

COMMERCE AND FINANCE

COTTON MARKET FAIRLY ACTIVE

Following a steady opening at 2 to 2 1/2 Points Up in Response to Higher Cables and Larger Spot Sales Prices Advanced, Closing 7 to 14 Points Up Net—Offerings Were Comparatively Light and Market Continued Steady to Firm Throughout the Session.

New York, Feb. 21.—The cotton market was fairly active and firmer during today's trading with prices closing at a net advance of 7 to 14 points; sales for the day were estimated at 175,000 bales.

The opening was steady at an advance of 2 to 7 points in response to higher cables and larger spot sales in the English market; March started out at 8 1/4 and soon increased the gain on covering of shorts and rumors that no cotton on Tuesday of next week would be higher than expected and would cause depression.

New Orleans, Feb. 21.—Cotton, spot closed firm, unchanged; middling 10-16; sales on the spot were 3,545 bales and 1,250 to arrive.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 21.—Sea Island cotton quotations: Fancy Florida 85 to 87; fancy Georgia 10; extra choice Georgia and Florida 82 to 83; choice do do 80 to 81; extra fine do do 78 to 79; fine do do 76 to 77; common do do 74 to 75.

New York Cotton. Feb. 21.—Cotton, spot steady; middling 10-16; sales 812 bales.

The Money Market. New York, Feb. 21.—Money on call firm, 2 to 2 1/2 per cent; ruling rate 5 per cent.

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CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Table with columns for stock names and prices, including Adams Express, Almaty Copper, American Car & Foundry, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS AND EASING OF RAILROAD BLOCKADES

Weather Conditions and Easing of Railroad Blockades Largely Responsible for Generally Favorable Actual Trade and Industrial Developments.

New York, Feb. 21.—Bradstreet's, February 21st, actual trade and industrial developments are quite generally favorable.

There are, of course, some drawbacks in the situation. The numerous railroads, the curtailed operation of a number of active lines, the delay in the supply of labor and material, the high cost of fuel and the expense of the war, are all factors that tend to retard the progress of the country.

Hubbard Bros. & Co's Cotton Letter. Special to The Observer.

New York, Feb. 21.—A week's letter market in Liverpool... The movement of the crop continues on a scale to enable us to come to the best crop possible.

The Dry Goods Market. New York, Feb. 21.—The active in the dry goods market continues.

Cotton Seed Oil. New York, Feb. 21.—Cotton seed oil was steady with trade quiet.

Chicago Grain and Provisions. Chicago, Feb. 21.—Liquidation by small holders caused an easy tone at the close of the wheat market today.

WHEAT. Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat, No. 2, white 46 to 46 1/2; No. 2, white 46 to 46 1/2; No. 2, white 46 to 46 1/2.

Wool. New York, Feb. 21.—Wool, No. 1, white 15 1/2 to 16; No. 2, white 14 1/2 to 15; No. 3, white 13 1/2 to 14.

Raw Sugar. New York, Feb. 21.—Raw sugar, No. 1, white 14 to 14 1/2; No. 2, white 13 1/2 to 14; No. 3, white 12 1/2 to 13.

Beans. New York, Feb. 21.—Beans, No. 1, white 10 to 10 1/2; No. 2, white 9 1/2 to 10; No. 3, white 9 to 9 1/2.

Corn. New York, Feb. 21.—Corn, No. 2, white 60 to 61; No. 2, yellow 59 to 60; No. 3, white 58 to 59.

Oil. New York, Feb. 21.—Oil, No. 1, white 15 to 15 1/2; No. 2, white 14 to 14 1/2; No. 3, white 13 to 13 1/2.

Various other market reports including rubber, tin, and iron prices.

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Comparative Port Receipts. Feb. 21. Galveston 12,775. New Orleans 16,004.

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