ALL COTTON BULGES MET BY OFFERINGS

Southern Selling Is a Feature of the Decline After an Early Advance.

Cotton States Weather Forecast.

For North and South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi, fair to-day and to-morrow; slowly rising temperature.

For Tennessee, fair to-day and to-morrow; not much change in temperature.

For Florida, partly cloudy to-day and to-morrow; warmer in the north portion.

For Kentucky, fair and warmer to-day; to-morrow fair.

For Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma, to-day and to-morrow fair.

For Texas, to-day and to-morrow fair.

A further advance met increased offerings in the cotton market to-day and part of the early rally from Monday's low level was lost, with January reaching 27.20 to 26.61c. and closing at 26.69c. The general list closed steady at a net decline of 14 to 32 points.

Trading was fairly active at the start, but became comparatively quiet on the decline, with the market rather nervous and unsettled. Weakness in the stock market was partly responsible for Wall Street selling in the afternoon, bulges met increased selling from the South, and trade demand fell off after the first half hour, although it helped to steady prices on a scale down.

The market opened 23 to 31 points higher and sold about 20 to 38 points net higher right after the call. A demand was renewed from Liverpool and domestic trade sources, while covering continued. The demand from the latter source was less active and the market soon turned easier. The advance seemed to attract Southern selling, which encouraged a revival of reactionary sentiment around the ring and the lowest levels of the day were reached late, when active months sold 19 to 28 points net lower. Closing prices were a shade up from the lowest on covering.

The weather map made about the expected showing, rains in the Eastern belt having been followed by clear, cold weather, with freezing temperatures at many points. Prospects pointed to rising temperatures, but a renewal of cold weather soon. Little crop news and comparatively few spot advices came from the South. Local spot dealers reported firmness in the interior and a good demand from Eastern mills, but there seemed to be more hedge selling, which suggested freer offerings at the advance.

No exports reported yesterday. Southern spot market is 22 points lower to 25 points higher. Local spot market steady and 30 points higher at 28.35c; sales nil.

Range of prices:	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.	Tues-day.
November	27.80	27.90	27.24	27.25-28	27.52
December	27.10	27.20	26.61	26.69-73	26.88
January	27.10	27.20	26.61	26.69	26.75
February	26.83	26.83	26.83	26.50	26.73
March	26.82	26.91	26.32	26.37-41	26.60
April				26.27	26.45
May	26.75	26.75	26.22	26.24-25	26.41
June	26.45	26.45	26.05	26.10	26.27
July	26.50	26.51	26.10	26.08-10	26.24
August				25.79	25.94

COTTON STATISTICS.	Wednes-day.	Last Week.	Last Year.
Port receipts	41,997	47,658	60,418
Exports			35,839
Season's exports	1,292,261	1,266,019	1,712,480
Port stocks	959,849	796,737	1,302,080
Interior receipts	42,008	44,125	58,849
Interior shipments	32,207	31,973	50,462
New York arrivals	12,415	14,415	4,518
New York stocks	131,411	88,811	109,453

Liverpool cables: Spot quiet; good middling 40 points higher at 21.50c.; middling 30 points higher at 21.42c.; sales, 3,000; American, 2,000; export, 1,000; all American. Futures closed steady, new 62 to 68 points higher, old 50 points higher.

New Orleans Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 31.—Heavy selling in cotton here to-day followed a period of higher prices around the opening. Prices gave way and the close showed a net loss of 18 to 21 points. December, 27.99c.; January, 27.74c.; March, 26.81c.; May, 26.35c.; July, 26.26c. Spot steady and unchanged; middling, 27.75c.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

BEANS AND PEAS—Receipts, 4,867 bags beans, Marrow, 1916, cosecrones, Chilean, $12@12.50; Lady Washington, 1917, California, choice, $15; red kidney, choice, 1916, $14.50@14.75; fair to good, $13.50@14.25; red marrow, $11.75@12; kintoki, Manchurian, $8.75@9.25; azuki, Manchurian, $6@6.75; white, kidney, choice, $14.75@15; fair to good, $13.50@14.50; Manchurian, $13.50@14; imperials, 1916, $12.75@13; caballeros, Chilean, $13@13.50; burritos, Chilean, $8.50@9; butter, Manchurian, $12.50@13; cranberry, Chilean, $10.75@11.25; long, $10.25@10.75; short, $9.50@10; brown, Brazilian, $5.50@6.50; bayous, Chilean, $8.50@9; white, Chilean, $8.50@9; marrowfat, $4.50@6; yellow eyes, per 100 lb., $13.50@14; pinks, California, $10.60@11; lima, California, 1917, $15; Peas, Scotch, 1917, choice, $10@11.25; black eyed, Chilean, 1917, $10.50@10.75; black eyed, California, choice, $10.50@10.75; split, yellow, $9@10; green, $16.75@17; split, white, Manchurian, 100 lbs., $6.25; large white, Manchurian, 100 lbs., $7@7.25.

BUTTER—Receipts, 8,560 packages. Creamery, higher than extras, per lb., 44½@45c.; extras (92 score), 44c.; firsts (88 to 91 score), 42½@43½c.; seconds (83 to 87 score), 41@42c.; thirds, 39½@40½c.; creamery, unsalted, higher than extras, 44½@45c.; extras, 44½@45c.; firsts, 43½@44½c.; seconds, 42@43c.; creamery, held, higher scoring than extras, 44½@44½c.; extras, 43½@44c.; firsts, 42½@43½c.; seconds, 41@42c.; thirds, 39½@40½c. State, dairy, tubs, finest, 43½@44c.; good to prime, 41½@43c.; common to fair, 37@41c.; renovated, extras, 41½@42c.; firsts, 40@41c.; lower grades, 34½@35c.; packing stock, current make, No. 1, 35@36c.; No. 2, 35c.; lower grades, 33@34½c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 1,586 boxes. State, whole milk, flats, fresh, colored, specials, per pound, 27½@28c.; white, specials, 22@22½c.; colored, average run, 21½c.; white, average run, 21½c.; prime to choice, 20@21c.; lower grades, 18@19c.; held specials, 23c.; held, average run, 22@22½c.; Western, skims, whole milk, fancy, single daisies, 24½@24½c.; double daisies, 24@24½c.; Young America, 25½c.; State, skims, twins and flats, held, specials, 18½@19c.; flats, fresh, specials, 18@19c.; flats, choice, fresh, specials, 18@19c.; flats, prime to choice, 16@17c.; twins and cheddars, prime to choice, 16@17c.; fair to good, 12@15½c.; lower grades, 7@11c.

EGGS—Receipts, 6,892 cases. Fresh gathered, extras, per dozen, 47@48c.; extra firsts, 44@46c.; firsts, 40@43c.; seconds, 36@39c.; thirds and poorer, 30@35c.; fresh gathered, dirties, No. 1, 32@34c.; No. 2 and poorer, 25@32c.; fresh gathered, checks, good to choice, dry, 31@32c.; under grades, 26@30c.; refrigerator, special marks, fancy, storage and insurance paid, 24½@25c.; firsts, storage and insurance paid, 23½@24c.; seconds, storage and insurance paid, 22@23c.; lower grades, storage and insurance paid, 20@21c.; refrigerator, nearby, whites, 31@34c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby Western hennery whites, fine to fancy, 70@75c.; ordinary to good, 60@68c.; gathered whites, ordinary to fine, 55@65c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby, mixed, fancy, 48@50c.; Western and Southern, gathered whites, 48@65c.; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery browns, 50@60c.; gathered brown and mixed colors, 45@48c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—Quotations in wood in New York Produce Exchange: Spring patents, $10.90@11.35; spring clears, $10.40@10.60; winter patents, $10.75@11; winter straights, $10.45@10.70. Kansas straights, $10.25@11.50; fancy spring patents, jobbing lots, $11.75. RYE FLOUR—Quiet; fair to good, $9.50@9.80; choice to fancy, $9.90@10.25. Jute spot and to arrive. COMMEAL—Firm; fine white and yellow, $4.50@4.55; coarse, $5.10@5.15; kiln dried, $5.25. FEED—City, steady; bran, bulk, $36.100 lb. sacks, $37; heavy middlings do, $43; fine middlings do, $45; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $64; Western, coarse bran, 100 lb. sacks, $37.20; standard middlings do, $43; flour middlings do, $52; red dog flour, 140 lb. sacks, $62.50; oil meal, $54 in 100 lb. sacks.

FRUITS, DRIED—APPLES—Evaporated, choice, lb., 17½@18c.; prime, 16½@17c.; old, 14½@15c.; chops in bbls., $@8½c. APRICOTS—California, Royals, lb., 14½@20c. PEACHES, California, peeled, lb., 14½@15½c.; unpeeled, 11@12½c. PRUNES—California, 50s to 30s, 25 lb. boxes, 11½@12½c.

FRUITS, FRESH—APPLES—McIntosh, bbl., $3@7; Jonathan, $3@7.50; Wealthy, $3@6.50; Snow, $3@6; Winesap, $3@6; York Imperial, $2.50@6; Twenty Ounce, $3.50@6.50; King, $2.50@5.50; Northern Spy, $3@6; Baldwin, $2.50@5; Ben Davis, $2@4; Black Twig, $3@6; Malden's Blush, $2.50@4.50; Fall and Holland Pippin, $2.50@6.50; Greening, $2@6; ordinary sorts, $1.50@2.50; green sorts, basket, 50c.@$1.75; red sorts, 50c.@$2; Southern, mixed sorts, bushel basket, $1@1.25. PAR WESTERN APPLES—Delicious, box, $2@$3.50. Winter Banana, $1.75@3; King David, $1.75@3.25; Jonathan, $1.75@2.50; Golden Ortley, $1.75@2.25; Grimes Golden, $1.50@2.25; Newtown Pippin, $1.50@2; King, $1.75@2.50; Rome Beauty, $1.75@2; Spitzenberg, $1.75@2.50; Bellefleur, $1.25@2; Gravenstein, $1.50@2.25. QUINCES—Bbl., $1.50@2; bushel, $1.75. PEARS—Bartlett, bbl., $4@7; Beckel, $5@9; Sheldon, $5@8; Duchess, $2.50@4; Beurre Bosc, $4@8; Beurre Clairgeau, $4@7; Beurre d'Anjou, $3@4; Webster, $3@6; Howell, $3@4; Kieffer, $1.25@3; common sorts, $1.50@1.50; Seckel, $6@6.50; Lawrence, $3.50@4.25. PEACHES—State, basket, 25@40c.; bushel basket, 75c.@$1.25. PLUMS—Reine Claude, bushel basket, $1@1.50. PRUNES—8 lb. basket, 20@30c.; 14 quart basket, $1.50. FIGS—Virginia, quart, 10@18c.; California, basket, 65c. GRAPES—Concord, 11 lb. return case, $1.25@2; Niagara, $1@1.75; Delaware, gift case, 50c.@$1; black, 20 lb. basket, 40@65c.; white, 40@45c.; Concord, in trays, ton, $40@75; Niagara, $40@75; Delaware, $6@90. CRANBERRIES—Cape Cod, late sorts, bbl., $10.50@12.50; Cape Cod, Early Black, $10@11; frosted, $8@9; Jersey, late sorts, $10@12.50; Jersey, native, $8.50@11; Long Island, $16@18. STRAWBERRIES—California, pint, 10@25c.; Maryland, quart, 25c. MELONS—Casaba, California, standard crate, $1@1.75; ostrich egg, far Western, standard crate, $1.25@2; citron, nearby, bbl., $1@1.50. AVOCADA PEARS—Florida, fancy, dozen, $5@6. ORANGES—California, box, $2@7; Porto Rico, $1.25@4; Jamaica, $1@2.75. GRAPEFRUIT—Florida, box, $2.50@4; Isle of Pines, $1.75@4; Cuban, $3@4. Porto Rico, $1.25@5.25; Jamaica, $1.50@2.75; San Pedro, $2.50@4.25. LEMONS—Box, $2@8. LIMES—Dominica, bbl., $9@8. PINEAPPLES—Porto Rico, crate, $2.25@4.25.

HAY AND STRAW—Large baled, timothy, No. 1, per ton, $35; No. 2 to No. 3, $23@24; shipping, $19; no grade hay, $15@18; fancy light, clover mixed, $21@24; No. 1, clover mixed, $21@23; clover mixed, lower grades, $17.50@20; No. 1 clover, $20.50@22. Straw, rye, No. 1, per ton, $16@17; No. 2, $15. Small bales same as large.

HOPS—State, 1917, choice, 78@80c.; State, 1917, fair to prime, 72@76c.; State, 1916, fair to choice, per lb., nominal; Pacific coast, 1917, choice, 37@38c.; Pacific coast, 1917, fair to prime, 31@36c.; Pacific coast, 1916, choice, lb., 24@25c.; medium to prime, 20@23c.; State and Pacific coast, old olds, lb., 15@20c.

MOLASSES AND SYRUPS—Centrifugal, common, molasses, 35@36c.; fair, 38@41c.; good, 42@47c.; prime, 47@52c.; open kettle, 53@55c.; blackstrap, bbls., 31@31c. Sugar syrups, common, 35@40c.; medium, 45@50c.; fancy, 65@85c.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits turpentine, machine bbls., 53½@54. Tar, retort and kiln, $15@16. Rosin, common to good, strained, $6.80; H and D, $6.85; E, $6.90; F, $6.95; G and H, $7; I, $7.05; K, $7.15; M, $7.50; N, $8.25; WG, $8.50, and WW, $8.65.

POTATOES—In liberal supply, but trade fair and market slightly firmer at some depots for some grades. Maine, bulk, 150 lbs., $4.50@4.75; bag, $4.25@4.60; Long Island, bulk, 140 lbs., $3@3.25; 168 lb. bag, $4; State and Western, bulk, 150 lbs., $4@4.50; Jersey, round, bbl., $3.25@3.75; long, bbl., $3@3.50; round, 168 lb. bag, $3.50@4; 150 lb. bag, $3.25@3.50; long, 168 lb. bag, $3.40@3.60; 150 lb. bag, $3.25@3.25; Southern, No. 1, bbl., $2@3.25; No. 2, bbl., $2@3.50. Sweets a shade higher; Jersey, No. 1, bbl., $2.25@4; No. 1, basket, $1.38@1.50; No. 2 basket, $1@1.25; Delaware, No. 1, Maryland, No. 1, basket, $1.25; No. 2, basket, $1@1.10; Southern, yellow, bbl., $3@3.50; Southern, No. 2, bbl., $2@2.50.

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MISCELLANEOUS SECURITIES.

	Bid.	Asked.
American Graphophone	72	74
American Graphophone pf	89	92
American Typefounders	85	95
Atlas Portland Cement	38	42
Barnhart Bros & Spindler 1st pf	81	90
Barnhart Bros & Spindler 2d pf	65	75
Bush Terminal	8	12
Borden's Condensed Milk	86	90
Borden's Condensed Milk pf	97	100
Celluloid	170	185
Childs Restaurant	195	205
Childs Restaurant pf	93	98
Crocker Wheeler	85	90
Crocker Wheeler pf	100	106
Del. Lack. & Western Coal	170	180
General Baking Co.	8	12
General Baking Co pf	42	46
Hocking Valley Products	6	8½
International Salt	35	40
International Silver pf	88	92
Michigan Limestone	18	21
Michigan Limestone pf	10	21
National Casket	8	12
*New Jersey Zinc, new stock	270	275
Otis Elevator	77	80
Parke, Davis & Co	280	290
Pratt & Whitney pf	98	104
Remington Typewriter	10	14
Remington Typewriter 2d pf	43	48
Royal Baking Powder pf	88	98
Safety Car Heat & Light	75	79
Singer Mfg	195	205

THE COMMERCIAL WORLD

WOOLLEN WORKERS VOTE BIG STRIKE

Philadelphia Faces General Walkout To-day Unless $3 Raise Is Granted.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

LOWELL, Mass., Oct. 31.—The United Textile Workers of America at their annual session here voted to-day to call a general strike in the woollen mills of Philadelphia to-morrow morning unless the increase of $3 a week asked by the woollen yarn spinners is granted.

The convention also voted $500 toward the relief of the 300 employees of the Benninghoffer woollen mills at Hamilton, Ont., who were discharged for forming a union.

Small Demand for Patent Licenses.

The opening yesterday by the Federal Trade Commission of patent rights and trade secrets held by the enemy excited comparatively little interest in the dye and drug trades.

It is said most of the large chemical manufacturers operating in this country, to whom these patent rights would be valuable under a license system, do not need a license to use the patents because they are German firms now doing business under American incorporation laws and already have access to the most valuable formulas. The general impression seemed to be that the Federal Trade Commission would be called upon to issue few such licenses at the present time.

If the making of dyes by American capital develops to any extent, such licenses may be in greater demand.

Patriotic Farmers Get Helping Hand.

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UTICA, Oct. 31.—Against the collateral of the New York State farmers' patriotism, an organization to be known as the "Patriotic Farmers' Fund and Million Acre Wheat Committee," is prepared to finance the farming and sheep raising ventures of agriculturists all over the State. Plans were discussed here to-day at a sheep convention.

Loans will be made at 4½ per cent to farmers who submit details of farm ownership, crops, etc., satisfactory, to a local committee. The proceeds of the venture must be held in trust for the committee, but crops may be harvested and sold without the committee's supervision.

The plan not only includes financial aid but offers the farmers expert advice for improving their land and stock for the profitable increase of wool and mutton on farms where the sheep business has largely died down. One of the placards at the convention showed that in 1840 there were 5,118,777 head of sheep in New York. In 1917 there are 587,122.

Less Entertaining of Buyers.

Old timers in the garment industry, which entertained visiting out of town buyers on a lavish scale before this country entered the war, say the buyers now are left to furnish their own amusement after office hours. Current restaurant and cabaret prices, as well as choice theatre tickets, operate against too much hospitality being shown if any profit is to made on sales.

One of the more prominent cloak and suit salesmen said yesterday he had adopted a policy of entertaining only his star accounts, and that in view of the present "seller's market" he was seriously considering cutting the entertaining out altogether.

Muskrat Advances in London.

All muskrat skins advanced in price at the A. & W. Nesbitt fur sale in London, according to cable advices received yesterday. Southern muskrat advanced 50 per cent. over April prices; Northwestern muskrat advanced 80 per cent.; Southwestern muskrat jumped 100 per cent., and black muskrat 100 per cent. Marten, stone marten, mink, badger, civet cat all rose. Otter was unchanged.

U. S. "Aid" to London Fur Trade.

Significant as showing that the world's fur trade has moved from its former centre, London, to America, is a large advertisement in the London *Times* featuring an auction sale of furs in St. Louis.

Prompt Days for Furriers.

Fully 80 per cent. of the $2,500,000 worth of furs which were sold at the recent fall sales of the New York Fur Auction Sales Corporation had been cleared and taken away by their purchasers up to last night. Yesterday was prompt day, and those clearing their goods before last night were entitled to a discount.

The prompt day of Funsten Bros. & Co. of St. Louis, the other American fur auction company, is to-day. Officials of this concern expect that of the $3,000,000 worth of furs sold practically all will be cleared by to-night.

England Releases German Goods.

Information received by large importers in New York from the State Department yesterday confirmed recent reports that Great Britain has consented to the release of millions of dollars worth of gloves, laces, embroideries, Christmas toys, novelties and other merchandise of German and Austrian manufacture which have been held in Rotterdam since shortly after the outbreak of the war.

The goods are valued at from $5,000,000 to $10,000,000. It is not known as yet when and how they will be brought to America.

Plant Commandeered, Is Defence.

Commandering of a plant by the Government as a defence to a breach of contract action for the delivery of merchandise was interposed for the first time in the present war in an answer filed in the Supreme Court yesterday by the Fuld & Hatch Co., to a suit brought by the Freeman Company for the alleged non-delivery of eleven cases of shirts and drawers claimed to have been ordered last January.

The Fuld & Hatch Company set forth it was notified by the Navy Department in August to postpone all deliveries under commercial contracts until material required by the Navy had been delivered and that if necessary the Government would direct all commercial contracts be cancelled.

The arrangement with the Government, the Fuld & Hatch Company contends, comes under the provision of their commercial contracts as an act over which it has no control.

To Fix Philippine Embroidery Wages.

An association for the standardization of wages is said to be contemplated in the Philippine Islands by embroidery manufacturers. Ever since the industry was founded in the islands the wage question has been a serious one, due to a lack of adequate help. It is now said to be so acute that wages have advanced 200 per cent. and workers are induced to shift constantly from factory to factory.

Manufacturers claim there is little profit in the business at the present wage scale, and can see a future for the industry only if wages are fixed and held by mutual agreement.

Style Designers Plan to Harmonize Fashions

THAT more harmony may prevail in women's attire from toe tip to ostrich tip a merger of all garment designers in every branch of the industry is being planned.

If this union of the temperamental division of the industry goes through, and is supported by designers of dresses, coats and suits, millinery, underwear, corsets, footwear, &c., it is expected to do away with many of the inconsistencies which have been appearing in women's wear ever since designing became an Americanized trade. High shoes will go with short skirts and vice versa. Hats will really harmonize with dresses, and suits and underwear will fit into the prevailing mode.

Should the designers thus organize and take the wrinkles out of styles, rude man in the future will be denied many a quiet chuckle at what he considers the humors of fashions.

"Over the Top" to a Bonus.

A cotton converting house, whose October sales reached a total of approximately $1,500,000, will declare today a profit sharing bonus of 25 per cent of their monthly salary to everyone connected with the establishment from "boss" to office boy. This bonus is declared to assist employees in meeting the increased cost of living.

Whenever the monthly sales, which average about $1,000,000, exceed their previous high water mark, a bonus is declared to employees in appreciation of their part of the "team work" in pushing the concern's sales "over the top."

Credit Men Boost Trade Acceptance

In line with the plans of the American Trade Acceptance Council to have business organizations exploit the trade acceptance, the National Association of Credit Men has requested its 122 affiliated branches throughout the country to devote their next monthly meetings to a discussion of the system.

The New York Credit Men's Association has designated Nov. 22 for its meeting on this topic at the Hotel Astor. Lewis E. Pierson of the Irving National Bank, chairman of the American Trade Acceptance Council, will preside.

Members are to be asked prior to the meeting to submit questions relating to different phases of trade acceptances in order that they may be analized and answered at the gathering.

Milliners Take Care of Their Own.

The New York millinery trade will take care of its own. At a meeting of the New York Council of the American Millinery Trades War Relief at the Yale Club representatives of twenty-five wholesale houses pledged amounts ranging from $5 to $25 a month to provide for the dependents of employees who have joined the army or navy service. It is hoped $100,000 a year can be raised.

Retail Purchases Decrease.

A report of comparative merchandising conditions for October, issued by the Credit Clearing House, shows that purchase activity, compared with September buying, decreased in thirty-three States. Seven States show an increase in purchases and eight remained stationary. The compilation is based on 160,000 retail accounts in forty-eight States, with active ledger experiences aggregating $60,000,000.

The figures further show that thirty-four States increased their indebtedness, eight reflect a decrease and six remain stationary. Twenty-two States increased their payment activities over September, twenty-one States show a decrease and five remained stationary.

New York State shows a decline in purchasing activity of 3 per cent. from September and increase of 3 per cent. in indebtedness, with October payment activities stationary with September.

Foulards Bloom Again.

The feature of the broad silk market yesterday was the growing demand for foulards for spring. Buyers were not numerous in the market, but those here bought liberally of this weave.

The old time foulard has been transformed by new designs and fresh color combinations. American designs are featured on some and the color combinations on all are distinct advances over those which have prevailed for many years.

The old time dotted foulards are procurable, but the weave is wanted by so many new people because of its utility that fresh designs and color combinations are among the offerings now shown.

Buyers in the City.

Ready to Wear.

BOSTON—Gardner & Williams, Mr. Williams (garments), care of Herald Square Hotel.
CHICAGO—Hovland-Sardeson McCoim Co., Mr. A. Alexander (advanced spring coats and suits), A. Alexander, 303 Fifth av.
HARRISBURG—Witmer, Baer & Witmer, P. Weidler (women's, misses and children's ready to wear), 1152 Broadway, room 1207.
LOUISVILLE—Lyon, Lang & Goldstein Co., I. M. Goldstein (ready to wear and manufacturers ladies' cloaks, suits and skirts), Hotel Imperial.
NASHVILLE—D. Loveman Berger & Teitelbaum, S. W. Berger (ready to wear), Bar & Lillenthal, 1150 Broadway.
NEW ORLEANS—Kreeger Bros., M. B. Kreeger (ready to wear), care of Mrs. J. L. Jones, 303 Fifth av.
NORFOLK—Snyder & Bernier, L. Snyder (women's ready to wear), Herald Square Hotel.
PHILADELPHIA—M. Crack & Sons, J. Crack (manufacturers cloaks and suits), 32 West 34th st., Hotel Wallick.
PITTSBURG—Kaufmann Department Store, Mr. Keuhn (coats and suits), care of Hotel Wallick.
PITTSBURG—Marks & Wolf, M. Marks (clothing), Hotel Imperial.
PITTSBURG—Kaufman & Bier Co., L. L. Kaufman (women's garments), Holland House.
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.—A. Steiger Co., R. A. Steiger (suits), 401 Fourth av., care Mr. Ho.
WILKINSBARRE—Blum Bros., I. Blum (cloaks and suits), 366 Fifth av., room 1207.

Men's and Boys' Clothing.

ALBANY—Miller Bros., H. Miller (furnishing goods), care of Hotel Grand.
BOSTON—A. Levy Co., F. Pratt (furnishing goods), care of Hotel Imperial.
BOSTON—Allebrio Co., C. Durant (boys' clothing and furnishing goods), 209 Fifth av.
BALTIMORE—S. E. Cohn & Son, E. Cohn (clothing), care of Hotel Wallick.
BALTIMORE—A. Cohn (manufacturers clothing), care of Hotel Wallick.
CINCINNATI—Crown Cravat Co., A. Cassary (manufacturers men's neckwear), care of Hotel Aberdeen.
CINCINNATI—Shannon & Solomon, J. H. Solomon (hats, caps, &c.), care of Hotel Webster.
CHICAGO—Weiss & Benjamin, A. Benjamin (wholesale clothing), care of Broadway Central Hotel.
PITTSBURG—Kaufmann & Baer, Ben Klein (hats caps and umbrellas), 401 Fourth av., room 1205.
PITTSBURG—Wolk Bros., H. Wolk (wholesale clothing and underwear), care of Hotel Cumberland.
PITTSBURG—Kaufmann Dept. Store, Mr. Meyers (men's clothing), care of 1261 Broadway.
PHILADELPHIA—Jamison Bros., J. Jamison (manufacturers pants and knee pants), care of Broadway Central Hotel.
READING, PA.—Dives, Pomeroy & Stewart, D. C. Dresse (men's and boys' clothing), care of Snydicate Trading Co., 230 Fifth av.
ST. LOUIS—P. Erlich & Co., Mr. Erlich (furnishing goods), care of Hotel Grand.

House Furnishing.

ATLANTA—McClure Tea Cent Co., Mr. Reams (glassware), care of Hotel Imperial.
ALBANY—W. M. Sutton Co., H. Hill (furniture and household goods), care of Hotel Brastell.
BOSTON—Torrey, Bright & Capen, F. L. Torrey (carpets and