THE STRIKE QUESTION BEARS UPON WHEAT

Outside Traders Considering the Possible Effect of a Tie-Up of Minneapolis Mills.

Chicago Quiet and Hesitating—Not Much of New Speculative Interest.

Receipts About Normal—Trade Is Light—Clearances Show 720,000 Bu. Wheat and Flour.

Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce, Sept. 26.—The possibility of a strike in the Minneapolis flour mills is now the important consideration in the speculative wheat market. It is figured that this would bear upon wheat prices in all speculative centers. This is, of course, an old story here, and every Minneapolis trader thought of the possibility of this as a factor, upon the first announcement of the disaffection among the men. But Chicago had an active corn market, and a sensational squeeze in September wheat, and with interest centered in these things the rise of a labor controversy in the milling trade of the northwest was passed over as of minor importance. Now that the markets have turned quiet, new speculative interest is light and the general grain situation bare of anything new of important influence, the northwest strike possibility is beginning to loom up more, and this morning brought the first of bearish talk from outside markets with this as a basis.

Just how serious would be the effect of the closing of the Minneapolis mills is a question depending too much upon conditions accompanying this closing to make an analysis of it of value at this time. It is a safe proposition, however, that the closing down of the mills for any length of time, in this early part of the spring wheat crop movement, would not help prices any. But there is no strike yet, and in the opinion of local traders it is about an even chance that there will be none. Nevertheless, Chicago thought this thing important enough to-day to anticipate, and it was reported that considerable of the long December wheat sold there was on fear of it.

There was another quiet opening and another dragging market, with no changes of importance to noon. December wheat opened at 65¾@65⅞c, sold to 65⅝c, and then went up to 66@66¼c. Receipts in the northwest were 865 cars, against 904 last year, Minneapolis getting 421, against 495, and Duluth 444, against 409. Primary points had 1,306,000 bu, against 1,268,000 bu last year, and shipped 1,262,000 bu, against 419,000 bu. Chicago had 145 cars of contract grain. Liverpool dipped a little, closing ¼@¼c lower. Argentine shipped 24,000 bu for the week, against none last week and 104,000 a year ago.

Wheat and flour clearances showed a good total, equaling 720,000 bu.

The Modern Miller says: Seeding of winter wheat has progressed to a stage where the percentage in the ground is fully equal if not in excess of the average sown at this season of the year. In the southern portions of the winter wheat belt, notably in the southwest, the plant is up and growing nicely. Continuous rainfalls have interfered with farmers' deliveries of wheat in some sections.

The market firmed up toward the end. December selling to 66⅛c and closing at 66⅛@66¼c. May closed at 68c and September at 66⅝c.

A fair outside demand was felt in the cash market and some of the good wheat was taken to go out. The market held firm on bids of 6½c over December for No. 1 northern wheat, which moved the bulk of that grade at 68½c. Some cars went at 68c on early business, and later sales brought 68⅝c. The No. 2 northern ranged from 66c to 66½c, with almost everything at the first figure. No. 3 brought 64@65½c, the latter price for choice. Rejected wheat sold from 65c to 61½c, and no grade from 64c to 58c. No. 1 hard brought 69@70½c for a few cars. No. 1 northern to arrive sold at 67¾c.

THE FLOUR MARKET

PRICES REMAIN STEADY—DEMAND CONTINUES SATISFACTORY.

No change of importance is noted in the general situation and millers are holding prices steady as quoted. The foreign demand is not quite so good, as earlier in the week, and the business entered for export is moderate. The firmer prices for millers offal tends to equalize matters and hold flour prices even. There is good demand from domestic buyers.

Shipments, 71,958 barrels.

First patents are quoted $3.90@4.00; second patents, $3.75@3.85; first clears, $3.05@3.15; second clears, $2.50.

THE CASH TRADE

OATS STEADIER—FLAX BARELY STEADY—BARLEY STEADY.

FLAX—Another very moderate dip was made in prices. No. 1 selling at $1.25½@1.26. Choice lots were fully firm with yesterday and only fractional declines were made on any. Rejected was relatively easier and on the average lie under yesterday at $1.21½@1.22½. Fair demand.

Minneapolis received 74 cars, against 52 last year and shipped 11. Duluth had 115 cars.

Closing prices: Minneapolis—Cash, $1.26; to arrive in ten days, $1.25½; to arrive in ten days, $1.26½c; September, $1.27; October, $1.26½.

CORN—No important change in corn and no business worth noting. No. 3 yellow closed at 57¾c. Receipts, 1 car; shipments, 3 cars.

OATS—The market is much steadier and today the bulk of the No. 3 white went at the flat figure 36c. No. 3 white closed at 28½@31c. Receipts 51 cars, shipments 16 cars.

FEED AND MEAL—Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, $20.75; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, $20.75; No. 2 ground feed, ½ corn, ½ oats, $20.75; No. 3 ground feed, 1-3 corn, 2-3 oats, $20.75.

MILLSTUFFS—Prices of bran and shorts are slightly higher, middlings firm, and red-dog strong at the advance of the past few days. The general market is reported very strong, with an active demand. Prices in bulk, $11.50@11.75; bulk shorts, $12@12.25; flour middlings, $15.50; red dog, $20 f. o. b.; feed in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional; in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments, 1,390 tons.

RYE—No. 2 sold at 46¼@46½c. At the close No. 2 was quoted 46c. Receipts, 13 cars; shipments, 3 cars.

BARLEY—Another day of easy tone and high prices obtainable only on the fancy lots. Receipts were 91 cars and shipments, 44. Feed grades are quoted 35@45c and malting grades 47@62c.

HAY—Upland, choice, $8@8.50; upland, No. 1, $7.50@8; midland, $6.50@7; medium, $5@6; off color, $2@4; timothy, fancy, $11.50@12; timothy, choice, $11@11.50; timothy, No. 1, $10@10.50; rye straw, choice, $4@4.50. Receipts, 30 tons.

CASH SALES REPORTED TO-DAY.

No. 1 hard, 1 car	$0.69½
No. 1 hard, 1 car	.69
No. 1 northern, 11 cars	.68½
No. 1 northern, 9 cars	.68
No. 1 northern, 6 cars	.68¾
No. 1 northern, 1 car f o b	.69
No. 1 northern, 3,000 bu, to arrive	.67¾
No. 2 northern, 6 cars	.66½
No. 2 northern, 32 cars	.66
No. 3 wheat, 6 cars	.65
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	.64
No. 3 wheat, 3 cars	.64½
No. 3 wheat, 1 car	.65½
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, choice	.65½
Rejected wheat, 10 cars	.64
Rejected wheat, 9 cars	.63½
Rejected wheat, 11 cars	.63
Rejected wheat, 2 cars	.61½
Rejected wheat, 3 cars	.65
No grade wheat, 4 cars	.63
No grade wheat, 9 cars	.60
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.64
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.62
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.61
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.62½
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.63½
No grade wheat, 1 car	.59
No grade wheat, 2 cars	.58
No. 3 white oats, 7 cars	.29
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.28¾
No. 4 white oats, 4 cars	.29
No. 4 white oats, 2 cars	.27¾
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.28
No. 4 white oats, 1 car	.27½
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.27
No. 3 oats, 2 cars	.26½
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.27½
No. 3 oats, 1 car	.27¾
No grade oats, 1 car	.26
No grade oats, 1 car	.25¾
No grade oats, 1 car	.26½
No. 2 rye, 1 car	.46½
No. 2 rye, 1 car	.46¼
No. 3 barley, 2 cars	.50
No. 3 barley, 1 car	.52
No. 3 barley, 2 cars, light	.44
No. 3 barley, 1 car	.54
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.50
No. 4 barley, 3 cars	.45
No. 4 barley, 2 cars	.42
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.42
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.46½
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.50
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.44
No. 1 barley, 1 car, tough	.40
No. 5 barley, 2 cars	.45

RANGE OF WHEAT PRICE IN MINNEAPOLIS

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close To-day.	Close Yesterday.	Close Year Ago.
May	$ .67¾	$ .68⅛	$ .67½@67⅝	$ .68	$ .67⅞	$ .70¼@70⅝
Sept.	.66⅛	.66⅝	.66⅛	.65⅝	.66⅜	.68¾
Dec.	.65¾@65⅞	.66¼	.65⅝	.66⅛@66¼	.65⅞	.67½

THE DAY'S RESULTS

	—Dec. Wheat.— Close To-day.	Close Yesterday.	—May Wheat.— Close To-day.	Close Yesterday.
Minneapolis	$ .66⅛@66¼	$ .65⅞	$ .68	$ .67⅞
Chicago	.69⅝@69¾	.69¼@69⅜	.70⅛@70¼	.70⅛@70¼
Duluth	.66⅝	.66⅛	.69⅛	.68⅝
St. Louis	.66⅝	.66½	.68½@68⅝	.68¾@68⅞
Kansas City	.64⅝	.64¼	.66¼	.66 @66⅛
New York	.74⅛	.73¾	.74⅞	.74⅞

CLOSING CASH PRICES

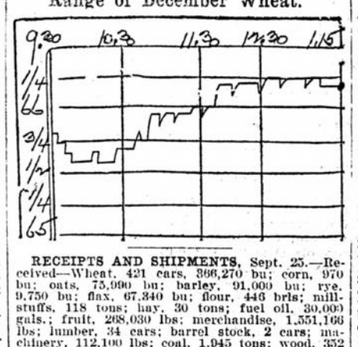
On Track—No. 1 hard, 69c; to arrive, 68¾c; No. 1 northern, 68c; to arrive, 67¾c; No. 2 northern, 66¼c; to arrive 65¾c.
No. 1 flax, $1.26; No. 3 yellow corn, 57¾c.
No. 3 white oats, 28½@31c; No. 2 rye, 46c.
Barley, 35c to 62c.

No. 5 barley, 2 cars	.47
No. 5 barley, 1 car	.46
No grade barley, 1 car, whited	.40
No grade barley, 1 car	.37½
No. 1 northwestern flax, 1 car	1.26
No. 1 flax, 5 cars	1.26
No. 1 flax, 3 cars	1.25½
Rejected flax, 7 cars	1.22½
Rejected flax, 1 car	1.22
Rejected flax, 2 cars	1.21½

PUTS AND CALLS.

Two o'clock report:
Puts—December wheat, 66@66¼c.
Calls—December wheat, 66⅝@66½c.
Curb—December wheat, 66⅛@66¼c.

Range of December Wheat.



RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS, Sept. 25.—Received—Wheat, 421 cars, 366,270 bu; corn, 970 bu; oats, 75,990 bu; barley, 91,000 bu; rye, 9,750 bu; flax, 67,340 bu; flour, 446 brls; millstuffs, 118 tons; hay, 30 tons; fuel oil, 30,000 gals.; fruit, 268,030 lbs; merchandise, 1,551,166 lbs; lumber, 34 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 112,100 lbs; coal, 1,045 tons; wood, 352 cords; brick, 128,000; lime, 2 cars; cement, 804 brls; household goods, 51,000 lbs; stone and marble, 11 cars; live stock, 1 car; dressed meats, 96,000 lbs; railroad materials, 41 cars; sundries, 62 cars; car lots, 1,167.

Shipped—Wheat, 56 cars, 47,040 bu; corn, 2,550 bu; oats, 22,500 bu; barley, 51,920 bu; rye, 2,880 bu; flax, 11,000 bu; flour, 71,958 brls; millstuffs, 1,390 tons; fruit, 72,000 lbs; merchandise, 2,052,430 lbs; lumber, 97 cars; machinery, 144,000 lbs; lime, 2 cars; cement, 200 brls; household goods, 49,000 lbs; railroad iron, 2 cars; ties, 2 cars; stone and marble, 6 cars; live stock, 2 cars; linseed oil, 120 brls; oil cake, 60,000; hides, pelts, etc., 30,000 lbs; railroad materials, 10 cars; sundries, 37 cars; car lots, 943 cars.

WHEAT MOVEMENT BY ROADS.

Cars Inspected In—Milwaukee, 140; Omaha, 64; St. Louis, 24; Great Northern, 137; Soo, 50; Northern Pacific, 6.

Cars Inspected Out—Milwaukee, 27; Omaha, 2; St. Louis, 12; Wisconsin Central, 1; Great Northern, 3; Northern Pacific, 6; Chicago Great Western, 5.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION, SEPT. 25.

Inspected In—Wheat—Cars—

Great Northern—No. 1 hard, 1; No. 1 northern, 34; No. 2 northern, 59; No. 3, 6; rejected, 7; no grade, 4.

Milwaukee—No. 1 northern, 5; No. 2 northern, 90; No. 3, 16; rejected, 25; no grade, 5.

St. Louis—No. 1 northern, 3; No. 2 northern, 9; No. 3, 4; rejected, 6; no grade, 2.

Soo Line—No. 1 northern, 2; No. 2 northern, 5; No. 3, 2; rejected, 2.

Northern Pacific—No. 1 northern, 9; No. 2 northern, 37; No. 3, 3; rejected, 8; no grade, 7.

Omaha—No. 1 northern, 1; No. 2 northern, 5; No. 3, 8; rejected, 6; no grade, 12.

Total—No. 1 hard, 1; No. 1 northern, 54; No. 2 northern, 153; No. 3, 39; rejected, 54; no grade, 30.

Other Grains—No. 3 yellow corn, 3; No. 4 corn, 1; no grade corn, 1; No. 2 white oats, 1; No. 3 white oats, 13; No. 4 white oats, 11; No. 3 oats, 25; no grade oats, 7; No. 2 rye, 3; No. 3 barley, 24; No. 4 barley, 38; No. 5 barley, 24; no grade barley, 6; No. 1 flax, 16; No. 1 northern flax, 24; rejected flax, 24.

Cars Inspected Out—No. 1 northern wheat, 34; No. 2 northern wheat, 19; No. 3 wheat, 6; rejected, 3; no grade, 22; No. 3 white oats, 5; No. 4 white oats, 2; No. 3 oats, 17; No. 2 rye, 4; No. 3 barley, 4; No. 4 barley, 4; No. 5 barley, 6; no grade barley, 3; No. 1 flax, 13; rejected flax, 1.

DAILY WHEAT MOVEMENT, SEPT. 26.

The following are the receipts and shipments at the principal primary wheat markets:

	Receipts. Bushels.	Shipments. Bushels.
New York	95,559	88,935
Philadelphia	27,707	800
Baltimore	24,447	.....
Toledo	68,000	105,900
Detroit	8,851	6,765
St. Louis	98,000	84,000
Boston	35,000	.....
Chicago	119,162	93,160
Milwaukee	42,400	2,700
Duluth	463,786	861,524
Minneapolis	366,270	47,040
Kansas City	130,400	51,200

CHICAGO GRAIN

Liberal Receipts and Lower Cables Cause Wheat Weakness.

Chicago, Sept. 26.—Liberal receipts in the northwest and lower cables caused weakness in wheat to-day. The opening was dull with trading mainly for local account. September was strong, independent of the deferred months, due to further covering by shorts, and opening figures were ¼@½c higher at 84⅝c to 85c. The market held steady during the first hour with prices confined within the opening range. December opened ⅛c lower at 69⅛@69¼c. Minneapolis and Duluth report receipts of 865 cars and receipts at Chicago were 159 cars, eight of contract grade, making 1,024 cars total for the three points against 1,089 cars a week ago and 996 cars last year.

Later in the session September wheat after selling at 84c went up to 87c on covering by shorts, reacting slightly. The close was 1⅛c higher at 86c. December sold down to 69@69½c, but rallied later closing ⅝c higher at 69⅝@69¾c.

Close: Wheat—September, 86c; December 69⅝@69¾c; May, 70⅛@70¼c. Cash wheat, No. 2 red, 84@87c; No. 3 red, 65@72c; No. 2 hard winter, 69½c; No. 3 hard winter, 66@69½c; No. 1 northern spring, 84@87c; No. 2 northern spring, 70@80c; No. 3 spring, 66@80c.

Corn opened easier with commission houses sellers. Little trading was done early in the day and the demand from shorts was much less pronounced. December opened a shade higher to ⅛@⅝c lower at 45⅝@46c and fluctuations were within narrow range. Local receipts were 434 cars with 124 contract.

Prices rallied somewhat during the last half of the day, December closing at the high point with a gain of ⅜c, at 46⅜@46¾c.

MIDWAY HORSE MARKET, Minnesota Transfer, St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 26.—Barrett & Zimmerman report inquiries for good logging horses the main feature of the market to-day. The large supplies of all classes of horses which have accumulated during the past two weeks afforded good supplies for buyers and selections were readily made. Values: Drafters, extra, $175@245; drafters, choice, $140@175; drafters, common to good, $120@140; farm mares, extra, $120@150; farm mares, choice, $100@120; farm mares, common to good, $60@100.

Close—Corn—September, 60⅝c; October 56⅞c; December, 46⅜@46¾c; May, 41⅜@41½c; July, 41⅜c. Cash corn, No. 2, 60@61c; No. 3, 58½@59c.

Oats were easier in sympathy with other grains and small interest was manifested. December opened ¼c lower, at 31¼c, selling to 31⅜c.

Close: Oats, September, 33¼c, old 27c; December, 31⅜c, old 27⅛c; May, 32¼@32⅜c; cash oats, No. 2, 29c; No. 3, 28c.

Local receipts were 163 cars.

The following was the range of prices:

Wheat—	Sept.	Dec.	May.
Opening	85	69⅛	70¼
Highest	87	69¾	70⅝@½
Lowest	84	69@69⅛	70
Close—			
To-day	86	69⅝@¾	70¼@½
Yesterday	84½	69¼@⅜	70⅛@¼
Year ago	68¼	70½	73⅝
Corn—			
Opening	61½	46	41⅛
Highest	61	46⅞	41½
Lowest	59⅞	45½	40⅞
Close—			
To-day	60⅝	46⅝@¾	41⅜@½
Yesterday	61¼	45⅞@46	41⅛
Year ago	56⅞	58	50¼
Oats—			
Opening	33½	31¼	31⅞
Highest	33¾	31½	32½
Lowest	33	31	31¾
Close—			
To-day	33¼	31⅜	31¾@⅞
Yesterday	32⅞	31⅜	31⅞
Year ago	34½	36	38

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS

DULUTH GRAIN, Sept. 26.—Manitoba offers of wheat to-day cut out all chance for doing an export business from here, the prices made from there being considerably below what Duluth wheat could be placed at. The market was quiet and firmer. December opened unchanged at 66⅛c, sold at 66c and then advanced to 66½c. It closed at 66¾c, an advance of ¼c. September was up ½c. Cash sales were 200,000 bu, September for No. 1 northern in store and 2c over December for to arrive stuff. Flax was fairly active and somewhat firmer, September and October closing 1½c up, cash 2c up and to arrive stuff 1c up.

The close: Wheat, cash, No. 1 hard, 71½c; No. 1 northern, 70c; No. 2 northern, 68c. No. 3 spring, 66c; to arrive No. 1 hard, 69⅞c; No. 1 northern, 68⅞c; September, 70c; December, 66¾c; macaroni No. 1, 64⅝c; No. 2, 63⅝c; oats, December, 28½c; to arrive, 29½c; on track, 29½c; rye, October, 48c; to arrive, 48c; on track, 48c; barley, 44c to 56c; flax, cash, $1.30; on track, $1.30; to arrive, $1.29; September, $1.29½; October, $1.29; November, $1.29; December, $1.26; May, $1.30. Cars inspected, wheat, 144, last year 409; oats, 5; rye, 20; barley, 83; flax, 115. Receipts, wheat, 463,786; oats, 7,904; rye, 8,521; barley, 55,005; flax, 19,106; shipments, wheat, 861,524; barley, 1,190; flax, 111,514.

Close—Wheat, September, 75c; December, 74½c. Corn, September, 66¾c; December, 52c.

NEW YORK GRAIN AND FLOUR, Sept. 26.—Flour—Receipts, 30,925 brls; sales, 3,500 pkgs; low and barely steady. Buckwheat Flour—Steady; $2@2.35 bid, according to delivery. Wheat—Receipts, 95,550 bu; sales, 450,000 bu; dull and easier under bearish English and Argentine cables, clearing weather west and moderate unloadings; at noon it rallied again on predictions of more rain; September, 74½c; December, 73½@73¾c. Rye—Steady; state, 54½@55c c.i.f. New York; No. 2 western, 58½c f.o.b. afloat; No. 2, 55@55½c track. Corn—Receipts, 30,450 bu; sales, 50,000 bu; option market sold off on improved weather conditions, declines abroad and favorable Argentine crop news; later it recovered on a forecast of further rains west. December, 51@51⅜c. Oats—Receipts, 136,500; quiet and steady; track white, 32@33c.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN, Sept. 26.—Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 199,000 centals, including 171,000 American; there were no receipts of American corn during the same time.

Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red western winter, 5s 11d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 7d; No. 1 California, 6s 5d; futures quiet; October, 5s 9¾d; December, 5s 10¼d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, 5s 10½d; futures quiet; October, 5s 5d; November nominal; January, 4s 1¾d.

CHICAGO SEED AND COARSE GRAIN, Sept. 26.—Flax, cash, northwest, $1.28; southwest, $1.28; October, $1.29. Rye, September, 48c; December, 48c. Barley, cash, 40@60c. Timothy, September, $3.17. Clover, October, $9.40.

MILWAUKEE GRAIN, Sept. 26.—Flour, steady. Wheat, firmer; close, No. 1 northern, 85c; No. 2 northern, 70½@72½c; December, 69⅝c. Rye, steady; No. 1, 51c. Barley, firm; No. 2, 71c; sample, 40@66c. Oats, steady; standard, 31½@33c. Corn, December, 46⅝c.

Wheat—Puts, 69½c; calls, 69⅝c.

Corn—Puts, 46c; calls, 46⅜c.

KANSAS CITY GRAIN AND SEED, Sept. 26.—Close: Wheat—September, 66½c; December, 64½c; cash No. 2 hard, 66@66½c; No. 2 red, 66½c. Corn—September, 55c; December, 56½c; cash No. 2 mixed, 56½c; No. 2 white, 59½c. Oats—No. 2 white, 32@32½c.

ST. LOUIS GRAIN AND SEED, Sept. 26.—Close: Wheat, firm; No. 2 red, cash, elevator, 65⅝c; September, 65⅝@65¾c; December, 66⅜c; May, 68½@68⅝c; No. 2 hard, 67@69c. Corn, firm; No. 2 cash, 56⅞c nominal; September, 56⅝c; December, 38⅝@38¾c; May, 38½@38⅝c. Oats, higher; No. 2 cash, 29½c; September, 29c; December, 28½c; May, 29¾@29½c; No. 2 white, 34c. Lead, steady; $4.02½. Spelter, steady, $5.25.

TOLEDO GRAIN AND SEED, Sept. 26.—Wheat—Dull, easier; cash, 72½c; September, 72⅝c; December, 73⅝c bid; May, 73⅝c. Corn—Active, easier; September, 61½c; December, 43½c; May, 40⅜c. Oats—Dull; steady; September, 31@31½c; December, 30⅝c; May, 32c. Clover—Steady, active, easier; October, $5.67½; January, $5.55. Rye—52c.

MISCELLANEOUS

NEW YORK COTTON, Sept. 26.—The cotton market opened barely steady in tone, with prices 1 to 4 points lower, this being in response to poor Liverpool cables and to foreign selling. Commission houses offered small amounts of the distant months around the opening and room traders took the short side for a turn. Rumor had it that a small Liverpool cotton house had been compelled to suspend operations owing to unfortunate straddles in the near and distant months, though this report was several times denied. Soon after the call Wall street bulls came in and September rallied. Speculation, however, was comparatively tame and chiefly of professional origin. Later in the morning the market eased off again to about the lowest level of the call, with speculation disposed to lag and room sentiment quite bearish. The subsequent news from the English market was pessimistic, and selling orders were sent here from both Liverpool and the continent. The south and west followed up yesterday's selling orders with more offerings and spinners refrained from taking cotton in the ring as a hedge against needed supplies of spot cotton.

The late morning fluctuations pointed to buying by the clique on weak spots and realizing on all rallies; this business kept January between 8.65c and 8.71c. The noon bids indicated an advance of 2 to 4 points. Spot quiet, middling uplands 9c; middling gulf, 9¼c. Estimated receipts at the ports: To-day, 52,000 bales against 39,555 actual last week, and 27,390 actual last year. For the week, 270,000 bales, against 209,463 actual last week and 145,352 actual last year. To-day at New Orleans, 9,415 bales, against 6,425 last year, and at Houston 18,543 bales, against 14,822 last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 9c; middling gulf, 9¼c. Sales, 266 bales.

NEW YORK SUGAR AND COFFEE, Sept. 26.—Coffee futures opened steady with prices net unchanged to 5 points lower and sales on the call of about 2,500 bags. After the call the local market continued quiet and practically without feature. There was barely enough buying by the clique and European interests to steady values in the face of moderate offerings. At noon the market was quiet with prices partly 5 points lower and total sales to that time 16,000 bags, including September at 5c; October, 5c; November, 5.10@5.15c; December, 5.20@5.25c; January, 5.25c; March, 5.40@5.45c; May, 5.55@5.60c; July, 5.70@5.75c. Rio coffee steady; No. 7 Rio, 4, $5.50; exchange, 11 29-32d. Receipts, 34,000 bags; cleared for the United States, 16,000 bags; cleared for Europe, 6,000; stock, 718,000. Sugar, raw, firm; fair refining, 3c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3⅛c; molasses sugar, 2⅝c; refined, firm; crushed, 5.20c; powdered, 4.80c; granulated, 4.70c. Coffee, quiet; No. 7 Rio, 5 5-16c. Molasses, firm; New Orleans, 30@40c.

PROVISIONS

NEW YORK PROVISIONS, Sept. 26.—Beef—Steady. Lard—Nominal; prime western steam, $11.50.

CHICAGO PROVISIONS, Sept. 26.—Lower prices for hogs at the stockyards caused a weaker tone to provisions and the opening was at lower prices. Trading was dull. January pork opened 10c to 15c lower at $15.25 to $15.30; January lard, 2½@5c lower at $8.72½@8.75. Ribs were 5@7½c lower at $8.12½@8.15.

Close—Pork, September, $16.60; October, $16.65; January, $15.30; May, $14.80. Lard, September, $11.45; October, $10; January, $8.72½; December, $9.02½; May, $8.10. Ribs, September, $10.95; October, $10.90; January, $8.17½.

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MONEY OPENS AT 14

Prices of Stocks Which Had Improved Showed Another Falling Off.

Effective Support of St. Plau Puts the Stock at 197 1-4 and Helps the List.

New York, Sept. 26.—Louisville made an upward rush of three points in the opening dealings, St. Paul 1¼ and Pacific Mail a point. One or two important speculative stocks showed declines, but the general tendency was upwards, gains reaching a large fraction in a number of cases. Hope of relief for the money market by the measures proposed by the secretary of the treasury was the influence in the buying.

Room traders fed the commission house demand liberally with profit-taking stock, which soon stopped the rise. The market then became reactionary and Missouri Pacific, Louisville and Reading first preferred declined a point. New buying orders appeared later and there was some disposition to share in the bulge in St. Paul to 196½. Transcontinental stocks rallied to about the opening level, and the undertone became strong.

Prices fell off again when call money opened at 14 per cent. Yesterday's violent drop in the loaning rate, in the afternoon, aroused new hope that rates would be less stringent.

The decline in volume did not make much headway and effective support of St. Paul pulled the list up strongly, and a number of representative stocks made gains of one to two points. St. Paul was bought in large blocks and touched 197¼, a gain over night of nearly four points. The buying was based on rumors that a distribution of large stock rights was imminent. Louisville jumped to 153 on reports of a settlement of the question of control, and Atchison, Illinois Central, Missouri Pacific, Reading, Wabash preferred, St. Louis Southwestern preferred, New York Central, Colorado Fuel, the Tractions, Amalgamated and Canadian Pacific were one to two points higher.

International Silver dropped eight points for the preferred below yesterday's price.

Bonds were firm at noon.

The market was easier during the noon hour, Louisville and St. Paul reacting a point. Trading became very dull. Manhattan, American Car, the Pressed Steel Car stocks, Locomotive and Cotton Oil continued to advance in the face of reaction elsewhere. Northwestern also rose three points.

The offer of Secretary Shaw to buy government 5s at 105 did not meet with much response in the market. Meanwhile Manhattan continued to forge upward and touched 138¾, while the independent steel stocks and other specialties continued upward. Before 2 o'clock fresh orders appeared for Missouri Pacific, Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Illinois Central, New York Central, Atchison and Sugar, and Tin rose to the highest.

There were advances by a few specialties, but the list generally sold off as the money rate stiffened again. Lead rose 3⅝, the preferred 1¼. International Pump 2⅜ and Western Union over a point. The reaction ran to points for Louisville and a point or over for St. Paul, Reading, Pennsylvania and Missouri Pacific. The closing was moderately active and steady.

Stock quotations reported for The Journal by Watson & Co., commission brokers, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis. Closing figures are bid.

Sales.	Stocks—	High-est.	Low-est.	—Close— Bid. Sep. 26	Bid. Sep. 25
700	Am. Cot. Oil	51⅞	50½	51	50
	do pr	.....	.....	96	96
6,900	Am. Car	37	35¼	36¼	35¼
400	do pr	.....	.....	91½	91
900	Am. Locomot	32¾	31⅝	31¾	31¼
1,000	do pr	94½	94	94	94¾
500	Am. Ice	11⅝	11¼	11¼	11
600	do pr	38	37	38	37¾
1,700	Am. Linseed	24½	23	23	22⅞
	do pr	.....	.....	53	51
5,100	Am. Sugar	128⅞	127½	128¼	127¾
	do pr	120	119¾	120	118¼
700	Am. Smelting	46¾	46½	46½	45¾
	do pr	.....	.....	94⅞	94¾
2,900	Amal. Cop	66⅝	65⅝	65⅞	65⅝
200	Anacon. Cop	.....	.....	104	104
31,000	At., Top. & S.F.	92¾	91⅝	92⅛	91⅝
4,600	do pr	102⅝	102⅝	102⅝	102
10,700	Balt. & O. *1	110⅛	108⅝	108⅝	110⅞
700	do pr *1	93	92½	92½	96½
3,400	Brook. Rap. T.	66⅛	64¾	65¾	64⅞
300	Can. South	83	86½	87¾	86
12,300	Canad. Pac	141⅝	140½	140⅝	139¾
2,400	Ches. & O.	52¾	52	52⅜	52⅜
500	Chi. & Alton	40	39½	39½	39¼
600	do pr	75	74½	74½	74
1,700	Chi. Gr. West.	31¾	31¼	31⅜	31¼
	do pr A	.....	.....	87½	87½
100	do pr B	48½	48	48	47½
100	C., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	103⅛	103¾
	do pr	.....	.....	118	117
	Chi. Term	22¾	22¼	22¼	22
	do pr	41½	40¾	40¾	39¾
2,600	Col. Fuel & I	82¼	80½	81	80
	do pr	.....	.....	130	130
800	Col. Southern	32¾	32¼	32¼	32¾
	do 1st pr	73¾	73	73¼	73¼
	do 2d pr	49⅞	49¾	49¾	49
	Col. H. C. & I	.....	.....	21½	20
1,400	Consol. Gas	220⅞	220⅛	220½	220¾
2,800	Con. Tob	124¼	123	123⅞	122¾
	Del. & Hudson	176	.....	176	176
	Del. Lack. & Wtn.	270	.....	270	270
1,400	Den. & Rio Gr	47⅜	46¾	47	46¾
400	do pr	92⅞	92¾	92¾	92½
	Du., S.S. & At	20⅜	20	20	19¾
	do pr	.....	.....	32½	31¾
7,700	Erie	39⅞	39⅜	39⅞	39⅝
1,100	do 1st pr	68½	68¼	68⅜	68¼
200	do 2d pr	54¾	54½	54½	54½
	Evans. & T. H	61⅜	61	61¼	61
	do pr	.....	.....	90	91
	Gen. Electric	.....	.....	180	189½
	Great Nor., pr	.....	.....	195	196
800	Hock. Valley	96½	95½	96	95¾
	do pr	.....	.....	91	91
5,100	Illinois Central	156¼	154	155	155½
	do rights	12	11⅛	11¼	11¼
	Iowa Central	46⅞	46½	46¼	46¼
	do pr	.....	.....	82	82
500	Inter. Paper	.....	.....	20¾	20¼
	do pr	.....	.....	73¾	73½
	K. C. & South	36¼	36	36	36
	do pr	.....	.....	58½	57¾
	Lake E. & W.	.....	.....	62	62
	do pr	.....	.....	125	125
20,500	Louis. & Nash.	155	151	153	149
800	M., St. P. & Soo	78½	77⅞	77⅞	77½
	do pr	133¾	132	132½	132
51,800	Manhattan	138¾	136½	138⅜	136¼
1,200	Met. St. Ry.	143⅜	141½	142¾	141¾
	Minn. & St. L.	.....	.....	110	110½
	do pr	.....	.....	122	122
21,000	Missouri Pac.	117	115½	116⅜	115½
1,600	M., K. & T.	32½	32	32	32
400	do pr	65⅛	64⅝	64⅝	64
1,400	Mexican Cent.	27⅝	26⅞	27¼	26½
	Mex. Nat	29¼	29⅛	29	29¼
	do pr	41	40¼	40¼	40
100	Nat. Biscuit	.....	.....	46¼	47
	do pr	.....	.....	103⅜	103⅝
18,500	Nat. Lead	32	28¾	31⅜	27
800	do pr	94	92	93	91
	N. Y. Central	.....	.....	176	176
5,400	Norfolk & W.	73⅞	73⅛	73¼	73⅛
	do pr	.....	.....	93	93
	North Am. Co.	.....	.....	128	129