Financial News--Stock Market Prices

STOCK TRADERS PREFER LONDON

Holland Reports New York Brokers Incline to British Methods.

A few years before the death of James R. Keene some of those who carefully scrutinize market transactions were unable to detect any which could be attributed to the operations carried on by Mr. Keene. One of his friends spoke to him of this and Mr. Keene said in reply: "I have transferred almost all my transactions to London. There the rules are so reasonable that it is possible for anyone who finds it to his advantage to conduct operations with perfect secrecy to do that. Here this cannot be done. They have gone too far in prying into the affairs of operators so that every day these are reported as though they were in an open book."

Mr. Keene professed to be satisfied with the change in the base of his operations from New York to London.

Since the United States became one of the belligerents, several men who formely operated upon the floor of the New York Stock Exchange retired temporarily from active business life. With the advent of peace and the certainty that peace will be permanent, at least for many years, some of these men now contemplate a speedy return to earlier activities.

One man, who formerly carried on very large transactions in the securities market, but who withdrew from active life there soon after the war began, decided that an excellent opportunity for active business life in the securities market would begin as soon as peace came. He, therefore, went about among his friends in the financial district and made injuiries. He did this a day or two ago. When he received all the information he needed he determined that he would conduct his operations through the London market rather than in New York. He found that many are persuaded that it is from many points of view advantageous for an operator on a large scale at least to conduct his operations through London rather than through New York. He discovered that some impatience or irritation is felt by operators because of some of the regulations and restrictions which have been adopted in the securities market and by the banks. None of these exist in London. He was also informed that when peace is confirmed by treaty, normal conditions will prevail in London so that operations can be conveniently carried on there. Information comes from London that presumably peace will be confirmed early in the spring. He has, therefore, decided that when renewing business life he will take advantage of the London methods and will turn his back on those in New York.

Restricting Credit.

Presumably when the bankers' money committee adopted the restrictive measures which largely increase the amount of margin necessary to secure a bank loan on collateral, the committee was of the opinion that the effect of this movement would be almost exclusively felt in New York City. If that were the opinion of the members of the bankers' money committee they appear to have been mistaken because from all parts of the country have come evidences that these restrictive measures have been felt and the complaints occasioned are thereby, relatively speaking, greater than is the case in New York City.

No one questions the motives which led the bankers' money committee to insist upon these restrictive measures. And yet many are of the opinion that in London nothing of the kind could have been adopted, even though there was the same occasion to conserve credit to the benefit of the government as is claimed to be the case in the United States. One of the effects of this restrictive policy is disclosed in the market quotation for liberty bonds. And it is the opinion of men whose financial judgment is worth heeding that the prevailing low quotations for liberty bonds reflect the emergencies to which many of those who have entered the security market and have placed orders to buy or to sell securities have been put. They have found it impossible to meet the demand of a broker who tells them that the margin must be jacked up to 50 per cent from 10 per cent or 15 per cent to meet the restrictive order. Therefore they have turned to such securities as they possess for the purpose of selling them in order to be saved from loss. Many of these securities are liberty loan bonds, and as the demand for them is at this time less than the supply these bonds command in the open market a price which, upon the surface, will appear to affect the credit of the government.

The Effect Upon Business.

So also these restrictive measures are producing an effect upon business which is now recognized. It is serving considerably to influence merchants to fix the limit of their purchases of commodities at the minimum. It was said this morning that it might be a good thing for some American bankers to sojourn a few weeks in London in order that they might learn some of the methods, highly successful, which characterize banking policies in that metropolis. If restriction and very stringent rules continue, the United States, and its great securities market which is the New York Stock Exchange, are sure to lose business, in the aggregate the large amount of which, were there no repressive or restrictive policies in operation, the United States would be assured.

HOLLAND.

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 24.—While there was considerable realizing in cotton, which sent prices off from the top, the market gained further ground today. Offerings were taken by new buyers, the trade, Wall Street and New Orleans houses. Spot sales in South were reported increasing as prices advance, both for foreign and domestic account. Business generally was broad. Some Southern shippers who sold cotton to American mills for October-November shipment and then asked an extension to December were said to be requesting a further extension on part of the business to January. These applications are frequent enough to attract attention to the hold the South has on the better grades. There was a demand for cotton from the local stock today.

Final prices were steady at a net advance of 20a30 points.

Receipts at the ports for the day were 30,936 bales.

Stocks in New York are 61,739 bales.

Exports for the day aggregated 6,637 bales all to Great Britain. For season to date the clearances amount to 1,716,781 bales.

Spot at New Orleans was steady with middling 25 points higher at 30.75c; the sales were 1,907 bales. Spot here was steady at an advance of 50 points at 32.60c for middling; there were no sales.

Receipts at leading ports today were: Galveston, 6,929; New Orleans, 9,803; Mobile, 1,421; Savannah, 7,466; Charleston, 2,121; Wilmington, 1,[illegible]; Memphis, 7,100; St. Louis, 2,788.

EVERETT TRUE BY CONDO

NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

	High.	Low.	Close.
Adams Express	48¼	47	47
Adv. Rumley pr	58	58	58
Ajax Rubber	66¼	66¼	66¼
Alaska Juneau	2	1¾	2
Alaska Gold	3⅛	3⅛	3⅛
Allis-Chalmers, pr	84½	84¼	84½
American Can	47¼	45¾	46
American Car & Fdry	86½	86½	86½
American Express	85½	85½	85½
American Hide & Leather	13½	13	13
American Hide & Leather pr.	68	65½	67½
American Ice pr	56½	56½	56½
American International	54¾	54¾	54¾
American Linseed	44¼	44¼	44¼
American Locomotive	61	60¼	61
American Malting	4½	4½	4½
American Smelt & Ref	77¼	77	77¼
American Smelt & Ref. pr.	107½	107½	107½
American Sugar	111	111	111
American Sumatra	95½	95	95½
American Tele. & Teleg	99¾	98¾	98¾
American Woolen	52	52	52
American Writing Paper pr.	28½	28	28
Anacoda	63	62½	62½
Assets Realization	⅞	⅞	⅞
Associated Oil	69	68½	68½
Atchison	90¾	90¼	90¾
Atlanta, Birmingham & A	7½	7	7
Baldwin Locomotive	74¾	74¼	74¼
Baltimore & Ohio	52⅝	52½	52½
Baltimore & Ohio pr	57	56	56
Barrett Co	109½	109½	109½
Batopilas Mining	1¼	1¼	1¼
Bethlehem Steel	61¾	60¾	61¾
Bethlehem Steel Class B	61¾	61¼	61¼
Bethlehem Steel 8% pr	104¼	104¼	104¼
Booth Fisheries	22¾	22	22¾
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	28	25¾	27
Brooklyn U. Gas	89½	89½	89½
Butte Copper & Zinc	6¾	6½	6½
Butte Superior	19¾	18¾	19¾
California Pkg	47½	47½	47½
California Petroleum	29¾	29¾	29¾
Canadian Pacific	136	136	136
Central Leather	58¼	58	58¼
Cerro de Pasco	34¼	33¾	33¾
Certainteed	37½	37½	37½
Chesapeake & Ohio	56	55¾	55¾
Chicago & Alton	7⅝	7⅝	7⅝
Chicago & Alton pr	12	12	12
Chicago, Great Western pr.	24¾	24½	24½
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	41¼	41	41¼
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul pr.	75¾	75¼	75¾
Chicago & Northwestern	97½	96¾	96¾
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific	25¾	25½	25¾
Chi., R. I. & Pacific 6% pr.	65	65	65
Chi., R. I. & Pacific 7% pr.	79¼	79¼	79¼
Chile Copper	18¾	18¾	18¾
Chino Copper	33¾	33¾	33¾
Columbia Gas	39½	39¼	39¼
Con. Gas of N. Y.	97¼	94¾	94¾
Corn Products	46¾	46¾	46¾
Crucible Steel	57	56¾	57
Cuban Cane Sugar	30¼	30¼	30¼
Deere & Co	95¼	95¼	95¼
Denver & Rio Grande pr	7	6¾	6¾
Distillers' Securities	50¾	50½	50¾
Dome Mining	12	12	12
Erie Railroad	17¼	17	17
Erie 1st pr	29¾	29¾	29¾
General Motors	130¾	130¼	130½
Goodrich (B. F.)	54¾	54	54¼
Granby Con. M.	81	81	81
Great Northern pr	99	94¾	99
Great Northern Ore	32¾	32	32
Greene Cananea	45	48	45
Gulf States Steel	59	59	59
Insporation	44¾	44	44¾
Interborough	5½	4¾	4¾
Interborough pr	22	19	19½
International Agri. Cor. pr.	50	50	50
International (new)	111¼	110	111¼
International Mer. Marine	26½	26½	26½
International Mer. Marine pr.	112¾	112¾	112¾
International Nickel	32¾	32¼	32¾
International Paper	31	31	31
International Paper pr (stal)	62	62	61
Jewel Tea	31	31	31
Kansas City Southern	19	19	19
Kansas City Southern pr	54	54	54
Kennecott	33¾	33¾	33½
Lake E. & W.	8¾	8¾	8¾
Lake E. and W. pr	20	20	20
Lee Rubber Co.	22½	22½	22½
Lehigh Valley	54½	53¾	54½
Lorrillard P. pr.	104¾	104¾	104¾
Louisville & N.	118¾	118½	118¾
Maxwell Motor	28¼	23¼	28¼
Maxwell 1st pr.	59¾	59¾	59¾
Maxwell 2d.	30¾	30¾	30¾
Mexican Petroleum	167½	165½	165¾
Miami Copper	23¾	23	23
Midvale Steel	44	43¾	43¾
Mo. Kan. & Tex	5¼	5¼	5¼
Missouri, Kan. and Texas pr.	8¼	8¼	8¼
Missouri Pac.	24¾	24¼	24¼
Missouri Pac. pr.	53	52½	52½
Nat. Biscuit	108½	108½	108½
Nat. Conduit & C.	15½	15½	15½
Nat. Enam. & Stp.	46	46	46
National Lead	65	65	65
Nat. Lead pr.	104¾	104¾	104¾
Nevada Copper	17¾	17¼	17¾
N. Y. Air Brake	102¾	102¾	102¾
N. Y. Central	75¼	74¾	74¾
N. Y. Chi. & St. L.	38	38	38
N. Y. N. H. & Hart.	31	30½	30¾
N. Y. Ont. & Wn.	21¼	21	21¼
Northern Pac.	94	94	94
Norfolk & West.	106¼	105¼	105¼
Ohio Cities Gas	42¾	42¾	42¾
Ontario Mining	7¼	7¼	7¼
Pennsylvania	45	44¾	44¾
Pere Marquette	14	13¾	13¾
Philadelphia Co.	30½	30½	30½
Pierce-Arrow	40	39¾	39¾
Pierce Oil Corpn.	16	15¾	15¾
Pitts Coal pr	85½	85½	85½
Pitts Steel pr.	90	90	90
Pitts & W. Va.	34½	34½	34½
Ry. Steel Springs	73½	73¾	73½
Ray Copper	20¾	20¾	20¾
Reading Railway	80¾	80¾	80¾
Rep. Iron & Stl.	74¾	74	74¾
Royal Dutch	103	103	103
St. L. & San. Fran.	13¾	13½	13½
St. L. & Southern	19	19	19
Saxon Motor	8¼	8¼	8¼
Sinclair Oil & R.	33¾	33¼	33¾
Southern Pac.	98¾	98¼	98¾
Southern Rwy.	29½	29¼	29½
Southern Ry. pr.	68¾	68¾	68¾
Studebaker	50	48½	49¾
Stutz Motor	51	51	51
Superior Steel	35¼	35	35¼
Tenn. Cop & Ch.	13¾	13¾	13¾
Texas Cos.	186	186	186
Texas & Pacific	24¾	24¾	24¾
Third Avenue	13¼	13	13
Tobacco Prod.	81¾	81	81½
Tobacco Prod. pr.	101	100½	101
Union Pacific	127½	127¼	127¼
Union Pacific pr.	71	70¾	70¾
United Fruit	153	153	153
United Cigar Stores	108½	108	108¼
U. S. Alcohol	101¾	101¾	101¾
U. S. Rubber	76½	76½	76½
U. S. Rubber 1st.	109¾	109¾	109¾
U. S. Steel	95¾	95¾	95¾
U. S. Steel pr.	112¾	112¾	112¾
Utah Copper	73½	73	73
Utah Securities	13	13	13
Va.-Car. Chem.	53¾	53¼	53¼
Wabash	8½	8½	8½
Wabash pr. A	34¼	33¾	34¼
Wabash pr. B	39¾	39¼	39¾
Wells Fargo	68¼	68	68
Western Md.	12½	12¾	12¾
Western Md. 2d pr.	24	24	24
Western Union	85⅞	85⅞	85⅞
Westinghouse	43	42¾	43
Wheeling & L. E.	9	9	9
Wheel. & L. E. pr.	18¼	17¾	17¾
White Motor	44½	44¼	44½
Wilson & Co.	72½	69½	70¼
Willys-Overland	25¼	24¾	25¼
Wisconsin Cent.	31	30	30

Washington Stock Exchange.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

SALES.

Railway 4s, $1,000 at 72¾, $500 at 72¾, $400 at 7.

Capital Traction, 5 at 88.

Washington Railway pfd., 5 at 70, 25 at 70, 25 at 70.

Lanston, 20 at 65, 10 at 65¼, 10 at 65¾, 20 at 66.

National Bank of Washington, 4 at 218.

After call:

Potomac general 6s, $1,000 at 97¾, $3,000 at 97½.

Capital Traction 5s, $1,000 at 98.

GAS BONDS.

	Bid.	Asked.
Washington Gas 5s	98¼	99½

RAILROAD BONDS.

Capital Traction 5s	97¾	.....
City and Suburban 6s	88	.....
Metropolitan 5s	96	.....
Washington Rwy. and Elec. 4s	72	73
Wash. Rwy. and Elec. gen. 6s	96½	97

MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.

Potomac Electric cons. 5s	94½	95¼
Potomac Electric Light 5s	96¼	.....
Potomac Electric Power 6s	98	99
Potomac Elec. Power gen. 6s	97½	97½
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s	96	97
Am. Tel. and Tel. Ctl. Tr. 5s	94½	95½
American Graphophone 1st 6s	96	100
D. C. Paper Mfg. 6s	.....	100
Washington Market 5s, 1927	96	.....
Washington Market 5s, 1947	95	.....
W. M. Cold Storage 5s	94	.....
Sec. Storage and Safe Dep. 6s	.....	101
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s	104¼	.....
Riggs Realty 5s (long)	.....	100
Riggs Realty 5s (short)	.....	100

PUBLIC UTILITY STOCKS.

Capital Traction	*87	88
Washington Rwy. and Elec. com.	50	.....
Washington Rwy. and Elec. pfd.	70	.....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat	*185	200
Washington Gas	84½	85½
American Tel. and Telga	*98	.....

TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.

Mergenthaler	*131	134
Lanston	65¾	66¾
Lanston Scrip	99	100

NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.

American	150	157½
Capital	.....	224
Columbia	200	225
Commercial	188	195
District	192	.....
Farmers and Mechanics'	220	240
Federal	180	.....
Lincoln	*160	.....
National, Bank of Washington	215¼	224½
National Metropolitan	200	.....
Riggs	420	.....
Second	136	143

TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.

American Security and Trust	222	225
National Savings and Trust	265	.....
Union Trust	.....	125
Washington Loan and Trust	240	246
Continental Trust	*115	120

SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.

Home	420	.....
Bank of Commerce and Savings	12	.....
East Washington	11	.....
Security Savings and Com.	*180	.....
Liberty	115	116½

FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Arlington	8	10
Colcoran	90	.....
Firemen's	*19	.....
German-American	225	.....
National Union	5½	.....

TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.

Columbia	*4	.....
Real Estate	*72	77

MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS.

Chapin-Sacks	.....	180
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	.....	.....
Merchants Trans. and Storage	100	110
Security	*185	.....
Security Storage & Safe Deposit	110	.....
Washington Market	16¾	.....

*Ex-dividend.

CHICAGO GRAIN.

By JOSEPH F. PRITCHARD.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The corn and oats market showed anything but a sympathetic feeling as the former grain closed at advances of ¼a⅝c while the latter rested for the day at losses of ⅛a¼c.

Corn was wanted by shorts and in addition to the buying by that interest, there was considerable of this grain taken by those who believe in it and who made purchases in the way of an investment.

The blizzard which prevailed over the major portion of the grain belts was construed by many as a bearish argument in favor of winter wheat, but as the price for that grain has been already fixed it will cut little or no figure with the possible lowering of premiums on the cash article taken by millers. The snow will be of great assistance to the growing wheat plant, as it will prove a protection in case of abnormally low temperatures.

If the oats market possessed any friends with backbone and buying power they failed to come to the rescue of that grain today. There was no pressure on the market save on one or two occasions, yet any selling whatever seemed to take the very life out of the few friends that believed corn would hold oats up around certain levels. The declines, however, were quite sharp for the nearby, as well as the deferred months and amounted to ¼a¾c.

RAILWAYS HIT LOWEST LEVEL

Many Traction Systems Reach Receivership Mark on N. Y. Exchange.

By BROADAN WALL.

New York, Dec. 24.—Weakness of the local tractions was the feature of the market in Wall street today, practically all issues of both stocks and bonds making new low records. Brooklyn had not sold so low in twenty years as it went today. All of them are on receivership basis. In sharp contrast with these was the strength of Standard Oil of New Jersey stocks on the curb, which rose to $653, an advance of $55 from the close of Saturday. United Cigar Stores made a new high record for the year at 108½ and Liberty Bonds were irregular but did not resume the decline that was checked the previous day. Hide and Leather preferred broke more than three points but quickly recovered. In many parts of the market there was seen evidence of accumulation, particularly in General Motors, American Can, United Dry Goods and Wilson. The close was irregular.

Everybody knows what is the matter with the local tractions, but everybody does not know how bad off they really are. It now appears that Brooklyn Transit accounts for the last fiscal year were not made up in accordance with the best practice of accountants.

The official report gave earnings of about 5.60 per cent on the common stock thereby apparently justifying the dividends that were paid. An analysis of the account, however, shows that the company charged to profit and loss items that should have been charged against income. By placing these accounts in the proper column the earnings for the last fiscal year are reduced to about 2½ per cent.

Interborough Consolidated, according to its own published reports, did not earn in the first four months of the present fiscal year within $900,000 of enough to pay its fixed charges. This means that Interborough Rapid Transit and Manhattan Elevated must be called on for extra disbursements from surplus or there will not be enough money to pay the interest or 4½ per cent bonds with which Interborough Consolidated bought Interborough Rapid Transit Company stock on the basis of $200 in bonds for $100 in stock. The bonds fell today to the low record of 41, being a break of 3 per cent. Manhattan Elevated, which is a 7 per cent guaranteed stock, sold down to 80, a decline of 10 points.

CURB STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 24.—Independent oil stocks were generally quiet on the Curb today, with Oklahoma selling at 9½ and Cosden at 6¾ and 6⅞.

War order stocks were heavy, Aetna Explosives dropped from 6¾ to 6¼. Wright Martin sold at 4¾.

United Motor, in which there were large transactions yesterday, ranged from 35 to 34½ during the greater part of today's trading.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
Aetna Explosives	6¼	6½
American Writing Paper com.	2½	3½
Atlantic Petroleum	2	2½
Barnett Oil	3-16	5-16
Big Ledge	⅞	1
Boston and Montana	53	54
Butterworth Judson	30	33
Caledonia Mining	30	33
Calumet and Jerome	7-16	9-16
Canada Copper	2½	2¾
Carbon Steel	95	110
Car Light and Power	2	2¼
Charcoal Iron	6½	7½
Chevolet	147	155
Cities Service	289	291
Cities Service pfd.	79	81
Consolidate Arizona	1⅝	1¾
Consolidated Copper	6	6¼
Cosden Co.	6¾	6⅞
Cosden pfd.	3¾	4¼
Cramps	75	80
Cresson Gold	5	5½
Curtiss Aero	11	14
Davis-Daly	4½	5¼
Denbeigh Silver	½	⅝
Elk Basin	5¾	6
Emerson Phone	1¾	2¼
Emma Copper	3	4
Federal Oil	2	2¼
First National Copper	2¼	2½
Glen Rock	3¾	3½
Goldfield Consolidated	26	24
Green Monster	⅜	7-16
Holly Sugar	40	50
Holly Sugar pfd.	90	96
Houston Oil	71	76
Howe Sound	4⅝	4⅝
Hull Copper	30	40
Intercontinental Rubber	10	12
International Petroleum	17¾	18¼
Island Oil	5¾	5⅞
Jerome Verde	7-16	9-16
Jim Butler	36	39
Jumbo Extension	14	16
Keystone Tire	39¾	40
Lake Torpedo	2½	3
Magma Copper	15	26½
Mason Valley	3⅛	3¼
Maxim Munitions	⅜	½
Merritt Oil	23	24
Metropolitan Petroleum	2	2¼
Midwest Oil com.	122	124
Midwest Oil pfd.	1⅞	1 9-16
Midwest Refining	1 2	124
Mitchell Motors	15	40
Motherlode	33	35
Nipissing Mines Co.	8⅞	9¼
North American P. and P.	2½	2¾
Northwestern Oil	47	49
Ohio Copper	11-16	13-16
Oklahoma Oil Co.	1	1½
Okla. Prod. and Refg. Co.	9¾	9⅞
Ozmulgee Oil	2¾	2¾
Pacific Gas	31	34
Peerless Motors	18	19
Ray Hercules	3	3¼
Rale Equipment	11½	12½
St. Joseph Lead	14	14¼
Sapulpa com.	6⅞	7
Sequoyah Oil	9-16	⅝
Sinclair Gulf	19½	20½
Standard Motors	8½	9½
Submarine Corporation	11	12
Success Mining	10	12
Tonopah Extension	1¾	1⅞
Triangle Film	⅝	½
Tri Bullion	½	¼
United Eastern	4¾	4⅞
U. S. Light and Heat com.	1⅜	1½
U. S. Light and Heat pfd.	0	3
United Motors	34½	34¾
United Profit Sharing	5-16	7-16
U. S. Steamship	5⅝	5¾
United Verde	36	38
United Western Oil	⅞	1
United Zinc	¼	1¼
Victoria Oil	2¾	2¾
Wayland Oil	3¾	3¾
West End Cons.	1⅛	1⅜
Wright-Martin Aero	4¼	4⅝

WASHINGTON PRODUCE.

EGGS—Strictly fresh, select, 75; average receipts, 65; cold storage, 57.

CHEESE—New York State factory, new, 40.

BUTTER—Elgin, 1-lbt. 73; Elgin, tub, 72.

LIVE POULTRY—Roosters, per lb., 18a20; turkeys, per lb, 33a36; chickens, spring, per lb, 26a28; hens, per lb, 25a26; keats, young, 1½ lbs and up, 60.

DRESSED POULTRY—Fresh killed spring 35a38; turkeys, per lb., 42a45; roosters, per lb., 25a28; hens, per lb, 32a36.

GREEN FRUIT—Apples, per bbl., 2.50a8.00; box, 75c a2.00; basket, fancy, 3.00a4.00; California lemons, 4.00a6.00; California oranges, 5.00a6.50; Florida oranges, 5.00a5.50; cranberries, 12.00a18.00 per bbl.; 3.00a4.00 per box; grapefruit, per box, 3.00a4.00.

VEGETABLES—Potatoes, No. 1, 2.75a3.50; beans, per basket, 1.50a4.00; peppers, crate, 3.50a5.00; okra, crate, 3.50a5.00; radishes, bunch, 2a3; cucumbers, box, 4.00a5.00; eggplants, 2.50a4.00 crate; cabbage, old, 100 lbs, 1.50a2.00; beets, per bunch, 4a6; lettuce, 3.00a4.25 per basket; tomatoes, Florida, 3.00a5.00; peas, 2.00a3.00 per basket; sweet potatoes, 4.00a7.00 per bbl.; celery, 1.00a1.50 per bunch; do, 5.00a7.50 per crate; squash, per bbl, 1.25a1.50; spinach, 2.50a3.00 per bbl.; kale, 1.00a1.50 per bbl.

DRESSED PORK—Light, 18a19; medium, 18; heavy, 17a18.

LIVE STOCK—Sheep, per lb, 7a8; lambs, 17; calves, 20a21; medium, 17a18.

SEEDS—Clover, 28.00a36.50 per bushel; timothy, 6.00a6.50 per bushel; red top grass, 16.50a17.50 per pound; blue grass, 3.50 per bushel; orchard grass, 3.50a3.75 per bushel.

HAY AND GRAIN—No. 1 timothy, 32 a ton; No. 2 timothy, 31.00a32.00 a ton; mixed hay, 30.00a32.00 a ton; mixed oats, 41a42 per bu.; white oats, 62c per bu.

BALTIMORE PRODUCE.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—Prices on the Baltimore produce market range as follows:

POTATOES—White, Western Maryland and Pennsylvania, per 100 lbs., 2.50a2.75; do, New York, No. 1, per 100 lbs., 2.50a2.75; do, Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, McCormick, 2.00; do, Jerseys, per 150 lb. sack, 4.00a4.25; sweets, yellows, North Carolina, per bbl., 5.00a6.00; do, Eastern Shore of Maryland, per hamper, 2.00a2.25; do, Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware, per bbl, 6.00a6.50; do, York River, per bbl, 5.50a6.00; yams, fancy, bright, per bbl, 4.50a5.00.

LIVE POULTRY—Chickens, young, large, smooth, per lb, 28a30c; do, small, per lb, 30c; do, young, by express, per lb, 28a29c; do, old roosters, per lb, 20c; do, old hens, over 4 lbs, per lb, 28a28c; do, small, per lb, 27c; do, White Leghorn hens, per lb, 27a28c; ducks, Muscovy and Mongrel, young, per lb, 18a28c; do, White Pekin, young, per lb, 31a32c; do, puddle, 3½ lbs and over, per lb, 30c; do, smaller, poor, per lb, 27a28c; turkeys, choice young hens, per lb, 39a40c; do, choice young gobblers, per lb, 39a40c; do, old toms, per lb, 36a37c; do, crooked breast, poor, per lb, 34a35c; green, Maryland and Virginia, per lb, 30a32c; do, Western and Southern, per lb, 28a30c; do, Kent Island, fat, heavy, per lb, 34a35c; pigeons, old, per pair, 20a25c; do, young, per pair, 20a25c; guinea fowl, young, over 1¾ lbs, each, 60c; do, under 1¾ lbs, each, 40c, do, smaller, each, 30c; do, each, 40c.

BUTTER—Creamery, Western, separator, extras, 68a69c; do, firsts, 65a66c; do, Western prints, ½-lb extras, 69a70c; do, firsts, 66a67c; do, Western prints, 1-lb extras, 69a70c; do, firsts, 66a67c; nearby creamery extras, 6.a65c; do, firsts, 60a61c; dairy prints, Pennsylvania and Virginia, extras, 41a44c; do, firsts, 41a42c; store-packed, firsts, 41a42c; rolls, Maryland and Pennsylvania, 41a42c; do, West Virginia, 41a42c; do, Ohio, 41a42c.

EGGS—Western Maryland and Pennsylvania and nearby, per doz, firsts, 62c; Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia, firsts, 6.c; Ohio firsts, 62c; West Virginia, 62c; Southern (North Carolina), firsts, 61c.

LIVESTOCK MARKETS.

(U. S. Bureau of Markets.)

Chicago, Dec. 24. — HOGS—Receipts, 3,300; market fairly active, 5c to 10c higher than yesterday's general trade. Bulk of sales, 17.40a17.70; butchers, 17.55a17.75; light, 16.75a17.55; packing, 16.75a17.55; throw-outs, 15.50a16.70; pigs, good to choice, 13.90a15.00.

CATTLE—Receipts, 5,000; killing classes mostly 25c higher; calves and feeders steady; beef cattle, good, choice and prime, 15.25a19.50; common and medium, 9.25a15.25; butcher stock, cows and heifers, 7.40a14.25; canners and cutters, 6.75a7.40; stockers and feeders, good, choice and fancy, 10.25a13.50; inferior, common and medium, 7.25a10.25; veal calves, good and choice, 14.00a14.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 5,000; market nominal; practically nothing available early; lambs, choice and prime, 14.85a15.00; medium and good, 13.50a13.85; culls, 9.50a12.00; ewes, choice and prime, 9.25a9.75; medium and good, 8.00a9.25; culls, 4.00a6.75.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 24.—HOGS—Receipts, 3,000; steady; heavies and heavy Yorkers, 17.65; light Yorkers and pigs, 16.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 500; steady; top sheep, 9.50; top lambs, 15.50.

CALVES—Receipts, 150; steady; top, 19.50.

Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—HOGS—Receipts, 1,300; slow; common to choice, 11.00a14.50.

CATTLE—Receipts, 400; slow; calves strong.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100; steady; lambs steady.

East Buffalo, Dec. 24.—CATTLE—Receipts, 100; steady.

CALVES—Receipts, 200; steady.

HOGS—Receipts, 17,600; slow, steady and unchanged.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3,000; slow, steady and unchanged.

St. Louis, Dec. 24.—HOGS—Receipts, 6,500; lights, 16.50a17.40; pigs, 12.00a16.00; butchers, 17.25a17.55; good heavy, 17.45a17.60.

CATTLE—Receipts, 11,400; steady; native steers, 11.50a18.50; heifers, 9.50a16.00; cows, 7.50a12.50; stockers and feeders, 8.50a12.00; calves, 7.75a17.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 100; steady; lambs, 14.25a14.50; ewes, 8.00a9.00.

Kansas City, Dec. 24.—HOGS—Receipts, 3,000; strong; heavy, 16.90a17.50; butchers, 17.00a17.50; lights, 16.80a17.30; pigs, 12.00a14.25.

CATTLE—Receipts, 2,000; strong; prime steers, 18.00a20.00; Southern steers, 7.00a13.00; cows, 7.00a14.00; heifers, 8.00a14.50; calves, 7.00a13.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000; steady; lambs, 12.00a14.50; yearlings, 10.00a11.50; wethers, 9.00a10.25; ewes, 7.50a9.00.

MORE SUBS THAN THOUGHT.

Proposed Surrender Shows Total to Have Been 174.

London, Dec. 24.—Fifty more German submarines, including some of the largest types, will be surrendered soon, it was learned today. They were either uncompleted or out of commission when the other U-boats were given up last month.

Surrender of the fifty additional submarines will raise the total turned over to the Allies to 174, which exceeds the number believed to have been in Germany's possessions

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