LONDON BUYING HAS INFLUENCE

Report That Europe Has Taken High-Grade Bonds Now General.

MONEY ON CALL ADVANCES TO HIGH MARK OF YEAR

Northern Pacific Directors Declare Regular Quarterly Dividend.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Prices made further advances during the early session on the stock exchange today, but the movement was narrower and the total outturn of nominal proportions. Gains were registered by a majority of the better known issues. Bonds were again fairly active, but the largest part of the business in these securities was transacted by direct and private sales. There is reason to believe that Europe has purchased extensively of certain high-grade railroad bonds during the last fortnight.

A rise in call money to 6 per cent, the highest rate since the first week of the year, and a decline in foreign exchange to $4.84.85, the lowest level since the panic of 1907, were rather more noteworthy events in the stock market. The advance in call money was ascribed to calling off loans by local institutions to meet year-end requirements.

According to forecasts, banks in the clearing house showed a gain from $2,500,000 to $3,000,000 this week.

Northern Pacific directors today declared the regular quarterly dividend on that stock, thereby setting at rest recent rumors affecting that property. Action on Great Northern preferred dividend probably will be taken early in the coming year.

Railroad reports included that of the Reading company for November, which showed a decrease in net earnings by the transportation company of more than $100,000, while the earnings of the coal and iron company showed but a nominal increase. The Rock Island figures for November were decidedly favorable, with an increase in net revenues of $413,000. The St. Louis & San Francisco system reported an increase in operating income for November of $163,000.

Londen bought a few thousand stocks on balance in this market. The total sales of bonds, par value, were $2,620,000. United States government bonds were unchanged on call.

New York Bonds.

U S ref 2s reg.100		Inter Met 4½s...	79½
do coupon ...100¾		Inter M M 4½s.	63¾
U S 3s reg	102	Japan 4s	89¾
do coupon	102	do 4½s	95¾
U S 4s reg	115½	K C So 1st 3s..	73
do coupon	115½	L Sh deb 4s 1921	93¾
Allis-Ch 1st 5s.	75½	L & N un 4s...	98½
Amer Agri 5s...	102	M, K & T 1st 4s	97½
Am T & T cv 4s.	105½	do gen 4½s ..	85¾
Amer Tobac 6s.	80	Mo Pacif 4s ...	76
do 6s	105½	N RR of Mx 4½s	94¾
Armour & Co 4½	92	N Y C g 3½s...	89¾
Atch gen 4s...	99¾	do deb 4s	93½
do cv 4s	105½	NY,NH & H 6s.	133½
do cv 5s	108½	N & W i c 4s...	99¾
Atlan C L 1st 4s	94	do cv 4s	100¾
B & O 4s.....	99	Nor Pacif 4s...	100¾
do 5s	102½	do 3s	79¾
do SW 3½s ..	90¾	O S L rfdg 4s..	93½
Brook Tr cv 4s.	82¾	Penn cv 3½s 1915	96½
Cent of Ga 5s..	107½	do con 4s	102¾
Cent Leath 5s..	99½	Read gen 4s ...	98
CRR of NJ g 5s.	121¾	StL & SF fg 4s.	80½
C & O 4½s.....	101½	do gen 5s	86¾
do ref 5s	93¾	St Lou Sw c 4s.	75
C & A 3½s ...	79½	do 1st gold 4s.	89½
C B & Q 4s.	95¾	Seab A L 4s...	76¾
do gen 4s ...	97½	So Pacif col 4s.	91½
C M & StP g 5s	92½	do cv 4s	97
CRI & PkR c 4s	73	do 1 ref 4s...	94¾
do rfdg 4s ...	85½	South Ry 5s ...	107½
Col Indus 5s...	79¾	do gen 4s ...	75¾
Colo Mid 4s ..	68	U P 4s	100¾
C & S r & c 4½s.	97½	do cv 4s	103½
D & H cv 4s...	98¾	do 1 and r 4s.	96½
D & R G 4s....	93	U S Rubber 6s..	103
do ref 5s	99½	U S Steel 2d 5s.	103½
Distillers' 5s ...	77¾	Virg C C 5s....	100½
Erie pr lien 4s.	85¾	Wabash 1st 5s..	108½
do gen 4s	73	do I and ex 4s	84
do cv 4s ser A.	74	West Md 4s ...	86½
do cv 4s ser B.	69½	West Elec cv 5s	92
Gen Elec cv 5s.	148	Wiscon Cent 4s.	93¾
Illinois C 1 r 4s.	97¾		

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Close:

Prime mercantile paper, 4½@5 per cent.

Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.82@4.82.25 for sixty-day bills and at $4.84.55 for demand.

Commercial bills, $4.81¼@4.81¾.

Bar silver, 54¼ cents.

Mexican dollars, 45 cents.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds, firm.

Money on call firmer, 5¼@6 per cent; ruling rate, 5 per cent; closing bid, 5½ per cent; offered at 6 per cent.

Time loans dull; for sixty days and ninety bills, 3¾@4 per cent; for six months, 3¾@4 per cent.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—At the beginning of business today the condition of the United States treasury was: Working balance in treasury offices, $33,-[illegible]; in banks and Philippine treasury, $[illegible]; the total balance in general funds was $85,591,133; ordinary receipts yesterday were $2,119,139; disbursements, $1,821,305. The deficit to date this fiscal year is $7,008,045, as against $26,140,025 at this time last year. These figures exclude Panama canal and public debt transactions.

Stock Record for Year.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Stock figures for the year of 1910 show that 159,856,314 shares of listed stocks and $633,989,200 in state and railroad bonds were traded in. Transactions for today and Saturday are not included. The heaviest month in the exchange was January, when transactions totaled 22,542,504 shares and $87,-[illegible] in bonds, while the smallest month in stocks was September, with 7,743,175 shares. The smallest month in bonds was August, when only $30,865,000 in bonds were traded in.

The Coffee Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Coffee futures closed firm at a net advance of 9@16 points. Sales, 36,250 bags. January, 11.26c; February, 11.25c; March, 11.32c; April, 11.22c; May, 11.14c; June, 11.09c; July, 11.05c; August, 11.00c; September, 10.95c; October, 10.85c; November, 10.82c. Coffee—Spot, steady; Rio No. 7, 13½c; Santos No. 4, 13½c; mild coffee, quiet; Cordova, 13½@15½c.

Dairy Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Butter—Steady. Creameries, 23@29c; dairies, 21@25c.

Eggs—Steady. Receipts, 2065 cases; at mark, cases included, 19½@22½c; firsts, 23c; prime firsts, 31c.

Cheese—Steady. Daisies, 15@15½c; twins, 14@14½c; young Americas, 15½@16c; long horns, 15@15½c.

Sugar Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Raw sugar, nominal; Muscovado, .89-test, 3.36c; centrifugal, .96-test, 3.86c; molasses sugar, .89-test, 3.11c; refined sugar, quiet. Coffee—Spot, steady.

St. Louis Wool.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 30.—Wool unchanged. Territory and western mediums, 21@22c; fine medium, 17@19c; fine, 12@13c.

DEALINGS IN COPPER AT UNCHANGED RATE

Arrivals at New York Reported at 425 Tons; Lead Continues Dull.

PRICES OF METALS IN NEW YORK MARKETS	
Copper (electro)	$12.75@13.00
Lead	$4.45@4.55
Silver	54¼c
London quotation	25 1-16d

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Standard copper, dull; spot, December, January, February and March, $12.00@12.15. London, quiet; spot £56; futures, £56 16s 3d. Local dealers report a nominally uncharnged market. Lake copper $13.00@13.25; electrolytic, $12.75@13.00; casting, $12.50@12.75. Arrivals reported at New York today were 425 tons. Custom house returns show exports of 28,795 tons so far this month.

Tin, dull; spot and December, $38.00@38.35; January, $38.00@38.40; February, $38.00@38.30; March, $38.00@38.25. London, weak; spot, £174 17s 6d; futures, £173 17s 6d.

Lead, dull; $4.45@4.55 New York and $4.30@4.40 East St. Louis. London, £13.

Spelter, steady; $5.40@5.47½ New York and $5.30@5.40½ East St. Louis. London, £24.

Iron—Cleveland warrants, 49s 10½d in London. The local market was nominally unchanged.

Dun's Weekly Summary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

After a satisfactory retail holiday trade business in nearly all branches is quiet, with the usual year-end adjustments. The outlook contains many elements of strength. The iron and steel trade is still confronted with a consumption of only half the producing capacity and the dry goods business with the problem of costs, but there is an absence of demoralization, speculation and overstocked shelves in all mercantile lines, while the general feeling of conservative confidence makes conditions better than trade statistics indicate.

The financial situation is improved and the prospect of the heavy dividend and interest disbursements due January 1 imparts greater briskness to the strictly investment market.

It was a seasonably quiet week in the primary dry goods markets, with values well maintained but still generally close to or below the cost of production.

In cotton goods curtailment of production is generally believed to be inevitable after the turn of the year, when present contracts expire. The firmness in wide gray goods is maintained and there has been a fair business in staple prints for spring delivery, while bleached goods are firm, but with business light.

There is a slightly firmer tone to the market on most kinds of domestic hides. Trade in leather is dull and few sales have been effected outside of odds and ends that are being sold at low prices, although some sales of upper leather at very low rates are reported. There is no change to report in footwear conditions.

Bradstreet's Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet's bank clearings report for the week ending December 29 shows an aggregate of $52,462,009,000, as against $3,138,129,000 last week and $2,950,843,000 in the corresponding week last year.

The following is a list of the cities:

		Percentage. Inc.	Dec.
New York	$1,395,430,000	....	24.9
Chicago	225,339,000	1.8	....
Boston	129,518,000	....	11.9
Philadelphia	124,424,000	....	12.6
St. Louis	64,329,000	5.7	....
Kansas City	45,942,000	1.6	....
Pittsburg	43,355,000	....	5.1
San Francisco	36,241,000	....	3.6
Baltimore	28,372,000	4.4	....
Cincinnati	21,507,000	....	7.7
Minneapolis	18,800,000	....	25.2
New Orleans	19,885,000	....	5.3
Cleveland	17,622,000	15.1	....
Detroit	13,758,000	5.5	....
Omaha	12,249,000	1.0	....
Los Angeles	13,473,000	17.8	....
Louisville	10,939,000	....	5.5
Milwaukee	11,350,000	17.6	....
Seattle	8,478,000	....	16.1
St. Paul	9,054,000	....	4.4
Buffalo	7,326,000	....	7.4
Denver	7,672,000	....	6.2
Portland, Or.	8,331,000	28.8	....
Salt Lake City	5,483,000	....	7.8
Tacoma	3,468,000	....	32.9
Spokane	3,485,000	....	4.8
Helena	925,000	....	5.7
Houston	24,635,000	....	2.3
Galveston	19,204,000	12.4	....

Bradstreet's Weekly Review.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say: Post-holiday quiet rules in general trade and industry. From retailers generally the reports are of a good though not in all cases record volume holiday trade.

Reports for the week as to collections are best from the larger western centers and the south. Some western points note the effect of less satisfactory prices secured by farmers for their cereal crops.

Slowness continues the chief characteristic of the iron and steel markets. Pig iron is very quiet, though cast iron pipe interests have bought a little in the east. Prices are weaker, if anything. Finished lines continue dull.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending December 29 were 246, against 271 last week, 257 in the like week of 1909, 299 in 1908, 185 in 1907, and 220 in 1906. Business failures in Canada for the week number 35, which compares with 27 last week and 22 in the corresponding week last year.

Wheat (including flour) exports from the United States and Canada for the week ended December 29 aggregate 2,-179,929 bushels, against 2,729,817 last week and 3,689,456 this week last year.

Corn exports for the week are 1,149,411 bushels, against 1,038,856 last week and 1,151,151 in 1909.

French Bank Cautious.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—An official statement from the Bank of France today explains that the institution's suspension of the sale of gold was in no wise directed against America, but was a measure for the protection of the bank's gold reserve owing to the demands produced as a result of bad crops in France, which necessitated the purchase of foreign cereals.

"Since November," said an officer of the bank, "the Bank of France has declined to furnish gold. We refused Germany and Austria and a few days ago Holland. Our gold reserve stands at 216,000,000 francs below that of a year ago.

"France is now purchasing large quantities of cereals from the Balkans, Russia and America to supply the French deficit, and for that purpose gold is needed."

This official explained, also, that the bank has now discontinued buying English paper for its "foreign portfolio, but for a different reason, namely, that the rate of discount made is unprofitable."

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The Commercial Bulletin will say of the wool market: Holiday dullness has been in evidence this week, but not to the same extent that is frequently the case. A considerable amount of inquiry and sampling on the part of the mills is in evidence and there has not been a dearth of actual business. One sale of staple Montana, involving a half million pounds, has been the chief sale of the week.

The sale was made at 22 cents. Several other lots of 10,000 to 200,000 pounds of original Montana, Wyoming and Idaho have also figured in the trading, while there appears to be a tendency to raise prices on fleece wools, which are scarce.

WHEAT MAKES GAIN BUT CLOSES LOWER

Overestimate of Government Responsible for Some Excitement in Grain Pit.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Wheat today made a marked advance above yesterday's close. Because of profit taking, however, and predictions of heavy world shipments the latest sales were at a net decline of ¼c to ⅜c. Compared with last night, corn finished 1⅛c up to ⅛c off, oats unchanged to ⅛c down, and provisions a shade easier to 10c added cost.

The temporary gain in wheat grew largely from assertions that the government had overestimated the spring crop of the three northwestern states. A well-known expert figured the yield for the district at 150,000,000 bushels, against 177,000,000 bushels as sent out officially from Washington. Generous shipments by Australia, India and the Argentine gave the market an easy start, but leading longs bought openly and forced prices to a point at which many commission houses had selling orders.

Professional speculators, who had observed this situation, grabbed profits and overloaded the market. Simultaneously word came that world shipments would probably reach 11,000,000 bushels, whereas the total a year ago was 8,720,000 bushels. The close was easy at almost the bottom of the day. Fluctuations in the May option were between 96⅝c and 97½@97⅝c, with final transfers at 96⅞c, a net loss of ⅝c.

The corn market during late dealings was easy at a substantial backset from an earlier bulge. May ranged from 48⅛c to 48½@49c, and at the end of the day was 48½@48⅝c, a net gain of a shade. Cash corn closed firm, with No. 2 yellow at 46½@46⅝c.

Oats followed other grain, but in a dull, narrow fashion. May kept inside 34@34⅛c and 34⅛c, finished ⅛c lower than last night at the first-named level.

Provisions advanced all around on purchases by January shorts. Packers and stockyard leaders, though, sold on the swells. The outcome was to leave pork 7½c to 10c higher, lard unchanged to a shade lower, and ribs within 2½c on either side of the previous close.

RANGE OF THE LEADING FUTURES.

Wheat—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	93	93½	92⅝	92⅞
May	97¼	97⅝	96⅝	96⅞
July	93⅝	94⅛	93⅛	93⅜
Corn—				
December	47⅛	47⅞	47⅛	47⅝
May	48⅛	49	48⅛	48⅝
July	49⅝	49⅝	49⅛	49⅝
September	50	50⅛	50	50⅛
Oats—				
December	31⅛	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
May	34⅛	34⅝	34	34⅛
July	34⅛	34⅛	34	34⅛
Mess pork, per barrel—				
January	19.60	19.65	19.50	19.55
May	18.75	18.80	18.67½	18.70
Lard, per 100 pounds—				
January	10.47½	10.55	10.45½	10.42½
May	10.20	10.25	10.15	10.15
Short ribs, per 100 pounds—				
January	10.27½	10.35	10.25	10.25
May	9.80	9.85	9.77½	9.80

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, dull but firm; No. 2 rye, 80½@81c; feed or mixing barley, 60@71c; fair to choice malting, 80@88c; flax seed, No. 1 southwestern, $2.30; No. 1 northwestern, $2.43; timothy seed, $10.00; clover, $15.00; mess pork, per barrel, $19.62½@19.75; lard, per 100 pounds, $10.42½; short ribs, sides (loose), $9.75@10.25; short clear sides (boxed), $10.62½@10.75.

GRAIN STATISTICS.

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 14,000 bushels. Exports for the week, as shown by Bradstreet's, were equal to 2,180,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 460,000 bushels, compared with 816,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 20 cars; corn, 38 cars; oats, 281 cars; hogs, 11,000 head.

Movement of Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Daily movement of produce:

Articles—	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, barrels	24,900	18,200
Wheat, bushels	27,600	30,900
Corn, bushels	443,500	303,900
Oats, bushels	482,400	269,600
Rye, bushels	8,500	2,500
Barley, bushels	82,500	23,300

LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts estimated at 1500; market steady to 10 cents higher. Beeves, $4.70@7; Texas steers, $4.25@5.40; western steers, $4.25@6; stockers and feeders, $3.50@5.80; cows and heifers, $2.60@6.30; calves, $7@9.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at 15,000; market 10 to 15 cents higher. Light, $7.55@7.90; mixed, $7.55@7.95; heavy, $7.55@7.90; rough, $7.55@7.70; good to choice heavy, $7.70@7.90; pigs, $7.25@8; bulk of sales, $7.70@7.85.

Sheep—Receipts estimated at 7000; market strong to shade higher. Native, $2.60@4.35; western, $2.75@4.30; yearlings, $4.75@5.80; lambs, native, $4.50@6.40; western, $4.75@6.40.

Omaha.

OMAHA, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 1400; market slow and steady. Native steers, $4.50@6.50; cows and heifers, $3@5.25; western steers, $3.50@5.75; range cows and heifers, $3@4.70; canners, $2.85@3.40; stockers and feeders, $3.25@5.[illegible]; calves, $3.50@8; bulls, stags, etc., $3.25@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts 3600; market 10 cents higher. Heavy, $7.45@7.75; mixed, $7.55@7.60; light, $7.55@7.60; pigs, $6.50@7.50; bulk of sales, $7.50@7.75.

Sheep—Receipts 3500; market 10 cents higher. Yearlings, $4.25@5.15; wethers, $3.40@4.10; ewes, $3@3.75; lambs, $5.30@6.10.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 30.—Cattle—Receipts 1000; market strong. Native steers, $5@6.60; native cows and heifers, $2.75@6; stockers and feeders, $4@5.40; bulls, $3.75@5; calves, $4.50@8.50; western steers, $4.75@6; western cows, $2.75@5.

Hogs—Receipts 4500; market 10 to 15 cents higher. Bulk of sales, $7.75@7.80; heavy, $7.75@7.85; packers and butchers, $7.75@7.85; light, $7.70@7.80.

Sheep—Receipts 2000; market strong. Muttons, $3.50@4.35; lambs, $5.50@6.30; fed wethers and yearlings, $3.50@5.50; fed western ewes, $3@3.90.

St. Joseph.

Special to The Tribune.

SOUTH ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—Sheep—Receipts 1000; prospects slow; lambs, $6.00@6.30; yearlings, $4.75@5.25; wethers, $3.75@4.15; ewes, $3.60@3.85.

Cattle—Receipts 800; prospects steady to strong; range steers, $5.00@5.65; cows, $2.75@4.75; canners, $2.75@3.50; feeders, $3.75@5.60.

Grain and Provisions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Flour was steady, with a moderate local trade. Receipts, 19,203 barrels; shipments, 3050 barrels.

Wheat—Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 98½c elevator and 98½c f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.18⅞ f. o. b. afloat. Futures market was lower at the start on the cables, advanced on small receipts and commission house buying, but eased off late under liquidation, closing ⅛c to ⅝c net lower. December closed at 97⅞c; May closed at $1.02⅝; July closed at $1.00.

Hides—Easy.

Hops—Firm.

Petroleum—Steady.

Wool—Quiet.

Sugar—Raw, nominal; Muscovado, .89-test, 3.36c; centrifugal, .96-test, 3.86c; molasses sugar, .89-test, 3.11c; refined sugar, quiet.

Tribune Want Ads.
Bell Main 5200. Independent 360.

CRANBERRIES OFF WHOLESALE MARKET

Retailers Have Supply, However, at From 12 1-2 to 20 Cents a Quart.

Cranberries were practically off the wholesale market Friday. Several of the wholesale dealers said that the berries were about gone and that there probably will not be any more carload shipments. Stray barrels may come in from Denver. The retail dealers still have a good supply of cranberries on hand, however, the retail price varying from 12½c to 20c a quart. The quality is good.

Kansas sweet potatoes were received by the C. J. Crabtree Produce company Friday, and other shipments have been received on Eccles avenue in the last few days, so that the markets, both wholesale and retail, are well stocked with this popular vegetable.

Other California vegetables are on the wholesale markets in good quantities, and there is no immediate danger of a shortage in anything. Prices remain the same for vegetables.

Oranges are holding strong and there are some indications of a slight advance in price. The market is well stocked with an excellent variety of apples and a few other fruits.

The prices of flour, sugar, potatoes and other staple vegetables remain the same and show no sign of a change. Meats are the same price, but are enjoying a better demand than a few weeks ago.

The market in general is well stocked and the prices are steady.

Closing Stock List.

	Sales.	H.	L.	Clse
Allis-Chalmers pfd	10,000	63½	62⅝	62⅝
Amalg Copper	100	46⅝	46⅝	46
Amer Agricultural	5,500	43⅝	42⅝	42⅞
Amer Beet Sugar	2,000	9½	8½	8⅝
Amer Car & F	500	50½	50	50½
Amer Cotton Oil	300	59½	59	58½
Amer H & L pfd	100	22¼	22¼	22¼
Amer Ice Secur	400	18	18	17½
American Linseed	.....	.....	.....	11
Amer Locomotive	1,300	38½	37	38
Amer Sm & Ref	4,400	74½	73	73⅝
preferred	200	103½	103½	103
Am Steel Foundries	500	43⅝	43	43½
Amer Sugar Ref	.....	.....	.....	114½
Amer Tel & Tel	2,300	141½	140⅝	140⅝
Amer Tobacco pfd	300	92⅝	92½	93
American Woolen	.....	.....	.....	30⅝
Anaconda Min Co	.....	.....	.....	38½
Atchison	4,300	101⅝	101½	101½
preferred	100	100½	100½	100
Atl Coast Line	1,400	117	116⅝	116
Baltimore & Ohio	200	105½	105	105
Bethlehem Steel	200	29	29	29
Brooklyn R T	2,200	75⅞	75½	75½
Canadian Pacific	300	195⅞	195½	194⅝
Central Leather	1,300	31½	31½	31½
preferred	100	104	104	103
Central of N J	.....	.....	.....	280
Chesapeake & Ohio	2,300	81½	80⅝	80⅝
Chicago & Alton	.....	.....	.....	30
Chi Gt Western	200	21⅝	21⅝	21½
preferred	.....	.....	.....	45
Chi & Northwest'n	100	141⅝	141⅝	141⅝
Chi Mil & St Paul	3,500	124½	123	123
C C C & St Louis	.....	.....	.....	65
Colo Fuel & Iron	100	31½	31½	31½
Colo & Southern	.....	.....	.....	56½
Consolidated Gas	3,100	137	136	136
Corn Products	200	14⅝	14⅝	14½
Del & Hudson	700	165½	165	165
Denver & Rio G	200	28⅝	28½	28
preferred	.....	.....	.....	66½
Distillers' Secur	100	33⅝	33⅝	33⅝
Erie	1,200	27⅝	27½	27½
1st preferred	.....	.....	.....	46
2nd preferred	.....	.....	.....	34½
General Electric	400	151½	151½	151
Gt Northern pfd	1,500	123⅝	123	123⅝
Gt Nor Ore Ctfs	.....	.....	.....	57
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	131
Interborough Met	400	19⅝	19½	19½
preferred	300	53⅝	53½	53½
Inter Harvester	100	109½	109½	109½
Inter Marine pfd	.....	.....	.....	15½
Internatl Paper	100	12⅝	12⅝	12⅝
Internatl Pump	100	40½	40½	39⅝
Iowa Central	.....	.....	.....	17
Kan City Southern	.....	.....	.....	32
preferred	.....	.....	.....	64⅝
Laclede Gas	1,200	106⅝	105⅞	106
Louisville & Nash	300	144⅞	144½	144
Minn & St L	200	25⅝	23⅝	24
M St P & S Ste M	100	130⅝	130⅝	130½
Mo Kan & Texas	300	32	31⅝	31⅝
preferred	.....	.....	.....	68
Missouri Pacific	.....	.....	.....	46½
National Biscuit	500	118½	117½	117½
National Lead	500	55⅝	54½	54
N R of M 2nd pfd	100	34⅝	34⅝	34⅝
New York Central	1,400	111⅞	111½	110⅝
N Y Ont & West	.....	.....	.....	40⅝
Norfolk & Western	1,000	100⅝	100⅝	100½
North American	100	65	65	65⅛
Northern Pacific	2,400	116⅝	116½	116
Pacific Mail	600	27⅞	27½	27½
Pennsylvania	1,900	129	128½	128⅝
People's Gas	200	105	105	105
P C C & St Louis	.....	.....	.....	97
Pittsburg Coal	100	17	17	17⅞
Pressed Steel Car	400	30½	30½	30½
Pullman Pal Car	100	159	159	158½
Ry Steel Spring	300	32	32	32
Reading	84,100	151⅞	150⅝	150⅝
Republic Steel	600	30½	30½	30
preferred	100	92½	92½	92
Rock Island Co	1,300	30	29½	29⅞
preferred	300	60	60	59½
St L & S F 2n dpfd	100	38½	38½	38½
St L Southwestern	.....	.....	.....	25½
preferred	200	60½	60	59½
Sloss Shef S & I	.....	.....	.....	49
Southern Pacific	6,300	116⅝	115⅝	116
Southern Railway	500	26⅝	26½	26⅝
preferred	400	62½	61⅞	62
Tennessee Copper	100	34½	34½	33⅞
Texas & Pacific	.....	.....	.....	25
T St L & West	.....	.....	.....	23
preferred	400	52½	52½	52
Union Pacific	39,100	171⅞	170⅞	170⅞
preferred	200	93	92⅝	92
U S Realty	.....	.....	.....	70
U S Rubber	3,100	38	37	36½
U S Steel	67,600	73⅝	72⅝	72½
preferred	11,200	116⅝	116½	116½
Utah Copper	1,100	45	44½	44⅞
Va Car Chemical	.....	.....	.....	62½
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	16
preferred	200	35	34	33⅝
Western Md	700	50½	49	48½
Westingh Electric	.....	.....	.....	65½
Western Union	1,200	73½	72⅝	72½
Wheeling & L Erie	.....	.....	.....	4½
Lehigh Valley	15,000	176⅝	175½	175⅝

Total sales for the day, 297,100 shares.

Boston Wool Market.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The Commercial Bulletin in its annual review of wool tomorrow will call attention to the fact that the stock of wool in Boston is the largest in over twenty years with the exception of 1899.

There remain in Boston at the close of business at the end of the year 85,560,000 pounds of domestic and 43,625,000 pounds of foreign wool, against 45,905,955 pounds of domestic and 7,841,000 pounds of foreign a year ago.

The total stock of all kinds unsold in the United States is 162,521,200 pounds, against 97,322,457 pounds last year. This has been exceeded by January 1, 1901, when it was 233,829,000 pounds; on January 1, 1899, with 291,168,690 pounds, and on January 1, 1898, with 176,787,000 pounds.

The records of the year show that Boston leads all the world's wool markets except London, to which it is a close second. Nearly two-thirds of all the wool in the United States, whether produced here or imported, is now in Boston warehouses.

Evaporated Fruits.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Evaporated apples continued very quiet and prices are a shade easier in tone; on the spot fancy is quoted at 12½@13c, choice at 11½c, and prime at 9½@11c.

Prunes are moderately active, but stocks are small and prices firm; quotations range from 7½c to 10½c for Californias up to 30-40s, and 11c for Oregons from 60s to 30s.

Apricots firm on the strength in the west, but trading is quiet; choice, 13@13½c; extra choice, 13½@13¾c; fancy, 13¾@14c.

Peaches very firmly held, owing to the small stocks on hand; choice, 7¾c; extra choice, 8½@8½c; fancy, 9@9½c.

Raisins quiet but firm; loose muscatels quoted at 5½@6½c, choice to fancy seeded at 6½@7½c, seedless at 5@6c, and London layers at $1.20@1.35.

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ALASKA GOLD YIELD SHOWS BIG DECREASE

Exhaustion of Nome Beach Placers Largely Responsible for Falling Off.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A marked falling off in the production of gold in Alaska, due to the failure of placer mines in the Fairbanks and Seward peninsula districts, is reported in the preliminary statement of the geological survey upon Alaska mining conditions for 1910.

The production within the year has been approximately $16,360,000, compared with $20,371,000 in 1909. The decline, which has been apparent for some time, is blamed almost entirely upon the working out of the beach placers about Nome, and the other placer mines of the two districts named.

Much good placer dirt is left, but cannot be worked profitably under present conditions. Experiments are now being made in Alaska to find an economical method. The geological survey experts do not believe the future will develop any placer mines as rich as those now giving out.

Production of other minerals is increasing, but rapid development is hampered by the high cost of fuel and the fact that coal mines are not being opened in the territory. Extensive operations are being started in lode mining, both of gold and copper, and the future production is expected to be greater than that which has followed the development of the placers.

Since mining began in 1880, Alaska has produced minerals worth $186,000,000, of which $179,000,000 was gold. The Juneau district is expected to produce heavily when new plants are installed. There are now thirteen gold lodes operated in Alaska.

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