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CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—There seems to be no limit to the slump of corn and pork. Both of these commodities made new low records. Corn declined ⅜c and pork 25c. Wheat suffered considerably from liquidation and declined ⅝c. Oats were heavy and declined from ⅝c to ⅜c lower.

Wheat opened very strong, but that was succeeded by a long spell of competitive weakness and gradually declining prices. December at the start brought from 61½c to 61⅜c and declined to from 60½c to 60⅝c in the course of an hour. The firmness at the start was occasioned by the strength of the early cables. Every exporter who made offers to the other side by cable yesterday afternoon had them accepted and according to early cablegrams that was true not only of orders cabled from Chicago, but from Baltimore, New York and St. Louis as well. All houses with European connections appeared to have asked regarding the prospects for the wheat crop of Russia and every one agreed in saying that the Russian wheat crop was poor. The reason for the weakness which followed was principally connected with the talk concerning the unsettled financial conditions, and, perhaps, to some extent, by the increasing receipts of spring wheat in the northwest and the extreme heaviness of corn. The number of carloads received at Minneapolis and Duluth was 651 compared with 488 cars last year and 1,062 cars on the corresponding day of the year before. This increase over last week was considerable of a bearish factor. The world's shipments to European ports last week amounted to only 5,512,000 bu. as officially reported, as against private cables of the day before to the effect that the total was about 1,000,000 bu. more than that. The correct figures were known before the opening and were probably an element in creating the opening strength. Bradstreet's report of the world's visible supply showed an increase in this country for the week of the Reckies of 359,000 bu. and a decrease in and for Europe of 40,000 bu., making a net increase of 319,000 bu. A year ago there was an increase of 562,000 bu. Nothing, however, was so potent in depressing wheat as the uncomfortable local money situation, growing out of the Diamond Match contests. The market continued depressed during the last hour on heavy liquidations and generous short selling. December sold down to from 59⅝c to 60c split, but reacted to 60¼c and closed at that figure.

Another twenty-four hours of favorable weather for corn caused the immensity of the prospective supplies to overshadow everything else. The effect of this was augmented by liberal local receipts and the result was a decided slump, prices going lower than ever before. Free liquidation by discouraged longs and country selling helped along the decline, and the close feeling was very weak. September opened unchanged at 22½c, declined to 21½c and closed at 21⅝c.

Oats were fairly active, a good business being transacted, but prices were lower all day. The decline was started through sympathy with corn, and free offerings developed as prices gradually fell off. September opened a shade lower at 16⅞c and gradually declined to 16c, where it closed.

Pork made another low mark for itself. September selling down to $5.55. The weakness was mostly in sympathy with corn. Lard and ribs, however, were but little affected, the decline in each being confined to 2½c. September pork closed 25c lower at $5.57½. The closing figures for September lard were from $3.35 to $3.37½ and for September ribs $3.20.

Estimated receipts for Wednesday are: Wheat, 110 cars; corn, 350 cars; oats, 210 cars; hogs, 20,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Articles	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat, No. 2				
Aug.....	57⅞@5⅞	57⅞	56	56¼
Sept.....	57⅞@5⅞	57⅞	56¼	56½
Dec.....	61⅞@6⅞	61½	59⅝@60	60¼
Corn, No. 2.				
Aug.....	22½	22½	21⅝	21⅝
Sept.....	22½	22½	21⅝	21⅝
May.....	26⅝	26⅝@6⅝	25⅞	26
Oats, No. 2.				
Sept.....	16⅝	16⅝	16	16
May.....	19⅝@⅝	19⅝@⅝	19	19
Pork, per bbl.				
Sept.....	5 82½	5 82½	5 57½	5 57½
Oct.....	5 90	5 90	5 62½	5 65
Jan.....	6 97½	6 97½	6 82½	6 85
Lard, 100 lbs				
Sept.....	3 37½	3 40	3 35	3 37½
Oct.....	3 47½	3 47½	3 40	3 45
Jan.....	3 80	3 80	3 72½	3 77½
Short Ribs—				
Sept.....	3 25	3 25	3 17½	3 20
Oct.....	3 30	3 30	3 22½	3 25
Jan.....	3 47½	3 47½	3 40	3 45

Cash quotations were as follows:

FLOUR—Firm; demand fair; winter patents, $3.15@3.20; straights, $2.90@3.20; spring patents, $3.15@3.55; straights, $2.50@3.00; bakers, $2.00@2.35.

WHEAT—No. 2 spring, 56½c; No. 3 spring, 53@54½c; No. 2 red, 61½c.

CORN—No. 2, 21⅝@21⅞c; No. 2 yellow, 21⅝@21¾c.

OATS—No. 2, 16c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 20@20½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 15@20½c.

RYE—No. 2, 31½c.

BARLEY—No. 2, 32c nominal; No. 3, f. o. b., 20@33c; No. 4, f. o. b., 19@21c.

FLAXSEED—No. 1, 67½c.

TIMOTHY SEED—Prime, $2.60.

PROVISIONS—Mess pork, per bbl., $5.60@5.65. Lard, per 100 lbs., $3.37½. Short ribs sides (loose), $3.20@3.30. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $3.75@4.00. Short clear sides (boxed), $3.62½@3.75.

WHISKY—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.19.

POULTRY—Steady; turkeys, 7½@10c; chickens, 7½@9½c; ducks, 7½@9½c.

The following were the receipts and shipments today:

Articles.	Receipts.	Shipments.
Flour, bbls.....	9,000	10,000
Wheat, bu.....	112,000	308,000
Corn, bu.....	291,000	621,000
Oats, bu.....	402,000	499,000
Rye, bu.....	7,000	.....
Barley, bu.....	36,000	3,000

On the Produce exchange to-day the butter market was firm; creamery, 9@16½c; dairy, 9@14c. Eggs, firm; fresh, 12c. Cheese, quiet; 7¼@7½c.

NEW YORK GENERAL MARKET.

Quotations of the Day on Various Commodities.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—FLOUR—Receipts, 23,000 bbls.; exports, 19,183 bbls.; market very steady; Minnesota patents, $3.35@3.75; winter patents, $3.40@3.60; winter straights, $3.20@3.35; Minnesota bakers, $2.35@2.90; winter low grades, $1.80@2.05. Rye flour, dull; superfine, $2.40@2.60; fancy, $2.60@2.75.

CORN MEAL—Dull; yellow western, 60c.

BARLEY—Quiet; western, 32@33c.

BARLEY MALT—Steady; western, 68@69c.

RYE—Firmer; No. 2 western, 40½@41c.

WHEAT—Receipts, 229,000 bu.; spot weak; No. 1 hard, 69⅝c. Options stronger on firm cables and big Russian crop reports; gave way under active long selling and were weak all day; were influenced by an increase in world's stocks and the great increase in corn; closed ⅝@⅞c net lower; August closed at 64⅝c; September, 64⅞@65¼c, closed at 64⅝c.

CORN—Receipts, 52,000 bu.; exports, 24,955 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 27¼c. Options went to pieces under active liquidations, due to favorable crop news and liberal country offerings; closed ¼@1¼c net decline; August, 27¼@27⅜c, closed at 27¼c.

OATS—Receipts, 213,100 bu.; spot weak; No. 2, 20⅝c. Options dull and nominal; August closed at 20⅝c; September closed at 20¼c.

HAY—Steady; shipping, 60c; good to choice, $8.50@9.00.

HOPS—Steady; state, common to choice, 1894 crop, 2½@14½c; 1895 crop, 2@3½c; Pacific coast, 1894 crop, 2½@12c; 1895 crop, 2@6c.

HIDES—Quiet; Galveston, 11c; Buenos Ayres, dry, 16c; Texas, dry, 8½c; California, 13c.

LEATHER—Quiet; hemlock sole, Buenos Ayres, light to heavy weights, 20@21c.

PROVISIONS—Beef, quiet; family, $8.50@9.00; beef hams, $15.50@16.00; packet, $9.00@7.00. Cut meats, firm; pickled bellies, 4½@4¾c; pickled shoulders, 3½c; pickled hams, $9.50@10.00. Bacon, boxed shoulders, $4.40; tongues, $8.75; ribs, 4¾; shorts, $4.12½. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders and longs, $3.50; ribs, $3.75; shorts, $3.87½. Lard, steady and active; western steam, $3.77½; choice, $3.15; refined, dull. Pork, firm; old to new mess, $7.75@8.50; short clear, $8.75@10.00; family, $9.25@10.00; standard mess, jobbing, $6.50@6.55.

OILS—Cottonseed oil, steady; prime crude, 19@20c; prime yellow, 23@23¼c. Petroleum, steady; United closed, $1.06. Turpentine, steady; 24@24½c. Rosin, steady; strained, common to good, $1.55@1.60. Turpentine, quiet at 24@25c.

BUTTER—Receipts, 12,566 pkgs.; firm; state dairy, 10@15c; western dairy, 8½@12c; western creamery, 11@16½c; Elgins, 16½c; factory, 6½@11c.

CHEESE—Receipts, 6,009 pkgs.; dull; large, 7@8½c; small, 6@8¼c.

EGGS—Receipts, 10,315 pkgs.; dull; large, Pennsylvania, 14@15c; western, 12½@13c.

METALS—Pig iron, dull; southern, $10.25@12.00; northern, $10.75@12.50. Copper, steady; brokers, $10.75; exchange, $10.65@11.00. Lead, steady; brokers, $2.50; exchange, $2.65@2.67½. Tin, dull; steady; straits, $13.25@13.35. Plates, market steady. Spelter, easy; domestic, $3.65@3.75.

Liverpool Markets.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 25.—WHEAT—Spot firm; demand moderate; No. 2 red, winter, stocks exhausted; No. 2 red, spring, 5s 3½d; No. 1 hard, California, 5s 6d. Futures opened steady, with near and distant positions ½d higher; closed easy, with near positions unchanged to ¼d higher and distant positions unchanged to ¼d lower. Business about equally divided between August, September, 5s ¼d; October, 5s ¼d; November, 5s 1¾d; December, 5s 2¼d.

CORN—Spot quiet; American, new, mixed, 5s 1½d. Futures opened dull, with near and distant positions ¼@¾d lower; closed dull, with near positions ¼@¾d lower, and distant positions ¼d lower; business about equally distributed; August, 2s 10½d; September, 2s 9¼d; October, 2s 9¾; November, 2s 9½d; December, 2s 9¼d.

FLOUR—Firm; demand fair; freely supplied; St. Louis fancy winter, 7s.

PROVISIONS—Bacon, quiet; demand moderate; Cumberland cut, 28 to 30 lbs., 32s; short ribs, 28 lbs., 30s; long clear, light, 26 to 28 lbs., 26s; long clear, heavy, 35 lbs., 26s; short clear backs, light, 18 lbs., 26s 6d; short clear middles, heavy, 45 to 50 lbs., 28s 6d; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs., 32s. Shoulders, square, 12 to 13 lbs., 24s 6d. Hams, short cut, 14 to 16 lbs., 42s 6d. Tallow, fine North American, 16s 9d. Beef, extra India mess, 46s 3d; prime mess, 36s 3d. Pork, fine western, 45s; medium western, 38s 9d. Lard, prime western, 29s; refined, in pails, 20s 6d.

CHEESE—Steady; demand poor; finest American, white, 39s 6d; finest American, colored, 41s.

BUTTER—Finest United States, 80s; good, 60s.

OILS—Turpentine spirits, 28s. Rosin, common, 4s 9d. Cottonseed oil, Liverpool refined, 15s 3d. Linseed oil, 18s. Petroleum, refined, 6½d.

REFRIGERATOR BEEF—Forequarters, 3¼d; hindquarters, 5¾d.

BLASTING POWDER—Hardwood, f. o. b., Liverpool, £7 2s 6d.

HOPS—At London (Pacific coast), £1 15s.

RECEIPTS—Of wheat during the past three days were 102,000 centals, including 75,000 American.

The receipts of American corn during the past three days were 146,800 centals.

The weather: Heavy rains at intervals.

OMAHA GENERAL MARKET.

Condition of Trade and Quotations on Staple and Fancy Produce.

EGGS—Choice stock, 9@9½c.

BUTTER—Common to fair, 5c; choice to fancy, country, 11@13c; separator creamery, 15@16c; gathered cream, 12@13c.

VEAL—Choice fat, 80 to 120 lbs., is quoted at 7@8c; large and coarse, 46@5c.

CHEESE—Domestic brick, 10c; Edam, per doz., $9.50; club house, 1-lb. jars, per doz., $3.50; Limberger, fancy, per lb., 9½c; Roquefort, ½-lb. jars, per doz., $3.60; Young Americas, 8¾c; twins, fancy, 8½c.

POULTRY—Live hens, 6@6½c; cocks, 3c; spring chickens, 8@9c; spring ducks, 7@8c.

PIGEONS—Live, 90c; dead pigeons not wanted.

HAY—Upland, $5.00; midland, $4.50; lowland, $4.00; rye straw, $4.00; color makes the price on hay; light bales sell the best; only top grades bring top prices.

BROOM CORN—Extremely slow sale; new crop, delivered on track in country; choice green self-working carpet, per lb., 2¾c; choice green, running to hurl, 2½c; common, 1½c.

VEGETABLES.

WATERMELONS—Per doz., crated according to size, $2.25@2.75.

CANTALOUPES—Per crate, 75c@$1.00.

TOMATOES—Per ½-bu. basket, 35@40c; ½-bu. basket, 25@30c.

CUCUMBERS—Per doz., 20@25c.

NEW ONIONS—Good stock, per bu., 35@50c.

LIMA BEANS—Per lb., 4c.

BEANS—Hand picked navy, per bu., $1.40@1.50.

CABBAGE—Home grown, per hundred, 75c@$1.00.

CELERY—Per doz., 25@30c; fancy mammoth, 75@80c.

POTATOES—New potatoes, per bu., 25c.

FRUITS.

GRAPES—Home grown grapes, 20c; large lots 15c.

CALIFORNIA PEACHES—Freestones, 90c; clings, 60c.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS—Per box, $1.35@1.50.

CALIFORNIA GRAPES—Per case, $1.25@1.40.

APPLES—Cooking, per bbl., $1.50@1.75; eating, $1.75@2.00.

EASTERN PEACHES—Michigan and Ohio baskets, fifths, 22@25c; ½-bu. baskets, 60c.

CALIFORNIA PEARS—Bartletts, $1.60@1.75; Buerre Hardy, $1.90@1.50.

BLUEBERRIES—None.

NECTARINES—Per case, $1.75.

TROPICAL FRUITS.

ORANGES—Rodi, per case, $6.50.

LEMONS—Messinas, $6.00@7.00; California lemons, $6.00.

BANANAS—Choice large stock, per bunch, $2.00@2.25; medium-sized bunches, $1.50@2.00.

PINEAPPLES—No shipping stock.

MISCELLANEOUS.

HONEY—Fancy white, per lb., 14c; choice, 13c; California, amber color, 10c.

CIDER—Clarified juice, per half bbl., $3; per bbl., $5.

PRESERVES—Assorted, 20-lb. pails, each, $1.40.

MAPLE SYRUP—Five gal. cans, each, $2.75; gal. cans, per doz., $12; ½ gal. cans, $6.25; quart cans, $3.50.

FIGS—Imported fancy, 5 crown, 20-lb. boxes, 14c; choice, 10-lb. boxes, 12 crown, 9@10c.

NUTS—Almonds, California, per lb., medium size, 10c; Tarragona almonds, per lb., large, 12½c; Brazils, per lb., 8c; English walnuts, per lb., fancy soft shell, 12c; medium size, 10c; filberts, per lb., 10c; Spanish peanuts, per lb., 5c; large, 6c; peanuts, raw, 5@6½c; roasted, 7½c.

DATES—Halloween, per lb., 5c; fards, 10-lb boxes, per lb., 7c.

DRESSED MEATS.

BEEF—Dressed steers, 400 to 600 lbs., 6½@7c; western steers, 4½@5½c; good cows and heifers, 4½@5½c; medium cows and heifers, 4½@5c; good forequarters, cows and heifers, 3½@4c; good forequarters, native steers, 4½@5c; good hindquarters, cows and heifers, 7@7½c; good hindquarters native steers, 8½c; cow rounds, 5c; cow plates, 3c; boneless chucks, 4c; cow chucks, 3½; steer chucks, 3¾c; beef tenderloins, 10c; beef rolls, boneless, 9c; sirloin butts, boneless, 8½c; loin backs, boneless, 8c; loin backs, 7c; cow loins, 6c; ribs, 6c; ribs, 2, 3, 4, 5c; beef trimmings, 3c; rump butts, 5c; shoulder clods, 5c.

MUTTON—Dressed lambs, 7c; dressed mutton, 6c; racks, 10c; legs, 8c; saddles, 8c; stews, 2½c; boneless lambs, 3c; sheep tongues, per doz., 25c.

PORK—Dressed hogs, 4½c; pork loins, 8c; spare ribs, 3½c; ham sausages, butts, 4½c; pork shoulders, 4¼c; pork shoulders, skinned, 4½c; pork trimmings, 3c; leaf lard, not rendered, 4c.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

HIDES—No. 1 green hides, 3½c; No. 2 green hides, 2½c; No. 1 green salted hides, 4½c; No. 2 green salted hides, 3½c; No. 1 veal calf, 8 to 12 lbs., 8c; No. 2 veal calf, 8 to 15 lbs., 4c; No. 1 dry flint hides, 6@6½c; No. 2 dry flint hides, 5@6c; No. 1 dry salted hides, 4½c; part cured hides, ½c per lb. less than fully cured.

SHEEP PELTS—Green salted, each, 25@60c; green salted shearlings (short wooled early skins), each, 5c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 1, each, 5c; dry shearlings (short wooled early skins), No. 2, each, 2c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@6c; dry flint Kansas and Nebraska Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; dry flint Colorado butcher wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 4@5c; dry flint Colorado Murrain wool pelts, per lb., actual weight, 3@4c; feet cut off, as it is useless to pay freight on them.

TALLOW AND GREASE—Tallow, No. 1, 2¼c; tallow, No. 2, 1½c; grease, white A, 2½c; grease, white B, 1½c; grease, yellow, 1½c; grease, dark, 1½c; oil butter, 2@2½c; beeswax, prime, 15@22c; rough tallow, 1½c.

BONES—In car lots, weighed and delivered in Chicago: Dry buffalo, per ton, $12.00@14.00; dry country, bleached, per ton, $10.00@12.00; dry country, dinky and meaty, per ton, $6.00@8.00.

WOOL—Unwashed, fine heavy, 6@7c; fine light, 8@9c; quarter blood, 10@12c; seedy, burry and cheffy, 8@9c; cotted and broken, coarse, 7@9c; cotted and broken, fine, 6@8c. Fleece washed—Medium, 15@18c; fine, 14@16c; tub washed, 16@18c; black, 8c; bucks, 6c; tag locks, 2@3c; dead pulled, 5@6c.

St. Louis General Market.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25.—WHEAT—Opened strong, but on declines in domestic market and liquidation it dropped 1½c, and closed at 62⅝@63c; No. 2 red, cash, track, 62⅝@63c; August, 63c bid; September, 60⅝c bid; December, 63½c bid.

CORN—Dropped ⅝c to 1⅝c, the lowest point ever reached, in sympathy with wheat; No. 2 cash, 19½c; August, 19½c; September, 19⅞c; December, 21⅝c.

OATS—Fell off in sympathy with wheat and corn; No. 2 cash, 18c; August, 17c; September, 17¼c; May, 19⅝c.

RYE—Easier at 28c.

CORN MEAL—Firm at $1.30.

BRAN—Dull and weak; 29@29½c, east track.

FLAXSEED—Steady at 65c, east side.

TIMOTHY SEED—$2.25@2.65.

HAY—Weak; prairie, $4.50@5.50; timothy, $7.50@10.00.

POULTRY—Easier; chickens, old, 6½c; spring, 7½c; turkeys, spring, 6@6½c; ducks, spring, 7c; geese, spring, 5½@6c.

BUTTER—Firm; creamery, 14@19c; dairy, 10@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 10c.

LEAD—Dull at $2.45.

SPELTER—34c, sellers.

PROVISIONS—Pork, steady; standard mess, $6.87½. Lard, prime steam, $3.25; choice, $3.32½. Bacon, shoulders, $4.12½; longs, $3.87½; clear ribs, $4.12½; sides, $4. Dry salt meats, boxed shoulders, $3.75; longs, $3.62½; clear ribs, $3.75; sides, $3.87½.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 5,000 bbls.; wheat, 110,000 bu.; corn, 105,000 bu.; oats, 58,000 bu.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 11,000 bbls.; wheat, 14,000 bu.; corn, 334,000 bu.; oats, 11,000 bu.

Kansas City Markets.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 25.—WHEAT—Market steady; closed about 1c lower on best grades, ¼c lower on others; No. 2 hard, 51@52c; No. 3, 47½@49c; No. 2 red, nominally 58c; No. 3, 52@54c; No. 2 spring, nominally 48½c; No. 3, 42@47c.

CORN—Market dull, but steady; No. 2 mixed, 19½c bid; No. 2 white, 21c.

OATS—Market steady; No. 2 mixed, nominally 17c; No. 2 white, old, nominally 20c; new, 20c.

RYE—No. 2, nominally 25c.

HAY—Market dull on what bigger; timothy, choice, $7.50@8.00; prairie, choice, $4.50@5.00.

BUTTER—Market steady, unchanged; creamery, 13@14c; dairy, 10@13c.

EGGS—Market firm, nominal, demand, quotable 9c.

Cotton Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 25.—COTTON—Very steady; middling, 7⅞c; low middling, 7⅜@16c; good ordinary, 6⅞@16c; receipts, 3,174 bales, 2,867 bales new; exports to the continent, 100 bales; sales, 1,900 bales; stock, 28,397 bales.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—COTTON—Quiet; middling, 8⅛c; net receipts, none; gross, 5,081 bales; exports to Great Britain, 9,552 bales; forwarded, 8 bales; sales, 1,200 bales; spinners, 300 bales; stock, 65,725 bales. Futures closed barely steady; sales, 214,900 bales; January, $8.04; February, $8.08; March, $8.13; April, $8.17; May, $8.21; August, $8.65; September, $7.93; October, $8.00; November, $7.95; December, $8.00.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 25.—COTTON—Quiet, ⅛c lower; middling, 7⅞c; receipts, 31 bales; shipments, 1,238 bales; stock, 20,396 bales.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Aug. 25.—WHEAT—Lower; No. 2 cash, 62⅝c; September, 62⅝c; December, 67c.

CORN—Lower, and quiet; No. 2 mixed, 23c; September, 23c.

OATS—Dull and lower; No. 2 mixed, 17c.

RYE—Steady; cash, 33c.

CLOVER SEED—Lower at $4.20.

OIL—North Lima, 58c; South Lima, 54c; Indiana, 34c.

Oil Market.

OIL CITY, Aug. 25.—Credit balances, $1.04; certificates opened at $1.05½; highest, $1.05½; lowest and closed at $1.05; no sales; no clearances; shipments, 97,467 bbls.; runs, 110,594 bbls.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—Calcutta linseed oil, spot, 28s ½d; July shipment, via Cape, 29s 3d.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—For Tuesday there was a good business all around. Wire orders were fairly numerous from salesmen on the road for good assortments of miscellaneous merchandise. The spot demand was good for printed fabrics, brown cottons, bleached shirtings, colored and fancy cottons and much miscellaneous stuff. The tone of the market is much better and prices for gray goods higher. Printing cloths in demand at 2 7-16c bid and declined and small sales at 2⅝c.

MANCHESTER, Aug. 25.—Cloths, strong, but not very active; yarns, firm, but quiet.

STOCKS AND BONDS.

Speculation in Securities Was About as Dull as on Monday.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The speculation in stocks today was about as dull as on Monday and was uninteresting and practically meaningless in general outline, the only noteworthy development being a decline to the lowest points reached in the present movement in the sterling exchange markets. Actual figures ruled at $4.83½ and $4.84½ to $4.84¾ for long and short bills, and posted figures were also reduced to from $4.84½ to $4.86 by a prominent drawer. The weakness revived expectations of further substantial imports of gold from Europe and sales of about $1,500,000 of American gold for shipment to this country tomorrow. Further shipments are expected to be made on Saturday. This news checked the selling movement, which was in progress at the outset and led to slight purchases for both accounts. Manhattan receded 1½ per cent, Sugar 1¼ per cent and various other properties sharp fractions and the list was carried a shade above yesterday's closing. Europe was a moderate seller. The depressed condition of the iron and steel trade, reflected in the embarrassment of a large concern, was considered responsible for breaks of 3 per cent in Minnesota Iron to 47 and of 2 per cent in Illinois Steel to 40.

During the afternoon some comment was excited by the exceptional dullness of the railway bond market. Up to midday not a single transaction had been recorded in either Atchison, Kansas & Texas, Texas & Pacific or Southern railway issues, which usually figure even in the dullest market. The traders in the dullness selected the traffic returns as subjects of discussion. Reports of some of the principal lines for the third week were discouraging, portraying the rate disturbances. Some gratification was expressed, however, over improvement exhibited by some of the minor properties. The failure of the Leather directors to declare a dividend at today's meeting precipitated selling, depressing the price of the preferred 1 per cent to 43½. The early afternoon operations were characterized by extreme dullness, but prices were well sustained, despite repeated drives by the bears against some of the active stakes. Business in the final hour increased somewhat and at the expense of values. The Gould shares appeared the objective points of attack and marked concessions occurred in Manhattan, Western Union and Missouri Pacific. Sugar was also a sufferer in the reaction, which was chiefly due to realizations. The closing was heavy at net fractional losses as a result of today's operations. Railway bonds were dull, with scarcely any transactions in the speculative issues. Prices moved irregularly, with a downward trend. The sales were $413,000. Silver certificates were weak and reacted ⅝ per cent to 66⅝ on sales of 5,000.

The Evening Post's financial cablegram from London says: The stock markets were steady but idle today in view of the settlement which will commence tomorrow. The settlement in mines revealed an increased bull account but the tone in Kaffirs was strong in spite of French selling. Americans were dull and under the parity most of the day, but the active support in New York caused the bears to cover this evening and the close was strong at the best of the day. The Paris bourse opened firm and closed easier. The Berlin market was firm.

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

Atchison.....	9⅛	N. Y. Central.....	96¾
Adams Ex.....	135	N. Y. & N. E.....	20
Alton, T. H.....	55½	Ontario & W.....	12
Am. Express.....	105	*Oregon Imp.....	.....
Baltimore & Ohio.....	15	Oregon Nav.....	11
Canada Pacific.....	57	O. S. L. & U. N.....	10
Canada Southern.....	41	Pacific Mail.....	19⅛
Central Pacific.....	12¾	Peoria Dec. & E.....	13⅛
Ches. & Ohio.....	12⅛	Pittsburg.....	155
Chicago & Alton.....	159	Pullman Palace.....	138
C., B. & Q.....	88⅝	Reading.....	6¾
Chicago Gas.....	61¼	*R. G. W.....	18
Consolidated Gas.....	139⅝	R. G. W. of.....	40
C., C., C. & St. L.....	21	Rock Island.....	53⅝
Colo. Coal & Iron.....	14	St. P. & Omaha.....	63⅝
Cotton Oil Cert.....	8⅛	do pfd.....	120¼
Delaware & Hud.....	113	St. P., K. C. & N.....	111¼
Del., Lack. & W.....	146½	do pfd.....	123
D. & R. G. pfd.....	38	Southern Pacific.....	16
East Tenn.....	11½	Sugar Refinery.....	104⅛
Erie.....	20	Tenn. Coal & Iron.....	16⅛
do pfd.....	54¼	Texas Pacific.....	6
Fort Wayne.....	145	T. & O. Cent. of.....	50
G. Northern pfd.....	106	Union Pacific.....	4¾
C. & E. I. pfd.....	90	U. S. Express.....	30
Hocking Valley.....	13	W. St. L. & P.....	5⅛
Illinois Central.....	97	do pfd.....	14
St. P. & Duluth.....	18	Wells Fargo Ex.....	80
K. & T. pfd.....	20	Western Union.....	75¼
Lake Erie & West.....	13¾	Wheeling & L. E.....	5⅝
do pfd.....	75	do pfd.....	11½
Lake Shore.....	138⅝	Wis. Central.....	7
Lead Trust.....	17⅛	D. & R. G.....	9⅛
Louisville & N.....	37⅝	G. E.....	23
L. & N. A.....	1⅛	N. L.....	52
Manhattan Con.....	79¾	C. P. & T.....	25½
Memphis & C.....	15	do pfd.....	80
Michigan Cent.....	85	T. St. L. & K. C.....	4⅛
Missouri Pacific.....	15¼	T. St. L. & K. C. pfd	10
Mobile & Ohio.....	15	S. R. R.	1⅛
Nashville Chat.....	68	S. R. R. pfd.....	4
National Cordage.....	3½	Am. Tob. Co.....	56⅛
Nat. Cordage pfd.....	6	do pfd.....	92
N. J. Central.....	91⅛	Am. Tel. & C. Co.....	78
N. & W. pfd.....	11¾	Com'l Cable Co.....	155½
Norfolk & W. pfd.....	3⅛	Cons. Gas.....	139⅛
Northern Pacific.....	9	U. S. Cordage pfd.....	12¾
N. Pacific pfd.....	15½	U. S. Leather pfd.....	43¼
U. P. D. & G.....	1¼	U. S. Rubber.....	16
Northwestern.....	99½	do pfd.....	70
do pfd.....	144½	*S. L. S. & E I st T R	36¼

*Offered. †All assessments paid.

The total sales of stocks today were 96,065 shares, including the following: Amer can Sugar, 17,500; Burlington & Quincy, 6,700; Louisville & Nashville, 4,300; Manhattan, 4,600; Missouri Pacific, 3,400; Reading, 8,400; St. Paul, 14,300; Western Union, 10,100; Wabash & Lake Erie, 5,100; silver certificates, 5,000.

New York Money.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—MONEY ON CALL—Firm at 5@6 per cent; last loan, 5 per cent, closed at 5 per cent.

PRIME MERCANTILE PAPER—Nominally at 7@8 per cent.

STERLING EXCHANGE—Easy, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.84⅝@4.85 for demand and $4.83⅝@4.84 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.84½@4.86 and $4.86@4.87; commercial bills, $4.83¼.

BAR SILVER—66⅝c.

SILVER CERTIFICATES—65⅝@67c.

GOVERNMENT BONDS—Steady; state bonds, dull; railroad bonds, irregular.

Closing quotations on bonds were as follows:

U. S. 4s, reg. new.....	112⅝	*U. P. 1sts of '96.....	103
U. S. 4s coup. new.....	112⅝	D. & R. G. 7s.....	103⅝
U. S. 5s, reg.....	108½	D. & R. G. 4s.....	83¾
U. S. 5s, coup.....	108¾	Erie 2nds.....	55⅝
U. S. 4s, reg.....	104⅝	G. H. & S. A. 6s.....	107½
U. S. 4s, coup.....	106	G. H. & S. A. 7s.....	96
U. S. 2s, reg.....	94½	*do 6s.....	106
Pacific 6s of '95.....	100	*do 6s.....	102
Ala., class A.....	100	M., K. & T. 1st 4s.....	77
Ala., class B.....	100	do 2d 4s.....	48
Ala., class C.....	90	Mutual Union 6s.....	105
Ala. Currency.....	90	N. J. C. Gen. 5s.....	111¼
La. New Con. 4s.....	90	No. Pacific 1sts.....	111
Missouri 6s.....	100	do 2ds.....	102
N. Carolina 6s.....	110	N. W. Consols.....	131⅛
N. C. 4s.....	96	do S. F. Deb. 5s.....	104
*S. C. non-fund 1s.....	2	R. G. West 1sts.....	66
Tenn. new set 6s.....	75	St. P. Consols 7s.....	120
*Tenn. new set 5s.....	75	do C. & P. W. 5s	109
Tenn. old 6s.....	60	*St. L. & I. M. Gen 5	71
Va. Centuries.....	55¾	St. L. & S. F. Gen 6s	90⅛
do deferred.....	4	Texas Pac. 1sts.....	76
Atchison 4s.....	71⅛	Texas Pac. 2ds.....	14½
Atchison 2d A.....	29⅝	U. P. 1sts of '46.....	107
Canada So. 2ds.....	100¾	West Shore 4s.....	101¾
L. & N. unified 4s.....	93⅛	O. R. & N. 1sts.....	105¼
Southern 5s.....	79	N. Pac. 3sts.....	64

*Offered.

Boston Stock Quotations.

BOSTON, Aug. 25.—Call loans, 6@7 per cent; time loans, 6@8 per cent. Closing prices for stocks, bonds and mining shares:

A. T. & S. F.....	9⅛	West End.....	64
Am. Sugar.....	104	West End pfd.....	86½
Am. Sugar pfd.....	95	W. Elec. pfd.....	47½
Bay State Gas.....	6¾	Gen. Elec. pfd.....	55
Bell Telephone.....	210	Atchison 4s.....	71⅝
Boston & Albany.....	204	Atchison 4s.....	72
Boston & Maine.....	152	Allouez Mining Co.....	25
C. B. & Q.....	88¾	Atlantic.....	16
Fitchburg.....	85⅛	Boston & Montana.....	74½
Eastern R. R.....	105	Butte & Boston.....	1⅛
Illinois Steel.....	41	Calumet & Hecla.....	300
Mexican Central.....	9	Franklin.....	8
Old Colony.....	174	Kearsarge.....	9⅛
Ore. Short Line.....	11	Osceola.....	22
Rubber.....	16	Quincy.....	103
San Diego.....	10	Tamarack.....	70
Union Pacific.....	4⅝	Wolverine.....	5¼

San Francisco Mining Quotations.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 25.—The official closing quotations for mining stocks today were as follows:

Alta.....	8	Gould & Curry.....	53
Alpha Con.....	5	Hale & Norcross.....	120
Andes.....	32	Julia.....	6
Best & Belcher.....	105	Justice.....	4
Bodie Con.....	65	Kentucky Con.....	5
Bullion.....	7	Mexican.....	53
Bulwer Con.....	38	Occidental Con.....	54
Caledonia.....	64	Ophir.....	94
Challenge Con.....	35	Overman.....	13
Chollar.....	195	Potosi.....	83
Confidence.....	83	Savage.....	53
Con. Cal. & Va.....	180	Sierra Nevada.....	42
Con. Imperial.....	2	Silver Hill.....	1
Con. New York.....	4	Union Con.....	35
Crown Point.....	35	Utah Con.....	6
Exchequer.....	3	Yellow Jacket.....	30

Silver bars, 66⅝c. Mexican dollars, 53¾@54c.

New York Mining Quotations.

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