New Indictments Are Returned in Building Probe

Three Bills Charging Extortion Found by Grand Jury; Wrought Iron Industry Is Drawn Into Inquiry!

New York, Nov. 24.—New York's warfare against the alleged building trust brought forth three new indictments charging extortion, as well as testimony linking the wrought iron and wrought steel industry to the long list of other producers of construction materials which are alleged unlawfully to hold prices uniform throughout the country.

While the allied forces of an extraordinary grand jury and the joint legislative committee made this progress in their major offensives, legal skirmishes occurred in two courts and the city's independent inquiry into its millions of dollars in contracts was postponed until Monday.

Twice during the day the joint committee was diverted from its investigation to defend itself against onslaughts in the courts. The committee was victorious in both occasions.

Prosecution Wins Victories.

Decisive defeat marked the efforts of the builders' material bureau in both the supreme and appelate courts to restrain the committee from getting hold of its books and from examining its stenographer, Elizabeth O'Dea. Two injunctions were secured by counsel for the bureau but were quickly vacated, and later in the day an application for a stay was denied.

Then counsel for the bureau agreed to produce the books and papers under the subpoena and to have an officer of the bureau on hand to testify. Miss O'Dea already has been adjudged in contempt by the committee for failing to answer a summons.

Brindell Named in Bill.

Robert R. Brindell, president of the Building Trades council and alleged "king" of building trades workmen in the metropolis, was named in two of today's indictments, both charging extortion. The other indictment, also charging extortion, was against Brindell's "chief of staff," Peter Stadtmiller, a member of the Building Trades council.

Stadtmiller's bail was fixed at $100,000. Brindell, already under $100,000 bail on previous indictments, was not required to furnish additional bail.

Charges against Brindell alleged that he forced Louis J. Cohen, a building contractor, to pay him $500 under threat of stopping work on a construction job last July. Stadtmiller was accused of extortion of $1,000 from the Garden City Wrecking company by threatening to put the firm out of business in case of refusal.

New York Coffee.

New York, Nov. 24.—The market for coffee futures was higher today on covering by recent sellers and scattered trade buying promoted by reports of a better tone in Santos. The opening was 4 to 15 points higher and the market later improved on reports that purchases on the cost and freight market had absorbed Santos previously pressing for sale. March advanced to 7.37c and December to 6.65c, or about 30 to 39 points above last night's closing futures, but reacted a few points in the later trading under realizing. The close was 20 to 30 points net higher.

December, 6.55c; January, 6.77c; March, 7.20c; May, 7.58c; July, 7.93c; September, 8.12c; October, 8.23c.

Spot coffee, steady; Rio 7s, 6¾c; Santos 4s, 9¾@10½c.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000 head; beef steers, bulls, stockers and feeders and canners, steady to 25c lower; steer sales, $8.00@12.00; choice Colorado cows, $8.50; bulk she stock, $5.00@6.50; canners mostly $3.50@4.00; better grades she stock lower; some late bids, 50c lower than best time yesterday; calves, steady; best vealers, $13.00@13.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 11,000 head; market mostly 10@15c lower than yesterday's average; top, $10.00; bulk of sales, $9.50@9.90; pigs, 25c lower; good and choice fat pigs, $9.00@9.25.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 1,300 head; sheep, steady; fat lambs strong; westerns, $10.75; no feeding lambs sold early; bids sharply lower.

Foreign Exchange Rates.

Following are today's rates of exchange as compared with the par valuation. Furnished by the Peters National bank:

	Par	Valuation Today
Austria	.30	.0037
Belgium	.195	.067
Czecho-Slovakia		.0137
Denmark	.27	.1390
England	4.86	3.54
France	.193	.0623
Germany	.238	.0137
Greece	.195	.0910
Italy	.193	.0392
Jugo-Slavia		.0083
Norway	.27	.2390
Sweden	.27	.1973
Switzerland	.505	.1590

Liberty Bond Prices.

New York, Nov. 24.—Prices of Liberty bonds at noon were: 3½s, 92.80; first 4s, 87.40 bid; second 4s, 87.16; first 4¼s, 88.30; second 4¼s, 87.46; third 4¼s, 89.58; fourth 4¼s, 87.80; Victory 3¾s, 96.10; Victory 4¾s, 96.10.

Liberty bonds closed: 3½s, 62.60; first 4s, 87.20 bid; second 4s, 87.30; first 4¼s, 87.70; second 4¼s, 87.96; third 4¼s, 89.30; fourth 4¼s, 87.40; Victory 3¾s, 96.00; Victory 4¾s, 96.00.

New York General.

New York, Nov. 24.—Wheat—Spot, market weak; No. 2 red and No. 2 hard, $1.88 spot c. i. f. track New York and No. 2 mixed durum, $1.85½ c. i. f. to arrive.

Corn—Spot, market easy; No. 2 yellow, 1c, and No. 2 mixed, 90¼c, c. i. f. New York 10-day shipment.

Oats—Market dull. No. 1 white 62½c.

Lard—Market unsettled; middlewest, $18.25@18.50 nominal.

Other articles unchanged.

New York Metals.

New York, Nov. 24.—Copper—Easy; electrolytic, spot and nearby, 14@14½c; first quarter, 14¼@14¾c.

Tin—Irregular; spot and nearby, $36.50; futures, $37.75@38.00.

Iron—Nominally unchanged.

Antimony—5.87½.

Zinc—Easier; spot East St. Louis delivery, 5.87½@6.00c.

Lead—Steady; unchanged.

St. Joseph Live Stock.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500 head; generally steady; steers, $6.50@15.00; cows and heifers, $4.00@12.00; calves, $6.00@12.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 16,000 head; market 25c to 35c lower; top, $9.75; bulk of sales, $9.25@9.75.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 700 head; lambs, 25c to 50c higher, $10.00@11.00; ewes, $4.00@4.75.

New York Produce.

New York, Nov. 24.—Butter, weak; creamery higher than extras, 65½@66c; creamery extras, 64@65c; firsts, 61@62c.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Cheese—Steady, unchanged.

Live Poultry—Easier; chickens by freight, 25@28c; fowls, 18@28c.

Dressed Poultry—Steady; prices, unchanged.

Chicago Produce.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Butter—Lower; creamery, 38@53½c.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 1,835 cases; firsts, 76@71c; ordinary firsts, 59@63c; at mark, cases included, 60@63c; standards, 72@73c; refrigerator firsts, 52½@53½c.

Poultry—Alive, lower; fowls, 14@32½c; springs, 23c; turkeys, 40c.

Chicago Potatoes.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Potatoes—Easier; receipts, 87 cars; northern white, $1.80@1.90 cwt., sacked; North Dakota red, $2.00@2.10 cwt., sacked.

Linseed Oil.

Duluth, Nov. 24.—Linseed—On track and to arrive, $1.98½.

THE GUMPS— THE GUMPS RUN OUT OF THANKS

Drawn for The Bee by Sidney Smith.

Market, Financial and Industrial News of the Day

Live Stock

Omaha, Nov. 24.

Receipts were:	Cattle	Hogs	Sheep
Official Monday	13,293	11,075	12,758
Official Tuesday	7,882	12,157	9,444
Estimate Wednesday	3,400	16,500	8,500
3 days this week	23,575	39,732	30,702
Same day last week	44,032	20,239	36,440
Same day 2 wk. ago	38,772	14,530	38,391
Same day 3 wk. ago	16,201	6,736	42,270
Same day year ago	44,503	31,237	33,372

Cattle—Receipts of cattle were very moderate, only 3,400 head being on sale, but the demand also was light and on beef steers and feeders the market was no more than steady. Cows and heifers made up the bulk of the supply and sold steady to 25c lower. For the three days receipts have only been 23,500 head as compared with 44,000 last week. Beef steers are selling fully 50c higher than the low time last Thursday, while cows and heifers are around 25@50c higher. Demand for feeders is just about equal to the supply and real good kinds are as much as 25c higher with the general run of plain and medium grades steady.

Quotations on Cattle—Fair to good beeves, $9.00@11.00; common to fair beeves, $7.00@9.00; fair to good yearlings, $9.00@11.00; common to fair yearlings, $6.50@9.00; good to choice grass beeves, $8.75@10.50; fair to good grass beeves, $7.50@8.50; common to fair grass beeves, $5.50@7.25; Mexicans, $6.00@7.25; good to choice grass cows, $5.75@7.00; fair to good grass cows, $4.75@5.75; common to fair grass cows, $3.00@4.75; good to choice feeders $7.75@9.25; medium to good feeders, $6.75@7.50; common to fair feeders, $5.50@6.75; good to choice stockers, $7.50@8.25; fair to good stockers, $6.25@7.25; common to fair stockers, $4.50@6.25; stock heifers, $4.25@6.00; stock cows, $3.75@5.25; stock calves, $4.50@8.00; veal calves, $8.00@13.00; bulls, stags, etc., $3.75@7.50.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
YEARLINGS					
18	893	$ 6 90	16	871	$ 7 75
CALVES.					
5	430	6 75	6	153	13 00
14	310	6 00	2	150	12 00
STOCKERS AND FEEDERS.					
26	835	5 75	30	706	6 25
9	544	6 35	21	893	6 65
17	780	7 00	8	765	7 60
10	967	7 75			
BEEF STEERS.					
11	1578	10 60			
HEIFERS.					
26	716	7 00			
WESTERN CATTLE. (NEBRASKA)					
22 clvs	221	9 00	16 clvs	321	8 00
97 clvs	362	7 75	13 fdrs	712	6 50
19 cws	1082	6 50	27 fdrs	937	6 25
15 strs	1408	8 25	34 strs	726	6 50
30 strs	711	8 25	68 strs	708	7 10
18 cws	916	5 75	10 bills	1078	6 35
12 strs	1062	7 75	11 cws	984	5 85
11 clvs	254	6 75	22 strs	831	7 25
30 cws	934	5 50	13 strs	795	6 50
11 hfrs	718	6 00			
(WYOMING.)					
43 strs	841	$ 6 40	5 strs	832	$ 6 50
15 cws	947	6 00	38 strs	1,086	7 50
27 strs	869	6 25	42 cws	922	5 40
31 cws	788	5 75	14 cws	802	4 25
26 fdrs	840	7 40	50 fdrs	873	7 40
11 cws	866	5 00	12 cws	767	5 50
13 fdrs	543	7 00	28 fdrs	840	7 35
20 strs	961	8 00	40 fdrs	821	8 00
21 cws	970	51 25	13 fdrs	939	6 75
24 cws	1052	5 50	42 strs	965	7 25
21 cws	980	6 00			
(IDAHO.)					
35 strs	870	7 90	15 cws	988	5 25
19 cws	1,068	6 50			
(OREGON.)					
23 cws	950	6 25	32 strs	1,026	7 75
15 cws	926	5 25			
(COLORADO.)					
35 fdrs	883	8 25	8 strs	994	7 50
13 cws	970	6 50	6 hfrs	855	6-10
22 strs	808	7 35	27 strs	821	7 10
27 fdrs	814	6 50	21 hfrs	796	6 00
18 cws	956	6 00			
(SOUTH DAKOTA.)					
15 strs	1042	$ 8 25	23 cws	904	5 50
10 fdrs	623	7 00	10 cws	774	5 75

Hogs—Receipts of hogs were of fair size, amounting to 10,500 head. Other markets were liberally supplied and trend to values was lower, the same as on most days recently. Most of the offerings sold at a decline of about 25c with occasional sales 35c or more lower. Bulk of supply changed hands at $9.25@9.75, with best hogs making a top of $9.80.

No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Sh.	Pr.
HOGS.							
29	363	140	$ 9 15	64	206	140	$ 9 25
56	237	110	9 35	48	248	80	9 40
55	293	40	9 50	29	190	...	9 65
67	213	...	9 70	85	249	150	9 75
95	228	...	9 80				

Sheep and Lambs—Only a limited run of sheep and lambs arrived for today's trade and killing classes sold on a generally steady basis, with feeders slow to lower. Quality of the supply was not very attractive and best lambs here sold at $10.50 with good ewes bringing $4.50. Good feeding lambs had to sell around $9.00 and good feeding ewes at $3.40 and less.

Quotations on sheep and lambs: Killers—Best fat lambs, $10.50@10.75; medium to good lambs, $10.25@10.50; plain and coarse lambs, $9.75@10.25; yearlings, $7.00@8.00; wethers, $5.00@5.50; good to choice ewes, $4.25@4.50; fair to good ewes, $4.00@4.25; cull and canner ewes, $1.25@2.50.

Feeders—Good to choice lambs, $9.00@9.25; fair to good lambs, $8.75@9.00; inferior grade, $8.00@8.50; yearlings, $6.25@7.00; good to choice feeder ewes, $3.25@3.50; fair to good feeders, $2.75@3.25; shelly feeders, $2.00@2.50.

No.	Av.	Pr.	No.	Av.	Pr.
FEEDER LAMBS.					
270 Wyo	79	9 00	677 Wyo	56	10 60
407 Wyo	54	8 25	291 Wyo	56	9 10
273 Wyo	57	9 00	238 S. D.	53	10 25
351 S. D.	45	8 75	269 S. D.	59	8 50
FAT LAMBS.					
471 Wyo	53	8 00			
FAT EWES.					
398 Wyo	109	4 00	466 Wyo	101	3 75
187 Wyo	97	2 00			
FEEDER EWES.					
441 Nat.	90	4 00	581 Wyo	103	2 25

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Cattle—Receipts 10,000 head; native beef steers, 25 to 50c higher; top yearlings, $17.75; no load lots prime heavy cattle offered, several loads choice, $16.50; single steer, $18.00; bulk native, $8.50@15.75; western steady to strong; bulk, $7.50@9.00; fat cows and heifers, steady; canners, strong to 25c higher; bulks, closing weak to lower; veal calves, 50 to 75c lower; best, $13.25@13.50; heavy calves, slow, steady; stockers and feeders, strong.

Hogs—Receipts 23,000 head; market opened 15 to 25c lower, later mostly 10 to 25c lower than yesterday's average, closing strong and fully 10c higher than day's opening; top, $10.00; bulk, $9.50@9.90; pigs, $2.50 to 50c lower; bulk desirable 100 to 130-pound pigs, $9.60@9.85.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 14,000 head; fat sheep and lambs generally steady; top native and fed western, $11.00; bulk native lambs, $10.00@11.00; choice fed western ewes, $4.75; bulk native ewes, $4.00@4.50; feeders steady to lower; top feeder lambs, $11.25.

Sioux City Live Stock.

Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 24.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,500 head; market steady; fed steers and yearlings, $8.10@16.00; grass steers, $9.00@9.50; grass cows, $4.50@6.25; fat cows and heifers, $6.40@11.00; canners, $2.00@4.25; vealers $4.00@12.00; common calves, $3.50@6.75; feeders, $5.50@8.00; feeding cows and heifers, $3.25@5.00; stockers, $4.00@6.75.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,000 head; market 25 cents lower; light, $9.65@9.85; mixed, $9.35@9.55; heavy, $9.00@9.40; bulk of sales, $9.35@9.55.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,500 head; market strong.

New York Quotations

Furnished by Logan & Bryan, Peters Trust building:

RAILS.	High	Low	Close	Tues. Close
Baltimore & Ohio	39¾	38¾	39	39
A., T. & S. F.	84½	84	84¼	84¼
Canadian Pacific	117¾	116¾	117½	117½
N. Y. & H. R.	75¾	75¼	75¼	75¾
Erie R. R.	15⅝	15½	15½	15⅝
Gt. Nrothern, pfd.	80¾	80	80⅝	80⅝
Chi. Gt. Western	9½	9⅜	9½	9⅜
Illinois Central	89	88⅝	88⅝	90½
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	4	3⅝	4	3⅝
Kan. City South.	21⅝	20	21⅝	21⅝
Missouri Pacific	23⅝	22¼	23	22¾
N. Y., N. H. & T.	22¼	21½	2	20⅞
North. Pacific Ry.	87½	86½	86½	87⅝
Chi. & N. W.	77⅝	77¼	77⅝	77⅝
Penn. R. R.	44¼	40½	41⅝	40⅝
Reading Co.	89	87½	88¼	88⅝
C., R. I. & P.	31	30¼	30⅝	31
South. Pac. Co.	113⅝	111½	112	113⅝
Southern Ry.	25½	24⅝	25	25¼
Chi., Mil. & St. P.	34¼	34	34⅝	34¼
Union Pacific	121½	120⅝	120⅝	121¾
Wabash	...	...	...	9¾
STEELS.				
Am. Car & Fdry.	124½	122⅝	124½	122⅝
Allis-Chalmers	30¾	30	30	30
Am. Loco. Co.	84⅝	84	84½	84½
Utd. Alloy Steel	34½	34	34	33
Baldwin Loco.	96⅝	95½	96	96½
Beth. Steel Corp.	56⅝	54¼	56	56⅝
Colo. Fuel & Iron	30¼	29¾	29¾	30
Crucible Steel Co.	95½	91½	94½	95
Am. Steel Found.	31	30¾	30⅝	31
Lackawanna Steel	53⅝	52⅝	53	53⅝
Mid. teel & Ord.	33¾	32⅞	33⅝	33½
Pressed Steel Car.	83½	82	83½	83¼
Rep. Iron & Steel.	68	66⅝	67½	68⅝
Railway Steel Spr.	85½	85½	85½	85½
Sloss-Shef. Steel	54⅝	54¼	54⅝	55⅝
U. S. Steel	83	82⅝	82⅝	83
COPPERS.				
Anaconda Copper.	41¼	40⅝	41⅛	41⅛
Am. Smlt. & Rfg.	46⅝	45½	46⅛	46½
Butte & Sup. Min.	11⅝	11⅜	11⅜	11⅜
Chile Copper Co.	12⅝	12	12½	12
Chile Copper	21¼	20⅝	20⅝	20⅝
Calumet & Ariz.	46½	46	46½	...
Inspiration Con.	34⅝	34	34½	34⅝
Kennecott Copper.	19⅝	19	19⅝	19⅝
Miami Copper Co.	17½	17½	17½	17
Nev. Cons. Cop.	9⅝	9⅛	9⅛	9⅛
Ray Cons. Cop.	12	11⅝	11⅝	12¼
Utah Copper Co.	52⅝	52	52	52⅝
INDUSTRIALS.				
Am. Beet Sugar.	56⅛	55½	55½	54⅝
A. G. & W. I. S. S.	110	101⅝	102⅛	110
Am. Inter. Corp.	44¼	42⅝	42½	43⅝
Am. Sum. Tob.	73	72	73½	75⅝
Am. Cotton Oil Co.	22½	22	22½	23
Am. Tel. & Tel.	99½	97⅝	98⅝	98⅝
Am. Zinc L & S.	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝	...
Bethlehem Motors.	3⅛	3	3	3½
American Can C.	26⅝	26¼	26⅝	26⅝
Chandler M Car.	77	75⅝	76½	77
Central Leather C.	39⅝	38⅝	39	38⅝
Cuba Cane Sug C.	25⅝	24⅝	25⅛	25
Cal. Pack. Corp	64¼	63⅝	64¼	65
Cal. Petrol C.	20⅝	19⅝	20	20½
Corn Prod. R C.	73½	72½	73½	73½
Nat. E & S.	48¼	47⅝	47⅝	48½
Fisk Rubber Co.	16	14½	15	15
General Elec Co.	127⅝	126⅝	127½	127½
Gaston W & W.	4½	...	...	...
General Motors Co.	16½	15⅝	15⅝	16½
Goodrich Co	42¼	42¼	42¼	42½
Am. H & L Co.	8⅝	8½	8⅝	8½
Haskell & B C.	59	58¼	58¼	60½
U. S. Ind A C.	72½	71⅝	71⅝	72
Inter. Nickel	15⅝	15	15½	15⅝
Inter. Paper Co.	50⅝	48⅝	48⅝	50½
Ajax Rubber Co.	33	32	32	33⅝
Kelly-Sp'gf'd T.	45⅝	44	44	45
Keyston T & R.	9⅝	9¼	9¼	9½
Inter. M. M.	16	15½	15½	16½
Maxwell Mo. Co.	2½	2½	2½	2⅝
Mexican Petrol.	162¼	159	161	162⅝
Middle States Oil	13¼	12½	12⅝	16½
Pure Oil	35	34¼	34⅝	35⅝
Willys-Overl'd C.	8½	8	8	8½
Pierce Oil Corp.	12⅝	12½	12½	12½
Pan. Am. P & T.	78¼	76½	77	78
Pierce-Arrow M.	24½	23¼	23⅝	23⅝
Royal Dutch Co.	71	69½	69⅝	71⅝
U. S. Rubber Co.	67¼	66½	66⅝	68
Am. Sug. R C.	95	94	94	95
Sinclair Oil & R.	26⅝	25	25⅝	26¼
Sears-Roebuck C.	104	103¼	104	104⅛
Stromberg C Co.	44	43	44	45
Studebaker Corp.	46	44⅝	45½	46⅝
Tob. Prod. Co.	54½	53¼	54	54⅝
Tob. Prod. Co.	54½	53½	54	54⅝
Trans.-Con. Oil	9¼	9	9	9½
Texas Co	49⅝	49¼	49⅝	49⅝
U. S. Food P C.	33⅝	31⅝	31⅝	33⅝
U. S. Sm. R & M.	49½	49½	49½	49⅝
The White M Co.	40	39	39⅝	39½
Wilson Co. Inc	48	48	...	...
West'gh'se A.	93	93	93	92
Western Union	...	...	...	87½
West'gh'se E & M	43⅝	42⅝	43⅝	43½
American Wool. Co	68	66	68	67½

	Close.	Tuesday Close.
Money	6	6
Marks	1.45	...
Sterling	3.48¾	3.52¼

CHICAGO CLOSING PRICES.

By Updike Grain Co. Douglas 2627.

Art.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Yes'y.
Wht.					
Dec.	1.64	1.67	1.58⅝	1.60¼	1.68⅝
Mar.	1.62	1.62	1.52½	1.55	1.64
Rye.					
Dec.	1.51¼	1.51¼	1.46¼	1.47	1.51¼
May	1.40½	1.40½	1.34⅝	1.36¼	1.40½
Corn.					
Dec.	.67	.67	.64⅝	.65¼	.67⅝
May	.73⅝	.73⅝	.70⅝	.71½	.73⅝
July	.74½	.74½	.71⅝	.72⅝	.75⅝
Oats.					
Dec.	.45	.45	.43⅝	.44	.45½
May	.49½	.49½	.48	.48¼	.49½
Pork.					
Nov.	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	.....
Jan.	22.40	22.50	22.00	22.50	22.50
Lard.					
Nov.	18.70	19.50	19.70	19.50	18.67
Jan.	14.50	14.52	14.25	14.52	14.50
Ribs.					
Jan.	12.35	12.45	12.10	12.40	12.55

Minneapolis Grain.

Minneapolis, Nov. 24.—Flour—Unchanged to 40 cents higher. In carload lots, family patents quoted at $8.80@9.00 a barrel in 98-pound cotton sacks.

Bran—$32.00@33.00.

Wheat—Receipts, 495 cars, compared with 804 cars a year ago. Cash No. 1 northern, $1.52⅝@1.55⅝; December, $1.47⅝; March, $1.50⅝.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 68@70c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 41¼@41⅝c.

Barley—56@86c.

Rye—No. 2, $1.39⅝@1.40⅝.

Flax—No. 1, $1.96@1.97.

Kansas City Grain.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—Wheat—Close, December, $1.51¼; March, $1.49¾. Corn—December, 57⅝c; May, 64⅝c; July, 65⅝@66c.

St. Louis Grain.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 24.—Wheat—December, $1.61; March, $1.54¾.

Corn—December, 67¼c; May, 71⅝c bid.

Oats—December, 46c; May, 49⅝c bid.

Bar Silver.

New York, Nov. 24.—Bar Silver—Domestic, 89⅝c; foreign, 72c.

Mexican Dollars—56c.

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Financial

The New York Times.

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New York, Nov. 24.—An irregular decline in the stock market, with much less active trading, a money market little changed in the actual rates but tending toward easier conditions, further reaction in foreign exchange, a new low price for the year in the silver market and a decline in wheat which fully canceled Tuesday's 8 cent advance—these were the more or less confused incidents in the financial situation today. The day's movement on the stock exchange was mostly a repetition of the day before. A number of stocks advanced at the opening; this was followed by the familiar selling pressure, which converged, especially on two or three of the specials, after which the market became very irregular, with net declines the rule for the day.

The decline of 2 cents in sterling was accompanied by weakness in practically all other European exchanges, including the rates on Holland, Spain, Scandinavia, and central Europe.

Situation Confusing.

The movement of exchange is affected to so great an extent by pure speculation, that it is difficult to separate the real influences from the unreal. Some comment was made in Wall Street on the fact that the very considerable sums of gold arriving from London and not obtained at the weekly competitive sales of Transvaal consignments, should fail to be reflected in the sterling rate. If, however, the gold is sent for account of the British government, it would presumably be a special transaction unconnected with the exchange market and arranged, like the shipments of September, with a view to that government's own operations in the New York money market.

While today's cotton market held firm, reaching at one time a price more than 1 cent a pound above Tuesday's lowest, the wheat market broke nearly 10 cents, recovering only fractionally. Such sharp and severe fluctuations in a staple commodity without the slightest change in the actual facts of the market from one day to another, simply illustrates the extent to which ideas regarding intrinsic values for anything have been thrown into confusion.

Figures Not Fulfilled

The midweek reviews of the iron and steel trade point to a perplexing situation. Although, as stated by the Iron Age, the independent steel companies are operating only at 50 to 70 per cent of capacity, with even the export trade "about one-third the volume of a few months ago," prices of finished material are not reflecting the situation. In some important steel products, even the expected reduction of the higher prices at independent mills to the Steel corporation's figures have not been fulfilled.

The Iron Age explains that "there is more profit in shipping on old contracts than in taking new business at cut prices." But this could scarcely be a long continuing argument.

Meantime the steel trade seems to have been completely puzzled at Chairman Gary's statement disavowing any purpose of advancing the steel corporation's prices under existing conditions. Since no body had imagined an advance in the general run of steel products, it had been somewhat widely assumed that the statement indicated abandonment of the long reported plan of raising the price of rails in December above the present $47 per ton. But the steel trade seems reluctant so to interpret it.

New York Cotton.

New York, Nov. 24.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of 5 points on October and at a decline of 1 to 22 points on other months. December showed the most weakness on the call because of notices on about 500 bales. Pressure increased after the start and prices fell about 25 points under last night's close. The cables were poor.

The early bulge met some southern sellings and realizing, prices declining 35@50 points. The market was firmer during the afternoon on covering and trade buying. Stop orders were uncovered on the advance, which carried prices up 26 to 70 points.

Kansas City Produce.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 24.—Eggs—Firsts, 69c; 1 cent lower to 1 cent higher; seconds, 50c.

Butter—Creamery, 3 cents lower, 59c; packing, 1 cent lower, 31c.

Poultry—Unchanged.

Omaha Grain

Omaha, Nov. 24.

Demand for wheat today was fairly good at a decline of 2@3c. The Chicago future market in this grain was sharply lower. Corn was off 1@3c, generally 2c. Oats ranged unchanged to ½c lower, the bulk at a decline of ½c. Rye was nominally several cents lower and barley about unchanged. Grain receipts today were generally light. There will be no market tomorrow, Thanksgiving day.

WHEAT

No. 1 hard: 4 cars, $1.57; 2 cars, $1.56; 1 car, $1.54 (smutty.)

No. 2 hard: 1 car, $1.56; 9 cars, $1.55; 1 car, $1.52 (smutty); 1 car, $1.48 (smutty.)

No. 3 hard: 1 car, $1.52; 2 cars, $1.50; 1 car, $1.47 (smutty).

No. 4 hard: 1 car, $1.45 (smutty); 1 car, $1.43 (smutty).

No. 5 hard: 1 car, $1.40 (smutty).

Sample hard: 1 car, $1.48 (heavy smutty); 1 car, $1.34.

No. 1 spring: 1 car, $1.65 (dark, northern).

No. 4 spring: 1 car, $1.40 (dark, northern).

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, $1.43 (durum); 2 cars, $1.42 (durum); 1 car, $1.40 (smutty durum.)

CORN.

No. 3 white: 1 car, 62c (new); 2-5 car, 62c.

No. 5 white: 1 car, 57c.

OATS.

No. 2 white: 1 car, 43c.

No. 3 white: 1 car, 42c; 3 cars, 42½c; 3 cars, 42½c (shippers' weights).

No. 2 mixed: 1 car, 41⅝c.

No. 1 yellow: 2-5 car, 56c (old).

No. 2 yellow: 1 car, 65c.

No. 3 yellow: 1 car, 63c.

No. 4 yellow: 1 car, 62c (new special billing); 3 cars, 59c (new); 1 car, 58c (new); 1 car, 58c.

Sample yellow: 1 car, 65c (old).

No. 3 mixed: 1 car, 61c.

No. 4 mixed: 1 car, 59c (new).

BARLEY.

Rejected: 1 car, 55c; 1 car, 55c (musty).

OMAHA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

(Cars.)

Receipts—	Today	Week Ago	Year Ago
Wheat	54	41	52
Corn	24	16	61
Oats	8	18	11
Rye	2	3	2
Barley	7	6	2
Shipments—			
Wheat	55	98	54
Corn	17	8	50
Oats	3	13	30
Rye	17	0	1
Barley	5	0	0

PRIMARY RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

(Bushels.)

Receipts—	Today	Year Ago
Wheat	1,384,000	1,318,000
Corn	548,000	924,000
Oats	413,000	666,000
Shipments—		
Wheat	1,254,000	1,019,000
Corn	316,000	364,000
Oats	505,000	605,000

EXPORT CLEARANCE.

	Today.
Wheat	1,689,000
Corn	62,000
Oats	7,000