

COTTON RECORDS ALL SMASHED

Market in a Whirl as the Prices Jump, and Brokers Are Now Looking for the 15-Cent Mark.

SHORTS SQUEEZED HARD, BUT NO FAILURES.

Operators Physically Exhausted in the Wild Drive of Dealings Forced to Retire for Rest—Trading Very Heavy.

All records in cotton since the Civil War were broken to-day, and the prediction of the bulls that 15-cent cotton will soon be sold appears to be close to realization.

Conservative traders who have been in a daze since the last flurry in the staple began to trade that there is no excuse for the high price of cotton, and that the market is so top-heavy that it is dangerous.

So great was the excitement during the day and so heavy were the orders executed by the brokers that many of them were compelled to withdraw from the floor in sheer exhaustion with voices gone and nerves broken down.

December cotton went to 12.67; March to 12.67; May to 12.67, and July to 12.65. These were the principal options dealt in and the quotations showed substantial advances over the opening for the day, which was away at yesterday's close.

There is a remarkably heavy demand for cotton and buying orders flooded into New York from all over the country.

all day at a big advance. The close of the market here was provided with relief by the tired brokers, and the opening to-morrow is looked forward to with trepidation.

COTTON TAKES BIG JUMPS IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—The cotton market here opened amid great excitement to-day. Figures were quoted at 38 to 40-100, higher, January and February remaining immediately to 4.60, being 43 points higher. Trading had quieted down considerably by noon. The tone was still firm. Official spot prices were advanced 10-100d.

SHORTCOTTON CROP BAD FOR ENGLISH SPINNERS

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The rise in cotton caused intense excitement in Manchester and Liverpool to-day. American cotton advanced 20 to 40 points over yesterday's closing price. It is said locally that if the official crop estimate of the United States Department of Agriculture made public yesterday, it is correct, it means a calamity for Lancashire.

NO SAN DOMINGO ALLIANCE.

Protectors for the Island Not Considered in Washington. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The appearance of a bill in the House of Representatives for the administration of San Domingo, has led to a revival of the report that the ex-President is trying to secure re-employment with the assistance of the United States, under the pretext of a full protectorate over the island of San Domingo.

It may now be stated, however, that the State Department is not likely to consider the proposition of an American protectorate over the island of San Domingo. The United States is not expected to lead in any new venture to-day or to-morrow. He will come to Washington.

BACK FROM SAN DOMINGO.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 4.—The cruiser Baltimore arrived in Hampton today from San Domingo and will coal here preparatory to sailing for Norfolk on Tuesday next. The ship was on a trial trip in deep water. Three destroyers are now coaling at Newport News for this trip.

STOCKS BOUGHT IN BIG VOLUME

Buyers Crowd the Market and Run Prices Up to High Level, While the Leading Issues Make Solid Gains.

Stocks were held at a high level to-day until the final run of business, when prices sagged off on profit taking. The session, however, was remarkable for the big volume of trading, the dealings being the heaviest the brokers have known in months. The market had all the healthy signs of strong bull support and the entire list showed the favor of speculators. Steel preferred and Brooklyn Rapid Transit were the leading features on the Exchange, making notable gains. Metropolitan was also prominent and showed liberally in the advances.

During the early hours there was undoubted much profit-taking and the strength of the market in the face of this heavy selling was even more encouraging to the bulls than the advance in the price of securities. Commission houses reported more business than for some time and brokers were really happy. Money was lower and gave promise of still greater ease, advice from Chicago being to this effect. The President of the Board of Trade in that city reported that Chicago had sent West for crop-moving purposes a little more than \$2,000,000 and that this money had begun to return. What is more, it is coming back in larger quantities than were sent to the crop section. The prospect is that Chicago will soon have a plethora of funds which will seek investment in this country. This will mean a little later plenty of money.

The report from several iron and steel centers was that there was a marked improvement in conditions in relation to the outlook for large railroad tonnage, gave strength to the railroad shares and the iron and steel companies. Steel preferred sold up to 58 again of 57, while the common advanced to 12 1/2. The buying was for London account. The trading in both the steel issues was heavy and blocks of 5,000 shares were not uncommon.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit on a big demand readily rose, until it touched 47 1/2, a gain of 5 1/2 points on the day. Metropolitan was up 1 1/2 to a rise of almost 3 points.

One of the features of the day was the forced covering of shorts. One speculator who sold a few days ago 10,000 shares of Pennsylvania bought it back to-day at a loss. Another who sold 5,000 Steel preferred bought it back, making a loss of 1 1/2 points. There was not a weak spot in the market as far as could be seen. The operations were pleasing to the experts, who could not trace the buy-

LONDON STOCKS QUIET.

Americans, the Only Issues to Show Life. Closed Firm. LONDON, Dec. 4.—Discounts were steady to-day, in spite of the abundance of money in the market. Business on the Stock Exchange was quiet. The tone was irregular, with a downward tendency, especially in the case of Home Stocks. There was a distinct reaction to operate, in view of the fact that the Stock Exchange will be closed to-morrow and on account of the mining contingencies of Tuesday, in addition to the Far Eastern situation, which continued to have an unsettling influence. Consols were firm and closed slightly easier.

The strength of Americans was the only feature of interest. The cheerful New York advices attracted some general support, causing a further advance to well over parity, whereupon the bears hastened to cover. Norfolk and Western was the feature. Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe and Union Pacific were strong and closed firm, though slightly below the best quotations of the day. The announced impending issue of \$2,000,000 of Canadian Pacific 4 per cent. debenture stock was quietly underwritten on a commission of 2 per cent. clear of interest. It is expected that the issue will be made Dec. 11.

WHEAT MARKET.

Wheat opened more active to-day than in some time. December was the feature of the market, it selling up 1/2 of a cent to 90 1/2. This was due to buying by shorts, who became alarmed over the cash situation here. There was also a sharp upturn in December corn for almost the same reason, stocks being light and not much coming in. May advanced 1/4 of a cent, partly on the strength of December and because of the firmness in all the outside markets.

CURB STOCKS STRONG.

Trading on the curb was strong to-day, with Northern Securities the feature of the list, it selling up 1 1/2 per cent. on buying by J. P. Morgan and other big interests. Standard Oil on sales of five shares advanced 3 points. The bid and asked price of the principal outside securities were:

Table with columns: Bid, Asked, Security Name. Includes American Can, American Oil, American Steel, etc.

BOSTON LEATHER FIRM FAILS.

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—The firm of Irving G. Downing & Co., importers of goods and groceries, at No. 15 High street, this city, has made an assignment for the benefit of creditors. The assignees are David Loring, of Loring, Tolman & Lippin, note brokers, and George A. King, lawyer, both of Boston. Various estimates of the liabilities have been made, running all the way from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000. It is thought they will not exceed \$300,000. Most of the debts are due Boston banks.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

To-day's highest, lowest and closing prices and high yesterday's closing prices or from last recorded sale are as follows:

Table with columns: High, Low, Close, Change. Lists various stocks like Amal. Copper, Am. Sm. & Ref., etc.

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PUNY CHILDREN.

Parents Should Know How to Keep Children Well—Expert Advice by New York City Druggists.

"We do not wish to blame any of our friends for that which they cannot help, but sometimes when we see delicate and puny children we cannot help feeling that parents are unskillful," said a member of the Riker Co., during a recent interview.

"If we could only make all fathers and mothers in New York City regard what we say, especially if the little ones are delicate, how glad they would be afterward. They can make their children strong and well, and can give them a foundation stone in their little lives that will give them joy and happiness in years to come, and they will become strong and hearty men and women. If they will only believe what we say about Vinol and follow our advice."

Remember! Vinol contains all the active curative principles taken directly from fresh cod's livers without grease or oil, and its taste is delicious, and that is what gives it such power to assist the stomach of the little ones to properly assimilate the food which they eat. It is the means by which rich red blood is made, strong bone structure is built, hard firm, fresh tissues are created, and healthy, sound nerves maintained.

"I wish to add a few words of praise for Vinol. My little boy was very much run down, so much so that he had to leave school. He really was a mere shadow. I decided to give him Vinol, and I am glad to say that he is now a healthy, strong, and happy child. I wish to recommend Vinol to every mother who has a puny, ill-looking child."

Not only for children but for adults do we recommend Vinol as the best strength creator and restorer of health. Without a doubt, it has been prepared to stand up to the most severe tests and has given absolute satisfaction in its use. Riker's Vinol is sold at all drug stores.

NOTE: For the convenience of people in other localities, the Riker Co. has arranged to have VINOL sold at the drug stores of J. J. Morgan, 109 3d Ave., and 49 Columbus Ave., also at Kinman's Drug Stores, cor. 12th St. and 6th Ave. and 601 8th Ave.

BAUMANN'S See What We Give for \$125. An excellent Parlor Suit of 6 pieces, covered in Damask or Velour, as preferred; a Pier Mirror, over 6 feet high, with French plate and beveled glass, on an oval, gilt frame hanging mirror; a pretty Parlor Table; a beautiful decorated Lamp and Globe; elegant Oriental Rug, 13 by 16; a polished Parlor Rocker; 1 set of 6 framed Pictures; a golden oak sideboard, with large mirror back and valve drawer; four oak case chairs to match; a handsome Extension Dining Table, golden oak finish; a tapestry Table Cover; a decorated Tea set of 50 pieces; a velvet Couch; 20 yards of en-

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WATCHES FOR MEN. 14-karat solid gold, extra heavy case, Waltham or Elgin movement; price, \$24.75. Solid Gold Locket, set with genuine diamond in star setting, actual value \$15.00. Price, \$4.75. Solid Gold Masonic Emblem, set with 6 cut diamonds, space for picture inside. \$9.75. Solid Gold Locket, set with genuine diamond in star setting, actual value \$10.00. Price, \$3.50.

WATCHES FOR WOMEN. Solid gold case, set with genuine diamond (no chip) Waltham, Elgin or Straus movement; price \$16.75. Solid gold case, extra heavy, set with 4 genuine diamonds, Waltham, Elgin or Straus movement, \$17.75. Solid gold Coll Pin, heavily carved set with large diamond, actual value \$25.00; price, \$8.75.

Enamelled solid gold Brooch or Pendant, set with 1 large and brilliant diamond, actual value \$30.00; price, \$14.75. Solid gold Chain Bracelet, set with genuine diamond (no chip); actual value \$35.00; price, \$16.75. Solid gold Coll Pin, heavily carved set with large diamond, actual value \$25.00; price, \$8.75. Solid gold case, with jewelled movement, \$10.50.

14-karat gold-filled case, American movement, price \$6.75. Warranted for 10 years. Solid gold Snake Ring, set with genuine diamond and ruby; actual value, \$8.50; price, \$4.50. Solid gold Ring, 2 perfect and white diamonds, actual value \$25.00; price, \$8.75. Solid Gold Knot Scarf Pin, set with genuine diamond price, \$2.00. Hoop Ring, set with five perfect diamonds, actual value \$50.00; price, \$21.50.

M. STRAUS 409 and 411 FULTON ST., BROOKLYN. Opposite Boreum Place, Near City Hall. OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL 9:00. OPEN SAT. EVE. UNTIL 10:30. Solid gold Watch and Pin, fine jewelled movement, \$8.75. Enamelled Watches (any color), with pin and box to match, \$3.75. All Watches kept in good order for three years free of charge.

Adams Dry Goods Co. SIXTH AVENUE 21ST AND 22D STREETS, N. Y. Gas Stoves, MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED, Oil Heaters. Round Cylinder Gas Stoves, with swing burner, Brass Star Burner, 24 High; aluminum fin. \$1.25. NATIONAL UNIVERSAL OIL HEATERS, with 8-inch burner, with one 10-hour special at \$2.98.

Candy Specials For Saturday. New large imported red CHEER-RIER, per lb. 50c. Chocolate and Vanilla Walnut FUDGE, per lb. 19c. Maple CHOCOLATES, per lb. 20c. Head MOLDING CANDIES and LEMON DROPS, per lb. 10c.

An Immense Assortment of Misses' Garments At a Big Saving from Regular Prices. GIRLS' DRESSES, of serge and cashmere, trimmed with lace and silk, all the new shades, in 6 to 14 year sizes; 4.98 regular \$6.75 dresses, for. 5.98. LITTLE TOTS' LONG COATS, some in velvet and some in cloth, trimmed on large collar with braid and buttons, 3, 4, 6 and 8 year sizes; regular 6.98 \$8.75 coats, for. 6.98. MISSES' SKIRTED BLOUSE SUITS, of cheviot serge; blue, brown and black; 14, 16 and 18 year sizes; regular \$17.00 suits, for. 13.98.

Saturday's Sheet Music, 12 Cents a Copy. Specials in Sheet Music, 12 Cents a Copy. NO MUSIC SENT C. O. D. AND NONE SOLD TO DEALERS. In Music Department in Balcony; also on the 4th floor, Grocery dept., where Miss H. Palma, the well-known Canadian Piano Virtuoso, gives musical demonstrations every day.

Sale of White Bed Spreads Weavers' Seconds at Nearly 1/2 Price. Including CROCHET, MARSEILLES and SATIN FINISHED SPREADS, trimmed or with heavy knitted fringe; also some with corded fringe. Bed in all sizes. These spreads are technically termed "Weavers' Seconds," which means that a comb thread was accidentally introduced into the fabric at one point, which would not be noticed by the customer, but which would cause a reduction to nearly half price.

Saturday Specials in Women's Shoes Slippers and Leggings. WOMEN'S MEDALLION BUTTON and LACE BOOTS—Made from the very best materials, hand turn and Goodyear welt sewed. This boot is one of the very best values ever offered and is making friends faster than any popular-priced NAME shoe in New York City; all styles and kinds; always sold at a pair. CHILDREN'S JERSEY LEGGINGS, on sale in our Shoe Dept., special 1 to 6, regular price 50c; a pair, at 37c. WOMEN'S EIDERDOWN BEDROOM SLIPPERS, with leather soles, in grey, blue and pink; regular \$1.00 value; special at a pair. \$60c. A \$35 Sewing Machine, complete set of attachments, guaranteed for 14.75. Same Machine as above, but top 8 buttons, extra \$1.75. GOLDMAN'S SUCKER—Pins and sewing machine, specially sold for \$1.00; special. 95c.

Winter Clothing FOR MEN, YOUTHS AND BOYS. Men's Winter Overcoats. HANDSOME DARK OXFORD MELTON WINTER OVERCOATS, in sizes 34 to 44. An opportunity like this does not often present itself, especially at this season of the year. The quantity is limited and probably will not last all day at. 5.50 Worth \$9.00. Fine Winter Overcoats For Men and Youths. 50 inches long, with and without belts; all sizes, 34 to 44; in Oxford and Black Frieze, or Blue and Black Kersey; in regular lengths; all sizes; special at. 9.50 Worth \$12.50.

\$4.00 & \$5.00 Trousers For Men and Youths, All Sizes. In FINE CASSIMERE AND CHEVIOT; the balance of a manufacturer's entire stock; in 12 handsome patterns; all this season's latest productions; unquestionably the season's biggest offer at a pair. 2.25 Boys' Raglan Overcoats, extra long, with and without belts, 8 to 16 years; regular \$3.50 values, at. 1.95 Boys' Russian Overcoats, military style; double-breasted, half-belt back; brass buttons; chevron on sleeve; at. 1.95 Boys' Winter Overcoats, extra long, with or without belt, 8 to 16 years; regular value \$5.00, at. 2.95 Boys' Russian Overcoats, sizes 3 to 8 years; in blue, Oxford and brown; handsomely trimmed; double-breasted; 1/2-belt back; brass buttons; chevrons on sleeve; at.