

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON IN ADVANCE CORN GOES UP AGAIN STOCKS WERE HEAVY

Market Averaged Higher. Yesterday Chiefly Owing to Weather Conditions—Close Steady.

New York, Dec. 18.—Early setbacks resulting from the circulation of a few December notices were followed by a sharp advance in the cotton market today on trade buying and covering. The general list closed steady at a net advance of 5 to 40 points.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Corn averaged higher in price today chiefly owing to weather conditions unfavorable to the crop movement. The close was steady at the same as yesterday's finish to 1 1/2 up with January 1.36 1/4 to 1.38 1/4 and May 1.35 1/4 to 1.37 1/4.

Market closed steady at an advance of 25 to 25 points on bullish overnight spot news and reports that the shipping board had assigned four ships to the cotton trade.

The market then turned firmer on reports of an active spot demand in the Southwest, covering by early sellers and rumors that some of the people who had issued December contracts were buying December contracts.

Port Movement. New Orleans—Middling, 29,383; receipts, 4,853; exports, 4,487; sales, 512; stock, 442,526.

Chicago Livestock Market. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Hogs—Receipts, 15,419; shipments, 6,434; sales, 5,474; stock, 283,933.

New York Cotton. New Orleans, Dec. 18.—The advance in the cotton market was continued today but there were periods when the market acted overbought and a tendency to react was frequently in evidence.

Chicago Money Market. New York, Dec. 18.—Mercantile paper, 6 per cent. Sterling 60-day bills, 4.73 1/2; commercial 60-day bills on banks, 4.72 1/2; commercial 90-day bills, 4.72 1/2; demand, 4.75-7.00; call days, 4.75-5.00.

Savannah Naval Stores. Savannah, Dec. 18.—Turpentine firm; sales, 50; receipts, 22; shipments, 26; stock, 29,318.

Dry Goods Market. New York, Dec. 18.—Wool goods auction today disclosed steady buying at prices ranging from 30 to 40 per cent under fall 1918 opening figures.

Liverpool Cotton Market. Liverpool, Dec. 18.—Cotton: Spot steady; prices firm. American middling fair, 22.50; good middling, 21.85; middling, 21.25; low middling, 20.17; sales ordinary, 18.65; ordinary, 18.12.

New York Provisions. New York, Dec. 18.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, 1.28; fine granulated, 9c. Spot coffee irregular. Butter steady; cheese firm.

Cottonseed Oil Market. New York, Dec. 18.—Cottonseed oil steady with prices nominal. Prime raw, 17.60.

Prices Yield to Light Offerings, No Special Stocks Figuring—Railroad Sentiment Feat.

New York, Dec. 18.—Heaviness prevailed in the stock market today after a firm opening, prices soon yielding on light offerings. Pressure was not confined to any particular group, bonds and other recent strong favorites displaying reactionary tendencies.

Confusion of sentiment incidental to the administration's attitude towards the transportation companies found further expression in moderate liquidation of railway shares, albeit losses in that division were relatively limited.

U. S. Steel backed and filed within a fractional radius, but independent steels broke more severely with related equipments, their reversal of one to six points being attended by trade reports of additional cancellations and domestic and foreign contracts.

Coppers were temporarily strengthened by announcement of the organization of a new export company having for its main object the stabilization of that industry, but failed to retain their moderate gains.

The one encouraging feature of the session was a drop in call money declining 4 per cent, the ruling rate, however, approximating 4 1/2.

Wilmington, Dec. 18.—Information was received by relatives here last night of the death of Edward M. Cook, Jr., which occurred at noon yesterday at Boston Institute of Technology, where he was a student.

Life Was a Misery. Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood... I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery."

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THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau, Wilmington, Dec. 19, 1918. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending yesterday at 8 P. M. Temperatures at 8 A. M., 41 degrees; at 8 P. M., 43 degrees maximum 46 degrees; minimum, 40 degrees; mean 43 degrees.

THE WEATHER. North Carolina: Generally cloudy Thursday and Friday, probably rain Friday, little change in temperature.

THE TIDES. High water, Low water. Wilmington. 10:43 11:02 5:42 6:20. Southport. 3:55 9:11 2:34 3:18. Masonboro Inlet 8:44 9:00 2:14 2:58.

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS. Dec. 19th. Temperature: Highest today, Lowest tonight, Precipitation at 8 P. M.

Table with columns: Station, Precip. at 8 P. M., Highest today, Lowest tonight, Precipitation at 8 P. M. Rows include Abilene, Asheville, Atlanta, Augusta, Birmingham, Boston, Charleston, Chicago, Galveston, Jacksonville, Memphis, Mobile, Montgomery, New Orleans, New York, Oklahoma, Palestine, Pittsburgh, Raleigh, Savannah, Shreveport, St. Louis, Washington, Wilmington.

BAPTIST MILLION DOLLAR ENDOWMENT FUND GROWS. Numerous Congregations Are Not Only Subscribing Allotments But Are Going Away Over.

By WALTER M. GILMORE. Raleigh, Dec. 18.—Despite most unfavorable health and weather conditions obtaining throughout the state, the million dollar campaign for the Baptist schools of the State continues to make gratifying progress.

The Warrenton church, of which Dr. T. J. Taylor has been pastor for more than a third of a century, has just sent in to the endowment fund \$3,161.11 of this being in Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and cash, except \$717 in notes. More will follow, is the assurance accompanying the enclosure.

The church at Windsor, has just sent for \$3,000. Dr. W. L. Pate, of Wake Forest, presented the claims of the campaign to them recently, and \$5,174 was subscribed. The church will probably reach the \$6,000 mark at the next meeting of the assembly, held last Sunday in Mt. Olive. The allotment of the First Baptist church of that city is \$3,500. They propose to reach the \$5,000 mark at least.

The Coats church has gone over the top with a \$3,000 subscription. Dr. W. R. Cullom, general manager of the campaign, was at Blue's Creek last Sunday morning with the pastor and principal of the academy present, Rev. J. A. Campbell, in spite of the torrential rain at the time of service, held their allotment of \$4,000 was raised, and the remainder is assured.

The Baptist church of Durham, visited at the evening service by Dr. Cullom, who is a former pastor of that church. They will probably reach \$6,000 before the close of the campaign, Jan. 1.

Prof. J. H. Highsmith, who visited Magnolia church Sunday in the interest of the movement, brings back an encouraging report. With a very small per cent of the membership present, on account of the heavy down-pour of rain, more than half the allotment of this church was raised.

D. Hudson Ramsey of Asheville Will Roll Call Address. (Special Star Correspondence). Whitefish, Dec. 18.—Hudson Ramsey of Asheville will speak in the interest of the Red Cross roll call in the court house here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is to take the form of a mass meeting and Red Cross rally and a large attendance is desired. All are therefore invited and urged to attend.

Mr. Ramsey has taken an active part in public affairs of Asheville and has been civilian aide to the adjutant general, and also has been with the military training camps association of United States. He is president of the Associated Charities of Asheville, and he has written for journals and magazines. Mr. Ramsey is a brilliant man, a splendid talker, and he has the interest of the Red Cross very much at heart.

SURGEONS OF THE SOUTH HOLD MEETING AT BALTIMORE. Baltimore, Dec. 18.—Of the 200 members of the Southern surgical association, the annual meeting of which began here today, 60 per cent are serving in the army.

Dr. J. Whitridge Williams, dean of Johns Hopkins university medical school, delivered the address of welcome in which he emphasized the wonderful opportunity of American medical men now called upon to take the lead in medical and surgical science. Addresses were made and reports read by Dr. W. B. Coley, of New York; Dr. A. Murat Willis and Dr. J. Shelton Howley, of Richmond, Va.; Dr. T. P. Warkes, of Staunton, Va. The program tomorrow will be devoted almost entirely to discussions on war time surgery.

DIXIE FLYER IS WRECKED BUT ONLY ONE BADLY HURT. Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 18.—The "Dixie Flyer" on the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis railway, was derailed at Kingsbridge, seven miles east of Chattanooga tonight, seven cars leaving the rails. Only one person, the baggage master, was seriously injured although the passengers received a shaking up. The passengers were brought back to Chattanooga and routed over the Southern railway.

Bandits Raid Ranch. Washington, Dec. 18.—Villa bandits raided the ranch of an American, John B. Hibler, at Galena, in northern Mexico, December 9, according to a report today to the state department. No one was killed.

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