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Army Orders.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—(Special Telegram)—Clyde A. Bird, Lincoln, Neb., appointed clerk, war risk insurance bureau.

Postmasters appointed: Box Elder, Pennington county, S. D., Glen B. Lukens, vice, Lolo Ellis Pence, resigned. Cedar Canyon, Meade county, Alma L. Lee, vice, Frank D. Lee, resigned. Tilford, Meade county, Jos. M. McAbee, vice Aldeone Lorenger, resigned. Jelm, Albany county, Wyo., Artie M. Mayers, vice Chas. D. Oviatt, resigned. Kool, Sheridan county, Ralph Harrison, vice Henry D. Scott, resigned.

First Lieut. Reuben Morgan Hargrove, medical corps, is relived from duty at Camp Travis, Texas, upon completion of the demobilization of that camp and will proceed to Fort Dec Moines.

Second Lieut. Guy J. Shaumberg, infantry, attached to the motor transport corps, is relieved from his present duties and will proceed to Camp Dodge.

Second Lieut. Rudolph C. Steidl, infantry is relieved from duty at College of St. Paul, Minn., and will proceed to the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.

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Market and Industrial News of the Day

LIVE STOCK

Omaha, Dec. 21.

Receipts were—	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Official Monday	11,896	15,226	7,695
Official Tuesday	14,006	21,230	9,835
Official Wednesday	9,843	22,775	13,106
Official Thursday	6,406	18,336	8,819
Official Friday	4,177	13,317	2,472
Estimate Saturday	350	5,200	800
Six days this week	46,478	103,084	42,425
Same days last week	45,044	94,129	56,972
Same days 2 wks. ago	48,362	83,580	47,520
Same days 3 wks. ago	38,241	68,378	46,977
Same days year ago	29,442	48,350	79,753

Receipts and disposition of live stock at the Union Stock yards, for 24 hours ending at 3 o'clock yesterday:

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Missouri Pacific	1	..	..
Union Pacific	1	7	..
C. & N. W., east	3	16	2
C. & N. W., west	..	19	..
C., P. M. & O.	6	..	..
C. B. & Q., east	4	6	..
Illinois Central	..	9	..
Chicago Great Western	..	1	..
Total Receipts	10	73	2

DISPOSITION.

	Hogs.	Sheep.
Morris & Co.	2,532	....
Swift & Co.	2,668	....
Cudahy Packing Co.	481	....
Armour & Co.	4,611	....
Schwartz & Co.	181	....
J. W. Murphy	1,175	....
Cudahy, Sioux City	....	528
Morris, Sioux Falls	509	....
Total	12,155	528

Cattle—With only a few odd cattle on sale today the market, as usual on Saturday, was nominally steady. Receipts for the week have been very liberal, approximately 46,500 head or fully 1,000 more than were here last week and 17,000 more than for the third week in December a year ago. Short feds and warmed up steers have made up their bulk of the offerings lately and they have sold very unevenly, although the general trend of values has been nower. While the best dry lot steers, as well as choice range range beeves, have been in good demand and fully steady all week, the medium and common stuff, both steers and cows, have sold off fully 25@50c and the market closed weak at the decline. In stockers and feeders volume of business has been fairly liberal for this time of the year and anything with weight and quality has ruled strong. Common lightweight and off quality steers and heifers have been hard to move and anywhere from 25@50c lower than a week ago.

Quotations on cattle: Choice to prime beeves, $17.00@18.50; good to choice beeves, $14.75@16.50; fair to good beeves, $12.75@14.75; common to fair beeves, $9.00@12.50; good to choice yearlings, $15.50@17.50; fair to good beeves, $12.00@15.50; common to fair yearlings, $9.00@12.00; choice to prime grass steers, $15.00@17.00; fair to good grass beeves, $13.00@15.00; common to fair grass beeves, $9.00@12.50. Mexican beeves, $9.00@10.00; good to choice heifers, $9.50@12.50; good to choice cows, $9.25@12.00; fair to good cows, $7.75@9.00; common to fair cows, $6.00@7.75; prime feeders, $12.50@15.00; good to choice feeders, $10.00@12.50; fair to good feeders, $7.50@9.50; common to fair feeders, $6.00@7.50; good to choice stockers, $9.50@12.50; stock heifers, $7.00@8.50; stock cows, $6.00@7.50; stock calves, $7.00@10.50; veal calves, $7.50@13.75; bulls, $7.50@13.75. Bulls, stags, etc., $8.00@10.75.

Hogs—Fresh receipts of hogs today amounted to 5,200 head, which, with a carry-over from yesterday of 14,000 head, made about 20,000 head of hogs on sale. Although there was a trifle more activity during the early hours, packer holdings are so far in excess of their requirements that the trade soon flattened out with half of the supply on hand unsold. Prices remained unchanged from yesterday, with a few of the better grades only above $17.00, tops reaching $17.15, and the purchase of lightweight loads being limited because of the endeavor of packers to hold their prices at the minimum. Bulk today was $16.90, with a top of $17.15, where they have been the most of the week, although 10 cents lower than a week ago, are holding close to the minimum.

Sheep—Receipts today were light, only 500 head, the supply for the week reaching a total of 42,400 head. The fat lamb market has been a lifeless affair all week and prices have gradually worked until they are fully 40 and 65 cents lower than a week ago Thursday; most of the lambs now are selling at from $14.00 to $14.25. Feeder receipts, although not heavy, have been fair and the demand broad, with the market possibly a trifle slow, lambs reaching a top during the week of $14.50. Most of them sold at $14.00 and $14.35, poorer kinds down to $13.50. Fat sheep have shown a decline in sympathy with the lambs and are fully 50 cents lower than a week ago, closing with a top of $8.35. Wethers and yearlings are selling at $11.00.

Quotations on sheep: Lambs, good to choice, $13.50@14.25; lambs, fair to good, $11.00@10.50; lamb feeders, $12.50@14.35; yearlings, good to choice, $10.50@12.25; yearlings, fair to good, $9.00@9.50; yearling feeders, $9.50@10.00; wethers, fat, $10.00@11.00; wether feeders, $8.50@10.50; ewes, good to choice, $8.00@8.55; ewes, fair to good, $7.00@8.00; ewe feeders, $6.00@6.75.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000 head; compared with a week ago, beef steers, 50c to 75c lower; fat cows and heifers, about steady; other classes, 50c to 75c lower; bulls, 25c to 50c lower; canners, 25c higher; calves, 22.00 lower; stockers and feeders, about steady.

Hogs—Receipts, 7,000 head; market mostly steady with yesterday; bulk of sales, $17.25@17.60; butchers, $17.40@17.65; light, $16.65@17.40; packing, $16.50@17.40; throwouts, $15.50@16.50; pigs, good to choice, $13.75@14.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 2,000 head; compared with a week ago fat lambs 25c to 50c lower; wethers and yearlings, 50c to 75c lower; ewes, steady to 25c lower; feeding lambs, generally steady.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 8,000 head; market steady; steers, $18.00@20.00; western, $12.00@16.00; cows, $6.75@14.00; heifers, $7.50@14.25; stockers, $7.50@16.00; calves, $7.00@13.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 3,00 head; market lower; heavy, $16.80@17.35; butchers, $16.90@17.40; lights, $16.00@17.25; pigs, $12.00@14.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 700 head; market steady; lambs, $12.00@14.50; yearlings, $10.00@11.50; wethers, $9.00@10.25; ewes, $7.50@8.75.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; market steady; steers, $9.00@18.50; cows and heifers, $6.00@15.50; calves, $7.00@15.00.

Hogs—Receipts, 6,000 head; market dull; top, $17.20; bulk of sales, $16.90@17.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 300 head; market steady; lambs, $14.00@14.50; ewes, $8.00@9.00.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City, Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 500 head; market steady; beef steers, $8.00@14.50; fat cows and heifers, $6.25@9.00; canners, $5.00@6.25; stckers and feeders, $5.50@10.00; feeding cows and heifers, $5.00@8.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 600 head; no sales.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 400 head; market steady.

New York Coffee.

New York, Dec. 21.—Reports that the state government of Sao Paulo will abolish the export tax of about 5 francs per bag on coffee as soon as the loans made on coffee guarantees have been liquidated attracted some comment in coffee trade circles here this morning, but did not seem to create any definite sentiment. The official cables reported an advance of 75 reis in the Rio market and of 100 reis in Santos spots, with Santos futures 25 reis higher to 50 reis lower. Receipts at the two Brazilian ports were 46,000 and Jurdiahy receipts 22,000 bags. Santos cleared 51,000 bags for the United States. The local spot market remained nominal at 17¼ for Rio 7s.

Dry Goods.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton goods and yarns were steadier today and print cloth trading was more general. Wool goods were quiet and still unsettled. Burlaps were unsettled, reports of a change in policy at Washington looking toward a release of restrictions. Silks were quiet.

Liberty Bonds.

New York, Dec. 21.—Final prices on Liberty bonds were: 3½s, 98.20; first convertible 4s, 93; second 4s, 93.04; first convertible 4¼s, 96.96; second convertible 4¼s, 94.30; third 4¼s, 95.36; fourth 4¼s, 94.34.

Short Term Notes

Quotations through the National City company, First National Bank Building, Omaha:

	Closing Bid.	Asked.
Am. T. & T. 6s 1925	101	101½
Am. Tobacco 7s, 1921	102	102¼
Am. Tobacco 7s, 1922	102⅝	102⅞
Am. Tobacco 7s, 1923	102⅝	102⅞
Arm. & Co. c. d. 6s 1919	100½	101
Arm. & Co. c. d. 6s, 1920	100⅝	101¼
Arm. & Co. c. d. 6s, 1922	101½	102
Arm. & Co. c. d. 6s, 1924	101⅝	102¼
Beth. Steel Co. 7s, 1919	100⅝	100⅞
Beth. Steel Co. 7s, 1922	100⅝	100⅞
Beth. Steel Co. 7s, 1923	100⅝	100⅞
British 5½s, 1919	100½	100¾
British 5½s, 1921	98	98⅜
Brooklyn R. T. 7s, 1921	89	90
Cen. A. C. 6s, 1927	92	94
C. B. & Q. Joint 4s, 1921	95½	95¾
C. & W. I. 6s, 1919	97	98
City of Paris 6s, 1921	98⅝	99¼
Cudahy Pack. Co. 7s, 1922	101⅞	102¼
Delaware & Hud'n 5s, 1920	98¾	99
Fed. F'm Loan 4½s, 1937	100	101
Fed. F'm Loan 4½s, 1938	103½	104½
General Electric 6s, 1920	100½	100½
Inter. Rap. Tran. 7s, 1921	98¾	98¾
Liggett & Myers 6s, 1921	99¼	99¾
U. S. Liberty 3½s	98.20	98.30
U. S. Liberty 1st 4s	93.00	93.10
U. S. Liberty 2d 4s	93.00	93.10
U. S. Liberty 1st 4¼s	96.90	97.00
U. S. Liberty 2d 4¼s	94.40	94.46
U. S. Liberty 3d 4¼s	95.40	95.46
U. S. Liberty 4th 4¼s	94.46	94.62

GRAIN MARKET

Omaha, December 21.

Receipts today continued light, with 79 cars of wheat, 53 cars of corn, 30 cars of oats, 7 cars of rye and 10 cars of barley.

Corn prices ranged generally from unchanged to 2c lower. There was a fair demand in evidence.

Oats were ½c lower. Rye was unchanged to ½c up, and barley unchanged to 2c lower. Wheat prices were 2c to 3c up. Removal of milling restrictions on flour was conceded as the cause for the upturn.

OMAHA GRAIN MOVEMENT.

Receipts—	Today.	Wk. Ago.	Yr. Ago.
Wheat	79	147	29
Corn	53	85	99
Oats	30	37	71
Rye	7	10	2
Barley	10	27	5
Shipments—			
Wheat	71	88	19
Corn	80	48	41
Oats	35	38	69
Rye	..	1	2
Barley	5	5	4

RECEIPTS IN OTHER MARKETS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Chicago	71	104	96
Kansas City	52	62	13
St. Louis	39	52	57

Corn—No. 3 white, 1 car $1.46, 2 cars $1.41; No. 4 white, 5 cars $1.42; No. 5 white, 2 cars $1.40; No. 6 white, 1 car $1.43, 1 car $1.42; No. 3 yellow, 1 car $1.48; No. 4 yellow, 1 car $1.46 (old), 7 cars $1.44 (new), 1 car $1.44 (shipper's weight), 1 car $1.43; No. 5 yellow, 1 car $1.42; No. 6 yellow, 1 car $1.44 (old); No. 3 mixed, 1 car $1.46; No. 4 mixed, 1 car $1.44, 1 car $1.42.

Oats—No. 3 white, 11 cars 70c; No. 4 white, 1 car 70c, 2 cars 69¾c; sample white, 1 car 69c; No. 2 mixed, 1 car 69c.

Rye—No. 2, 1 car $1.50, 2 cars $1.49½; No. 3, 2 cars $1.49; No. 4, 1 car $1.49, 2 cars $1.47.

Barley—No. 3, 2 cars 96c; No. 4, 1 car 94c.

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 4 cars $2.23, 1 car $2.22; No. 2 hard, 3-5 car $2.24, 2 cars $2.21, 6 cars $2.20, 5 cars $2.19, 2 cars $2.18 (smutty); No. 3 hard, 3 cars $2.18, 2-3 car $2.17, 7 cars $2.16, 4 cars $2.15 (smutty), 3 cars $2.14 (smutty), - car $2.13 (smutty); No. 4 hard, 2-5 car $2.19 (dark), 3 cars $2.16, 4 cars $2.14, 1 car $2.10 (smutty); No. 1 northern spring, 3 cars $2.20, 1 car $2.19, 1 car $2.17 (smutty), 2 cars $2.16 (smutty); No. 2 northern spring, 2 cars $2.18, 1 car $2.17, 1 car $2.12 (smutty), 1 car $2.10 (smutty); No. 3 northern spring, 2 cars $2.13, 1 car $2.12 (smutty), 1 car $2.11 (smutty), 1 car $2.08 (smutty); No. 4 spring, 1 car $2.05 (soft, white, smutty); No. 1 mixed, 1 car $2.16½; No. 3 mixed, 1 car $2.14, 1 car $2.13 (smutty), 1 car $2.12; No. 3 mixed, 1 car $2.17, 1 car $2.13 (smutty), 1 1-3 cars $2.07 (durum).

GRAIN REVIEW.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Near-by deliveries of corn have run up in value this week as a result of serious delays to the crop movement but later options have declined owing mainly to government figures that suggested an immense yield of winter wheat. Compared with a week ago, corn prices this morning varied from 2⅜c off to 6½c advance, oats from down 2½c to 2½c and provisions lower by 57c to $1.55.

Bears in the corn market made much of the official announcement that the condition of winter wheat was the best in more than 20 years and that the area seeded was the largest on record. Decided uneasiness, however, developed in connection with the reports that country roads in many sections were in wretched shape on account of bad weather and that therefore supplies from first hands had been greatly restricted. As stocks of corn here were down to virtually nothing, shorts had no escape except to bid up December and January or else face chances of a squeeze.

In the oats market the main factors were the slowness of export call and of domestic shipping sales.

Continuous excessive arrivals of hogs together with increased stocks of lard had a severely weakening influence on provisions.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Notwithstanding that new high price levels for the season were touched today by December and January corn, the entire market later developed weakness owing to a sharp cut in quotations on undesirable hogs. The close was unsettled at the same as yesterday's finish to 1½c lower, with January, $1.38⅝ to $1.38¾, and May, $1.35¾ to $1.35⅞. Oats finished ⅝c to ½c off, and provisions down 20c to 80c.

Continued rainy weather that would greatly interfere with shelling and with wagon traffic formed the chief bullish influence as to corn. In addition, however, advices were at hand showing that the surplus states this year had produced about 150,000,000 bushels less than the average. Then came word that in order to effect a clearance of stale hogs here commission houses had been authorized to sell as low as $16.50. Although announcement was made that the cut was only for today and that the average of $17.50 for packers' droves this month and next would still stand, the corn market promptly began to decline and remained heavy throughout the rest of the day.

Oats gave way with corn.

In provisions, as in grain, the effort to free the yards from left-over hogs had an evident bearish effect.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, $1.52; No. 4 yellow, $1.48@1.48½.

Oats—No 3 white, 71@71½c; standard, 71¾@72½c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.62.

Barley—90c@$1.04.

Timothy—$8.00@11.00.

Clover—Nominal.

Pork—Nominal.

Lard—$24.00.

Ribs—Nominal.

Chicago closing prices, furnished The Bee by Logan & Bryan stock and grain brokers, 315 South Sixteenth street, Omaha:

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yest'y
Corn					
Jan.	1.40	1.41	1.38½	1.38⅝	1.39⅝
Feb.	1.37⅝	1.37⅞	1.35⅝	1.36	1.36⅝
Mch.	1.37¼	1.37¼	1.35⅝	1.35½	1.36¼
May	1.37½	1.37½	1.35¾	1.35⅞	1.36⅛
Oats					
Jan.	.71⅝	.71½	.70⅝	.71	.71⅝
Feb.	.71⅝	.71⅝	.70⅞	.71	.71⅝
Mch.	.71½	.71½	.71⅛	.71¼	.71⅝
May	.71⅝	.71¾	.71	.71⅛	.71⅝
Pork					
Jan.	.....	.....	.....	47.00	47.00
May	44.00	44.00	43.00	43.00	43.80
Lard					
Jan	24.30	24.30	24.00	24.00	24.20
May	24.50	24.55	24.15	24.20	24.45
Ribs					
Jan.	25.37	25.37	24.75	24.75	24.15
May	24.15	24.20	23.72	23.75	24.15

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Dec. 21.—Barley—87@95c.
Rye—No. 2, $1.54½@1.55.
Bran—$42.00.
Corn—$1.47@1.49.
Oats—67½@68c.
Flax—$3.56@3.58.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Corn—December, $1.46¼; January, $1.45¼; February, $1.42¼; March, $1.41⅝; May, $1.39⅝.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Corn—January, $1.42⅝; February, $1.39⅝, bid.
Oats—January, 70½c; February, 70⅝c asked.

Omaha Hay Market.

Receipts of both prairie hay and alfalfa have been large, and the demand continues good, causing the market to become firm and higher on all grades of prairie hay. Alfalfa remains steady, oat and wheat straw firm and higher.

Prairie Hay—Choice upland, $25.00; No. 1, upland $23.00@24.00; No. 2 upland, $19.00@20.00; No. 3, upland, $14.00@17.00; No. 1 midland, $23.00@24.00; No. 2 midland, $19.00@20.00; No 1 lowland, $17.00@20.00; No. 2 lowland $14.00@17.00; No. 3 lowland, $11.00@13.00.

Alfalfa—Choice, $31.00@32.00; No. 1, $29.00@30.00; standard, $27.00@29.00; No. 2, $24.50@26.50; No. 3, $21.00@24.00

Straw—Oat, $11.00@13.00; wheat, $10.00@11.00.

New York Cotton Futures.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures opened steady; January, 28.45c; March, 27.12c; May, 26.00c; July, 25.22c; October, 23.10c.

Cotton futures closed steady; January, 28.70c; March, 27.61c; May, 26.77c; July, 26.02c; October, 23.65c.

New York Cotton.

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton closed steady at a net advance of 16 to 76 points.

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New York, Dec. 21.—Trading in stocks today was superficial and colorless to an unusual degree, the only notable feature being contributed by several issues of the speculative class, such as motors, oils and minor equipments.

Rails made further recoveries from their depression of the preceding session, although moderate pressure continued to be exerted against the transcontinentals.

United States Steel traversed recent circumscribed area, but a few related stocks, namely Baldwin Locomotive, American Car and Railway Steel Springs gained 1 to 1½ points.

Marine preferred yielded its 1 point gain, but other shippings were firm to strong, together with sundry specialties. Beet Sugar, Distillers and United States Rubber featuring the miscellaneous division.

Tobaccos, Peoples Gas, General Electric, Continental Can and Texas Company embraced the more reactionary issues, but partial recoveries were made at the firm close.

Trade reviews were more encouraging in their surveys of future conditions, the present hesitation being regarded as a mere prelude to expansion, especially in foreign fields.

The bank statement was featureless for this important period of the year, showing a moderate contraction of acutal loans and a corresponding increase of excess reserves.

Bonds were again inclined to ease, probably as a result of another decline in Liberty fourth 4¼s to the new low record of 94.24. Total sales (par value) aggregated $9,250,000. Old United States bonds were unchanged during the week.

	Sales.	High.	Low.	Bid.
Am. Beet Sugar	400	63	63	63
American Can	4,000	46¾	46¼	46½
Am. Car & Fdry.	600	87¾	87	87¼
Am. Locomotive	200	61¼	61	61¼
Am. Smelt. & Ref.	4,300	79⅝	78¾	78¾
Am. Sugar Ref.	....	....	....	110½
Am. Tel. & Tel.	2,400	98¾	98	98½
Anaconda Copper	3,500	64⅝	63⅝	64
Atchison	1,800	90½	89¾	90½
A G & W I S S L	....	....	....	108¾
Balt. & Ohio	800	53¼	52¾	53¼
Canadian Pacific	1,200	156½	156	156
Central Leather	800	59¼	58½	58⅞
Ches. & Ohio	200	56	56	56
C., M & St. Paul	1,500	42¼	41⅞	42
Chicago & North.	....	....	....	99
C., R. I. & P. c.	2,400	26⅛	25¼	26⅞
Chino Copper	2,400	33⅛	33	33
Colo. Fuel & Iron	....	....	....	38½
Corn Prod. Ref.	1,700	47⅝	46⅞	46¾
Crucible Steel	1,100	58	56⅞	57¾
Cuba Cane Sugar	....	....	....	30¼
Distiller's Sec.	3,600	51¾	50½	51¼
Erie	1,100	17¾	17¾	17¾
General Electric	400	147½	147	147
General Motors	5,100	131	129	129⅝
Gt. Northern pfd.	3,700	96¾	95¾	96⅝
Gt. North Ore c.	....	....	....	32¾
Illinois Central	....	....	....	97
Inspiration Cop.	5,500	45½	45	45
I. T. Marine pfd.	5,900	111⅝	110½	110¾
Inter. Nickel	200	32⅞	32¾	32¾
Inter. Paper	200	31½	31½	31½
Kennecott Copper	2,400	34	33⅞	34
Louis. & Nash.	....	....	....	118
Maxwell Motors	....	....	....	48⅝
Mex. Petroleum	18,200	170	167¾	167⅞
Miami Copper	200	23⅞	23¾	23⅞
Missouri Pacific	2,200	25¼	24⅞	25¼
Nevada Copper	300	17½	17½	17½
N. Y. Central	3,000	76	75	76
N. Y., N. H. & H.	2,400	32⅝	31⅞	32¼
Norfolk & West.	....	....	....	106
Northern Pacific	600	95½	93⅞	95¼
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	39
Pennsylvania	6,600	45½	44⅞	45⅝
Pittsburgh Coal	400	47⅞	47¼	47½
Ray Con. Copper	1,000	20⅝	20⅜	20⅜
Reading	5,500	82½	81¼	81½
Rep. Iron & Steel	500	74⅞	74⅝	74⅞
Southern Pacific	10,600	99⅝	98⅝	98⅝
Southern Railway	2,300	29¾	29⅛	29⅝
Studebaker Corp.	4,300	52½	51½	51½
Texas Co.	400	188	187	188
Union Pacific	3,000	128	127¼	127¼
U. S. Ind. Alcohol	300	103	102½	103
U. S. Steel	31,900	96¼	95¼	96
U. S. Steel pfd.	300	112½	112¼	112½
Utah Copper	1,300	74½	73⅞	74½
Wabash Pfd. "B"	300	21½	21⅜	21⅜
Western Union	....	....	....	86¾
Westing. Electric	300	43¼	43	43¼
Bethlehem	4,000	62⅞	61½	61¾

Total sales for the day, 225,000 shares.

New York Bonds.

*U. S. 2s, reg.	98	*Gt. N. 1st 4¼s	90
*U. S. 2s, coup.	98	I. C. ref. 4s	84½
*U. S. 3s, reg.	83	Int. M. 4s	101½
*U. S. 3s, coup.	83	*K. C. S. ref. 5s	84
U. S. Lib. 3½s	98.20	L. & N. un. 4s	89½
U. S. 4s, reg.	106¼	*M K & T 1st 4s	68
*U. S. 4s, coup.	106	M. Pac. gen. 4s	63⅛
Am F. S. 5s	99 12-16	Mont. Power 5s	92
Am T & T c. 5s	95½	N. Y. C. deb. 6s	99½
Anglo-French 5s	97¼	N. Pacific 4s	86
Arm. & Co. 4½s	87¾	N. Pacific 3s	61⅛
Atchison gen 4s	85¼	O. S. L. ref. 4s	85½
B. & O. cv. 4½s	81	*Pac. T. & T. 5s	95¼
*Beth Steel r 5s	87¼	*Penn. con. 4½s	97
Cen. Leather 5s	97	Penn. gen. 4½s	91⅞
Cen. Pacific 1st	83¾	Reading gen. 4s	87
C. & O. cv. 5s	87⅝	*S L & S F a 6s	68
C B & Q joint 4s	95½	S. Pac. cv. 5s	101½
C M & S P c 4½	80¼	S. Railway 5s	96⅝
C R I & P r 4s	75⅞	*T. & P. 1st	90
*C. & S. r. 4½s	79¼	Union Pacific 4s	87½
*D. & R. G. r. 5s	57¼	U. S. Rubber 5s	86¼
D. of C. 5s 1931	97½	U. S. Steel 5s	99¾
Erie gen. 4s	58½	Wabash 1st	85
*Gen. Elec. 5s	99	Fr'h gvt 5½s	104 7-16

*Bid.

FINANCIAL REVIEW.

New York, Dec. 21.—The week in the securities market was characterized by a complete lack of the holiday cheer which might have been expected from the more hopeful views of financial and industrial leaders and the promise of the largest wheat crop in the country's history.

Trading lost none of its professional aspects, but was supplemented by constant, if moderate liquidation from outside sources, which contributed measurably to the almost steady attribution of quoted prices.

Incessant selling of Liberty bonds, notably the more recent issues at material depreciations, was among the disheartening developments although without apparent effect on general investment conditions.

The one interesting feature in the latter connection was the offering by a banking syndicate of $50,000,000 of Pennsylvania railroad bonds at a price made possible by the road's high credit and the large oversubscription to the offering by investors.

Steels, coppers and numerous other shares representing the popular commodities were heavy when not weak, their market status being directly affected by signs not only of further contract cancellations, but inevitably price reduction.

Opposition to the proposed five years' federal control of the railroads gained ground but no definite movement in that quarter is expected from congress until well into the new year. Meanwhile railway executives are formulating tentative plans for the future operation of their roads.

New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 21.—Butter—Market barely steady, unchanged.

Eggs—Market lower; fresh gathered extras, 69@70c; fresh gathered, regular packed, extra firsts, 67@68c; firsts, 65@66c.

Cheese—Market firm, unchanged.

Poultry—Live, steady; turkeys, 42c; others and dressed unchanged.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—But