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American Sugar	9434
American Sugar 95 Anaconda Copper 56%	5534
Atchison	77%
Atlantic Coast Line 81	80%
Baidwin Locomotive 54%	5414
Baltimore and Ohio 41 1/2 Bethlehem Steel "B" 70 1/4	40%
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Central Leather 593	129 %
Chesapeake and Ohio 4814	58%
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Ch'go, R. I. and Pac 1714	17
Colorado Fuel and Iron 3334	12.0 7%
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Cuba Cane Sugar 27	48 1/6 26 7/6
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Great Northern pfd 82	81%
Gulf States Steel	81
Inspiration Copper 39%	3914
Int. Mer. Marine 20%	19%
Int. Mer. Marine pfd 80%	7946
International Paper	26 2314
Kennecott Copper 30%	3012
Louisville and Nashville 108 4	1071
Mexican Petroleum	32
Midvale Steel 418	7214
Missouri Pacific 23	2314
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N. V. N. H. and I ford	63%
Norfolk and Western 9616	9614
Northern Pacific 78	774
Ohio Cities Gas 83%	3814
Pittsburg Coal 40	41% 39%
Ray Con. Copper 20%	2017
Reading 681/4	6814
Rep. Iron and Steel 74%	72%
Reaboard Air Line off	16%
Sinclair Oil and Rig 2714	27
Sloss. Shef. Steel and Ironb	34
Bouthern Pacific 781/2	78%
Southern Rallway pfd 5514	5514
Studebaker Corporation 45	44
Tennessee Copper 11%	11%
Tobacco Products	12814
Union Pacific	10314
United Cigar Stores 861/2	86
United Fruit	10814
United States Rubber 491/	491/4
United States Steel 8414	884
United States Steel pfd104	1031/
Virginia Curo Chem	74
Wabash Pfd. "A" 82	3714
Westinghouse Electric 3614	35%
American Tel. and Tel 99%	98%
General Electric	1224
Northern Pacific   78	res.
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SHARP REACTIONS IN N. Y. COT	TON.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—An early advance was followed by sharp reactions in the cotton market today. December contracts made a new high record for the season, selling at 30/73 or 23 points above last night's closing, but as soon as the demand from near month shorts subsided, the list turned easier under realizing or selling for a reaction. The general market closed easy at a net decline of 4 to 7 points.

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The market opened steady at a decline of 6 points to an advance of 13 points. A large number of December notices were reported out than on any previous notice day this month, but they were estimated at not over 3,000 bales and were soon taken. The market then turned firm on covering by near month shorts, while there was trade buying of March and May and a few stop orders were uncovered. For a time December traded at a premimum of 100 points over January, but this seemed sufficient to ease the situation somewhat and selling became more active as the demand slackened. Rather less buillah southern spot advices accompanied the afternoon decline. Reports of diminishing prospects for a sperste peace between Russia and Germany and a firm stock market, probably contributed to an early advance. Trading in December will end at noon on Monday.

Open High Low Close

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NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The authoritative statement that all reports concerning the next government loan are merely conjectural and decidedly premature and signs of a collapse of the peace negotiations between Russia and the central powers contributed to the further strength of the stock market today.

Prices after the preliminary period of uncertainty advanced 2 to 3 points among leading issues with greater gains in the varied list of speciaties.

Rails and the more representative industrials moved to highest levels in the afternoon but shaded a point or more towards the end with the definite announcement that action on the railroad situation is to be postponed until later the holidays.

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Exchange on France, Russia and Spain moved more in favor of these countries, rubles being in fair demand for the first time in weeks.

All the foreign bonds augmented yesterday's gains some 2 by 4 per cent. Domestic issues also displayed firmer tendencies. Liberty 4's sold at 97.10 to 97.00 and the 3%'s 98.34 to 98.10. Total bond sales, par value, amounted to \$5.375,000.

U. S. old coupon 4's rose % per cent. on sales, other issues remaining un-changed on call.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO. Dec. 31.—Corn prices took a downward swing today owing largely to reports that the lifting of the railroad embargo cast of Chicago had falled to stimulate shipping demand. The market closed unsettled % to 1% net lower, with January 1.24% to 1.24% and May 1.22% to 1.22%. Oats finished % to 2 cents down, but provisions up 27 to 50c.

Grain and provisions. Close:

CCRN—

January 1.24%

January 1.24% May 1.22% DATS—

Arias 24.40 May 24.77 Cash Grain. 24.77 Corn No. 2 yellow nominal: No. 3 yellow nominal: No. 4 yellow 1.52@1.57. Live Stock. Hogs strong. Bulk 16.10@16.60; Hight 15.30@16.55; mixed 15.90@16.70; heavy 15.90@16.70; rough 15.90@16.05; pigs 11.25 @14.50. @14.50.
Cattle steady. Native steers 7.25@14.35;
western steers 5.30@12.75; stockers and
feeders 6.25@10.20; cows and heifers 5.10
@11.20; calves 2.00@16.50.
Sheep weak. Wethers 2.00@13.90; ewes
8.90@11.89; lambs 12.50@16.35.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

NEW ORLEANS. Dec. 21—Fluctuations in cotton here today were narrow, the market holding steady at a small net advance during the greater part of the sesion, but weakening toward the end under the influence of small mill takings. The close was at the lowest, a net decline of 12 to 21 points.

Advances were based on favorable spot accounts and the buillish construction on war news. On the opening call scattered selling put prices 7 to 9 points off, but good support met this mag and the improvement resulting carried active months.

In THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 22d, one of the leading articles deals with the possibilities in the German drive on the Western front, and how it may affect the Allies chances of victory. Other features are: Turning the Light On Our War Activities

Editorial Opinion Upon The Charges Before Congress of a Lack of Efficiency

American forces can get into the field.

Is the U.S. Government Competent to Run the Railroads? Germany's Deep-Laid Plot Against U. S. When the Germans Awake Building Cities While You Wait Wanted: A Clothes Administration

Daylight in the Workshops Fooling the Enemy's Eye Christmas in the Redeemed Jerusalem India's Christians for Free India News of Finance and Industry

A Revenue Tax That Passeth Understanding Fixing the Blame for the Halifax Tragedy

German Wails Over Submarine Failure Transportation Evils and Remedies (Prepared by the U. S. Food Administration) The Best Food to Fight On Good Results From Poor Fuel Heifetz: New Wizard of the Violin When the Soldier "Goes West" Best of the Current Poetry

Many Striking Illustrations, Including the Week's Best Cartoons. This Week's Digest Cover is Unusually Attractive, Depicting American Jackies Receiving Their Christmas Boxes at Sea

Can Desperate Germany

Break Through?

belied by evidences of her desperate determination to win before our soldiers

arrive in force. Thus dispatches tell of westward-moving German troop-trains

congesting the roads to Flanders, of Austrian forces shifted to the French

front, and of a growing intensity of Teutonic artillery-fire along the whole Western line. Advices that leak out from Germany all indicate that the

Kaiser's only hope of victory lies in delivering a "knock-out" blow, before

Germany's profest contempt for America's war preparations is somewhat

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December 22d Number on Sale To-day—All News-dealers—10 Cents



2 to 11 points over yesterday's close. The tone held steady until late in the day.

Mill takings this week were 370,000 bales against 447,000 bales this week last year. This offset the effect of the advance of 25 points in spot quotations which carried middling to 29.13, as compared with the highest price quoted in January of 28.65. No great selling power developed at any time and the market had much of a holiday feeling. Much of the late selling appeared to come from liquidating longs.

It is the sate sating appeared to come from it is a closing bid: January 28.42; March 28.00; May 27.80; July 27.51; October 26.40.

Spot ootton steady, 25 points up. Sales on the spot 2,701; to arrive 70; middling 29.13.

NEW YORK MONEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21-Mercantile paper

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Sterling 80 day bills 4.71½; commercial 60 day bills on banks 4.71; commercial 60 day bills 4.70½; demand 4.75½; cables 4.76 7-18.
Bar silver 86½.
Mexican dollars 68½.
Government bonds firm.
Railroad bonds strong.
Time loans strong; 60, 90 days and six months 5½.
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LIVERPOOL COTTON.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Cotton spot show; prices steady. Good middling 22.84; middling 22.31; low middling 21.79. Sales 2,000 bales, including 1,800 American. Re-ceipts 2,000 bales, including 200 Ameri-can. Cotton futures closed quiet, new contracts: January 22.44; March 22.29; May 22.19. Old contracts, fixed prices; December 21.16; December-January 21.10; January - February 20.91; March April 20.73; May-June 29.57.

NEW YORK CATTLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Beeves irregular steers 8.50@12.50; bulls 6.25@10.75; cows 4.75@9.00.
Calves steady; veals 14.00@17.50; culls 11.00@18.50; grassers 8.00@9.50.
Sheep and lambs steady; lambs 18.50@19.00; culls 15.00; sheep 8.00@11.50; culls Hogs lower; hogs 16.50@17.00; pigs and roughs 15.75.

NEW YORK PRODUCE.

NEW YORK, Dec., 21.—Raw sugar steady; new Cuban centrifugal, government price, 5.92; molasses nominal; refined steady; fine granulated 8.15@8.35.
Bufter steady; cheese irregular.
Spot coffee firm; Rio 7's 7%; Santos

NEW YORK DRY GOODS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Cotton goods here today were firm and quiet. The only concessions reported were on a few constructions of print cloths. Sheetings and drills were firm and fine goods quiet. Wool markets were quiet and unsettled.

LIVERPOOL COTTON. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 21.—Weekly cotton statistics: Total forwarded to mills, 45,000 bales, American 35,000; stock 430,000, American 255,000; imports 74,000, American 55,000; exports none.

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Trains Arrive from—
No. 9 Jacksonville, Savannah,
Columbia and Charleston 2:10 p. m
No. 11 Richmond, Norfolk, New
York, Philadelphia, Bal-

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Upon statements by local fuel authorities that New York City's reserve coal supply is rapidly diminishing because the

daily consumption greatly exceeds that brought from the mines, Federal

Fuel Administrator Garfield today gave authority for discrimination be-

tween industries and against all in-

dustries in favor of domestic users

If a serious shortage becomes im-

minent, it is planned to shut off coal from industries classed as 'non-essen-

portioned coal by the distribution

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of the skull with layers of cartilage taken from the patient's own ribs is

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Trains Depart For— No. 10 Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville, Atlanta, Charleston and Wilming-

No. 11 Kroxville, Chattanooga, Me in phis, Cheinnati, Louisville and St. Louis. 2:55 p. m. No. 12 Richmond, Norfolk, local East 1:55 p. m. No. 12 Richmond, Norfolk, local
East

No. 16 New York, Philadelphia,
Washington and East. 2:25 p. m.
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No. 17 Waynesville, Murphy. 3:20 p. m.
No. 19 Waynesville, Murphy. 3:20 p. m.
No. 27 Raleigh and Goldsb.ro. 8:10 a. m.
No. 27 Knoxville, Chattanooga,
Birmingham, Memphis,
Cincinnati and Chicago. 8:20 p. m.
Charleston, Columbia and
Spartanburg. 10:50 a. m.
No. 28 Salisbury and East. 6:00 a. m.
No. 38 Salisbury and East. 6:00 a. m.
No. 28 Spartanburg. 6:20 a. m.
No. 29 Spartanburg. 6:20 a. m.
No. 29 Spartanburg. 6:20 a. m.
No. 20 Spartanburg. 6:20 a. m.

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