold exports. The sustained firmness of foreign exchange in spite of this week's reduction of the Bank of England discount rate, indicates a continuance of the outgo of gold to South America from New York. The expected St. Paul financing appeared today in the sale of $25,000,000 of general mortgage 4 per cent bonds.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $4,378,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and leading quotations on stocks were:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Allis-Chalmers pfd	100	52¾	50¾	50
Amalgamated Copper	82,800	89	87	87
American Agricultural	2,600	45¾	43¾	43¾
Am. Beet Sugar	800	47¾	47¼	47¼
Am. Can. pfd	800	84¾	84¾	84¾
Am. C. & F., ex-div.	600	73	73	73
Am. Car & Fdy.	200	44¾	44¾	44¾
Am. H. & L. pfd.	100	44¾	44¾	44¾
Am. Ice Securities	500	25¼	25	22⅞
American Linseed	200	15½	15½	15
American Locomotive	1,600	61¾	61¾	61¾
Am. S. R.	14,500	101¾	100	100¾
Am. S. & R., pfd., ex-div.	1,700	111	111	111
Am. Sgar Refining	4,400	124¾	123¾	123¾
Am. T. & T.	8,200	143¾	142¾	143¾
Am. Tobacco pfd, ex-div.	100	96¾	96¾	96¾
American Woolen	300	34¾	33¾	33¾
Anaconda Mining Co.	200	49¾	49¾	49¾
Atchison	33,500	126¾	125¼	122
Atchison pfd.	400	104¼	104¼	104¼
Atlantic Coast Line	600	128¾	128	128
Baltimore & Ohio	4,900	117¾	117	117¾
Bal. & Ohio pfd.				91
Bethlehem Steel	400	34¾	34	34½
Brk. Rapid Tr., ex-div.	6,400	20¾	19¾	20¼
Brooklyn Rapid Tr.	1,100	181	180¾	180¾
Central Leather	5,000	27¾	26¾	26¾
Cen. Leather pfd, ex-div.	300	104¾	104¾	104¾
Central of New Jersey				218
Ches. & Ohio, ex-div.	10,800	87¾	87	87
Chicago & Alton	800	68	67¾	67¾
Chicago Great Western, ex-div.	2,200	30	29¾	29¾
Chicago & N. W., ex-div.	2,900	176¾	175	176
C. M. & St. P.	18,000	167¾	156¾	157
C., O. C. & St. L.	200	76	76	76
C., R. I. & P.	3,200	31¾	31¾	30¾
Colorado & So.	100	64¾	64¾	64¾
Colo. & So. 1st pfd.	100	81¾	81¾	81¾
Colo. & So. 2d pfd.				80¼
Consolidated Gas	8,600	152¾	151	151¾
Corn Products	6,900	15¾	15¼	15¾
Delaware & Hudson	500	183¾	183¾	183¾
Denver & Rio Grande	3,200	30¾	29¾	29¾
D. & R. G. pfd.	300	86¾	86	86
Distillers' Securities				34¼
Erie	14,800	28¾	27¾	28¼
Erie 1st pfd.	4,500	45¾	43¾	44¾
Erie 2d pfd.	400	41¾	41	41¾
General Electric	200	161	160	161
Great Northern pfd.	2,100	142¾	141	142
Great Northern Ore ctfs.	4,000	39¾	39¼	39¾
Illinois Central	300	147	144½	144½
Interborough Met.	2,400	25¾	24¾	24¾
Int. Met. pfd.	3,900	62¾	62	62¾
International Harvester	600	109¾	108	108¾
Int. Marine pfd.	200	34¾	34¾	34¾
International Paper	3,100	16¾	15¾	15¾
International Pump	100	51¾	51¾	51¾
Iowa Central	100	23½	23½	23
Kansas City So.	800	24¾	24¾	24¾
K. C. So. pfd.	100	71¾	71¾	71¾
Louisville & N.	500	138¾	151¾	153
Minn. & St. L.	400	35¾	35¾	35¾
M. St. P. & S. S. M.	2,200	133¾	132¾	132¾
Missouri Pacific	2,900	57¾	56¾	56¾
M., K. & T.	18,800	30¾	29¾	29¾
M., K. & T. pfd.				74¾
National Biscuit	200	116¾	116¾	116¾
National Lead, ex-div.	1,100	87¾	87¾	87¾
N. R. R. of M. 1st pfd.	1,100	59¾	59¾	59¾
New York Central, ex-div.	12,800	123¾	122¾	123
N. Y., O. & W.	3,700	49¾	49¾	49
Norfolk & W.	13,900	102	99¾	100¾
North American	1,400	75	74¾	74¾
Northern Pacific	4,500	145¾	144¾	144¾
Pacific Mail	1,400	43¾	42	42
Pennsylvania	88,700	135	134	134
People's Gas	1,000	114¾	114¾	114¾
P., C., C. & St. L.	200	97	96¾	96¾
Pressed Steel Car.	1,100	36¾	35¾	35¾
Pullman Palace Car.				175
Railway Steel Spring.	4,500	61¾	59¾	61¾
Reading	124,700	171¾	169¾	170¾
Republic Steel.	1,200	34¾	34¾	34¾
Republic Steel pfd.	1,000	106¾	106	106
Rock Island Co.	19,300	41¾	40¾	41
Rock Island Co. pfd.	8,300	80¾	78¾	79¾
St. L. & S. F. 2d. pfd.	600	67¾	67¾	67¾
St. Louis S. W.	1,200	30	29¾	29¾
St. L. S. W. pfd.	2,100	70¾	70¾	70¾
Sloss-Sheffield S. & I.	200	68	68	68
Southern Pacific	42,600	131¾	130¾	131¼
Southern Railway	1,700	31¾	31¾	31¾
Tennessee Copper, ex-div.	300	39	38	38¾
Texas & Pacific	3,100	35¾	35¾	35¾
T., St. L. & W.				53
T., St. L. & W. pfd.	600	79¾	79¾	80¼
Union Pacific	71,300	206	201¾	202¾
Union Pacific pfd.	500	103¾	102¾	102¾
U. S. Realty	100	83	83	83
U. S. Rubber	1,700	13¾	13	13¾
U. S. Steel, ex-div.	51,300	97	96	96¾
U. S. Steel pfd.	1,000	135¾	134¾	134¾
Utah Copper.	1,300	65¾	64¾	65¾
Va.-Caro. Chemical	100	46¾	46¾	46¾
Wabash	3,600	21¾	21¼	21¼
Wabash pfd.	14,100	52¾	51¾	51¾
Western Maryland ctfs.	1,100	24¾	24¾	24¾
Westinghouse Electric	900	64	64	64
Western Union	600	78¾	78	78¾
Wheeling & L. E.	1,000	18	17¾	17¾
Wisconsin Central	200	43¾	43	43

Total sales for the day, 854,700 shares.

Boston Stocks and Bonds.

BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Money, call loans, 5@6 per cent; time loans, 5@6 per cent. Official closing:

Atchison adj. 4s	86	Atlantic	11
do 4s	94¾	Butte Coalition	20
Atchison R. R.	124¾	Cal. & Arizona	120¾
do com.	104¾	Calumet & Hecla	660
Boston & Albany	229	Centennial	27
Boston & Maine	144	Copper Range	81
Boston Elevated	139	Daly West	24
Fitchburg pfd.	142	Franklin	12½
N. Y., N. H. & H.	157¾	Granby	90
Union Pacific	206¾	Greene Cananea	12
Am. Args. Chem.	42¾	Isle Royale	36
do pfd	99¾	Mass. Mining	7
Am. Pneu. Tube	15	Michigan	6¾
Amer. Sugar	123¾	Mohawk	69½
do pfd	130¾	Mont. C. & C.	10
Am. T. & T.	143¾	Nevada	20¾
Amer. Woolen	33	Old Dominion	31
do pfd	104¾	Osceola	104
Edison Elec. Illu.	249	Parrot	39½
Mass. Electric	13	Quincy	84
do pfd	65¾	Shannon	15¾
Mex. Gas	77¾	Tamarack	64
United Fruit	149	Trinity	16¾
United S. M.	38¾	U. S. Mining	45¾
do pfd	90	U. S. Oil	37
U. S. Steel	96¾	Utah	44½
do pfd	134¾	Victoria	3¾
Adventure	4	Wolverine	75
Amalgamated	87¾	Wolverine	145
Arizona Com.	43¾	North Butte	54¾

*Ex-dividend.

London Stock Market.

LONDON, Dec. 10.—American securities opened firm and slightly higher today. Good buying strengthened the market later and at noon prices were from ¼ to ⅜ above yesterday's New York closing.

London closing stocks:

Consols, money	82 9-16	Louisville & N.	156
do account	82¾	M., K. & T.	30¼
Amal. Copper	87¾	do pfd.	67¾
Anaconda	10¾	Norfolk & W.	100
Atchison	126¾	do pfd.	83½
do pfd.	107	Ontario & W.	17¾
Bal. & Ohio	120¾	Pennsylvania	135¾
Canadian Pacific	185¾	Rand Mines	6¾
*Chesapeake & O.	90	Reading	57¾
Chicago G. W.	29¾	Southern Ry.	15¾
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	161	do pfd.	57¾
Den. & Rio G.	29	*Southern Pacific	128¾
Denver & Rio G. pfd.	81¾	Union Pacific	207¾
Erie	34¾	do pfd.	103¾
do 1st pfd.	58¾	do 2d pfd.	93¾
do 2d pfd.	44¾	U. S. Steel	97¼
Grand Trunk	12	do pfd.	134¾
Illinois Central	150	Spanish 4s	86

*Ex-dividend.

SILVER—Bar, steady at 24d per ounce.

MONEY—3@3½ per cent.

The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 3¼@3¾ per cent; for three months' bills, 3¼@3⅝ per cent.

Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The condition of the treasury at the beginning of business today was as follows:

Trust Funds—Gold coin, $882,109,809; silver dollars, $497,618,000; silver dollars of 1890, $2,871,000; silver certificates outstanding, $497,618,000.

General Fund—Silver dollars in general fund, $3,661,552; current liabilities, $111,992,113; working balance in treasury offices, $27,-988,121; in banks to credit of treasurer of the United States, $96,191,543; subsidiary silver coin, $55,601,146; minor coin, $1,197,447; total balance in general fund, $83,688,113.

REPORT OF THE CLEARING HOUSE

Transactions of the Associated Banks for the Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending December 10 shows an aggregate of $5,427,311,000, as against $5,748,935,000 last week and $5,198,647,000 in the corresponding week last year. The following is a list of the cities:

CITIES.	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York	$2,137,404,000	7.6	
Chicago	372,421,000	6.7	
Boston	167,105,000	1.2	
Philadelphia	164,486,000	26.5	
St. Louis	71,213,000	.5	
Pittsburg	48,261,000	23.9	
Kansas City	48,622,000	20.2	
San Francisco	41,934,000	15.6	
Baltimore	34,586,000	24.9	
Cincinnati	26,414,000	6.2	
Minneapolis	23,904,000		6.6
New Orleans	24,308,000	19.4	
Cleveland	17,823,000	32.3	
Detroit	16,499,000	15.3	
Omaha	13,777,000	1.9	
Louisville	15,344,000	5.9	
Milwaukee	13,454,000	3.6	
Fort Worth	3,956,000		
Los Angeles	11,732,000	27.8	
St. Paul	10,873,000	3.9	
Seattle	12,503,000	52.3	
Denver	9,375,000		.3
Buffalo	1,781,000		
Indianapolis	5,389,000		
Spokane, Wash.	5,401,000	45.7	
Providence	5,131,000	15.0	
Portland, Ore.	8,306,000	28.4	
Richmond	9,189,000	25.9	
Albany	7,497,000	10.0	
Washington, D. C.	8,341,000	20.6	
St. Joseph	6,186,000	30.2	
Salt Lake City	8,432,000	36.5	
Columbus	7,856,000	55.9	
Memphis	7,822,000	16.9	
Atlanta	13,414,000	121.8	
Tacoma	6,608,000	23.5	
Savannah	6,593,000	21.5	
Toledo, O.	5,898,000	34.9	
Rochester	4,628,000	22.5	