LITTLE INTEREST SHOWN IN LOCAL SECURITIES

Lower Prices Induce Some Buying. But Orders Are Soon Filled. Traction Sold at 86.

Western Bankers Will Move Crops With Their Own Funds, Which Are Plentiful.

BY I. A. FLEMING.

Capital Traction stock sold in quotation lots on the local stock exchange today at 86, fifty-four shares in all, and after this business had been recorded the stock was offered at 85¾, with 85⅝ the closing bid. Washington Railway and Electric shares, common and preferred, were entirely neglected, the bid price being 85½ for the former and 81 for the latter.

In all, $4,000 face value Potomac Electric Power Consolidated 5s were traded in at 100½, a fractional improvement.

Business for the week ending today aggregated $26,700 face value of bonds and 391 shares of stock, of which 250 shares were of Railway and Electric common at 85.

Lower prices seem to tempt a little buying, but the few orders placed are soon filled, and stagnation is in evidence from day to day.

Investment buying by banks has been shifted from the local high-grade bonds, at the relatively higher prices maintained here, to New York and the offerings of bond brokers, with more opportunities for turning profit, as bonds are generally low at this time.

West Will Move Crops.

The banks of the middle west and the northwest will readily be able to attend to the crop moving this year, probably for the first time in their history, and without appealing to the east for assistance.

This fact was very generally understood some time ago in financial circles, and has just been announced officially by agents of the regional banks of the federal reserve system at Kansas City and Minneapolis. This in reply to queries from Secretary McAdoo as to the need of assistance in the form of government deposits.

John H. Rich, federal reserve agent at Minneapolis, in his reply to the Secretary of the Treasury's letter, said in part: "What proportion of our own resources we shall be able to employ, I regret to say, is still something of a question with us, and there would seem to be no purpose in requesting the deposits of larger amounts by the government until there is a sufficient demand upon us to indicate the approach of a period when such aid can be profitably employed."

Asa E. Ramsey at Kansas City replied: "I do not anticipate we will need the assistance of the government this season. Our district has been full of money, so to speak, and while the demand is increasing now, I do not think it will reach the point where we will be unable to handle it with our own resources."

This is in direct line with the existing financial conditions all over the greater part of the country. Legitimate commercial demand for funds has been at a very low point, and bankers, especially in central reserve cities, have been carrying large amounts of idle funds, while bankers in this section and throughout the east, west and middle west have found themselves obliged to seek investments in order to bring up their earning power and keep their funds better employed.

Manufacturing concerns making munitions and other supplies for the allies, the one great productive industrial activity of the nation, have been large borrowers, but the usual mercantile, manufacturing and commercial inquiry has been light.

Unquestionably the war has been responsible for a part of the prevailing dullness, bringing about an inability to engage in foreign trade with the usual peace-time activities and a spirit of economy.

Financial Notes.

Charles W. Harkness has been elected a director of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, succeeding to the vacancy caused by the death of Norman B. Ream. The board has approved plans for the erection of a coal pier at Baltimore to cost $1,400,000.

The Boston Regional Bank has been authorized to make a 3½ per cent rate on acceptances; Philadelphia has been given a 4 per cent rate on commercial paper of ten or ninety days' maturity and 3 per cent rate on commodity paper and acceptances.

Reading earned 16.30 per cent on its common stock for the fiscal year ended with June 30. The gross revenue of the system was $47,224,000, as compared with $50,456,000 for the year 1914.

PROVISION MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, September 17.—Flour—Firmly held.

Pork—Barely steady.

Beef—Quiet.

Lard—Easy; middle west, 8.20a8.30.

Molasses—Steady.

Hay—Firm.

Hides—Steady.

Leather—Firm.

Raw sugar—Easy; centrifugal, 4.33; molasses, 3.56; refined quiet.

Sugar futures opened easier under renewed selling, and at noon prices were 4 to 8 points net lower.

Butter—Steady; receipts, 6,834 packages; creamery extras, 32 score, 26a26½; creamery, higher scoring, 26½a27; firsts, 24a25½; seconds, 22a23½.

Eggs—Firm; receipts, 7,344 cases; fresh gathered, extras, 29½a31; extra firsts, 28a29; firsts, 26a27½; seconds, 23½a25; nearby hennery, whites, fine to fancy, 29a40; nearby hennery, browns, 32a35.

Cheese—Steady; receipts, 1,121; state, whole milk, fresh, flats, white and colored specials 14¾a15; do. average fancy, 14½.

Live poultry—Firm; western chickens broilers, 20; fowls, 15a16; turkeys, 15; dressed steady; frozen roasting chickens, 15a22; fresh fowls, iced, 12½a18; fresh turkeys, iced, 15a16.

CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Septemebr 17.—Butter, unchanged.

Eggs—Higher; receipts, 6,222 cases; at mark, cases included, 17a22½; ordinary firsts, 21½a22; firsts, 22½a22.

Potatoes—Unchanged; receipts, twenty-five cars.

Poultry—Alive, unchanged.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, September 17.—Hogs—Receipts, 15,000 head; slow; 10 under yesterday's average. Bulk, 6.80a7.75; light, 7.35a8.20; mixed, 6.65a8.10; heavy, 6.35a7.65; rough, 6.35a6.55; pigs, 6.00a7.60.

Cattle—Receipts, 2,000 head; steady; native beef steers, 6.25a10.40; western steers, 6.80a9.00; cows and heifers, 3.00a8.50; calves, 7.50a11.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady; weathers, 5.25a6.00; lambs, 6.25a8.75.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET.

BOSTON, September 17.—The Commercial Bulletin will say tomorrow:

"The week has been without any excitement and wool sales here have been of moderate proportions, with prices holding generally steady, except in occasional instances where slight concessions may have occurred for the purpose of inducing trading. Woolen mills continue to buy steadily, although for current needs only.

"London keeps up firm for good wools, and the same is true of Australia. American buyers are operating abroad with great circumspection."

"Can you keep a secret?" "Yes." "But will you?" "Oh, that's different. I don't know."—Detroit Free Press.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Received by private wire direct to The Star office.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Alaska Gold Mining..	32½	33⅛	32½	32¾
Allis-Chalmers.....	42¾	44¼	42½	41
Allis-Chalmers pfd...	70	71¾	70	71
Am. Agricul. Chem...	62	62	61	61
American Beet Sugar.	64¾	65¾	64⅝	65¾
American Can.....	59⅞	61⅛	59⅞	61¼
American Can pfd....	104⅞	104⅞	104¾	104¾
Amer. Car & Foundry.	69⅞	72¼	69⅞	71⅛
Am. Coal Products...	150	153½	149½	153½
American Cotton Oil.	50½	51¼	50½	51¼
American Ice.....	25	25	25	25
American Linseed....	20	21	19¾	20½
Amer Linseed pfd....	36	36¾	36	36¾
Amer. Locomotive...	57⅝	58½	57	57
Am. Malt pfd.....	26¼	26¼	26¼	26¼
Amer. Smelt. & Refin.	80¾	82	80¾	81⅝
Amer. Steel Foundry.	54⅞	56	54	55½
American Sugar.....	108	108⅛	108	108⅛
Amer. Tel. & Teleg...	123½	123½	123¼	123¼
American Tobacco...	228	228	223	228
Am. Tobacco new....	108	108	108	108
American Woolen....	44	44	43¼	43½
xAmer. Woolen pfd...	92⅞	93⅛	92⅝	93⅛
Anaconda Copper....	71¼	71¾	71⅛	71⅜
Atchison.....	101	101½	101	101½
Atchison pfd.....	98½	98½	98¼	98¼
Baldwin Locomotive.	80	81⅞	80	81
Baltimore & Ohio....	82¾	83⅛	82¾	83⅛
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	70¾	71½	70¾	71½
Bethlehem Steel.....	336	340	336	340
Bethlehem pfd.....	165	169	165	168
Brooklyn Rap. Tran..	83¾	84	83¾	84
Butte Superior.....	60¼	60⅝	60⅛	60¼
California Oil.....	18	18⅛	18	18⅛
Canadian Pacific.....	153¾	153¾	153¼	153¼
Central Leather.....	44¼	45¼	44¼	45
Central Leather pfd..	106	106	106	106
Chesapeake & Ohio...	47⅜	48¼	47⅜	47¾
Chi. & Great West...	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞	11⅞
Chicago, Mil. & St. P..	84⅜	84⅜	84	84
Chi., Mil. & St. P. pf..	122½	122½	121½	121½
Chicago, R. I. & Pac..	20⅛	21⅛	20⅛	20½
Chino Copper.....	44⅛	44¼	44	44¼
Colorado Fuel & Iron.	52½	53⅝	52¼	56¼
Continental Can.....	85½	85¾	85½	85⅝
Corn Products.....	18⅛	18⅛	17¾	17½
Corn Products pfd...	84¼	84¼	84⅛	84⅛
Crucible Steel.....	93	95¼	91⅜	94½
Crucible Steel pfd....	105⅜	106	105⅝	106
Cuban-Amer. Sugar..	113	114⅛	113	114⅛
Deere & Co.....	99	99	99	99
Den. & Rio Grande pf.	9⅜	9⅝	9⅜	9⅜
Distillers Securities...	25⅝	25⅞	25½	25½
Dome Mining.....	23	23⅜	22⅞	23¼
Elec. Storage Battery	72⅞	73	72⅞	73
Erie Railroad.....	29⅞	30⅜	29⅞	30
Erie 1st pfd.....	50½	50⅞	50½	50¼
Erie 2d pfd.....	39⅜	39⅜	39	39¼
Federal Mines.....	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜	26⅜
General Electric.....	171	173⅛	170¼	173⅛
General Motors.....	280	297	279	280
General Motors pfd..	115	115	115	115
Goodrich Co., B. F...	63⅜	65¾	63¼	65¼
Goodrich, B. F. pfd...	109	109	109	109
Great Northern pfd...	118¼	119	118	119
Great Northern Ore..	41¾	46¼	41¾	46
Guggenheim Explor..	65	65¼	64¾	65¼
Hide & Leather.....	8¼	8¼	8¼	8¼
Hide & Leather pfd..	37⅝	38	37⅝	37¾
Inspiration Copper..	34½	34⅞	34¼	34½
Interborough-Metro..	20	20⅛	20	20
Interborough Consol.	20	20¾	20	20¼
Inter.-Bor. Consol. pr.	74	74¼	73¾	74¼
Inter. Agri. Cor. com.	19½	19½	19½	19½
Int. Agricul. Cor. pfd.	38½	38½	38½	38½
Internat'l Harv. N. J.	105¾	106⅛	105¾	106
International Paper.	9¾	10½	9¾	10½
Inter. Paper pfd.....	39	39½	39	39½
Kansas City Southern	25¼	26	25¼	26
Lackawanna Steel....	68¾	70¼	68⅞	69½
Laclede Gas.....	102	102	102	102
Lehigh Valley.....	144¼	145¼	144¼	145
Maxwell Motor.....	45	46¾	44¾	45
Maxwell Motor 1st pf.	89	90	88½	89
Maxwell Motor 2d pf.	37	38⅜	36½	37½
Mex. Petroleum.....	84¼	85¾	84¾	85
Miami Copper.....	27¼	27½	27¼	27¼
Minne, St. P. & S. S. M.	118¾	118¾	118¾	118¾
Missouri, Kan. & Tex.	7	7	7	7
Missouri Pacific.....	3¼	4	3¼	3⅞
Montana Power.....	58	58¼	58	58¼
Montana Power pfd.	105	105	105	105
Natl Cloak & Suit pf..	109	109	109	109
Nat. Enamel & Stamp.	26¾	27	26½	26¾
National Lead.....	63½	63½	63½	63½
New York Central...	92	92⅝	92	92½
N.Y., N.H. & Hartford	67	67	66¾	66¾
N.Y., Ont. & Western	27	27	27	27
Norfolk & Western...	109⅝	110	109⅝	110
North America.....	73¼	75	73¼	75
Northern Pacific.....	107¼	107¾	107¼	107½
Penna. Railroad.....	109	109	109	109
Peoples Gas, Chicago.	116	116	116	116
Phila. Company.....	87¼	87¾	87	87⅛
Pitts., Cin., C. & St. L.	70	70	70	70
Pittsburgh Coal.....	33	33¼	32⅞	33
Pittsburgh Coal pfd..	100	100	99	100
Pittsburgh Steel pfd..	90	90	90	90
Pressed Steel Car....	61	64	60¼	62½
Pullman Car.....	160½	161	160	160
Railway Steel Springs	39½	40⅛	39½	40⅝
Ry. Steel Springs pfd.	92	92	92	92
Ray Consol. Copper..	22	22	21⅞	21⅞
Reading Railway.....	148⅝	149¾	148⅝	149⅜
Republic Iron & Steel	43¾	46⅜	43¼	45⅜
Republic Ir. & Steel pf.	99⅞	99⅞	99¾	99⅞
Rumley Company....	3⅞	6¾	3⅞	5½
Rumley pfd.....	7	10⅛	7	8⅜
Sears, Roebuck.....	153½	155	153½	155
Sears, Roebuck Co. pf.	124¼	124¼	124¼	124¼
Sloss-Sheffield.....	52¼	54½	52¼	53⅝
Southern Pacific.....	88⅛	89	88⅛	89
Southern Railway....	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞
Southern Railway pf.	50⅞	51	50⅞	51
Standard Milling....	65	65	63½	63½
St. L. & San Fran....	3¼	4¼	3¾	4¼
St. L. & San. Fr. 1st..	8	9	8	9
St. L. & San Fran. 2d..	5	6	5	6
Studebaker.....	118	120½	118	119½
Tennessee Copper....	55	55	54¼	56
Texas Companies....	155	155	154	154
Underwood Typewr..	80	80	79⅛	79⅛
Union Pacific.....	128⅝	129¼	128½	129¼
Union Pacific pfd....	81	81	81	81
United Cigars.....	50¼	55	50¼	55
United Rwy. Invest..	23	23	23	23
United Ry. Invest. pf.	37⅞	38½	37⅞	38½
U. S. Cast Iron Pipe..	21¼	22⅜	22¼	22⅜
U. S. Ind. Alcohol...	84¾	85	84	84⅛
U. S. Rubber.....	51¾	52¼	51½	51⅞
U. S. Rubber pfd.....	104⅞	104⅞	104⅞	104⅞
U. S. Steel.....	74½	75⅜	74¼	75⅛
U. S. Steel pfd.....	113¼	113½	113¼	113½
Utah Copper.....	66	66⅜	65⅞	65⅞
Va.-Car. Chemical....	38	38½	38	38½
Va.-Caro. Chemical pf.	105½	105½	105½	105½
Va. Iron, Coal & Coke	61	61	60	60
Western Maryland...	28½	28½	28	28
Western Union.....	76⅜	76⅞	76½	76¾
Westingh'se Mfg. Co.	115¾	117⅜	115¾	117¼
Willys-Overland.....	188½	192½	188½	191¾

Selling Ex Dividend Today.

General Chemical Company preferred, 1½; California Petroleum Company preferred, 1; American Smelting and Refining Company securities B, 1¼; Pettibone, Mulliken & Co. 1st preferred, 1¾; American Woolen Company preferred 1¾; Loose-Wiles Biscuit Company 1st preferred, 1¾; Phelps, Dodge & Co., 2½ and 3 extra; Sloss-Sheffield Steel and Iron Company preferred, 1¾ in script.

	High	Low
Call Money.....	1⅜	1¾

Hourly Sales of Stocks Today.

To 11 a.m...222,100	To 12 m...328,500
To 1 p.m...409,000	To 2 p.m.577,700

NEW YORK BONDS.

	High.	Low.
Atchison gen. 4s.....	91	90¾
Atchison conv. 4s (1960).....	101⅛	100¾
Chi., Bur. & Quincy joint 4s...	96¾	96⅝
Interor. Rap. Tran. trust 4s...	74¼	74
Northern Pacific 4s.....	89⅞	89⅝
Pennsylvania con. 4s (1948).	96½	96½
Reading Ry. gen. mortg. 4s...	91⅝	91½
Southern Ry. gen. mortg. 4s.	61⅛	61½
Southern Rwy. 5s.....	97	96½
Union Pacific 4s.....	93	93
United States Steel 2d 5s....	102¼	102

GENERAL MOTORS BREAKS PREVIOUS RECORD PRICE

Fifty Per Cent Dividend Reflected in Rise of Twenty Points Soon After Market Opens.

Bethlehem and Crucible Steel Lower. Pressure Against Railways Lifted at Midday.

NEW YORK, September 17.—Special causes were reflected in today's early stock dealings. General Motors, whose directors yesterday declared a 50 per cent dividend, opened with a gain of 17 points at 280, gradually ascending to 291, 20 points above all previous records. Studebaker also made a new high, rising 3 to 120¼. Colorado Fuel, yesterday's strongest feature, opened with 3,000 shares at 52½ to 52¾, against yesterday's close of 52⅝, and then rose to 54½. Willys-Overland gained 3 to 189, and other specialties were fractionally higher.

United States Steel was unchanged at the outset, then fell off a fraction, only to recover half a point over yesterday at 75.

Union Pacific, Reading and Atchison were nominally lower, but these and other railways were seriously depressed in London, declines ranging from 2 to 5 points.

Confusion of Prices.

There was considerable confusion of prices during the busy first hour, some high-priced specialties reacting, while less prominent stocks like Pressed Steel Car, American Car, Republic Steel, the locomotives and Great Northern Ore were higher by 1½ to 3 points. Automobile shares, mainly Maxwells and Goodrich, gatheredd fresh impetus from the liberal disbursement of the General Motors Company.

Later some seasoned industrials and equipments, including General Electric, advanced materially and United States Steel rose to 75½. Bethlehem Steel and Crucible Steel were lower. Pressure against the railways was lifted at mfdday, when trading dwindled. Bonds were firm.

Colorado Fuel Rises.

Colorado Fuel again became the central feature in the afternoon, extending its rise to 58¾. There were further substantial gains in other industrials, notably Rumely, American Linseed, Great Northern Ore and United Cigar Manufacturers.

Extraordinary strength in foreign exchange as the day progressed gave color to the report that the Anglo-French commission's work was progressing rapidly. At 1 o'clock sterling had risen to $4.73, 2½ cents over yesterday's close; francs were up 6 cents, at 5.77; lires were 6 cents higher, at 6.18, and reichsmarks were a full point over yesterday's close, or 83¾.

These figures represented sweeping recoveries from the recent low records of foreign money values here, as follows: Sterling, 23 cents; francs, 32 cents; lires, 40 cents; reichsmarks, 3½ points.

Washington Stock Exchange.

SALES.

Regular call—Potomac Electric Cons. 5s, $1,000 at 100½, $1,000 at 100½, $1,000 at 100½, $1,000 at 100½.

Capital Traction, 25 at 86, 5 at 86, 24 at 86.

Bid and Asked Prices.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. registered 2s	96⅞	98⅛
U. S. coupon 2s	96⅞	....
U. S. registered 3s	100⅝	....
U. S. coupon 3s	100⅝	....
U. S. registered 4s	108⅞	110¼
U. S. coupon 4s	109⅝	....
D. C. 3.65s	104	105½
GAS BONDS.		
Georgetown Gas Cert. Ind. 5s.....	102	....
Georgetown Gas 5s	102	....
Washington Gas 5s	104½	105½
RAILROAD BONDS.		
Capital Traction 5s	105¾	106½
City and Suburban 5s	101	102
Metropolitan 5s	104½	....
Washington Rwy. and Elec. 4s.....	80¾	82
MISCELLANEOUS BONDS.		
Potomac Electric Cons. 5s.....	100¾	101
Potomac Electric Light 5s.....	105¾	108¼
Chesapeake and Potomac Tel. 5s...	105	....
American Tel. and Telga. 4s.....	92	....
American Tel. and Telga. 4½s.....	100½	....
Washington Market 5s, 1927.....	95	....
Washington Market 5s, 1947.....	95	....
W. M. Cold Storage 5s.....	96	....
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat 5s..	104	....
Riggs Realty 5s (long).....	101	....
Riggs Realty 5s (short).....	100	102
PUBLIC UTILITIES STOCKS.		
Capital Traction	*85⅞	88¾
Washington Rwy. and Elec. com..	85½	88
Washington Rwy. and Elec. pfd...	81	82
Norfolk and Wash. Steamboat.....	150	156
Washington Gas	70½	70⅞
American Tel. and Telga.....	122	....
TYPE MACHINE STOCKS.		
Mergenthaler	*172	175
Lanston	77	78
MINING STOCK.		
Greene-Cananea	35	....
NATIONAL BANK STOCKS.		
American	150	160
Capital	216	....
Columbia	250	256
Commercial	193	....
District	135	....
Farmers and Mechanics'	247	....
Federal	135	140
Metropolitan	198	....
Riggs	500	....
Second	137	150
National Bank of Washington.....	230	....
TRUST COMPANY STOCKS.		
American Security and Trust.....	265	275
Union Trust	115	125
Washington Loan and Trust.....	220	....
Continental Trust	*116	....
SAVINGS BANK STOCKS.		
Home	385	....
Bank of Commerce and Savings.....	12	....
East Washington	12½	....
FIRE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Corcoran	80	....
Firemen's	18	....
German-American	265	....
National Union	6	....
TITLE INSURANCE STOCKS.		
Columbia	4½	5¾
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Chapin-Sacks	175	225
D. C. Paper Mfg. Co.	125	....
Graphophone com.	*81	85
Graphophone pfd.	93	100
Security Storage	175	....
Washington Market	17½	22½

*Ex dividend.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON.

LONDON, September 17.—The abundant supply of money makes it difficult to maintain discount rates.

American exchange fluctuated sharply. It opened at 4.71 on reports that the loan will be smaller and quicker arranged than anticipated. The price reacted to 4.70 later on a demand for dollars.

The stock market was inclined to droop as the time for the submission of the budget approaches with the feared heavy taxation. Home stocks and Argentine rails weakened, but kaffirs continued strong and Japanese bonds firm. International Mercantile Marine preferred spurted five points.

American securities declined following the advance in exchange. Trading was limited and the closing was dull and easy.

Bar silver, 23 7-16d per ounce. Money, 3½a4 per cent. Discount rates, short bills, 4⅝a4¾, per cent. Three months, 4 11-16a4¾ per cent.

PARIS.

PARIS, September 17.—Trading was irregular on the bourse today. Rentes, 67 francs 25 centimes. Exchange on London, 27 francs 45 centimes.

WHEAT SHOWS STRENGTH ON EUROPEAN DEMAND

On the Upturn There Is Rather Free Selling by Leading Houses, However—Corn Firm.

CHICAGO, September 17.—Wheat showed strength today as a result of reports of a broadening demand in Europe. The smallness of the contract stock on hand here made the September option advance more rapidly than other deliveries. On the upturn, however, there was rather free selling by leading houses. Opening prices, which ranged from ⅛a¼ off to 2 advance, with December at 96⅛ to 97¼ and May at 99 to 1.00, was followed by something of a reaction and then a fresh rally.

Corn hardened with wheat. At first, though, the market gave evidence that the ideal weather was not being altogether lost sight of. After opening unchanged to ¼ lower, prices scored moderate gains all around.

Oats reflected the strength of other cereals. Trade was light.

Support was lacking for provisions. Declines, however, were not of a radical sort.

WHEAT—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
September	104	106	103	104¼
December	96⅛	97¼	95⅛	95⅝
May	99	100	98	98⅛
CORN—				
December	56¾	57⅛	56½	56⅝
May	58	58⅝	57⅞	57⅞
OATS—				
December	36¼	36⅜	36	36⅛
May	38⅝	38⅝	38¼	38⅜

BALTIMORE.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, September 17.—Wheat—Firm; spot No. 2 red, 1.10½; spot No. 2 red western, 1.14½; September No. 2 red, 1.10½; October No. 2 red, 1.09¼; steamer No. 2 red, 1.09¼; receipts, 93,245 bushels; exports, 143,779 bushels.

Corn—Receipts, 27,132 bushels.

Oats—Firmer; No. 3 white, 88a38½; No. 4 white, 34a35; receipts, 74,919 bushels.

Rye—Firmer; No. 2 western export, 99a1.00; receipts, 63,492 bushels.

Hay—Quiet; No. 1 timothy, unchanged; No. 1 clover mixed, unchanged.

Grain freights—Firm; steam to Liverpool, per bushel, unchanged; picked ports, per quarter, unchanged.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, September 17.—Wheat—Spot No. 1 Manitoba, 11s 11½d; No. 2, 11s 11d; No. 3, 11s 9½d; No. 1 northern Duluth, 11s 5d; No. 2 red western winter, 10s 3d; No. 2 hard winter, 11s 10½d.

Corn—Spot American mixed, 8s 10½d.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, September 17.—Firmness in Liverpool, and reports that offerings of spot cotton from the south late yesterday were higher, appeared to bring a good many buying orders into the market here at the opening today, and first prices were firm at an advance of 10 to 14 points, with October selling at 10.82 and January at 11.35. There were heavy offerings at this level, with sentiment more or less unsettled, and reactions of 6 or 7 points followed. A private crop report made the condition 66.4 against 68.4 August 25. Private cables were reported in from Alexandria estimating the Egyptian crop at 30 per cent less than last year.

Fluctuations were very irregular during the entire morning, but there seemed a good deal of cotton for sale on rallies, and the market worked off to a net loss of 2 to 4 points before midday, with October selling at 10.68 and January at 11.17. Bullish private crop advices and reports that warnings had been issued against a storm of moderate intensity, reported off the west coast of Cuba, promoted covering on declines, and the market was fairly steady around midday.

Cotton futures opened firm; October, 10.81; December, 11.18; January, 11.34; March, 11.61; May, 11.88.

NEW ORLEANS.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 17.—Cotton was sent up for an advance of 14 to 17 points on the opening today by buying based on good cables, and the tropical storm reported by the weather bureau. Heavy liquidation met the improvement and half an hour after the opening prices were ten points down from the highest.

Futures opened steady: October, 10.65; December, 11.06; January, 11.21; March, 11.51; May, 11.73.

Selling continued during the morning and sentiment was less bullish than it has been. Toward noon the most active months were 1 to 2 points under yesterday's close.

LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, September 17.—Cotton—Spot unchanged. Good middling, 6.74; middling, 6.44; low middling, 5.96. Sales, 10,000 bales; for speculation and export, 1,500. Receipts, 4,000 bales. Futures quiet and steady. September, 6.23½; September and October, 6.23; October and November, 6.24; November and December, 6.28½; December and January, 6.32; January and February, 6.36; February and March, 6.39; March and April, 6.42; April and May, 6.45; May and June, 6.47½; June and July, 6.48½; July and August, 6.49½; August and September, 6.44½.

Weekly cotton statistics:

Total forwarded to mills, 68,000 bales, of which 57,000 were American; stock, 1,088,000; American, 841,000; imports, 13,000; American, 3,000; exports, 11,000.

CURB STOCKS.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange.

	Bid.	Asked.
Alaska-Juneau	12	12½
American Zinc	51⅝	52¼
Braden Copper	8¾	8⅞
British-American Tobacco	14	15
Canadian Car and Foundry	104	108
Canadian Car and Foundry pfd.....	116	118
Car Light	8½	9
Cramp	90½	91½
Electric Boat	460	470
Goldfield Cons.	1⅛	1¼
Goldfield Merger	19	20
Guantanamo Sugar		63
Jim Butler	80	87
Jumbo Extension	1 7-16	1½
Kennecott	53½	54
Kewanus	37	39
Lake Torpedo	175	185
Marine com.	4	4½
Marine pfd.	208	208½
Motherlode	36	38
Nipissing Mines Co.	7⅛	7⅜
Profit Sharing	2	2⅛
Riker-Hegeman	5¼	5⅝
Standard Motors	9½	10½
Sterling Gum	2½	2¾
Stewart Mining	11 16	¾
Submarine	48¾	49
Success	87	89
World Film	3¾	3⅞
Yukon Gold	2¼	2½

NEW YORK COTTON.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30 p.m.
October	10.81	10.82	10.65	10.70
December	11.17	11.22	11.03	11.08
January	11.33	11.35	11.16	11.24
March	11.61	11.62	11.45	11.52

OIL STOCKS.

Quotations furnished by W. B. Hibbs & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
Atlantic Refining Co.	620	635
Anglo-American Oil	16¾	17
Buckeye Pipe Line	100	102
Continental Oil Co.	245	250
Galena-Signal Oil Co. com.....	160	163
Galena-Signal Oil Co. pfd.....	133	140
Eureka Pipe	240	250
Illinois Pipe	150	152
National Transit Co.	32	34
Ohio Oil Co.	151	153
Pierce Oil Corporation	12	12¼
Prairie Oil and Gas Co.	407	410
Prairie Pipe	181	183
South Penn Oil Co.	327	335
Southern Pipe Line	218	223
Southwestern Penn. Pipe Line...	122	128
Standard Oil California	308	310
Standard Oil Indiana	455	460
Standard Oil Nebraska	400	415
Standard Oil Kentucky	273	283
Standard Oil Nebraska	345	360
Standard Oil New Jersey	447	449
Standard Oil New York	190	192
Standard Oil Ohio	480	490
Swann & Finch Co.	125	135
Union Tank Line Co.	78	80
Vacuum Oil Co.	220	221
Washington Oil Co.	40	45

U. S. CAVALRY FIRED ON.

American Patrol on the Rio Grande the Object of Attack.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., September 17.—A United States cavalry patrol was fired on today from the Mexican side of the river, near the Brownsville city limits. About 500 shots were fired. The cavalrymen had gone to the river to investigate the shooting of a Mexican's horse on the American side.

WEATHER.

Fair Tonight and Tomorrow; Slightly Lower Temperature.

For the District of Columbia and Maryland, fair tonight and tomorrow, slightly lower temperature; moderate westerly winds.

For Virginia, fair tonight and tomorrow; light westerly winds.

For West Virginia, fair tonight and slightly lower temperature tomorrow.

A disturbance of minor intensity is central this morning near the west end of Cuba, and apparently moving toward the northwest. While this storm exhibits no intense features, yet shipping in gulf and south Atlantic waters has been notified of its presence in the region mentioned.

The temperature is somewhat lower this morning in the Ohio valley, the lower lake region, and the middle Atlantic and New England states, and there are indications of a further though slight fall in temperature in these regions during the next thirty-six hours.

There have been showers and thunderstorms in the last twenty-four hours in the region of the great lakes, the