AGRICULTURAL—COMMERCIAL—INDUSTRIAL—FINANCIAL

RUSSIA IS NOT HOSTILE

STORY THAT THE CZAR WILL INTERVENE DENIED

In Both Official and Unofficial Circles Sympathy Is Warmly With the United States—Salisbury's Speech Criticised by Representatives of Continental Powers—Japan Discredits Seizure of Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—A Russian diplomat said today that the cable report from London—stating that Emperor Nicholas of Russia was much disturbed as to the ultimate destiny of the Philippines, and that some sort of immediate intervention was probable—was entirely unwarranted, and placed Russia in a misleading position before the people of this country.

He says the sentiment throughout Russia, of the Russians, official and unofficial, is one of extreme cordiality towards the United States, and it shows there will be no change in the traditional friendship existing between the United States and Russia.

The friendly feeling, he pointed out, was shown by the Russian newspapers which arrived in the mail to the Russian embassy only yesterday. They were published just after the declaration of war, and their comment was without exception of the most friendly character toward the United States. He said this feeling prevailed to a marked extent, even among the peasantry of Russia, and it was a matter of surprise to him, under such circumstances, that reports should be circulated in the United States that Russia was about to assume an unfriendly attitude towards this country.

The Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, is expected here some time next month. He is now at St. Petersburg, after having conducted the negotiations at Pekin, resulting in the Russian occupation of Port Arthur.

At the several foreign headquarters today, the speech of Lord Salisbury, before the Primrose club last night, was regarded as deeply significant, in that it was the first expression from a high official source clearly indicating the sympathy of the British ministry in the present course of the United States.

In British quarters Lord Salisbury's speech is received with much satisfaction as another evidence of cordiality between this country and Great Britain. At the same time, it is stated with the greatest positiveness, that this friendly feeling has at no time taken official form, in the way of an entente, or understanding of any kind. It is regarded as none the less helpful, however, in leading toward fuller cooperation and sympathy between the English-speaking people on both sides of the water.

Fairy Tale.

The Paris report that the United States "has promised to capture the Canary islands and cede them to Great Britain" is characterized at the state department as purely fanciful. The state department gives a specific denial.

The foreign embassies and legations have received notification from the state department that any cipher cables they may desire to send to their consuls at Havana, Porto Rico or other Spanish possessions will not be interrupted or censored.

The Japanese minister, Mr. Hoshi, was among the callers at the state department today. He had not heard from Manila, but thought information might come by way of Formosa, to which place Japan has laid a cable.

The minister does not credit the reports that Hawaii is about to be turned over to the United States. He says Japan has nothing to say of Hawaii's acquisition by the United States in the usual way, by treaty, so long as Japan's interests in Hawaii are safe-guarded. But he feels that it would be unfortunate to have the acquisition occur through any sudden and surprising move, particularly in view of the friendly relations just at present existing between the United States, Great Britain and Japan. Mr. Hoshi is inclined to believe that when the Japanese decree of neutrality is in hand it will disclose that coal is not made strict contraband of war.

Senor Mendonca, the Brazilian minister, called at the state department today, this being diplomatic day, and his presence gave rise to the supposition that he had come to confer with the department in respect to the status of the Brazilian waters. It turned out, however, that the minister had received absolutely no advices from his government on this point, nor any notice of the neutrality proclamation.

Mr. Hatch, the Hawaiian minister, was also among the callers. Mr. Hatch has so far heard nothing from Honolulu in connection with the dispatches of yesterday relating to the transfer of the Hawaiian islands to the United States. It was plain to be seen, however, that the minister would be very much gratified to receive an official confirmation, but in his opinion any negotiations of the character described would be conducted directly between President Dole and United States Minister Sewell at Honolulu, and the latter would be expected to communicate with his government on this subject.

OUR WARSHIPS.

Would you like to know all about our battleships, cruisers, monitors and torpedo boats? They will be fighting pretty soon, and every American should know all about them. Six portfolios of the series of ten are now ready. Read the display advertisement elsewhere in this paper for full particulars. The portfolios now ready are:

No. 1—The American Navy—Part I.
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MISCELLANEOUS.

SEED MARKETS.

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MARKET SUMMARY.

Wheat.	Close.	Prev. Day.
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July, Minneapolis	1 21⅝	1 19
July, Duluth	1 25½	1 20
July, New York	98⅝	....

FINANCIAL.

Bar silver, New York	56⅛	....
Call money, New York	2½	....

This is a period of the year when people are looking around for nice, fresh vegetables, fruit and things of that kind; and the market is full of them. Just now strawberries are in full bloom; and strawberry short-cake is on every counter in the city that is worth patronizing. Down in New York, several years ago, there was a restaurant on Park row which occupied a frontage of sixty feet on that thoroughfare, and the enterprising proprietor strung out a canvas sign on which was printed the words "Strawberry short-cake." A newspaper wit took that matter up and the next day referred to it as "a long sign for a short cake."

The strawberry trade just now, in St. Paul, is very active; the prospects are that there will be a light crop. The supply is largely from Northern Arkansas, south of the Boston mountains, where the crop has been exceedingly heavy; and receipts have been large from that section up to within the last few days. Heavy rains, however, have intervened and there has been considerable injury to the growing fruit. The damage is estimated at about one-half per cent. The crop north of the Boston mountains and extending into Southwestern Missouri, will probably not be more than about one-half what it was last year. This is due principally to the drouth last fall, during which period the plants died away to the roots and lost considerable in vitality. The season, thus far, in that locality has been characterized, also, by excessive rains, which will no doubt tend to injure the crop materially and cause heavy losses to the producers.

J. S. Robertson, of Presley & Co., has just returned to St. Paul from a trip through the South and Southeast, as far as Florida. He has carefully noted the conditions that prevail in all the sections over which he traveled. He said yesterday that Georgia will probably have a good crop of the famous Elberta peaches; also that the prospects for big crops were good all over the district through which he journeyed. He pronounced the Michigan peach crop as fair.

There was a good deal of anxiety last year with regard to the apple crop; but this year, if blossoms count for anything, the yield is likely to be as large as that of 1896, when apples were so plentiful that it did not pay to pick them from the trees and pack them for transportation. The Missouri, Arkansas and Kansas crops are likely to prove failures on account of frosts, which, unfortunately descended upon the buds as they were forming in the warm days of early April. But New England and Northern New York are showing up well.

The California crop has also been materially damaged by light frosts. It is said that the apricots are practically all killed in that section of the country, and that the peach crop will suffer a damage of 50 per cent, and the prune crop about 25 per cent. Strangely enough, the delicate pear blossom has escaped damage and there is every indication that the yield will be normal if not very much larger than heretofore. In California the damage to the pears is regarded as of no consequence whatever. The Sacramento river bottoms are the heaviest sufferers, if there has been any suffering at all, because the long finger of Jack Frost touched the lower levels. The Baca valley district also received some damage while the uplands and mountain districts are comparatively in excellent form so far as promise of yield is concerned at the present time.

There are excellent prospects for good crops in Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The entire Pacific slope gives promise of a splendid yield. The fruit products of the Pacific coast states are gradually coming into notice in the Eastern markets and the system of refrigerator cars bring the yield into easy reach of the tables in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington and the like. This fact gives to that section of the country an unusual degree of patronage. St. Paul is a sort of a central station in the way of transportation and a good many orders for Eastern markets concentrate here at this season of the year. The commission men at this point have about as much as they can attend to from this time on until the great season of the autumn causes a gradual drawing together of the mouth of the annual cornucopia.

Oranges are coming in in limited quantities, but their day is over. Their fragrance and juiciness belong more to the winter period than to those of summer. The banana is taking the place of the orange and the pine apple is attracting the sense of those who are captivated by tropical flavors without regard to their digestive organs.

The strawberry season is now fully started. The supplies that are now received, as stated above come largely from Northern Arkansas. Gradually shipments will be received from more northern latitudes until by June 1 the fruit of Minnesota and territory immediately contiguous to St. Paul will crown the season. The best are always those that are secured nearest at home. The real choice berries which come to this market are those which are produced by the vegetable farmers within a radius of ten or fifteen miles of St. Paul, and the price is likely to be well sustained in favor of local growers, because, strangely enough, our own latitude during the past year has been favored with respect to weather conditions, while the Southwest has received a good many heavy shots on account of frosts and freezing rain storms.

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July	1.21	1.23	1.20⅝	1.21⅝	1.19
Sept	83	84⅞	82¼	84⅞	82¼
Dec	.....	.....	.....	80¼	.....

On Track—No. 1 hard, $1.30¼c; No. 1 northern, $1.28¼c; No. 2 northern, $1.17¾c; May oats, 30¾c; corn, 32⅞c.

Curb on July wheat	1.21¼
Puts on July wheat	1.16½
Calls on July wheat	1.27

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 1 car	1.25
No. 1 northern, 2 cars	1.23¼
No. 1 northern, 3 cars	1.23
No. 1 northern, 600 bu, to arrive	1.25
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	1.26½
No. 1 northern, 3,400 bu, to arrive	1.23
No. 2 northern, 4 cars	1.17
No. 2 northern, 2 cars	1.16½
No. 2 northern, 11 cars	1.16
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.15¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.16
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.17
No. 2 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	1.16

FLOUR.

The flour market is higher, but just how much it is hard to determine, prices not being fully established. Asked prices vary from 20c to 30c per bbl higher than those quoted, and some assert that even greater prices should be asked to be in line with wheat.

First patents	$6.30@6.50
Second patents	5.90@6.10
First clears	4.70@4.90
Second clears	3.50@3.70

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran in bulk	$10.50@11.00
Shorts in bulk	10.50@11.00
Middlings in bulk	12.50@13.00
Red-dog, 40-lb sacks, f. o. b.	15.00@15.50

Corn—Corn is steady. No. 3, 31½@32c; yellow corn, 32¾c.

Oats—No. 3, 30¼@30½c; No. 3 white held at 31c.

Rye—Rye is stronger, because of a good export demand. Quoted at 63¾@64c.

Barley—Feed barley, 88c.

Feed—The trade is good, with a fair demand. Values are looking upward.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only $13.00@ ....

No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra .. 14.00@ ....

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Northern.

Railroads.	No.1.hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	NG.
G. N.—B. Div.	4	14	18	2	1	
G. N.—F.F.Div.	34	45	14	6	..	
C.,M & St. P.	6	22	23	14	2	
M. & St. L.	1	8	21	7	1	
Soo Line	1	4	3	7	..	..
Northern Pacific	7	12	..	..	..	..
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	3	24	22	9	3	
C. G. W	..	..	1	1	..	
Totals	59	128	106	39	7	

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 18 cars; No. 3 corn, 5; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 19; no grade oats, 6; No. 2 rye, 11; No. 3 rye, 3; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 5 barley, 5; No. 1 flax, 4.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 1; No. 1 northern, 12; No. 2 northern, 77; No. 3, 90; rejected, 31; no grade, 2; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 63; No. 2 rye, 1.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 269 cars; wheat, 201,400 bu; corn, 5,440 bu; oats, 25,960 bu; barley, 1,440 bu; rye, 2,240 bu; flax, 1,920 bu; oil cake, 88,600 lbs; flour, 1,238 bbls; millstuffs, 15 tons; hay, 28 tons; fruit, 163,806 lbs; merchandise, 1,621,920 lbs; lumber, 33 cars; posts and piling, 6 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 290,583 lbs; coal, 83 tons; wood, 60 cords; brick, 7,000; lime, 3 cars; cement, 500 bbls; ties, 12 cars; stone and marble, 8 cars; live stock, 2 cars; dressed meats, 44,000 lbs; railroad materials, 2 cars; sundries, 30 cars; car lots, 605.

Shipped—Wheat, 81 cars; wheat, 61,570 bu; corn, 720 bu; oats, 11,600 bu; barley, 790 bu; rye, 1,920 bu; flax, 1,680 bu; oil cake, 20,000 lbs; flour, 41,326 bbls; millstuffs, 1,568 tons; fruit, 140,900 lbs; merchandise, 1,634,740 lbs; lumber, 87 cars; posts and piling, 1 car; machinery, 279,850 lbs; coal, 20 tons, cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 24,000 lbs; ties, 3 cars; stone and marble, 2 cars; live stock, 1 car; hides, pelts, etc., 47,500 lbs; wool, 42,410 lbs; railroad materials, 32 cars; sundries, 10 cars; car lots, 794.

DULUTH GRAIN.

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July	1.21	1.23	1.20⅝	1.21⅝	1.19
Sept	83	84⅞	82¼	84⅞	82¼
Dec	.....	.....	.....	80¼	.....

On Track—No. 1 hard, $1.30¼c; No. 1 northern, $1.28¼c; No. 2 northern, $1.17¾c; May oats, 30¾c; corn, 32⅞c.

Curb on July wheat	1.21¼
Puts on July wheat	1.16½
Calls on July wheat	1.27

SAMPLE SALES.

No. 1 northern, 1 car	1.25
No. 1 northern, 2 cars	1.23¼
No. 1 northern, 3 cars	1.23
No. 1 northern, 600 bu, to arrive	1.25
No. 1 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	1.26½
No. 1 northern, 3,400 bu, to arrive	1.23
No. 2 northern, 4 cars	1.17
No. 2 northern, 2 cars	1.16½
No. 2 northern, 11 cars	1.16
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.15¾
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.16
No. 2 northern, 1 car, to arrive	1.17
No. 2 northern, 1,200 bu, to arrive	1.16

FLOUR.

The flour market is higher, but just how much it is hard to determine, prices not being fully established. Asked prices vary from 20c to 30c per bbl higher than those quoted, and some assert that even greater prices should be asked to be in line with wheat.

First patents	$6.30@6.50
Second patents	5.90@6.10
First clears	4.70@4.90
Second clears	3.50@3.70

BRAN, SHORTS AND COARSE GRAINS.

Bran in bulk	$10.50@11.00
Shorts in bulk	10.50@11.00
Middlings in bulk	12.50@13.00
Red-dog, 40-lb sacks, f. o. b.	15.00@15.50

Corn—Corn is steady. No. 3, 31½@32c; yellow corn, 32¾c.

Oats—No. 3, 30¼@30½c; No. 3 white held at 31c.

Rye—Rye is stronger, because of a good export demand. Quoted at 63¾@64c.

Barley—Feed barley, 88c.

Feed—The trade is good, with a fair demand. Values are looking upward.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only $13.00@ ....

No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra .. 14.00@ ....

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Northern.

Railroads.	No.1.hd.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	NG.
G. N.—B. Div.	4	14	18	2	1	
G. N.—F.F.Div.	34	45	14	6	..	
C.,M & St. P.	6	22	23	14	2	
M. & St. L.	1	8	21	7	1	
Soo Line	1	4	3	7	..	..
Northern Pacific	7	12	..	..	..	..
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	3	24	22	9	3	
C. G. W	..	..	1	1	..	
Totals	59	128	106	39	7	

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 18 cars; No. 3 corn, 5; No. 4 corn, 2; No. 2 oats, 1; No. 3 oats, 19; no grade oats, 6; No. 2 rye, 11; No. 3 rye, 3; No. 3 barley, 1; No. 5 barley, 5; No. 1 flax, 4.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat, No. 1 hard, 1; No. 1 northern, 12; No. 2 northern, 77; No. 3, 90; rejected, 31; no grade, 2; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 63; No. 2 rye, 1.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Received—Wheat, 269 cars; wheat, 201,400 bu; corn, 5,440 bu; oats, 25,960 bu; barley, 1,440 bu; rye, 2,240 bu; flax, 1,920 bu; oil cake, 88,600 lbs; flour, 1,238 bbls; millstuffs, 15 tons; hay, 28 tons; fruit, 163,806 lbs; merchandise, 1,621,920 lbs; lumber, 33 cars; posts and piling, 6 cars; barrel stock, 2 cars; machinery, 290,583 lbs; coal, 83 tons; wood, 60 cords; brick, 7,000; lime, 3 cars; cement, 500 bbls; ties, 12 cars; stone and marble, 8 cars; live stock, 2 cars; dressed meats, 44,000 lbs; railroad materials, 2 cars; sundries, 30 cars; car lots, 605.

Shipped—Wheat, 81 cars; wheat, 61,570 bu; corn, 720 bu; oats, 11,600 bu; barley, 790 bu; rye, 1,920 bu; flax, 1,680 bu; oil cake, 20,000 lbs; flour, 41,326 bbls; millstuffs, 1,568 tons; fruit, 140,900 lbs; merchandise, 1,634,740 lbs; lumber, 87 cars; posts and piling, 1 car; machinery, 279,850 lbs; coal, 20 tons, cement, 100 bbls; household goods, 24,000 lbs; ties, 3 cars; stone and marble, 2 cars; live stock, 1 car; hides, pelts, etc., 47,500 lbs; wool, 42,410 lbs; railroad materials, 32 cars; sundries, 10 cars; car lots, 794.

DULUTH GRAIN.

DULUTH, May 5.—Market active and higher. July opened unchanged at $1.21; sold up to $1.24½ at 11; off to $1.23¾ at noon and at 12:30 was quoted at $1.22¾; cash, 200,000 bu shippers, at 1c over May. July close, $1.25½; cash No. 1 hard, $1.37; No. 1 northern, $1.37; No. 2 northern, $1.20. To Arrive—No. 1 hard, $1.38; No. 1 northern, $1.38; No. 1 hard May, $1.37; July, $1.25½; September, 88c; No. 1 northern May, $1.37; September, 87c. Oats, 32¼@31¼c; rye, 66c; carley, 40½c; flax, $1.13½; May, $1.32. Corn, 33¾c.

ST. PAUL GRAIN.

Quotations on hay, grain, feed, etc., furnished by Griggs Bros., grain and feed merchants:

Wheat—The market opened about 2c higher than yesterday and advanced rapidly, closing at the highest prices yet made on crop. No. 1 northern, $1.24@1.26; No. 2 northern, $1.14@1.16.

Corn—No. 2 yellow, 32½@33c; No. 3, 32@32½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 30@30½c; No. 3, 29@29¾c.

Barley and Rye—Sample barley, 34@40c; No. 2 rye, 60@61c; No. 3 rye, 58@59c.

Seed—No. 1 flax, $1.28@1.29; timothy, $1.10@1.25; red clover, $3@3.60.

Flour — Patents, per bbl, $6.20@6.40; straights, $5.70@6; bakers', $5@5.40; rye flour, $3.40@3.70.

Ground Feed and Millstuffs—No. 1 feed, $13.77@14.

Bran—In bulk, $11.75@12.

Coarse cornmeal—$12.75@13.

Hay—Market higher. A sharp demand for all good qualities; lower grades also going at more satisfactory prices; good to choice upland, $7.50@8.25; fair qualities, $6@7; low grades, $4@5; good to choice timothy hay, $8@8.50.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP.

Gossip by private wire to C. H. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York stock exchange and Chicago board of trade:

Price Current: Wheat crop advices continue encouraging. Corn planting somewhat retarded. Oats are apparently reduced. Advanced prices induce free selling of remaining wheat. Packing 510,000, against 365,000 last year.

The Missouri state crop report estimates the probable corn area at 2 per cent less than last year, but says, with favorable weather, this will be recovered and the area finally be about 6,830,000 acres. Wheat area 1,013,000 bu, against 1,360,000 bu last year. Oats area 11 points less than last year, 923,000 acres, against 1,033,000. Cotton area 97,000.

A cable has been received stating that the duty will not be taken off or reduced in Germany. Austria and Russia will not prevent exportation.

MILWAUKEE.

MILWAUKEE, May 5.—Flour 20@30c higher; wheat, 3c higher; No. 1 northern, $1.25; No. 2 northern, $1.18; July, $1.22½; May, $1.22½. Oats firm and hig