Financial and Commercial

COTTON MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—The cotton market had a sharp break during the day but recovered most of the loss in the late trading and closed very steady at a net decline of 1 to 4 points. Sales were estimated at 350,000 bales. The market opened barely steady at a decline of 3 to 5 points but quickly sold off to a net loss of 1 to 9 points under scattering liquidation and local bear pressure, although the English market made a fairly steady showing.

At this level there was enough covering to cause a slight rally during the middle of the morning but there was no sign of bull support and the market soon weakened again under the large estimates for to-morrow's leading points and a renewal of liquidation. After showing a net loss of 10 to 12 points on the active months, with January touching 8.44 and May 8.60 or within 5 points of the lowest prices of last Friday. However, the market rallied on a rumor that the preliminary figures of the National Ginners' Association showed only 720,000 bales ginned during the period from December 1st to December 13th. There was considerable covering toward the close, and last prices were at practically the best point of the day. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged to ⅛ net lower. New York receipts of cotton to-day were about 14,000 bales, of which 8,294 were consigned or on order and will probably be inspected for delivery on December contracts.

Receipts at the ports to-day 59,019 bales against 63,143 last week and 61,232 last year. For the week 380,000 bales against 416,667 last week and 400,715 last year. To-day's receipts at New Orleans 22,656 bales against 12,582 last year, and at Houston 17,485 bales against 13,358 last year.

STOCK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 14.—Speculative operations in stocks were restrained by the outlook in the money market, but in the absence of actual withdrawal of credits there was no active pressure to sell. The marking up of prices here and there in the list was a sustaining influence and facilitated what profit taking sales were made without much effect on prices until a sudden relapse at the end which wiped out the gains. The report of sub-Treasury operations revealed the principal factor of depletion of bank reserves in the gain of Saturday of that institution of $10,528,000 bringing the loss of the banks to the government for the new banking week to $15,337,000. These changes are due to the payments for subscriptions to the Panama canal bonds. This sum, added to the $2,900,000 gold shipped to Paris on Saturday which has not yet figured in the bank statement, stands opposed to a surplus reserve of the banks on Saturday of $14,590,625.

The possibility of a check to the gold outgo was a factor in the strength shown by the stock market.

One of the day's incidents that had a sentimental effect on the speculation was the rise in the price of Standard Oil in the curb market to about 700 for the first time in over three years.

The Supreme Court decision exempting E. H. Harriman from the obligation to answer questions of the Interstate Commerce Commission was regarded as a step towards restriction of the power of the commission.

American Smelting was the weak feature. This, coupled with the flurry to ... per cent. in call money caused the late break in prices.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, $5,690,000.

U. S. bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales to-day 1,000,000 shares, including: Copper 21,000; Smelting 27,700; Sugar 400; Tobacco 100; A. C. L. 300; B. & O. 32,500; C. & O. 13,800; Erie 29,300; Great Northern pfd. 31,400; L. & N. 500; M. K. & T. 31,900; N. Y. Central 50,600; Penna. 62,100; Reading 107,800; Southern Pacific 45,500; Southern Railway 2,000; pfd. 1,000; U. P. 92,400; U. S. Steel 66,600; Va.-Caro. Chemical 300; Wabash pfd. 35,800.

Hubbard Bros. & Co.'s Cotton Letter.

Special to The Observer.

New York, Dec. 14.—Offers from the South were given as the reason for the failure of Liverpool to respond to the steadiness of our market on Saturday. On these disappointing advices and the large movement we slowly receded until a report became current that the national ginners' report would be bullish when the market quickly improved closing very steady on local buying. The Southern markets were lower during the day as spinners are not buying as freely as during November. Shipments are being made here for delivery on December, which will be received and probably be retendered on January in large quantities. It is the general impression that there is a large unprotected short interest in December, scattered among many interests which will bring cotton here while in January the tenders will be made by cotton houses. This is the reason of the wider differences between January and the distant deliveries. There is no change in the general situation, the movement continues to indicate a large crop while the slow outside buying continues.

Naval Stores.

Wilmington, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine steady, 37½; receipts 45 casks.
Rosin steady, $2.70; receipts 234.
Tar firm, $1.70; receipts 151.
Crude turpentine firm, $2, $3 and $3; receipts 109.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 14.—Turpentine firm at 38c.
Rosin firm. Quote: A B C $2.90; D $2.90; E $2.95; F $2.97½; G $2.97½; H $3.05; I $4.05; K $5; M $6.70; N $6.95; W G ...; W W $6.40.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 14.—Turpentine firm, 38 to 38¼; sales 1,167; receipts 326; shipments 469.
Rosin firm; sales 1,815; receipts 2,654; shipments 1,016; stock 153,078. Quote: B D E F and G $3 to $3.05; H $3.40 to $3.45; I $4.15; K $5.10; M $6.60; N $6.15; W G $6.40; W W $6.50.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Receipts: 298 barrels rosin; 129 barrels turpentine.
Exports, none.

Chicago Cattle.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Cattle, receipts estimated at 20,000; market 10c lower; steers $4.60 to $7.80; cows $3 to $5.25; heifers 2.50 to $4.60; bulls $2.75 to $4.50; calves $2.50 to $8.25; stockers and feeders $2.50 to $4.35.

Hogs, receipts estimated at 50,000; market strong; choice heavy shipping $5.70 to $5.80; butchers $5.65 to $5.75; light mixed $5.10 to $5.30; choice light $5.35 to $5.45; pigs $4 to $5.15; bulk of sales $5.40 to $5.65.

Sheep, receipts estimated at 40,000; market 10 to 20c lower; sheep $4 to $5; lambs $5.35 to $7.75; yearlings $4.75 to $6.25.

Cotton Seed Oil.

New York, Dec. 14.—Cotton seed oil was about steady for spot, while futures were easier under bear pressure. Prime crude 25½ to 30; prime summer yellow 33½ to 34½; off summer yellow 33½ to 34½; good off summer yellow 37 to 38; prime white 39 to 41½; prime winter yellow 41 to 42½.

Daily Cotton Market.

New York, Dec. 14.—Galveston, tone quiet; middling 8 13-16; net receipts 22,656; gross receipts 22,656; sales 2,325; stock 276,651; France 9,415; continent 650; coastwise 6,210.

New Orleans, tone quiet and steady; middling 8⅝; net recipts 11,677; gross receipts 11,677; sales 2,259; stock 293,749; continent 7,062.

Mobile, tone steady; middling 8⅝; net receipts 3,598; gross receipts 3,598; sales 1,100; stock 76,103; coastwise 22.

Savannah, tone dull; middling 8 7-16; net receipts 8,694; gross receipts 8,694; sales 1,716; stock 159,039; coastwise 2,238.

Charleston, tone quiet; middling 8 5-16; net receipts 1,671; gross receipts 1,671; stock 23,263; coastwise 2,793.

Wilmington, tone steady; middling 8⅝; net receipts 1,294; gross receipts 1,294; sales 200; stock 26,462.

Norfolk, tone quiet; middling 8 13-16; net receipts 5,160; gross receipts 5,160; sales 943; stock 48,855; coastwise 7,602.

Baltimore, tone nominal; middling 8⅝; gross receipts 740; stock 29,324; coastwise 1,550.

New York, tone quiet; middling 9.10; net receipts 104; gross receipts 14,022; sales 5,200; stock 116,794; Gt. Britain 1,577; France 4,057; continent 300.

Boston, tone quiet; middling 9.10; gross receipts 7,009.

Philadelphia, tone quiet; middling 9.35; net receipts 3; gross receipts 182; stock 5,817.

San Francisco, net receipts 4,421; gross celpts 851; Japan 851.

Jacksonville, net receipts 851; gross receipts 851; Japan 851.

Total to-day, at all ports, net 59,019; Gt. Britain 1,577; France 13,472; continent 8,012; Japan 5,272; stock 1,118,285.

Consolidated, at all ports, net 114,869; Gt. Britain 45,642; France 13,472; continent 8,013; Japan 5,272.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net 6,429,673; Gt. Britain 1,607,680; France 531,056; continent 1,662,400; Japan 54,638; Mexico 1,502.

INTERIOR MOVEMENT.

Houston, tone quiet; middling 8 1-16; net receipts 17,485; gross receipts 17,485; shipments 14,294; sales 2,378; stock 137,514.

Augusta, tone quiet; middling 8⅝; net receipts 2,062; gross receipts 2,124; shipments 1,531; sales 1,000; stock 100,068.

Memphis, tone steady; middling 8⅝; net receipts 5,872; gross receipts 9,721; shipments 7,922; sales 2,900; stock 72,282.

St. Louis, tone dull; middling 9; net receipts 1,350; gross receipts 5,694; shipments 5,656; sales 30; stock 35,687.

Cincinnati, net receipts 689; gross receipts 689; shipments 608; stock 18,461.

Louisville, tone firm; middling 9¼.

Little Rock, tone quiet; middling 8⅝; net receipts 1,336; gross receipts 1,336; shipments 2,089; stock 41,451.

Total to-day, net receipts 28,294; gross receipts 36,571; shipments 33,098; sales 5,807; stock 505,704.

New Orleans Cotton.

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—Spot cotton: Quiet and steady, unchanged; middling 8⅝; sales on the spot 1,100 bales; to arrive 1,150.

Futures opened quiet at a decline of 4 to 6 points under the influence of depressing cables. During the first half of the season continued liquidation of the long interest was the main feature of the trading. Outside longs let go freely. Room traders put out scalping short lines on the soft spots and the buying back of these contracts steadied the market toward the close and brought about reaction, prices rising until they were 2 to 3 points higher than Saturday's closing. At the lowest of the day the active positions were 8 to 9 points net down. The close was steady with prices showing a net advance of 1 to 2 points.

Closing bids:

December	8.64
January	8.63
February, nominal	8.63
March	8.68
April, nominal	8.70
May	8.74
June, nominal	8.78
July	8.84

Liverpool Cotton.

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Closing cotton: Spot moderate business done, prices unchanged; American middling fair 5.39; good middling 5.08; middling 4.87; low middling 4.67; good ordinary 4.16; ordinary 3.76. The sales of the day were 7,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 6,700 American. Receipts 28,000 bales, including 18,800 American.

Futures opened steady and closed quiet.

	Close
December	4.65
December-January	4.63½
January-February	4.62
February-March	4.61½
March-April	4.61
April-May	4.61
May-June	4.61½
June-July	4.62
July-August	4.61
August-September	4.55
September-October	4.51
October-November	4.49
November-December	4.47
December-January	4.46½
January-February	4.46

Comparative Port Receipts.

	To-day	Last Year
Galveston	22,656	——
New Orleans	11,671	——
Mobile	3,598	——
Total (est.)	65,000	61,182

Chicago Grain and Provisions.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Selling by local holders caused weakness to-day in the wheat market, prices at the close showing net declines of ¾ and ⅞ to 1⅛. Corn, oats and provisions closed steady.

	High.	Low.	Close.
WHEAT—			
May	106¼	104⅞	104⅞
July	99⅞	97¾	98¼
December	100⅝	low	100
CORN—			
May	61⅞	61¼	61⅝
July	61⅞	61⅛	61⅝
December	58	57⅝	57⅝
OATS—			
May	52⅝	52⅛	52⅝
July	47⅛	47⅛	47⅝
December	50⅝	50⅛	50⅛
PORK—			
January	15.50	15.65	15.72
May	——	16.00	16.07
LARD—			
January	9.17	9.10	9.[illegible]
May	9.42	9.37	9.37
RIBS—			
January	8.22	8.15	8.17
May	8.52	8.41	8.47

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These figures represent prices paid to wagons December 14th:

Good middling	8⅛
Strict middling	8⅛
Middling	8¼

Charlotte Produce.

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

Butter	12½@15
Chickens—spring	20@25
Ducks	20@25
Eggs	24@25
Geese—per head	40@50
Hens—per head	30@35
Turkeys—per pound	12@14

Estimates.

	To-morrow.
Houston	27,000-28,000
Galveston	20,000-23,000

Charlotte Grain.

(Corrected daily by Cochrane-McLaughlin Co.)

Rye	$1.05
Corn	90
Cotton Seed	24
Oats	65
Meal Seed	24
Cotton Meal Seed, ton	28.00

Interior Receipts.

	T-oday
Houston	17,485

New York Cotton.

New York, Dec. 14.—Cotton: Spot closed quiet; middling uplands 9.10; middling gulf 9.35; sales 5,200 bales.

Futures opened barely steady and closed very steady.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	8.88	8.90	8.86	8.90
Jan.	8.55	8.55	8.44	8.53
Feb.				8.52
March	8.63	8.63	8.53	8.62
April				8.61
May	8.69	8.69	8.60	8.69
June				8.67
July	8.67	8.68	8.58	8.67
Aug.	8.55	8.55	8.53	8.55
Sept.				8.44
Oct.	8.46	8.46	8.41	8.45

NEW YORK BONDS.

U. S. refunding 2s, registered	103⅛
U. S. refunding 2s, coupon	104
U. S. 3s, registered	109⅝
U. S. 3s, coupon	110⅝
U. S. 4s, registered	139¼
U. S. 4s, coupon	121
American Tobacco 4s	79
American Tobacco 6s	107⅝
Atchison general 4s	101
Atchison adjustment 4s	95⅝
Atchison cv. 4s	102⅝
Atchison cv. 5s	105⅝
Atlantic Coast Line 4s bid	95⅝
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	100⅛
Baltimore & Ohio 3½s bid	94⅝
Brooklyn R. T. cv. 4s	82⅝
Central of Georgia 5s	100⅛
Central of Georgia 1st Inc. bid	90
Central of Georgia 2d Inc.	42
Central of Georgia 3d Inc.	33
Chesapeake & Ohio 4½s	100⅛
Chicago & Alton 3½s bid	78
Chicago, B. & Quincy new 4s	99⅛
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. 4s	75⅝
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. col. 5s	89⅝
Chicago, R. I. & P. R. R. rfdg. 4s	80
C., C., C. & St. Louis gen. 4s	87⅝
Colorado Industrial 5s	75⅛
Colorado Midland 4s	70
Colorado & Southern 4s	80⅝
Delaware & Hudson cv. 4s	104⅝
Denver & Rio Grande 4s bid	90
Erie prior lien 4s bid	89
Erie general 4s	75⅝
Hocking Valley 4½s old	107⅛
Interborough-Met. 4½s	78⅛
Japan 4s bid	82
Japan 4½s	84⅝
Japan 4½s, 2d Series	81
Louisville & Nash. Unified 4s	102
Manhattan consol gold 4s	99
Mexican Central 4s	65
Mexican Central 1st Inc. bid	22⅝
Minn. & St. Louis 4s	86
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	29
Missouri, Kansas & Texas 2ds bid	87½
National R. R. of Mexico consol 4s	81
New York Central gen. 3½s	94⅝
New Jersey Central general 5s bid	127⅝
Northern Pacific 4s	103⅛
Northern Pacific 3s	78⅛
Norfolk & Western consol 4s bid	96⅛
Oregon-Short Line rfdg. 4s	94⅛
Penn. cv. 3½s, 1915	94⅝
Penn. Consol 4s	104⅛
Reading General 4s	101
Republic of Cuba 5s bid	103⅛
St. L. & Iron Mountain con. 5s b.	111⅝
St. Louis & San Francisco fg. 6s b.	85⅛
St. Louis Southwestern con. 4s bid	76
Seaboard Air Line 4s	63½
Southern Pacific 4s	91½
Southern Pacific 4s st.	96⅝
Southern Railway 5s	109⅛
Texas & Pacific 1sts	115
Toledo, St. L. & Western 4s bid	82½
Union Pacific 4s	104
Union Pacific cv. 4s	106⅝
U. S. Steel 2d 5s	102⅝
Wabash 1sts bid	111
Western Md. 4s	80⅛
Wheeling & Lake Erie 4s bid	83
Wisconsin Central 4s	89⅝
N. Y., N. H. and H. cv. 6s ctfs	136½
Lake Shore 4s (1931)	95⅝

CLOSING STOCK LIST.

Amalgamated Copper	52⅝
American Car & Foundry	46⅝
American Car & Foundry pfd.	107½
American Cotton Oil	41⅛
American Hide & Leather pfd.	39⅛
American Ice Securities	32½
American Linseed	16½
American Locomotive	55½
American Locomotive pfd.	110⅝
American Smelting & Refng.	84⅛
American Smelting & Refng. pfd.	109⅛
American Sugar Refining	131½
American Tobacco pfd.	92⅝
American Woolen	31⅛
Anaconda Mining Co.	48⅝
Atchison	97⅝
Atchison pfd.	102⅛
Atlantic Coast Line	110⅝
Baltimore & Ohio	111
Baltimore & Ohio pfd.	91⅛
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	45⅝
Canadian Pacific	177
Central Leather	30⅝
Central Leather pfd.	100
Central of New Jersey	218
Chesapeake & Ohio	67½
Chicago Great Western	31⅛
Chicago & North Western	139
Chicago, Mil. & St. Paul	150½
C., C., C. & St. Louis	60
Colorado Fuel & Iron	39
Colorado & Southern	58⅛
Colorado & Southern 1st pfd.	72
Colorado & Southern 2d pfd.	68⅛
Consolidated Gas	154⅛
Corn Products	17⅛
Delaware & Hudson	170⅛
Denver & Rio Grande	36⅝
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	92
Distillers' Securities	55⅝
Erie	34⅝
Erie 1st pfd.	49½
Erie 2d pfd.	40
General Electric	157
Great Northern pfd.	144⅛
Great Northern Ore ctfs.	73⅛
Illinois Central	140⅝
Interborough-Met.	16⅝
Interborough-Met. pfd.	29⅝
International Paper	11⅛
International Paper pfd.	56⅛
International Pump	35⅝
Iowa Central	30⅝
Kansas City Southern	31⅛
Kansas City Southern pfd.	65⅛
Louisville & Nashville	122⅛
Minneapolis & St. Louis	50
Minn., St. P. & Sault St. M.	131½
Missouri Pacific	65⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	35⅝
Missouri, Kansas & Texas pfd.	71⅛
National Lead	50
New York Central	129½
New York, Ontario & Western	46⅝
Norfolk & Western	84⅛
North American	73
Northern Pacific	143⅛
Pacific Mail	35
Pennsylvania	139⅝
People's Gas	109⅝
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Pressed Steel Car	42⅝
Rock Island Co. pfd.	60⅝
St. Louis & San Fran. 2d pfd.	40
St. Louis Southwestern	26⅝
St. Louis Southwestern pfd.	52⅝
Sloss-Sheffield Steel & Iron	78⅛
Southern Pacific	120⅝
Southern Pacific pfd.	128⅛
Southern Railway	27⅝
Southern Railway pfd.	59⅛
Tennessee Copper	44
Texas & Pacific	33⅝
Toledo, St. Louis & West.	41⅛
Toledo, St. Louis & West. pfd.	69⅝
Union Pacific	182⅝
Union Pacific pfd.	93⅛
United States Rubber	34
United States Rubber 1st pfd.	107
United States Steel	54⅛
United States Steel pfd.	112⅝
Utah Copper	46⅝
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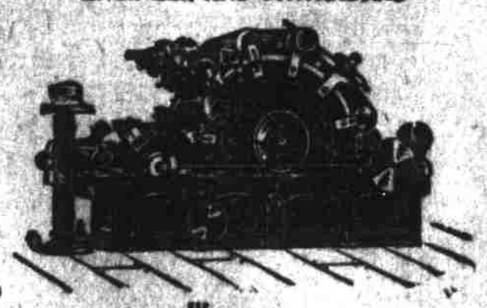

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