

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

COTTON PRICES DROP CORN IS UNSETTLED STOCKS VERY ACTIVE

Market Falls to Retain Early Advance, the Close Being 65 to 105 Points Lower.

New York, Dec. 30.—An early advance in the cotton market today met increased realizing and considerable hedge selling under which prices broke sharply with the close barely steady at a net decline of 65 to 105 points.

There was a renewal of Saturday's buying with bullish sentiment encouraged by the firm cables, and reports of a better tone of the goods market.

The opening was firm at an advance of 10 to 30 points and active months sold 45 to 50 points net higher during the early trading with March touching 29.00 and May 28.10.

There was rebuying by some of the recent sellers and a moderate demand from trade sources on the advance, the latter being accompanied by reports that some yarn contracts that had been canceled were being reinstated.

The advance met considerable realizing which was fairly well absorbed on reactions of 30 to 35 points during the middle of the day. But later the selling became more active and general.

New Orleans was one of the more active sellers here, which led to talk of increased spot offerings from the interior, and the break extended to 27.55 for March and 26.55 for May.

Closing prices were at the lowest point of the day. Part of the selling was attributed to realizing for New York day and night trading, the talk of freer offerings of low grades, the decline was most generally attributed to an easier technical position and liquidation of long accounts.

Future: Open high low close. Jan. 30.85 30.45 29.39 29.30

Mar. 28.50 29.00 27.85 27.85

May 27.95 28.10 26.85 26.85

July 27.35 27.45 26.03 26.03

Oct. 23.75 24.96 23.60 23.60

Spot quiet; middling, 32.50.

PORT MOVEMENT. New Orleans—Middling, 31.00; receipts, 3,496; exports, 355; sales, 2,255; stock, 467,023.

Galveston—Middling, 32.20; receipts, 5,372; sales, 1,257; stock, 303,502.

Mobile—Middling, 30.00; receipts, 571; stock, 30,372.

Savannah—Middling, 31.00; receipts, 5,528; sales, 1,401; stock, 270,493.

Charleston—Middling, 30.50; receipts, 673; stock, 55,083.

Wilmington—Receipts, 713; stock, 63,982.

St. Louis—Stock, 7,072.

Norfolk—Middling, 30.25; receipts, 1,422; sales, 808; stock, 100,918.

Baltimore—Stock, 12,054.

Boston—Middling, 33.00; receipts, 147; stock, 13,400.

Philadelphia—Middling, 32.55; stock, 19,222.

Prices Reach New High Records For the Season Owing to Adverse Weather Prospects.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Corn ascended today to new high price levels for the season, owing chiefly to prospects that stormy weather would further restrict the arrival of supplies. The market closed unsettled at the same Saturday finish to 2 1/2 higher, with January 1.43 to 1 1/4; and May 1.36 1/2 to 1.36 3/4.

Oats gained a shade to 1/4 net and provisions 12 to 77c. Close: CORN—January 1.43 1/4

May 1.36 3/4

OATS—January69 3/4

May70 3/4

PORK—January 48.00

May 43.57

LARD—January 24.00

May 24.40

RIBS—January 25.57

May 24.20

Cash corn—No. 2 yellow, nominal; No. 3 yellow, 1.60; No. 4 yellow, 1.50 @ 1.52.

MARINE. MARINE DIRECTORY. List of Vessels, Foreign and Domestic, in the Port of Wilmington.

Otaru Maru II (Jap.), 1,971 tons, Capt. K. Hatayna, Heide & Co.

Okata Maru (Jap.), 2,383 tons, Capt. M. Tsuda, Heide & Co.

Garibaldi, 1,655 tons, M. M. Riley, agent.

WILMINGTON MARKET. STAR OFFICE, Dec. 30, 1918. SPIRITS TURPENTINE—54c.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—45, 38. 57. TAR—\$4.25-18.74. ROSIN—\$12.65-12.70.

COTTON MARKET. Middling—Nominal. (Corrected daily by C. D. Gilbert, Commission Merchant, 212-216 Market St., Wholesale prices paid by Wilmington dealers.)

CORN—\$2 to \$2.10. BEEF—15 to 18c quiet.

PORK—25 to 27c. TURKEYS—15 to 20c (Small).

PORK—20 to 22c (Large). BACON—Hams 40 to 45c; sides and shoulders 35c lb.

TALLOW—16c lb. BEESWAX—36c lb. HIDES—Green 14c lb; Green Salt 15c lb; Dry Salt, 23c lb; Dry Flint, 25c lb.

WOOL—White, 50c to 60c; burry 42 to 54c lb. HENS—\$1 to \$1.25. BROILERS—35c to 36c.

TURKEYS—alive, 45c. TURKEYS—dressed, 45c. LIVE GEESSE—\$1.15 each. DRESSED GEESSE—\$1.50.

Yesterday's Market Characterized by the Renewed Liquidation of Stocks and Bonds.

New York, Dec. 30.—Renewed liquidation of stocks and bonds, the latter in unprecedented volume, characterized the feverishly active trading on the Stock Exchange today, several important issues, including rails, recorded lowest quotations of the year.

The movement was the most comprehensive of any session of the month and again lacking definite or plausible explanation other than the wide-spread belief that corporation and individual holders of securities are closing out accounts to adjust income tax returns for the year.

In all probability, much of the selling of rails was impelled by the many adverse statements for November submitted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, such systems as Pennsylvania, Reading, Baltimore and Ohio, Canadian Pacific, Chicago and North-western, St. Paul, Rock Island and New Haven reporting net losses ranging from \$700,000 to almost \$2,000,000.

Recessions among standard rails ran from 1 to 2 points, but among issues of lesser importance losses were more extensive. Industrials and equipments, coppers, motors and oils yielded 1 to 3 points and utilities 1 to 5.

A few conspicuous exceptions to the downward trend were shippings Marine and rallying sharply after its early setback, Southern Pacific and U. S. Steel, the latter losing only the smallest fraction on the moderate rally at the close.

Losses among some of the more speculative bond issues, including Pennsylvania consolidated 5s, St. Paul convertible 4 1/2s, Seaboard Air Line adjustment 6s and Interborough Rapid Transit 5s extended from 2 to 5 percent, but the heaviness of liberty issues, especially the fourth 4 1/2s at the new minimum of 94 was the overshadowing feature.

Sales of bonds were estimated at \$45,000,000, par value, which exceeds the previous record by about \$10,000,000. The liberty group contributed approximately 80 percent to this total. Old U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

CHICAGO LIVESTOCK. Chicago, Dec. 30.—Hogs—Receipts, 41,000. Market mostly 5 to 10c higher, closing active, day prices unchanged.

Cattle—Receipts, 24,000. Generally strong to 25c higher; calves, 25c higher; dairies unchanged, except canners and cutters, 7.25@8.25. Stockers and feeders, choice, 10.75@14.00; medium, 7.50@10.75. Veal calves, choice, 15.25@15.75.

Sheep—Receipts, 18,000. Fat lambs and yearlings 25 to 50c higher; medium sheep steady to unevenly higher. Day prices unchanged except ewes, choice, 10.00@10.50; medium, 8.75@10.00; culls, 5.00@7.50.

NEW YORK LIVESTOCK. New York, Dec. 30.—Beeves firm. Steers, 10.00@18.75; bulls, 7.00@10.50; cows, 5.50@10.25. Calves firm, veals, 14.00@22.00; culls, 1.00@15.00; fed calves, 5.00@12.00; baryard calves, 7.50@8.50; yearlings, 6.00@7.50; westerns, 11.50@13.00.

Sheep and lambs strong; sheep 7.00@10.00; culls, 5.00@6.50; lambs, 15.00@20.00; culls, 12.00@14.00. Hogs steady; light to heavy, 17.50@18.00; pigs, 17.00; roughs, 15.75.

Wilson Arrives in France! His Reception—Pathe News. Bijou.

New York, Dec. 30.—Mercantile paper 5 1/2 @ 6. Sterling 60-day bills, 4.73 1/2; commercial 60-day bills on banks, 4.72 1/2; commercial 60-day bills, 4.72 1/2; demand, 4.78.80; cables, 4.76.55.

Government bonds irregular. Railroad bonds irregular. Time loans firm; 60 days, 90-days and six months, 5 1/4 @ 5 1/2.

Call money strong; ruling rate, 6; bank acceptances 4 1/2.

SAVANNAH NAVAL STORES. Savannah, Dec. 30.—Turpentine firm 65 1/2 @ 66; sales, 156; receipts, 277; shipments, 13; stock, 30,727.

Rosin firm, sales, 248; receipts, 752; shipments, 895; stock, 18,030.

Quote: B, D, E, F, 13.00; G, 13.05; H, 13.10; I, 13.67 1/2; K, 15.70; M, 16.15; N, 16.20; W, G, 16.45; W, W, 16.75.

DRY GOODS MARKET. New York, Dec. 30.—Cotton goods and yarns today were firm and quiet. Dress goods were inactive. Raw silk was steady and quiet. Burlaps restrictions are to be removed.

THE WEATHER.

United States Department of Agriculture—Wilmington, Dec. 31, 1918. Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending yesterday at 3 P. M. Temperatures at 8 A. M., 35 degrees; at 8 P. M., 45 degrees; maximum 55 degrees; minimum, 32 degrees; mean, 44 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, — in.; rainfall for the month to date 4.67 inches. Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M., Sunday, 9 feet falling.

THE WEATHER. For North Carolina Rain Tuesday, west and probably eastern portion; Wednesday, cloudy, probably rain; colder west portion.

The Port Calendar, Dec. 31, 1918. Sun rises 7:18

Sun sets 5:13

Day's length 9 hrs. 55 min.

THE TIDES. High water, Low water A. M., P. M.

Wilmington . . . 3:37 5:46 2:28 4:04

Southport . . . 6:25 8:33 12:08 12:51

Masonboro Inlet 6:14 8:22 11:48 12:31

WEATHER BUREAU REPORTS, Dec. 31st. Temperature: Wilmington at 8 P. M.

Highest today, 44. Lowest tonight, 38. Precipitation, None at 8 P. M.

STATIONS. Abilene . . . city 60 44 .0

Asheville . . . city 56 24 .0

Atlanta . . . city 54 36 .0

Augusta . . . city 56 34 .0

Birmingham . . . city 56 40 .0

Boston . . . clear 38 24 .0

Charlotte . . . city 52 38 .0

Chicago . . . rain 52 28 .0

Galveston . . . city 64 60 .0

Jacksonville clear 53 42 .0

Memphis . . . city 54 42 .06

Mobile . . . rain 62 44 .0

Montgomery . . . city 56 42 .0

New Orleans . . . city 70 46 .0

New York . . . clear 40 34 .0

Oklahoma . . . clear 38 38 .0

Palestine . . . rain 62 50 .16

Pittsburgh . . . city 38 22 .0

Raleigh, N. C. . . city 56 42 .0

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LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET. Liverpool, Dec. 30.—Cotton: Spot steady; prices unchanged. Good middling, 22.20; middling, 21.57; low middling, 20.52; good ordinary, 19.00; ordinary, 18.47. Sales 500 bales in-cluding 400 American. Receipts 500 bales including 55,500 American. Futures closed steady. December, 22.85; January, 20.47; February, 19.43; March, 18.34; April, 17.50.

NEW YORK PROVISIONS. New York, Dec. 30.—Raw sugar unchanged; centrifugal, 7.28; fine granulated, 8.00. Spot coffee nominal; Rio No. 17 1/2; Santos 4s 22@22 1/2. Butter unsettled. Cheese firm.

COTTONSEED OIL MARKET. New York, Dec. 30.—Cottonseed oil weak full with prices nominal. Prime crude, 11.50.