

WHEAT PUT BEARED

Drop damage stories offset by the slump in wall street. Coarse grains sluggish. Wheat the only article on the list that showed activity.

May dropped seven-eighths. Weakness of foreign markets one cause for the decline at Chicago. Provisions heavy.

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STREET IN A PANIC

The action of the senate committee sent stocks tumbling. Long shares in a flood. Holders of securities threw them overboard.

Losses extended to 6 per cent. The market closed feverish at only a fractional recovery from the lowest level.

New York, Dec. 18.—Wall street has recently attached only a perfunctory interest to the Cuban probabilities, having persuaded itself that beyond a few fierce and impassioned rhetorical declarations by certain senators and congressmen, no disturbing developments were likely to occur.

London prices for American securities were reported lower, and stress was again laid upon the monetary stringency in London and other financial centers.

New York, Dec. 18.—Hull and Hope did steady. Leather quiet. Wool quiet. Sugar steady. Cotton steady.

New York, Dec. 18.—Butter and eggs. Receipts—Butter, 1,200,000 lbs; eggs, 1,200,000 doz.

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G. H. F. Smith & Co. Members of New York Stock Exchange. Chicago Board of Trade.

J. H. Cassery & Co. Wholesale Dealers in Flour, Feed, Grain, Hay, Etc.

Minneapolis Hay Market. Minneapolis, Dec. 18.—J. H. Hunt & Co. reported continued dullness in the hay market.

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