LIVE STOCK MARKET

Killing Cattle Active and Fully Steady—Sheep and Lambs Are Some Stronger.

HOGS SHOW SMALL LOSS

Omaha, December 19, 1916.

Receipts were:	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	10,681	12,609	9,727
Estimate Tuesday	8,800	23,000	12,000
Two days this week	19,841	35,609	21,727
Same days last week	20,466	28,003	37,843
Same days 2 wks. ago	19,541	27,250	42,184
Same days 3 wks. ago	22,765	26,609	42,369
Same days 4 wks. ago	25,415	24,154	29,096
Same days last year	10,679	32,299	26,128

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union Stock yards, Omaha, for twenty-four hours ending at 3 o'clock, p. m., yesterday:

RECEIPTS—CARS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	H's.
C., M. & St. P.	10	21	..	..
Wabash	5	2	..	..
Missouri Pacific	9	5	3	..
Union Pacific	84	64	31	2
C., & N. W., east	27	28	2	..
C. & N. W., west	61	93	5	2
C., St. P., M. & O.	22	41	4	..
C., B. & Q., east	24	7	1	..
C., B. & Q., west	61	61	12	..
C., R. I. & P., east	13	6	2	..
C., R. I. & P., west	5	2	2	..
Illinois Central	7	5	..	..
Chicago Gt. Western	10	4	2	..
Total receipts	338	359	54	4

DISPOSITION—HEAD.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Morris & Co.	636	2,595	700
Swift & Co.	1,332	5,145	5,227
Cudahy Packing Co.	1,593	5,263	1,459
Armour & Co.	1,235	5,079	2,456
Schwartz & Co.	....	1,740	....
J. W. Murphy	....	2,019	....
Lincoln Packing Co.	80	....	....
S. Omaha Pack. Co.	2	....	....
Hunsinger & Oliver	68	....	....
W. B. Vansant Co.	82	....	....
Benton, Vansant & Lush	255	....	....
Hill & Son	9	....	....
F. B. Lewis	156	....	....
J. B. Root & Co.	118	....	....
J. H. Bulla	38	....	....
Rosenstock Bros.	29	....	....
F. G. Kellogg	104	....	....
Wertheimer & Degen	18	....	....
H. F. Hamilton	145	....	....
Sullivan Bros.	125	....	....
Rothschild & Krebs	5	....	....
Mo. & Kan. Calf Co.	53	....	....
Christie	95	....	....
Higgins	10	....	....
Huffman	10	....	....
Meyers	17	....	....
Baker	79	....	....
Banner Bros.	45	....	....
John Harvey	259	....	....
Dennis & Francis	22	....	....
Kline	48	....	....
Jensen & Lungren	218	....	....
O'Day	13	....	....
Other buyers	971	....	1,710
Totals	8,060	23,861	10,622

Cattle—Receipts were quite liberal but the heavy snow storm made a good many trains late so that cattle were coming in pretty nearly all day. In spite of that fact the market on killers was in very satisfactory condition. Buyers evidently had liberal orders and they bought very freely, creating an active market with prices generally steady. This was true not only of beef steers but also of fat cows and heifers. On the other hand stock cattle and feeders were slow and lower, buyers being very backward about taking hold of such cattle while the storm was on.

Quotations on cattle: Good to choice yearling beeves, $10.25@11.50; good to choice weighty cornfed beeves, $10.00@11.00; fair to good cornfed beeves, $8.75@10.00; common to fair cornfed beeves, $7.25@8.75; good to choice grass beeves, $7.75@9.00; fair to good grass beeves, $6.75@7.75; common to fair grass beeves, $5.75@6.75; good to choice heifers, $7.00@8.25; good to choice cows, $6.50@7.50; fair to good cows, $5.75@6.50; common to fair cows, $4.50@5.75; good to choice feeders, $7.75@8.25; fair to good feeders, $6.50@7.75; common to fair feeders, $5.75@6.50; good to choice stockers $7.25@7.75; stock heifers, $6.50@7.75; stock cows, $5.00@6.50; stock calves, $6.00@9.00; veal calves, $8.00@10.00; beef bulls, stags, etc., $5.75@7.00; bologna bulls, $5.00@5.50.

Representative sales:

BEEF STEERS.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
11	740	$6 75	18	812	$8 00
10	958	6 50	25	918	6 65
18	1417	6 75	51	754	7 10
22	890	7 25	59	920	7 50
22	1048	7 60	24	921	7 70
22	977	7 75	17	1080	8 20
24	1050	8 25	19	975	8 25
23	1160	8 35	42	1117	8 40
21	1098	8 50	7	1070	8 60
10	884	8 70	18	1203	8 75
20	1091	9 00	29	1135	9 10
26	1170	9 25	21	1197	9 40
28	1213	9 50	2	1185	9 65
37	1277	9 70	18	1311	9 90
21	1193	10 15	25	1502	10 25

CALVES.

1	250	5 00	1	510	6 00
4	310	6 50	6	451	7 25
8	461	7 40	4	325	7 50
16	472	7 60	1	270	8 00
2	280	8 75	2	195	9 00
2	150	10 00			

COLORADO.

57 steers..1039 $8 45

NEBRASKA.

8 heifers. 798 $ 00 1 heifer. 980 $ 10

Hogs—On the basis of the estimate, which called for 306 loads, or 23,000 head, today's hog run is the largest since early last spring, being slightly heavier even than the big run a few weeks ago. For two days supplies foot up 35,609 head, which is 7,580 larger than last week, more than 8,000 larger than two weeks ago and a gain of over 2,000 as compared with the corresponding days of last year.

The market got off to a very slow start this morning. The storm delayed many trains, and even at midforenoon there was a good bit of stuff back. Shippers were a little slower to take hold this morning, though when they did make their first purchases it was at figures that were fully as good as yesterday. The packer trade was the druggiest in days. Buyers made their first offers on a 10@15c lower basis, but with other markets reported steady, or close to it, sellers would not make concessions without giving the market a thorough tryout, and the result was that no packer business of consequence was done until late in the morning.

It developed into a very spotted trade. Good outside competition that lasted all morning kept prices on desirable kinds up pretty well, but lights were slow all day. Sales ranged from steady to 10c or more lower, with the average market about 5c lower. Bulk sold at $9.50@9.90, with several lots as high as 9.95, the top.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
93	175	40	$9 40	96	153	...	$9 50
61	183	80	9 60	72	199	...	9 65
46	191	...	9 70	64	222	...	9 75
87	244	...	9 80	71	225	...	9 85
15		320	...	9 95			

PIGS.

13 ..... 133 ... 7 75

Sheep—Sheep and lamb supplies were not overly liberal, though the run of fifty cars, or some 12,000 head, showed a gain over yesterday. So far this week the run has been 21,727 head, as compared with 27,843 last week, 42,184 two weeks ago and 26,128 a year ago.

The market got going in better season than it did yesterday. Request for lambs seemed to be more eager than on the previous day, and, while the storm made some stuff late in getting in, bulk of the lambs yarded early changed hands before 11 o'clock. Yesterday's prices were well sustained and in some cases bettered. A good share of the best lambs sold up to $12.75, which price was paid for only one car yesterday, and that not until late in the afternoon. In-between grades, which suffered worst in the slump on last week's close, showed in some instances at least more strength than any other kind on earlier rounds today, and packers called some of their purchases quite a little higher, though none of the sellers quoted any advance.

Later arrivals moved on the early basis, bulk of all decent to best stuff selling at $12.50@12.75, with some half-fat and wheat-fed stuff under that. Clippers easily held their own, looking fully steady with last Friday. The best here brought $11.40, with another cut of the ones that sold at $11.25 Friday at the same figure today.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Lambs, good to choice, $12.50@12.75; lambs, fair to good, $12.00@12.40; lambs, clipped, $10.50@11.40; lambs, feeders, $11.00@12.25; yearlings, good to choice, $9.75@10.75; yearlings, fair to good, $8.50@9.50; yearlings, feeders, $7.00@9.00; wethers, fair to choice, $8.25@9.15; ewes, good to choice, $8.40@8.75; ewes, fair to good, $7.00@8.25; ewes, plain to culls $5.00@6.50; ewes, feeding, $5.00@7.25; ewes, breeders, all ages, $6.00@8.50.

Representative sales:

No.		Av.	Pr.
739	fed lambs	74	$12 70
52	fed lambs	79	12 70
11	culls	60	11 50
211	Utah feeder lambs	77	12 60
10	culls	76	11 25
225	Wioming feeder lambs	62	12 60
122	Wyoming feeder ewes	98	7 60
256	fed lambs	77	12 55
430	feeding ewes	90	$7 00
24	cull feeding ewes	79	4 50
244	fed lambs	73	12 70
121	clipped lambs	74	11 40
148	fed lambs	68	12 30
130	Nebraska feeding ewes	90	7 00
34	culls	79	4 50
187	fed lambs	72	12 60
241	fed lambs	76	11 40
457	fed lambs	75	12 60
283	fed lambs	58	12 00
229	fed lambs	82	12 65

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle, Steay to Strong; Sheep Strong.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady to stronger; native beeves, $7.00@11.65; western steers, $7.00@10.00; stockers and feeders, $5.00@8.10; cows and heifers, $2.85@10.00; calves, $8.00@11.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 50,000 head; market steady to 5c higher than yesterday's average; bulk of sales, $9.75@10.15; light, $9.25@10.00; mixed, $9.40@10.25; heavy, $9.70@10.25; rough, $9.70@9.85; pigs, $7.50@9.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 14,000 head; market strong; lambs, weak to lower; wethers, $8.85@10.00; ewes, $5.75@8.50; lambs, $11.00@11.30.

Kansas City Live Stock Market.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 14,000; market steady to weak; prime fed steers, $10.50@11.50; dressed beef steers, $7.50@10.25; western steers, $6.50@10.25; cows, $5.25@8.50; heifers, $6.00@10.25; stockers and feeders, $6.00@8.50; bulls, $5.25@7.25; calves, $6.50@11.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 25,000 head; market lower; bulk of sales, $9.75@10.15; heavy, $10.05@10.25; packers and butchers, $9.90@10.20; light, $9.50@10.00; pigs, $8.00@8.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 16,000 head; market weak; lambs, $11.75@12.75; yearlings, $10.50@11.25; wethers, $8.50@9.50; ewes, $7.75@9.00.

St. Louis Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,300 head; market lower; native beef steers, $7.50@11.50; yearling steers and heifers, $8.50@11.50; cows, $5.50@8.50; stockers and feeders, $5.30@7.75; prime southern beef steers, $8.00@9.00; beef cows and heifers, $4.25@7.50; prime yearlings steers and heifers, $7.50@9.00; native calves, $6.00@12.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 20,000 head; market steady; lights, $9.75@10.25; pigs, $8.25@9.25; mixed and butchers, $9.75@10.25; good heavy, $10.30@10.35; bulk of sales, $9.90@10.30.

St. Joseph Live Stock Market.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000; best steady; others, 10c to 15c lower; steers, $7.00@12.00; cows and heifers, $4.50@10.00; calves, $6.00@11.25.

Hogs—Receipts 20,000 head; market opening, 5@10c lower; top, $10.20; bulk of sales, $9.60@10.05.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market slow and lower; lambs, $12.00@12.75; ewes, $8.00@8.75.

Kansas City General Market.

Kansas City, Dec. 19.—Wheat—No. 2 hard, $1.65@1.75; No. 2 red, $1.68@1.75; December, $1.62¼; May, $1.62¼@1.63.

Corn—No. 2 mixed, 91@91¼c; No. 2 white, 90¼@91c; No. 2 yellow, $1@91½c; December, 89c; May, 89¼@89¾c.

Oats—No. 2 white, 54¼@55c; No. 2 mixed, 53¼@54c.

Butter—Creamery, 40¼c; firsts, 39c; seconds, 37c; packing, 28c.

Eggs—Firsts, 37c.

Poultry—Hens, 16½c; roosters, 12½c; turkeys, 24c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Leading Commodities.

New Dec. 19.—Flour—Unsettled.

Wheat—Spot, steady; No. 1 durum $2.00½; No. 2 hard, $1.81½; No. 1 northern, Duluth, $1.92½; No. 1 northern, Manitoba, $1.98, f. o. b., New York.

Corn—Spot, easy, No. 2 yellow, $1.07¾, c. i. f., New York, ten-day shipment.

Hides—Easy; Bogota, 43@44c; Central America, 42½c.

Hay—Quiet; No. 1, $1.05@1.10; No. 3, $1.00@1.02½; No. 3, 90@95c; shipping, 75@80c.

Hops—Steady; state, common to choice, 1916, 45@50c; 1915, 8@14c; Pacific coast, 1916, 11@14c; 1915, 8@11c.

Leather—Firm; hemlock firsts, 37c; second, 35c.

Provisions—Pork, steady; mess, $31.50@32.00; family, $30.00@32.00; short clear, $30.00@32.00. Beef: Steady; mess, $23.00@23.50; family, $25.50@27.00. Lard: Easy; middle west, $16.50@16.60.

Tallow—Quiet; city, 11c; country, 11¼@11¾c; special, 11¾c.

Butter—Firm; receipts, 10,049 tubs; creamery, 41½@42c; firsts, 37½@40½c; seconds, 35½@37c.

Eggs—Easier; receipts, 6,731 cases; fresh gathered, extra firsts, 50@51c; firsts, 48@49c; refrigerator, special marks, 34c; refrigerator, seconds to firsts, 31½@33½c.

Cheese—Easy; receipts, 2,230 boxes; state, held, specials, 26½c; same, average fancy, 25½@26c.

Poultry—Dressed, strong; chickens, 18@28c; fowls, 15½@23c; turkeys, 20@32c.

New York Money Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Mercantile paper, 4@4¼ per cent.

Sterling Exchange—Sixty-day, bills, $4.71½; commercial sixty-day bills on banks, $4.71¼; commercial sixty-day bills, $4.71; demand, $4.75½; cables, $4.76 7-16.

Silver—Bar, 70⅝; Mexican dollars, 50½c.

Bonds—Government, steady; railroad, irregular.

Time Loans—Easy; sixty days, 4¼@4¼ per cent; ninety days and six months, 4@4¼ per cent.

Call Money—Firm—High, 4¼ per cent; low, 4¼ per cent; ruling rate, 4¼ per cent; last loan, 4¼ per cent; closing bid, 4¼ per cent; offered at 4¼ per cent.

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Coffee Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Coffee—Conflicting views of peace prospects seemed responsible for very irregular fluctuations in the the market for coffee futures here today. After opening 2 points lower to 2 points higher, prices sold off sharply under liquidation from Wall street and cotton trade sources. March declined to 8.30c and July to 8.58c, or about 9 to 13 points under last night's closing figures. Then prices steadied on covering, while sentiment as to peace prospects seemed to become a little more optimistic after the publication of Lloyd George's speech outlining the attitude of Great Britain and the market rallied sharply in the later trading. March sold up to 8.50c and July to 8.73c with the close steady at a net advance of 4 to 9 points. December, 8.32c; January, 8.31c; February, 8.40c; March, 8.48c; April, 8.54c; May, 8.61c; June, 8.68c; July, 8.75c; August, 8.80c; September, 8.85c; October, 8.90c; November, 8.95c.

Spot, very quiet: Rio 7s, 9¾c; Santos 4s, 10¾c. The few cost and freight offers received were reported about unchanged to 5 points lower, with Santos 3s and 4s, quoted at 10.35c, regular terms. The cost and freight situation was unsettled owing to the scarcity of freight room and differences in war risk rates between neutral and allied vessels.

The official cables reported a decline of 75 reis at Rio and an advance of 25 reis in Santos futures. Santos reported clearances of 25,000 for New York and 24,000 for New Orleans.

Minneapolis Grain Market.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 19.—Flour—Fancy patents, 20c higher; quoted at $9.20; other grades unchanged.

Barley—79c@$1.12.

Rye—$1.29@1.30.

Bran—$24.00@24.50.

Wheat—May, $1.73¼; July, $1.67¼; cash, No. 1 hard, $1.73¼@1.78¼; No. 1 northern, $1.70¼@1.73¼; No. 2 northern, $1.65¼@1.71¼.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 88@88½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 47¼@48c.

Flaxseed—$2.81¾@2.86¾.

St. Louis Grain Market.

St. Louis, Dec. 19.—Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.80@1.82½; No. 3 hard, $1.74; December, $1.63¼; May, $1.84¼.

Corn—No. 2, 94c; No. 2 white, 94c; December, 92½c; May 92¼c.

Oats—No. 2, 52@52¼c; No. 2 white, 55c.

Sugar Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Sugar—Raw, dull; centrifugal, 5.14c; molasses, 4.27c. Refined: Dull; fine granulated, $7.00@7.05. Sugar futures opened firmer with new crop position 7 to 11 points higher at noon, while December was 4 points lower under liquidation.

GRAIN AND PRODUCE

Cash Wheat Jumps Eight Cents—Receipts Very Light and Demand Good.

CORN MARKET IS QUIET

Omaha, Dec. 19, 1916.

Cash wheat made big gains on the local floor today and the bulk of the offerings ruled from 7 to 8 cents above the average price of yesterday. The demand, however, was not over-active, considering the fact that the receipts of this cereal were extremely light. The usual milling demand for wheat was not much in evidence today, but the better grades of hard winter sold quite readily at the advance in price. No. 2 being quoted at $1.67 to $1.69¼, while the No. 3 hard sold from $1.64 to $1.67.

The corn market was rather quiet during the early hours, but business picked up about the close and a good part of the light receipts was disposed of at prices ruling from ¼c to 1¼c higher. A few sellers were of the opinion that they ought to get better prices for their corn samples and quite a few cars of this cereal were held over for tomorrow's market.

The oats market was very active and the local demand for this cereal was very good, at advanced prices, the market being quoted from ¾c to 1¼c higher, with the bulk of the samples going at 51¾c to 52c.

Rye advanced from 2 to 3 cents, and barley was quoted firm. There was a strong demand for both of these articles and receipts were also very good.

Clearances were: Wheat and flour equal to 361,000 bushels; corn, 31,000 bushels; oats, 8,000 bushels.

Liverpool close; Wheat unchanged; corn, 1d lower.

Primary wheat receipts were 871,000 bushels and shipments 569,000 bushels, against receipts of 2,315,000 bushels and shipments of 696,000 bushels last year.

Primary corn receipts were 1,077,000 bushels and shipments 451,000 bushels, against receipts of 939,000 bushels and shipments of 520,000 bushels last year.

Primary oats receipts were 422,000 bushels and shipments 510,000 bushels, against receipts of 998,000 bushels and shipments of 534,000 bushels last year.

CARLOT RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	75	483	203
Minneapolis	233	....	....
Duluth	93	....	....
Omaha	35	29	8
Kansas City	100	43	12
St. Louis	54	54	34
Winnipeg	518	....	....

These sales were reported today:

Wheat—No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, $1.69½; 1 car, $1.69; 2 cars, $1.67. No. 3 hard winter: 1 car, $1.68; 2 cars, $1.67; 1 3-5 cars, $1.65; 2-5 car, $1.64. No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, $1.65; 2 cars, $1.63; 1 car, $1.62; 1 car, $1.52. Sample hard winter: 1 car, $1.65½. No. 4 spring: 1 car, $1.50; Sample spring: 1 car, $1.30. No. 4 durum: 2-5 car, $1.60; No. 3 mixed durum: 1 car, $1.65. No. 2 mixed: 1 car, $1.64. No. 4 mixed: 1 1-5 cars, $1.62; 1 car, $1.60.

Rye—No. 2: 1 3-5 cars, $1.31. No. 3: 4 cars, $1.30; No. 4 2-5 car, $1.27.

Barley—No. 4: 2-5 car, 90c; 1 car, 88c; 1 car, 87c; 2-5 car, 85c. No. 1 feed: 1 car, 87c.

Corn—No. 3 white: 2 cars, 88c; 5¾ cars, 87½c. No. 4 white: 1 car, 87c. No. 6 white: 1 car, 87c. No. 3 yellow: 9 cars, 87½c; 1 car, 86¾c. No. 4 yellow: 1 car, 87¾c. No. 5 yellow: ¼ car, 82c. No. 3 mixed: 4 cars, 87½c; 1 car, 87c; 1 car, 86½c. No. 4 mixed: 6 cars, 87c; 1 car, 86¾c.

Oats—No. 2 white: 1 car, 52½c. Standard: 3 cars, 52c. No. 3 white: 4 cars, 51¾c; 2 cars, 51½c. No. 4 white: 1 car, 51¼c; 1 car, 51c. Sample white: 1 car, 51¼c; 1 2-5 cars, 51c; 1 cars, 50½c.

Omaha Cash Prices—Wheat: No. 2 hard, $1.66¼@1.69¼; No. 3 hard, $1.63¼@1.68; No. 4 hard, $1.52@1.68; No. 2 spring, $1.61@1.68; No. 3 spring, $1.58@1.66; No. 2 durum, $1.62@1.66; No. 3 durum, $1.59@1.64. Corn: No. 2 white, 88@88½c; No. 3 white, 87½@88c; No. 4 white, 86¾@87c; No. 5 white, 86¼@87c; No. 6 white, 86@87c; No. 2 yellow, 87½@88c; No. 3 yellow, 86¾@87¼c; No. 4 yellow, 86½@87¼c; No. 5 yellow, 85@86c; No. 6 yellow, 82@85c; No. 3 mixed, 86¾@87¾c; No. 3 mixed, 86¼@87½c; No. 4 mixed, 86¼@87c; No. 5 mixed, 85@86c; No. 6 mixed, 84@85c. Oats: No. 2 white, 52@52½c; standard, 51¾@52c; No. 3 white, 51¼@51¾c; No. 4 white, 51@51¼c. Barley: Malting, 98c@$1.08; No. 1 feed 84@92c. Rye: No. 2, $1.30@1.31; No. 3, $1.29@1.30

Omaha Futures.

The trade in wheat was quite active, with prices on May and December wheat covering a wide range. The wheat market today was extremely nervous and fluctuations were rapid, the May article reaching a high point of $1.67¾ during the early hours and breaking almost 7c just before the close of the session. December wheat held around the high point on account of the car situation and present export needs, the closing price on this article being $1.60.

The attention of the trade is at the present time centered around the new British premier, as prices depend very much upon the outcome of the peace negotiations.

Corn was very active and followed wheat rather closely, although it did not cover such a wide range.

Oats were rather quiet and only a few trades were made in the May option, which closed ¼c higher.

Local range of options:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes.
Wht.					
Dec.	1 53	1 60	152	1 60	151
May	1 61	1 67¾	160½	1 61	160⅝
July	1 32½	1 38	132½	1 33½	131¼
Corn.					
Dec.	87½	87¼	86	86	87¼
May	89	90¾	88¼	88¼	89⅛
July	88½	89⅛	87½	87½	89
Oats.					
Dec.	46¾	46⅝	46⅜	46⅝	46⅝
May	51	52⅛	51	51¼	50⅝

Chicago closing prices, furnished The Bee

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS.

Opening Prices of Wheat Are Steady to Three Cents Higher.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—After a skyrocket ascent of 7¼c today wheat prices fell 7¼c and closed in a state of semi-collapse at a range varying wildly from ¾ under yesterday's finish to ⅞ net advance, with May at $1.64¾ to $1.65¼ and July at $1.28¾ to $1.28¾. The rise was due to a general impression that Great Britain had rejected outright the German overtures for peace. Ensuing assertions that nevertheless a loophole for a peace conference still remained were responsible for the subsequent drop in values. Corn lost 1¼ to 1½ net, oats, ⅝@⅞c to ¾c and provisions 2½c to 15c.

Transactions broadened out to only a moderate extent on the big upturn in wheat prices, but on the downslide appeared to have next to no limits. At the outset and for about an hour and a half later the trade had no definite word as to the nature of the the British premier's speech, but initial uncertainty had given way to increasing belief that his reply would be a decided rebuff to the promoters of a parley with Germany.

Then came brief but circumstantial reports that Lloyd George had said the war would not be abandoned until Great Britain's object had been achieved. Soon after this other more detailed confirmatory dispatches came and the market bounded upward about 4 cents in short order on top of an earlier rise of 3 cents or more. Buying on the way upward was decidedly more active than under ordinary conditions, though far from recent sensational records.

Selling that grew swiftly into something like a landslide took place when the wheat market had approached to within measurable distance of the prices ruling a week ago before the announcement of the German offer. Rushes to release profits had much to do with the general unloading and the ensuing declines, but the stampede to the bear side seemed to derive chief impetus from what purported to be London dispatches asserting that the Lloyd George address had left the door ajar for Germany, provided specific terms were named. No aggressive support was forthcoming in the sudden confusion that followed and the close found the stampede only checked in part at about ½c up from the bottom quotation of the day.

Corn swayed almost wholly as a result of the changes in the wheat market. The heaviest selling on the late decline was from elevator concerns. Oats followed other grain and showed no sign of independence. Trade was local.

Liberal receipts of hogs made provisions average lower. Speculators who were watching the European situation seemed for the time being to have transferred their trade to the wheat pit.

Cash Prices—Wheat—No. 2 and No. 3 red and No. 2 and No. 3 hard, nominal. Corn: No. 2 yellow, 95¾@96½c; No. 4 yellow, 93@94¼c; No. 4 white, 93@94c. Oats: No. 3 white, 52@53c; standard, 52½@53¼c. Rye: No. 2, $1.40. Barley: $85c@$1.20. Seeds: Timothy, $3.50@5.50; clover, $12.00@17.00. Provisions: Pork, $25.50; lard, $16.50@16.55; ribs, $13.15@13.65.

Butter—Unchanged, except seconds, slightly higher, at 33@34c; receipts, 6,999 tubs.

Eggs—Receipts 1,863 cases; unchanged to slightly higher; firsts, 40@41c; ordinary firsts, 35@36c; at mark cases included, 32@40c.

Potatoes—Unchanged; receipts, 25 cars.

Poultry—Unchanged.

Metal Market.

New York, Dec. 19.—Metals—Lead, $7.62½@7.87½; spelter weak; spot, East St. Louis delivery, 10¼@10⅝c. Copper: Unsettled; electrolysis, first, second and third quarters, $31.00@33.00. Iron: Steady and unchanged. Tin: Steady; spot, $42.50@42.75.

At London: Spot copper, £142, 10s; futures, £136, 10s; electrolytic, £161. Spot tin, £182, 10s; futures, £184, 10s. Lead: £30, 10s; spelter, £20, 10s; spelter, £54, 5s.

Liverpool Grain Market.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Wheat—Spot, No. 1 northern spring, 17s 5d; No. 2 hard winter, 16s 10d; No. 1 new Manitoba, 17s 6d; No. 3, 16s 10d.

Corn—Spot American, mixed, new, 12s 9d.

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NEW YORK STOCKS

Sweeping Advance of Two to Five Points Followed Almost at Once by Reversal.

RAILS RESIST PRESSURE

New York, Dec. 19.—The stock market's initial response to the address of the British premier defining the attitude of his government towards Germany's proposal of peace negotiations was a sweeping advance of 2 to 5 points in prominent issues followed almost immediately by a reversal of as much or more.

On the setback which was popularly attributed to a combination of profit taking, short selling, and liquidation by bewildered investors, quotations fell in many instances to within hailing distance of last week's lowest levels. In fact, some of the more speculative shares, notably Utah copper, Central Leather, some of the motors and their subsidiaries, and Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies established new minimums for the current downward movement.

Rails again registered pressure, though less active than last week and finished the session at variable but net gains. They proved almost the sole exception to the general trend being again fortified by reports of an early settlement of existing difficulties between railway executives and employes.

Selling was most unrestrained in the final hour which also witnessed lowest prices of of the season, the ease with which prices rebounded 1 to 5 points on short covering being in itself regarded as proof of the extent to which professional operations contributed.

United States Steel furnished more than its usual quota to the day's operations, the turnover in that stock approximating 570,000 shares, or almost one-third of the whole. This exceeded by more than ten fold the offerings of any other issue. Total sales, 1,750,000 shares.

Such constructive developments as the declaration of an initial dividend on Republic Iron and Steel common, receipt of another large installment of British gold from Canada and renewal of inquiries for Steel and Copper were ignored in the more exciting incidents of the day.

Aside from another shading of international issues, the bond market failed in any market essential to revive the stock market. Total sales, par value, $3,240,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Number of sales and quotations on leading stocks were:

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Am. Beet Sugar	7,900	100	96¾	97¾
American Can	9,300	52¾	48¾	50
Am. Car & Foundry	2,500	71¼	68¾	68¾
Am. Locomotive	21,100	82¾	79	79¾
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	106,400	109¼	106	106¾
Am. Sugar Ref.	700	112¾	112	112¾
Am. Tel. & Tel.	2,400	125¾	125½	125¼
Am. Z., L. & S.	1,300	49¾	45¾	44½
Anaconda Copper	55,800	89½	85¾	86¾
Atchison	2,000	105	104¾	104½
Bald. Locomotive	29,200	72¾	66	68
Baltimore & Ohio	1,200	85¾	85	84¾
B. & S. Copper	5,800	54¾	50½	51
Cal. Petroleum	2,500	26½	24	25
Canadian Pacific	300	167¼	167	166¼
Central Leather	36,900	97	90	92¾
Chesapeake & Ohio	5,700	67	65¾	66¾
C., M. & St. P.	....	....	....	93
Chicago & N. W.	200	124½	124	124½
C., R. I. & P.	11,800	39	36¾	37¾
Chino Copper	8,700	58¾	55	55½
Colo. Fuel & Iron	9,400	49¼	46¼	47¼
Corn Products Ref.	20,000	25¾	24	24¾
Crucible Steel	24,000	70	65¾	66¼
Distillers' Securities	4,400	34	31¾	31¾
Erie	10,000	37¾	36	36¾
General Electric	1,800	173¾	170	170¾
Great No. pfd.	....	....	....	116¾
Great No. Ore ctfs.	4,100	40¼	38¾	39
Illinois Central	1,000	....	....	106
Inter. Con. Corp.	1,300	17¼	16¾	16¾
Inspiration Copper	26,100	61¼	56¾	58½
Inter. Harvester	200	123	123	123
Int. M. M. pfd. ctfs.	53,600	107¼	100	101
K. C. Southern	400	27	26¾	26½
Kennecott Copper	31,200	49¾	46	47
Louisville & Nash.	200	134¾	134	133
Mex. Petroleum	10,600	102¾	99	100¼
Miami Copper	5,300	41¼	39¼	39¾
M., K. & T. pfd.	1,200	23¾	23	22
Missouri Pacific	....	....	....	18¾
Montana Power	500	105¾	105	105¾
National Lead	1,000	63	61¼	61¾
Nevada Copper	11,600	27	25	25
New York Central	4,100	106¼	106¼	105¼
N. Y., N. H. & H.	1,400