e market opened steady at a decline to 2 points in response to lewer proof cables and reports that a replace soldes and had failed, but the first few minutes prices rallied heat a chade over the closing figures he provious day on covering and a to to the exchange from Liverpooling that the government estimated indian crop at 2,300,400 bales, against 4,000 bales last year. Subsequent fluctions were very narrow and irregular during the afternoon business was exically at a standstill. There was y little news as to spot conditions in south and there appeared to be notings in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation in the general situation. The innormal in the general situation in the general situation

THE STOCK MARKET.

Very Little Accomplished in Stock Exhange Owing to Pre-Holiday Influ-nce—Abstract of Condition of Na-ional Banks Regarded as Reassur-

ing.

New York, Dec. 24.—The stock exchange might almost as well not have been in session to-day for all that was accomplished. There was a slight spurt of activity in the first hour and after that the market became lethargic. The pre-holiday influence was partly responsible for this, although there was lacking the usual trimming process caused by closing up of accounts over the holiday, such outstanding accounts being apparently at a minimum. News of the closing of a Memphis savings bank kept alive the bad impression caused by Monday's bank happenings at Atlanta and New Orleans. The abstract of condition of national banks throughout the country shown by responses to the comptroller's call for December 3d was regarded as reasuring as to the condition of the banking fabric as a whole. The stagnant conditions increased as the day progressed,

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par

Bonds were steady. Total sales, par due, \$1,618,000 United States bonds were unchanged on Total sales to-day 162,400 shares, in-cluding: Sugar 2,100; Louisville & Nash-ville 500; Reading 35,100; Union Pacific 21,100; Southern Railway 1,000; Southern Reilway pfd. 300,

New York, Dec. 24.—Mobile & Ohio dilateral trust fours 73 bid. New York, Dec. 24.—Standard Oil 433.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

special to The Observer. New York, Dec. 24.—An official dispatch from the Liverpool Cotton Association gives the estimate of the India crop by the Indian government as 2,500,000 bules, as against 4,800,000 bales last 200,000 bales, as against 4,800,000 bales hast reason. This dispatch confirms the reports which have come through private sources of a reduction in the India crop, though it shows a larger falling off. Our thricket to-day has been entirely of a holiday craiseter, though the temper of the traders continues bearish, based on the axisting stringency in money markets which they believe will check the demand from American spinners. We believe the deficiency in the crops of this jounary and India will be more fully realized after the holidays and we expect better markets. We wish you all a most merry Christmas.

Hayward, Vick & Clark's Cotton Let-

New Streams, La., Dec. 24.—Affected by daxation in the demand for spots dur-g these holiday times, and suffering for of speculative support, the markets y make some concession to duliness, re is no change whatever in the stackal position of cotton which is as mig as ever but as spot demand is the builting agent and such demand will be come until after the first week of dly come until after the first week of dary a bullish turn in cotton may be respondingly delayed and friends of the staple may have to cultivate patience, while longer. However, we feel conficience about the ultimate outturn. At the mement bears have the field quite unapposed and could easily push it down urther. However, they show a strange dtation to increase their short lines vidently the strong position of cotton in e background is feared and sellers postantly battle with lack of conviction. Such small declines day after day usual-be culminate one day in a larger break, which is then the wind-up of that indi-vidual speculative period and it is for this last glomp that much of the profesnal short interests are waiting. Futures in Liverpool lost six points, spot prices are 10 lower, sales 3,000. Our market opened about six lower and trading is around opening figures for a long ie. It responded as readily to buying as selling. Memphis announced the failure of a small savings bank, with the comment that this had been expected for some time. Of course bears engrossed the matter into pessimistic prophecies of general financial troubles in the South. We see no reason for such. The situation is attackly improving in New York and if the financial centre is all right the country in general is liable to benefit. Talk and imagination do fore barm than facts. spot market is idle, some hedged f., cotton selling lower; no pressure on HAYWARD, VICK & CLARK.

Chicago Cattle Market.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Cattle—Receipts esti-nated about 5,000; market strong to 10c er; cows \$2.75 to \$4.50; helfers \$2.50 to bulls \$2.60 to \$4.90; calves \$3 to \$7 kers and feeders \$2.40 to \$4.50. Hogs-Receipts estimated about 18,090; market weak, 5 to 10c lower. Choice heavy shipping \$4.60 to \$4.70; butchers \$1.50 to \$4.65; light mixed \$4.50 to \$4.50; choice light \$4.50 to \$4.60; pigs \$3.75 to \$4.55; bulk of sales \$4.45 to \$4.60. Sheep-Receipts estimated about 5,000; narket steady to 25c higher; sheep 12 to 10; lambs 15 to 16.56; yearlings 31 to

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton seed oil was firm on light offerings and professional bull support. Prime crude 296/28/2; prime summer yellow 274-638; off summer yellow 256/28; good off summer yellow white 37642 prime winter

New York Cattle Market.

w York, Dec. 24 - Heeves-Reccipts ilves Receipts 279. Veals \$5 to \$9.50; s \$4 to \$4.50; barnyard calves \$3; Westns nominal.

These and lambs—Receipts 4.563, Sheet.

If to \$450; culls \$2 to \$2.50; lambs \$5.50

\$1.75; bulls \$4

Hogs—Receipts 4,961. All for slaughter-

The Money Market.

York, Dec. 24 -- Money on call firm, per cent.; closing bid 6; offered

loans firm, 6) days 15 and 20 days ime loans firm, to days is and 20 days ner cent. 5 months 3 per cent.

Hose: Prime mercantile paper 74/73 cent. Sterling exchange very weak the actual business in bankers bills at 56/454.56 for demand and at 579.254.50 for 64-day bills. Commercial bills has sliver 57%. Mexican dollars 41 comment bonds steady, Railroad bonds

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wise 1.554.

Wilmington: Tone steady: middling 10 5-16; net receipts 4,200; gross receipts 4,344; stock 52,256.

Norfolk: Tone dull; middling 11 3-16; net receipts 4,157; gross receipts 6,157; siles 751; stock 50,421; coastwise 1,422.

Enithmore: Tone nonlinal: middling II-76; gross receipts 550; stock 2,239.

New York: Tone steady: middling II-70; net receipts 40; gross receipts 1,125; sales 400; stock 128,513; Japan 3,400.

Boston: Tone steady: middling 11.70; gross receipts 2,153; Great Britain 1,044.

Philadelphia: Tone steady: middling 11,50; gross receipts 2,151; stock 5,171.

Tensacola: Net receipts 300; gross receipts 5tock 5,171.

stock 5,721.

Pensacola: Net reseipts 300; gross receipts 300; continent 300
Total to-day, at all ports—Net 94,240; Great Britain 24,542; continent 57,403; Japan 3,000; stock 773,130.

Consolidated, at all ports—Net 197,726; Great Britain 55,167; France 8,014; continent 112,256; Japan 3,000.

Total since Sept. 1st. at all ports—Net 4,65,104; Great Britain 1,421,075; France 425,57; continent 1,511,217; Japan 55,427; Mexico 1,020.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

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Houston: Tone steady, middling 11%; net receipts 28,259; gross receipts 28,259; shipments 25,721; stock 48,122

Augusta. Tone queet; middling 11; net receipts 2,329; gross receipts 3,534; shipments 2,217; sales 758; stock 63,488.

Memphis: Tone steady; middling 11%; net receipts 5,231; gross receipts 6,122; shipments 1,517; sales 250; stock 16,650.

St. Louis: Tone dull; middling 11%; net receipts 649; gross receipts 131; gross receipts 2,118; shipments 2,469; stock 17,506.

Cincinnati: Net receipts 183; gross receipts 183; shipments 239; stock 12,506.

Louisville: Tone firm; middling 11%.

Little Rock: Tone steady; middling 10%; net receipts 1,231; gross receipts 1,232; shipments 1,314; stock 27,477.

Total to-day; Net receipts 38,655; gross receipts 42,579; shipments 31,623; stock 306,564.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—S. A. L. common and pfd nothing doing.

New Orleans Cotton.

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New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Cotton, spots were quict and easy with prices unchanged. Middling 11½; sales were 700 bales on the spot and 1,3% to arrive.

Futures opened steady 4 to 5 points below the close yesterday, which was about in conformity with the cable reports, and was almost immediately afterward adversely affected by the suspension of a Memphis bank. This was followed by a reaction due to profit-taking by shorts, on the strength of which the market was buoyed up to an expected degree. At the close, which was steady, the active list ranged from 1 to 5 points below the close yesterday;

Closing bids: December 10.86, nominal; January 10.79; February 10.77; March 10.76; April 10.78; May 10.79; June 10.89; July 10.52.

Dry Goods Market.

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New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton goods market was on the dull side for the day, but more trade is passing than was in evidence two weeks back. Converters and cutters will take goods in small lots, but they demand them at very low figures which mills are in no hurry to take. The joobbers will begin their clearance sales Thursday morning. The event will offer retailers special opportunities for their January and February business. The impression is found in some quarters of the print cloth market that prices have been over-discounted in the sales between second hands and that in another week it will be apparent that mills cannot accept new business on the terms now offered unless there is a very radical change in the costs of production.

New York Produce.

New York, Dec. 24.—Flour quiet, but firmly held. Rye flour firm. Buckwheat flour steady. Corn ineal firm. Rye firm, No. 2 Western 91.

Wheat spot firm; No. 2 red 106 elevants of the company of the comp tor: options 1c net higher. December 10714; May 1124; July 1054.

Corn. spot firm; No. 2 elevator 72; options %c net higher. December 71; May

Oats spot easy, mixed 54. Beef steady. Cut meats quiet. Lard western prime \$19@820.
Western prime \$19@820, city 5%;
steady, Tallow steady; city 5%; Pork steady, Tallow steady; city 5%; country 5%, Petroleum steady. Rosin quiet. Turpentine easy, 45. Rice quiet. Molasses steady.
Sogar, raw, quiet; fair refining 380@335;
centrifuçal -96 test 385; molasses sugar
200.686; refined quiet.
Coffee, spot quiet: Rio No. 7, 6%;
Suntos No. 4, bc. Mild coffee quiet; cordova 346613. Futures net unchanged to 5
points lower.
Butter firm and unchanged. Cheese
quiet; and unchanged. Cheese Molasses steady.

quiet and unchanged.

Eggs weak; nearby selected white 386 40; good to choice 32636; brown and mixed farcy 34; average best 51633; first to extra first 25630.

Freights and peanuts steady and unchanged. Potatoes steady and unchanged.

Sabbages easy and unchanged. Baltimore Produce.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.-Flour firm and un wheat dull, spot contract 102%@108; No.

2 red Western 1044@104%. Southern on grade 38@1024.

Corn steady, old spot mixed 58; new spot mixed 52@624; old 2 white 68; new Southern white corn 575@614; new Southern white corn 575@614; new Southern vellow 60@4.

Oats quiet, No. 2 mixed 540544. Rye firm; No. 2 Western export 82687.

Butter firm and unchanged; fancy imitation 24625; fancy crefmery 30%31; fancy ladic 22%23; fancy store packed 16648.

Eggs steady and unchanged 16648.

Eggs steady and unchanged 14632.

Cheese firm and unchanged; large 144; flats 144; small 144. Sugar unchanged; coarse granulated 500; finc 500.

Naval Stores.

Wilmington, Dec. 24.-Spirits pentine quiet. 40%; receipts none Rosin quiet. 20; receipts 148. Tar, nothing doing; receipts 69. Crude turpentine firm, 200, 300 and 300; receipts 20.

New Orleans, Dec. 24.—Receipts 103 bar-rels rosin; 17 barrels turpentine. Exports none.

Savannah, Dec. 24.—Spirits turpentine firm, 41; sales 330; receipts 732; shipments Bo. Rosin firm; sales 3,315; receipts 3,579; shipments 1,422; stock 115,207; Quote: A B C 275; D 275; E 276; F 260; G 290; H 256; I 250; K 460; M 525; N 660; W G 900; W W 600.

Charleston, Dec. 24.—Turpentine and roisin, nothing doing; quotations omitted.

Liverpool Cotton, Liverpool Cotton,
Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Cotton, small huginess done; prices 10 points lower; American middling fair 6.66; good middling 6.79; middling 6.04; low middling 5.70; good ordinary 5.28; ordinary 4.78.

The sales of the day were 3,000 bales, of which 509 were for speculation and export and included 2.700 American. Receipts 44.00; bales, including 28,600 American. Fatures opened easier and closed steady; American middling g. o. c.;

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Chicago Grain.

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Chicago, Dec. 24.—An alleged scarcity of wheat in the Northwest caused an advance of more than ic in the price of wheat here to day. At the close May what was 3.601c higher. Corn was up 4.0%c; outs were 4c lower. Provisions were 50.7%c lower.

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Chicago Grain and Provisions, High Low Close

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