

## COMMERCE AND FINANCE

## SHARP ADVANCE IN COTTON.

Cotton Market: Trading is more active than it has been in several weeks. New Orleans, Vicksburg, Mobile, Liverpool's Estuary, &c., have been quiet.

New York, Nov. 29.—The cotton market had quite a sharp advance to-day and trading was more active. Sales were estimated at 400,000 bales and the close was steady. It is 7 points net higher in response to higher Liverpool cables. It was anticipated that December notices were closing about 10,000 bales, were in demand, but there was a good demand in the open market for that position and it soon became evident that the notices were being stopped by the December bull clique. This led to further gains and around midday the upward movement accelerated by a general crop estimate of 10,000,000 bales. Late in the day prices showed a net advance of 7 to 10 points on the active month with January selling at 10 cents. There were recessions at times as a result of the general tendency of the market to move from the close and the close was only 7 or 8 points off the last. Wall Street was very quiet during the day and there was some scattering demand through wire and commission houses to determine investing attractions by the light of crop estimates. The members of the Liverpool exchange estimate the crop at 11,000,000 bales, on the average. The advance was aided by talk of an improvement in general trade conditions and the fact that the market and advances from the South as to spot conditions were generally bullish.

Receipts at the ports to-day 45,355 against 51,024 last week and 32,371 last year. For the week ending Nov. 29, sales were 13,123 bales. Today's receipts at New Orleans 4,074 against 23,183 last year, and at Houston 3,867 against 15,514 last year.

## THE STOCK MARKET.

Early Part of Session Marked by Halting Irregular Movement—Time Money Market Indicates No Such Deadlock as Has Ruled Since Crisis.

New York, Nov. 29.—The human motives which always lie back of the action in the stock market were more evident to-day than usual. The halting irregular movement of the early market was quite plainly the reflection of the dread that the exigencies of the December 1st money settlements would not be met. It was found, however, in the kind which has come upon the market from time to time since the financial condition began to mend. There was, in fact, evidence of such liquidation at one or two points. The buying tone which developed later was evidently due to the conviction that the December settlements were not to entail serious burdens on the market. The money market to-day did reflect to some degree special demand from the preparation for the December 1st settlements. It was moderate that it was accepted as a favorable development as the day progressed; call loans touched 14 per cent.

The time money market also while still very narrow indicated no such deadlock as has ruled since the financial crisis. The decision to discontinue the offer of the United States Treasury 3 per cent. certificates was accepted as a testimony that the need for this emergency measure was considered to be passed. The premium on the 3 per cent. continued to decline and is expected to disappear as soon as the end of the month pay roll needs are met.

Bonds were very strong. Total sales for yesterday \$1,000,000.

U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales stocks to-day \$65,000 above, including: Copper 12%; Smelting 15,200; American Sugar 13%; American Tobacco 400; A. L. 100; St. Paul 25,200; C. & G. 100; C. & P. 1,600; Penna. 5,000; Regin 15,500; Southern Railway 100; pd. 2,200; Union Pacific 31,200; U. S. Steel 6,000; Va. Caro. Chemical 100; Sloans Shipped 100.

Baltimore, Nov. 29.—A. L. common was preferred, nothing doing.

New York, Nov. 29.—M. & O. c. 45 7/8 bid.

New York, Nov. 29.—Standard Oil 220.

Hinhard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Nov. 29.—Liverpool surprised the trade by showing greater strength than anticipated by any one. Under the influence of these advances the market moved improved, closing about 20 points advance, with the exception of looking for lower prices to-morrow, on the theory that the advance had been too rapid to hold. The strength of the Southern markets was thought to indicate an increase demand from shippers. On the other hand, it was argued that the buying increased in turn would bring about a reaction. Some of the Wall Street short interest covered to-day. While the market closed steady, the advances during the day, all show an enthusiastic belief in higher prices. The trade, who as a rule, were not in favor of higher prices. The receipts at Bombay are 42,000 bales as against 50,000 last year, confirming the report of a small crop in India.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 29.—Cotton spots were firm at an advance of 3 to 6 cents on all grades; middling 11.16; sales were 2,000 bales on the spot and 2,500 bales on the forward market.

Except for the December option, which opened three points down from Wednesday's close, the remainder of the active futures showed advances of from 3 to 7 points at the opening, which was steady. The firmness of the Liverpool market, particularly the Thanksgiving holiday in the American market, largely to the advance and activity in the local future market. The first heavy advance followed the report that one prominent New York house had stopped to buy December options that were put out in that market to-day. On the strength of this report, March futures quickly advanced to 11 cents, at which level there was considerable profit-taking by longs, while in this course on account of large estimates of arrivals at New Orleans (as far as possible). At the same time, which was barely steady, the active month ranged from 13 to 19 points above the close. Wednesday. Closing bids: Dec. 1st, \$10.97; Feb. 10.97; March 11.00; April 11.00; May 11.05; June 11.09; July 11.14.

New York Produce.

New York, Nov. 29.—Flour quiet and about steady. Rye flour steady. Corn meal steady. Rye No. 1 Western 50.

Wheat spot easy; No. 2 red 10% elec. wheat options closed weaker, 1c. net lower. Wheat 500 bales.

Corn spot easy; No. 2 red 6% diverted. Options 5% net lower. Dec. 6/4; May 6/4. Oats spot barely steady; mixed 5%. Beef steady. Cut meats steady. Lard steady. Western prime nominal; refined 50c.

Pork steady. Tallow dull. Petroleum oil. Rosin steady; strained common to knot \$3.50 to \$3.70. Molasses steady.

Sugar raw steady; fair refining \$3.15; \$3.25. Refined steady.

Coffee spot quiet; No. 1 Rio P. No. 4 Santos 7%; mild coffee steady; Cordova 8% to 10%. Future net unchanged.

Butter irregular; creamery third to fourth 22 to 27%.

Cheese and eggs quiet, unchanged.

Freights and peanuts steady, unchanged.

Potatoe easy; Jersey sweets per barrel 33 to 35¢; Southern 32 to 35¢.

Cabbage dull, unchanged.

Charlotte Produce.

Corrected daily by R. H. Field & Co.)

Chickens—spring ..... 30¢/50¢

Ducks ..... 15¢/20¢

Eggs ..... 25¢

Butter ..... 15¢/25¢

Corn ..... 25¢

Cotton seed ..... 25¢

Oats ..... 25¢

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Nov. 29.—Cotton seed oil was moderately active with crude firms.

Prices ranged from 25¢ to 27¢; prime summer yellow 34¢ to 35¢; off summer yellow 32¢ to 33¢; good of summer yellow 32¢ to 33¢; prime white 41¢ to 42¢; prime winter yellow 31¢ to 32¢.

## DAILY COTTON MARKET.

New York, Nov. 29.—Gallons 1,000; gross: middling 11.75; net receipts 11.75; gross receipts 11,125; sales 11,200; stock 10,300; Gt. Britain 4,220; France 4,000; elsewhere 1,000; total 30,300; stock 20,500.

New Orleans, tone firm; middling 11.50; net receipts 4,700; gross receipts 4,700; sales 2,200; stock 10,300; Gt. Britain 4,220; France 4,000; elsewhere 1,000; total 11,000; stock 20,500.

Baltimore, tone steady; middling 10%; net receipts 4,000; gross receipts 4,000; sales 2,200; stock 10,300; Gt. Britain 4,000; France 3,800; elsewhere 1,000; total 11,000; stock 20,500.

Charleston, tone firm; middling 10%; net receipts 1,000; gross receipts 1,000; sales 1,000; stock 10,300; Gt. Britain 4,000; France 3,800; elsewhere 1,000; total 11,000; stock 20,500.

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