COMMERCE AND FINANCE

COTTON GAINS A FEW POINTS

Prices Reached Verge of 11 Cents for May on Reports of Large Sales of Cotton Goods to China and Firm Spot Situation, but Offerings Increased at This Level and the Market Eased Off.

New York, Feb. 16.—The cotton market continued quiet, but again showed a generally steady tone and closed at a net advance of 2 to 4 points, with prices about 23 points up from the recent low level. Sales for the day were estimated at 250,000 bales.

The market opened steady at unchanged prices to an advance of 3 points, which was somewhat less than due on the cables owing to selling by some of the local bears and scattered realizing by smaller longs. Prices gradually advanced, however, on reports of large sales of cotton goods to China and of a firm spot situation in the South, and during the early session showed a net gain of about 4 to 6 points on the active months, with May selling at 10.95. As prices approached the 11-cent mark for this position, offerings increased considerably and the market eased off to about the closing level of yesterday to rally again in the afternoon, selling at 10.98 for May, or a little over the high point of the morning. Realizing caused a reaction of 3 to 4 points toward the close, but the firm tone was steady.

Receipts at the ports to-day, 21,430 bales, against 26,095 last week and 17,138 last year, for the week (estimated), 130,000 bales, against 129,670 last week and 74,965 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans, 6,648 bales against, 3,603 last year, and at Houston, 4,594 bales, against 1,799 last year.

WEAK RECOVERY IN STOCKS.

Protective Measures Were Centered Upon a Few Points and Proved Effective in Arresting Declining Tendency Until Fresh Distrust Developed in Final Dealings.

New York, Feb. 16.—Protective measures for the stock market were centered upon a few points and proved effective in arresting the decline, which gained some force during the first hour and which was actively renewed in the final dealings. With the falling tendency checked there was sufficient demand from an uncovered short interest to effect a gradual recovery. The demand was languid and dropped to nothing at the higher levels on the recovery. The market for call money was unexpectedly tranquil and this had most to do with the improvement in sentiment which brought about the midday recovery in prices. Rates for call loans did not rise to yesterday's maximum and in the latter part of the day fell below 5 per cent. The outlook for another poor bank statement to-morrow was of less effect on the market than this practical showing of easier conditions. The firmness in Reading reflected a hopeful feeling over the prospect of a settlement of the wages dispute with the coal miners. The Hill stocks went higher again on expectation of an early announcement of the "melon cutting." Lead and Smelting responded to revived merged talk. Coming stock subscription privileges were hinted at to account for the rise in New York Central but without any official authority. The indifference of the demand for stocks on the rally awakened distrust and holdings were thrown over freely again at the last, causing a weak and unsettled closing.

Bonds were weak. Total sales, par value, $2,640,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on call.

Total sales to-day were 1,187,700 shares, including: Amalgamated Copper, 99,700; American Smelting, 82,100; American Tobacco, 200; Anaconda Mining, 38,500; Atlantic Coast Line, 700; Chesapeake & Ohio, 6,600; Colorado Fuel & Iron, 37,300; Louisville & Nashville, 5,400; Norfolk & Western, 1,900; Reading, 75,000; Southern Railway, 24,500; do preferred, 1,800; Tennessee Coal & Iron, 1,200; Union Pacific, 158,000; United States Steel, 142,000; preferred, 24,700; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 4,500; Northern Pacific, 31,300; Sloss-Sheffield Steel, 3,400.

Slight Gain in New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Feb. 16.—Spot cotton steady and in good demand. Sales, 3,145 bales including, 1,100 to arrive and 250 fob. Quotations unchanged; middling, 10 11-16.

Futures opened 1 to 2 points down, but by noon had gained 5 to 6 points on favorable cables. During the afternoon the market eased off to near the opening figure and closed quiet net unchanged to 2 points higher.

New Orleans Futures.

New Orleans, Feb. 16.—Cotton futures closing bids: February, 10.66 bid; March, 10.79; April, 10.87; May, 10.98; June, 11.03; July, 11.09; August, 10.97; October, 10.32; December, 10.35.

New York Cotton.

New York, Feb. 16.—Cotton, spot closed quiet and steady; middling uplands, 11.25; middling gulf, 11.50; sales, 600 bales.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet and steady. Quotations ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Feb.	10.65B	—	—	10.67
March	10.75	10.79	10.70	10.74
April	—	—	—	10.83
May	10.90	10.98	10.88	10.92
June	—	—	—	10.98
July	11.01	11.12	11.00	11.06
August	10.92B	10.98	10.92	10.93
Sept.	10.51B	—	—	10.55
October	10.44	10.46	10.42	10.44
Nov.	10.47-49	10.48	10.48	10.47
Dec.	10.50	10.51	10.46	10.49

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Feb. 16.—Cotton, spot moderate business done; prices 5 points higher; American middling fair, 6.41; good middling, 6.07; middling, 5.91; low middling, 5.75; good ordinary, 5.57; ordinary, 5.41. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 7,400 American. Receipts 40,000 bales, including 33,900 American. Futures opened steady and closed easy; American middling g. o. c.: February, 5.74; February and March, 5.74; March and April, 5.75; April and May, 5.78; May and June, 5.81; June and July, 5.83; July and August, 5.84; August and September, 5.80; September and October, 5.63; October and November, 5.59; November and December, 5.58.

Naval Stores.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 16.—Turpentine—Firm, 69; sales, 68; receipts, 62; shipments, 29.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 1,924; receipts, 873; shipments, 295; stock, 64,214.

Quotations: A, B, C, D, $3.65@3.70; E, $3.70; F, $3.70@$3.72½; G, $3.70@$3.75; H, $4.10; I, $4.50; K, $5.15; M, $5.40; N, $5.90; W. G, $6.10; W. W, $6.20.

Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 16.—Spirits turpentine—Nothing doing; receipts, 3.

Rosin—Firm, $3.65; receipts, 273.

Tar—Firm, $1.90; receipts, 141.

Crude turpentine—Firm, $2.80, $4.50 and $4.50; receipts, 70.

The Money Market.

New York, Feb. 16.—Close: Prime mercantile paper, 5@5½. Sterling exchange weak with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.86.15@4.86.20 for demand and at $4.82.75@$4.82.80 for 60-day bills. Posted rates, $4.83½@$4.84 and $4.87@$4.87½. Commercial bills, $4.83½. Bar silver, 66½. Mexican dollars, 51½. Money on call firm, 3@5 per cent.; ruling rate, 3¾; closing bid and offered 3. Time loans firmer; 60 days, 90 days and 6 months, 5½ per cent.

Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—Flour—Quiet, unchanged.

Wheat—Weak; spot contract, 85½@7¾.

Corn—Weak; Spot, 45⅝@¾; Southern white, 42½@46½.

Oats—Easier; No. 2 mixed, 31@1½.

Rye—Steady; No. 2 Western, 74@75.

Butter—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Easy, 15.

Cheese—Strong, unchanged.

Sugar—Quiet, unchanged.

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Heavy shipments of wheat from Argentina were the chief reasons to-day for a sharp slump in the local wheat market. At the close the price of the May option was down 1 @1⅛.

Seaboard Air Line Stocks.

Baltimore, Feb. 16.—Seaboard Air Line common and preferred, nothing doing.

DAILY COTTON MARKET.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since Sept. 1st:

Galveston	2,032,481
New Orleans	1,137,976
Mobile	196,819
Savannah	1,173,472
Charleston	351,328
Wilmington	284,322
Norfolk	613,063
Baltimore	47,331
New York	2,284
Boston	50,739
Newport News	12,922
Philadelphia	4,205
San Francisco	19,169
Brunswick	131,720
Port Townsend	24,617
Pensacola	111,065
Portland, Ore.	2,660
Port Arthur & Sabine Pass	79,909
Jacksonville	14,073
Eagle Pass, Tex.	2,849
El Paso, Tex.	150
Laredo, Tex.	4,851
Minor Ports	12,974
Total bales	5,998,884

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

For the week ending February 16, 1906.

Net receipts at all U. S. ports during week	130,448
Net receipts at all U. S. ports same week last year	72,485
Total receipts since Sept. 1st	5,998,884
Total receipts to same date last year	6,878,729
Exports for the week	92,845
Exports for same week last year	87,582
Total exports since Sept. 1st	4,313,302
Total exports same date last year	5,387,439
Stock at all U. S. ports	905,180
Stock at all U. S. ports same time last year	518,547
Stock at all interior towns	665,465
Stock at all interior towns same time last year	604,026
Stock at Liverpool	———
Stock at Liverpool same time last year	943,000
Stock of Am. afloat for G. B.	———
Stock of Am. afloat for G. B. same time last year	138,000

WEEKLY INTERIOR COTTON TOWNS.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

Town		Rec.	Ship.	Sales
Albany		85	120	
Athens		480	1018	72
Atlanta steady	10½	179	495	
Brenham		45	89	
Charlotte firm	11	413	410	
Columbia		2161	2801	
Columbus, Ga. steady	10½	527	799	799
Columbus, Miss. quiet	10⅝	656	331	331
Dallas		1738	2150	
Eufaula		229	224	
Greenville		———	———	———
Greenwood, S. C.		43	33	10
Helena		1547	2433	
Little Rock quiet	10⅝	4343	6641	
Macon		124	317	
Meridian		1564	2312	
Montgomery steady	10¾	600	2180	2180
Nashville steady	10⅞	2	———	200
Natchez steady	10½	830	2631	1959
Newberry		11	11	
Raleigh nominal	10½	65	100	
Rome		1182	1256	
Selma		324	279	
Shreveport steady	10 9-16	2272	3054	548
Vicksburg		1592	1022	
Yazoo City		650	1068	

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

The following statistics on the movement of cotton for the week ending Friday, Feb. 16, were compiled by the New York Cotton Exchange.

WEEKLY MOVEMENT.

	This Year.	Last Year.
Port receipts	132,845	74,965
Overland to mills and Canada	32,902	14,780
Southern mill takings (estimated)	51,000	51,000
Loss of stock at interior towns	22,632	22,640
Brought into sight for the week	194,113	117,111

TOTAL CROP MOVEMENT.

Port receipts	6,010,454	6,897,472
Overland to mills and Canada	592,631	656,792
Southern mill takings (estimated)	1,310,000	1,305,000
Stock at interior towns in excess of Sept. 1st	489,457	517,908
Brought into sight thus far for season	8,401,942	9,377,132

CHARLOTE COTTON MARKET.

February 16.

These figures represent prices paid:

Good middling	11
Strict middling	11
Middling	11
Good middling, tinged	10½
Stains	9¼@10

COMPARATIVE PORT RECEIPTS.

	Yesterday	Last Year
Galveston	3,073	2,473
New Orleans	6,448	3,603
Mobile	125	248
Savannah	3,409	2,091
Charleston	278	848
Wilmington	602	1,076
Baltimore		705
New York		77
Boston		127
Philadelphia	23	25
Port Authur		2,626
Pensacola	5,310	
Various		202
Total	21,430	14,897

ESTIMATES.

	To-day	Last Yr.
New Orleans	6,500@18,000	4,354
Houston	4,000@4,500	3,490
Galveston	11,000@13,000	3,932

INTERIOR RECEIPTS

	Yesterday	Last Year
Memphis	3,618	1,224
Augusta	534	200
St. Louis	3,300	1,076
Cincinnati	753	246
Houston	4,000@4,500	3,490

PORT MOVEMENT.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

Galveston firm	10⅞
New Orleans steady	10 11-16
Mobile firm	10⅝
Savannah steady	10 7-16
Charleston firm	10½
Wilmington nominal	—
Norfolk quiet	11
Baltimore nominal	11
New York quiet and steady	11¼
Boston quiet	11¼
Philadelphia steady	11⅝

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston steady	10⅞
Augusta steady	11
Memphis steady	10⅞
St. Louis quiet	10 15-16
Cincinnati —	—
Louisville firm	11⅛

WHEAT.	High.	Low.	Close.
Sept	82	81¼	81¼
July	83	82¼	82¼
May	82½	83½	83⅝
CORN—			
July	43⅝	43¼	43⅞
Sept.	44	43¾	42⅞
May	43⅛	42⅞	42⅞
OATS—			
Sept.	28⅝	27⅝	28
July	29¼	28⅞	29
May	29⅞	29⅝	29⅝
PORK—			
May	1552	1527	1552
July	1535	1515	1535
LARD—			
May	785	780	785
July	795	790	795
Sept	807	805	807
RIBS—			
May	820	807	820
July	830	817	830

Sea Island Cotto.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 16.—Sea Island cotton quotations: Fancy Floridas, 17½@18; extra choice, do 16½; choice, do 15½; fancy Georgias full staple, 17½; extra choice to fancy, do 17; extra choice, do 16½@½; choice, do 15½; extra fine Georgias and Floridas, 14; fine, do 12@13.

CHARLOTOTE PRODUCE.

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Chickens—Spring	12 to 25
Hens—Per head	30 to35
Ducks	25
Eggs	15 to 16
Rye	80
Oats—Feed	47½ to50
Corn	67 to 68
Cotton seed	25½

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

Adams Express	247
Amalgamated Copper	111¾
American Car & Foundry	43½
American Car & Foundry Pfd.	101½
American Cotton Oil	35⅝
American Cotton Oil Pfd.	—
American Express	235
American Hide & Leather Pfd.	36½
American Ice	44⅞
American Ice Pfd.	—
American Linseed Oil	23⅝
American Linseed Oil Pfd.	48
American Locomotive	72¼
American Locomotive Pfd.	116
American Smeltinig & Refng.	164
American Smelting & Refng. Pfd.	124¼
American Sugar Refining	141½
American Tobacco, Pfd. certif.	104¾
Anaconda Mining Co.	275
Atchison	89⅝
Atchison Pfd.	103
Atlantic Coast Line	160½
Baltimore & Ohio	109⅝
Baltimore & Ohio Pfd.	97
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	80¾
Canadian Pacific	171⅜
Central of New Jersey	220
Chesapeake & Ohio	56⅝
Chicago & Alton	31½
Chicago & Alton Pfd.	75
Chicago Great Western	21
Chicago & Northwestern	232
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	180¾
Chicago Terminal & Trans.	15
Chicago Terminal & Trans. Pfd.	36
C., C., C. & St. Louis	101½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	64½
Colorado & Southern	33¼
Colorado & Southern 1st Pfd.	75⅛
Colorado & Southern 2nd Pfd.	51½
Consolidated Gas	176½
Corn Products	18
Corn Products Pfd.	56
Delaware & Hudson	210
Delaware, Lackawanna & West.	460
Denver & Rio Grande	44⅝
Denver & Rio Grande Pfd.	88
Distillers' Securities	54⅝
Erie	43¾
Erie 1st Pfd.	77⅞
Erie 2nd Pfd.	71½
General Electric	170½
Hocking Valley ofd.	116
Illinois Central	172½
International Paper	23¼
International Paper Pfd.	81½
International Pump	33
International Pump Pfd.	80
Iowa Central	31¾
Iowa Central Pfd.	59
Kansas City Southern	31¼
Kansas City Southern Pfd.	61⅛
Louisville & Nashville	117¾
Manhattan L.	159
Metropolitan Securities	69½
Metropolitan St. Ry.	118¾
Mexican Central	24¾
Minneapolis & St. Louis	70
Minn., St. P. & Sault. Ste. M.	153
Minn., St. P. & Sault. St. M. Pfd.	175
Missouri Pacific	99¾
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	34½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, Pfd.	69½
National Lead	84½
National R. R. of Mexico Pfd.	37½
New York Central	148¾
New York Ontario & Western	50⅞
Norfolk & Western	86
Norfolk & Western Pfd.	90
North American	100
Pacific Mail	47
Pennsylvania	139
People's Gas	98¾
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	80
Pressed Steel Car	59½
Pressed Steel Car Pfd.	100¼
Pullman Palace Car	238
Reading	137¾
Reading 1st Pfd.	84
Reading 2nd Pfd.	80½
Republic Steel	32¾
Republic Steel Pfd.	105
Rock Island Co.	25⅞
Rock Island Co. Pfd.	64¾
Rubber Goods	—
Rubber Goods Pfd.	—
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd Pfd.	45¼
St. Louis Southwestern	24½
St. Louis Southwestern Pfd.	56½
Southern Pacific	65¼
Southern Pacific Pfd.	117½
Southern Railway	38½
Southern Railway Pfd.	90
Tennessee Coal & Iron	152
Texas & Pacific	34⅞
Toledo, St. L. & West	35¼
Toledo, St. Louis & West. Pfd.	54¾
Union Pacific	151¾
Union Pacific Pfd.	97½
United States Express	124
United States Leather	—
United States Leather Pfd.	—
United States Realty ofd.	86
United States Rubber	50¾
United States Rubber Pfd.	109¾
United States Steel	41⅝
United States Steel Pfd.	107
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	48
Virginia-Carolina Chemical Pfd.	114½
Wabash	22
Wabash Pfd.	44½
WellsFargo Express	235
Westinghouse Electric	164
Western Union	93¼
Wheeling & Lake Erie	19½
Wisconsin Central	28¼
Wisconsin Central Pfd.	57⅛

NEW YORK BONDS.

New York, Feb. 16, 1906.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	103¼
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	103¼
U. S. 3s, registered	107½
U. S. 3s, coupon	107½
U. S. Old 4s, registered	140¼
U. S. Old 4s, coupon	103¼
U. S. New 4s, registered	129¼
U. S. New 4s, coupon	129½
American Tobacco 4s	79
American Tobacco 6s	116
Atchison general 4s	104⅜
Atchison adjustment 4s	96¼
Atlantic Coastl Line 4s	102⅛
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	104⅝
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s	94
Brooklyn R. T. cv. 4s	96½
Central of Georgia 5s	114½
Central of Georgia 1st Inc.	96¼
Central of Georgia 2nd Inc.	86½
Central of Georgia 3d Inc.	83
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s	108⅞
Chicago & Alton 3½s	81
Chicago, R. & Quincy new 4s	100⅝
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific R. R. 4s	80⅝
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific R. R. col. 5s	92½
C., C., C. & St. Louis gen. 4s ofd.	106
Colorado Industrial 5s Ser. A	78
Colorado Industrial 5s Ser. B	70
Colorado Midland 4s ofd.	77
Colorado & Southern 4s	94¼
Cuba 5s ofd.	107½
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	100¼
Distillers' Securitiess 5s	87
Erie prior lien 4s	100½
Erie General 4s	92⅛
Hocking Valley 4½s	108½
Japan 6s	100¼
Japan 6s, 2nd Series	100
Japan 4½s	92⅛
Japan 4½s, certificates 2nd Series	90¾
Louisville & Nash. Unified 4s	103½
Manhattan consol gold 4s	102½
Mexican Central 4s	80
Mexican Central 1st Inc.	34½
Minn. & St. Louis 4s	97
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 4s	100½
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2nds	89½
National R. R. of Mexico consol 4s	86¼
New York, Central gen. 3½s	98¼
New Jersey Central general 5s	131⅝
Northern Pacific 4s	104⅞
Northern Pacific 3s	76¾
Norfolk & Western consol 4s	101
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	96⅝
Penn. cv. 3½s	101⅞
Reading General 4s	101½
St. Louis & Iron Mountain consol 5s	117½
St. Louis & San Francisco fg. 4s	87
St. Louis S'western 4s	81
Seaboard Air Line 4s ofd.	91¼
Southern Pacific 4s	94⅞
Southern Pacific 1st 4s certificates	97½
Southern Railway 5s	115½
Texas & Pacific 1sts	123½
Toledo, St. Luis & Western 4s ofd.	84½
Union Pacific 4s	104⅝
Union Pacific cv. 4s	101½
U. S. Steel 2nd 5s	99¼
Wabash 1sts	116¾
Wabash Deb. B.	77
Western Md. 4s	88⅛
Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s ofd.	93⅝
Wisconsin Central 4s	95

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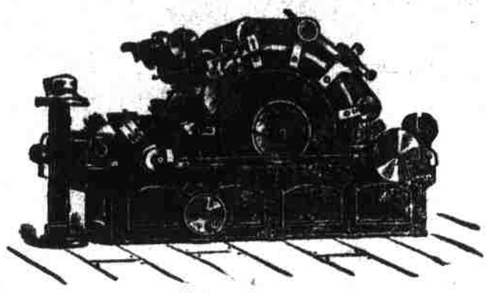

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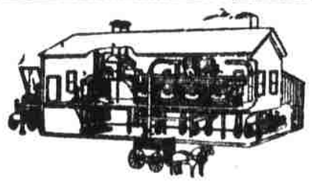

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