COMMERCE AND FINANCE

COTTON UP 29 TO 32 POINTS

The Market Was Again Very Active, With Wide Fluctuations, Higher Cables Then Expected and Forecasted Bad Weather in Southwest Being Detrimental Factors—Close Barely Steady and 5 or 6 Points Off From Best.

New York, Oct. 4.—The cotton market was very active again to-day, with the close at a net advance of 29@32 points after an irregular early session. Sales for the day were estimated at fully 650,000 bales.

The opening was steady at an advance of 6@12 points in response to higher cables than looked for and reports of small Southern spot offerings in the English market. The early weather reports were considered favorable, however, and there was heavy selling at the initial advance under which the market broke to a net low of about 4@5 points. Around 10.04 for December and 10.07 for January, demand improved owing to the covering of scalping shorts, and before mid-day the market was rallied sharply by the rumors of a heavy storm between New Orleans and Memphis. Prices advanced about 20 points on this rumor, which was followed by aggressive bull support, but eased off later on the forecast for generally clear weather and denials of the storm news. The reaction was a matter of 10@12 points from the top and was followed by a second bulge in the later trading which carried the market to a new high level for the session, or about 41@45 points net higher, on the forecast for cold rains in the Southwest, and fears of an early frost. The close was barely steady in tone and 5 or 6 points off from the best under realizing.

Receipts at the ports to-day 49,727, against 38,159 last week and 40,756 last year. For the week 220,009 bales, against 278,545 last week and 331,952 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 6,407 bales, against 2,549 last year and at Houston 15,674 bales, against 15,578 last year.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Oct. 4.—Cotton, spot fluctuated again to-day, rising ¼c. with futures. The close was firm; middling, 10¼; sales, 2,500 bales spot with 2,000 to arrive.

Futures opened steady from 3 points net lower to 8 points higher. From the opening figures the market advanced steadily on buying in New York, on orders from prominent operators there. Reports that frost is feared in the interior and renewed storm rumors also contributed to the advance. The close was steady, 26@32 points above yesterday.

Futures closed steady: January, 10.57; February, 10.63; March, 10.74; April, 10.78; May, 10.83 bid; June, 10.90; July, 11.00; October, 10.45 bid; November, 10.45; December, 10.48.

New York Cotton.

New York, Oct. 4.—Cotton, spot closed quiet and steady, 10 points advance; middling uplands, 10.65; middling gulf, 10.90; sales, 2,000 bales.

Futures closed barely steady. Prices ranged as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oct.	10.29	10.57	10.10	10.43
Nov.	10.29	10.50	10.00	10.43
Dec.	10.29	10.54	10.04	10.46
Jan.	10.35	10.55	10.07	10.46
Feb.	10.30	10.57	10.22	10.56
March	10.32	10.67	10.22	10.60
May	10.40	10.76	10.31	10.66
April	10.33b	—	—	10.63
June	10.42b	—	—	10.67
July	10.45b	10.74	10.38	10.74

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Oct. 4.—Closing cotton, spot moderate business done; prices 12 points lower; American middling fair, 6.51; good middling, 6.18; middling, 5.96; low middling, 5.76; good ordinary, 5.42; ordinary, 5.18. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 7,800 American. Receipts 19,100 bales, all American. Futures opened easier and closed steady; American middling g. o. c.: October, 5.58; October-November, 5.53; November-December, 5.51½; December-January, 5.52½; January-February, 5.53½; February-March, 5.55½; March-April, 5.58; April-May, 5.59; May-June, 5.61½; June-July, 5.62½; July-August, 5.62½.

CHARLOTTE COTTON MARKET.

These prices represent the prices quoted to wagons:

	Oct. 4.
Good middling	10.
Strict middling	9 15-16
Middling	9¾
Stains	7¾@8¾

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston firm	10⅝
New Orleans firm	10¼
Mobile firm	10
Savannah steady	10
Charleston steady	10
Wilmington steady	10
Norfolk steady	10⅝
Baltimore nominal	10½
New York quiet and steady	10.65
Philadelphia steady	10.90

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston firm	10 5-16
Augusta firm	10¼
Memphis firm	10⅛
St. Louis quiet	10¼
Louisville firm	10¼

Comparative Port Receipts.

	Oct. 4. To-Day	Last Year.
Galveston		18,371
New Orleans		2,340
Mobile		556
Savannah		10,267
Charleston		3,467
Norfolk		4,468
Boston		44
Philadelphia		50
Total		40,155

Estimates.

	Oct. 4. To-morrow.	Last Year.
New Orleans	6,500—8,500	4,105
Houston	17,000—18,700	17,504
Galveston	24,000—26,000	19,926

Interior Receipts.

	Oct. 4. To-Day	Last Year.
Memphis		1,616
Augusta		4,397
St. Louis		107
Cincinnati		453
Houston		15,529
Little Rock		581

New York Produce.

New York, Oct. 4.—Flour—Steady.

Rye flour—Firm.

Buckwheat flour—Quiet; 2.40@2.45; spot and to arrive.

Cornmeal—Steady.

Rye—Steady.

Barley—Quiet.

Wheat, spot—Irregular; No. 2 red, 78⅝ elevator. Options closed ⅝@⅞c. net lower; May, 83⅛; December, 82⅝.

Corn, spot—Barely steady; No. 2, 55 elevator. Options closed ½@⅝c. net higher. January, 50⅝; May, 50¼; December, 52⅛.

Oats—Steady; mixed, 37½.

Beef—Firm.

Cutmeats—Steady.

Lard—Firm; prime Western, 9.10@9.15; refined, steady.

Pork—Firm; family, 18.50@19.00.

Tallow and petroleum—Steady.

Rice—Firm.

Turpentine—Firm, 60@60½.

Molasses—Steady.

Coffee, spot Rio—Steady; No. 7 invoice, 8¼; mild, steady; Cordova, 8¼@12. Futures closed, 15@20 points higher.

Sugar, raw—Quiet; fair refining, 3⅝; centrifugal, 96 test, 4; molasses sugar, 3⅜; refined, steady.

Butter and cheese—Firm, unchanged.

Eggs—Steady, unchanged.

Peanuts—Quiet, unchanged.

Freights and cabbages—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes, Irish—Easy, unchanged; sweets, steady; Southern per barrel, $1.25@$1.50; Jersey per basket, 40@$1.00.

Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, Oct. 4.—Flour—Steady, unchanged.

Wheat—Steady; spot contract 75@¾; Corn—Firm; spot, 54½@¾; Southern white corn, 55@56½.

Oats—Firm; No. 2 mixed, 37½@¾.

Rye—Firm; No. 2 Western, 70@71.

Butter—Steady and unchanged; fancy imitation, 20@21; fancy creamery, 25@26; ladle, 18@20; store packed, 16½@18.

Eggs—Firm, 24c.

Cheese—Active, unchanged, 13½@14.

Sugar—Steady, unchanged.

Charlotte Produce Market.

(Corrected daily by J. W. Zimmerman Company.)

Chickens—Spring	12 @15
Hens—Per head	35 @40
Ducks	25
Eggs	18
Rye	80
Corn	75 @77½
Cotton seed	21
Oats—Feed	50 @55
Oats—Seed	55 @57½

DRIFTING TENDENCY IN STOCKS.

Neither Early Strength Nor Midday Weakness Persisted, and Close Was Irregular—Chamber of Commerce Committee's Plan of Currency Reform Liked.

New York, Oct. 4.—Dealings in stocks became apathetic to-day and the dullness of the trading approached stagnation. Prices drifted idly and uncertainly with a downward trend in the dullest periods more from inanition than any active selling pressure. The demand was feeble and indifferent and there was no response to developments except in individual stocks immediately concerned. One such stock was United States Rubber, which suffered acutely from doubts thrown out regarding persistent reports for a long time past that dividends on a liberal scale were to be inaugurated on the stock.

Speculative sentiment was disturbed also by the rumors of a hitch in the "ore deal" and by the countenance which was given to these rumors in some quarters regarded as authoritative.

The money market continued to relax both here and abroad. The financial community was favorably impressed by the plan of currency reform presented by the committee of the chamber of commerce. Intimations that additional portions of the $26,000,000 of government deposits would be available to the New York banks were accepted as an additional safeguard for the money situation here. Neither the early strength nor the mid-day weakness persisted, and the market closed irregular.

There was an improvement in demand here, and in the bond market the tone was firm. Total sales, par value, $2,032,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales of stocks to-day 636,600 shares including: Amalgamated Copper, 41,500; American Cotton Oil, 1,600; American Tobacco, 800; Atchison, 46,800; Atlantic Coast Line, 300; Chesapeake & Ohio, 100; Louisville & Nashville, 1,900; Norfolk & Western, 1,000; Reading, 171,600; Southern Pacific, 55,100; Union Pacific, 46,800; Southern Railway, 3,800; Southern Railway preferred, 200; Rubber, 22,900; United States Steel, 101,800; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 200.

Seaboard Air Line Stocks.

Baltimore, Oct. 4.—Seaboard Air Line common and preferred, nothing doing.

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Adams Express	275
Amalgamated Copper	113⅝
American Car & Foundry	41½
American Car & Foundry pfd.	102
American Cotton Oil	55½
American Cotton Oil pfd.	93
American Express	245
American Hide & Leather pfd.	27
American Ice	87½
American Ice pfd.	—
American Linseed Oil	15
American Linseed Oil pfd.	29
American Locomotive	73⅝
American Locomotive pfd.	117½
American Smelting & Refining	158⅞
American Smelting & Refining pf.l.	118½
American Sugar Refining	134⅝
American Tobacco, pfd. certif.	88½
Anaconda Mining Co.	38½
Atchison	40⅞
Atchison pfd.	101½
Atlantic Coast Line	1,295
Baltimore & Ohio	47⅝
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	11
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	77½
Canadian Pacific	179½
Central of New Jersey	225
Chesapeake & Ohio	43⅝
Chicago & Alton	—
Chicago & Alton pfd.	—
Chicago Great Western	18⅞
Chicago & Northwestern	206
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	174½
Chicago Terminal & Trans.	11
Chicago Terminal & Trans. pfd.	27
C., C., C. & St. Louis	91
Colorado Fuel & Iron	55½
Colorado & Southern	40
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd.	69½
Colorado & Southern 2nd pfd.	55½
Consolidated Gas	138
Corn Products Refining	20⅝
Corn Products Refining pfd.	75½
Delaware & Hudson	222½
Delaware, Lackawanna & Western	548
Denver & Rio Grande	42½
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	85½
Distillers' Securities	55⅝
Erie	46½
Erie 1st pfd.	70½
Erie 2nd pfd.	63½
General Electric	165
Hocking Valley ofd.	128
Illinois Central	174
International Paper	17½
International Paper pfd.	92
International Pump	47½
International Pump pfd.	93
Iowa Central	31
Iowa Central pfd.	57½
Kansas City Southern	29½
Kansas City Southern pfd.	59
Louisville & Nashville	146
Manhattan L	—
Metropolitan Securities	—
Metropolitan Street Railway	—
Mexican Central	22½
Minneapolis & St. Louis	74
Minn., St. P. & Sault. Ste. M.	152½
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M. pfd.	165½
Missouri Pacific	88⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	36⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas, pfd.	70
National Lead	77⅝
National R. R. of Mexico pfd.	49½
New York Central	138⅝
New York, Ontario & Western	47⅝
Norfolk & Western	96
Norfolk & Western pfd.	90
North American	91⅝
Pacific Mail	37
Pennsylvania	141½
People's Gas	58½
Pittsburg, C. C. & St. Louis	84½
Pressed Steel Car	53½
Pressed Steel Car pfd.	97½
Pullman Palace Car	205
Reading	151⅝
Reading 1st pfd.	58
Reading 2nd pfdrt	38
Republic Steel	37½
Republic Steel pfd.	95
Rock Island Co.	29½
Rock Island Co. pfd.	67½
Rubber Goods	—
Rubber Goods pfd.	—
St. Louis & San Fran. 2nd pfd.	48½
St. Louis Southwestern	25⅝
St. Louis Southwestern pfd.	61⅝
Southern Pacific	94⅞
Southern Pacific pfd.	118⅝
Southern Railway	35⅞
Southern Railway pfd.	96½
Tennessee Coal & Iron	155
Texas & Pacific	38⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & Western	34½
Toledo, St. Louis & Western pfd.	54½
Union Pacific	184½
Union Pacific pfd.	92½
United States Express	130
United States Leather	—
United States Leather pfd.	—
United States Realty	78
United States Rubber	49½
United States Rubber pfd.	106½
United States Steel	47
United States Steel pfd.	106⅝
Virginia-Carolina Chemical	34½
Virginia-Carolina Chemical pfd.	105
Wabash	20
Wabash pfd.	44⅝
Wells-Fargo Express	290
Westinghouse Electric ofd.	152
Western Union	85½
Wheeling & Lake Erie	18½
Wisconsin Central	56⅞
Wisconsin Central pfd.	80½
Northern Pacific	212
Central Leather	28
Central Leather pfd.	103
Sloss-Sheffield Steel	73
Great Northern pfd.	331
Interborough Met.	35⅝
Interborough Met. pfd.	75½

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	103⅝
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	103⅝
U. S. 3s, registered	105½
U. S. 3s, coupon	108½
U. S. Old 4s, registered	107⅝
U. S. Old 4s, coupon	107⅝
U. S. New 4s, registered	137
U. S. New 4s, coupon	137
American Tobacco 4s	77½
American Tobacco 6s	110½
Atchison general 4s	100⅝
Atchison adjustment 4s	95⅝
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	90⅝
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	101
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s	173½
Brooklyn Rapid Transit cv. 4s	91½
Central of Georgia 5s	117
Central of Georgia 1st Inc.	91
Central of Georgia 2nd Inc.	83½
Central of Georgia 5d Inc.	80½
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s	104½
Chicago & Alton 3½s	70½
Chicago, B. & Quincy new 4s	96⅝
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific R. R. 4s	79½
Chicago, R. I. & Pacific R. R. col 5s	91
C., C., C. & St. Louis gen. 4s	101½
Colorado Industrial 5s Ser. A	76½
Colorado Industrial 5s Ser. B	—
Colorado & Midland 4s	72
Colorado & Midland 4s	73
Colorado & Southern 4s	82
Cuba 5s	103½
Denver & Rio Grande 4s	100
Distillers' Securities 5s	87½
Erie prior lien 4s	100⅝
Erie General 4s	89⅝
Hocking Valley 4½s	107½
Japan 4s	100½
Japan 4s 2nd Series	100⅝
Japan 4½s, certificates	91⅞
Japan 4½s, certificates 2nd Series	90
Louisville & Nashville Unified 4s	101½
Manhattan consol gold 4s	99½
Mexican Central 4s	80
Mexican Central 1st Inc.	22
Minn. & St. Louis 4s	94
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 4s	100
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2nds	85
National R. R. of Mexico consol 4s	83
New York Central gen. 3½s	94½
New Jersey Central general 5s	126½
Northern Pacific 4s	102½
Northern Pacific 3s	75½
Norfolk & Western consol 4s	98⅝
Oregon Short Line rfdg. 4s	96
Pennsylvania cv. 3½s	109⅝
Reading General 4s	99
St. Louis & Iron Mountain consol 5s	112½
St. Louis & San Francisco fg. 4s	84½
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s	79
Seaboard Air Line 4s	84
Southern Pacific 4s	92
Southern Pacific 1st 4s certificates	96
Southern Railway 5s	115½
Texas & Pacific 1sts	119
Toledo, St. Louis & Western 4s	81½
Union Pacific 4s	107⅝
Union Pacific cv. 4s	—
United States Steel 2nd 5s	99½
Wabash 1sts	114½
Wabash Deb. B.	80½
Western Maryland 4s	82⅝
Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s	88
Wisconsin Central 4s	90
Japan 4s ctfs.	82⅝

Quotations on Southern Cotton Mill Stocks, week ending October 3, 1906, Furnished by Hugh MacRae & Co., Bankers, Wilmington, N. C.

	Bid.	Asked.
Abbeville Cotton Mills, S. C.	—	95
Aiken Mfg. Co., S. C.	85	91
Anderson Cotton Mills, S. C.	—	104
Arkwright Mills, S. C.	123	125
Augusta Factory, Ga.	80	85
Avondale Mills, Ala.	107	110
Belton Mills, S. C.	105	107
Bibb Mfg. Co., Ga.	—	122
Brandon Mills, S. C.	115	120
Cabarrus Cot. Mills, N. C., pfd	120	130
Chadwick Mfg. Co., N. C. pfd.	—	102
Chiquola Mfg. Co., S. C.	92	95
Clifton Mfg. Co., S. C.	122	124
Clifton Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	—	103
Clinton Cotton Mills, S. C.	138	146
Columbus Mfg. Co., Ga.	96	101
Courtenay Mfg. Co., S. C.	—	100
Dallas Mfg. Co., Ala.	92	95
Darlington Mfg. Co., S. C.	—	63½
Eagle & Phenix Mills, Ga.	129	130
Easley Cotton Mills, S. C.	132	135
Enoree Mfg. Co., S. C.	80	84
Enoree Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	99	101
Enterprise Mfg. Co., Ga.	86	92
Exposition Cotton Mills, Ga.	200	—
Gaffney Mfg. Co., S. C.	89	90
Gainesville Cotton Mills, S. C.	33½	40
Granby Mills, S. C. 1st pfd.	59	60
Graniteville Mfg. Co., S. C.	—	160
Greenwood Cotton Mills, S. C.	—	93
Grendel Mills, S. C.	112	114
Henrietta Mills, N. C.	200	—
John P. King Mfg. Co., Ga.	97	103
Lancaster Cotton Mills, S. C.	102	104
Lancaster Mills, S. C., pfd.	97	99
Langley Mfg. Co., S. C.	92	96
Laurens Cotton Mills, S. C.	166	170
Limestone Mills, S. C.	115	—
Lockhart Mills, S. C.	—	101
Lockhart Mills, S. C., pfd.	97	100
Louise Mills, N. C.	90	95
Louise Mills, N. C., pfd.	—	102
Marlboro Cotton Mills, S. C.	78	90
Mayo Mills, N. C.	165	185
Mills Mfg. Co., S. C.	104	110
Mills Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	100	—
Monaghan Mills, S. C.	96½	100
Monarch Cotton Mills, S. C.	94	96
Newberry Cot. Mills, S. C.	118	—
Norris Cotton Mills, S. C.	108	109
Olympia Cotton Mills, 1st pfd, S. C.	80	90
Orangeburg Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	80	97
Orr Cotton Mills, S. C.	103	104
Pacolet Mfg. Co., S. C.	—	190
Pacolet Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	100	104
Peizer Mfg. Co., S. C.	170	173
Piedmont Mfg. Co., S. C.	167	177
Poe Mfg. Co., S. C.	122	125
Richland Cotton Mills, S. C. pfd.	—	52½
Raleigh Cotton Mills, N. C.	99	105
Roanoke Mills, N. C.	125	140
Saxon Mills, S. C.	105	107
Sibley Mfg. Co., Ga.	64	68
Spartan Mills, S. C.	145	151
Southern Cotton Mills, N. C.	—	80
Springstein Mills, S. C.	—	109
Trion Mfg. Co., Ga.	130	142
Tucapau Mills, S. C.	165	—
Union-Buffalo Mills Co., S. C.	—	—
Victor Mfg. Co., S. C.	115	120
Warren Mfg. Co., S. C.	99	102
Warren Mfg. Co., S. C., pfd.	105	107
Washington Mills, Va.	23	25
Washington Mills, Va., pfd.	100	115
Whitney Mfg. Co., S. C.	145	150
Wiscasett Mills, N. C.	122	135
Woodruff Cotton Mills, S. C.	106	110

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Oct. 4.—The Ohio report which showed the wheat crop of that State to be in the neighborhood of 40,000,000 bushels was one reason for a weak finish to-day in the local wheat market. At the close wheat for December delivery was off ⅝c. Corn was unchanged. Oats were up ¼c. Provisions were 2½ higher to 2½c. lower.

	High	Low	Oct. 4. Close.
WHEAT			
May	79⅝	79	79⅛
Oct.	73	72⅝	73
Dec.	75⅝	75	75
CORN			
May	49⅝	49⅝	49⅝
Jan.	—	—	44
Oct.	45⅞	45½	45½
Dec.	43⅛	42⅞	43
OATS			
May	35⅝	35⅝	35½
July	34⅛	33⅞	34
Oct.	—	—	34⅛
Dec.	34⅝	34⅛	34½
PORK			
Jan.	13.42	13.37	13.40
LARD			
Jan	7.92	7.90	7.92
Nov.	8.55	8.50	8.52
Oct.	8.05	8.00	8.02
RIBS.			
Jan.	7.20	7.15	7.20
Oct.	8.22	8.05	8.15

The Money Market.

New York, Oct. 4.—Money on call steady 2@5½ per cent.; ruling rate, 5; closing bid, 3; offered at 4.

Time loans easier; 60 days and 6 months 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@7 per cent.; sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.82.65@$4.83.20 for demand and at $4.79.75@$4.79.80 for 60-day bills. Posted rates $4.80½@$4.81 and $4.84½. Commercial bills, 4.79½@¾. Bar silver, 69⅝; Mexican dollars, 55.

Naval Stores.

Savannah, Ga., Oct. 4.—Spirits turpentine—Firm, 65; sales, 231; receipts, 741; shipments, 736.

Rosin—Firm; sales, 1,886; receipts, 2,391; shipments, 2,307; stock, 66,591.

Quotations: A, B, C, $4.00; D, $4.10; E, $4.15; F, $4.20; G, $4.25; H, $4.36; I, $4.40; K, $4.60; M, $4.85; N, $5.20; W. G. $5.40; W. W. $5.70.

Wilmington, Oct. 4.—Spirits turpentine, 64; receipts, 34.

Rosin—Firm, 3.60 bid; receipts, 139.

Tar—Firm, $2.15; receipts, 11.

Crude turpentine hard, $3.25; dip and virgin, $4.50; receipts, 114.

The Dry Goods Market.

New York, Oct. 4.—The dry goods market was strong and active to-day. An advance in staple ginghams was announced during the day. Lines of denims have been advanced half cent per yard and Southern colored goods are very much stronger. All constructions of printing cloths are active at advancing prices. Raw silk is higher and more active. Cloakings are being sold in fancy lines quite rapidly and dress goods are selling more freely.

Miller & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Oct. 4.—Liverpool sent better cables than were due to-day and local prices opened 6@9 points higher on renewed buying by shorts, followed by a reaction which wiped out all of the advance and prices sagged 3@6 points below yesterday's closing before the decline was checked. At this juncture very heavy buying orders appeared with price brokers active on that side, and commission houses generally inclined to lend support. Reports of a storm between Memphis and New Orleans caused a good deal of nervousness and led to large covering with the result of an advance of some 22 points net before the report was found to be without foundation.

Weather advices indicated more settled conditions and higher temperatures than for some days but forecasts lacked the character requisite for a withdrawal of bull support, especially for the Southwest.

Receipts were relatively freer, reports pointing to 45,000, against 41,000 last year and interior towns 25,000, against 27,000 last year. A willingness to sell spots was displayed at some Southern towns while the local dry goods situation appeared to be assuming a bullish phase, based upon the possibility of only a moderate supply of the raw material.

Liverpool is due to come 11@12 higher to-morrow.

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