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TALK OF A CORN CORNER

THIS TIME IT IS TO BE IN THE DECEMBER FUTURE

WHEAT WAS MARKED UP 5-8c

Oats Dull and Steady—Provisions Also Dull, but Strong, Closing From 2 1-2c to 15c Higher.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	75	74½
May wheat, Chicago	74⅝	73⅞
May wheat, Duluth	75⅞	75⅜
May wheat, St. Louis	74⅞	73⅞
May wheat, New York	79⅞	79¼

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Argentine damage reports, close of navigation on the Sea of Azov and the corn strength were leading factors in an advance in wheat today. January closing ⅝c over yesterday. December corn closed ¾c higher, and May with a gain of ⅛@¼c. Provisions at the close were 2½@15c up.

Wheat found a firm and somewhat broader market, save for a degree of easiness at the opening on unresponsive Liverpool cables. January opened ⅛c lower at 70⅞@70⅞c. A Rosario cable announcing damage to the Argentine crop by hail also figures in holding the market. Later the corn strength and the reported closing of navigation on the Sea of Azov caused a sharp demand. Shorts covered freely on the advance and January rose to 71⅝c. Against the price were liberal Northwest receipts, a continuation of the heavy Southwestern movement and the lack of cash demand, but in spite of these facts the market held strong and January closed ⅝c up at 71½@71⅝c. New York reported 30 loads taken for export. Seaboard clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 544,000 bu. Antwerp advanced 1¼c. Primary receipts aggregated 865,000 bu, compared with 668,000 bu last year. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 633 cars, against 594 cars last week and 570 cars a year ago. Local receipts were 168 cars, 24 cars of contract grade. December corn was the feature in the corn pit. Rumors of a probable squeeze similar to that worked by Phillips were rife. Contract stocks here are only 1,300,000 bu and nearly all that, it is stated, has found an Eastern market. Receipts show about 1 per cent on contract grade. Philips was credited with taking in 500,000 bu of December during the day. There is little old corn in the country, traders say, and the roads made it difficult to get that to market. Unfavorable weather and strength of foreign markets were factors in the market. December sold between 36c and 37⅛c and closed ¾c over yesterday at 36⅞c. Receipts were 523 cars, two cars of contract grade. May sold between 36⅜c and 36¾c and closed ⅛@¼c higher at 36⅝c.

Oats ruled dull and only fairly steady in view of the corn and wheat strength. May sold between 23⅜c and 23⅞c and closed unchanged at 23⅞c. Receipts were 325 cars.

Provisions were generally dull, although at times lard showed some activity on local buying. Hog receipts were liberal, but prices were sustained early by the demand for lard and later by the grain strength. The close was firm. January pork sold between 11.87½ and 8.2.02½ and closed 15c over yesterday at $12.02½; January lard, between $6.75 and 6.70, closing 5@7½c higher at $6.80, and January ribs, between $6.17½ and $6.22½, with the close 7½c up at $6.20.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow are: Wheat, 60 cars; corn, 195 cars; oats, 90 cars; hogs, 40,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Open-ing.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closing.
Wheat—				
December	70⅞@⅞	71⅜	70⅜	71⅜
January	70¾-⅞	71⅝	70¾	71½-⅝
May	73¾-⅞	74⅝	73⅝-¾	71½-⅝
Corn—				
December	36-36⅛	37⅛	36	36⅞
January	35¼	35⅝	35⅛-¼	35⅜
May	36⅜-½	36¾	36⅜	36⅜
Oats—				
December	21¼	21¾-½	21¼	21¾-½
May	23¾-⅞	23⅞	23¾	23⅞
Pork—				
January	11 87½	12 02½	11 87½	12 02½
May	11 85	11 97½	11 85	11 97½
Lard—				
December	6 97½	7 10	6 97½	7 10
January	6 77½	6 80	6 77½	6 80
May	6 85	6 87½	6 85	6 87
Ribs—				
January	6 17½	6 22½	6 17½	6 20
May	6 27½	6 30	6 27½	6 27½

*Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Quiet and steady. Wheat—No. 3, 67½@71c; No. 2, 72@74c. Corn—No. 2, 37c; No. 2 yellow, 37c. Oats—No. 2, 22½c; No. 2 white, 26@26½c; No. 3 white, 24@26c. Rye—No. 2, 56c. Barley—Fair to choice malting, 50@53c. Flax seed—No. 1, $1.67½; No. Northwestern, $1.70. Timothy seed—Prime, $4.10@4.30. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $11@11.12½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $7@7.02½. Sides—Short ribs (loose), $6.50@7. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 5⅞@6¼c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $6.55@6.85. Whisky—Basis of high wines, $1.27. Clover—Contract grade, $10. Receipts—Flour, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 151 00 bu; corn, 306,000 bu; oats, 252,000 bu; rye, 2,000 bu; barley, 99,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 28,000 bbls; wheat, 209,000 bu; corn, 234 000 bu; oats, 113,000 bu; rye, 1,000 bu; barley, 14,000. On the produce exchange today, the butter market was dull; creameries, 18@24c; dairies, 13@20c; cheese active, 10¼@11½c. Eggs—Quite; fresh, 24c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 4.—Wheat was dull, but futures were firm and rallied ¼c, holding the advance strongly at noon. There was no general disposition to trade, but scalping operations were largely on the bull side, but results were small. Liverpool maintained yesterday's position and Antwerp was 1½c higher. Bradstreet reported a decrease in the world's available supply of wheat of 1,475,000 bu. The market had the day's statistics on its side. Northwest wheat continues to come into sight, however, more than last year. Minneapolis had 408 cars, against 234 last year, Duluth 225, against 340. May wheat opened at 74½c and reached 74⅝@74⅞c before noon. The Russian news was that the sea of Azov is closed and exports will be small. The Argentine damage is confirmed to the satisfaction of everybody. A cable received this morning by a local firm, sent after investigation of a month, says the damage is 30 to 40 per cent, with a larger acreage than last year. All of this news has encouraged some to the bull way of thinking, but there are those who believe the poor flour demand will offset these advantages.

Cash wheat showed decided improvement by comparison with the dullness of the past few days, and trade on the whole was better. Millers bought the high grades and took No. 1 northern and the best No. 2 freely, making a satisfactory business in those grades. The basis was the same at 2c under May for No. 1 northern and No. 2 sold at 70c for the bulk. Selections of No. 2 reached 71c. No. 3 was practically unchanged, selling to 67c for choice and 65c for the ordinary. Elevators bought low grades at a range about the same as yesterday, for the ordinary, but the best low grades brought 1c to 2c better. Several cars of no grade reached 65c, with the bulk of it in the neighborhood of 60c. Millers paid 72⅝c for No. 1 northern to arrive.

The following was the range of prices of wheat today:

	Dec.	May.
Opening	71⅜	71½
Highest	72¾	72⅞@75⅛
Lowest	71¼	71½
Close—		
Today	72⅞	75
Yesterday	71¾	74½
Year ago	62⅝	62½

On Track—No. 1 hard, 74¾c; No. 1 northern, 72¾c; No. 2 northern, 70¼@70¾c. Futs, May wheat, 74⅝c.

Calls, May wheat, 75¼@75⅜c.

Curb, May wheat, 75@75½c bid.

Flax—There was good sale for flax at firm prices. All buyers were again in the market. The general market was without special change, but rejected flax on the local board held up well and some lots sold above yesterday to 7c under No. 1 price. Several cars reached $1.55, others brought $1.53 and to $1.50. No grade was equally well taken at strong prices, sales being made at $1.30, $1.35, $1.40 and $1.42. Minneapolis received 33 cars, against 37 cars last year. Duluth had 52 cars. Chicago 26 cars. The closing prices were: Minneapolis cash, $1.63, to arrive, $1.63; May, $1.65; Duluth cash, $1.65.

Flour—Dullness continues in flour. Shipments were light at 33,674 barrels. First patents are quoted $4@4.10; second patents, $3.75@3.85; first clears, $2.80@2.90; second clears, $2.05@2.15.

Millstuffs—Prices are the same on all grades. Bran in bulk is quoted $11.50@11.75; flour middlings, $12.50@12.75; bulk shorts, $11.50@11.75; red-dog in 140-lb sacks, $14; feed in 200-lb sacks, $1 per ton additional, in 100-lb sacks, $1.50 per ton additional. Shipments were again light at 1,012 tons.

Feed and Meal—Quotations are the same. Coarse corn meal and cracked corn are quoted $13.75; No. 1 feed, $14; No. 2 feed, $14.25; No. 3 feed, $14.50; granulated cornmeal in cotton sacks, at the rate of $1.95 per barrel.

Corn—The market recovered in part from yesterday's slump and sales were ¼c over the low figures. No. 3 yellow is quoted 33¼@33¾c. No. 3 corn, 32¼@32¾c. No. 4, 32¼c. Receipts, 86 cars, shipments, 13 cars.

Oats—The market was firmer and ¼@½c over the low prices of yesterday. No. 3 white is quoted 23@23½. No. 3 oats, 22½@23. Receipts, 34 cars, shipments, 22 cars.

Barley—Trade was quiet owing to light offerings, and prices held up well. No. 4 touched 50c for choice, and No. 5 sold to 47c. Feed grades are quoted, 38@42c; malting grades, 43 to 51c. Receipts, 13 cars, shipments, 23 cars.

Rye—The market is steady. No. 2 is quoted 45@45½c. Receipts, 3 cars; shipments, none.

CASH SALES.

No. 1 northern, 3 cars, 72¼c.
No. 1 northern, 7 cars, 72¾c.
No. 2 northern, 1 car, soft, 70c.
No. 2 northern, 2 cars, smutty, 69c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, tough, 53c.
No. 3 wheat, 2 cars, 62c.
Rejected wheat, 2 cars, 52c.
Rejected wheat, 1 car, 59c.
No grade wheat, 5 cars, 62c.
No grade wheat, 2 cars, 55c.
No. 3 yellow corn, 12 cars, 33¼c.
No. 3 corn, 5 cars, 32½c.
No. 3 corn, 2 cars, 32¾c.
No. 3 white corn, 1 car, 32¾c.
No. 4 corn, 5 cars, 32¼c.
No. 4 corn, 1 car, 32½c.
No grade corn, 1 car, 32c.
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, 23½c.
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, 24¼c.
No. 3 white oats, 1 car, 22½c.
No. 3 oats, 7 cars, 22¾c.
No. 5 barley, 2 cars, 42½c.
No. 5 barley, 1 car, 43c.
No. 5 barley, 1 car, 46c.
No. 4 barley, 1 car, 50c.
Rejected flax, 5 cars, $1.50.
Rejected flax, 3 cars, $1.53.
No grade flax, part car, $1.30.
No grade flax, 1 car, $1.40.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

	Northern.					No
	No.1H.	No.1.	No.2.	No.3.	Rej.	Gd.
Great Northern	25	110	73	23	7	
C., M. & St. P.	25	74	38	6	18	
M. & St. L.	12	28	6	5	3	
Soo Line	3	7	6	8	9	
Northern Pac.	2	2	6	8	11	
C.St.P.M. & O.	18	38	29	13	26	
C. G. W.	..	1	1	1	..	
Minn. Trans.	1	..	..	..	..	
St.P. & Duluth	..	..	..	..	1	
Total	86	260	159	64	175	

Other Grains—Winter wheat, 90; No. 2 corn, 1; No. 3 corn, 126; No. 4 corn, 11; no grade corn, 2; No. 3 oats, 82; no grade oats, 3; No. 2 rye, 1; No. 3 rye, 2; No. 4 barley, 8; No. 5 barley, 23; no grade barley, 9; No. 1 flax, 5; rejected flax, 44; no grade flax, 14.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 northern, 3; No. 2 northern, 15; No. 3, 4; rejected, 6; no grade, 11; winter wheat, 2; No. 3 corn, 10; No. 3 oats, 6; no grade oats, 2; No. 5 barley, 10; no grade barley, 1; rejected flax, 20; no grade flax, 1.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Dec. 4.—Trading in wheat was fairly active today, and the market was strong most of the morning. May opened unchanged at 75⅜c, sold at 75½c at 9:31, at 75⅝c at 9:45, at 75½c at 10, at 75⅜c at 11:20, at 75¾c at 11:20, at 75½c at 12:25, at 75⅞c at 1:05, and closed at 75⅞c. Cash sales were 65,000 bu at unchanged premiums. The close: Cash, No. 1 hard, 75¾c; No. 1 northern, 71¾c; No. 2 northern, 62@68c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 74¾c; No. 1 northern, 72¾c; December, No. 1 northern, 75⅞c. Oats, 23½@23¾c. Rye, 47c. Barley, 40@58c. Flax, to arrive, $1.64; cash, $1.64; December, $1.64; May, $1.65. Corn, 34¼c. Cars Inspected—Wheat, 225; oats, 9; corn, 35; rye, 3; barley, 1; flax, 52. Receipts—Wheat, 201,891 bu; barley, 22,271 bu; rye, 2,757 bu; flax, 34,771 bu; corn, 6,483 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 153,197 bu; corn, 105,210 bu; barley, 162,700 bu; flax, 216,114 bu.

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Oats—Receipts, 31 cars; No. 3, 24c; No. 3 white, 24½c.

Corn—No. 3, 34c; No. 3 yellow, 34½c.

Feed—Granulated corn meal in cotton sacks, $1.80; coarse corn meal, ton, $14.50; No. 1 feed, $14.50.

Bran and Shorts—Bran in Bulk, $11.50; shorts in bulk, $12.00.

Hay—Good demand for hay of all grades; market very firm; receipts, 90 tons; shipments, 40 tons; upland, choice, $12.00@13.00; upland, No. 1, $11.00@11.50; timothy, choice, $13.00@14.00; timothy, midland, $8.00@8.50; No. 2 timothy, $10.75; midland, $8.00@8.50.

Oats and rye straw, $6.50@7.00.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Flour—Receipts, 21,557 bbls; exports, 55,367 bbls. More than usually active, selling freely at old prices and closed firm. Wheat—Receipts, 106,357 bu; exports, 66,896 bu. Spot, firm; No. 2 red, 79⅞c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 2 red, 77⅝c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 83⅜c, f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 hard Duluth, 87⅝c, f. o. b. afloat. Options closed strong at ½c net advance. January, 77⅝@78⅛c, closed, 78⅛c; March, 79⅜@80 9-16c, closed, 80⅛c; May, 79¼@79⅝c, closed 79⅞c; December, 76 15-16@77⅜c, closed, 77⅜c. Corn—Receipts, 147,225 bu; exports, 304,485; spot, strong; No. 2, 46⅜c elevator and 46c f. o. b. afloat. Options closed strong, ⅜@1⅜c net advance. May, 42½@42⅝c, closed, 42c; December, 44⅝@45⅝c, closed, 45½c. Oats—Receipts, 175,600 bu; exports, 31,230 bu; Spot, steady; No. 2, 26½c; No. 3, 26⅛c; No. 2 white, 29⅛c; No. 3 white, 28¾c; track, mixed Western, 26@27c; track white, 28¾@34c.

VISIBLE SUPPLY—New York, Dec. 4.—Special cable and telegraphic communications to Bradstreets show the following changes in available supplies from the last account: Wheat—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 1,527,000 bu; afloat for and in Europe, decrease, 3,000,000 bu; total supply, decrease, 1,473,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, increase, 564,000 bu. Oats—United States and Canada, east of Rockies, decrease, 635,000 bu. Among the important increases reported to Bradstreets are those of 950,000 bu in Manitoba, 400,000 bu at Northwestern interior elevators, 267,000 bu at depot harbor, 86,000 bu at Rochester and 82,000 bu at St. Joseph. The most important decrease is that of 171,000 bu at Chicago private elevators.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 4.—Wheat—Spot, firm; No. 2 red Western winter, 6s 1d; No. 1 northern spring, 6s 3d; No. 1 California, 6s 2½d. Futures quiet; December 5s, 11½d; March, 6s ⅜d. Corn—Spot, firm; American mixed new 4s, 1¼d. Futures, quiet; December, 4s 1d; January, 3s 10½d; March, 3s 9½d. Receipts of wheat during the past three days, 200,000 centals, including 159,000 American. Receipts of American corn during the past three days, 562,000 centals.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Close: Wheat—No. 2 red, cash, 70½c; track, 72@73c; December, 71c; January, 71¾c; May, 74½c; No. 2 hard, 65¾@69c. Corn—No. 2 cash, 35¼c; December, 35½c; May, 35¾c. Oats—No. 2, cash, 23½c; December, 23½c; May, 24½c; No. 2 white, 27c.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 4.—Flour—Steady. Wheat—Higher; No. 1 northern, 74½@75c; No. 2 northern, 71½@73c. Rye—Steady; No. 1, 50c. Barley—Steady; No. 2, 59c; sample, 44@56c. Oats—Steady; No. 2 white, 25½@26c.

PRODUCE AND FRUIT.

Butter—Steady and in active demand. Receipts light. Creameries, extras, 24c; firsts, 22c; dairies, hand separator, 21c; extras, 19@20c; ladles, extras, 15@16c; packing stock, 13c.

Cheese—Market steady and active. Twins, fancy full cream, 12½c; full cream, Young America, new, 11½@12c; brick, No. 1, 10@11c; brick, No. 2, 9½c; Swiss cheese, old, 12½@14c; Limburger, as to grade, 8½@11c.

Eggs—Market steady; receipts fair. Fresh stock, cases included, loss off, 19@20c.

Beans—Market firm. Fancy navy, per bu, $2.25@2.35; medium hand-picked, per bu, $1.60@1.80.

Peas—Yellow peas, $1.25; fancy green, $1.30.

Potatoes—Steady; fair demand. New potatoes, bu, 25@30c.

Vegetables—Beets, per dozen, 40c; lettuce, per dozen, 30c; parsley, per dozen, 15c; tomatoes, California, basket, 75c; spinach, bu, 50c; turnips, bu, 25c; beans, wax, bu, $1.50; string beans, bu, $1.50; cucumbers, dozen, 75c; carrots, bu, 60c; new turnips, dozen, 60c; horseradish, lb, 10c.

Cabbage—Steady. Per crate, 75c.

Onions—Steady. Home-grown onions, cwt, 90@$1.

Apples—Market well cleaned up and good stock commands firm prices at advanced quotations. Apples, fancy, $2.75@3.50.

Lemons—Receipts liberal; demand good. Fancy Messinas, box, $3.75@4; California, per box, $3.75@4.

Oranges—Jamaicas, box, $3.

Nuts—Hickory, per bu, $1@1.25; black walnuts, per bu, 75c@$1; new California walnuts, lb, 14c; peanuts, raw, per lb, 6c; peanuts, roasted, lb, 7c; Brazils, per lb, 4c; pecans, medium, 11@11½c; hazelnuts, per lb, 5@8c; chestnuts, new, per lb, 12@15c.

Bananas—Supply moderate; demand active. Choice shipping, $2@2.50.

Figs and Dates—Figs, new California, box, 85c@$1; Fard dates, 10-lb boxes, 8@9c; Hallowee dates, new, 5½c.

Apple Cider—Sweet, per bbl, $5; sweet, per half bbl, $2.75; hard, per bbl, $9.

Dressed Meats—Demand light; supply fair. Veal, fancy, 6c; medium, 5c; hogs, country dressed, 7c; milk lambs, pelts off, 7c.

Poultry—Demand fair; receipts liberal. Springs, per lb, 6@6½c; mixed, chickens, 6c; hens, 5½@6c; turkeys, 7c; ducks, fancy, 5@6c; geese, 5c.

Fish—Fair demand. Pike, per lb, 5c; croppies, per lb, 4@5c; pickerel, per lb, 4c; frog legs, per dozen, 4@8c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

COFFEE AND SUGAR—New York, Dec. 4.—Coffee options closed firm with quotations unchanged to 10 points higher. Total sales were 185,000 bags, including December at 6.15@6.20c; March, 6.40@6.50c; May, 6.60@6.65c; July, 6.65c; September, 6.65@6.75c. Spot Coffee—Rio quiet; No. 7 invoice, 7⅝c; mild market quiet. Cordova, 9½@13¼c. Sugar raw, firm; fair refining, 3 15-16c; Centrifugal, 96 test, 4 7-16c. Molasses sugar, 3 11-16c. Refined, steady.

METAL MARKET—New York, Dec. 4.—The metal exchange calls the iron market quiet, with pig iron warrants $9.50 bid and $10.50 asked. Lake copper unchanged, at $17. Tin very dull at from $27.80 to 28, against $28 the previous day. Lead quiet, at $4.37½ for pig, and spelter quiet, at $4.30@4.35. The open market for metals ruled quiet, with unimportant variations in prices, closing more or less nominal, with foundry northern ranging from $15 to $16.50; foundry southern, $14.50 to $15.75; soft southern, $14 to $15.75. Pig tin was less firmly held and quiet, although the foreign markets were 10s higher on spot, and futures closed 5s higher. The local market closed at $27.80@28. Copper ruled slow, but very steady in tone, closing at $17 for Lake Superior and $16⅝ for electrolytic and casting. Pig lead ruled quiet, closing steady in tone on the basis of $4375⅝ car lots.

COTTON MARKET—New York, Dec. 4.—Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands, 10 1-16c; middling gulf, 10 7-16c; sales, 144 bales. Futures closed quiet and steady; December, 9.83c; January, 9.75c; February, 9.71c; March, 9.67c; April, 9.62c; May, 9.57c; June, 9.55c; July, 9.51c; August, 9.21c; September, 9.55c.

BUTTER AND EGGS—New York, Dec. 4.—Butter—Receipts, 8,211 pkgs; firm; creamery, 17@25½c; factory, 12@15½c. Cheese—Receipts, 7,703 pkgs; strong; large September, 11@11¼c; small September, 10½c; large late made, 10⅝@10¾c; small late made, 11c. Eggs—Receipts, 7,495 pkgs; strong; Western regular packing at mark, 21@25c.

WOOL MARKET—Boston, Dec. 4.—Business was quiet in the wool market this week. The following are the quotations for leading descriptions: Michigan, Wisconsin, etc., X Michigan, 22@23c; No. 1 Michigan combing, 27@28c; No. 2 Michigan combing, 27@28c; quarter-blood, washed, 26@27c; coarse and braid washed, 25@26c; fine delaine, 24@25c; territory, scoured basis, Montana and Wyoming, fine medium and fine, 17@18c; scoured, 48@49c; staple, 50@51c; Utah fine medium and fine, 16@17c; scoured, 47@49c; staple, 50c; Idaho fine medium and fine, 15@16c; scoured, 47@49c; staple, 50c.

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	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	64¼	64⅜
Call money, New York	4-4½	4-5

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—A favorite paradox in Wall street is that a surprise is always expected in Sugar. In the pursuit of their professional avocation, stock traders are always trying of discount what they expect, and the consequence is that in Sugar they are invariably surprised and disappointed. Today was no exception. Action on the quarterly dividend has been looked for at any time for several days past, and the "news" as to what the dividend would be has varied all the way from an increase in the regular rate from 1¾ to 2 per cent up to the 2¼, an extra disbursement of 2 per cent. The speculation has gone on right merrily on that basis. The price was run to 135¼ this morning, when the intimation was disseminated that no action would be taken on the dividend today. Consequently the announcement a little later that the directors had met at the private residence of the president of the company and declared a dividend of only 1¼ per cent came like a bomb shell upon the speculative contingent. In their rush to save losses they forced the price down by rapid stages, meeting no support except from professional shorts on the way down. The stock touched 127¼ in the last hour, which was eight full points below the highest, and closed with a net loss of 6⅛. The violent slump in this stock had a depressing influence on the whole market, but the movement elsewhere at no time approached demoralization. In fact there were points of strength persisting here and there in the railroad list, notably the Erie stocks, and in the low-priced Southwesterns, but these yielded their gains in the late reaction. In the early dealings the principal weakness was shown by the specialties, and especially the steel stocks. The latter group showed good recoveries, and except for Tennessee Coal, held well in the late weakness of the railroad list. The pressure to sell the railroads grew steadily during the latter part of the day, and many of them show net losses of about a point. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy declined 1¾. The general weakness, while partly due to sympathy with the violent decline in sugar, was undoubtedly based for the most part on anxiety as to the ability of the money market to carry speculative accounts safely over the new year. There was no evidence that liquidation was forced today, but there was a spirit of caution prevailing. Owing to the renewed movement of currency to the interior and the present low level of pension disbursements, the subtreasury has already taken from the money market nearly $30,000,000 since Friday. Today's transfers to the interior, which went to New Orleans, were $400,000, compared with $550,000 yesterday. Another noticeable feature of the situation is the steadiness of Sterling exchange, in spite of the firmness of the local money market and the notably higher rates in London and Berlin. The foreign selling of our securities, which was continued today to the extent of about 25,000 shares, is supposed to account for this. The opinion is expressed by some foreign authorities that this process has been carried so far as to leave New York without future power to draw gold from European sources. In this connection today's report of a further shipment from Australia to San Francisco of $1,000,000 in gold has some significance. Incoming steamers are bringing large shipments of American securities, recently sold by foreign holders, and the increase in the supply of stock available for lending serves to facilitate bear operations in the market.

The bond market shared the reactionary tendency of the stock market, but were varied by new points of strength. Total sales, par value, $3,505,000. United States new 4s advanced ⅛ per cent on the last call.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

Furnished by Charles H. F. Smith & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, Pioneer Press building, who have direct wires to Chicago and New York. Closing prices are bid:

	S'ts	High	Low	Closing 4	Closing 3
American Hoop	1200	.....	.....	27	27¾
do pfd	600	75	75	74	75
Am. Steel & Wire	15400	41¾	40½	41⅛	41½
do pfd	1300	85¼	84⅞	85	85¼
Anaconda M. Co.	300	47½	47⅜	47½	49
American Tobacco	9300	107½	106	106⅝	107⅞
Am. Tin Plate	1600	42	41¾	41¾	42
do pfd	200	87½	87½	87⅛	86½
Atch., T. & S. F.	14500	39¼	38½	38½	39½
do pfd	16000	83¾	83	82⅞	83⅞
Balt. & Ohio	3600	79½	79⅛	79¼	79½
do pfd	400	86	85	85	85¼
Brook. Rap. Tran.	17200	72¾	70	70¼	72⅜
C., B. & Q.	6700	136¼	135	135	136½
Canada Southern	300	58½	58⅛	58¼	58¼
C., C., C. & St. L.	1100	66½	65¾	66	66¼
Con. Tobacco Co.	6400	35¾	35⅛	35¼	35⅞
do pfd	800	92	91¾	91½	92
Chesa. & Ohio	19700	37⅞	37¼	37½	37⅞
Chicago & Alton	10300	41	40	40	40¾
do pfd	3800	77	76	75¾	76⅞
Col. F. & I.	4100	50⅞	49¾	49¾	51
Chi. G. W.	700	14⅜	14⅛	14⅛	14½
do deb. 4 per ct.	800	91½	91	91¼	90¾
do pfd A	300	78¼	78	78¼	78½
do pfd B	.....	.....	.....	33¾	38½
*Con. Gas	1800	193	192	192	194½
Den. & Rio G.	2800	25	24¾	24½	25½
do pfd	4700	79¼	78½	78¾	78⅞
Erie	4200	15	14½	14	14⅞
do 1st pfd	7800	42¼	40¾	40⅞	39⅞
do 2d pfd	300	22	20¾	21	20
Federal Steel	1400	49⅜	48	48⅞	48¾
do pfd	1200	75½	75	75¼	75¼
Gen. Electric Co.	200	167	166½	166	167
Gt. Nor. pfd	300	181¼	180¼	180½	180½
Louis. & Nash.	600	83¾	82⅞	83	83¾
Leather	6200	13	12¼	12½	12¾
do pfd	200	74¾	74¾	74¾	75
Manhattan Con.	8300	109	108	108	105⅝
Met. Trac	3800	170¼	168¾	169	170
Minn. & St. L.	100	65¼	65¼	64½	65
M., K. & T.	200	12¾	12⅝	12½	13
do pfd	1700	38	37¼	37¼	37¾
Mo. Pac.	17900	60⅛	59⅛	59	60
Nor. Pac.	17100	70½	69⅞	70	70½
do pfd	1800	82½	81⅝	81⅝	82½
N. Y. Cent.	5000	143	142	141¾	142
Nat. Steel Co	900	35¼	35⅞	35	35¾
do pfd	400	93	92½	92½	92
Norfolk & W.	2900	42½	42	41¾	42⅝
Ont. & West.	500	25	24⅞	25	25
Press. St'l C. Co.	1100	50¼	49¼	49⅝	50¾
Penn Ry.	18700	143	144¾	142¾	142¾
People's Gas	9200	100¼	98¾	98¾	100⅛
Pullman	1800	202¾	202¾	201	201
Rep. Iron & S.	200	15⅞	15⅞	15¾	14¾
do pfd	1500	65½	64⅝	65⅛	64⅞
Reading	2000	14¾	14½	19	19¾
do 1st pfd	16700	64	62¾	62¾	63¾
do 2d pfd	1600	31¾	30¾	31¼	31½
Rock Island	47700	115½	114¼	114½	116⅜
Southern Ry	18100	18¾	17⅞	17⅞	18⅜
do pfd	9600	67⅞	66¾	66¾	67⅜
Southern Pac.	29600	42¼	41¼	41¼	42⅜
St. L. & S. W.	1600	16¼	16	16	16¼
do pfd	9100	39	38¼	38⅜	38⅞
Smelter	1000	52	50¾	51⅛	51⅛
do pfd	500	96	95	95	95½
Sug. Refinery	115400	135¼	127¼	127⅝	133¾
St. Paul	11600	127⅜	126⅜	126⅜	127¼
T. C. & I.	11100	68⅞	67	67½	69
Union Pac.	25200	72¼	71	71	71⅛
do pfd	3700	81½	81¼	81	82
U. S. Rubber	4200	29⅞	28⅜	29	29
do pfd	700	86	84⅛	85	85½
Wabash	5900	9	8	8½	8⅞
do pfd	1400	22	21	21⅜	21
Wis. Cent.	100	10¾	10¾	10⅝	10½

Ex-dividend, 2 per cent.

BONDS.

U. S. ref. 2s, reg	104⅜	N. Y. C. sts	110
do coup	105½	N. J. C. gen. 5s	127½
do 3s, reg	110	Nor. Pacific 3s	70⅞
do 3s, coup	110	do 4s	105
do new 4s, reg	138½	N.Y.,C.& S.L.4s	107¼
do new 4s, coup	138½	N. & W. con. 4s	99¾
do old 4s, reg	115	Or. Nav. 1sts	111
do old 4s, coup	116	do 4s	102¾
do 5s, reg	113¼	Or. S. Line 6s	127½
do 5s, coup	113¼	do con. 5s	116½
District 3s, '65s	124½	Reading gen. 4s	91¾
Atch. gen. 4s	102¼	R. G. W. 1sts	100¾
do adj. 4s	89	S.L.& I.M.con.5s	113½
Cana. So. 2ds	103½	S.L.& S.F.gen.6s	128¾
Chesa. & O. 4½s	103	St. Paul con	174
do 5s	120¼	St.P.,C. & P.1sts	119⅞
C. & N.W.con.7s	139	do 5s	121⅛
do S. F. deb.5s	119½	So. Pacific 4s