COMMERCIAL AND MARKET NEWS SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR THE CALL

Activity on Change Is Confined to a Limited Number of Shares

New York Stock Market

NEW YORK, March 16.—The improved tone of the stock market today did not mean that there was any substantial widening in the dimensions of the market. Such activity as there was came in occasional spurts and it was largely confined to a few stocks. A favorable view was taken of the course of events at Washington as giving promise of the removal of obstacles in the way of progressing with the tariff revision.

The financial element regards expedition in the work of fixing the new tariff schedules as desirable above everything else. The buying of stocks on this account was partly from the uncovered bear element. Buying here of stocks for foreign account was in the nature of bear covering, also the repurchase being prompted by a more cheerful view of the Balkan situation.

United States steel was quite conspicuous in the light of buying stocks. The report from Pittsburg of the resumption of dividends on Crucible steel preferred had some sentimental effect on the steel industrials. Reports of additional companies in the trade cutting wages were not a detriment to the market. Amalgamated copper shared quite fully in the strength of United States steel and was not apparently hurt by another reduction of copper prices here and in London.

The February trade statement was a remarkable one both by reason of the heavy shrinkage in value of exports and of the increase in imports, reaching $41,721,000 in the former case and $33,883,000 in the latter, compared with the year before. Over $30,000,000 of the decline in exports is in agricultural exports, due to the check on foreign demand by reason of the high prices prevailing. There can be no doubt that the growth of imports is significant of the revival of the purcasing power in the country. The effect on the merchandise balance in bringing the excess value of exports down to $7,400,397, compared with over $83,000,000 for February of last year, clearly explains the outward current of the gold movement. This outgo is expected by international bankers to reach large proportions. The stiffening of the money rate is not lost sight of in this connection and is an influence in the much quieter tone which has developed in the bond market.

Union Pacific held its usual leadership in the movement of railroad stocks. The market at the close was the strongest and most active of the day.

Bonds were firm and active. Total sales, par value, $2,563,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

New York Stock List

E. F. Hutton & Co., 490 California street, members of the New York stock exchange, furnish the following list of bond and stock sales yesterday:

Sales	STOCKS	High	Low	Bid	Ask
.....	Adams Express	.....	.....	187	.....
.....	Allis-Chalmers	.....	.....	13½	14½
800	Do pfd	43½	42	42¾	43½
246	Amal Copper	68¼	66⅝	68	68½
800	Am Beet Sugar	27¼	26	26⅞	27
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	88	88¾
.....	Am Can Co	.....	.....	8	8¼
1,000	Do pfd	76½	76	76	76¼
900	Am Car & Fy Co	48½	48	48½	49
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	119	119½
400	Am Cotton Oil	52½	51½	52⅝	53
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	100	102
.....	Am Express	.....	.....	200	210
4,700	Am Ice Securities	30¾	30	30⅛	30½
.....	Am Linseed	.....	.....	13¾	14
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	29½	30½
600	Am Locomotive	51	50	51	51¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	112	114
8,200	Am Slt & Rfg Co	83½	82¼	83⅜	83½
700	Do pfd	102¾	102¾	102½	103
900	Am Sugar	130¼	128⅝	129⅞	129½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	127	130
.....	Am Stl Fndrs pfd	.....	.....	35½	36
1,400	Am Tel & Tel Co	129½	129	129½	130
400	Am Tob pfd	93¾	93½	93½	94
.....	Am Woolen	.....	.....	28	29
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	95½	96
1,300	Anaconda	41½	39¾	41½	42
.....	Atlantic Coast L	.....	.....	118	119¼
9,700	A T & Santa Fe	103⅝	102⅝	103⅜	103½
900	Do pfd	102½	102½	101½	102¼
4,500	Baltimore & Ohio	107⅝	106½	107	107¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	93¾	94¼
.....	Bethlehem Steel	.....	.....	20¼	21
4,300	B R T	71¼	70⅝	71⅛	71¼
.....	Canada Southern	.....	.....	62	67
1,100	Canadian Pacific	166⅝	166⅛	166¼	166½
7,200	C & O	67⅛	66½	66⅞	67
.....	C & A	.....	.....	59½	60
400	C G W	6½	6	6⅛	6¼
.....	Do pfd "A"	.....	.....	28½	29
2,700	Do pfd "B"	8½	8	8	8¼
.....	C & N W	.....	.....	177⅝	178
7,200	C M & St P	143¼	141¾	143	143¼
300	Do pfd	159¾	159	159½	161
200	Central Leather	28	28	27¾	28
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	101	102
.....	Central of N J	.....	.....	227	230
.....	Chicago Terminal	.....	.....	.....	5
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	18	20
.....	C C C & St L	.....	.....	73½	74
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	102	.....
1,000	Colo Fuel & Iron	32⅞	31⅞	32½	33
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	65	75
.....	Col Hock C & I	.....	.....	37¼	37⅞
600	Colo Southern	63¾	63¼	63½	63¾
400	Do 1st pfd	84	83½	83¾	84
600	Do 2d pfd	81½	80¼	81½	81¾
2,400	Consolidated Gas	130½	129½	130	130¼
9,900	Corn Products	19¼	18¾	19	19⅛
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	77½	79
.....	Del & Hudson	.....	.....	173¾	174
.....	D L & W	.....	.....	545	550
1,200	D & R G	44⅛	43½	43¾	44
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	84¾	85¼
.....	Diamond Match	.....	.....	34	34½
100	Distilling Secs	34¼	34¼	34¼	35
.....	Duluth S S & A	.....	.....	17	18
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	30¼	31
5,300	Erie	24⅝	23¾	24⅛	24
1,000	Do 1st pfd	39	37¾	38½	39
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	30	31½
600	General Electric	154¼	153⅛	153	154
300	Grt Northern Ore	.....	.....	66½	66¾
3,500	Grt Northern pfd	140⅞	139¾	140¾	141
.....	Havana Tob Co	.....	.....	8	9
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	12	13
100	Illinois Central	140⅞	140⅞	140½	142
800	Interboro-Metro	15	14⅞	14⅞	15
1,400	Do pfd	44¼	43½	44¼	44¾
.....	International Paper	.....	.....	9¼	9¾
400	Do pfd	49¼	49	49	50
.....	International Pump	.....	.....	37¼	37½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	84	84¾
900	Iowa Central	29¼	28½	29	29¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	55	58½
2,500	K C Southern	44⅝	44¼	44½	44⅝
1,800	Do pfd	73¼	72⅞	72⅞	73
.....	Lake Erie & West	.....	.....	20	20½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	48	51
700	L & N	130	129	129¾	130
.....	Mackay	.....	.....	71	73
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	70⅛	73
.....	Manhattan	.....	.....	142	144
400	Marine	7⅛	7⅛	7⅛	7¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	21¾	22
.....	Metro St Ry	.....	.....	26	30
.....	Mexican Central	.....	.....	20¾	21½
300	Minn & St L	53⅞	53½	54	54
.....	Do 1st pfd	86	85	84	88
.....	M St P & S S M	.....	.....	142¾	143½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	154½	156
3,000	Mo Kan & Texas	40⅝	40¼	40¾	40⅞
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	73	73¼
2,600	Missouri Pacific	69½	68⅝	69¼	69½
.....	Nash Chat & St L	.....	.....	115	125
400	National Lead	75½	75¼	75¼	75¾
.....	Do pfd	106½	106½	106½	107
.....	National Biscuit	.....	.....	100	102
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	119	.....
1,700	New C M & S	3⅞	3½	3½	3⅝
6,500	N Y Central	125	123½	124¾	125
.....	N Y C & St L	.....	.....	48	52
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	95	96
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	77	79
.....	N Y N H & H	.....	.....	157	158
.....	N Y Ont & W	.....	.....	44¾	45
.....	Norfolk & West	.....	.....	87	88
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	85	87
.....	North American	.....	.....	78½	79½
2,400	Northern Pacific	137¾	136⅝	137⅝	137¾
.....	Omaha	.....	.....	150	155
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	158	170
.....	Pacific Coast	.....	.....	77	82
300	Pacific Mail	30	29¾	29¾	30
2,200	Penn R R Co	130	129⅛	129⅞	130
6,900	Peoples Gas	113¾	112¼	113⅝	113¾
.....	Pittsburg Coal	.....	.....	10½	12
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	40	43
.....	P C C & St L	.....	.....	89¾	90½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	106	110
.....	Pressed S Car	.....	.....	35	36
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	96	100
600	Pullman	170	160	170	171
200	Ry Steel Spring Co	35¾	35¾	35½	36
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	98¼	100
54,700	Reading	126⅝	124⅝	126½	126⅝
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	89	90
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	89	94
500	Republic S & I	20¼	20	20⅛	20¼
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	71½	73
300	Rock Island Co	22½	22⅛	22½	23¾
1,200	Do pfd	62	61½	62	62½
.....	Sloss S S & I Co	.....	.....	73	73½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	108	.....
.....	St L & S F 1st pf	.....	.....	66	70
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	36¾	37
.....	St L & S W	.....	.....	22¼	23
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	51¾	52
7,900	Southern Pacific	118	116¾	117⅛	118
1,100	Do pfd	122	121	121¾	122¼
500	Southern Ry	23⅞	23¾	23¾	25½
300	Do pfd	61¾	61¼	61¾	62½
.....	Tenn Copper	.....	.....	40⅞	41½
500	Texas Pacific	32¾	32⅛	32⅝	33
1,500	Third Ave	37⅞	37½	37¾	39
1,100	Tol St L & W	46¼	46	49¼	49½
1,400	Do pfd	70	69½	69	69⅞
.....	Twin City R T	.....	.....	105	106
.....	Union Bag & P	.....	.....	10	10½
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	67	69
54,600	Union Pacific	176⅞	175	176⅞	177
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	95	95½
.....	Unit Rds of S F	.....	.....	30	34
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	51½	53
.....	U S Cast I Pipe	.....	.....	25¼	28
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	66	73
.....	U S Express	.....	.....	85	95
.....	U S Rubber	.....	.....	29½	30
400	Do 1st pfd	103¼	103¼	103	103¼
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	68	75
54,400	U S Steel Cor	45¼	43⅞	45	45⅛
800	Do pfd	110⅞	110⅝	110¾	111
300	Utah Copper	41	40⅞	41	41½
.....	Va-Car Chm Co	.....	.....	43¼	44
.....	Do pfd	.....	.....	115	116
700	Wabash	17⅞	17⅝	17⅝	17¾
1,200	Do pfd	44⅞	43½	44⅝	44¾
.....	Wells-Fargo Ex	.....	.....	295	325

New York Stock List Continued

Sales.	STOCKS.	High.	Low.	Bid.	Ask.
.....	Western Union	.....	.....	65	66
.....	Westinghouse	.....	.....	76½	77½
.....	W & L E	.....	.....	9	9½
.....	Do 1st pfd	.....	.....	21	22
.....	Do 2d pfd	.....	.....	10	12
1,300	Wisconsin Cen	49½	48⅞	49½	49¾
2,000	Do pfd	87¼	86	87	87¼

375,700—total shares sold.

New York Bonds

U S ref 2s reg	101¼	Gen Elect cv 5s	139½
Do coupon	101½	Ill Cent 1st ref 4s	100⅝
Do 3s reg	101	Int Met 4½s	78¼
Do coupon	101	Int Merc Mar 4½s	71½
Do 4s reg	119	Japan 4s	84½
Do coupon	120½	Do 4½s	92¾
Allis-Chal 1st 5s	81¾	Do 2d series	91⅞
Amer Agricul 5s	100	Kan City So 1st 3s	75
Amer T&T cv 4s	95⅜	L Shor deb 4s, 1931	95½
Amer Tobacco 4s	77¾	L & N unified 4s	101
Do 6s	107½	M K & Tex 1st 4s	99¾
Atch gen 4s	100⅞	Do 1st & ref 4s	87
Do S L 1st 4s	95¼	L Do gen 4½s	91½
Do rev 4s	100¼	M Pacific 4s	82½
Do cv 5s	105⅞	N Y C gen 3½s	93
Atlan C L 1st 4s	97	Do deb 4s	94⅝
Balt & Ohio 4s	100¾	NY City 4½s, new	111⅝
Do 3½s	93¾	NY,NH & H cv 6s	134¼
Do S W 3½s	91¼	Nor & W 1st con 4s	99
Brooklyn RT c 4s	83⅜	Do cv 4s	96½
Can So 1st 6s	106¾	Nor Pacific 4s	103
Central of Ga 5s	109½	Do 3s	74¾
Cent Leather 5s	97½	O S Line rfdg 4s	94¾
CBR of NJ gn 5s	128	Pa cv 3½s, 1915	95½
Ches & Ohio 4½s	105	Pa con 4s	104⅞
Do ref 5s	91¼	Reading gen 4s	99⅞
Chi & Alton 3½s	73½	St L & S F 4g 4s	85¼
C, B & Q joint 4s	98⅞	St L S W con 4s	78½
C,M& StP gn3½s	90	Do 1st gold 4s	94
C,RI& Pac col 4s	78¼	Seaboard A L 4s	64½
Do col 5s	89½	So Pac col 4s	92
Do refdg 4s	92½	Do 1st ref 4s	94⅞
C,C,C & SL gn 4s	97¼	So Railway 5s	111
Colo Indus 5s	72½	Do gen 4s	78½
Colo Midland 4s	85	Union Pacific 4s	102¾
Co So rdscvt 4½s	99⅝	Do cv 4s	103½
Del & Hud cv 4s	109	Do 1st & ref 4s	98¾
Do 1st ref 4s	102	U S Rubber 6s	102¾
Den & Rio G 4s	97½	U S Steel 2d 5s	103
Do ref 5s	94¼	Va Car Chem 5s	96⅝
Distillers 5s	75	Wabash 1st 5s	112
Erie prior lien 4s	84	Do 1st & ext 4s	73⅝
Do gen 4s	69⅞	Western Md 4s	83½
Do cv 4s, ser A	63	Westing El cv 5s	93¼
Do cv 4s, ser B	58	Wis Central 4s	94¼

New York Mining Stocks

Alice	2.00	Little Chief	10
Brunswick Con	06	Mexican	56
Com Tunnel Stock	23	Ontario	3.75
Com Tunnel Bonds	15	Ophir	97
Con Va Min Co	50	Standard	1.40
Horn Silver	65	Yellow Jacket	55
Leadville Con	05		

Boston Stocks and Bonds

Money—		Miscellaneous—	
Call loans	2½@3½	Amer Arge Chem	38
Time loans	3 @4	Do pfd	95½
Bonds—		Amer Sugar	129
Atchison 4s	110¾	Do pfd	129
Do adj 4s	91	Amer Tel & Tel	128⅛
Railroads—		Amer Woolen	28
Atchison	103¼	Do pfd	96
Do pfd	102¼	Ed Electric Illum	251
Boston & Albany	233	Mass Electric	14¼
Boston Elev	127½	Do pfd	71
Fitchburg pfd	133½	U S Steel	45
N Y, N H & H	157¼	Do pfd	110⅝
Union Pacific	176¾		

THE COPPER STOCKS

BOSTON, March 16.—After an extremely dull day the market closed with a sharp rally against the shorts. The entire list advanced 1 to 2 points and closed at the top, with every indication of higher prices tomorrow.

COPPER CLOSE

The following list is furnished by E. F. Hutton & Co., 490 California street, San Francisco, Cal.:

	Bid.	Ask.		Bid.	Ask.
Adventure	7½	8	Mass Gas	63½	64
Ahmeek	145	155	Mass Mining	4½	5
Allouez	38½	39½	Miami	18½	18⅝
Amal Cop	67⅞	68⅛	Nev Cons	17¼	17¾
Am Pneumat	9¼	9½	Nev Utah	2¾	2 15-16
Do pfd	20	20¼	Nipissing	10¾	11
Ariz Coml	34⅝	35	North Butte	68½	68½
Arnold	75c	85c	Old Colony	60c	—
Atlantic	14¼	14½	Old Dominion	48	48¼
Balaklala	23	23½	Osceola	127	128
Bay State G	66c	67c	Parrott	31¼	31½
Begole	13½	—	Phoenix	—	7
Black Mt	—	137½	Quincy	85	86
Boston Cons	11½	12	Raven	38c	40c
Bte Coalition	22½	22¾	Ray	12	12½
Butte & Lon	25c	30c	Rhode Island	64	65
Cal & Ariz	99	100	Santa Fe	2⅛	2⅜
Cal & Hecla	615	—	Shannon	14	14¼
Centennial	29	29¼	Super & Pitts	18⅝	14
Coppr Range	75¾	76	Swift Packg	101¼	101½
Cum Ely	—	8	Tamarack	78	80
Daly West	8⅞	9	Trinity	13	13½
Davis Daly	4 9-16	4 11-16	United Copper	11⅞	12¼
Dom Copper	10c	12c	United Fruit	132¼	133
Dom I & S	32¼	32⅜	Un Shoe Mch	56½	57
East Butte	14¼	14½	Do pfd	29¼	29¾
Elm River	2	2⅛	United Zinc	24	24⅞
First Natnl	6⅝	—	U S Coal & Oil	31	31½
Giroux	8⅜	8 7-16	U S Smelters	39½	40½
Gld Con	7⅛	7¼	Do pfd	44⅝	45
Greene Can	9⅜	9½	Utah Apex	5½	6
Globe	4⅞	5⅛	Utah Cons	40⅝	41
Granby	92	95	Victoria	4½	4¾
Hancock	11¼	11½	Winona	6	6⅛
Helvetia	—	3¼	Wolverine	139	142
Isle Royale	26¼	26½	Wyandotte	2½	2¾
Keweenaw	—	4	Yukon	4¼	4⅝
Majestic	75c	76c			

London Closing Stocks

Cons money	83 13-16	Louisv & Nash	132
Do for acct	83⅞	M, K & Texas	41⅛
Amal Copper	69	N Y Central	126½
Anaconda	8⅛	Norfolk & West	88½
Atchison	105¾	Do pfd	89½
Do pfd	105	Ont & Western	45½
Balt & Ohio	109¾	Pennsylvania	66
Can Pacific	170¾	Rand Mines	7⅝
Ches & Ohio	68¼	Reading	51
Chi Great West	6⅞	So Railway	24
Chi, Mil & St P	145½	Do pfd	63
De Beers	12½	So Pacific	118¾
Den & Rio G	44½	Union Pacific	179⅞
Do pfd	88½	Do pfd	97½
Erie	24¾	U S Steel	45¾
Do 1st pfd	38½	Do pfd	112¾
Do 2d pfd	30½	Wabash	18
Grand Trunk	18¼	Do pfd	44¾
Ill Central	144	Spanish 4s	95⅞

Bar silver—Steady; 23¾d per ounce.
Money—2¾@3 per cent.
The rate of discount in the open market for short bills is 2⅜@2½ per cent and for three months' bills 2¼ per cent.

Condition of the Treasury

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund shows: Available cash balance, $135,392,160; gold coin and bullion, $42,499,260; gold certificates, $45,635,080.

Gold for London

NEW YORK, March 16.—The National City bank today engaged $1,000,000 in gold coin for shipment to London tomorrow.

New York Money Market

NEW YORK, March 16.—Money on call, easy at 1¾@2 per cent; ruling rate, 1¾ per cent; closing bid, 1½ per cent; offered at 1¾ per cent.
Time loans, very dull, with softer tendency; 60 days, 2¼ to 2½ per cent; 90 days, 2½ to 2¾ per cent; six months, 2¾ to 3 per cent.
Prime mercantile paper, 3½@4 per cent.
Sterling exchange, steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.8625@4.8635 for 60 day bills and at $4.8820 for demand.
Commercial bills, $4.86@4.86⅛.
Bar silver, 50¾c.
Mexican dollars, 44c.
Government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS

Wall street stocks and the coppers higher.
Spot and future cotton declined, with futures heavily sold.
Copper metal declined ⅛c on the bid.
Local securities very active. Southern Nevada stocks lower.
Silver a fraction higher. Local exchange rates unchanged.
Bankers report plenty of money on hand.
Wheat quiet and inclined to easiness. Barley firm.
Oats, corn, flour and beans as before quoted.
Hay weak under large offerings. Bran quiet and easy.
Dried apples and prunes firm. Heavy demand for the latter.
Raisin market quiet at unchanged quotations.
Lard higher. No change in hams or bacon.
Contracting for hops renewed in Oregon. Wool quiet.
Hides weak, in sympathy with eastern markets.
Honey market weak and dull.
Mutton and lamb slightly lower. Beef and pork unchanged.
Potatoes and onions firm and pointing upward.
Poultry market firm. Game quiet.
Butter lower. Best eggs higher. Cheese easy.
Fresh fruits fairly active.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

It Is Still Lower With Very Heavy Realizing Sales

NEW YORK, March 16.—Hutton's wire says: The cotton market was weak and active at the opening, steadying a little from the decline, but with light trade.

Spot cotton closed quiet, 15 points lower. Middling uplands, 9.65c; middling gulf, 9.90c. No sales.

COTTON FUTURES

Option—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
March	9.42c	9.43c	9.32c	9.32c
April	.....	.....	.....	9.26c
May	9.39c	9.39c	9.25c	9.27c
June	.....	.....	.....	9.20c
July	9.32c	9.32c	9.19c	9.20c
August	9.26c	9.26c	9.19c	9.17c
September	.....	.....	.....	9.13c
October	9.21c	9.22c	9.12c	9.13c
November	.....	.....	.....	9.08c
December	9.17c	9.17c	9.08c	9.08c
January	9.15c	9.15c	9.06c	9.06c

New York Metal Market

NEW YORK, March 16.—The London tin market had a sharp break today, with spot quoted at £128 2s 6d and futures at £129 12s 6d. The local market was weak in consequence at 28¼@28.25c.

Copper was higher in London, with spot quoted at £54 17s 6d and futures at £55 15s, but the slight improvement was not reflected by the local market, where the tone was weak and bid prices were a shade lower. Lake was quoted at 12.37½@12.75c; electrolytic, 12@12.25c; casting, 11.87½@12.12½c.

Iron was about 3d lower in London at 46s for Cleveland warrants. Locally there was no change. No. 1 foundry northern, $16.25@16.75; No. 2, $15.75@16.25; No. 1 southern and No. 1 do soft, $16@16.50.

Available Grain Supply

NEW YORK, March 16.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show these changes in available supplies as compared with previous accounts:

Wheat—United States east of the Rockies decreased 268,000 bushels; Canada, increase, 1,276,000 bushels; total United States and Canada increase, 988,000 bushels; afloat for and in Europe, increase, 2,100,000 bushels. Total American and European supply increase, 3,088,000 bushels.

Corn—United States and Canada, increase, 580,000 bushels.

Oats—United States and Canada decrease, 762,000 bushels.

New York Grain and Produce

NEW YORK, March 16.—Flour—Receipts, 26,251 barrels; exports, 13,678. Barely steady with poor demand.

Wheat—Receipts, 10,320 bushels; exports, 12,000. Spot, easy; No. 2 red, $1.22⅞@1.24⅛ elevator and $1.27⅞ f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, $1.24 f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 hard winter, $1.22 f. o. b. afloat. Except for a brief opening advance, due to war talk and higher cables, wheat was generally weak all day and closed ⅝c lower. The big increase in world's stocks brought out considerable liquidation during the afternoon in face of a fair export trade. May closed $1.19¾; July closed $1.11⅞.

Hops—Dull.

Hides—Quiet.

Wool—Quiet.

Petroleum—Steady.

Sugar—Raw, firm; fair refining, 3.36c; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.86c; molasses sugar, 3.11c; refined, steady; crushed, 5.45c; powdered, 4.85c; granulated, 4.75c.

Coffee—Steady. No. 7 Rio, 8¼c; No. 4 Santos, 9c. Futures closed dull, net unchanged to 10 points lower. Sales were reported of 14,250 bags, including March, 6.70@6.80c; May, 6.65c; June, 6.36c; July, 6.20@6.25c; September, 5.90@5.95c. Spot, quiet; mild, steady; Cordova, 9¾@13c.

Butter—Firm for fancy stock other grades easy. Western factory firsts, 18½@19½c; western imitation creameries, firsts, 20@21c.

Cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady; western firsts, 19c; seconds, 18¼@18½c.

DRIED FRUITS

Evaporated Apples—The market continues quiet. Fancy are quoted at 8¼@9¼c; choice, 7¼@7¾c; prime, 6@6¾c; common to fair, 5@6c.

Prunes—In smaller supply and steady, with quotations ranging from 3¾c to 7½c for new crop California fruit up to 40-50s and from 6¾c to 9c for Oregons, 40-50s to 20-30s.

Apricots—Are in a strong statistical position with choice quoted at 9¾@10c; extra choice, 10@10¼c; fancy, 11½@13c.

Peaches—Firm, with choice quoted at 5¾@6c; extra choice, 6½@6¾c; fancy, 7@8½c.

Raisins—Seeded at 4¾@6¼c; seedless, 3¾@5½c; London layers, $1.20@1.60.

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

Future Grain and Provisions

CHICAGO, March 16.—A liberal increase in the world's visible supply of wheat had a depressing effect today on the market for that grain here, prices at the close showing net losses of ⅞c to ⅞c. A mild war scare imparted considerable strength early, shorts being concerned over renewed talk of a possible conflict between Austria and Servia. Prices rose ¼c to ⅝c on initial transactions. The bears in the absence of any fresh news of a bullish nature later became more aggressive and a weak tone developed. May declined to $1.15¼ after touching $1.16⅞ at the opening. Final quotations on May were $1.15⅝@1.15½. July closed at $1.04 after ranging between $1.03⅞ and $1.05⅛@1.03¼.

Corn was firm early in the day, but weakened toward the middle of the session and continued heavy the balance of the day. The close was at almost the lowest point, with prices off ⅝c to ½c. May closed at 67⅛@67¼c, July at 67@67⅛c.

Oats declined with wheat and corn, closing prices being at the low point of the day. May closed at 54⅝c.

Provisions were firm nearly all day owing to buying by outside packers. At the close prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles—	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—				
May	1.16⅞	1.16⅞	1.15¼	1.15½
July	1.05⅛	1.05¼	1.03⅞	1.04
September	98⅞	98⅞	97½	97⅝
Corn—				
May	67¾	68⅛	67⅛	67¼
July	67⅝	67⅞	67	67⅛
September	67⅛	67½	66⅝	66¾
Oats—				
May	55	55⅛	54¾	54¾
July	49½	49¾	48¾	48⅞
September	40⅞	41	40½	40⅝
Mess pork, per bbl—				
May	17.95	17.97½	17.85	17.87½
July	17.97½	17.97½	17.90	17.90
Lard, per 100 lbs—				
May	10.25	10.27½	10.25	10.25
July	10.40	10.40	10.35	10.37½
September	10.50	10.52½	10.47½	10.50
Short Ribs, per 100 lbs—				
May	9.40	9.45	9.37½	9.42½
July	9.52½	9.57½	9.52½	9.55
September	9.67½	9.72½	9.67½	9.70

Cash Grain and Provisions

CHICAGO, March 16.—Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, steady; No. 2 rye, 79c; feed or mixing barley, 65@65½c; fair to choice malting, 65½@67c; flaxseed, No. 1 southwestern $1.58, No. 1 northwestern $1.68; timothy seed, $3.80; clover, $8.75@9; mess pork, per barrel, $17.70@17.75; lard, per 100 pounds, $10.15; short ribs, sides (loose), $8.75@9.25; short clear sides (boxed), $9.50@9.62½.

GRAIN STATISTICS

Total clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 93,000 bushels. Primary receipts were 450,000 bushels, compared with 655,000 bushels the corresponding day a year ago. The world's visible supply, as shown by Bradstreet's, increased 388,000 bushels.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 37 cars; corn, 147 cars; oats, 80 cars; hogs, 35,000 head.

Eastern Livestock Markets

SOUTH OMAHA

SOUTH OMAHA, Neb., March 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 7,000. Market 10c to 15c lower. Western steers, $3.50@5.70; Texas steers, $2.50@5.10; range cows and heifers, $2.75@4.85; canners, $2@3.25; stockers and feeders, $3@5.40; calves, $3.50@7.50; bulls and stags, $2.85@4.85.

Hogs—Receipts, 13,600. Market 10c higher. Heavy, $6.50@6.75; mixed, $6.45@6.55; light, $6.25@6.55; pigs, $5@6; bulk of sales, $6.40@6.60.

Sheep—Receipts, 8,800. Market steady. Yearlings, $6@6.80; wethers, $5@5.60; ewes, $4.40@5.30; lambs, $6.50@7.35.

KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, March 16.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady to 10c lower. Native steers, $5@5.70; native cows and heifers, $3@6; stockers and fee