

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

LITTLE NET CHANGE IN COTTON

Offerings Soon Decrease Marly Slight
Advance, Bears Being Encouraged
by Reports Declaring Frost Dam-
age Slight—Gain of 1 Point in May
and Losses Ranging Down to 5 for
Remainder.

New York, May 11.—The cotton market was less active to-day and ruled irregular within a narrow range. The close was steady at an advance of 1 point to a decline of 5 points. Sales for the day were estimated at 500,000 bales.

The opening was steady at unchanged prior to a decline of 3 points in response to somewhat disappointing cables, but there was a renewal of the covering and bull support noted yesterday and right after the opening of 1-5 points led by the mid crop month. Other factors in view on the advance and seemed to be for both long and short account, owing to the disposition to expect a reaction after an advance of 1-2 points. A gain of 1 point in price and the improved weather over the South. Temperatures were higher and later reports from the districts where frost was noted yesterday indicated that the damage had been confined to a slight. This encouraged the bears to sell quite aggressively early and prices came off to a net loss of about 5 to 6 points with the new crop relatively easy and the market still strong. Southern connections. Bull leaders seemed to be supporting the market in the late trading, but final prices were at nearly the lowest. May being the only month to come down, and the spot market according to official reports, Southern spot markets were generally unchanged to 1-56 higher. The English spot market was 4 points higher, although futures there closed unchanged, points lower and spot sales were 1,000 bales.

Receipts at the ports to-day were 11,521 bales, against 11,363 last week and 32,700 last year; for the week (estimated) 71,000 bales, against 69,000 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans, 1,160 bales, against 1,066 last year, and at Houston, 1,811 bales, against 1,828 last year.

HESSE'S COTTON STATEMENT.

Decrease Shown for 11 Days of May
of 108,000 Under Last Year—Sup-
ply to Date, 10,523,428.

New Orleans, May 11.—Secretary Hes-
ter's weekly cotton statement issued to
day shows for the 11 days of May a de-
crease under last year of 108,000.

With the time factor removed, the
amount brought to the market that
have elapsed, the aggregate is behind the
same days of last year, 1,738,000.

The amount brought into sight during
the past week has been 97,068 bales,
against 174,385 for the same seven days
last year.

The movement since Sept. 1 shows re-
ceipts at all United States ports to be
7,562,269 against 8,811,978 last year.

To-day's receipts at all ports Sept. 1 is 10,
671,807, against 11,518,607 last year.

Foreign exports for the week have been
51,835 against 17,903 last year, making
the total thus far for the season 5,729,961,
against 4,226,268 last year.

Including stocks left at ports and
interior towns from the last crop and the
number of bales brought into sight thus
far from the new crop, the supply to
date is 10,523,428 against 11,990,022 for the
same period last year.

Visible Supply of Cotton.

New Orleans, May 11.—Secretary Hes-
ter's statement of the world's visible
supply of cotton issued to-day shows the
total visible to be 4,067,774, against 4,241,
729 last week and 4,064,443 last year. Of
this the American crop is 2,587,774,
the 1905 crop 2,642,400, last year, and 2,587,
443 last year, and of all other kinds in-
cluding Egypt, Brazil, India etc., 1,500,
000 against 1,587,000 last week, and 1,300,
000 last year.

On the visible supply of cotton there is
now about and held in Great Britain and
Continental Europe 2,010,000, against 1,
738,000 last year; in Egypt 1,800,000, against
1,680,000 last year; in India 1,070,000, against
1,070,000 last year, and in the United States
290,000, against 1,031,000 last year.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, May 11.—Spot cotton
steady; offerings limited. Sales 750 bales,
including 200 to arrive. Quotations un-
changed; middling 11-12.

Prices infused by better Liverpool
that are now open and steady, and in the early trading gained a few
points additional, but in the absence of
support from any quarter, prices grad-
ually receded and most of the gain was
readily wiped out. The market closed
quiet with net advance of 3
points on June and 1 on July, while the
new crop months were unchanged.

New Orleans Futures.

New Orleans, May 11.—Cotton futures
closed: May 11-12: June 11-12; July 11-12;
Aug. 11-20; Sept. 10-11; Oct. 10-11; Nov.
8-9; Dec. 10-11; Jan. 10-11.

New York Cotton.

New York, May 11.—Spot cotton closed
quadruple middling 11-12; middling
11-13; sales 4,653 bales.

Futures steady. Prices ranged as fol-
lows:

Open High Low Close
May 11.34 11.43 11.38 11.49
June 11.20 11.28 11.19 11.29
July 11.04 11.06 11.00 11.01
Sept. 10.79 10.81 10.79 10.78
Oct. 10.74 10.77 10.69 10.71
Nov. 10.74 10.77 10.68 10.70
Dec. 10.74 10.77 10.68 10.70
Jan. 10.77 10.80 10.71 10.74
Feb. 10.76 10.78 10.76 10.76
March 10.75 10.78 10.60 10.60

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, May 11.—Cotton spot in fair
degree of firmness, 12-13, slightly higher.
American middling 4-5; good middling 6-8; middle 6-8; low middling 4-6; good
ordinary 5-8; ordinary 5-8. The
Wheat firm; No. 2 red 914, nominal
elevator. Options 1 to 1% net higher.

May 50%; July 50%; Sept. 50%.
Corn firm; No. 2 mixed 714 to 72%;
net higher. May 50%; July 50%.

Oats firm; mixed 32.

Bread steady. Cutmeal steady.
Lard steady. Refined flour steady. Tallow
steady. Rose oil 65 to 75.

Turpentine firm 57 to 67. Rice firm.

Molasses steady. Coffees spot steady.

Mild quiet; Corolla 9% to 10%. Future
quiet at an advance of 5 points.

Refined sugar steady. Raw firm, unchanged.

Potatoes easy. Eastern 32 to 32.5 per
bag. Cabbages firm \$2.50 to \$2.00 per
barrel. Freight and peanuts steady, unchanged.

Butter strong. Creamery, common to
extra 14 to 20%.

Cheese steady, unchanged. Eggs firm,

unchanged.

Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, May 11.—Flour firm, in
general, 12-13; bread steady. Cornmeal firm
12-13; rice steady. Wheat firm.

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