

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON IS BETTER

The Market Displays Renewed Firmness, Especially in the Case of Near Months.

New York, Dec. 19.—The cotton market showed renewed firmness today, particularly in the case of near months, with January selling up 12 to 15 points above last night's closing figure and at the best price reached since the break to 24.53 for that position at the beginning of the month.

CORN STRENGTHENED

Near Months Boosted By Probable Scarcity in Supply But Later Months Sag.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Prospects that a squeeze might be encountered in filling contracts for nearby deliveries had a strengthening effect today on December and January corn, but latter months were inclined to sag. The close was unsettled, January 1.36 1/2 to 1.37 1/2, and May 1.34 1/2 to 1.35, with the market as a whole 1/2 off to 1 1/2 up, compared with yesterday's finish.

LIBERTY BONDS DROP

Stocks Very Often Overshadowed By Trading in Government Issues—Securities Dull.

New York, Dec. 19.—Trading in securities during the greater part of today's session was dull to the point of stagnation, the stock market itself being most often overshadowed by further persistent liquidation of liberty bonds.

PORT MOVEMENT

New Orleans—Middling, 29.38; receipts, 8,289; sales, 2,852; stock, 449, 1/2.

MARINE

Arrived. Str. Josiah Macy 5,297 tons, Baton Rouge via Charleston, Standard Oil Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels, Foreign and Domestic, in the Port of Wilmington. Steamers. Oturu Maru II (Jap.), 1,971 tons, Capt. K. Hatayama, Heide & Co.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New Orleans, Dec. 19.—Fresh advances were scored in the cotton market today on the strength of the increased spot trading in Texas markets.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Hogs—Receipts, 43,000. Market steady. Cattle—Receipts, 1,900. Choice steers and canners about steady.

NEW YORK LIVESTOCK

New York, Dec. 19.—Beesves—No trading. Calves steady; veals 19.00@21.00; culls, 14.00.

NEW YORK MONEY

New York, Dec. 19.—Commercial paper—Sterling, 60-day bills, 4.73 1/2; commercial, 60-day bills on banks, 4.72 1/2.

WILMINGTON MARKET

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19, 1918. SPIRITS—TURPENTINE—Nominal. CRUDE TURPENTINE—48, 48, 47.

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Cotton spot quiet; prices higher, good middling 22.20; middling, 21.57; ordinary, 20.40.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES

Savannah, Dec. 19.—Turpentine firm; sales, 66; receipts, 63; shipments, 20.

COTTONSEED OIL

New York, Dec. 19.—Cottonseed oil was dull with prices nominal. Prime grade, 17.50.

THE WEATHER

United States Department of Agriculture—Weather Bureau. Wilmington, Dec. 20, 1918. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending yesterday at 3 P. M.

THE WEATHER

For North Carolina: Increasing cloudiness east, rain west portion Friday; slightly warmer; Saturday rain, warmer central and east portions.

THE PORT CALENDAR, Dec. 20, 1918.

Sun rises 7:13 Sun sets 5:06 Day's length 9 hrs. 53 min.

THE TIDES

High water. Low water. Wilmington . . . 11:34 11:49 6:29 7:05

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS

Table with columns: Station, Weather at 8 P. M., Highest today, Lowest today, Precipitation, Wind at 8 P. M.

ASKS AMENDMENT TO FEDERAL RESERVE LAW

Governor Harding Urges Immediate Legislation Authorizing Increase of Bank Surplus.

Washington, Dec. 19.—Appearing before the house banking committee today in support of Chairman Phelan's bill to amend the federal reserve act, Governor Harding of the federal reserve board urged immediate legislation authorizing increase of federal reserve bank surplus to 100 per cent of their paid-in capital stock.

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GERMANY RUINED FOR GENERATIONS TO COME

This is the Pessimistic View Taken by President Rathenau of German G. E. Company. London, Dec. 19.—"Germany is ruined for generations, politically, industrially and economically," Dr. Walter Rathenau, president of the German General Electric company, is quoted as declaring to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Express.

"SYRUP OF FIGS" IS CHILD'S LAXATIVE

Look At Tongue! Remove Poisons From Stomach, Liver and Bowels. The large amount of outstanding federal reserve notes, the witness said, "but the banks have been obliged to support the government in its financing and we now hope we can reduce the outstanding notes."

Advertisement for 'Syrup of Figs' featuring an illustration of a child and text: 'Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure your child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels.'

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TERRIBLY SWOLLEN

Suffering Described As Torture Relieved by Black-Draught.

Rossville, Ga.—Mrs. Kate Lee Able, of this place, writes: "My husband is an engineer, and once while lifting, he injured himself with a piece of heavy machinery, across the abdomen. He was so sore he could not bear to press on himself at all, on chest or abdomen. He weighed 165 lbs., and fell off until he weighed 110 lbs. in two weeks."

He became constipated and it looked like he would die. We had three different doctors, yet with all their medicine, his bowels failed to act. He would turn up a ten-cent bottle of castor oil, and drink it two or three days in succession. He did this yet without result. We became desperate, he suffered so. He was swollen terribly. He told me his suffering could only be described as torture.

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AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO. Administrator of the Estate of Vasilios K. Manittas.

SUBURBAN SCHEDULE TIDE WATER POWER CO. Winter Park, Wrightsville Beach and Intermediate Points.

Table with columns: EAST BOUND, WEST BOUND. Leave for Winter Park, Leave for Wrightsville, Leave for Beach, Leave for Wilmington, Leave for Wilmington, Leave for Wilmington.

Special for Sundays—Cars leave Center for Beach every 30 minutes from 2:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., and leave Beach every 30 minutes from 2:45 to 5:45 p. m.

FREIGHT SCHEDULE: Daily Except Sundays. Leave Ninth and Orange streets, 3:00 P. M. Freight Depot open daily except Sundays from 2:00 to 3:00 P. M.

SPECIAL NOTICE: This table shows the time at which trains may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several stations, but the arrivals and departures are not guaranteed, and car is not guaranteed to connect at Wrightsville with Beach transfer car.

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United States Railroad Administration W. G. McAdoo, Director General of Railroads. UNION PASSENGER STATION Arrival and Departure of Trains December 15, 1918.

SEABOARD AIR LINE DEPART. DAILY. ARRIVE. 3:45 P.M. Charlotte 1:10 P.M. Parlor Car.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE DEPART. DAILY. ARRIVE. 5:30 A.M. South and West. 12:40 A.M. Sleeper to Columbia (Open 10:00 P. M.) 7:45 A.M. North. 6:05 P.M. Parlor Car to Norfolk. 8:30 A.M. Fayetteville 8:00 P.M. 3:05 P.M. New Bern 12:30 P.M. 2:40 P.M. South and West. 1:00 P.M. Sleeper to Augusta and Atlanta. 5:45 P.M. Florence-Conway. 10:00 A.M. 6:30 P.M. Fayetteville. 9:55 A.M. 6:45 P.M. North. 10:15 A.M. Sleepers to Washington Norfolk. For information Phone 160.