TAKES ORDERS FOR 100 LOCOMOTIVES

American Company Gets Contracts Valued at $7,750,000 in Few Days.

The American Locomotive Company has taken orders within the last few days for more than 100 locomotives, aggregating in value about $7,750,000, it was learned yesterday. A large proportion of those locomotives represent orders from Canadian railroads, only fifteen of the entire lot being placed by an American line.

The largest order is that of the Canadian National Railways, which has contracted for fifty-five locomotives of three different types, namely, twenty light Pacifics, twenty-five Santa Fe type and ten heavy Pacifics. The Union Pacific Company has contracted for thirty-five engines, of which nineteen are to be of the heavy Mallet type and sixteen Mikados. The only American order of substantial size is that placed by the Louisville and Nashville Railway for fifteen Mikados.

Those orders, all taken within the last two or three days, represent about the same amount of business as did unfilled orders on the books of the American Locomotive Company about three months ago. The practical certainty of railroad men that the roads are coming back to their private owners within a month has given a stimulus to equipment manufacturing such as has not been experienced in that line in many months.

Not only are many orders being placed almost daily, but the number of tentative inquiries being received by the manufacturers of all classes of railroad equipment is said to be staggering. Such inquiries are not confined to locomotive makers alone, but car manufacturers report continued increase in the inflow of tentative orders. In steel rails the same condition exists, although in that line inability of the manufacturers to supply demands being made on them has long been known and for that reason fewer orders are coming in.

GRAIN MARKET.

Heavy Argentine shipments, weaker cash markets and bearish flour situation were factors which pressed the corn market in the last hour yesterday. Deliveries broke 2¼ cents to 2⅝ cents from the day's high point and closed at its low. Argentine shipments for the week were announced as 5,604,000 and incited some selling. Argentine shipments have been large, as 26,000,000 bushels of wheat and corn have been sent to Europe in the last three weeks. That competition in corn by a foreign country and importation of Canadian oats influenced selling yesterday. But the large exports from Argentine were not the only depressing factor, as cash markets weakened at that time and induced some of the selling. The large amounts of flour which the grain corporation is endeavoring to dispose of to avoid a carryover is a bearish feature attracting considerable attention, as is publication of a statement from a bearishly inclined trader to the effect that sentiment would undergo a change when the March 1 report of the grain stocks in the country should be published. Weakness in rye undermined confidence, as that grain dropped on report that there were no export orders in the market.

The market was steady earlier, due to the continued small movement, strength in stocks, rise in sterling and the rescinding of the order giving 70 per cent. of the cars for leading wheat, but fluctuations during the early trading were narrow. Prices for corn in the Argentine hold firm, with an improved demand from foreign sources. Poor transportation and wet weather retard the movement from the interior. But those rains are proving beneficial to the new crop.

Oats were steady up to the last hour, when they declined under influence of other grains. Cash demand was quiet and no new export business was reported. Some selling in that cereal is due to fears of competition with Canadian oats.

Provisions were dull and steady, but declined with grains.

CORN—In the local cash market No. 2 yellow was quoted at $1.65½; No. 2 mixed, $1.63½, cost and freight New York, fifteen days shipment.

OATS—The local cash market was easy. No. 1 white quoted at $1.02½; No. 2 white, $1.02@1.02½; No. 3 white, $1.01½@1.02; No. 4 white, $1@1.01; fancy clipped white, $1.04; ordinary clipped white, $1.02, all elevator.

RYE—Market weak; No. 2 Western, $1.75 f. o. b. New York.

BARLEY—Market steady; feeding, $1.50, and malting, $1.58@1.60 f. o. b. New York.

BUCKWHEAT—Market dull; $3.25 per 100 lbs.

HAY—Market firm; No. 1, $2.40@2.45; No. 2, $2.25@2.30; No. 3, $2.10@2.20; shipping, $1.95@2.05.

STRAW—Market firm; No. 1 rye, $21@22 a ton.

WHEAT, including flour, exports for the week, according to Bradstreet's, aggregate 2,436,053 bushels, against 1,793,465 the previous week and 5,283,877 last year; since July 1, 192,913,287, against 248,718,360 last season. Corn exports for the week, 261,644, against 160,106 the previous week and 53,963 last year; since July 1, 2,363,170, against 13,261,417 last season.

CHICAGO PRICES.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Thursday.
RYE—					
May	162½	164⅝	157¼	158	161½
July	158½	158½	152	152	156⅛
CORN—					
March	141⅛	141⅛	139	139	141
May	134½	135	132	132⅝	134
July	131⅛	131⅜	128⅝	129	130⅞
OATS—					
May	80⅞	81⅛	78⅞	78⅝	80⅝
July	73	73⅝	71⅞	71⅝	73
LARD—					
May	21.30	21.42	21.20	21.20	21.30
July	21.90	21.90	21.67	21.67	21.77
RIBS—					
May	18.55	18.65	18.42	18.42	18.55
July	19.12	19.12	18.90	18.90	19.05
PORK—					
May	34.85	35.00	34.60	34.60	34.75
July	34.85	34.85	34.60	34.60	34.75

INTERIOR RECEIPTS.

	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Yesterday	609,000	1,047,000	831,000
*Last week	1,346,000	1,346,000	824,000
Last year	592,000	299,000	540,000

SEABOARD CLEARANCES.

	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.
Yesterday	22,000	......	77,000
*Last week	40,000	283,000	100,000
Last year	592,000	299,000	540,000

*Two days.

More Gold Goes to Argentina.

The gold movement to Argentina continues in considerable volume. Yesterday $2,500,000 in gold was withdrawn from the Sub-Treasury for shipment to that country, which makes $30,000,000 on immediate movement and $43,000,000 since January 1.

BOSTON AUCTION RESULTS.

Furnished by Richardson, Hill & Co.

- 3 Lancaster Mills, 133¾.
- 25 Continental Mills, 156.
- 5 Gosnold Mills, common, voting trust certificates, 127¼.
- 25 Great Falls Manufacturing Co., 215¼@215.
- 10 United States Worsted Co. 2d pf., 14¼.
- 50 Rights Nyanza Mills, 14¼.
- 1 Connecticut and Passumpsic Rivers Railroad pf., 62½.
- 1 Fitchburg Railroad pf., 42.
- 1 Vermont and Massachusetts Railroad, 83¼.
- 7 Lynn Gas and Electric Co., 217.
- 5 Haverhill Gas Light Co., 53.
- 1 Union Twist Drill Co., common, 27.
- 30 Hirschell Spillman Co. pf., 45.
- 25,000 Compania Agricola y Colonizadora del Estado de Tabasco y Chiapas, 50c.
- 4 Lyman Mills, $175¼.
- 2 Dwight Manufacturing Co., 1405.
- 87 Rights Nyanza Mills, 14⅜.
- 2 Regal Shoe Co. pf., 86.
- 20 Geo. E. Keith Co. pf., 100.
- 1 Travellers Insurance Co. rts., 474½.
- 2 Heywood Bros. & Wakefield Co. pf., 96.
- 2 Plymouth Cordage Co., 230.
- 27 Butte Water Co., 50.
- 10 Essex Co., 195.
- 7 Quincy Market Cold Storage and Warehouse, common, rts., 13½.
- 13 National Union Bank, 233.

CONSOLIDATED EXCHANGE.

The market on the Consolidated Exchange was strong during the greater part of yesterday's trading. In the late afternoon profit taking in the railroad shares led to reaction that brought their prices in several instances below Thursday night's final figures. Earlier in the day many sharp advances had occurred both in the railroad and the industrial list. Covering of short contracts among some of the high priced specialties caused a particularly brisk upturn in that class of issues. The lower priced railroad shares continued to hold speculative interest and further advance in them at the best prices of the day was of substantial amount. The improvement in foreign exchange, while not fully held, was a favorable factor early in the day and the continuance of call loans at 6 per cent. was also helpful. The only detrimental influence was the reported unfriendly attitude of labor toward the proposed railroad legislation.

Among the railroad issues St. Paul ranged from 37⅞ to 39¼ and closed at 38¼; Rock Island sold up from 31¼ to 33⅝ and closed at 32; Denver and Rio Grande, after an advance from 14 to 15¼, closed at 14½; New York Central sold up to 73¼ from 71⅞ and closed at 72¼; New Haven closed at 31¼ after fluctuating between 30⅝ and 32½; Northern Pacific closed at 79 with an advance of ¾; Reading at 76 with an advance of 1¼; Texas Pacific sold up from 36¼ to 38¼ and closed at 36⅞ and Union Pacific after early sales at 120¼ eased off to 118⅜ with a recovery to 120 at the close.

United States Steel closed 98¼, having sold earlier from 99⅝ down to 98. Republic Iron and Steel rose from 98⅝ to 103¼ and closed at 102. Bethlehem Steel B sold up from 88 to 89⅝ and closed at 88¾. Baldwin Locomotive improved from 110¼ to 114¼ and closed at 113; Mexican Petroleum gained five points to 182½ and closed at 180; Pierce-Arrow rose 4¼ to 57⅝ and closed at 56⅝; Studebaker advanced 4⅝ to 90 and closed at 89 and United States Rubber 4½ to 103⅞, closing at 102¼.

LIVE STOCK MARKET.

BEEVES—Receipts, 1,010 head; 25 cars on sale. Market slow and unevenly 15@25c. lower on everything. Most of the offerings were sold. Medium to rather good steers, $10.75@13.45 per 100 lbs.; oxen, $10.50; heifers, $7.50@10.75; ordinary to very choice bulls, $7.50@11; common to choice cows, $4@9.50. Dressed beef slow at 15@20c. a lb. for native sides; a little fancy city dressed do. exceeds quotations.

Sales—Tobin & Shannon: 22 Kentucky steers, 1,248 lbs. average, $13.40; 20 Pennsylvania, 1,235, $12.90; 22 Ohio, 1,162, $11.50; 24, 1,122, $11.35; 24, 1,027, $11; 1 ox, 1,820, $10.50; 6 oxen and bulls, 1,215, $8.25; 8, 1,429, $7.50; 1 bull, 1,240, $10; 2, 1,350, $9; 4, 1,205, $7.50; 2 cows, 1,020, $8.50; 3, 926, $7.50; 3, 1,013, $5.50; 3, 870, $4.50; 5, 859, $4. J. Shamberg & Son: 22 Indiana steers, 1,221, $13.45; 22 Pennsylvania, 1,073, $11.40. Myers & Houseman: 21 Ohio steers, 1,096, $11.75. Newton & Co.: 22 Pennsylvania steers, 1,121, $12.75. McPherson & Co.: 16 Pennsylvania steers, 1,319, $13.25; 21 Ohio, 1,266, $12.75; 22 Virginia, 1,116, $11.75; 24, 1,051, $10.75; 1 bull, 1,520, $11; 2, 1,465, $10; 2, 1095, $9.25; 3, 943, $8.75; 4, 1,158, $8.25; 14 heifers, 1,037, $10.75; 17 cows, 1,029, $9.50; 4, 1,140, $9.25; 8, 1,013, $8; 2, 1,257, $7.75; 10, 1,121, $7.50; 17, 1,080, $7.25; 2, 810, $7; 6, 975, $6.50; 2, 980, $6; 3, 1,107, $5.60; 6, 992, $5.50; 3, 904, $4.50; 11, 926, $4.40; 4, 988, $4.25. S. Sanders: 5 Pennsylvania steers, 934, $11.15; 1 bull, 1,720, $10; 2, 1,050, $8.50; 2, 1,070, $8.25; 30 cows, 1,089, $9.15; 4, 1,113, $8; 7, 1,023 $7.50; 3, 953, $5.50; 5, 890, $4.50; 3, 920, $4.25. S. Judd & Co.: 2 cows, 1,170, $7.50; 4, 905, $5.50; 2, 800, $4.25.

CALVES—Receipts, 810 head; 470 on sale. Market active and steady. The pens were cleared. Common to prime veals sold at $19@25 per 100 lbs.; culls, $15@18; fair Western and Indiana calves, $12. City dressed veals are quoted at 28@36c. lb., with very few whole calves being sold; country dressed do., 24@32c.; country dressed barnyard and fed claves, 20@24c.

Sales—Newton & Co.: 131 veals, 132 lbs. average, $25; 4 culls, 98, $18. Kerns Commission Co.: 26 veals, 125, $25; 48, 99, $23.50; 7 culls, 91, $18; 4, 82, $16; 45 Indiana calves, 402, $13. J. Shamberg & Son: 5 veals, 135, $25; 4, 90, $20; 4 culls, 62, $15. McPherson & Co.: 6 veals, 133, $25; 5, 98, $20; 6, 90, $19; 5 culls, 102, $17. S. Sanders: 70 veals, 111, $23; 10, 91, $20; 5 culls, 86, $18. J. G. Curtis & Son: 35 veals, 158, $25. S. Judd & Co.: 10 veals, 120, $24; 5 culls, 80, $16.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 2,600 head; 2½ cars on sale. Sheep and good lambs steady; medium and common lambs slow. Common to fair sheep sold at $8.50@11 per 100 lbs.; fair to prime lambs, $20@22; culls, $14@15. Dressed mutton unchanged at 20@24c. lb.; dressed lambs, 31@39c. Country dressed hothouse lambs, $8@16.

Sales—Kerns Commission Company: 140 lambs, 75 lbs. average, $22. S. Judd & Co.: 39 State lambs, 69, $21.50; 6 culls, 47, $14. Newton Co.: 22 Pennsylvania lambs, 77, $20; 6 culls, 57, $15; 7 sheep, 100, $8.50. J. G. Curtis & Son: 25 State lambs, 71, $21.

HOGS—Receipts, 5,300 head; 1½ cars on sale. Market steady. Light to medium weights sold at $16.25 per 100 lbs.; roughs, $13; boars, $8. Country dressed pork unchanged at 16@23c. lb.

Sales—Newton & Co.: 141 Pennsylvania hogs, 103 lbs. average, $16.25; 7 roughs, 213, $13. J. Shamberg & Son: 31 Pennsylvania hogs, 107, $16.25. Kerns Commission Company: 8 State hogs, 147, $16.25; 3 roughs, 217, $13.

Live Stock Markets in Other Cities.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 4,500; higher. Bulk, $13.35@14; heavies, $13.35@13.75; mediums, $13.50@14; lights, $13.65@14.35; packing sows, $12.25@12.75; pigs, $11@14.

Cattle—Receipts, 900; weak. Heavy beef steers, choice and prime, $12.50@15.25; medium and good, $11.75@13.50; common, $9.50@11.75; light, good and choice, $11.50@14.50; common and medium, $8@11.50; butcher cattle, heifers, $6.90@11.75; cows, $6.65@11.25; canners and cutters, $5@6.65; veal calves, $12.75@15; feeder steers, $8.50@12.75; stocker steers, $6.25@10.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady. Lambs, $17.50@20.25; culls and common, $12@17.25; yearling wethers, $15.50@18; ewes, $10.50@13.25; culls and common, $5.25@10.25; breeding ewes, $8@14; feeder lambs, $15.50@18.50.

EAST ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—Hogs, 9,000; weak; mostly steady. Top, $15.65; bulk, $13.75@14.60; heavy, $14@14.75; medium, $14.50@15.40; light, $15@15.50; light light, $14.75@15.40; heavy packing sows, smooth, $12.25@12.50; packing sows, rough, $11.75@12.25; pigs, $12.50@15.25. Cattle, 1,200; steady. Beef steers, medium and heavy weight, choice and prime, $14@16; medium and good, $11@13.75; common, $9@10.75; light weight, good and choice, $12.25@16; common and medium, $8.50@12; butcher cattle, heifers, $7.25@14.25; cows, $7.25@10.50; canners and cutters, $5@7; veal calves, light and handy weight, $12@15.50; feeder steers, $8.50@11.50; stocker steers, $7@10.50. Sheep, 250; steady. Lambs, 84 pounds down, $17.75@20.50; culls and common, $12.50@17.50; yearling wethers, $15@18.50; ewes, medium and choice, $10@13.25; culls and common, $5@9.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 20.—Cattle steady; supply light. Prime, $13.75@14.25.

Sheep—Steady; supply light. Prime wethers, $14@15; lambs, $12@21. Veal calves, $20@21.

Hogs—Steady; supply, 15 double decks. Prime heavies, $14.25@14.50; mediums, heavy Yorkers, light Yorkers and pigs, $15.75@16; roughs, $11@13.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Hogs—Receipts, 22,000; estimated to-morrow, 8,000; mostly 10c. higher than yesterday's average. Bulk, $13.90@14.60; top, $14.80. Heavy, $13.75@14.15; medium, $14.10@14.50; light, $14.40@14.80; light light, $14.25@14.70; heavy packing sows, smooth, $12.50@13.25; packing sows, rough, $12@12.50; pigs, $13.25@14.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; estimated to-morrow 4,000; weak. Beef steers, medium and heavy weight, choice and prime, $14@16.50; medium and good, $11.50@14; common, $9@11.50; light weight, good and choice, $11.85@15.25; common and medium, $8.50@11.85; butcher cattle, heifers, $6.50@12.75; cows, $6.50@11.50; canners and cutters, $5@6.50; veal calves, $15.75@17.25; feeder steers, $7.50@11.50; stocker steers, $6.75@10.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 6,000; estimated to-morrow, 6,000; strong. Lambs, 84 lbs. down, $18@21.50; culls and common, $14.50@17.75; ewes, medium, good and choice, $11.25@14.50; culls and common, $6@10.75.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.—Hogs—Receipts 4,000, steady; heavies, $14.25@14.75; good to choice, packers and butchers, $15@15.25; common to choice, $9@11.50; pigs and lights, $10@14.25; stags, $7.50@8.50.

Cattle—Receipts 500 steady and unchanged; calves strong, $6@21.

Sheep—Receipts 200; sheep and lambs steady and unchanged.

EAST BUFFALO, Feb. 20.—Cattle—Receipts 150 strong. Calves, receipts 700, 50c. higher; $6@23.50.

Hogs—Receipts 8,000, heavy, 25@50c. lower; heavy, $14.75@15; mixed, $15.25@15.55; Yorkers, light do. and pigs, $15.75; roughs, $12.50@12.75; stags, $8@10.

COTTON MARKET IS DULL AND LISTLESS

Session Has Typical Pre-Holiday Appearance and Trading Is Almost Nil.

The cotton market was a typical preholiday affair yesterday, movements being aimless and trading often at a standstill. There was naturally considerable evening up by Wall Street before the three day recess, and as a rule support was just a little ahead of selling pressure, with the result that fluctuations were generally some 5 to 20 points over Thursday's closing level. March, the spot month, however, was offered rather freely at times by those who afterward entered October. On the whole, the distant months received the better support. Liverpool cables were slightly better than due at the outset, but later in the day the English market broke sharply, closing barely steady and near the lowest. There was less doing in the spot article, sales amounting to but 6,000.

Opening prices here were irregular, a gain of 21 points and a decline of 5 being made in the active list. There was scattered pressure by the local crowd and some New Orleans selling, although at no time was there any decided selling or buying. Bulls made note of strength in securities and rise of sterling, but feeling was still bearish in many of the room houses, although floor sentiment was rather mixed. The undertone showed no change as the session progressed.

Most of the larger operators did nothing and outside trading was small. Reports from the South indicated that spot business was exceedingly light, holders showing no inclination to sell except at their prices. As the certificated stock here was small, few were willing to take the short side of March, and it is generally believed that there will be only 200 bales of tenders, if that many, next Tuesday, which is first notice day for March. The final hour was featureless and the close steady at a decline of 12 points to an advance of 16. Spots were quoted here 20 points lower at 39 cents even.

Range of prices—

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Thursday.
February	.....	.....	.....	.....	37.15
March	36.58	36.78	36.45	36.52@60	36.65
April	.....	.....	.....	34.65 N	34.80
May	34.29	34.49	34.17	34.34@36	34.30
June	.....	.....	.....	32.60 N	32.60
July	32.15	32.24	32.00	32.12@15	32.09
August	.....	.....	.....	31.40 N	31.25
September	30.55	30.55	30.55	30.65 N	30.50
October	29.90	30.06	29.75	29.93@94	29.77
November	.....	.....	.....	29.53 B	29.40
December	29.30	29.50	29.30	29.38 t	29.25
January	29.00	29.03	28.90	28.98 B	28.82

Spots: Local, 39; New Orleans, 39.75.

COTTON STATISTICS.

	Yesterday.	Last week.	Last year.
Port receipts	24,184	59,020	8,483
Exports	40,329	22,047	......
Exports, season	4,177,108	4,051,299	2,823,561
New York stocks	51,518	54,531	51,791
Port stocks	1,434,959	1,412,861	1,282,790
Interior receipts	19,220	19,626	9,813
Interior shipments	11,350	20,596	7,521
New York arrivals	2,976	......	219

LIVERPOOL CABLES.

Spot cotton quiet at 36 point decline on the basis of 30.51 for middling. Sales 6,000. American 5,000; imports 17,000. American 14,000. Futures opened quiet at 5 to 16 points advance; closed steady at 21 to 30 points decline. Mar. 27.94, May 26.52, July 25.13, Oct. 23.18, Dec. 22.28. Manchester: Yarns quiet and firm; cloths quieter.

WEEKEND STATISTICS OF THE N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE.

	This year.	Last year.
Week's into sight	249,397	187,753
Into sight for season	9,332,703	8,448,095
General visible supply	6,291,287	5,093,190
Visible supply American	4,787,287	3,787,190
Decrease general visible	20,168	20,980
Decrease visible American	5,168	15,980
Spinners takings for week	294,565	182,773
Spinners takings for season	7,758,291	6,665,857

New Orleans Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 20.—The price of cotton stood at small advances to-day. Toward the end there was liquidation in the near months, which appeared to be due to the triple holidays which begin to-morrow. Closed steady. Close: March, 37.48; May, 34.84; July, 32.67; October, 30.00; December, 29.23. Spot, steady and unchanged, middling, 39.75.

Liverpool Cotton Statistics.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 20.—Weekly cotton statistics: Imports, 80,000 bales, American, 50,000; stock, 1,063,000; American, 842,000; forwarded, 104,000, American, 77,000; exports, 10,000; sales, 35,000, American, 20,000; quantity afloat, all kinds, 427,000 bales; quantity afloat, American, 362,000 bales.

WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The *Commercial Bulletin* to-morrow will say: "The week among the wool houses here has been a very quiet one and the English Government wool auction on Thursday furnished about all the excitement, which was not much, although wools at this sale went fairly well. Freights are badly demoralized and shipments have been almost impossible. Prices show little or no change. The situation among the mills is hardly changed, although some trouble looms on the industrial horizon."

Ohio and Pennsylvania Fleeces.—Delaine, washed, 105 to 110; delaine, unwashed, 97 to 100; fine, unwashed, 73 to 75; half blood combing, 83 to 85; three-eighths blood combing, 70 to 71. Michigan and New York Fleeces—Fine, unwashed, 68 to 72; delaine, unwashed, 95; half blood, unwashed, 80 to 82; three-eighths blood, unwashed, 68 to 69. Wisconsin, Missouri and average New England—Half blood, 72 to 75; three-eighths blood, 65 to 67; quarter blood, 64 to 65. Virginia, Kentucky and Similar—Half blood, unwashed, 85 to 86; three-eighths blood, unwashed, 72 to 73. Scoured Basis: Texas—Fine twelve months, 190 to 195; fine, eight months, 160 to 170. California—Northern, 190 to 195; middle county, 170 to 175; southern, 150 to 160. Oregon—Eastern No. 1, staple, 200 to 210; eastern clothing, 170 to 180; valley No. 1, 175 to 180. Territory—Fine, staple, 205 to 215; half blood combing, 185 to 195; three-eighths blood combing, 130 to 140; fine, clothing, 175 to 185; fine, medium, clothing, 165 to 175. Pulled—Extra, 195 to 200; AA, 180 to 190; A supers, 165 to 175.

Mohairs—Best combing, 60 to 65; best carding, 55 to 60.

London Wool Market.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—At the wool auction sales to-day 8,500 bales were offered. Prices were unchanged. The home trade and the Continent were active bidders for good grades.

"Modern Miller's" Outlook.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—According to the *Modern Miller*, Chicago, winter wheat is greening up in the far Southwest. The plant has been injured in scattered sections by hard freezing, notably in parts of Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois. Much wheat was protected by snow during zero weather. Kansas prospects are spotted, with moisture needed in sections. Some spring wheat will be seeded in winter wheat States.

Bank Capital Increases.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Capital increases aggregating $15,905,000 were granted to 108 national banks during January, John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, announced today. This is the largest number of capital increases granted in a month, Mr. Williams said. Charters were issued to twenty-one new national banks, having $1,175,000 aggregate capital.

PRODUCE MARKET.

BEANS AND PEAS—BEANS—Marrow, 1919, choice, 100 lbs., $11.75@12; 1918, $11@11.25; Marrow, Manchurian, $11.50; Coscorrones, Chilean, $7; Pea, choice, 1919, $7.75@8; 1918, $7.50; Medium, 1919, choice, $8; Tepary, California, $5@5.75; Kotenashi, Japanese or Korean, $6.25@6.75; Red Kidney, choice, 1919, $14.75; Kintoki, Manchurian, $5@5.50; Yellow Eye, 1919, $8.75@9; Black Turtle Soup, 1919, $12; White Kidney, 1919, $15.50; Kumamoto, Manchurian, $8; Cabellero, Chilean, 1918, $7; Bayou, Chilean, $6@6.25; Pink, California, 1919, $8.25@8.40; 1918, $7.40; Lima, California, $14@14.25; Madagascar, choice, $10@10.25. PEAS—Scotch, $6.25@6.50; green, domestic, $6.25; Japanese, $6.75; Black Eye, California, 1919, $8.50; splits, yellow, $7.40@7.50; green, $9@9.25; white, small, Manchurian, $5.75@6; large, $7@7.25.

BUTTER—Creamery, higher than extras, lb., 68@68½c.; extras, 92 score, 67½c.; firsts, 90 to 91 score, 62@66½c.; firsts, 88 to 89 score, 59@62c.; seconds, 54@58c.; lower grades, 50@53c.; held, higher than extras, 62½@63c.; extras, 61@62c.; firsts, 55@60c.; seconds, 48@54c.; unsalted, higher than extras, 71@72c.; extras, 69@70c.; firsts, 62@66c.; seconds, 55@60c.; State dairy, tubs, finest, 64@65c.; good to prime, 58@63c.; common to fair, 46@57c.; renovated, extras, 54@55c.; firsts, 52@53c.; imitation creamery, firsts, 46@47c.; ladles, current make, firsts, 43@44c.; seconds, 40½@41c.; lower grades, 39@40c.; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 40c.; No. 2, 39c.; lower grades, 36@38c.

CHEESE—State, whole milk, held flats, specials, 29½@31c.; average run, 28@29c.; lower grades, 15@27c.; twins, held, specials, colored or white, 29@30c.; average run, 28@28½c.; lower grades, 18@27c.; Wisconsin, whole milk, twins, 27@29½c.; single daisies, held, 30@31½c.; double daisies, held, 28½@31c.; Young Americas, 32@33c.; State skims, fresh, specials, 16@18c.; prime to choice, 13@15c.; fair to good, 10@12c.; lower grades, 4@9c.

COTTONSEED OIL—Range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Thursday.
Spot	.....	.....	.....	19.00-89	.....
February	.....	.....	.....	18.50-19.85	18.50
March	19.90	19.90	19.65	19.64-65	19.88
April	19.74	19.77	19.74	19.75-79	19.90
May	20.05	20.20	19.99	20.00-01	20.09
June	.....	.....	.....	20.09-25	20.10
July	20.45	20.48	20.18	20.17-19	20.29
August	20.60	20.68	20.60	20.20-40	20.35
Sept'ber	20.35	20.35	20.12	20.10-15	19.95

EGGS—Fresh gathered extras, dozen, 71@72c.; extra firsts, 69@70c.; firsts, 67@68c.; seconds and poorer, 64@66c.; refrigerator, firsts, charges paid, 55@57c.; seconds, 48@54c.; under grades, 20@46c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western, hennery whites, extras, 74@75c.; firsts to extra firsts, 71@73c.; gathered whites, firsts to extra firsts, 71@76c.; Western whites, under grades, 68@70c.; pullets, 67@68c.; Pacific coast whites, express, extra firsts to extras, 72@74c.; firsts, 69@71c.; pullets, Petaluma, 67@68c.; other Western and Southern, gathered whites, 68@71c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, hennery browns, extras, 73c.; gathered brown and mixed colors, extras, 71@72c.; firsts to extra firsts, 68@70c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Rye flour barely steady; fair to good, $8.25@8.85; choice to fancy, $8.60@9. White corn flour dull; $3.75@3.80 per 100 lbs. Cornmeal dull; yellow, granulated, $3.75@3.80; white, granulated, $3.60@3.70. Feed—City quiet; bran, 100 lb. sacks, $50; heavy middlings, do., $54; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $67; Western quiet, bran, 100 lb. sacks, $49.50@50; standard middlings, do., $52@52.50; flour middlings, do., $61; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $68. Oil meal, $74 a ton.

FRUITS, FRESH—APPLES—Baldwin, $4.50@9; Northern Spy, $5@10; Ben Davis, $4@6.25; King, $4.50@8; Winesap, $4.50@9; York Imperial, $4@5.50; Albemarle Pippin, $5@10; Stayman Winesap, $4.50@8; Black Twig, $5@8; Wolf River, $4.50@6.50; Fall Pippin, $4@6.50; Wealthy, $4.50@7; Greening, $5@11; Winesap, far Western, box, $2@3.75; Delicious, $2.50@4.25; Spitzenberg, $2@3.50; Rome Beauty, $2@3.50; Stayman Winesap, $2@2.90; Newtown Pippin, $2@3. PEARS—Kieffer, bbl., $2@5; bushel bsk., $1@2.50. CRANBERRIES—Early Black, bbl., $4.50@8; late varieties, $6@10. ORANGES—Florida, box, $4@8; California, $3.50@7.25. STRAWBERRIES—Florida, quart, 50@65c. KUMQUATS—Florida, quart, 15@16c. TANGERINES—Florida, strap, $5@8. KING ORANGES—Florida, strap, $5@8.50. GRAPEFRUIT—Florida, box, $1@5. PINEAPPLES—Porto Rican, crate, $1.88@6.25.

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES—Evaporated, State, choice, lb., 21@22c.; prime, 18¾@19½c.; Yakimas, 19@21c.; California, 18@20c.; chops, in bbls., lb., 10@11c.; waste, old, in bbls., lb., 7½c.

OILS—Standard white, New York, export, bbls., $23.50; do., bulk, $15; do., cases, $27. Water white, New York, export, bbls., $24.50; do., bulk, $16; do., cases, $28. Motor gasolene, garages, 26½c.; consumers, 28½c. (steel barrels). LINSEED OIL—Strictly pure, gallons of 7½ lbs., in barrels, $1.93. Calcutta oil, $2.01.

POTATOES—Bermuda, No. 1, bbl., $12@13; No. 2, $10@12; No. 3, $7@9; Virginia, late crop, bbl., $6@6.50; culls, bbl., $3@3.25; Maine, 100 lb. bag, $4@4.45; 180 lb. bag, $7@8; 165 lb. bag, $6.25@7.25; State, 100 lb. bag, $4@4.45; 180 lb. bag, $7@8; 165 lb. bag $6.25@7.25; Long Island, 180 lb. bag, $7@8.25; 165 lb. bag, $6.50@7.50. SWEETS—Jersey, No. 1, bag, $2.25@3; Delaware and Maryland, No. 1, bsk., $2@2.40; yams, Southern, bbl., $2@6.

POULTRY, DRESSED—FRESH KILLED—TURKEYS—Western, spring, lb., 46@52c.; old hens, 46@49c.; toms, 44@45c. CHICKENS—Fresh killed, dry picked, box, Western, milk fed, 36@39c.; corn fed, 34@37c.; bbl., dry picked, milk fed, 32@37c.; corn fed, 31@36c. Philadelphia, 42@48c. FOWLS—Fresh killed, dry picked, box, Western, milk fed, 30@40c.; corn fed, 30@39½c.; dry picked, bbls., Western, 30@35c.; old cocks, Western, dry picked, boxes or bbls., 27½c.; scalded, 26½c.; capons, nearby, 52@62c.; Western, 46@50c. SQUABS—Large, white, $8@10 lbs. doz., $12@15c.; 6@7 lbs., $6@9; dark, $4.50@5; culls, $2.50@3. FROZEN—TURKEYS—Western, 51@55c. CHICKENS—Broilers, milk fed, boxes, 42@51c.; corn fed, 40@46c.; dry picked, milk fed, 37@40c.; corn fed, 36@38½c. FOWLS—Milk fed, boxes, 30@40c.; corn fed, 29@39c.; Western capons, 50@55c.; old cocks, 27c. DUCKS—Long Island, 41c.; Western, 36@41c. GEESE—Western, 25@31c.

POULTRY, LIVE—SPRING CHICKENS—Freight, 32@35c. FOWLS — Heavy, freight, 40c.; light to medium, 40c. OLD ROOSTERS—24c. TURKEYS—35@40c. DUCKS—30@35c. GEESE—20@22c. PIGEONS—Pair, freight or express, 50c. GUINEAS—Pair, 65@80c.

PROVISIONS—Pork easy; mess, $42@43; family, $52@53; short clear, $40@46. Beef barely steady; mess, $16@18; family, $21@23; packet, $17@19; extra India mess, $41@42. Hogs steady; bacons, 22¾c.; 140 lbs., 23¼c.; pigs, 22¼c. Bellies quiet; pickled clear, 10-12 lbs., 27c.; dry salted, clear, 18-20 lbs., 19½c. Greases steadier; yellow, 12¼@12¾c.; choice house, 12@12½c. Pickled hams steady; regular, 10-12 lbs., 26¼c.; skinned, 18-20 lbs., 25¼c. Tallow steady; city special loose, 15c. Lard easy; middle West, $20.70@20.80; city lard easy, 20¼@20⅝c; refined lard easy; Continent, $25.25; South America, $25.50; Brazil kegs, $36.50; compound easy, 23¼@26c. Stearine barely steady; city lard stearine, 25c. Oleo, 18c. asked.

VEGETABLES, MISCELLANEOUS—ARTICHOKES—California, French, drum, $14@15; box, $7@7.50. BEANS—Florida, bsk., $3@7; Lima beans, Cuban, crate, $5@6; bsk., $5@8. BEETS—Old, bbl., $2@4; 140 lb. bag, $2.50@3.40; 100, $2@2.50; Bermuda, crate, 50c.@$1.50; Florida, crate, $1.75@2.25; Louisiana, 100 bchs., $2@4. BRUSSELS SPROUTS—California, small drum, $8@9. CARROTS—Old, 100 lbs., $2@4; 140, $3@4.50; Bermuda, crate, 50c.@$2; California, 100 lbs., $3. CABBAGES—State, bbl., $3@4.50; ton, $50@75; Florida, bsk., $3.50@4; crate, $3@4; State red, bbl., $3.50@4.50; ton, $60@75; red, crate, $4@5; Florida, red, bsk., $2@2.25; box, $2.50@2.75; Rotterdam, bag, $4@4.50; 125 lb. crate, $5@6; 100 lbs., $4@5; Danish, white, 100 lb. crate, $5.50@7. CAULIFLOWERS—California, crate, $1@2. CHICORY—Louisiana, bbl., $5.50@6; Florida, bsk., $2@3.50. CELERY—Cal., crate, $1@5; Florida, std. crate, $2@3.50; 12 in. crate, $4@4.50. ESCAROL—Louisiana, bbl., $4@7; Florida, bsk., $2@4. ENDIVE—Belgian, lb., 10@25c. EGGPLANTS—Florida, box, $1.50@4; Cuban, $2@4. GARLIC—Lb., 10@25c. HORSERADISH—Imported, 100 lbs., $14@16. KOHLRABI—Louisiana, 100 bchs., $5. LETTUCE—Florida, bsk., $2.50@4.50; California, iceberg, crate, $2.75@3; Big Boston, crate, $3@4. ONIONS—White, bag, $5@6.50; yellow, $5@6.25; red, $5@6; Spanish, case, $4.50@5; half case, $2.50@3; crate, $1.75@2. OKRA—Florida, carrier, $4@6; Cuban, $4@6. OYSTER PLANTS—100 bchs., $10@15. PEAS—Telephone, small drum, $8@9; crate, $8@9; Admiral, small drum, $7@8; Florida, bsk., $3@6. PEPPERS—Florida, box, $2.50@5.50; Cuban, $2.50@5. PARSNIPS—Bbl., $4@5. PARSLEY—Louisiana, curly, Bbl., $7@8; plain, $8@10; Bermuda, crate, 50c.@$2. PORTUGUESE KALE—Bermuda, crate, 50c.@$2. ROMAINE—Florida, bsk., $1.50@2.25; Bermuda, crate, 50@75c. SHALLOTS—Louisiana, 100 bchs., $3@5. SPINACH—California, crate, $2@2.50; Texas, bbl., $1.75@2.25. SQUASH—Cuban, white, box, $3@5. TURNIPS—White, Bermuda, crate, 50c.@$1; rutabaga, bbl., $2@2.75; bag, $2@2.50. TOMATOES—Florida, carrier, $1@4; Cuban, $1@3; Nassau, 75c.@$2.50. WATERCRESS—100 bchs., $1.50@3. Hothouse Products: CUCUMBERS—No. 1, dozen, $2@2.25. ENDIVE—Nearby, lb., 10@30c. MUSHROOMS—3 lb. bsk., 50c.@1.75. RADISHES—100 bchs., $2@4. RHUBARB—Dozen bchs., 50@75c. TOMATOES—Lb., 10@45c.

Pennsylvania Crude Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Feb. 20.—Credit balances, $5.65; runs, 56,573; average, 48,040; shipments, 22,399; average, 34,041.

MORE PAY TO AID BATTLE ON SNOW

Fire Chief Promises 75 or 80 Cents an Hour and MacStay Offers 80 Cents.

The Mayor, the President of the Borough of Manhattan, the President of the Board of Aldermen, the Comptroller, the Street Cleaning Commissioner, the Fire Chief and the Chief's ten associate city officials, comprising the Mayor's Snow Removal Committee, all had a sayso yesterday about the condition of Manhattan's streets—some wanting to know why the streets haven't been cleaned; others explaining why they haven't been cleaned, and some telling how the work should be done.

Union representatives told the Board of Estimate that unless the city soon pays more money to street cleaners the smouldering strike will blaze forth.

The Board of Estimate referred the matter of pay and hours to a committee for recommendation to the board, and Mayor Hylan ordered David Hirshfield, Commissioner of Accounts, to add the Street Cleaning Department's treatment of its employees to the imposing list of investigations the Commissioner already is conducting.

Meanwhile Chief John Kenlon of the Fire Department, who heads the Mayor's Snow Removal Committee, was announcing that the pay of the street cleaners would be increased to-day to 75 or 80 cents an hour as a measure for obtaining more men. The Chief also announced that $37.50 a day will be paid for motor trucks.

Arnold B. MacStay, Commissioner of Street Cleaning, was sure 80 cents would be the hourly rate paid to street cleaners, and he said that $40 a day will be paid for motor trucks, and $15 a day for horse trucks.

In spite of these different versions of the rate of pay, however, the Department of Street Cleaning advertised for men in this morning's newspapers, offering 80 cents an hour.

As for an immedaite programme, after two conferences yesterday, one between Commissioner MacStay and the Mayor's committee, in Chief Kenlon's office, and the other between Chief Kenlon and Commissioner MacStay's staff in the Commissioner's office, Chief Kenlon announced:

"It is our hope that we will be able to restore traffic to normal by next Tuesday. We will take every possible advantage of the light traffic conditions which will prevail during the Saturday half holiday, Sunday and the Washington's Birthday holiday Monday."

In addition to the increases in pay announced efforts were made to put backbone in the proposed three day drive by the following methods:

A threat to snow removal contractors, Celestino DeMarco and Joseph Marone, to take legal steps to set aside their contracts unless they give markedly improved service to-day.

To put policemen in charge as supervisors over street cleaning gangs.

To extend the use of policemen and firemen wherever practicable.

An advertising campaign to induce more men to enter the street cleaning service.

The possibility of a strike was disclosed when a delegation from the Central Federated Union appeared before the Board of Estimate in support of a communication that the demands of the Brotherhood of Teamsters for more pay for all employees used by the Department of Street Cleaning on snow and garbage removal, and for time and a half overtime for Sunday and holiday work, had been approved.

Thomas Fitzgerald, a former employee of the department, told the board the men had been promised action by the board a year ago on the question of overtime pay in normal weather, but the matter has hung fire and the men now are demanding that something be done.

"Were you the man who started trouble at Greenpoint last Sunday?" asked Mayor Hylan.

Fitzgerald said he was not, but he knew there had been trouble and more might be expected if the matter is not attended to soon.

"Do you threaten a strike?" demanded the Mayor.

"No," replied Fitzgerald. "The men have worked hard and will continue to do so, but we think they should be paid."

He said the men were appealing to the Board of Estimate because they had been able to get no action from the Commissioner.

Henry H. Curran, President of the Borough of Manhattan, then sought to relieve the situation by a motion to pay the men for overtime, but merely brought the ire of the Mayor and Comptroller Craig down upon his head.

"You are only making trouble for this board," said the Mayor.

"The Manhattan President is playing politics and probably has received his orders. He is going to be brought to book for his political play," added Comptroller Craig.

TO PAY OFF WAR BONDS.

Finance Corporation to Retire Issue on April 1.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The War Finance Corporation announced to-day that it would pay off at maturity the outstanding issue of War Finance Corporation bonds, which matures on April 1 next.

Those bonds were issued under the War Finance Corporation act a year ago to raise $200,000,000 for corporation needs in aiding in financing war business and in meeting requirements of industry essential to national welfare.

The bonds bore interest at five per cent. No new issue is contemplated immediately. Much of the money lent to war concerns has been repaid, and the corporation has been retiring the bonds for considerable time. Under its organic act the corporation is authorized to issue bonds to the extent of six times its capital of $500,000, but on April 1 no bonds will be outstanding. The corporation will be working entirely on its capital, which was paid in by the Treasury.

It was stated to-day that this does not mean that the corporation is not doing business or that it has no need for funds, but there are no immediate needs requiring further issue. The corporation may meet heavy demands from the railroads and for foreign trade financing soon, but now those demands are at a minimum.

MODIFIES GRAIN RATES.

Commerce Commission Conclusion Affects Northwest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Modifications of previous general readjustment of rates on grain from the Northwest to Chicago and St. Louis were announced to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The commission's new conclusion provides that rates on grain shipments by way of Minneapolis to Chicago from Mankato and Rapid City, S. D., and intermediate points be made not to exceed rates over direct routes to Chicago from all points on the north of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad to those points. It provides also that St. Louis be given a proportional rate of 15 cents from Sioux City, the same as is in effect from Sioux City to Chicago.

REFUSE TO SELL OIL TO INDEPENDENTS

Pennsylvania Crude Agency Opens Market Wide.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 20.—The market for Pennsylvania crude oil was thrown wide open here to-day by announcement of the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency that beginning on March 10 it would no longer sell oil to independent refineries. The reason given was that it did not have enough oil for its own business.

Increased consumption of Pennsylvania crude during the past few years has steadily forced up the price until now it is quoted by the Seep Agency at $5.65 a barrel, three advances having been made since the beginning of the year. Independent renners have been provided with a given proportion of their requirements by the Seep Agency, but a considerable time ago, when they found that the agency could not fill their demands, they went into the market and bought oil at a premium in competition with the agency. That premium, it was stated today, has often reached 50 cents a barrel, and even now, with the latest advance, is more than 25 cents.

So scarce is oil of all kinds that scouts have been sent into the different fields in the hope of picking up oil in sufficient quantities to keep the independent refineries going. One refinery, it was stated, was trying to "buy oil by the trainload," while others, not so firmly intrenched financially, were endeavoring to get it in smaller quantities.

The action of the Seep Agency, it was said by veteran oil men, would return the market to the conditions which prevailed years ago when there was no powerful buying agency through which prices were stabilized. No one would predict to what heights quotations would go, but refiners without their own crude production, it was stated, would be compelled to get oil wherever they could and pay such prices as producers saw fit to demand.

COFFEE MARKET.

The coffee market opened at unchanged prices to a decline of 4 points under scattered realizing, but values sagged further, mid-day finding March selling at 14.40, May at 14.71, July at 14.95 and September at 14.85 or 14 to 18 points net lower. Immediately after the noon hour there was an upward reaction of 5 to 10 points, due to advance of 75 reis to 225 reis in the Santos futures market, as reported by special cable.

The late market turned easier and at the close prices were 22 to 26 points net lower under further liquidation. Firm offers from Brazil were very scant and bids sent down were unanswered.

The local spot market was steady at 14⅞ cents for Rio 7's.

Range of prices:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Thursday.
Feb.	.....	.....	.....	14.14-16	14.39
March	14.50	14.53	14.30	14.29-31	14.54
April	.....	.....	.....	14.47-49	14.71
May	14.85	14.87	14.65	14.66-68	14.88
June	.....	.....	.....	14.77-79	15.00
July	15.10	15.12	14.89	14.88-90	15.13
August	.....	.....	.....	14.83-85	15.08
September	15.06	15.06	14.77	14.78-79	15.01
October	.....	.....	.....	14.75-77	15.01
November	.....	.....	.....	14.73-75	14.98
December	14.96	14.96	14.90	14.71-75	14.9[illegible]
January	.....	.....	.....	14.66-68	14.9[illegible]

COFFEE CABLES.

Rio was 225 reis higher for 7's at 11$175. Exchange 1-32d. higher at 18 17-32d. Ninety days dollar buying rate 3$750. Receipts 9,000 bags and stock 219,000 bags. In Santos spots were unchanged at 15$500 for No. 4 and 13$300 for No. 7. Futures 50 to 275 reis lower. Receipts 8,000 bags and stock 1,024,000 bags. Receipts at the ports were 17,000 bags, against 30,000 last year and 53,000 two years ago. Sao Paulo had 4,000, against 35,000 and 41,000 and Jundiahy 4,000 against 19,000 and 36,000 bags, respectively. Cleared from Rio February 14 15,000 bags for New York.

Brazilian coffee statistics:

	Yesterday.	Last Week.	Last Month.
New York deliv.	12,739	6,098	9,427
New Orleans deliv.	15,306	8,595	10,214
Total deliveries	29,045	14,693	19,641
New York stock	579,951	654,620	574,271
New Orleans stock	314,312	351,728	274,946
Stock at all ports	894,263	1,006,348	929,217
Afloat	437,000	371,000	426,000
Visible supply	1,331,263	1,377,348	1,375,217
Last year's visible	1,029,566	1,159,068	899,513

Urge Savings Bank Activity.

At a meeting of the Savings Bank Association of the State of New York held yesterday in the Hotel Astor consideration was given to encouragement by savings banks of actively promoted employers' savings plans.

Ingalls Kimball, president of the National Thrift Bond Corporation, stated that through solicitation of employees' savings on the national thrift system more than 2,000 wage earners a week, saving at a rate averaging more than $100 a year apiece, were being continuously added.

METAL MARKET

	Feb. 20. Bid.	Feb. 20. Asked.	Feb. 19. Bid.	Feb. 19. Asked.
Lead, New York	8.87½	9.12½	8.87½	9.45
Spelter, N. Y. spot	....	9.35	....	9.45
Spelter, prime West, spot	8.75	9.05	8.95	9.10
Spelter, prime West, March	8.75	9.05	8.95	9.10
Electro cop, spot	....	19.00	....	19.00
Electro cop, March	18.75	19.12½	18.75	19.00
Quicksilver	....	$85.00	....	$85.00
Aluminum	32.00	33.00	32.00	33.00
Antimony	11.62½	11.87½	11.62½	11.87½
Platinum, an ounce	....	$155.00	....	$155.00
Pig iron, No. 1 X foundry	....	47.05	....	47.05
Pig iron, No. 2 silicon	....	46.05	....	46.05
Pitts Bess iron	41.00	42.00	41.00	42.00

OLD METALS.

Dealers' buying prices are as follows:

Copper—	Cents a pound.
Heavy cut and crucible	16.50 @17.00
Heavy and wire	15.50 @16.00
Light and bottoms	14.50 @15.00
Heavy and machinery comp.	16.00 @16.50
Brass, heavy	10.00 @10.50
Brass, light	8.50 @ 9.00
No. 1 clean brass turnings	10.00 @10.25
No. 1 comp turnings	13.75 @14.25
Lead, heavy	7.12½@ 7.37½
Tea lead	5.75 @ 6.25
Zinc scrap	5.00 @ 5.25

LONDON METAL MARKET.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Following are the closing metal quotations:

	£	s.	d.	Changes.
Copper, spot	119	10	0	....
Copper, futures	122	5	0	up 5s
Sales—Spot, 200 tons; futures, 1,300 tons.				
Electro cop, spot	127	0	0	....
Electro cop, futures	130	0	0	....
Tin, spot	401	0	0	up £5
Tin, futures	402	10	0	up £5
Straits	403	10	0	up £10
Sales—Spot, 100 tons; futures, 650 tons.				
Lead, spot	52	7	6	....
Lead, futures	53	7	6	....
Spelter, spot	61	5	0	off £1 15s
Spelter, futures	63	15	0	off £1 15s

DIVIDENDS.

	Stock of Record.	Payable.
Cincin., New Orleans & Tex. Pac. Rwy., pf. q. 1¼%	Feb. 24	Mar. 1
General Chem. Co., pf. q. 1½%	Mar. 12	Apr. 1
Kennecott Copper Co., q. 50c	Mar. 1	Mar. 31
Keokuk & Des Moines Ry., pf. 2%	Feb. 25	Mar. 10
Lawrence Petroleum, q. 1½%	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
Otto Eisenlohr Bros., pf. q. 1¾%	Mar. 20	Apr. 1
Procter & Gamble Co., 6% pf. q. 1½%	Feb. 25	Mar. 15
U. S. Ind. Alcohol, q. $2	Mar. 1	Mar. 1
Northern Texas Elec. Co., q. $2	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
Northern Texas Elec. Co., q. $3	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
Amer. Gas Co., q. 1½%	Feb. 21	Mar. 1
United Paperboard Co., pf. q. 1½%	Apr. 1	Apr. 15

EX-DIVIDEND TABLE.

Monday—	
Ogilvie Flour Mills pf.	1¾%
Tuesday—	
Continental Oil	.....
Federal Mining & Smelt pf.	$2.00
General Cigar pf.	1¾%
Gray & Davis	1½%
Wednesday—	50c
United Iron Works inl.	$1.25

FEMININE APPAREL CREATES REAL STIR

Gowns, Frocks and Styles an' Things for Spring Shown in Fashion Review.

In the grand ballroom at the Hotel Astor yesterday 3,000 members of the Theatre Assembly, at their monthly social day, viewed an advance display of the coming spring modes in feminine apparel. A wide diversity of effects was shown in sport suits, sweaters and separate skirts, tailored suits, afternoon frocks and evening and restaurant gowns. The gowns for the Fashion Review were from Arnold, Constable & Co., Fifth avenue and Fortieth street.

The programme included the catchy Shooting Star number from Victor Herbert's "My Golden Girl," given by the sprightly and attractive Miss Dorothy Tierney and chorus, and the first act of Rita Weiman's "The Acquittal," with Chrystal Herne, Morgan Wallace and the rest of the Cohan and Harris cast. Miss Weiman told the audience how she happened to write the play and of the many disappointments she met before it was finally produced.

The Fashion Review brought out some fetching effects in dressmaking and millinery. One of the suits shown was an Eton model from Lanvin of twill fino, with a barred effect of citron and red wool and gold thread. The bodice was of chamois colored duvetyn embroidery in navy blue. The hat which went with the suit was a Lewis model in a Napoleonic shape, with a brim of rough castor shade braid combined, with cellophane braid. The top of the hat was covered with brown satin, and there was a cut jet pin on the side of the brim.

An especially smart afternoon dress was one of figured georgette in block design, handsomely embroidered in chalk beads. There also was a Lewis hat with this gown. The crown was of cellophane cloth and the brim of chantilly lace with a soft edge and a cut jet buckle on the side of the crown.

One of the semi-sport costumes was a slip on model of typhoon blue faille effectively trimmed with gray angora embroidery. Another sport model had a coat of beige faille francaise. The skirt was of beige and brown wool plaid. With it went a black straw hat edged with beige ribbon.

A marked tendency toward bouffant effects was noted in the evening gowns. There was one particularly fetching dinner frock of pale blue georgette embroidered in a marguerite pattern with a small bunch of cowslips at the waist. Another which attracted notice was of pompadour silk with heavy cream lace, finished at the belt with Egyptian blue. An afternoon dress of especial attractiveness was of midnight blue crepe de chine trimmed with dark red taffeta with pleated panels embroidered in red and gold.

Some of the advance styles of bathing suits made men in the audience eager for the coming of summer. An especially effective one was of two tone turquoise and gold with colored worsted embroidery and tassels, with bloomers and tunic. A black satin beach suit was shown with fringe on the bloomers and Oriental embroidery on the tunic.

TRUST COMPANY MEN TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Sisson for a Platform and McCarter for New Party.

As labor, farmers, shippers, manufacturers and everybody else are functioning by class Francis H. Sisson, vice-president of the Guaranty Trust Company, proposed last night that the trust companies also organize and have a platform. Mr. Sisson was a speaker at the annual dinner of the trust companies of the United States at the Waldorf-Astoria.

The fundamental plank of the platform which he suggested was that democracy must be preserved against autocracy everywhere—in Washington as well as Berlin, in labor councils as well as in capitalistic circles, among farmers as well as among bankers. Such a platform would say, said Mr. Sisson, that labor will defeat its own purpose and bring hardship upon itself and all other classes as long as it permits the country to suffer from underproduction.

Uzal H. McCarter, president of the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark, N. J., and chairman of the dinner, called for the formation of a new political party.

"I've lost faith in the Republican party," added Mr. McCarter. "I feel there should be a new coalition party, which should have 'America first, last and all the time' for its motto. The bankers can do nothing better than work for the election of a business man of high character who will hark back for his principles to the Constitution and George Washington and give us the kind of government Lincoln described in the speech at Gettysburg."

Another speaker was Patrick Francis Murphy.

The trust companies of the country held their first midwinter conference at the same hotel yesterday, with J. Arthur House of Cleveland presiding.

NO CITY OWNERSHIP WHILE HEDLEY LIVES

At Railroad Club Defies Foes to Do Their Damnedest.

Frank Hedley, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, received last night from nearly a thousand fellow members of the New York Railroad Club a spontaneous rising vote of confidence and support in his controversy with the city authorities.

The club was in session in the Engineering Societies Building, in West Thirty-ninth street. The principal speaker, James H. Hustis, president of the Boston and Maine Railroad, had read his paper on "What the Railroads Must Do After March 1," and volunteer speakers had been called for.

"Our roads have not been operated by the Government," Mr. Hedley said, "but they have had to meet the standards of wages and other operating expenses set by the Government and we have had to carry passengers for a nickel over distances for which you gentlemen can exact twenty-nine cents. I am not going to tell you here in this room what I think of our municipal authorities. I do not hesitate to tell them those things face to face in another place.

"But I will tell you this," continued Mr. Hedley in impassioned tones, "that never while I live will they get municipal ownership and operating control of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. They may try to ruin us; they probably will. But they may do their damnedest and I don't think they will ever succeed in doing what they have set out to do!"

The rising vote of confidence followed.

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PRESTON NOT ASKED TO LEAVE HOSPITAL

Flower Trustees May Refuse to Accept Resignation.

Reports that Dr. Thomas J. Preston, Jr., had been asked to resign as head of Flower Hospital and dean of the New York Homeopathic Medical College were denied yesterday by Frank S. Hastings, president of the board of trustees of the joint institution. Dr. Preston is the husband of President Cleveland's widow and has headed the hospital ever since Dr. Royal S. Copeland resigned to become Health Commissioner.

"About six months ago Dr. Preston sent in his resignation to the board of trustees," said Mr. Hastings, "giving perfectly sufficient reasons. But at the earnest solicitation of myself and of all the other trustees he was prevailed upon to remain indefinitely and continue the good work that he has been doing. He was performing his duties admirably, but two days ago gradually failing health forced him to go South for a rest. His resignation has not been acted upon by the trustees, and there is strong probability that it will not be accepted. The story that the trustees met last Friday and demanded his resignation is absolutely false. There was no meeting, even."

Speculation whether Dr. Copeland might return to the hospital was quieted by the Commissioner's declaration that the post had not been offered to him. Dr. H. D. Thomason, formerly a Colonel in charge of the army hospital at Fort Ontario, is in charge of the hospital.

NEW INDICTMENT IN BAFF MURDER CASE

Joseph Sorro Faces Perjury Charge—Deuel Criticised.

The December additional Grand Jury which has been investigating charges of perjury and subornation of perjury in connection with the trial of Joseph Cohen for the mruder of Barnett Baff, handed to Judge Mulqueen yesterday an indictment against Joseph Sorro for perjury and a presentment criticising Gov. Whitman for taking the case out of the hands of the District Attorney of New York county, and also the conduct of Walter Rogers Deuel, attorney for Cohen, in undertaking the defence when he had, as a member of the District Attorney's staff, conducted an official investigation of the murder.

The activities of Deuel in this connection, and also the employment by Alfred L. Becker, Deputy Attorney-General, of Philip M. Musica as a chief investigator in gathering evidence for the case, notwithstanding Musica's previous intimate association with Deuel in the latter's defence of the same case, also are condemned. Investigation by the Bar Association of Deuel's activities is recommended.

In a statement issued last night, Mr. Deuel said: "This investigation will be perfectly satisfactory to me, because it will fasten responsibility in this matter precisely where it belongs."

SHIELDS GUESTS WHO STOLE JEWELS

Mrs. Gluck Refuses to Prosecute $12,000 Robbers.

Special to THE SUN AND NEW YORK HERALD.

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Mary A. Gluck, wealthy Ventnor City cottager, has refused to prosecute two recent week end guests, said to be socially prominent in Philadelphia, who stole jewelry valued at $12,000 from her home.

Chief of Police Sprague of Ventnor City has recovered the gems from the suspected pair, he asserts. The names of the couple are guarded rigidly by both the police and Mrs. Gluck.

The prosecutor's office declared the matter will be taken before the Grand Jury despite Mrs. Gluck's determination not to prosecute her erstwhile friends.

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