SUPPORT HELPED TO CHECK DECLINE

OPERATIONS ON THE SHORT SIDE RESTRICTED.

Purchases of Stocks By Europe the Heaviest in Some Time and Was One of the Favorable Factors—Market Nevertheless Continued to Reflect the Disordered State of Speculative Sentiment.

New York, January 15.—By comparison with the two previous days of pronounced weakness the stock market gave a better account of itself today, but it nevertheless continued to reflect the disordered state of speculative sentiment. The market was nervous and irregular, with contradictory movements among the various issues. Some stocks sold below yesterday's low point, although the range of prices was much narrower and during a large part of the day many of the leaders showed small net gains.

Reading, Lehigh Valley and Southern Pacific were weakest of the more prominent issues, while metal shares developed strength. The market was most unsettled during early trading, and as the session advanced grew steadier, until in the late afternoon it made a fair showing of strength, with a number of gains of a point or more.

Various forces operated to check the decline. There were evidences of determined support during periods of weakness, which restricted operations on the short side. The position of the European markets was another favorable influence, and purchases of stocks by Europe were the heaviest in some time. It was estimated that Europe bought 40,000 to 50,000 shares, London taking chiefly Steel and Union Pacific, and Paris Amalgamated.

Traders with heavy commitments on the short side showed some uneasiness, and covering operations were carried on extensively, particularly in the metal stocks.

Political consideration again figured prominently. All Wall Street talked politics today, and apparently little headway was made toward dispelling the nervousness which has been reflected in the week's dealings.

Rates for Money.

New York, January 15.—Money on call steady, 2¾a3 per cent.; ruling rate, 2¾; closing bid, 2¾; offered at 3. Time loans firm; 60 days, 3¾a4 per cent., and 90 days, 4a4¼; six months, 4a4¼. Prime mercantile paper, 4¾a5¼ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, January 15.—Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483 for 60-day bills and at 487.10 for demand. Commercial bills, 482½.

Alexander Brown & Sons report the sterling market firm, as follows: Bankers' sterling, demand, 487½; 60 days, 483½; actual rates for round amounts, demand, 487⅝; 60 days, 483⅝. Bankers' francs, demand, 516¼; 60 days, 521⅞; commercial, 60 days, 522½. Bankers' reichsmarks, demand, 95½; 60 days, 94½; commercial, 60 days, 94¼. Bankers' guilders, demand, 40⅝.

Increased Dividend.

New York, January 15.—The New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad Company, known as the Nickel Plate, declared an annual dividend of 4 per cent. on its common stock today, an increase of 1 per cent. over the rate of the three previous years.

Quotations for Silver.

New York, January 15.—Bar silver was quoted at 63⅛c per ounce. Mexican dollars, 49.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, January 15.—Closing quotations at the New York Exchange were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	72½	71¼	72⅛	39,300
Am Agricultural	--	--	54	--
Am Beet Sugar	36¼	35¼	36¼	1,700
American Can	27½	25¾	27¼	6,400
do pfd	114¼	113½	113	700
Am Car & Fdy	52⅛	51⅜	52¼	900
Am Cotton Oil	52¼	52	52	1,000
Am Ice Securities	21¼	21	21¼	200
American Linseed	10¼	10	10	400
Am Locomotive	39¾	39	39¼	800
Am Smlt & Rfg	70½	68⅝	70	5,800
do pfd	--	105	--	--
Am Sugar Rfg	116	113½	115	1,700
Am Tel & Tel	139⅛	138⅜	139⅛	7,900
Amer Tobacco	281	278	279	2,400
Anaconda Mining	37	36¼	37	3,800
Atchison	104½	104⅛	104⅜	4,400
do pfd	--	--	101¾	--
Atlantic Coast L	129½	128⅞	129	700
Balto & Ohio	105	104½	104½	1,200
Bethlehem Steel	37	35½	36¼	1,800
Brook Rap Tran	89¾	89	89⅜	3,500
‡Canadian Pacific	243⅛	241½	242½	5,300
Central Leather	26½	26½	26½	100
Ches & Ohio	76½	75¾	76⅜	2,800
Chicago Gt West	16¾	16½	16¼	300
C, Mil & St P	112¾	111½	112¼	8,200
Chicago & N W	135¾	135	135¼	400
Col Fuel & Iron	31	31	31½	600
Consolidated Gas	137¾	136¾	137¼	900
Corn Products	13½	13	13	1,000
Del & Hudson	--	--	162	--
Denver & Rio G	21	20¾	20½	200
do pfd	37⅝	37⅜	37⅝	100
Distillers' Secur	19¼	19¼	19⅜	100
Erie	30½	30¼	30½	1,400
do 1st pfd	46¾	46¾	46⅞	500
do 2d pfd	--	--	38⅝	--
General Electric	--	--	182	--
Goodrich Rubber	63	62⅛	63	300
Guggfied Con	2⅛	2	2	2,600
Gt North pfd	127¾	126⅞	127⅝	4,600
Gt North Ore ctfs	38½	38½	38½	400
Illinois Central	--	--	127	--
Interbor Metrop	17⅞	17⅛	17⅝	300
do pfd	60½	60	60⅜	2,000
Inter Harvester	109¾	108¾	109¾	600
Inter Marine pfd	18	18	18⅛	100
Inter Paper	11⅛	11⅛	11	100
Inter Pump	--	--	14½	--
Kan City South	25¾	25½	25¾	500
Laclede Gas	103	102⅝	102½	200
Lehigh Valley	159½	157⅞	158½	16,100
Louis & Nash	139½	138⅛	139	700
M, S P & S S M	138¾	137½	138½	300
Mo, Kan & Texas	26¾	26⅜	26½	900
Missouri Pacific	41	40¼	40⅞	2,800
National Biscuit	120	118¼	119	400
Nat Enameling	16¼	16¼	15⅝	200
do pfd	--	--	87	--
National Lead	51⅜	50½	51	800
Nevada Cons	18½	18¼	18¼	900
N Rys of M 2d pf	--	--	25¼	--
N Y Central	107	106⅜	106⅞	800
N Y, Ont & West	31⅞	31⅞	31⅜	100
Norfolk & West	112	112	111⅞	100
North American	80½	80½	80½	100
Northern Pacific	118⅜	117¼	118¼	5,700
Pacific Mail	--	--	28	--
Pennsylvania	122¾	121⅞	122⅛	1,400
People's Gas	115¼	115¼	115	100
*P, C, C & St L	100⅜	100	100	2,100
Pittsburgh Coal	21¾	21½	21¾	500
Pressed Steel Car	--	--	33½	--
Pullman Pal Car	163	163	162	100
Reading	162¾	161¼	162⅝	76,800
Rep I & S	24	23⅝	24	700
do pfd	83	82⅛	83	500
Rock Island Co	23	21⅞	22⅜	5,000
do pfd	41	39	40	3,500
St L & S F 2d pfd	27⅛	27	27	300
Seaboard A L	19¼	19	19¼	200
do pfd	46	45⅞	45	300
Sears-Roebuck	204	201	203	500
S S Steel & Iron	--	--	41	--
Southern Pacific	106⅛	104½	105¼	18,700
Southern Railway	26¾	26¼	26⅞	2,600
do pfd	79⅞	79½	79⅝	400
Tennessee Copper	35	34¾	34½	300
Texas & Pacific	21¼	21¼	21¼	100
Union Pacific	157¾	156	157⅛	36,400
do pfd	90	89	89½	200
U S Realty	74	74	73	100
U S Rubber	63¾	63	64	1,500
U S Steel	63½	62	63⅛	137,100
do pfd	109¾	109¼	109½	2,700
Utah Copper	54¼	53½	54	6,600
Va-Car Chemical	42⅛	42	41¼	200
Wabash	3½	3½	3⅜	100
do pfd	13	12	12¼	2,000
West Maryland	39¾	39½	39¾	900
Western Union	72¼	71	71	1,000
Westing Electric	74	73¼	73½	1,800
Wheel & L E	7½	7½	7⅜	100
Total sales			501,400	shares.

‡Ex rights.
*Ex dividend.

New York Curb Stocks.

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Closing prices January 15 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express 4s	80	84
Anglo-American Oil	16	16½
Braden	8½	8¾
Braden 6s	170	175
Braden 7s	170	175
British-American Tobacco	24⅛	24¼
Chicago Subway	4½	7
Giroux Consols	3¼	3½
Greene-Cananea	8½	8¾
Hollinger	15¼	16
Intercon Rubber	8½	10
Kerr Lake	2 11-16	2¾
La Rose Cons	2⅜	2¾
L V Coal Sales Co	225	235
Mason Valley	7½	8½
Manhattan Transit	1	1⅛
Marconi (new)	5½	5¾
Marconi (Canadian)	4	5
Nipissing Mines	8⅝	8
Standard Oil	427	429
Yukon Gold	3	3⅛
United Cigar Stores	105¾	106
Chicago Elevated 5s	98⅜	98⅞
Montreal Tram 5s	--	159½
Pacific Gas & Electric 5s	90	91
West Pacific 5s	86½	87½

New York Bonds.

New York, January 15.—Bonds were under slight pressure. Total sales, par value, $1,927,000. Panama 3s advanced ¼ on call. Closing prices were:

U S ref 2s reg	101	‡K C S ref 5s	973¾
U S ref 2s cou	101	L Shore db 4s	92¼
U S 3s reg	102½	L & N unif 4s	99
U S 3s cou	102½	M, K & T 4s	94¾
U S 4s reg	113½	‡M, K & T 4½s	86½
U S 4s cou	113½	Missouri Pac 4s	70
Panama 3s cou	102	Missouri Pac 5s	87½
‡All-Chal ctfs	61	N Ry of M 4½s	87⅛
‡Am Agricul 5s	101	N Y C gn 3½s	87
Am T & T cv 4s	110	N Y C deb 4s	91¼
‡Am Tobacco 6s	120	‡N Y, N H & H cv 6½s	86½
Armour 4½s	91¾	N & W 1st 4s	97½
Atchison gen 4s	97⅞	N & W cv 4s	111¼
Atchison cv 4s	101¾	Nor Pacific 4s	98½
Atchison cv 5s	104½	Nor Pacific 3s	68
A C L 1st 4s	94¾	Ore S L ref 4s	92
B & O 4s	97¾	Pa cv 3½s	97⅛
B & O 3½s	91½	‡Pa con 4s	101½
B R T cv 4s	89½	Reading gen 4s	97¼
‡Cent of Ga 5s	107⅜	S L & S F fg 4s	76
Cent Leather 5s	95¼	S L & S F gen 5s	82⅛
‡C & O 4½s	99⅞	S L S W con 4s	80⅞
C & O cv 4½s	92¼	Seaboard Adj 5s	75⅞
*C & A 3½s	64	‡So Pac col 4s	94
C, B & Q joint 4s	95⅞	So Pac cv 4s	93¼
C, B & Q gen 4s	95¼	So Pac ref 4s	93
C, M & St P 4½s	105¾	Southern Ry 5s	106¾
C, R I & P col 4s	64⅞	Southern Ry 4s	77¾
‡C, R I & P ref 4s	88	Union Pac 4s	99
C & S ref 4½s	94⅜	Union P cv 4s	99
‡D & H cv 4s	97¾	Union P ref 4s	95⅝
‡D & R G ref 5s	83½	U S Rubber 6s	102⅞
Distillers' 5s	79½	U S Steel 2d 5s	101⅝
Erie pr lien 4s	86⅝	Va-Car Chem 5s	97½
Erie gen 4s	75¾	‡Wabash 1st 4s	60
‡Erie cv 4s ser B	76		

W-P Term 4s	25⅛	76¾	
‡Western Mtl 4s	83⅛	102½	
West Elec cv 5s	93⅞	260	
‡Wis Cent 4s	91	19½	
‡Bid. *Offered.		23½	

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 15.—Closing prices on the Exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	40	40¼
Cambria Steel Company	50½	50¾
Con Traction (N J)	76	76½
E & P 4s	85¼	85½
Electric Storage Battery	51	52½
General Asphalt	39½	39¾
General Asphalt pfd	74	74¼
Lake Superior Corporation	29¾	30
Lehigh Navigation	91½	92½
Lehigh Valley	79⅞	80
Penn Salt	106¾	107
Penn Steel pfd	93	93½
Philadelphia Company	49½	50
Philadelphia Co pfd	44¼	44½
Philadelphia Electric	22¾	22⅞
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	27	27¼
Philadelphia Traction	83	83¼
Tonopah	6⅛	6¼
Tonopah Belmont	8	8⅛
Union Traction	6	6⅛
United Gas Improvement	89⅝	89⅞
Warwick	10½	10¾
Welsbach 5s	93¾	94

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, January 15.

Com Tun stock	.08	Ontario	2.25
*Com Tun bonds	.12	Ophir	.10
Con Cal & Va	.15	Small Hopes	.15
Iron Silver	1.50	*Standard	1.00
*Leadville Con	.02	Yellow Jacket	.18
Little Chief	.03	*Offered.	
Mexican	.90		

BOSTON, January 15.

Allouez	36½	Mohawk	54
Amal Copper	72	Nevada Cons	18¼
American Zinc	27⅛	Nipissing Mines	8⅝
Ariz Com	3⅛	North Butte	30½
B & C C & S M	5	North Lake	2½
Cal & Arizona	65½	Old Dominion	49¼
Cal & Hecla	495	Osceola	95
*Centennial	16	Quincy	72
Copper Range	47	Shannon	11
East Butte Cop	12⅞	Superior	31¾
Franklin	7¾	Sup & Boston	2⅛
Giroux Cons	3⅜	Tamarack	30½
Granby Cons	65½	U S S R Con	80⅞
Greene-Cananea	8 5-16	U S S R & Mpf	49
Isle Royale	27½	Utah Cons	10
Kerr Lake	2¾	Utah Copper	54
Lake Copper	20¼	Winona	3¼
La Salle Copper	45⅛	Wolverine	66
Miami Copper	23½	*Asked.	

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, January 14.—The range of prices for futures at Chicago was:

WHEAT.

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Close.
May	94⅜	95¼	93½	95
July	91⅛	91⅞	90½	91⅞
September	89⅜	90	88⅞	90
CORN.				
May	51⅝	52⅝	51¼	52⅜
July	52⅝	53¼	52⅛	53¼
September	53½	54	53⅛	54
OATS.				
May	34	34¾	33⅝	34⅝
July	34	34⅝	33⅝	34½
September	33⅞	34⅜	33⅝	34¾
PORK.				
January	18.07½	18.20	18.07½	18.20
May	18.40	18.57½	18.37½	18.55
LARD.				
January	9.72½	----	----	9.75
May	9.92½	9.97½	9.90	9.97½
SHORT RIBS.				
January	--	9.80	9.77½	9.77½
May	9.92½	9.95	9.87½	9.95

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE

BALTIMORE, January 15.

Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power shares reached their best prices. Consolidated Power common, in addition to its advance of several points yesterday, rose 3¼ further to 31¼, its high record price reached last year, while the preferred sold at 117¼, a gain of only ¼, but a new high record price. At today's prices the common shows an advance of 9½ since the beginning of the week, and the preferred a gain of 4¼. Besides the reflecting satisfaction at the outcome of the movement for lower prices for gas and electricity, the high prices are supposed also to foreshadow revival of financing plans which were checked when the agitation for reduced rates began to receive official recognition. The declaration of an extra dividend of 8 per cent. on Fidelity and Deposit stock, equal to $4 per share, was a surprise. The stock which sold at 171, showed a decline to the extent of the dividend and a net loss of ½, having sold at 175½ yesterday. Maryland Trust was up ½, at 128. Merchants-Mechanics shares lost ½, to 31.

Baltimore Stock Exchange Sales.

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Sales on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

24 shares A C L Rights (W I)---27⅞
60 shares Continental Trust Co---219
110 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---116
10 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---116½
321 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---117
100 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---117½
80 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---117
5 shares Cons Gas E L & P com---113½
2 shares Cons Gas E L & P com---114
25 shares Cons Gas E L & P com---114½
25 shares Cons Gas E L & P com---116½
105 shares Cons Gas E L & P com---117
10 shares Maryland Trust com---123
2 shares Fid & Deposit Co---172
14 shares Fid & Deposit Co---171
150 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---18½
70 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---18⅜
100 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs---66
2 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---66½
25 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs---66
35 shares Maryland Casualty Co---103
25 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs---66
100 shares Seaboard A L com---19¼
15 shares Munsey Trust Co---101½
300 shares United Railways com---24
10 shares United Railways com---24⅛
50 shares United Railways com---24
$3,000 Baltimore City 4s 1951---97
2,000 Baltimore City 4s 1957---97
5,000 Cons Gas E L & P 4½s---89
10,000 Fairmont Coal 5s---96¼
1,000 Knoxville Traction 5s---104½
5,000 Maryland Electric 5s---97½
1,000 United Railways 1st 4s---75
6,000 United Rys income 4s---62⅝
2,000 United Rys income 4s---62½
1,000 United Rys 3-Year 5s notes---102

AFTERNOON SESSION.

4 shares A C L Rights (W I)---3
40 shares A C L Rights (W I)---27⅞
3 shares A C L Rights (W I)---3
90 shares Baltimore Electric pfd---44
10 shares Cons Coal Co---103
270 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd---117
1 share Cons Gas E L & P com---118
10 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---18½
100 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---18¼
215 shares Houston Oil com tr ctfs---18½
5 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs---66½
25 shares Mer-Mech Bank---313⅞
130 shares Mer-Mech Bank---311⅞
95 shares Mer-Mech Bank---311
10 shares Mercantile Trust Co---155
3 shares Maryland Casualty Co---103
1 share Northern Central Ry---122
15 shares Union Trust Co---65
200 shares United States Steel---62½
52 shares United Railways com---24
1,000 Balto Elec 5s (stamped)---97
10,000 Baltimore City 3½s 1945---89⅛
100 Baltimore City 3½s 1930---90
4,300 Baltimore City 4s 1954---97
1,000 Baltimore Junction 5s---105¾
1,000 Chicago Railways 5s---100
5,000 Cotton Duck 5s---74½
2,000 Cons Gas 4½s---95¼
5,000 Cons Gas E L & P 4½s---89
2,000 Fairmont Coal 1st 5s---92
1,000 Maryland Electric 5s---97¾
5,000 New Or, Mobile & Chicago 5s---86⅞
1,000 Norfolk Ry & Light 5s---100
5,000 New Or & Ct N Ry 5s---65
1,000 Seaboard 4s (stamped)---85⅜
3,000 United Rys income 4s---62½
2,000 United Rys 3-Year 5s notes---102
3,000 Virginia Ry & P 5s---94½
1,000 Va 2-3s Century 1991---87

Closing Quotations.

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The closing quotations on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Baltimore City 4s 1961	96¾	--
Baltimore City 3½s 1928	90	--
Baltimore City 3½s 1930	90	--
Baltimore City 3½s 1940	89	--
Baltimore City 3½s 1980	82½	--
Cons Gas 5s 1939	--	107½
Cons Gas E L & P 4½s	89	--
Cons Gas E L & P notes	99¾	100
Cons Gas E L & P com	117½	120
Cons Gas E L & P pfd	117	118
Citizens' National Bank	41½	43
Farm & Mer Nat Bank	--	51
First National Bank	143	148
Mer-Mech Bank	30¾	--
National Bank of Baltimore	--	165
National Howard Bank	14	--
National Marine Bank	43	--
Western National Bank	--	397⅞
A C L Cons 4s	--	95¼
A C L Conv Deb 4s	98¾	99½
A C L of Ct 5-20s	91	93
A C L 4s of S C	95	96¼
Alabama Mid 5s	106½	107
Brunswick & Western 5s	92½	93½
Chas & West Car 5s	104¾	--
Ga South & Fla 1st 5s	105¾	106½
Norfolk & Atl Term 5s	--	94
Seaboard Adjustment 5s	75½	76¾
West Nor Car Cons 6s	--	102½
Atlantic Coast Line of Ct	250	260
Seaboard A L com	18¾	19½
United Rys & Elec Co	23½	24
Atl Cons St Ry 1st 5s	--	105
Chas City Ry 1st 5s	--	104
Chas Con Ry G & P 5s	97¼	98
Chicago Railways 5s	--	100⅛
City & Sub (Wash) 1st 6s	103	--
Danville Trac & Power 5s	94	--
Fairmont & Clarks Trac 5s	101	--
Lexington Ry Co 1st 5s	94½	--
Macon Ry & L 1st Cons 5s	98¾	99
Memphis St Ry 5s	--	99
Norfolk Ry & Light 5s	--	100
Norfolk & Ports Trac 5s	91	--
United Rys & Elec 1st 4s	84½	85
United Rys & Elec inc 4s	62¼	62½
United Rys 3-Year 5s notes	102	--
Wash, Balto & Annap 5s	87½	80
American Bonding Co	--	90
Fidelity & Deposit Co	171	--
Maryland Casualty Co	103	105
U S Fidelity & Guar Co	185	195
Mercantile Trust Co	218½	220
Fidelity Trust Co	237½	241
Maryland Trust Co	120	123
Maryland Trust Co pfd	--	125
Munsey Trust (W D)	100	101
Baltimore Electric 5s	97	98¼
Canton Co	136	--
Cotton Duck 5s	--	75
German Fire Ins Co	17½	19
G B S Brewing 1st 4s	46	46½
Houston Oil com tr ctfs	18¾	18¾
Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	66	67
Houston Oil div ctfs	83	84
Penna Water & Power com	67	68
Penna Water & Power 5s	--	92½
T H Symington pfd	60	70
United Elec 1st Cons 4½s	92¾	93½
Alabama Cons Coal & I 5s	70⅛	78
Cons Coal Co	102½	103¼
Cons Coal Ref 5s	93	--

Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, January 15, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

	Bid.	Asked.
Amal Copper 5s April 1, 1913	100	100¼
B & O 4½s June 1, 1913	100	100⅛
Brook Transit 5s July 1, 1918	96⅞	97⅛
C & O 4½s June 1, 1914	99⅜	99½
Chicago Elev 5s June 1, 1914	98½	98¾
Erie Railroad 6s April 8, 1914	100½	100⅞
Erie Railroad 5s Oct. 1, 1914	99⅜	99⅞
Gen Motor 6s Oct. 1, 1915	99⅞	100⅛
Gen Rubber 4½s Jan. 1, 1914	97⅝	97⅞
Ill Cent 4½s July 1, 1914	99½	99⅝
Int Gt North 5s Aug. 1, 1914	98¾	99
Int Harvester 5s Feb. 15, 1915	100⅜	100⅝
M, K & T 5s May 1, 1913	99⅞	100⅛
Missouri Pac 5s June 1, 1914	97⅝	97⅞
N Y Cent 4½s Mar. 1, 1914	99⅞	100⅛
South Ry 5s Feb. 1, 1913	100⅜	100⅝

Pritchard's Grain Review.

BY JOSEPH F. PRITCARD.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, January 15.—The question to be heard on the board of trade late today was "Shall the upturn in wheat been too rapid?" was general. While some of the more conservative men believe that the price gains have been too fast under present conditions surrounding the wheat market, few were willing to stand in the gap and back up their opinions by making liberals sales—even on the advancing market. During the early part of the day there seemed good reason for a further rise, but the bullish influence of the statistical position in a special cable used all the bullish conditions at his command, and this cable was the principal help to the wheat bulls later. He said that the growing appreciation of the comparative strength in the situation, coupled with the fact the scarcity of good wheat and the firmness with which it is held was attracting universal attention abroad. At the end of the message a sentence appears reading: "The outlook for a higher level of prices is pronounced."

A report was received from Duluth saying that a round lot of durum wheat was sold there today for export.

Kansas City reported 50,000 bushels as sold to go east to millers, and, in addition this, a message from there said that the high temperatures have removed all the snow protection from the southwestern wheat fields and that the ground is now in condition where a cold snap would be more than likely to damage the growing plant.

Cash and future corn was taken largely by one of the big interests in the trade, and pit shorts scrambled to get under cover. Export sales were said to have been large.

Oats gained in strength along with the other cereals, due largely to the buying of a prominent concern, which was an open seller for several previous days.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, January 15.—The cotton market showed a generally steadier tone today on reports of an improved spot demand and closed firm at an advance of 2 to 14 points, old crop positions being from 10 to 14 points net higher. The opening was steady at an advance of 1 point on April, but generally unchanged to 3 points lower under overnight selling orders and reports that interior spot holders were beginning to show signs of weakness or were hedging their holdings by sales of futures. Subsequently sold 4 to 6 points net lower right after the call, but offerings were very well absorbed by an active demand from Liverpool, covering of old shorts and a renewed demand from trade houses. This buying soon steadied the market while offerings became less aggressive as prices worked higher. Reports of an improved spot demand and renewed steadiness in the interior stimulated the demand somewhat later and while the trading was much less active on the advance than it had been on the recent break, the market ruled very steady late in the day, with the close only a point or two off from the best.

The improved tone of Southern spot advices was considered the feature of the day, but talk around the ring reflected little change in general average of local sentiment and many attributed the bulk of the day's buying to covering of shorts. Private reports of a steader spot situation, however, were confirmed to some extent by official advices showing the Southern markets generally steadier to ⅛c higher. Liverpool attributed the relative steadiness there to Continental buying and a more favorable view of the situation in the Balkans.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 13.00; middling Gulf, 13.25. Sales, none.

Futures closed firm. January, 12.60; February, 12.20; March, 12.25; April, 12.23; May, 12.25; June, 12.19; July, 12.20; August, 12.08; September, 11.58; October, 11.47; December, 11.47.

High and Low—January, 12.70 to 12.50; February, 12.11 to 12.09; March, 12.26 to 12.06; April, 12.15 to 12.13; May, 12.26 to 12.09; June, 12.05 to 12.05; July, 12.21 to 12.04; August, 12.04 to 11.93; October, 11.48 to 11.38; December, 11.44 to 11.36.

Spot Cotton Prices.

Prices for spot cotton were: Galveston, 12⅝; New Orleans, 12¾; Mobile, 12½; Savannah, 12½; Charleston, 12¾; Norfolk, 12½; Baltimore, 13; Boston, 13; Philadelphia, 13.25; Houston, 12⅝; Augusta, 13; Memphis, 13; St. Louis, 13; Little Rock, 12⅞.

Available Grain Supplies.

NEW YORK, January 15.—Special cable and telegraphic communications received by Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with previous account:

Wheat—United States, east Rockies, increased 607,000 bu; United States, west Rockies, decreased 18,000 bu. Canada increased 463,000 bu. Total United States and Canada increased 1,052,000 bu. Afloat for and in Europe increased 2,200,000 bu. Total American and European supply increased 3,252,000 bu.

Corn—United States and Canada, increased 1,362,000 bu.

Oats—United States and Canada, increased 519,000 bu.

Crude Oil.

TOLEDO, O., January 15.—Oil—North Lima, $1.28; South Lima and Indiana, $1.23; Wooster, $1.58.

OIL CITY, PA., January 15.—Credit balances, $2.05. Runs, 81,014 gals; average, 109,173; shipments, 107,845; average, 103,640.

Cloverseed.

TOLEDO, January 15.—Cloverseed—Prime cash, $12.42½; March, $12.42½; February, $12.47½; March, $12.55; April, $12.10; October, $8.75. Alsike—Prime cash, $13.35; March, $13.45. Timothy—Prime cash, $1.92½; February, $1.95; March, $1.97½.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, January 15.—The cotton goods markets were quiet and steady. Worsted yarns for sweater purposes were easier. Cotton yarns ruled quiet and easier. Jobbers reported an expanding trade with retailers.

Linseed.

DULUTH, MINN., January 15.—Close: Linseed—On track and to arrive, $1.28¾; January, $1.27⅞; May, $1.31¼.

Mysterious Disappearance.

New York, January 15.—D. J. Ellsworth, a passenger on the steamship Panama, in port today from Cristobal, disappeared on January 11 and is supposed to have jumped overboard. He was 26 years old and lived in Washington, D. C.

Fruit Jobbers' Convention.

New Orleans, January 15.—The Western Fruit Jobbers' Association met in annual convention here today with nearly one thousand delegates in attendance. President R. H. Pennington, of Evansville, Ind., presided over today's meeting.

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, January 15.

The flour market is steady. Wheat closed ½ to ¾c higher. Corn closed ⅜ to ½c higher. Oats firm. Hay quiet. Straw quiet.

Eggs were reduced 1½c per dozen. Poultry steady. Butter steady on creamery grades.

Quotations are for wholesale lots unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS.—FLOUR—Receipts, 7,550 brls, including 4,324 brls for through shipment. The general market is steady, with some inquiry reported for well established brands of winter straights and clears at about inside figures. We quote, per 100 lbs in wood:—

Comparative prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter extra	$3.90a4.10	$3.60a3.80
Winter clear	4.20a4.45	3.80a4.00
Winter straight	4.60a4.75	4.15a4.30
Winter patent	5.15a5.30	4.65a4.80
Spring clear	4.00a4.30	4.25a4.40
Spring straight	4.30a4.45	5.20a5.40
Spring patent	4.45a4.75	5.45a5.70
City mills' best winter patent	—a5.75	—a5.10
City mills' blended patent	—a5.60	—a5.10
City mills' high-grade straight	—a5.45	—a4.85
City mills' choice family	—a5.15	—a4.40
City mills' extra	4.25a4.40	3.65a3.80
City mills' spring patent	5.25a—	—a—
Rye flour, medium to choice	3.75a4.00	5.00a5.25
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	1.30a1.40	1.70a1.80
Buckwheat flour, 100 lbs	—a—	2.75a2.85

WHEAT.—Receipts, 115,232 bu Western; shipments from elevators, 141,033; stock in elevators, 2,196,438.

The market for Western opened steady; January No. 2 red, 108½; spot No. 2 red, 108½; No. 2 red Western, 110; February, No. 2 red, 110 nominal; March, No. 2 red, 112 nominal. The market remains inactive. Sales included 2,500 bu January, 108¾.

Southing prices were: No. 2 red Western, 109⅝; No. 2 red, 108¾; No. 3 red, 106¾; steamer No. 2 red, 101¼.

The closing was strong; spot No. 2 red and January, 109¾; February, 110½ nominal; March, 112½ nominal.

CORN.—Receipts, 164,586 bu Western; shipments from elevators, 212,323; stock in elevators