Financial and Commercial

More Than Usual for Day Preceding Improved Weather Conditions in Ar-Christmas-Holiday Atmosphere in Evidence.

New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market was more than usually active for the day preceding Christmas. The holidal atmosphere was in evidence, but orders were plentiful enough to prevent the fisual festivities and there was sharp fluctuations. An early advance carried the active mouths same as last night to %c. down.

Some 30 to 35 points above the low level of Monday, where considerable realizing was carcountered, under which the market eased off. The close was steady, net unchanged figures to a loss of 2½65.

Putures closed:

Wheat—May, 90%; July, 87.

Corn—December, 60%; May, 69%.

Data And P.M. Corn and A.M. P.M. A.M. better export demand for domestic goods may have encouraged some of the early buying. The market opened firm, 3 to 10 points up, and sold about 10 to 13 points net higher during the middle of the points of the middle of the points of the points of the middle of the points of the po net higher during the middle of the day. After the close of Liverpool, however, the demand tapered off, suggesting that much of the support had reflected further reduction of the straddle interest, and the market turned easier during the after-

There was doubtless a good deal of covering on the early advance, as well as some further buying for a reaction, but around 12.34 for March recent buyers for a reaction evidently felt disposed to take profits for over Christmas. There were also runners that the big trade interests whose purchases had been largely responsible for checking the decline around 12 cents for he Spring months, were reselling part of their cotton, and were still talking ulti-During the earlier trading buyers had found comparatively few sellers while on the afternoon decline sellers evidently found nothing more than a restricted de-m nadaround the ring, and the market be-came quite unsettled with prices breaking ifteen or twenty points fro mthe high level of the morning. Rallies of 4 or 5 relative of the morning. Rallies of 4 or 5 points followed on the active months, which probably represented an evening up of scatter ing accounts for over the holiday tomor

Spot cotton, quiet. Middling uplands, 12.60; do. gulf, 12.85; no sales. Cotton futures: Open, High, Low, Close, 12,20 12,28 12,11 12,15 12,04 12,10 11,90 11,95 ..., 12,10 12,10 12,21 12,25 12,34 12,16 12,21 12,20 Month: 11.70 11.61 11.61

THE PORT MOVEMENT. Galveston—Steady, 12%; net receipts, 13,-716; gross receipts, 13,716; sales, 2,807; stock, 243,608; coastwise, 228.

New Orleans—Steady, 12 1-16; net receipts, 18,105; gross receipts, 18,521; sales, 5,175; stock, 273,949; France, 12,254; continuent 10,291 gross receipts, 849; sales, 25; stock, 56,844. Savanuah—Steady, 12½; net receipts, 9,782; gross receipts, 9,782; sales, 4,425; stock, 153,832; continent, 10,735; coastwise, Charleston—Quiet, 121/2; net receipts, 883 gross receipts, 883; stock, 70,048; coastwise

Wilmington-Nominal; net receipts, 1,912; cross receipts, 1,912; stock, 30,423; France, Norfolk—Steady, 12¼; net receipts, 3,-721; gross receipts, 3,721; sales, 1,212; stock, 63,827; coastwise, 2,950.

Baltimore — Nominal, 12%; net receipts, 2,000; stock, 5,785; France, 307; coastwise, New York-Quiet, 12,60; net receipts, 225 gross receipts, 3,482; sales, 400; stock, 79

Boston—Quiet, 12 604 net receipts, 36 gross receipts, 4,126; stock, 15,338.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.85; gross re eipts, 550; stock, 3,493.

Texas City—Net receipts, 2,002; gross receipts, 2,092; stock, 34,632.

Brunswick—Stock, 20,853.

Jacksonville—Stock, 2,645. Aransas Pass-Stock, 2.279

Tacoma—Net receipts, 2,641; gross receipts, 2,641; Japan, 2,641.
Total today, at all ports—Net, 53,962; France, 23,883; continent, 21,056; Japan, 2,641; Japan, 2,641; Japan, 2,641; growk, 1,057,208 France, 23.883; continent, 21,056; Japan, 2,-641; stock, 1,057,208.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net, 243,039; Great Britain, 38,139; France, 32,383; continent, 104,053; Japan, 12,472; Mexico, 134.

Total since Sept. 1, at all ports—Net, 6,-541,150; Great Britain, 1,731,086; France, 752,193; continent, 2,194,021; Japan, 193,700; Mexico, 19,034.

Houston—Steady, 12%; net receipts, 7, 391; gross receipts, 7,391; shipments, 7,511

sales, 913; stock, 172,570.

Augusta—Steady, 12%; net receipts, 2, 687; gross receipts, 2,737; shipments, 1,016; sales, 889; stock, 91,537.

Memphis—Qulet, 13¼; net receipts, 3,029; gross receipts, 7,688; shipments, 8,568; sales, 2,800; stock, 257,256.

St. Louis—Quiet, 13,00; net receipts, 1,021; gross receipts, 5,806; shipments, 4,935; sales, 550; stock, 26,639.

Cincinnati—Net receipts, 530; gross receipts, 530; shipments, 448; stock, 19,265.

Little Rock—Quiet, 12%; net receipts, 1,116; gross receipts, 1,116; gross receipts, 1,116; gross receipts, 25,268; shipments, 22,478; sales, 5,752; stock, 623,680.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Spot, fair demand: prices, firm; middling fair, 7.58; good middling, 7.24; middling, 7.02; low middling, 6.78; good ordinary, 6.12; ordinary, 5.78. Sales, 8,000, including 7,300 American and 500 for speculation and export. Receipts, 6,000, including 600 American.

Futures closed steady. December, 6.68; December-January, 6.67½; January-February, 6.69½; February March, 6.72; March-April, 6.74; April-May, 6.74; May-June, 6.73½; June-July, 6.71; July-Angust, 6.68; August September, 6.38; September-October, 6.41; October-November, 6.32; November-December, 6.28½; December, January, 6.27½; January-February, 6.27½.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton goods and yarns were steadier during the day. A prominent number of imported French serge has been advanced one cent a yard for Fall. Worsted yarns were easy; burlaps were quiet. FINANCIAL MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Call money, firm, at 31/4/41; ruling rate, 31/2; closing, 31/2/44. Time loans, easier; sixty and ninety days, 5: six months, 415/65. Mercantile paper, 515/66. Sterling exchange, easy; sixty days, 4.8115; demand, 4.8515. Commercial bills, 4.801/4. Bar silver, 571/4. Mexican dollars, 411/2. Government bonds, steady. ASSAULT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

Lawyer Hammers Opponent Over the Head With Revolver.

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 24.—After the Conclusion of a trial in the court of Magistrate Ballinger here yesterday morning, J. Robert Martin, attorney, and E. H. Miller, a law student, who were opposed in the case, came to blows, and Martin used a revolver

made by Rev. L. Martin. A delightful entertainment was rendered by the boys and entertainment was rendered by the boys and strength of the high school, of th to blows, and Martin used a revolver

COTTON MARKET WAS ACTIVE WHEAT REMAINS THE SAME STOCKS ACTIVE

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE — Steady, at American TAR — Firm, at \$2.50 per barrel; in Amer. Smelting and Ref., pfd Amer. Sugar Ref. Amer. Sugar Ref. Amer. Tel and Tel. Amer. Tel Quotations same day last year-None.

Spirits Turpentine .

Receipts same day last year — Spirits Central Leather ... turpeatine, 18 casks; rosin, 66 barrels; tar, Chesapeake and Ohio Chicago Great Wester Chicago Gre

COTTON MARKET. Market—Spet, nominal for middling. Same day last year, nominal. Receipts, 1,312. Same day last year, 2,-Total receipts since Sept. 1, 323,373 bales, Total receipts same time last year, 270,691

PRODUCE MARKETS.

(Quated by W. J. Meredith, Dec. 20.) CORN-\$1.90 to \$1.93 per sack. POTATOES—frish potatoes, new crop, \$1.00 per bu. Sweet potatoes, new, 60 to 10c. Very dull. PEAS—White, \$2.50 per bushel; good de-BEEF-Native, dressed, very dull, 6 to

7c. per lb. Green salt, 12c.; dry flints, 14@ 6c. per lb. NORTH CAROLINA BACON—Old hams, 5c. per lb.; sides and shoulders, 16c. per

BEESWAX—Firm, 28c, per lb.
TALLOW—Firm, 135@5c, per lb.
POULTRY — Chickens, good demand.
Grown, 40 to 45c.; Spring chickens, 15@
35c, per head.
EGGS—305 EGGS 30c. per doz.; good demand. TURKEYS Live, on toot, 18c per lb.

Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at the Port.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET.

(Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.)
Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20,
Market Weaker on Virginias. Stronger
n Spanish and North Carolinas.
North Carolinas—No. 1, Machine-Picked, Spanish-No1, Machine-Picked, 1.15, Virginias-No. 1, Machine-Picked, 66c.

PETERSBURG PEANUT MARKET. Reported by Rodgers, Plummer & Co., Inc. Petersburg, Va., Dec. 18th, 1913.—Span-sh—Farmers' Spanish, firm, at \$1.20 per

bushel. Virginias—Fancy Jumbo, 3%c to 4c per lb. Fancy Handpicked, 3%c per lb. Extra Prime, 3%e per lb. Prime, 3c. per lb. Shelling Stock, 2c to 3c per lb. THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT TEACHEYS HIGH SCHOOL.

Gold Watch Presented to Principal P.

Teacheys, N. C., Dec. 24.—The Teacheys State high school last night set in motion the Christmas spirit by set in motion the Christmas spirit by presenting to the principal, Prof. P. E. Shaw, a handsome gold watch. Mr. Shaw lives in the hearts of the patrons and pupils of the school which was established and developed under his leadership. This gift on the part of the school is a beautiful expression of esteem and is a symbol characteristic of the golden character, unacteristic of the golden character, un iring energy, and unerring judgment of the gentleman who received it.

The speech of presentation was made by Rev. C. V. Brooks, pastor of the Baptist church. A delightful entertainment was

who were opposed in the case, came to blows, and Martin used a revolver as a club. The weapon was discharged in the affray, but the bullet went wild.

Miller was severely cut about the head with the barrel of the revolver. His wounds were dressed at the City Hospital. Miller refused to prefer charges against Martin, but the latter made arrangements for bond.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—Unable to decide who fired the shots which killed Daniel Devilliers, during his struggle Sunday evening with Roy L. Grover, husband of his former wife, the coroner's jury returned a verdict today that the Boer war veteran had met death at the hands of a person unknown.

Methodist Conferences for Present Church Name.

Nashyllle, Tann., Dec. 24.—The proposal to change the name of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been overwhelmingly defeated by the referendum vote taken at this year's annual Conferences. Official returns and public here today, comprising results of the voting in all but three Conferences, show 1,333 votes in favor of the change and 4,092 opposing it. Thirty-two Conferences returned majorities invorable to retaining the present name, and 12 favorable to abandoning it.

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After Several Hours of Slow Business and Unimportant Movements on Market.

stocks, under reports that the November statements of the transportation companies would show decreases in earnings.

In the case of Baltimore and Ohio such a showing already has been made. Norfolk and Western was especially heavy, dropping 3½. The slump of this stock was attributed to reports which found no confirmation to the offect that Benneylenia would

ation to the effect that Pennsylvania would relinquish control of the company.

Signing of the currency bill and President Wilson's accompanying message failed to stimulate bullish activity. One rea son given for the early recession in stocks was selling by disappointed traders who had counted on a rise following the final steps in transferring the currency bill to he statute books. Southern Pacific reported a decrease in net earnings for November of \$508,000.

List of Vessels in Port at Wilmington,
North Carolina.
Steamers.

Str. Fernandina (Br.), 1.146 tons, Anderson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Str. Urna (Swedish), 1,625 tons, Sandberg, Heide & Co.
Str. Joachim Zeleh, 1,311 tons, Wels, Helde & Co.
Str. Gascony (Br.), 1,942 tons, Taylor; Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Schooners.
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Chicago Great Western Chicago, Mil. and St. Paul . Chicago and North Western onsolidated Gas ... orn Products

WOOL-Burry, Il to 12c. per lb.; free Kanasa City Southern

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 24.
Atlantic Coast Eine—1,775 bales cotton:
2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin;
348 barrels tar; 3 barrels crude turpentine.
Clyde Line—33 bales cotton.
Str. Alice—101/ bales cotton.
Total—1,912 bales cotton; 2 casks spirits turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 348 barrels turpentine; 10 barrels rosin; 348 barrels tar; 3 barrels grude turpentine.

Tar; 3 barrels grude turpentine.

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NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

New York, Dec. 24.—Wheat, steady; No. 99½@1.01; No. 1. Northern Duluth, 98½ Corn—Steady, 74½. Flour—Inactive.
Hides—Steady,
Leather—Firm. Petroleum-Steady Rosin-Quiet. Turpentine-Steady Rice-Quiet. Molasses Steady. Butter Steady. Cheese Firm. Sugar—Raw, unsettled; refined, quiet. Coffee—Spot, quiet; Rio. No. 7, 91/4; No. Sautos, 14/4; mild, dull; Cordova, 13/6

Peanuts-Steady

NAVAL STORES. New York, Dec. 24.—Turpentine—Steady. Rosin—Quiet.
Savannah, Dec. 24.—Turpentine, firm, at 4234; sales, 537; receipts, 925; shipments, 123; stocks, 27,733.
Rosin—Firm, Sales, 3,443; receipts, 3, 506; shipments, 168,000; stocks, 156,939. 708: shipments, 168,000; stocks, 156,939, Quote: A, B, C, D, 3.72½: E, 3.65 to 3.72½: F, 3.70 to 3.72½; G, 3.70 to 3.75; H, 3.70 to 3.77½; I, 3.87½ to 4.05; K, 4.60 to 4.75; M, 5.35 to 5.50; N, 6.40; W G, 6.50; W W,

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture, Weather Bureau, December 25, 1913. Meteorological data for the 24 hours Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Yesterday:
Temperature at 8 A. M., 54 degrees; at 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 54 degrees; minimum, 53 degrees; mean, 54 degrees.
Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall for the month to date, 1.87.
Stage of water in Cape Fear river, at Fayetteville, at 8 A. M., yesterday, 6.0 feet

Weather Forecast.
For North Carolina—Rain Thursday; colder at night; Friday, fair and colder; increasing east and southeast winds.

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Mrs. R. M. Starkey Passes Away at Age of 67. (Special Star Correspondence.)

Kinston, N. C., Dec. 24.—Mrs. R. M. Starkey, aged 67, died suddenly at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Kleber Denmark, an Peyton avenue. Heart failure was the cause. Mrs. Starkey was a native of Greene county and prominently connected. Surviving are the husband, two sons and three daughters. The funeral was conducted by Rev. B. P. Smith, of the Christian church, with the interment Maplewood | cemetery.

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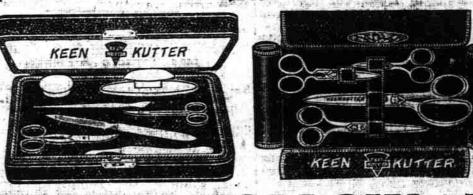
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