New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, December 20.—The speculative hope that the approach of the holidays would be signalized by a brisk advance in prices of stocks was disappointed to-day. The spotty advance at the outset met selling pressure of such an effective kind that enthusiasm was chilled.

A factor in this result was the setback in the Atlantic Coast Line group of securities, which followed the putting out of denials, with appearance of authority, of the rumors which accompanied last week's advance in those stocks. The denials covered the alleged intention to issue new Louisville and Nashville stock, with valuable subscription rights to stockholders, which would of course have benefited Atlantc Coast Line in that capacity, and also the supposed intention to retire the Atlantic Coast Line collateral bonds as a preliminary to a sale of the Louisville and Nashville stock which secures these bonds. There was a sharp fall in the price of all the securities named, which was of some sympathetic effect on the general list.

The reiteration of the report from Paris that the effort to list United States Steel on the Bourse had been definitely abandoned with the dissolution of the syndicate which took a block of the stock in connection with the project weighed on its price to some extent. The Census Bureau's cotton ginning report was held in the cotton market to confirm the Agricultural Department's serious view of the crop shortage; a matter of grave import to industry and to the high cost of living. The progress of the demands for higher wages by railway trainmen and conductors in the East seemed to awaken languid interest. American Sugar suffered from the prosecution of the custom frauds. Special stocks made a ready response to suggestions of dividend increases, Reading, Consolidated Gas and the Rock Island issues offering examples.

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par value, $4,674,000.

United States 2s advanced 1-4 per cent. on call.

Total sales to-day were 760,000 shares.

NEW YORK, December 20.—Money on call, firm, 4 1-2@5 per cent.; ruling rate, 4 3-4; closing bid, 4 7-8; offered at 5. Time loans, easy and very dull; sixty days and ninety days, 4 1-2 per cent.; six months, 4 1-4@4 1-2. Close—Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5 1-2 per cent.; sterling exchang cmfwyp mhb actual business in bankers' bills, at $4.8450@$4.8460 for sixty-day bills, and at $4.8810 for demand; commercial bills, $4.84@$4.84 1-2. Bar silver, 52 3-4. Mexican dollars, 44.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 20, 1909.

STATE SECURITIES.	Bid.	Asked.
North Carolina 4s, C. 1910	99	...
Virginia 3s, Old, C. and R., 1932	92	...
Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	92½	93
RAILROAD BONDS.		
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c.	95	...
A. C. L. R. R. Ctfs. of Ind. 4s	104	...
C. and O. R. and A Gen'l M. 6s	165	...
Georgia Pac. 1st 6s C. 1922	115	...
Georgia, Sou. and Fla., 1945	103	...
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	105	...
Nor. and West. Ry. 4s, 1944	88	...
Nor. and West. Ry. Poca. 4s, 1944	89	...
Rich. and Dan. Gold 6s, C. 1915	105	...
Seaboard Air Line 4s, 1950	84	...
Southern Railway 1st 5s, 1994	111	...
So. R. Dev. G. M. 4s A. 1956	81	...
STREET RAILWAY BONDS.		
Va. Ry. and Power Co. 5s, 1934	90½	91
STREET RY. STOCKS.	Par.	
Va. Ry. and Power Co. pfd	100	69½
Va. Ry. and Power Co. com	100	22½
RAILROAD STOCKS.	Par.	
Atlantic Coast Line com	100	126
Atlantic Coast Line pfd	100	137
Chesapeake and Ohio	Nov. 100	87½
Norfolk and Western com	100	100
Rich., Fred. and Pot. com	100	290
R., F. and P. Div. Oblig	100	285
Southern Railway pfd	100	74
Southern Railway com	100	22
BANK AND TRUST CO. STOCKS.		
American National	100	155
Broad Street Bank	25	34½
Bank of Richmond	100	129¼
City	25	54½
First National	100	295
Merchants National	100	500
National Bank of Virginia	100	185
National State Bank	100	185
Planters National	100	510
Savings Bank of Richmond	25	62
Union Bank of Richmond	50	192
Virginia Trust Company	100	160
INSURANCE COMPANIES.		
Virginia Fire and Marine	25	68
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Va.-Car. Chem. pfd. 6 p. ct.	100	121¼
Va.-Car. Chem. com	100	50

Quotations for interest-paying bonds are at a price, to which interest must be added. Income bonds and certificates of indebtedness are flat.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, December 20.—The cotton market was quiet to-day, but showed a generally firm tone owing to the bullish census report and firm interior spot markets, with the close steady at a net advance of 4@11 points. The opening was steady at an advance of 2@5 points with the trade paying no attention to somewhat disappointing cables, owing to the census figures, which showed only 9,362,222 bales ginned to December 13. This report was generally considered as confirming the small estimates of the crop, but did not appear to be bringing in any fresh demand of consequence, possibly because of the near approach of the holidays, and after showing a net advance of about 7@9 points the market eased off 4 or 5 points during the middle of the day under realizing and selling by local bears, who anticipated that the failure of general business to expand on the census figures would bring out a lot of long cotton for over Christmas. There was no sign, however, of liquidation on any important scale, and when it was seen there was enough support into the market to prevent a break below 6c for May some of the early sellers started to cover, with the result that trading became more active and prices reached the best point in the late trading, when active months ruled about 9@11 points net higher and May contracts sold within 4 points of the season's high record. The close was only a point or two off from the best on active positions. Southern spot markets were generally unchanged, and reports from Memphis claimed an improved demand. Local authorities considered that to-day's trading indicated that the scattering interest has been pretty well evened up for over the holidays, and that the bigger people on both sides are willing to stand on their position until after the turn of the year.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 44,417 bales against 29,723 last week and 18,539 last year. For the week 206,696 bales against 203,185 last week and 386,336 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 7,659 bales against 17,910 last year, and at Houston 18,853 bales against 8,909 last year.

Cotton futures opened and closed steady.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
December	14.79	14.93	14.88	14.91
January	14.96	15.01	14.96	15.02

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SALES:	Open.	High	Low.	Bid Closing.	Asked.
Amer. Agri. Chem. Co.	...	...	...	46⅝	46
150 Allis-Chalmers	15⅛	15⅛	15⅛	15	15¼
1,200 Allis-Chalmers, pfd	55¼	55¼	54¾	54¼	55
9,200 Amalgamated Copper	88¼	88¼	87⅝	87¾	88
300 American Can	14¼	14¼	14	13¾	14
100 American Can, pfd	83	83	83	82¾	83¼
300 Amer. Car and Foundry	72	72	72	72	72¾
100 Amer. Car and Foun., pfd	119¼	119¼	119¼	119	119¼
500 American Cotton Oil	69½	69½	69	68½	69
100 American Locomotive	60¾	60¾	60¾	60½	61
Amer. Locomotive, pfd	...	...	...	114	116
8,400 American Smelting	102½	102⅝	101¾	101¾	102
400 Amer. Beet Sugar, com	47	47¼	47	46¾	46¾
300 American Sugar	120½	121¼	120½	121¼	121½
4,200 Amer. Tel. and Tel. Co.	142¾	142¾	142	142¼	142½
70 American Tobacco, com.	430	430	430	428	432
125 American Tobacco, pfd	96¼	96¼	96¼	96¼	96½
2,200 Anaconda Copper	49¾	50	49¾	49⅞	50
6,000 Atchison	122½	122⅝	121¾	122	122¼
2,600 Atlantic Coast Line	138⅝	138⅝	135⅞	135½	136½
4,200 Baltimore and Ohio	118¾	118¾	118	118¼	118¾
4,710 Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80⅞	81⅛	80⅝	80½	80⅝
550 Canadian Pacific	180	180	179¾	179¼	179¾
1,050 Central Leather	46⅞	46⅞	46½	46¼	46½
8,200 Chesapeake and Ohio	87	87⅞	87	87⅛	87¼
2,000 Chicago Great Western	21¼	21½	21¼	21⅜	21½
1,100 Chi., Mil. and St. Paul	159	159	158⅝	158¾	158⅞
300 Chicago and Northwest	181⅞	181⅞	181⅞	181	182
4,300 Colorado Fuel and Iron	51¾	52⅛	51	51	51¼
100 Colorado and Southern	51	51	51	51	54¼
34,300 Consolidated Gas	156½	159⅞	156½	158⅛	159
2,300 Delaware and Hudson	184⅝	185¾	184	184	185
9,800 Den. and Rio Gran., com	52⅞	53⅛	51¾	52¼	52½
300 Distillers' Sec. Cor	37¾	38	37¾	37½	37¾
4,000 Erie	34¼	34¼	34	34	34⅛
3,400 Erie, 1st pfd	49¾	51⅛	49½	50½	50¾
100 Erie, 2d pfd	41⅛	41⅛	41⅛	40½	40¾
110 Fed. Min. and Sm., pfd	88	88	88	87⅝	90
1,550 General Electric	160½	161	159½	159½	160
2,700 Great Northern, pfd	144¼	144¾	143¾	143⅞	143⅞
2,200 Great Northern Ore ctfs.	81½	82	81	81	81½
1,100 Illinois Central	149⅞	149⅞	148	149¼	149½
10,400 Int. Metropolitan	24⅛	25	24⅛	24¼	24½
18,000 Int. Metropolitan, pfd	60¾	62	60¼	61	61¼
Int. Mer. Marine, com	...	...	...	...	7¾
Int. Mer. Marine, pfd	24	24	23½	23½	24
2,300 International Paper	16⅞	16½	16⅛	16¼	16½
100 Kan. City South., com	44⅝	44⅝	44	44¼	44⅝
100 Kansas City South., pfd	71½	71½	71½	71½	72
2,500 Louisville and Nashville	158½	158½	156½	156¼	156½
200 Manhattan	139⅞	139⅞	139½	139¼	139½
Metro. Street Railway	...	...	...	20	23
8,200 Mo., Kan. and Texas	49⅝	50¼	49	49	49¼
400 Missouri Pacific	72	72	71½	71½	71¾
4,700 National Lead	88½	88⅞	88⅛	88⅛	88½
10,100 New York Central	124⅞	124⅞	123⅞	124	124¼
200 N. Y., Ont. and Western	49	49⅞	48⅞	49¼	49½
2,400 Norfolk and Western	100¼	100¾	100⅛	99½	99¾
2,800 Northern Pacific	146¼	146½	145¾	146¼	146
100 Pacific Mail	42¼	42¼	42¼	41	42
43,710 Pennsylvania	136½	136¾	135⅞	135⅞	136
20,300 People's Gas	115¾	117	115¾	116	116⅛
200 Pressed Steel Car	52	52	51⅝	51½	52
200 Ry. Steel Spring, com	51½	51½	51½	51½	51⅞
126,700 Reading	170	172¼	169¾	170⅝	170¾
100 Republic Iron and Steel	46¼	46¼	46¼	46	46⅝
100 Republic I. and S., pfd	104¾	104¾	104¾	104¾	105
41,100 Rock Island	45½	45¾	44¼	44¼	44¾
3,900 Rock Island, pfd	90½	92	90½	90½	91
400 Sloss-Sheffield	87	87	86⅞	86¾	87
28,100 Southern Pacific	136¾	136¾	134¾	134¾	134⅞
4,600 Southern Railway	32¼	32⅛	32⅛	32⅛	32¼
2,600 Southern Railway, pfd	74¼	74¾	73¾	73½	74½
38 Standard Oil	667	667	667	665	665
200 Tennessee Copper	38½	38½	38½	38	38½
5,000 Texas Pacific	35½	36¼	35½	35½	35¾
25,900 Union Pacific	204¼	204¼	203	202⅞	203
3,225 United States Rubber	54⅞	54⅞	54¼	54	54½
121,400 United States Steel	92½	92½	91½	91¾	91⅞
1,100 United States Steel, pfd	125¼	125¼	125	124¾	126¼
750 Va.-Car. Chemical	50½	50½	50	49⅞	50¼
100 Va.-Car. Chemical, pfd	123	123	123	121½	123
4,800 Wabash	21½	21¾	21¼	21⅜	21½
34,300 Wabash, pfd	58⅞	59⅛	58¼	58¾	58⅞
400 Western Union	77¼	77⅞	77¼	77½	77¾

Total sales for day, 752,200 shares.

CLOSING BOND QUOTATIONS

American Tel. and Tel. conv. 4s	105⅛	Denver and Rio Grande ref. 5s	94¼	Southern Pacific conv. 4s	105⅞
American Tobacco 4s	77¾	Erie conv. 4s, series "A"	81½	Southern Pac. R. R. 1st ref. 4s	94¼
American Tobacco 6s	106¼	Erie conv. 4s, series "B"	78¾	Southern Railway 5s	111½
Atchison conv. 4s	122	Interborough Metro. 4½s	83¾	Southern Railway gen. 4s	81¼
Atchison conv. 5s	121½	Inter. Merc. Marine 4½s	70½	United States refunding 2s, registered	101½
Atlantic Coast Line 1st 4s	94¾	Kansas City Southern 1st 3s	73½	United States refunding 2s, coupon	101½
Brooklyn Transit conv. 4s	87	Louisville and Nash. Un. 4s	100½	United States 3s, registered	101⅝
Central of Georgia 5s	109	Missouri Pacific 4s	81½	United States 3s, coupon	101⅝
Chesapeake and Ohio ref. 4½s	104½	Norfolk and Western 1st con. 4s	98	United States 4s, registered	114⅝
Chicago, B. and Quincy gen. 4s	99½	Norfolk and Western conv. 4s	102	United States 4s, coupon	114⅝
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 4s	80	Pennsylvania conv. 3½s (1915)	96¼	Union Pacific 4s	102½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. R. R. col. 5s	102¼	St. Louis and San Fran. fg. 4s	85¾	Union Pacific conv. 4s	116½
Chicago, R. I. and Pac. Ry. rfg. 4s	90¾	St. Louis and San Fran. gen. 5s	89	Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s	88½
Colorado and Sou. ref. and ext. 4½s	98	St. Louis S'western con. 4s	79½	United States Steel 2nd 5s	105
Denver and Rio Grande 4s	95½	St. Louis S'western 1st gold 4s	93¼	Virginia-Carolina Chemical 6s	98¾
		Seaboard Air Line 4s	84⅛	Wabash 1st and ext. 4s	76½

February	15.12	....	....	15.18	
March	15.33	15.40	15.32	15.38	
April	....	....	....	15.50	
May	15.64	15.69	15.62	15.67	
June	15.56	15.56	15.56	15.56	
July	15.65	15.61	15.61	15.61	
August	15.35	15.38	15.32	15.36	
September	....	14.09	14.09	14.06	
October	13.44	13.49	13.41	13.46	

Spot cotton closed quiet, 10 points higher; middling uplands, 15.20; middling gulf, 15.45; sales 400 bales.

RICHMOND PRODUCE MARKET.

Unless otherwise stated these quotations are wholesale prices. Oders filled from stores in small lots are charged extra.

FLOUR—Receipts liberal; market quiet but firm at quotations. WHEAT—Receipts light; market firm at quotations. CORN—In good demand. OATS—In active demand. RYE—Very dull. HAY—Receipts continue liberal and demand fair for the best grades. Low grades dull.

POTATOES—Market quiet and inactive.

APPLES—Receipts continue liberal. Only choice to fancy stock wanted.

EGGS—Active. Light receipts.

BUTTER—Continues active at the advance.

POULTRY—Live—All kinds in fair demand to-day at prices quoted. Dressed—In fair demand with light receipts. Turkeys for Christmas trade should arrive here not later than December 22d and 23d. Dressed much preferred.

GAME—Such as quoted in good demand.

VIRGINIA BACON—Unchanged and active.

RECEIPTS FOR THE WEEK—Wheat, 31,910 bushels; corn, 23,668 bushels; oats, 20,940 bushels; rye, 1,588 bushels; flour, 4,621 barrels; hay, 581 tons; millfeed, 308 tons.

STOCK IN ELEVATOR—Wheat, 13,369 bushels; oats, 2,931 bushels.

POULTRY—LIVE.	Per pound.		
Turkeys, large and fat	17		
Turkeys, small and thin	15		
Chickens, as to size	14	@	16
Hens	11	@	12
Ducks, large, young	13		
Roosters, piece, live	30	@	40
Guineas, piece, live	25	@	30
Geese, per piece	50	@	65
POULTRY—DRESSED.			
Turkeys, choice, undrawn	20		
Turkeys, fair to good, und'n	17	@	18
Ducks, choice, undrawn	16	@	17
Ducks, fair to good, undrawn	14	@	15
Chickens, large	14	@	15
Chickens, small	16		
Chickens, mixed sizes, lb	14	@	15
Hens, lb	12	@	13

Drawn poultry from 1 to 2 cents a pound more than undrawn. Undrawn preferred.

BUTTER.			
Choice family packed	26	@	28
Choice dairy packed	26	@	28
Choice store packed	23	@	25
Packing	22		
EGGS.			
Crates, nearby, fresh laid	29		
Crates, other sections	28		
Barrels and boxes	26	@	27
GAME.			
Wild turkeys, per lb	16	@	17
Rabbits, fancy, large, piece	20		
Rabbits, choice, large, piece	15	@	17
Rabbits, small and ragged, pc.	10	@	12½
Squirrels, piece	5	@	8
HIDES.			
Dry flint, lb	18		
Dry salted, lb	16		
Green, salted, lb	11½		
Green, lb	10½		
Dry flint, calfskins	16		
FURS.			
Otter, common to prime	5.00	@	15.00
Beaver, common to prime	5.00	@	8.00
Mink, common to prime	1.00	@	4.50
Raccoon, common to prime	25	@	1.00
Muskrat, common to prime	20	@	25
Opossum, common to prime	10	@	25
Red fox	1.50	@	2.50
Gray fox	50	@	1.00
Wild cat, common to prime	20	@	30
Skunk, common to prime	50	@	1.50
Rabbit skins, per lb	10	@	11
Deers skins, dry, lb	25		
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.			
APPLES—Fancy, bbl	3.00	@	3.50
Choice, per bbl	2.25	@	2.75
Poor to fair	1.25	@	2.00
Pippins and winesaps, fcy.	4.00	@	5.00
LEMONS	5.00	@	6.00
ORANGES—Fla., fancy	1.75	@	2.00
GRAPEFRUIT—Fancy	2.50	@	3.00
PINEAPPLES—Fancy, crate	2.00		2.25
BLACK PEAS	1.50	@	1.75
BLACKEYE PEAS—			
No. 1, per bus	2.00	@	2.25
No. 2, per bus	1.75	@	2.00
CLAY PEAS—Bushel	1.20	@	1.40
MIXED PEAS	1.35	@	1.50
BEANS—			
Navy, No. 1 white	2.00	@	2.25
Common to choice	1.60	@	1.75
Colored	1.65	@	1.75
POTATOES—Fancy, bus	50		
ONIONS—			
Choice, yellow, 100 lbs	1.25	@	1.50
Choice, red, 100 lbs	1.25	@	1.50
CABBAGE—Danish, ton	15.00	@	20.00
CELERY—			
Fancy, large, bunch	50	@	65
Choice, bunch	30	@	40
WHEAT.	Car lots.		
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No. 2 red, Western	1.27		
No. 2 red, Virginia	1.25		
No. 3 red	1.24		
Steamer	1.20	@	1.23
Virginia (bag lots)	1.00	@	1.25
CORN.	Car lots.		
No. 2 white	69		
No. 3 white	68		
No. 2 mixed	68		
No. 3 mixed	67½		
Virginia (bag lots)	64	@	68
New corn (on cob, dry)	[illegible]	@	67
OATS.	Car lots.		
No. 2 mixed	49		
No. 3 mixed	48		
No. 2 white	51½		
No. 3 white	49		
Winter seed	5	@	65
RYE.			
No. 2 (car lots)	83		
No. 3 (car lots)	82		
Virginia (bag lots)	75	@	80
HAY.			
No. Timothy	18		
No. 2 Timothy	16.50		
No. 3 Timothy	13.00		
Light Clover, mixed	17.00		
No. 1 Clover, mixed	16.50		
No. 2 Clover, mixed	15.00		
No. 1 Clover	15.00		
No. 2 Clover	14.00		
STRAW—Compressed	8.50		
Loose pressed, large bls	9.50	@	10.00

Load your cars so that hay at doors represents contents and thu savoid rejections.

This market grades hay in accordance with the rules of the National Hay Association.

FLOUR.			
Winter super	4.20	@	4.35
Winter extra	4.85	@	5.00
Winter clear	5.40	@	5.60
Winter straight	5.65	@	5.85
Winter patent	6.10	@	6.35
CORNMEAL—			
City, sacked	74	@	76
Country bolted, sacked	72	@	73
MILLFEED—			
Shipstuff, ton, sckd, winter	25.00		
Bran, winter	24.00		
Shipstuff, spring	24.50		
Bran	23.50		
COUNTRY PRODUCE—WHOLESALE.			
FEATHERS—			
Live geese, lb	50	@	55
Mixed, lb	40		
SEEDS—			
Clover, bus	8.25	@	9.25
Timothy, bus	1.75	@	2.00
Orchard grass, bus	1.65	@	1.70
Buckwheat, bus	95	@	1.05
German millet, bus	1.25	@	1.40
BEESWAX—Per lb	28		
DRIED APPLES—			
Sliced, per lb	5	@	5½
Quartered, per lb	4	@	5
Dark	3½	@	4
DRIED PEACHES—			
Peeled, per lb	10	@	12
Peeled, dark, per lb	7	@	8
Unpeeled, per lb	3½	@	4
CHERRIES—			
Pitted (new, dry order	12	@	13
RASPBERRIES—Per lb	16	@	18
BLACKBERRIES	4	@	4½
WHORTLEBERRIES	9	@	10
WOOL—			
Tubwashed, free of burrs	30	@	33
Unwashed, free of burrs	27	@	28
Merino, unwashed	22	@	25
Burry, 2 to 8c. per lb. less.			
ROOTS—			
Ginseng, per lb	5.00		
Senica, per lb	40	@	45
Virginia snake, per lb	25	@	30
May apple, per lb	3	@	3½
True pink, per lb	20	@	25
Wild ginger, free of fibre	8	@	11
Wild ginger, natural	6	@	7
Virginia star grass	10	@	13
PEANUTS—Farmers, lb	3	@	4
BACON—Hams, small	20		
Hams, large	18		
Sides, smoked	12	@	13
Shoulders, smoked	14	@	15
DRESSED HOGS	9	@	10
LARD—Country, prime	13	@	14
FLAXSEED—Per bus	1.20	@	1.40
TALLOW—Per lb	5	@	5½
WALNUTS—Per bus	55	@	60
WALNUT KERNELS—Lb	12		
CHICKEN COOPS	85	@	90
TURKEY COOPS	1.15	@	1.25
EGG CRATES	45	@	50
BUTTER BUCKETS—Doz	2.75	@	3.00
CATTLE MARKET.			
Beef cattle, good to prime	5¼	@	5¾
Beef cattle, common to fair	3	@	5
Bulls	3	@	3¾
Cows	2¼	@	4½
Calves	7	@	8
Calves, large runners	5	@	6
Sheep	3	@	5
Spring lambs	5	@	6½
Hogs	7	@	8½

Receipts for the week—Cattle, 309 head; calves, 59 head; sheep, 33 head; hogs, 3,053 head.

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, December 20.—FLOUR—Market firm. Spring patents, $5.40@5.65; winter straights, $5.35. Rye Flour, Buckwheat Flour and Rye—Steady. Cornmeal—Firm. Barley—Quiet. Wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, $1.28@1.30 elevator, domestic, and $1.29 nominal, f. o. b. afloat. Options closed barely steady at 1¼c. net decline to ¼c. net advance. December, $1.25¾; May, $1.20; July, $1.11. Corn—Firm; No. 2, 70½c. elevator, domestic, 71c. delivered, and 69c. f. o. b. afloat, nominal. Options closed 1½c. net advance. December, 71c.; May, 75c. Oats—Firmer; mixed, 47c.

Pork, Beef, Cut Meats, Tallow, Petroleum, Rosin and Molasses—All steady. Lard—Easy. Turpentine—Quiet. Rice—Firm. Sugar—Raw, barely steady; refined, quiet. Confectioners' A, $4.85. Coffee—Quiet; Rio, No. 7, 8½c. nominal; Santos, No. 4, 8¾c.; mild, quiet; Cordova, 9@11½c. Futures closed steady, net unchanged to 5 points lower.

Butter—Strong and higher; creamery, specials, 37c.; extras, 36c.; third to first, 28@35c.; creamery, held, 28@33c.; State dairy, 25@30c.; process, 26@28½c. Cheese—Firm; State, new, full cream, special, 17½@18c.; do., September, fancy, 17c.; do., October, best, 16½c.; do., late made, best, 15½c.; do., common to good, 13@15½c.; skims, full to special, 5@11½c. Eggs—Stronger; State, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery, white, fancy, 40@42c.; do., gathered, white, 32@40c.; do., hennery, brown and mixed, fancy, 40@42c.; do., gathered, brown, fair to prime, 33@40c.

Potatoes—Steady; Bermuda, second crop, per barrel, $2.50@5.00; do., Southern, $2.25@2.00; Maine, per bag, $1.50@1.75; State and Western, per barrel, $1.50@1.75; Long Island, $2@2.50; Jersey, $1.25@1.75; Southern sweets, $1@1.50; Jersey, do., $1.50@2.25. Cabbages—Firm; Danish seed, per ton, $14@18.00; red, $25@30.00. Freights—Steady. Cotton to Liverpool, per 100 pounds, 14½c.; grain to Liverpool, 2d; grain to London, 1¾d. Peanuts—Firm; fancy handpicked, 4@5½c.; Virginia shelle, Nos. 1 and 2, 3@5¾c.

The cottonseed oil market was strong with active buying. Refining interests were good buyers of the near positions and there was a good speculative demand for the late positions. Prices at the close were 8@16 points net higher with sales of 15,700 barrels. January, 7.53@7.54; March, 7.60@7.61; May, 7.68@7.69; July, 7.74@7.78; prime crude, 6.53@6.67; do., summer yellow, 7.53@7.55; do. winter yellow, 7.85@8.00; do., summer white, 7.87@8.40.

CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 20.—The wheat market to-day lost much of the gain secured during the bullish demonstration of last Saturday, and closed, with prices ⅝c. to 2⅜@1⅞c. lower than the previous close. Corn and oats closed strong and provisions weak.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—				
Dec.	1.17	1.18¼	1.16½	1.16⅝
May	1.12⅞	1.13⅞	1.12⅞	1.13⅛
July	1.03	1.03⅝	1.03	1.03⅝
CORN—				
Dec.	69⅞	69	68⅝	68⅞
May	65⅛	67¼	65¼	67⅛
July	66⅛	66⅞	65	65⅝
OATS—				
Dec.	43¼	44⅛	43⅛	44¼
May	44¼	45⅝	44⅛	45⅝
July	42⅞	43⅝	42⅞	43¼
MESS PORK—Per bbl.				
Jan.	21.85	21.90	21.75	21.87½
May	21.87½	21.97½	21.80	21.95
LARD—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	12.75	12.92½	12.75	12.90
May	11.97½	12.05½	11.95	12.02½
July	11.95	12.02½	11.92½	12.00
SHORT RIBS—Per 100 lbs.				
Jan.	11.75	11.75	11.65	11.72½
May	11.40	11.47½	11.37½	11.47½
July	11.37½	11.45½	11.37½	11.42½

Receipts—Wheat, 38,800 bushels; corn, 198,200 bushels; oats, 225,000 bushels. Shipments—Wheat, 24,900 bushels; corn, 108,700 bushels; oats, 121,200 bushels.

Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, $1.27@1.29; No. 4 red, $1.20@1.26; No. 2 hard, $1.17@1.20¼; No. 3 hard, $1.10@1.16¾; No. 1 northern, $1.18½@1.20¼; No. 2 northern, $1.16½@1.19; No. 3 spring, $1.10@1.18. Corn—No. 3 white, 69@69c.; No. 3 yellow, 69@69½c.; No. 4, 66@68½c.; No. 4 yellow, 67@68½c. Oats—No. 4, 44¾c.; No. 2 white, 45c.; No. 3 white, 44½@45c.; No. 4 white, 43@44½c.; standard, 45@45¼c.

ELGIN, ILL., December 20.—BUTTER—Firm at 35c. Sales for the week 605,700 pounds.

BALTIMORE, MD., December 20.—WHEAT—Quiet; spot, contract, $1.22; southern on grade, $1.14@1.21½. Corn—Firmer; spot, contract, new, 66c.; southern white, 62¾@64¾c.; southern yellow, 62¾@64¾c. Oats—Quiet; No. 2 white, 50c. Rye—Dull; No. 2 western, domestic, 80½@81c.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

Richmond, Va., December 20, 1909.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS ON CHANGE.

WHEAT—Car lots.			
No. 2 red, Western		@	$1.27
No. 2 red, Virginia		@	1.26
No. 3 red		@	1.24
Steamer	1.20	@	1.22
Virginia (bag lots)	1.00	@	1.25
CORN—Car lots.			
No. 2 white		@	69
No. 3 white	68		
No. 2 mixed	68		
No. 3 mixed		@	67½
Virginia (bag lots)	64	@	68
Corn on the cob	65	@	67
OATS—Car lots.			
No. 2 mixed		@	49
No. 3 mixed	48		
No. 2 white		@	51½
No. 3 white		@	49
Winter seed (bag lots)	65	@	65
RYE—Car lots.			
No. 2		@	83
No. 3		@	82
Virginia (bag lots)	75	@	80

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