

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON UP SEVERAL POINTS CORN PRICES ARE LOWER WALL STREET IS GLOOMY

New York, Dec. 17.—Irregular fluctuations were followed by a sharp rally in cotton today. After selling at 28.92...

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Mild weather, accompanied by rural notices of large receipts, had a bearish effect today on corn.

New York, Dec. 17.—The week before Christmas, usually one of good cheer in Wall street, opened with a resumption of liquidation high-grade securities...

Reports from Washington indicating that the important question of federal supervision of railroads might remain in abeyance over the holidays added to the depression in banking and other quarters.

Increased weakness of bonds, as evidenced by lower quotations for Anglo-French 5s and various domestic rails and industrials, gave fresh emphasis to the complete abstention of investment inquiry.

Rallies of 1 to 2 points occurred in the active final hour. Prominent session was such as Union Pacific, Northern Pacific, Norfolk & Western and Atchison and Industrials of the calibre of American Tobacco, Texas Company and Mexican Petroleum.

Specialties of the inactive class reacted 2 to 4 points, with 1 to 3 for shipplings, coppers and motors, while American Telephone Consolidated Gas and Western Union were weak at or near new low records.

Liberty 4s duplicated their minimum at 97, later recovering to 97.16, the 3-1/2s ranging between 98.47 and 98.50. Total sales par value aggregated \$1,350,000. United States bonds, old issues were unchanged on call.

WILMINGTON MARKETS

(Quoted Daily by the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.) STAR OFFICE, Dec. 17. CRUDE TURPENTINE—42 1/2 c.

ROBIN—Nominal. TAR—\$3.50-16c. Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine, nominal; rosin, nominal; Rosin, Nominal; crude turpentine, nominal.

RECEIPTS: Spirits Turpentine—(—) 100 bbls. Rosin—(—) 100 bbls. Tar—(—) 100 bbls. CRUDE TURPENTINE—42 1/2 c.

BY RIVER AND RAIL. Receipts of Cotton and Naval Stores at This Port Yesterday. Wilmington, Dec. 17.

PRODUCE MARKETS. (Quoted by W. J. Meredith—These Quotations Represent Prices Paid to Producers and Not the Selling Price to Dealers or Consumers.)

WILMINGTON PEANUT MARKET. (Quoted by J. S. Funchess & Co.) Wilmington, Dec. 17.—North Carolina peanuts, farmers' stock, No. 1 machine picked, \$1.90; extras, \$1.85.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK. Chicago, Dec. 17.—Hogs firm; bulk 15.75@16.30; light 15.25@16.10; mixed 15.40@16.40; heavy 15.65@16.40; rough 15.65@15.85; pigs, 10.75@14.00.

NEW YORK LIVESTOCK. New York, Dec. 17.—Beef steady; steers 8.25@13.15; bulls, 6.50@10.50; cows, 5.00@9.25.

NEW YORK MONEY MARKET. New York, Dec. 17.—Mercantile paper 1-2 a 3-4 per cent; sterling 60-day bills 4 1/4-1/2; commercial 60-day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60-day bills, 4.70 1/2; demand, 4.75 1/2; cables, 4.76 1/2.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau. December 18, 1917. Meteorological data for the day ending at 8 P. M. yesterday.

THE WEATHER. For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday partly cloudy, not much change in temperature.

THE TIDES. High water Low water A.M. P.M. A.M. P.M. Wilmington 12:55 7:47 2:26 Southport 10:37 11:03 8:28 5:13 Masonboro Inlet 10:26 10:52 4:08 4:53

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS. December 17, 1917. Temperature: Wilmington 44, Charlotte 44, Raleigh 44, Norfolk 44, Richmond 44, New York 44, Philadelphia 44, Baltimore 44, Washington 44.

NEW YORK STOCK LIST. American Beet Sugar B 64 American Can 34 1/2 American Car and Foundry 61 American Locomotive 48 American Smelting & Refining 63 American Sugar 92 1/2 Anaconda Copper 54 1/2 Atchison 79 1/2 Atlantic Coast Line B 83 Baldwin Locomotive 52 1/2 Baltimore & Ohio 45 1/2 Bethlehem Steel 49 1/2 Canadian Pacific 128 1/2 Central Leather 59 1/2 Chesapeake & Ohio 43 1/2 Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul 39 1/2

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES. Savannah, Dec. 17.—Turpentine firm 44; sales, 117; receipts, 77; shipments, 208; stock, 25,600. Rosin firm; sales, 168; receipts, 610; shipments, 854; stock, 79,448.

ONLY A CURTAILMENT OF LUXURIES DEMANDED BY WAR. Ft. Worth, Tex., Dec. 17.—The most that may be expected from a war time economy campaign is curtailment of luxuries, not a complete abandonment of them.

OFFICERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISCOURAGE FURLONGS. Washington, Dec. 17.—Commanding officers at camps and cantonments have been instructed to discourage furloughs in large numbers for the Christmas holidays.

PLAN TO STABILIZE THE FARM LOAN BOND MARKET. Washington, Dec. 17.—Legislation to stabilize the farm loan bond market got under way in congress today with the house rules committee reporting a special rule for its consideration.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE

Table with columns: DEPARTURES, TO AND FROM, ARRIVALS. Lists train numbers and destinations like Florence, Columbia, Augusta, Savannah, etc.

For folders, reservations, rates of fares, etc., call PHONE 160. W. J. CRAIG, T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE

Table with columns: EAST BOUND, WEST BOUND. Lists train numbers and destinations like Winter Park, Wrightsville, etc.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAYS. Leave Front and Princess streets every half hour from 2 to 5 P. M. Leave Beach every half hour from 2:45 to 5:45 P. M.

BEES KEEPERS AT NEW BORN. State's Honey Makers Will Meet There January 10. Raleigh, Dec. 18.—A meeting of much importance and one that should be attended by all beekeepers in North Carolina is the second annual meeting of the State Beekeepers' association.

DRAW LONG PRISON TERMS FOR VIOLATING DRAFT LAW. Boston, Dec. 17.—Brigadier-General John A. Johnston today approved court-martial sentences for violation of the draft law of 29 years each imposed on John T. Dunn and Adolph L. Yanger.

NO GENERAL RE-CONSIDERATION OF WAR TAX THIS SESSION. Washington, Dec. 17.—There will be no general re-consideration of the war tax bill at this session of congress, Chairman Simmons, of the finance committee, announced today.

FOR SALE. Choice Seed Wheat. Seed Rye. Seed Oats. 1,000 Sacks Hecker's Wheat Middlings. 300 Sacks Green Coffee, assorted grades.

DEPARTURES. No. 51 5:30 A. M. Florence, Columbia, Pullman Sleepers, Wilmington and Columbia open to receive passengers after 10:00 P. M.

ARRIVALS. No. 50 12:30 A. M. No. 49 6:05 P. M. No. 53 8:00 P. M. No. 52 12:30 P. M. No. 54 1:00 P. M. No. 41 5:50 A. M.

WINTER PARK, WRIGHTSVILLE, WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH. EAST BOUND. Leave "Electric Center" for Winter Park 16:50 A. M.

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STATEMENT CONDITION. THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C. At the Close of Business, November 20th, 1917.

RESOURCES: Loans and Discounts \$7,595,091.54 U. S. Bonds (at par) 1,428,850.00 Bank Building 494,900.00

SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILWAY

The Progressive Railroad of the South. Effective Nov. 12th, 1916. DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. No. 13—3:55 P. M. Charlotte and intermediate points.

THROUGH SLEEPERS TO ATLANTA. The old established through sleeping car line between Wilmington and Atlanta will be continued via Augusta in connection with the Georgia railroad.

In The Trenches Or Out Of Them At Home or Abroad. The proper thing to send your friends or loved ones for Christmas is a box of elegant Cigars, a box of Delicious Candy, or a useful Fountain Pen.

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