STOCKS INCLINED TO BE DROOPY

IRREGULAR MOVEMENT CAUSED BY UNCERTAINTY.

No Clearly Defined Trend Developed, Although, Broadly Speaking, Tendency Was Downward—Market Sold Off in Afternoon and Some of the Standard Issues Displayed Weakness.

New York, February 4.—The present feeling of uncertainty on the part of stock market operators was registered today in the irregular movement of prices on the exchange. No clearly defined trend developed, although, broadly speaking, the movement was downward. After an irregular opening some of the specialties lost ground quickly, and at the same time leading stocks, particularly Steel and the coalers, were marked up. In the afternoon the market sold off, and the weakness of some of the standard issues gave the list an appearance of heaviness.

Resumption of war in the Balkans was largely responsible for the feeling of uncertainty, the home market awaiting a definite lead from abroad. London sent over some lower prices before the opening here, but the effect of renewed hostilities was to curb operations rather than actively to depress prices, and in the early part of the day international issues were among the strongest of the list. Uncertainty as to the details of the Harriman dissolution plan, announcement of which is looked for soon, and as to the action of American Can directors regarding the back dividend on the preferred stocks, were other factors which caused operators to hesitate.

Southern Pacific was under heavy pressure at times, selling two points off. The recent pressure against this stock has been attributed to the belief that a large amount of these shares may be marketed in connection with the dissolution plan. Can, after further irregular fluctuations, closed a point lower.

Fear that the appointment of a new Public Service Commission by Governor Sulzer may retard the subway negotiations was responsible for early weakness of the Interborough-Metropolitan issues. A further engagement of gold for export to Argentina was announced. Despite the large outflow of gold to France and Argentina, the money market remains undisturbed.

Rates for Money.

New York, February 4.—Money on call, steady; 2½@3¾ per cent.; ruling rate, 2½; closing bid, 2½, offered at 2¾. Time loans, firm; 60 days, 3¼@3½ per cent. and 90 days, 4@4¼; six months, 4¼@4½. Prime mercantile paper, 4½ to 5 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, February 4.—Sterling exchange firm with actual rates in bankers' bills at 483 for 60-day bills, and at 487.50, for demand. Commercial bills, 483.

Alexander Brown & Sons, Baltimore, report the sterling market firm, as follows: Bankers' sterling, posted rates, demand, 488; 60 days, 484. Actual rates for round amounts, demand, 487¾; 60 days, 483¾. Commercial, 60 days, 482½@483½. Bankers' francs, demand, 5.16¼; 60 days, 5.20⅝; commercial, 60 days, 5.21¾. Bankers' reichsmarks, demand, 94¼; 60 days, 94⅝; commercial, 60 days, 94⅝. Bankers' guilders, demand, 40⅝; 60 days, 40⅛; commercial, 60 days, 39⅞.

Bar Silver.

New York, February 4.—Bar silver was quoted at 62⅝ per ounce. Mexican dollars, 48½c.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, February 4.—Closing quotations at the New York Exchange were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	73⅝	72⅞	72⅞	9,700
Am Agricultural	--	--	53	----
Am Beet Sugar	--	--	37½	----
American Can	41	39	39¾	35,300
do pfd	127½	126½	126½	2,200
Am Car & Fdy	53¼	53¼	53	100
Am Cotton Oil	52¾	51½	51½	1,200
Am Ice Securities	23	23	23	200
American Linseed	--	--	10⅞	----
Am Locomotive	--	--	40	----
Am Smlt & Rfg	73½	73	73	1,100
do pfd	--	--	106⅜	----
Am Sugar Rfg	--	--	117½	----
Am Tel & Tel	132	131⅞	131⅞	400
Amer Tobacco	284¾	280½	283¾	3,900
Anaconda Mining	38	37⅞	37⅝	900
Atchison	104	103⅞	103¾	400
do pfd	101½	101½	101¼	200
Atlantic C L	--	--	130	----
Balto & Ohio	102⅜	102⅜	102¼	100
Bethlehem Steel	--	--	38	----
Brook Rap Tran	90¾	90¼	90½	900
Canadian Pacific	240⅞	238¼	238	4,300
Central Leather	29¾	28⅞	29½	3,600
Ches & Ohio	78	78	77¾	100
Chicago Gt West	17	16¾	16⅝	400
C, Mil & St P	114⅛	113½	113¼	2,000
Chicago & N W	--	--	136½	----
Col Fuel & Iron	40	38½	38½	5,200
Consolidated Gas	137⅞	137⅞	137⅞	100
Corn Products	15¼	14⅞	14¾	800
Del & Hudson	--	--	164	----
Denver & Rio G	--	--	21¼	----
do pfd	--	--	38	----
Distillers' Secur	18⅝	18⅝	18½	200
Erie	31½	31⅛	31⅛	800
do 1st pfd	48¾	48⅜	48	600
do 2d pfd	--	--	38⅞	----
General Electric	143	143	142	100
Goldfield Cons	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	1,350
Goodrich Rubber	63	63	62¼	100
Gt North pfd	128⅝	128¼	128¼	600
Gt North Ore ctfs	39¼	39	38¾	200
Illinois Central	128¼	128¼	127½	100
Interbo Metrop	19	18	18⅞	3,300
do pfd	63½	62¼	63½	4,900
Inter Harvester	113	112	110½	200
Inter Marine pfd	--	--	19	----
Inter Paper	12	12	12	100
Inter Pump	--	--	15½	----
Kan City South	--	--	26⅛	----
Laclede Gas	--	--	103	----
Lehigh Valley	163¼	161½	161½	8,800
Louis & Nash	139½	139¼	138¾	300
M, St P & S S M	140¾	140¾	140¼	100
Mo, Kan & Texas	--	--	27⅛	----
Missouri Pacific	47⅞	41½	41¼	700
National Biscuit	--	--	118¼	----
Nat Enameling	--	--	18¼	----
do pfd	18¼	18¼	18¼	200
National Lead	52½	52½	52¼	100
N Ry of M 2d pfd	--	--	24¼	----
N Y Central	109	109	108½	100
N Y, Ont & West	32	31¾	31½	200
Norfolk & West	110¼	109⅜	109½	800
North American	--	--	81	----
Northern Pacific	120	119¼	119¼	1,000
Pacific Mail	--	--	29	----
Pennsylvania	121⅞	121¾	121¾	2,200
People's Gas	--	--	115	----
P, C, C & St L	--	--	101	----
Pittsburgh Coal	22⅝	22⅝	23	200
Pressed Steel Car	--	--	33½	----
Pullman Pal Car	--	--	161½	----
Reading	166⅝	165⅛	165⅛	30,300
Rep I & S	27⅞	27	26¾	1,300
do pfd	--	--	88	----
Rock Island Co	24⅞	24⅛	24⅝	6,400
do pfd	43¾	42½	42⅞	3,500
Sou Pacific	205¼	205	204¾	300
St L & S F 2d pf	28	27¾	27¼	200
Seaboard A L	--	--	19½	----
do pfd	--	--	47¼	----
S-S Steel & Iron	--	--	44	----
Southern Pacific	107	104¾	105	33,000
Southern Railway	27	27	27	300
do pfd	80⅛	80⅛	80	100
Tennessee Copper	34¼	24¼	33¾	200
Texas & Pacific	20½	20½	20¼	100
Union Pacific	161⅝	160¼	160⅜	19,800
do pfd	--	--	89½	----
U S Realty	--	--	72½	----
U S Rubber	66⅝	65⅞	66	2,100
U S Steel	65	64⅛	64¼	27,700
do pfd	--	--	108¼	----
Utah Copper	54¾	54⅜	54¼	1,100
Va-Car Chem	--	--	36	----
Wabash	--	--	3½	----
do pfd	--	--	12¾	----
Western Maryland	44¼	44	44¼	600
Western Union	72	72	72	100
Westing Electric	--	--	72¾	----
Wheel & L Erie	--	--	7½	----
Total sales			251,600 shares.	

New York Curb Stocks.

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Closing prices February 4 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express Co	80	83
Anglo-American Oil	19½	20¼
Braden	9⅛	9¼
Braden 6s	180	190
Braden 7s	180	190
British-American Tobacco	24⅜	24⅝
Chicago Subway	6½	7
Giroux Consolidated	3	3 1-16
Greene-Cananea	8⅝	9
Hollinger	15	15½
Intercon Rubber	8	10
Kerr Lake	3 3-16	3¼
La Rose Consols	3	3¼
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co	215	230
Mason Valley	8¼	9
Manhattan Transit	1 5-16	1 7-16
Marconi (new)	5	6
Marconi (anadian)	3½	4
Nipissing Mines	8⅞	9
Standard Oil	436	438
Yukon Gold	3	3⅛
United Cigar Stores	107½	108½
Chicago Elev 5s	93⅜	98½
Montreal Tram 5s	100¼	101
Montreal Tram 5s	100¼	101
Pac Gas & Elec 5s	89½	90½
West Pacific 5s	86¾	87¼

New York Bonds.

New York, February 4.—The bond market was irregular with fluctuations narrow. Total sales, par value, $2,250,000. United States bonds unchanged on call. Closing prices were:

U S ref 2s reg	101	K C S ref 5s	98¾
U S ref 2s cou	101	Lake Shore db 4s	92⅜
U S 3s reg	102½	L & N unif 4s	99
U S 3s cou	102½	‡M, K & T 4½s	93½
U S 4s reg	113½	‡Missouri Pac 4s	70
U S 4s coupon	113½	Missouri Pac 5s	87½
Panama 3s cou	102¼	N Ry of M 4½s	87
‡All-Chal ctfs	59	‡N Y Q gn 3½s	86
Am Agricul 5s	101⅞	N Y C deb 4s	90⅝
Am T & T cv 4s	106½	N Y, N H & H	
‡Am Tobacco 6s	121	conv 3½s	86½
Armour 4½s	91¾	‡N & W 1st 4s	98⅜
Atchison gen 4s	98	‡N & W cv 4s	109½
Atchison cv 4s	102⅝	Nor Pacific 4s	98¼
Atchison cv 5s	104¼	Nor Pacific 3s	67⅞
‡A C L 1st 4s	95	Ore S L ref 4s	91
B & O 4s	97⅞	Pa cv 3½s	97¼
B & O 3½s	91⅛	‡Pa con 4s	102¼
B & O S W 4s	90¼	Reading gen 4s	97⅛
‡Cent of Ga 5s	107¼	‡St L & S F fg 4s	76
Cent Leather 5s	97	St L & S F gn 5s	81
C & O 4½s	100½	‡St L S W con 4s	80½
C & O cv 4½s	92½	Seaboard Adj 5s	74
‡C & A 3½s	62	So Pac col 4s	96⅜
C, B & Q joint 4s	95⅝	So Pac cv 4s	93
C, B & Q gen 4s	95½	So Pac ref 4s	94⅛
C, M & St P cv 4½s	104½	Southern Ry 5s	106¾
C, R I & P col 4s	65¼	Southern Ry 4s	77⅞
C, R I & P ref 4s	87⅞	Union Pac 4s	99
C & S ref 4½s	94⅛	Union P cv 4s	99¾
D & H cv 4s	97⅝	‡Union P ref 4s	95
D & R G ref 5s	83⅜	U S Rubber 6s	103½
Distillers' 5s	68	U S Steel 2d 5s	101⅝
‡Erie pr lien 4s	86	Va-Car Chem 5s	98
‡Erie gen 4s	75¾	Wabash 1st 4s	60½
Eric cv 4s ser B	75¾	Western Md 4s	83⅜
Ill Cent 1st 4s	95½	West Elec cv 5s	94
Int Met 4½s	80½	Wis Cent 4s	91⅛
‡Int M M 4½s	65	‡Bid.	
‡Japan 4½s	90¼		

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., February 4.—The closing prices on the exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	40	40¼
Cambria Steel Company	50¾	51
Cons Traction (New Jersey)	74¼	74½
Electric & Power 4s	85	85⅛
Electric Storage Battery	53½	54
General Asphalt	42½	43
General Asphalt pfd	77	77½
Lake Superior Corporation	29½	30¼
Lehigh Navigation	91¼	92
Lehigh Valley	80¾	81
Pennsylvania Salt	106½	106¾
Pennsylvania Steel pfd	93	94
Philadelphia Company	49	49½
Philadelphia Co pfd	42⅞	43
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	27⅛	27⅜
Philadelphia Traction	84	84¼
Tonopah	5⅞	6
Tonopah Belmont	5⅞	6
Union Traction	50⅜	50⅞
United Gas Improvement	91	91¼
Warwick	10¼	10½
Welsbach Co	93	93¼

Mining Stocks.

BOSTON, February 4.

Allouez	38	Mohawk	53½
Amal Copper	72⅞	Nevada Cons	18¼
American Zinc	32	Nipissing Mines	8⅞
Ariz Commercial	3 1-16	North Butte	30
C C C & S M	6½	North Lake	2⅜
Cal & Arizona	65⅛	Old Dominion	49½
Cal & Hecla	495	Osceola	96
Centennial	16½	Quincy	72
Copper Range	47	Shannon	12
East Butte Cop	13½	Superior	30¾
Franklin	7½	Sup & Boston	4⅛
Giroux Cons	3	Tamarack	32
Granby Cons	68¾	U S S R & M	39¾
Greene-Cananea	8½	U S S R & Mpf	48¼
Isle Royale	28	Utah Cons	10⅜
Kerr Lake	3 3-16	Utah Copper	54¼
Lake Copper	19½	Winona	2⅞
La Salle Copper	4¾	Wolverine	67½
Miami Copper	23½		

NEW YORK, February 4.

Com Tun stock	.08	Ontario	2.50
*Com Tun bonds	.12	Ophir	.25
Con Cal & Va	.12	Small Hopes	.15
Iron Silver	1.50	*Standard	1.00
*Leadville Con	.08	Yellow Jacket	.18
Little Chief	.03	*Offered.	
Mexican	.74		

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, February 3.—The range of prices for futures at Chicago was:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	93⅜	93⅞	93⅜	93¾
July	91¼	91½	91⅛	91⅜
September	90	90⅛	89¾	90
CORN.				
May	52⅝	53⅝	52⅝	53½
July	53⅜	54¼	53⅜	54¼
September	54⅜	55¼	54⅜	55¼
OATS.				
May	34⅛	34⅝	34	34½
July	34¼	34¾	34⅛	34⅝
September	34	34½	34	34½
PORK.				
May	19.27½	19.42½	19.25	19.42½
July	19.27½	19.37½	19.22½	19.37½
LARD.				
May	10.30	10.35	10.27½	10.35
July	10.30	10.37½	10.35	10.35
September	10.35	10.40	10.35	10.40
SHORT RIBS.				
May	10.30	10.35	10.27½	10.32½
July	10.27½	10.30	10.25	10.30

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LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE

BALTIMORE, February 4.

Two stock issues attracted some attention because of their strength. They were the recently consolidated Merchants-Mechanics' Bank and United States Fidelity. Merchants-Mechanics' advanced a full point, to 33, although the top price was obtained for five shares only. The stock has advanced three points since the merger went into effect a few weeks ago. A single share of stock of the United States Fidelity changed hands at 193, compared with 184, the best preceding sale. The price of a single share of stock has no significance and the transaction caused no comment, but when later 196 was bid and while no offering under 200, some surprise was expressed at the strength of the stock and its scarcity on the market. National City Bank, at 108, recorded a decline of two points. United Railways issues were fractionally better, at 23¾ for the stock and 65 for the income bonds.

Baltimore Stock Exchange Sales.

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Sales on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

5 shares Baltimore Electric pfd.. 46⅜
100 shares Cons Coal.. 102¾
27 shares Cons Gas E L & P pfd.. 120
150 shares Cons Gas E L & P com.. 118½
146 shares Merch-Mech Bank.. 32
25 shares Merch-Mech Bank.. 32⅛
10 shares Maryland Casualty Co.. 106
45 shares Mercantile Trust Co.. 160
8 shares Munsey Trust Co.. 102
25 shares National City Bank.. 108
35 shares Penn Gas E L P com.. 92½
1 share United States Fidelity.. 193
10 shares United Railways com.. 23¾
15 shares United Railways com.. 23⅝
45 shares United Railways com.. 23¾
$4,500 Baltimore City 4s 1951.. 96¾
8,300 Baltimore City 3½s 1930.. 92
20,000 Baltimore City 3½s 1928.. 93
4,000 Balto Elec 5s (stamped).. 99⅜
1,000 Cotton Duck 5s.. 77
1,000 Cotton Duck 5s.. 76¾
1,000 Cons Gas E L & P notes.. 99⅞
1,000 Chicago Railways 5s.. 100¼
3,000 City & Sub (Wash) 5s.. 103½
1,000 Danville Trac & Power 5s.. 94¼
2,000 Fairmont & Clarks Trac 5s.. 101
3,000 Jacksonville Gas 5s 1942.. 96
1,000 Houston Oil div ctfs.. 81⅝
3,000 Milwaukee Ref 4½s.. 94
4,000 Nashville & Ports Trac 5s.. 93½
1,000 United Rys income 4s.. 62⅞
16,000 United Rys income 4s.. 63

AFTERNOON SESSION.

10 shares Cons Gas E L & P com.. 118¼
10 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs.. 64
126 shares Merch-Mech Bank.. 32¼
5 shares Merch-Mech Bank.. 33
$1,000 Alabama Mid 5s.. 106⅜
1,000 Baltimore City 4s 1951.. 96¾
1,000 Balto Elec 5s (stamped).. 99⅜
2,000 Baltimore Traction 5s.. 105¾
3,000 Chicago Railways 5s.. 100⅜
23,000 Cotton Duck 5s.. 76½
7,000 Cotton Duck 5s.. 77
1,000 Jamison C & C 5s.. 94
1,000 Norfolk Ry & Light 5s.. 100
1,000 United Rys 1st 4s.. 84⅞
2,000 United Railways 4s.. 83
2,000 United Rys income 4s.. 63

Closing Quotations.

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Maryland 4s 1928	98½	--
Baltimore City 5s 1916	102½	--
Baltimore City 4s 1951	96½	97
Cons Gas 4½s	94½	95
Cons Gas E L & P 4½s	89⅞	90
Cons Gas E L & P notes	99⅞	100
Cons Gas E L & P com	118¼	118½
Cons Gas E L & P pfd	120	121
Syracuse Gas 5s	102½	102½
Jacksonville Gas 5s	104½	42½
Citizens' National Bank	42⅛	50
Farm & Mer Nat Bank	49	--
First National Bank	144	--
Merch-Mech Bank	32¼	--
National Bank of Baltimore	164¼	--
National City Bank	110	--
National Howard Bank	14¾	--
National Union Bank	19½	41
Second National Bank	202	--
Western National Bank	--	40
Alabama Mid 5s	106⅜	108½
A C L Cons 4s	98⅞	--
A C L of Ct ctfs 5-20s	91	92
Coal & Iron Ry 1st 5s	100	101
Fla Penslr Cons 5s	104½	--
Ga & Ala Cons 5s	105	105⅜
Ga, Car & North 1st 5s	104½	105
Georgia & Florida 5s	64	--
Georgia Pacific 1st 6s	110	--
Macon, Dublin & Sav 5s	--	99½
New Or & Gt North 5s	--	69
New Or, Mobile & Chicago 5s	86	86¼
Norfolk & Atl Term 5s	93¾	94¼
Petersburg 5s Class A	106	107
Raleigh & Gaston 5s	--	108¼
Seaboard 4s (stamped)	85	86
Virginia Midland 5th 5s	105	--
West Nor Car Cons 6s	101½	102
Wil & Weldon Gold 5s	109	--
A C L of Ct	258	262
A C L R R	--	131
Seaboard A L com	19¾	20½
United Rys & Elec Co	23½	24
Western Maryland Ry	44	45½
Anacostia & Potomac 5s	98½	--
Anacostia & Potomac gtd	100½	--
Balto & Annap S L 5s	70	80
Chas Cons Ry G & E 5s	--	97¼
Chicago Railways 5s	100¼	--
City & Suburban 1st 5s	104½	--
City & Sub (Wash) 1st 5s	103½	--
Danville Trac & Power 5s	94	--
Metropolitan (Wash) 1st 5s	104½	105½
Newp News & Old Pt 1st 5s	99	101
Norfolk & Ports Trac 5s	91½	92
Portland Ry 5s 1930	101⅜	--
United Rys & Elec 1st 4s	84⅞	85
United Rys & Elec inc 4s	63	63¼
United Rys Dig 5s	--	87½
United Rys 3-Year 5s notes	100½	--
Va Ry & Power 5s	94¾	94¾
Wash, Balto & Annap 5s	87½	88
U S Fidelity & Guar Co	196	200
Baltimore Trust Co	--	160
Continental Trust Co	217	220
Fidelity Trust Co	240	--
Maryland Trust Co	118	123
Munsey Trust Co	100	102½
Baltimore Electric pfd	--	46½
Baltimore Electric 5s	99¼	99⅜
Canton Co	136	--
Cotton Duck 5s	76¾	77
Davison Chemical 6s	--	100
German Fire Ins Co	19	20
G B S Brewing com	3	3¼
G B S Brewing 1st 4s	48	--
G B S Brewing inc 5s	8	10
Houston Oil com tr ctfs	19	19¾
Houston Oil div ctfs	80	82
M & M Trust 6½s	--	70
Penna Water & Power com	--	70
Penna Water & Power 5s	92¾	93¾
United Elec 1st Cons 4½s	93	93½
Alabama Cons C & I 5s	--	77
Cons Coal Co	102¾	--
Cons Coal 1st 5s	93½	93¼
Jamison C & C Geo O 5s	94	94½

Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, February 4, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

	Bid.	Asked.
B & O 4½s June 1, 1913	100	100¼
Brook Transit 5s July 1, 1918	96¾	97
C & O 4½s June 1, 1914	99¼	99¾
Chicago Elev 5s June 1, 1914	98⅜	98⅝
Erie Railroad 5s Oct. 1, 1914	99⅜	100
Erie Railroad 6s April 8, 1914	100¾	101
Erie Railroad 6s Oct. 1, 1914	99¾	100
Gen Rubber 4½s July 1, 1915	97¾	98
Ill Cent 4½s July 1, 1914	99¾	99⅞
Int Gt North 5s Aug. 1, 1914	98⅞	99
Int Harvester 5s Feb. 15, 1915	100⅜	100¾
Lak Steel 5s Mar. 1, 1915	95⅜	96
M, K & T 5s May 1, 1913	100	100¼
Missouri Pac 5s June 1, 1914	97½	97¾
N Y, N H & H 5s Dec. 1, 1915	100⅛	100⅜
N Y Cent 4½s Mar. 1, 1914	99¾	100
N Y Cent 4½s Mar. 1, 1915	99¾	99⅞
St L & S F 6s Sept. 1, 1914	99⅜	100
Westing Elec 6s Aug. 1, 1913	100⅜	101

ANOTHER RISE IN CRUDE OIL

Predictions That the Price Has Not Reached Its Maximum.

Pittsburg, Pa., February 4.—After resting a few days the advance in crude oil was continued today when, at the opening of the market, the South Penn Oil Company announced Pennsylvania crude at $2.47. Other grades were advanced as follows:

Mercer black, Newcastle and Corning, $2.00; Cabell, $2.07, an advance of seven cents a barrel; Somerset, $1.35, an advance of three cents. There was no change in Ragland.

The new price established for Pennsylvania crude brings it within three cents of the goal for which oil producers have long sought—$2.50—and predictions were freely made that this mark would be passed before the end of the week.

Toledo, Ohio, February 4.—Oil: North Lima, $1.34; South Lima and Indiana, $1.29; Wooster, $1.65.

Oil City, Pa., February 4.—Credit balances, $2.47. Runs February 2, 137,018; average, 68,504. Shipments February 3, 208,320; average, 69,440.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, February 4.—Copper quiet; spot and February, $15.00 bid; March, April and May, $15.00@15.50. Electrolytic, $16.00@16.75. Castings, $16.02@16.75. Tin weak; spot and February, $49.15@49.25; March, $48.80@49.25; April, $48.75@49.00. Lead steady, $4.25@4.35. Spelter easy, $5.90@5.70. Antimony nominal; Cooksons, $9.75. Iron irregular and unchanged.

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, February 4.

The flour market is inactive. Wheat closed ¼c higher. Corn closed ⅜c better. Oats firm. Hay in moderate demand. Straw steady.

Eggs unchanged. Poultry steady. Butter firmer on creamery grades.

Quotations are for wholesale lots, unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS—FLOUR.—Receipts, 7,000 brls, including 3,722 brls for through shipment. Market quiet. We quote per 196 lbs, in wood:

Comparative prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter extra	$3.90@4.15	$3.75@3.95
Winter clear	3.20@4.45	3.35@4.15
Winter straight	4.60@4.75	4.40@4.50
Winter patent	5.15@5.30	4.75@4.90
Spring clear	4.00@4.30	4.25@4.60
Spring straight	4.30@4.45	5.20@5.40
Spring patent	4.45@4.75	5.45@5.70
City Mills best winter patent	—@5.75	—@6.25
City Mills blended patent	—@5.60	—@5.75
City Mills high-grade straight	—@5.45	—@4.95
City Mills choice family	—@5.15	—@4.65
City Mills Extra	4.25@4.40	3.80@3.90
City Mills spring patent	5.25@—	—@—
Rye Flour, medium to choice	3.75@4.00	5.00@5.25
Cornmeal, per 100 lbs	1.30@1.40	1.70@1.80
Buckwheat flour, 100 lbs	—@—	2.75@2.80

WHEAT.—Receipts, 55,281 bu Western; shipments from elevators, 3,979 bu; stock in elevators, 1,177,222 bu. Prime Southern in fair demand, but offerings very light. The market for Western opened dull, but firmer. February 2 red, 107c; spot 2 red, 107; No. 2 red Western, 108; March 2 red, 108¾. The market was inactive, but prices firm. Settling prices were: Contract No. 2 red Western, 108c; No. 2 red, 107; No. 3 red, 104½; standard 2 red, 100.

The closing was firmer. Spot and February, 107c; March, 108¾ nominal.

CORN.—Receipts, 54,962 bu, including 7,864 bu Southern; shipments from elevators, 4,634 bu; stock in elevators, 1,450,432 bu. Good demand for desirable Southern A. Sales of a small lot of Southern white corn, delivered, sold at 58c per bu. Quote track yellow corn, for domestic delivery, at 57c per bu for carlots on spot. Cob corn is quotable at $2.80@2.85 per brl for carloads prime nearby yellow on spot, with ample offerings for the moderate cariot demand. Western opened firmer; February, 54¾c bid; spot mixed, 54¾; March, 54⅞ bid. Corn in near positions in fair demand. Prices firm. Sales included two cars mixed spot, 54¾c Settling prices were: Contract, 54¾c; steamer mixed, 52¾; no established grade, 50¾.

The closing was strong; spot and February, 55⅝@55¾; March, 55⅝@55½.

OATS.—Receipts, 100,698 bu, including 86,994 bu for shipment; shipments from elevators, 4,681; stock in elevators, 448,401, including 224,000 for export. The market is firm, with demand principally for the better grades. Low grades, such as sly, are very dragg and in free supply. We quote closing prices, per bu: No. 2 white, 39; standard white, 38; No. 3 white, 37; No. 4 white, 35¾ asked. The lighter and medium weight oats are bringing a premium over the heavier weights.

RYE.—Receipts, 13,907 bu; shipments, 17,521; stock in elevators, 144,857. Prices unchanged. Market dull. We quote, per ton: Western Domestic—No. 2, 70@72; No. 3, 63@64; No. 4, 60@61. Bag lots nearby, as to quality, 53@65.

HAY.—Receipts, 194 tons. The demand is moderate. We quote, per ton: Timothy—No. 1, $18.50@19; standard, $17.50@18; No. 2, $17@17.50; No. 3, $14@16. Clover Mixed—Light, $16@16.50; No. 1, $15@15.50; No. 2, $12.50@13; heavy, $13.50@14.50. Clover—No. 1, $13@13.50; No. 2, $11@12.50. No established grade, $8@12. Sample grade, as to kind, quality and condition, $8@11.

STRAW.—Receipts, 9 tons. Better qualities of black straw in fair demand. We quote, per ton: Straight rye—No. 1, $17.50@18; No. 2, $16@16.50. Tangled—No. 1, $12.50@13; No. 2, $10@11.50. Wheat—No. 1, $8.50@9; No. 2, $8@8.50. Oat—No. 1, $8@10; No. 2, $8@8.50.

MILLFEED.—Receipts, 20 tons. Market steady; fair demand in a jobbing way. We quote, per ton, in 100-lb sacks: Spring bran, $23.50@24; flour or white middlings, $26@27; Western middlings, $24; city mills middlings, $24@24.50; city mills bran, $24.50@25; city mills white middlings, $30@31.

BUTTER.—Prices were advanced 1 cent on creamery grades. Attractive table grades in fair demand. Storepacked and low grades quiet. We quote, per lb.:

Creamery fancy	36	a36½
Creamery choice	34	a35
Creamery good	32	a33
Creamery prints	36	a38
Creamery blocks	35	a37
Ladles	22	a24
Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls	20	a22
Ohio rolls	20	a22
West Virginia rolls	19	a21
Storepacked	18	a19
Md., Va. and Pa. dairy prints	19	a21
Process butter	25	a27

CHEESE.—The market is steady. Quotations for jobbing lots, per lb, 18a18½c.

Fruits and Vegetables.—Prices unchanged. Strictly fresh eggs in fair demand, but supplies ample. We quote, per dozen, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 23c; Eastern Shore Maryland and Virginia, 23; Western firsts, Ohio, 23; West Virginia firsts, 22a23; Southern firsts, North Carolina, 21a22. Recrated and rehandled eggs ½ to 1c higher.

LIVE POULTRY.—Turkeys slightly easier. Ducks scarce and firm. Smooth young chickens and heavy, fat old hens in good demand. We quote, per lb: Chickens—Young, smooth, fat, 19c; do, rough and staggy, 16; old hens, 4 lbs and over, 16a17; do, small to medium, 16; old roosters, 10. Turkeys—Choice young hens, 22c; do do gobblers, 19; heavy old toms, 18a19; small, poor, thin, 14a15. Ducks—Young Muscovy and mongrel, 16a17c; young white Pekings, 17a18; puddle, 2½ lbs and over, 17a18; do, smaller and poor, 14a15. Geese—Maryland and Virginia, fat, heavy, 14a15; Kent Island, fat,