

TODAY'S MARKETS BY WIRE STOCKS, COTTON AND GRAIN

Changes in Stocks Narrow. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—Changes in stocks were narrow. Reading opened 1/4 lower and rallied...

New York Closing Stock List. Atchison 70 3/4, Baltimore & Ohio 80 1/2, Chicago & Southwestern 124 1/2, Colorado Southern 19 1/2, Denver & Rio Grande 20 1/4, Denver & Rio Grande pfd. 59, Erie 16 1/2, Louisville & Nashville 91 1/4, Mexican Central 14 1/2, Missouri Pacific 47 1/2, New York Central 90 3/4, Pennsylvania 10 1/2, Reading 92 3/4, Rock Island 14 1/2, Rock Island pfd. 28 1/2, St. Paul 103, Southern Pacific 72 1/2, Southern Railway 12 1/2, Union Pacific 116 3/4, Wabash 9 1/2, Interboro-Metropolitan 6 1/2, Interboro-Metropolitan pfd. 18, Great Northern 115

Miscellaneous. Amalgamated Copper 45 1/4, American Car & Foundry 29 1/4, American Locomotive 35, American Smelting 71 1/2, Brooklyn Transit 38 1/4, Colorado Fuel & Iron 18 1/2, National Lead 39 1/4, Pressed Steel Car 19 1/4, Pullman Palace Car 145, Sugar 98 3/4, U. S. Steel 25 1/2, U. S. Steel pfd. 87 1/2

Chicago Grain and Provisions. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, Dec. 24.—Wheat opened 1/2 to 3/4 c. lower on the foreign weakness. Liverpool and the continental markets were lower, reflecting the improved Argentine conditions. The foreign crop summary was slightly bullish, while arrivals at Russian ports were extremely light.

Wheat: Dec. 97 3/4, 98 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2; May 1.04 1/2, 1.06 1/2, 1.04 1/2, 1.05 1/2; July 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 97, 98 1/2. Corn: Dec. 57 1/2, 57 3/4, 56 1/2, 57; May 57 1/2, 57 3/4, 56 1/2, 57; July 56 1/2, 57, 56 1/2, 57. Oats: Dec. 49, 49, 48 1/2, 48 1/2; May 53 1/2, 53 1/2, 52 1/2, 52 1/2; July 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 47, 47 1/2. Pork: Jan. 12.42 1/2, 12.45, 12.42 1/2, 12.45; May 13.07 1/2, 13.10, 13.00, 13.05. Lard: Jan. 7.70, 7.70, 7.62 1/2, 7.67; May 7.82 1/2, 7.82 1/2, 7.75, 7.77 1/2. Hams: Jan. 6.72 1/2, 6.72 1/2, 6.60, 6.60; May 7.05, 7.05, 7.00, 7.02 1/2

Western Live Stock. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Union Stock Yards, Ills., Dec. 24.—Hogs—receipts, 23,000, market 59 1/2c lower; light, 4.35@4.70; mixed, 4.35@4.55; heavy, 4.35@4.70; rough, 4.35@4.45; pigs, 3.75@4.55; Yorkers, 4.60@4.65. Cattle—receipts, 7,000, market steady at yesterday's best prices; heaves, 3.55@6.20; cows and heifers, 1.25@4.75; Texans, 3.20@4.90; calves, 4.75@7.00; westerners, 3.35@4.55; stockers and feeders, 2.40@4.35. Sheep—receipts, 8,000, 106 1/2c higher; natives and western, 2.00@4.60; yearlings, 4.40@5.15; native and western lambs, 4.00@4.65.

Raleigh Produce Market. These figures represent prices Raleigh merchants are now paying for such commodities: Hens—per head 40@45, Chickens—spring 25@35, Turkeys—per pound 15, Ducks 30@40, Pork 9@10, Eggs 25@26, Butter 25@30, Rye 1.10, Corn 85, Cotton seed, delivered here 22 1/2, Oats 62

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"WHEN YOU WANT THE BEST HAMS TO BOIL BUY SHAFER'S AT ALL GROCERS."

New York Cotton. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—The cotton market at the outset this morning was fairly active but trading was mainly of an evening-up character. First prices were 1 to 4 points lower. There was considerable covering which held the market steady at the decline.

New York Spot Cotton. Dec. 11.02, 11.03, 11.00, 11.00; Jan. 10.26, 10.27, 10.26, 10.26; Feb. 10.40, 10.41, 10.41, 10.42; March 10.53, 10.54, 10.54, 10.54; April 10.55, 10.56, 10.56, 10.56; May 10.55, 10.56, 10.56, 10.56; June 10.54, 10.55, 10.55, 10.55; July 10.54, 10.55, 10.55, 10.55; Aug. 10.43, 10.43, 10.43, 10.43; Sept. 9.98, 9.98, 9.98, 9.98; Oct. 9.98, 9.98, 9.98, 9.98

New Orleans Cotton. (By Cable to The Times.) New Orleans, La., Dec. 24.—Cotton futures ranged as follows: Dec. 10.92, 10.92, 10.92, 10.92; Jan. 10.78, 10.78, 10.78, 10.78; Feb. 10.72, 10.72, 10.72, 10.72; March 10.72, 10.72, 10.72, 10.72; April 10.75, 10.75, 10.75, 10.75; May 10.75, 10.75, 10.75, 10.75; June 10.80, 10.80, 10.80, 10.80; July 10.81, 10.80, 10.77, 10.82

Liverpool Cotton Market. (By Cable to The Times.) Liverpool, Eng., Dec. 24.—Cotton—spot, easier; sales, 3,000; American, 2,500; speculation and export, 500; receipts, 44,000; American, 38,000; American middling, 604. Futures opened and closed steady. December 5.65, Dec-Jan. 5.65, Jan-Feb. 5.63, Feb-March 5.64, March-April 5.65, April-May 5.66, May-June 5.66 1/2, June-July 5.69, July-Aug. 5.63, Aug-Sept. 5.55

Raleigh Cotton Market. (Reported by Chas. E. Johnson & Co.) Off grades, 10 1/2 c. Best grades, 10 3/4 c. Receipts today, 15 bales.

Sugar Market. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—Domestic refined sugar market is steady and unchanged. Local raw sugar market steady. London best sugar market steady with December and January 1/2 d higher at 93, 9 3/4 d and 9s 10 1/2 d respectively.

Baltimore Provision Market. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—Flour quiet; winter patents, \$4.75 @ \$4.90; spring patents, \$5.50 @ \$5.75. Wheat, dull; spot contract, 102 1/2 @ 102 3/4; Southern by sample, 99 @ 102 1/2. Corn steady; old spot mixed, 68; new spot mixed, 52 1/2; old No. 2 white, 68; new Southern white corn, 57 1/2 @ 61 1/4; new Southern yellow, 60 @ 64. Oats quiet; No. 2, mixed, 54. Rye steady; No. 2, Western, 86 @ 87. Butter firm; fancy imitation, 24 @ 25; fancy creamy, 30 @ 31; lard, 22 @ 23. Eggs, steady, 31 @ 32. Cheese, firm, unchanged; large, 14 @; small, 14 1/4. Sugar, unchanged; coarse granulated, 5.00; fine, 5.00.

Cotton Port Receipts Today. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton port receipts: New Orleans, 32,919 against 24,982; Galveston, 32,802 against 28,825; Mobile, 3,997 against 3,997; Savannah, 12,981 against 12,981; Charleston, 616 against 312; Wilmington, 4,244 against 4,244; Norfolk, 6,197 against 1,151; New York, 40 against 230; Boston, 40 against 720; Philadelphia, 144 against 144; Pensacola, 300 against 300. Total, 94,240 against 56,220. Interior Receipts: Houston, 18,289 against 29,387; Augusta, 3,584 against 3,584; Memphis, 6,122 against 5,985; St. Louis, 3,118 against 12,673; Cincinnati, 185 against 185. Total, 31,296 against 58,050.

New York Money Market. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—Money on call 6 to 25 per cent; time loans firm; sixty days 15; 90 days 12; six months 8. Posted rates sterling exchange 480 1/2 @ 486 1/2, with actual business in bankers bills at 484.30 @ 484.40 for demand, 479 for sixty day bills. Prime mercantile paper dull, 8 per cent for best names. London bar silver, 24 9-16. New York bar silver, 52 3-4; Mexican dollars, 41.

REAR ADMIRAL BROWNSON OUT

Resigns as Chief of Bureau of Navigation

NO COMMENT ON ACTION

In Absence of Secretary Taft No One in Department Would Comment on Resignation This Afternoon—Has Been Long in the Service and Held Many Positions.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Brownson, chief of the bureau of navigation of the navy department, has resigned and the resignation has been accepted by the president.

The cause for the admiral's action was not announced this afternoon, and the closest secrecy was maintained by all the officials of the war department. In the absence of Secretary Taft no one in the department would make any comment on the resignation.

Admiral Brownson was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1865 and was immediately assigned to duty on the flagship of the North Atlantic fleet, where he served three years, and was then sent to the Pacific station. In 1872 he was assigned to duty at the Naval Academy and later did coast survey work on the steamer Blake.

From 1885 to 1889 he was in command of the steamer Petrel, and later took command of the Dolphin. He served on the Detroit from 1893 to 1894, during which time the ship was at Rio Janeiro during the Brazilian revolution. He became commandant of cadets at the Naval Academy in 1894 and two years later was appointed a member of the board of inspection and survey. During the Spanish-American War he commanded the Yankee, and went from that ship to the Alabama.

Among the rumors that have recently passed current in Washington, and which have been stirred up by the recent agitation against the so-called "elique" in the conduct of the naval construction, was one to the effect that the senate would refuse to confirm Brownson's appointment as chief of the bureau of navigation because he was a retired naval officer placed in an appointive position.

Another rumor had it that differences existed between the admiral and the head of the navy department over questions of naval policy, but this is being discredited because of the impression that Acting Chief C. McR. Winslow, who has held the position for several months, was being reached to become the head of the bureau early in 1908.

A REAR ADMIRAL ORDERED TO REAR. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Washington, Dec. 24.—Rear Admiral Albert Ross has been ordered placed on the retired list of officers of the navy on January 3. Rear Admiral Ross is commandant of the naval station of the Great Lakes, and it is not known whether he will be continued in that duty.

Cotton-Seed Oil. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 24.—Cotton-seed oil prices, based on prime yellow ranged as follows: Dec. 36 1/2 @ 38, 37 1/2 @ 38; Jan. 37 @ 37 1/2, 37 1/2 @ 38; Feb. 37 @ 37 1/2, 37 1/2 @ 38; March 37 1/2 @ 38, 37 3/4 @ 38 1/2; May 38 1/4 @ 39, 38 3/4 @ 39 1/2; July 38 1/2 @ 39 1/4, 39 1/4 @ 39 3/4. Market closed steady; sales, 900 barrels.

THE TIMES' DAILY FINANCIAL STORY. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) (By T. C. SHOTWELL.) New York, Dec. 24.—Trading in the stock market was quiet this morning of an ante-holiday character. This was partly due to the absence of many prominent traders who have left town to spend Christmas and partly due to the hesitation displayed by professionals as to what side of the market to take.

During the first hour of trading, leading stocks lost from fractions to a full point. Price changes, however, were of no very great significance. Announcement that the steel trust will put 6,000 men to work early in January is accepted as evidence that a resumption of business activity may be expected in the near future. All lines of manufacturers find themselves in remarkably good shape because they cut down their working force as soon as they discovered their inability to fill their output. There is no overproduction at present that is worth noticing. In London Americans were dull and off fractionally. Wheat and cotton were slightly lower. Trading on the curb market was dull, with quotations steady.

ARK HINTON SENT TO COURT ON CHARGE OF ABANDONMENT

In Magistrate H. H. Roberts court late yesterday afternoon Ark Hinton, colored, was given a hearing on the charge of abandonment, for failing to provide support for his wife. He was bound over to court under bond in the sum of \$100.

Hardy Mangum was tried for false pretense, for obtaining advances on promise to work. The magistrate first charged up a fine of \$10 against Mangum, but his attorney begged that the fine be reduced, and in view of the fact that it was so near Christmas Mr. Roberts reduced the fine to five dollars.

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THE HOME Insurance Company of New York, No. 56 CEDAR STREET. January 1, 1907. Cash Capital, \$3,000,000. Reserve For All Other Liabilities, \$10,430,819. Net Surplus, \$7,408,355. Assets, \$20,839,174. STATE AGENT FOR NORTH CAROLINA, BEN. J. SMITH, Charlotte, N. C.