BEARS VERY AGGRESSIVE

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BANKS CALLED LOANS ALL DAY.

The Principal Victims of the Selling Were the Iron and Steel Stocks, as Has Been the Case all the Week.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Nearly every stock in the list declined to-day. The industrials [illegible] ranged from 2 to nearly 7 points. The railways did not suffer so much, but a number of them closed between 1 and 2 points lower than last night. The principal victims of the selling were the iron and steel stocks, as has been the case all week, and Tennessee Coal led the group with a net loss of 6½ points. Quite a number of other metal stocks closed more than 4 points lower. Sugar was very active and weak through[out] the session and closed at the low point with a net loss of [illegible]. The tobacco stocks, the rubber stocks and the New York specialties were all prominent in the break, and lost 3 points or upward. Manhattan was rather an exception, and its loss was only a fraction.

The bears were active and very aggressive, and had much to do with starting the decline, but they reaped a rich return in the uncovering of stop-loss orders as margins were wiped out and heavy offerings were precipitated on the market.

The banks were calling loans all day, and the conclusion is unavoidable that a very drastic liquidation of long accounts was effected. A large part of the selling was forced by the calling of loans and the difficulty of obtaining new accommodation, the borrowing demand rushing the call-loan rates up to 17 per cent. on the late dealings. Tired holders who have hoped for an upward turn in prices also abandoned their position and threw over their stocks. When the preliminary estimates of the week's cash changes made their appearance the difficulties of the money market were explained.

The bears relied somewhat to aggravate the situation by setting forth a story that "The Associated Banks of the United States" whatever that might mean, had loaned the Bank of England $[illegible]. No basis could be found for the story, but its inherent improbability did not prevent it having considerable effect in adding to the demoralization. The hardening of money in Berlin and Paris and the heavy loss in gold by the Bank of England for shipment to South America were evidences of the contraction of the money supply abroad. This was sufficient to keep the sterling exchange rate firm in spite of our stiffening money, but there was a significant decline in the exchange rate on Paris in response to the London measures to shift pressure to that centre.

To-morrow bank statement is expected to show a decrease in cash of over $6,000,000; of this $5,000,000 is on Sub-Treasury operations. On the direct interior movement by express the banks have increased their shipments over $900,000 over last week; their receipts from the same source have decreased $[illegible].

Total sales of bonds, $1,725,000. Market steady. United States old 4's and 5's advanced ¼ in the bid price.

The total sales of stocks to-day were 755,800 shares, including Atchison preferred, 29,815; Chicago, Burlington and Quincy, 19,870; Manhattan, 18,750; Missouri Pacific, 9,250; Northern Pacific, 12,600; Pennsylvania, 6,880; Reading first preferred, 5,960; St. Paul, 15,040; Southern Pacific, 30,975; Union Pacific, 43,350; do. preferred, 10,290; Wheeling and Lake Erie, 6,250; American Steel and Wire, 30,[illegible]; American Tin Plate, 5,775; American Tobacco, 48,050; Brooklyn Rapid Transit, 43,000; Continental Tobacco, 31,840; do. preferred, 5,700; Federal Steel, 58,475; do. preferred, 7,[illegible]; Rubber, 5,067; Leather, 20,885; do. preferred, 7,655; Tennessee Coal and Iron, 17,050; Sugar, 95,765; Pacific Mail, 7,250; People's Gas, 7,926; National Steel, 8,073.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE.—Money on call strong at 5@12 per cent.; last loan at 5 per cent.; ruling rate, 7½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent. Sterling exchange irregular, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85¾@4.85¾ for demand and at $4.81½@4.81¾ for sixty days; posted rates, $4.82@4.82½ and $4.87½; commercial bills, $4.80½. Silver certificates, 59@60; bar silver, 59; Mexican dollars, 47¼. Government bonds strong; State bonds steady; railroad bonds weak.

BANK CLEARINGS.—The total bank clearings in the United States for the week were $1,555,[illegible]; per cent. increase, 19.8. Exclusive of New York, $740,049,161; per cent. increase, 21.7.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Closing Stocks.

Atchison	21⅝
Atchison pfd	[illegible]
Baltimore and Ohio	[illegible]
Canadian Pacific	92⅞
Canada Southern	52¼
Ches. and Ohio	[illegible]
Chicago Great Western	11
Chi., Bur. and Quincy	[illegible]
Chi., Ind. and L.	11½
Chi., Ind. and L. pfd	37
Chi. and East Illinois	94
Chi. and Northwestern	163½
Chi., Rock Island and Pacific	111
C. C. C. and St. Louis	63¼
Colorado Southern	[illegible]
Colorado Southern 1st pfd	[illegible]
Colorado Southern 2d pfd	[illegible]
Del. and Hudson	117½
Del., Lack. and Western	181
Den. and Rio G.	[illegible]
Den. and Rio G. pfd	[illegible]
Erie	12⅝
Erie 1st pfd	35⅞
Great Northern pfd	17[illegible]
Hocking Coal	17½
Hocking Valley	31
Illinois Central	112¼
Iowa Central	13½
Iowa Central pfd	[illegible]
Kan. City, Pitts. and Gulf	[illegible]
Lake Erie and Western	20
Lake Erie and Western pfd	80
Lake Shore	2[illegible]
Louis. and Nash	83
Manhattan L	102⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry	187½
Mexican Central	12[illegible]
Minn. and St. Louis	[illegible]
Minn. and St. Louis pfd	[illegible]
Missouri Pacific	45[illegible]
Mobile and Ohio	42
Mo., Kan. and Texas	11¼
Mo., Kan. and Texas pfd	3[illegible]
New Jersey Central	116
New York Central	132½
Norfolk and Western	2[illegible]
Norfolk and Western pfd	6[illegible]
Northern Pacific	5[illegible]
Northern Pacific pfd	7[illegible]
Ontario and Western	24¼
Oregon Ry. and Nav.	42
Oregon Ry. and Nav. pfd	76
Pennsylvania	132⅞
Reading	18
Reading 1st pfd	58
Reading 2d pfd	[illegible]
Rio Grande and Western	42
Rio Grande and Western pfd	89
St. Louis and San Fran.	10¼
St. Louis and San Fran. 1st pfd	71
St. Louis and San Fran. 2d pfd	3[illegible]
St. Louis and Southwestern	11⅝
St. Louis and Southwestern pfd	2[illegible]
St. Paul	122⅞
St. Paul pfd	172
St. Paul and Omaha	120
Southern Pacific	4[illegible]
Southern Ry.	12⅜
Southern Ry. pfd	[illegible]
Texas and Pacific	17
Union Pacific	4[illegible]
Union Pacific pfd	7[illegible]
Wabash	7[illegible]
Wabash pfd	21½
Wheel. and L. E.	9[illegible]
Wheel. and L. E. 2d pfd	2[illegible]
Wisconsin Central	18[illegible]

EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Adams	111
American	1[illegible]
United States	[illegible]
Wells-Fargo	12[illegible]

MISCELLANEOUS.

Amer. Cotton Oil	3[illegible]
Amer. Cotton Oil pfd	9[illegible]
American Malting	[illegible]
American Malting pfd	[illegible]
Amer. Smelting and Refin.	3[illegible]
Amer. Smelting and Refin. pfd	8[illegible]
American Spirits	[illegible]
American Spirits pfd	1[illegible]
American Steel Hoop	4[illegible]
American Steel Hoop pfd	8[illegible]
Amer. Steel and Wire	40¾
American Steel and Wire pfd	92½
American Tin Plate	27½
American Tin Plate pfd	75
American Tobacco	109
American Tobacco pfd	141
Anaconda Mining Co.	41[illegible]
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	84⅞
Colorado Fuel and Iron	51
Continental Tobacco	35[illegible]
Continental Tobacco pfd	87
Federal Steel	50⅞
Federal Steel pfd	77⅜
General Electric	125
Glucose Sugar	49
Glucose Sugar pfd	98
International Paper	20
International Paper pfd	67
Laclede Gas	84
National Biscuit	35¾
National Biscuit pfd	90
National Lead	27
National Lead pfd	105¼
National Steel	40
National Steel pfd	90¼
New York Air Brake	118
North American	14½
Pacific Coast	49½
Pacific Coast 1st pfd	80
Pacific Coast 2d pfd	63
Pacific Mail	43¾
People's Gas	103
Pressed Steel Car	55
Pressed Steel Car pfd	88
Pullman Palace Car	191
Standard Rope and Twine	10
Sugar	147⅝
Sugar pfd	118¼
Tenn. Coal and Iron	100
United States Leather	12⅝
United States Leather pfd	77⅞
United States Rubber	40⅞
United States Rubber pfd	108
Western Union	87½
Republic Iron and Steel	21½
Republic Iron and Steel pfd	68
P., C., C. and St. Louis	71½

BONDS.

United States 2's, reg.	102¾
United States 3's, reg.	108¾
United States 3's, coup.	109¾
United States new 4's, reg.	133¾
United States new 4's, coup.	133½
United States old 4's, reg.	113
United States old 4's, coup.	114
United States 5's, reg.	112
United States 5's, coup.	112
District of Columbia 3.65's	118
Alabama (Class A)	110½
Alabama (Class B)	111
Alabama (Class C)	101
Alabama Currency	101
Atchison general 4's	99½
Atchison adjustment 4's	81½
Canada Southern 2ds	106¾
Ches. and Ohio 4½'s	95½
Ches. and Ohio 5's	119¼
Chi. and N. W. consol 7's	143
Chi. and N. W. S. F. Deb. 5's	120
Chicago Terminal 4's	95⅝
Den. and Rio G. 1sts	101½
Den. and Rio G. 4's	99
East Tenn., Va. and Ga. 1sts	105
Erie general 4's	71
Fort Worth and Den. City 1sts	74
General Electric 5's	117
Galveston, H. and S. A. 6's	116
Galveston, H. and S. A. 2ds	105
Houston and Texas Central 5's	112¼
Houston and Texas Cen. consol 6's	110
Iowa Central 1sts	112¼
Kan. City, P. and G. 1sts	70
Louisiana new consol 4's	109
Louis. and Nash. Unified 4's	96¼
Mo., Kan. and Texas 2ds	69
Mo., Kan. and Texas 4's	90¼
New York Central 1sts	112½
New Jersey Central general 5's	121
North Carolina 6's, ex-int.	127
North Carolina 4's	108
Northern Pacific 1sts	110
Northern Pacific 3's	65¾
Northern Pacific 4's	102¼
N. Y., Chi. and St. Louis 4's	105¾
Norfolk and Western consol 4's	92¾
Norfolk and Western general 6's	135
Oregon Nav. 1sts	108
Oregon Nav. 4's	101
Oregon Short Line 6's	139
Oregon Short Line consol 5's	114
Reading general 4's	85½
Rio Grande and Western 1sts	97½
St. Louis and Iron M. consol 5's	109¾
St. Louis and San Fran. Gen. 6's	124½
St. Paul consols	171½
St. Paul, Chi. and Pacific 1sts	120
St. Paul, Chi. and Pacific 5's	121½
Southern Ry. 5's	108¼
Standard Rope and Twine 6's	83
Tenn. new settlement 3's	95
Texas and Pacific 1sts	112
Texas and Pacific 2ds	51
Union Pacific 4's	103⅜
Wabash 1sts	114½
Wabash 2ds	100½
West Shore 4's	11[illegible]
Wisconsin Central 4's	93
Virginia Centuries	86
Virginia deferred	6
Colorado Southern 4's	84⅞
Mobile and Ohio 4's	84
Central of Ga. 5's	91
Central of Ga. 1st In.	34
Central of Ga. 2d In.	9½

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8, 1899.

SALES.—10 shares Virginia-Carolina Chemical preferred at 114½.

GOV. SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
U. S. 3's, reg., 1908-1918	109½	...
STATE SECURITIES.		
North Carolina 4's, C., 1910	100	...
North Carolina 6's, C., 1919	124	...
Va. 3's, new, C. and R., 1932	88	90
Va. Century, 2-3, C. and R.	85½	85⅝
CITY SECURITIES.		
Rich. City 8's, R., 1904-1909	132	...
Rich. City 6's, R., 1904-1910 *	115	...
Rich. City 5's, R., 1920-1922	114	...
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. and C. 1st 7's, R., 1907	118	...
A. and C. gu. in. 6's, R., 1900	99	...
C. and O. R. and A. Div. 4½'s	95	...
Ga. Pacific 1st 6's, R. C., 1922	120	...
Ga. So. and Fla. 6's, 1945	108½	...
Southern Ry.	108	...
W. N. C. 1st 6's, C., 1914	115	...
South-Bound 1st 5's, 1941	...	100
Ga. and Ala. pfd. 5's	103½	104½
Ga. and Ala. consols	...	101
N. and W. 1st M. Con. 4 p. c.	91½	...

RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.		
Atlanta and Charlotte	100	125	...
Ches. and Ohio	100	30	...
North Carolina	100	150	...
Norfolk and Western pfd	100	70	...
Norfolk and Western com	100	26	...
Atlantic C. L. of Va.—B.	...	123	125
R., F. and P. Div. Obli.	100	142	148
R., F. and P. 6 p. c. guar.	100	1[illegible]	...
R., F. and P. 7 p. c. guar.	100	175	...
Southern Ry. pfd	100	57	...
Southern Ry. com.	100	12[illegible]	...
Ga. and Ala. pfd	...	56	60
Ga. and Ala. com	...	28	30
BANK STOCKS.			
Title and Trust Co. of Rich.	...	100	...
City	25	31	...
First National	100	165	...
National Bank of Va.	100	116	118
Planters National	100	265	...
Pet. Sav. and Ins. Co.	20	40	...
Rich. T. and S. Dep. Co.	100	...	120
Security	100	117	...
State Bank of Va.	100	153	...
Sav. Bank of Richmond	25	37½	...
Union Bank of Richmond	50	128	...
Virginia Trust Co.	100	119	...
INS. COMPANIES.			
Va. Fire and Marine	25	40	...
Virginia State	25	29	...
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Old Dominion S. S. Co.	100	100	103
West End L. and Imp. Co.	25	...	25
Va.-Caro. Chem. pfd	100	114¼	116
Cont'l Tob. pfd. 7 p. c.	100	88	...
Cont'l Tob. com	100	35	...

* Quotations are for bonds maturing in not less than ten years.

GRAIN AND COTTON EXCHANGE.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8, 1899.

WHEAT—		
Longberry	70	@75
Mixed	70	@75
Shortberry	70	@75
No. 2 red	75	
Bag lots	65	@74
CORN—		
White, Va. bag lots	40	
No. 2 white	40	
No. 3 white		@39
No. 2 mixed	38	
No. 3 mixed		@37½
OATS—		
No. 2 mixed		@28½
No. 3 mixed		@28
Winter seed	55	@60
RYE	65	@67

PEANUT MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 8.—PEANUTS—There has been a slump in the peanut market here. The decline is due, it is stated, to the fact that the new crop is coming in in great volume. The crop of North Carolina nuts is, peanut men say, now known to be extraordinarily large and of excellent quality.

The general belief in peanut circles is that the price of nuts is likely to decline several notches farther before the bottom is reached.

The fine weather prevalent this fall, which has enabled the farmers to market about all the nuts produced, is alleged to have something to do with the decline in price.

Farmers' stock nuts are now quoted as follows: Fancy, 2¾c.; strictly prime, 2⅜@2½c.; prime, 2¼c.; common, 1½@2c. a pound, Spanish shelled nuts, 70c. a bushel. Tone of market easy and lower.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—COTTON—The cotton market showed heaviness most of the session after having opened steady at an advance of 1 to 5 points. The initial rise was a poor response to firm cables from the other, and though several of the leading commission-houses sought to bring about a further improvement, their efforts counted for but little, and before the first hour had passed prices were tending slowly downward under sluggish realizing and an absence of support from the bull side. Later the declining tendency was accelerated by a sharp tumble in Liverpool, said to have grown out of rumored British reverses in South Africa, leading to heavy liquidation in that market. At midday the market steadied somewhat on a lull in the selling movement and talk of a possible squeeze in the January option on the other side, but early in the afternoon the market once more became unsettled and prices broke to the lowest level under renewed liquidation. Large receipts for the week at the interior towns than estimated created an unfavorable impression. The bear crowd, however, was held closely in check by predictions for smaller receipts during the coming week. A feature of to-day's speculation was the unloading of straddles by arbitrage houses. The market at the close was barely steady, with prices unchanged to 10 points lower.

COTTON—Futures opened — December, 7.73; January, 7.71; February, 7.51; March, 7.52; April, 7.53; May, 7.54; June, 7.5[illegible]; July, 7.55; August, 7.51; September, 7.12; October, 6.93; November, 6.93.

Futures closed barely steady: December, 7.28; January, 7.33; February, 7.35; March, 7.41; April, 7.42; May, 7.45; June and July, 7.46; August, 7.43; September, 7.13; October, 6.92; November, 6.90.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 7 11-16; middling gulf, 7 15-16; sales, 550 bales.

COTTON—Quiet; middling, 7 11-16; gross receipts, 2,731 bales; sales, 550 bales; stock, 106,682 bales; exports to Great Britain, 192 bales; to the Continent, 110 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts, 29,957 bales; exports to Great Britain, 6,203 bales to the Continent, 18,585 bales; stock, 1,055,082 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts, 218,036 bales; exports to Great Britain, 34,400 bales; to France, 12,516 bales; to the Continent, 39,551 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts, 3,265,283 bales; exports to Great Britain, 878,[illegible] bales; to France, 281,056 bales; to the Continent, 883,327 bales.

COTTON—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1, 1899:

	Bales.
Galveston	1,089,564
New Orleans	832,527
Mobile	98,002
Savannah	548,239
Charleston	153,349
Wilmington	184,204
New York	23,058
Norfolk	168,828
Baltimore	43,508
Boston	29,138
Newport News	2,408
Philadelphia	18,850
Brunswick	22,601
Pensacola	33,204
Total	3,265,283

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Futures closed steady; December, 7.12 bid; January, 7.10@7.11; February, 7.12@7.13; March, 7.16@7.17; April, 7.18@7.19; May, 7.20@7.21; June, 7.22@7.23; July, 7.23@7.24; August, 7.08@7.10; October, 6.53@6.55.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 8.—COTTON—Spot in fair demand, prices 1-32d. higher; American middling fair, 4 1-32; good middling, 4 15-32; middling, 4 11-32; low middling, 4 5-32; good ordinary, 3 2-32; ordinary, 3 25-32. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 8,600 American. Receipts, 1,000 bales, including 3,700 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet at the decline; American middling, l. m. c., December, 4 11-64, sellers; December and January, 4 8-64@4 9-64, buyers; January and February, 4 7-64, buyers; February and March, 4 5-64@4 6-64, sellers; March and April, 4 4-64, sellers; April and May, 4 3-64, sellers; May and June, 4 1-64@4 2-64, buyers; June and July, 4 [illegible] 4 1-64, buyers; July and August, 3 63-64, buyers; August and September, 3 60-64, buyers; September and October, 3 65-64, value.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Firm and held higher, but saleable only at old prices.

RYE FLOUR—Steady.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Steady.

BUCKWHEAT—Nominal.

CORNMEAL—Firm.

RYE—Steady; No. 2 western, 51½c.

BARLEY—Firm; feeding, 40c., c. i. f. Buffalo.

BARLEY MALT—Steady.

WHEAT—Spot firmer; No. 2 red, 75c. Options opened firm at ½c. advance and gained ½c. more on foreign buying and small receipts. Regular conditions prevailed later in the day, occasional reactions taking place, but in the main the market held firm. It was sustained by adverse Argentine harvest reports, big wheat clearances and strength in corn, and closed firm at ⅜@⅝c. net advance. March closed at 79c.; May closed at 75½c.; July closed at 75¾c.; December closed at 73c.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 40½c. Options opened steady and unchanged developing subsequent strength on light receipts, firmer cables, light offerings and a demand from shorts. Closed strong at ⅜@½c. advance. May closed at 38⅛c.; December closed at 39½c.

OATS—Spot firmer; No. 2, 29½c.; No. 2 white, 31½c. Options inactive.

CUT MEATS—Quiet; pickled bellies, $5.75@7.

BEEF—Firm.

LARD—Firm; western steamed, $5.65. Refined firm; Continent, $5.90.

PORK—Strong.

BUTTER—Firm; western creamery, 23@27c.; State dairy, 18@25c.

CHEESE—Strong; small September, 12¼@13c.

EGGS—Steady; State and Pennsylvania, 24@25c., loss off; western ungraded, at mark, 16@21½c.

POTATOES—Firmer; Jerseys, $1.25@1.50; New York, $1.62½; Long Island, $1.50@1.75; Jersey sweets, $2.50@3; southern sweets, $2.25@2.50.

TALLOW—Firm; city, 4⅝@5c.; country, 4⅝@5c.

PETROLEUM—Strong. Refined, New York, $9.90; Philadelphia and Baltimore, $9.85; do. in bulk, $7.25.

TURPENTINE—Steady at 51@51½c.

RICE—Steady.

CABBAGE—Steady; Long Island, $3.50@4.50 per 100.

COTTON BY STEAM—To Liverpool, 25d.

COFFEE—Futures opened steady at 5 points lower, a bare response to weak European cables; advanced sharply soon after the opening on covering, large demand from foreign interests and brisk investment buying. The better feeling resulted largely from an increased warehouse movement, very light Brazilian receipts, firmness in the spot department and fears that the plague situation in Santos was more formidable than heretofore believed. The market closed firm at an advance of 10 to 15 points. Total sales, 25,000 bags, including January, $5.85@5.[illegible]; February, $5.85@5.95. Spot—Rio steadier; No. 7 invoice, 6⅝c.; No. 7 jobbing, 7¾c.; mild steady; Cordova, 9¾@11¾c.

SUGAR—Raw steadier but not quotably higher. Refined steady.

COTTON-SEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Cotton-seed oil was quiet and not offered freely, closing very steady and generally unchanged. Prime crude, barrels, 27c. nominal; prime summer yellow, 32c.; off summer yellow nominal; butter grades 35c. nominal; prime winter yellow, 38½@35½c.; prime white, 33@34c.; prime meal, $23.50@24.50.

CHICAGO MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—Wheat ruled strong to-day, supported by light receipts, rain in Argentine and the firmness of Liverpool; May closed ⅜@½c. over yesterday at 70⅛@70¼c.; May corn closed at ⅜c., and May oats a shade higher. Provisions strengthened by a good shipping demand, were strong, closing 7½@10c. up for May lard and ribs and 20c. higher for May pork.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—No. 2.				
Dec.	66⅞	66⅞	65⅞	66⅞
May	69⅞	70¼	69½	70¼
CORN—No. 2.				
Dec.	30⅝	30⅞	30⅝	30⅞
Jan.	30⅞	31	30⅞	31
May	32⅞	33	32⅞	33
OATS—No. 2.				
Dec.	22⅞	23½	22⅞	22½
May	24⅛	24½	24	24⅜
MESS PORK—bbl.				
Dec.	$8.50	$8.60	$8.50	$8.60
Jan.	9.65	9.80	9.65	9.75
May	9.82½	10.02½	9.82½	10.00
LARD—100 lbs.				
Dec.	...	...	...	5.12½
Jan.	5.27½	5.37½	5.27½	5.35
May	5.47½	5.57½	5.47½	5.55
SHORT RIBS—100 lbs.				
Dec.	...	...	...	5.17½
Jan.	5.12½	5.22½	5.12½	5.20
May	5.27½	5.37½	5.27½	5.35

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. No. 3 spring wheat, 62@65½c.; No. 2 red, 67@68½c. No. 2 corn, 30⅝@31c.; No. 2 yellow corn, 30⅝@31½c. No. 2 oats, 23@23½c.; No. 3 white, 24@25½c. No. 2 rye, 53@54c. No. 2 barley, 37@42c. No. 1 flaxseed, $1.44; new, $1.44. Prime timothy seed, $2.40@2.45. Mess pork, per barrel, $8.20@9.80. Lard, per 100 pounds, $5@5.32½. Short rib sides (loose), $5.05@5.40; dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.37½@5.50; short clear sides (boxed), $5.35@5.45. Whisky, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1.22½. Butter easy; creamery, 18@25c.; dairy, 16@22c. Cheese steady at 11¾@12½c. Eggs firm; fresh, 20c.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 8.—FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

WHEAT—Dull; spot and month, 71@71¼c.; January, 71½@72c.; May, 75@75¼c. Southern wheat, by sample, 68@72c.

CORN—Dull; spot, 38½@38⅝c.; month, 38@38¼c.; December, new or old, 37⅞@37⅞c.; January, 37½@37⅝c.; February, [illegible]@37¾c. Southern white corn, 38@38½c.

OATS—Steady; No. 2 white, 21½@21⅝c.

RYE—Dull; No. 2, 57c.; No. 2 western, 59c. nominal.

SUGAR—Strong and unchanged.

BUTTER—Firm; fancy creamery, 27@28c.; store-packed, 15@17c.; rolls, 17@20c.

CHEESE—Firm; large, 13@13½c.

EGGS—Firm at 21@22c. per dozen.

NEW YORK DRY GOODS MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—General market still quiet. Spot business comparatively slow; mail orders of fair average dimensions. Buyers, however, still unable to get all the goods they want. No material change in prices to-day. Yesterday's advance in Lonsdale 4-4 bleached of ¼c. not followed as yet, but probably will be later. Prints are in good demand and full prices paid. No further changes in ginghams. Linens are quiet but supplies are still limited and prices easily maintained. Burlaps quiet but firm.

NAVAL STORES.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 8.—TURPENTINE—Market firm at 47½c.; sales, none.

ROSIN—Firm and unchanged; sales, none.

SAVANNAH, GA., Dec. 8.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Firm at 48c.; receipts, 871 casks; sales, 600 casks; exports, none.

ROSIN—I and above dull and unchanged; H and below firm at decline of 5c.; receipts, 4,644 barrels; sales, 1,202 barrels; exports, none.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.—SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE—Dull; prices unchanged; receipts, 77 casks.

ROSIN—Firm at $1.10@1.15; receipts, 415 barrels.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Quiet at $1.50@2.80; receipts, 40 barrels.

TAR—Steady at $1.40; receipts, 578 barrels.

TOBACCO MARKET.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 8, 1899.

Private sales reported to-day: Cutters, 7 hogsheads; fillers, 1 hogshead; dark lugs, 5 hogsheads; leaf, 2 hogsheads.

Inspections for to-day were: Bright, 2 hogsheads; dark, 8 hogsheads.

Warehouse reports for to-day: Receipts, 24 hogsheads; deliveries, 18 hogsheads.

Crenshaw's Warehouse reports sales today as 63,020 pounds—highest price, 15c.; for the week, 260,030 pounds—highest price, 15¾c.

Shockoe Warehouse reports sales for the week as 121,500 pounds—highest price, 14½c.

Internal revenue collections for to-day were:

Tobacco	$4,947 10
Cigars	5,245 44
Total	$10,192 54

DANVILLE TOBACCO MARKET.

Danville, Va., Dec. 8, 1899.

Nondescript goods	$ 1.00@	$ 3.00
Granulators	4.00@	6.50
Smokers—		
Common	4.00@	6.50
Good	6.50@	7.50
Fine	7.50@	9.00
Cutters—		
Common	9.00@	11.00
Good	11.00@	14.00
Fine	14.00@	20.00
Fillers—		
Common	3.00@	5.00
Good	5.00@	8.00
Fine	8.00@	11.00
Wrappers—		
Common	8.00@	12.00
Medium	12.00@	16.00
Good	16.00@	30.00
Fancy	30.00@	45.00

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

December 9, 1899.

De Quincey died, 1859.

Sun rises	7:15 A. M.
Sun sets	4:50 P. M.
Moon south	6:35 P. M.
First high water	10:03 A. M.
Second high water	10:01 P. M.

PORT OF RICHMOND, DEC. 8, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamer Old Dominion, Tapley, New York, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

SAILED.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James river sidings, merchandise and passengers, Virginia Navigation Co.

Steamer Winyah, Simmons, Philadelphia, Pa., merchandise and passengers, Clyde Line.

Steamer Old Dominion, Tapley, New York, merchandise and passengers, Old Dominion Line.

PORT NEWPORT NEWS, DEC. 8, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Schooner R. Wolf, Philadelphia.

Steamer Cornelia Soule, Annapolis.

SAILED.

Steamer P. J. Murphy, Boston.

Steamer Avala, Norfolk.

PORT OF WEST POINT, DEC. 8, 1899.

ARRIVED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Gaynes, Mattaponi river landings, passengers and general cargo.

SAILED.

Steamship Baltimore, Murphy, Baltimore, passengers and general cargo.

Steamship Elm City, Haynes, Mattaponi river landings, passengers and general cargo.

NORTH COROLINA CONFERENCE.

Dr. Lafferty Entertains a Large Audience.

WASHINGTON, N. C., Dec. 8.—Special.—The second day's session of the North Carolina Conference was devoted largely to reports under call of question twenty. Fayetteville, Wilmington and Rockingham districts completed reports which were in the main favorable and encouraging.

Rev. Dr. J. J. Lafferty, of the Richmond Christian Advocate, was introduced to the conference and made a speech in his usual happy vein.

A class of six young men were admitted on trial; eight were received into full membership. W. G. Hightower, who surrendered his credentials as a local preacher twelve years ago, while resting under a charge of immorality, asked for restoration of same. A warm discussion took place over the matter and the request was denied.

Conference business was dispatched so rapidly to-day that it looks as if the adjournment will take place Monday.

To-night Dr. Lafferty is entertaining a large audience with his humorous lecture at the Opera House.

Vick—Newsom.

EMPORIA, VA., Dec. 7.—Special.—A beautiful tableau wedding took place at the Methodist church here at 8:30 o'clock last evening, the Rev. M. A. Davidson officiating, when Miss Annie Newsom became the bride of Mr. Charles R. Vick, of Seaboard, N. C. The attendants were Miss Mary Turner with Mr. C. Cochran, Miss Mattie Harding and Mr. Rufus Green, Miss Laura Briggs and Mr. Douglas Goodwyn, Miss Sallie Lee and Mr. John Bottoms, Miss Bertha Kuner and Mr. W. Rahily, of Petersburg; Miss Bena Gaydaughtry, Miss Edna Woodruff and Mr. D. B. Harris, Miss Lida Tillar and Mr. Peter Jones, Miss Fannie Newsom and Mr. Willie Mears, Miss Ida Sykes and R. W. Newsom, Miss Lelia Powell and Mr. Snider, Miss Elaine Cochran and Mr. S. E. Lee, Miss Sallie Powell and Mr. J. B. Bailey.

Miss Mary Newsom was maid of honor and Dr. Joyner the best man. Ushers: Mr. Joe Taylor, Arthur Rothchild, Walker Turner, H. W. Hall, E. E. Goodwyn and L. M. Lee.

The church, which was beautifully decorated, was packed with friends and acquaintances of the young couple. During the ceremony the "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," was softly sung by Miss Harding.

After the ceremony a reception was held at Mrs. Ellen Newsom's and an elegant supper was served to the guests. The newly wedded pair left by the Atlantic Coast Line this morning for their future home.

WAS NO HAZING AT BLACKSBURG

Corps of Cadets Resent Mr. Newberne's Statement.

HOLD A GENERAL MEETING.

Resolutions Passed and Evidence Brought to Show that the Statement From Portsmouth Had no Foundation.

The Cadets of the Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg are much stirred over an interview with representative Newberne of Norfolk county and Portsmouth, in a Richmond paper in which Mr. Newberne is quoted as saying:

"I think the practice has been carried to an outrageous extent. In my city of Portsmouth there is now a young man who will probably never be well again as the result of the pranks of the hazers at the Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, a few weeks ago."

The Cadets held a meeting at the Polytechnic Institute to take action on the matter and make denial that the alleged hazing occurred there.

An account of this meeting forwarded by the Times' Blacksburg correspondent includes a copy of a letter from the senior class of the Institute to the president and faculty under date of October 23rd 1899, and endorsed by the several other classes of the school, in which the declare their determination to put down once for all the practice of hazing, and to proceed against any member found guilty of the offence.

The corps at the meeting last Wednesday passed resolutions condemning the charge of hazing coming from Portsmouth as both untrue and unjust. They introduce in the resolutions passed a statement of the freshman class affirming not only that the resolutions against hazing, adopted by the student body, have been faithfully enforced, but also that even before the adoption of the resolutions, in the opening days of the session, no violence of the kind charged in the paragraph was practiced against them.

The resolutions cite these facts:

Four young men from Portsmouth matriculated here this session. Mr. Ashton an old student, and Messrs. West, Whisnant and Pace, new boys. Of the four, the three first named young men are still in attendance. Mr. Pace matriculated on the 23rd of September and left college on the 26th. It is evident, therefore, that he must be the student referred to in the paragraph.

The facts of his withdrawal are as follows: He arrived here on September 20th and complained of rheumatism, from which he had been a chronic sufferer, immediately upon his arrival. On the 26th he applied to the president for permission to go to Roanoke to see his father, who was there in attendance upon the Firemen's Convention. A copy of his application is on file in the president's office.

When asked by the president to state his business he answered that he was a sufferer from chronic rheumatism and that he wished to consult his father about it, that he was lame at the time from the effects of the disease.

He told Mr. Ashton on the evening he left (26th) that he was only withdrawing on account of rheumatism, that he had met with no unkind treatment and that he hoped to be able to return to college should his health improve.

When in Roanoke, he made exactly the same statement to Mr. Belote of Norfolk, one of our students. The two students from his own town, with whom he roomed during the six days he was here, are positive in declaring that he was not ill-treated, that they were in a position to see if he had been, that so far from it, the students when informed of his affliction were kind and forbearing towards him.

But we contend, that whatever view may be taken as regards his case, the fact that the students of the college, of their own free will and accord, and for the reasons set forth in their resolutions, finally abolished hazing here in the early days of October, a time subsequent to Mr. Pace's withdrawal, and have faithfully carried into effect the action determined upon at that time, is sufficient reply to the charges brought forward against hazing as far as our own institution is concerned. For it is universally held that no law can be enforced unless it is backed by public opinion, and it must be equally clear to every intelligent person that the free and voluntary action of the student body of a college is the best, indeed the only possible way of putting a stop to the practice of hazing within its walls.

The statement which is only given in part above was signed as follows:

Class of 1900: L. L. Jewel (Chairman), J. R. Hardesty, H. M. Jacobs.

Class of 1901: A. W. Gunst, A. Y. Waddy, J. M. Hicks.

Class of 1902: H. G. McCormack, F. H. Jackson, H. R. Artman.

Class of 1903: L. R. Wilcox, H. B. Bates, J. E. Morrow, W. A. Browning, C. W. Whisman.

Cadets Gunst, A. W. Waddy and Burrell are all Richmond men.

"Hero Worship."

The Men's Gospel meeting will be held in Association building to-morow afternoon at 4 o'clock, opened with the usual service of song, Miss W. G. Duke being the soloist. The theme for the afternoon will be "Hero Worship," and Mr. T. C. Diggs, formerly general secretary, of Wilmington, N. C., will speak.

Boys' Gospel Army at three o'clock. Illustrated talk by R. W. Miles, of the Postal Telegraph and Cable Co., theme "The Telegraph." Worker's Bible Training Class in parlor at 5:15.

Rev. Dr. E. L. Pell will give one of his very interesting talks on the International Sunday School lesson this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, in Association Hall. Both ladies and gentlemen are welcome.

Companies Organizing.

Company A, of the old First regiment, met at the Armory last night. There was a large attendance, both of the Grays Association and the active members.

Company G, the Guard of the Commonwealth, is steadily growing, and it is probable that by next Wednesday night there will be a sufficient number of men enlisted, and a sufficient attendance to elect officers and form a permanent organization.

Window Smashed

One of the large front windows of the Remington Standard Typewriter Company's office at 700 east Main street was smashed about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two boys employed on one of Carroll's delivery wagons, were carrying in a large roller-top desk, when the "parcel" slipped and fell against the window. The latter disappeared and the horror-stricken boys saw with dismay the extent of the damage.

AFFAIRS IN PETERSBURG.

Heavy Tobacco Business and Increased Freight Rates.

PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 8.—Special.—The new and handsome banking house of the Petersburg Savings and Insurance Company on the corner of Sycamore and Tabb streets, is expected to be ready for occupancy about the 15th of next month. The building is to be heated by hot water. The structure is 31x85 feet and is 50 feet high. Its cost, with furniture and equipments, including the lot, will be between $45,000 and $50,000.

The grading of the roadbed of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad, between Petersburg and Richmond, is being pushed ahead. About two miles of the road north of Petersburg, and about two miles south from Richmond, have been graded. Two separate forces of hands, working towards each other, are grading the road. A force of hands arrived here last night from Richmond, to work on the bridge to be built by the Railroad Company across the Appomattox river, near Campbell's bridge on Fleet street.

Rev. Dr. J. M. Pilcher will, on next Sunday, organize a Baptist church at Branchville, in Southampton county, on the Seaboard railroad.

The commissioners appointed by the County Court of Chesterfield, to assess the damages to certain lands in that county, for a right-of-way for the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina railroad, met at Swift Creek to-day to hear the case in reference to the condemnation of the Quinn property at that place.

The glut in the tobacco market still continues, and the floors of the warehouses are all covered with the weed. Sales will hardly be held at more than two or three of the warehouses to-day. The prices for good tobacco continue quite high. One lot sold at the Farmers' Warehouse yesterday afternoon brought $36 per hundred pounds.

The Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina Railroad Company have increased their rates very materially on all kinds of freight.

Miss Annie Grayland, of Emporia, Greensville county, who has been on a visit to Miss Richie Short on Washington street, returned home this morning.

I hear of but few changes to be made in business circles here on the 1st of next month.

All of the railroads here are doing a big business, both in the transportation of passengers and freight.

Dead Body Identified.

SUFFOLK, VA., Dec. 8.—Special.—At a coroner's inquest to-day it was developed that the dead stranger found near Suffolk yesterday was that of Thomas Bolton, of Rich Square, N. C. A bruise was found on the body, but the jury adjourned till to-morrow without accounting for his death.

Albert Vann, of Rich Square, his son-in-law, wired to have the body buried here, but a daughter who lives in Franklin, Va., has put up the price for transportation to that point.

CHURCH NOTICES.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.—WORship and preaching by the pastor, Dr. COOPER, at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Bible school at 9:30 A. M. Union at 3:30 P. M. A cordial welcome given to all.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.—SERvices at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. R. L. SMITH. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M.

LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Twenty-fifth and Leigh streets).—Services Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. ASHBY JONES. Morning subject, "An Ambitious Mother." Evening subject, "Secret of Strength." Wednesday, 8 P. M., prayer-meeting.

MONROE BAPTIST CHURCH (MONroe Hall, Main street between Pine and Belvidere), Rev. A. J. HALL, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. Sunday school at 9:15 A. M.

CENTENARY METHODIST EPISCOpal church, South (Grace street between Fourth and Fifth), Rev. SAMUEL A. STEELE, D. D., pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M., by the pastor.

HIGHLAND PARK METHODIST church, Rev. EDGAR A. POTTS, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. W. V. TUDOR, D. D.; at 7:30 P. M. by the pastor. All cordially invited to be present.

ASBURY M. E. CHURCH (CORNER Hanover and Lombardy streets), Rev. R. M. MAXEY, pastor.—Sunday school at 9:30 A. M. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor.

THE MONUMENTAL CHURCH (PROtestant Episcopal), Broad street below Twelfth, Rev. WILLIAM ALEXANDER BARR, rector.—Services will be held in the church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and afternoon at 4 o'clock. Holy Communion the first Sunday in the month at 11 o'clock A. M.; the third Sunday at 7:30 A. M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).—Morning service at 11 o'clock; evening service at 8 o'clock, conducted by Rev. JERE KNODE COOKE, of Grace church, Baltimore.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Grace and Madison), Rev. ROBERT P. KERR, D. D., pastor.—11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT (Presbyterian), Park avenue and Harrison street, Rev. J. CALVIN STEWART, pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor. Midweek service Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sabbath school meets at 9:30 A. M. Seats all free and a cordial invitation to all services.

GRACE-STREET PRESBYTERIAN church, Rev. JERE WITHERSPOON, D. D., pastor; residence, No. 115 east Franklin street.—Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M., preaching by the pastor. Sunday school service at 9:30 A. M. and Wednesday night service at 8 o'clock.

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN church (corner of Sycamore and Cary streets), Rev. C. M. CHUMBLEY, pastor. Preaching at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M.

THIRD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (corner Twenty-sixth and Broad streets).—Preaching at 11 A. M. by Rev. R. P. KIRKPATRICK. No preaching at night. Westminster League service at 7:30.

SEVENTH-STREET CHRISTIAN church (corner of Seventh and Grace streets).—Preaching Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. by the pastor, Rev. CAREY E. MORGAN. Seats free and a cordial welcome extended to all. Christian Endeavor Society meets Sunday evening at 7:15 o'clock.

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MONTH OPENED AUSPICIOUSLY

Demand Treads Close Upon and Even Passes Supply.

WIDESPREAD ADVANCE IN WAGES

The Strength of Cereals, Notably of Wheat, is a Reflection, Largely of Decreased Receipts at the Northwest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say:

The last month of the year has opened auspiciously, finding trade and industry generally well employed, demand treading close upon and even passing supply; labor troubles averted in some instances by widespread advance in wages of small importance, except in one or two cities, and with the general level of values of staples at the highest point reached for eight years past.

Holiday demand has opened well and collections from retail trades therefore, show some improvement.

The strength of cereals, notably wheat, this week is a reflection largely of decreased receipts at the Northwest. Increases in November this year were not as large either in this country or abroad as they were one year ago, and to this extent the outlook is less bearish, and on account of the smaller world's production this year's hopes of well maintained prices have not been abandoned.

Cotton has lost some of the notable strength displayed in past weeks, owing chiefly to a portion of the speculative element becoming tired and selling freely on slightly increased receipts. Toward the close some strength was noticeable on improved foreign buying and the net change for the week is not serious.

IRON AND STEEL.

After a year of unprecedented activity and advancing prices, iron and steel are quiet with few significant changes, partly because the season of the year does not favor new work and partly also, on account of the fact that products are very generally sold up to the middle of next year. Prices show no marked change, plates and sheets being relatively weak, yet among the finished products, while bars are strong.

Copper shows little change, but tin is lower again, affecting decreasing speculative interest and smaller consumptive demand.

Activity in hardware is largely confined to holiday specialties which are experiencing an active movement at most markets.

The feature of the coal trade has been the increasing scarcity of bituminous grades, some markets being reported practically bare of supplies.

The strength of wool is apparently unimpaired, though the demand is quieter. London prices have again moved higher, and the small available supply of fine grades supports the belief that prices may still move upward. The granting of a 10 per cent. advance at nearly all the large cotton mills throughout New England on the basis of census figures would point to an increasing purchasing power being secured by nearly 100,000 people.

The coffee trade of the country, but particularly in New York, has been agitated, and speculation has been affected by the delays growing from the unsettled situation of the quarantined cargoes from Santos. More seasonable weather conditions have further stimulated the demand for boots and shoes at numerous points, and hides and leather regain all the strength gained as a result of last month's general rise.

LUMBER ACTIVE.

Notwithstanding the advanced stage of the season lumber, hardwood particularly, continues in active demand in most markets.

Wheat, including flour shipments for the week aggregate 5,122,221 bushels against 2,659,400 bushels last week, 6,868,962 bushels in the corresponding week of 1898; 6,266,159 bushels in 1897; 4,222,714 bushels in 1896, and 2,458,323 bushels in 1895.

Since July 1st, this season, the exports of wheat aggregate 94,301,227 bushels against 102,470,934 bushels last year, and 114,304,798 bushels in 1897-98.

Corn exports for the week aggregate 3,813,660 bushels against 4,441,514 bushels last week; 4,288,535 bushels in this week a year ago; 2,125,554 bushels in 1897; 2,711,288 in 1896, and 2,391,184 in 1895.

Since July 1st, this season, corn exports aggregate 100,408,791 against 69,973,285 bushels during the same period a year ago, and 67,251,505 bushels in 1897-98.

Business failures for the week, 220 in the United States, as compared with 177 last week.

Business failures in Canada for the week number 21, as compared with 25 last week.

YOUR DANGER NOW

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