

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

After Opening Strong Wheat Closed at a Considerable Decline.

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Disappointing Visible Supply Statement—Notwithstanding Heavy Shipments of the Past Week an Increase in the Stock Occurred.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Expectation that the president would send in his message to congress, recommending some source of immediate relief of the money market, was a strengthening factor for a time today, but after maintaining an improvement of from 1/8 to 3/8 per bushel during the first part of the session, wheat closed at a decline of 1/2 cent. Corn was firm and rested with a slight gain. Provisions ruled dull and lower.

Wheat developed a good deal of strength during the early part of the session. Stocks in Wall street opened higher, gold continued to arrive from the other side, and the assembling of congress was thought to bring the day of financial relief nearer.

For a brief interval there was more investment buying than of late. Shorts were disposed to cover, while there was little wheat for sale. But soon stocks began to break and weak weakened, when early buyers attempted to sell out.

The visible supply statement was disappointing, showing that an increase in stock had occurred, notwithstanding the liberal export clearances of the past week. Trade was exceedingly dull, taken altogether. Operators seem to be gradually reaching the conclusion that it was more prudent to wait and see what congress was likely to do, rather than operate on what they thought ought to do.

The market opened with prices from 1/8 to 1/2 higher than Saturday's closing and later advanced from 1/8 to 1/2 more than Monday's closing. Prices advanced 1/2 to 1 1/2 for September and 1/2 for December, closing steady at about the bottom figures.

Wheat was extremely dull. The contending influences were the impossibility of negotiating New York exchange—consequently a bar to filling shipping orders—and the supposed effect of the crop report. Opening trades were from 1/8 to 1/2 advance, and after selling off 1/2, advanced 1/2, then closed at 1/2 higher than Saturday's closing.

Oats started out with an advance of 1/4. Later, however, developments from New York that exporters were cancelling orders and re-selling. This induced free selling here and prices settled 1/2 from the top of the market closed at a net loss for the day of from 1/8 to 1/2.

Hogs cannot be moved east because of the disorganization of the banking system. As a result provisions were weak and inactive from the start, closing 2/8 lower for pork and 1/8 to 1/2 lower for lard.

There was a fair demand for vessel room and rates held steady at 1/4 for wheat and corn to Buffalo and 3/4 for wheat and 3/8 for corn to Kingston.

Estimated receipts for tomorrow: Wheat, 223 cars; corn, 500 cars; oats, 263 cars; hogs, 12,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Table with columns: Article, Open, High, Low, Close. Rows include Wheat, Corn, Oats, Hogs, etc.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Quiet and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2, 84 1/2; No. 3, 84 1/2; No. 4, 84 1/2.

New York Markets. NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Wheat—Receipts, 30,000 bushels; exports, 100,000 bushels; stock, 1,000,000 bushels.

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Visible Grain Supply. NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The statement of the visible supply of grain in store and afloat on Saturday, Aug. 5, as compiled at the New York Produce exchange, is as follows:

corn, 6,878,000 bu., decrease, 1,299,000 bu.; wheat, 1,100,000 bu., increase, 300,000 bu.; barley, 350,000 bu., increase, 1,000 bu.

Omaha Produce Market. BUTTER—Fancy creameries, solid packed, 100 lbs. net, 12 1/2; choice, 12 1/2; fair to good, 12 1/2; packing, 12 1/2.

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Exchange on New York, \$3,000,000 discount; London, \$1,000,000 discount; Paris, \$500,000 discount.

STOCKS AND BONDS. Fluctuations Out of All Proportion to the Volume of Business.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The stock market was erratic in its course throughout today and the fluctuations were out of all proportion to the volume of business, the sales having aggregated only 107,674 shares.

At the opening the movements were decidedly irregular and the market was unsettled and others below the final quotations of Saturday. After the short interest had been increased, some, the bulls took hold with a vim and in a little while advanced the whole list anywhere from 1/4 to 2 1/2 per cent.

A few of the smaller bears covered up, but the leaders made a sharp and successful drive at some of the priced stocks, which finally carried down the entire market.

Union Pacific, Missouri Pacific and Northern Pacific preferred were special objects of attack and yielded from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. All of these companies have large floating debts and hence it is a very simple matter to start stories about receiverships, etc.

The unfavorable reports were denied by officials of the several companies and that transactions were at a recovery of from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent. In the remainder of the list, General Electric dropped 1/2 per cent; Jersey Central, 1/4 per cent; Sugar, 3/8 per cent; Chicago Gas, 1/2 per cent; Rock Island, 1/4 per cent, and Lake Shore, Western Union and New York Central 2 per cent each.

After the afternoon there was a recovery of from 1/4 to 1/2 per cent, but later in the day the market was again unsettled and speculation left about steady. Prices were about 1/4 to 1/2 higher than Saturday's closing.

The bears would have been still more successful but for the knowledge that many millions of gold will be received between now and the end of the week and that Cleveland's message to congress will be such as to inspire confidence in financial and commercial conditions throughout the country.

The Post says: As the time approaches when our shiploads of gold are to arrive in port, the question is raised here and there as to the effect of the gold on the market. It is not represented borrowed specie quite as much as remittances against regular commercial credits.

The basis for this query is the somewhat unusual fact that the Bank of England's gold reserve was not so much heavily drawn upon. The answer is that the gold is not being used to pay for imports, but is being used to pay for exports.

The early and convenient shipment of gold borrowed by London was, however, rendered possible by the operation of the system, under which financial confidence speedily revived. A restoration of monetary soundness here will, in turn, be more favorable.

Our wheat and corn are going abroad already in volumes far beyond recent precedent. If congress does its duty the credits of the government will be more than doubled by European purchases of our securities and the debt contracted for relief be readily discharged.

The following are the closing quotations on the leading stocks on the New York exchange today:

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price. Rows include American Express, United States Steel, etc.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—National Transit certificates opened at 60 1/2; highest, 61 1/2; lowest, 60 1/2. Chicago Gas, 1 1/2; highest, 1 1/2; lowest, 1 1/2.

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San Francisco Mining Quotations. SAs FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

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OMAHA LIVE STOCK MARKETS. Liberal Supplies to Start the Week—Steady, but Hogs Lower.

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AN AMERICAN MALADY. The Mad Rush and Perpetual Strain of Our Business Life.

Dr. S. W. Mitchell, recognized authority on nervous diseases, in a recent interview with the representative of a Philadelphia paper, had some very interesting things to say with regard to what he considers "the characteristic malady of the American nation."

It is pointed out that the specialist who he has disposed to overstate the case, but his observations and experience, he claims, are re-enforced by statistics that show that nervous disorders are increasing in an alarming ratio every year.

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