STRENGTH IN THE COPPER GROUP

GAINS RAN TO OVER TWO POINTS IN THOSE ISSUES.

The General Movement in Stocks Was Insignificant—Some Selling by Room Traders Early in Session on Account of Suit Against Corn Products and Pujo Money Trust Report.

New York, March 1.—Except for the strength of the copper group, in which gains ran to over 2 points, the movement of stocks today was insignificant. There was some selling early in the session by room traders on account of the government's suit against Corn Products, news of which reached the Street some time in advance of the actual filing of the suit, and the recommendations of the Pujo "money trust" committee.

Corn Products stocks held fairly steady. The preferred, which broke over 4 points yesterday, declined 1½ today, but later rallied to a point over the previous close. The movement in the common was fractional.

The report of the Pujo committee had not been digested thoroughly enough for the formation of conclusions upon which to base speculative action. While some recommendations of the committee were regarded as of a character to give Wall street deep concern should Congress consider seriously the enactment of such legislation, there was a disposition to dismiss this and all other political considerations for the present, until the new administration is at work.

The bank statement was decidedly unfavorable, revealing a cash loss in the actual table of $8,661,000, an amount considerably in excess of estimates. The surplus reserve was all but wiped out, being cut down to $2,690,000. This condition probably is a temporary one, however.

Rates for Money.

New York, March 1.—Money on call nominal; no loans. Time loans firm; 60 days, 4½@4¾ per cent., and 90 days, 4¾; six months, 4¾@5. Prime mercantile paper, 5 per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, March 1.—Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.25 for 60-day bills, and at 487.50 for demand. Commercial bills, 482¾.

Bar Silver.

New York, March 1.—Bar silver was quoted at 59⅛ per ounce. Mexican dollars, 48½.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, March 1.—Closing quotations at the New York exchange were:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	69⅝	68⅛	69¼	19,600
Am Agricultural	51½	51½	51	100
Am Beet Sugar	--	--	35	--
American Can	35¾	35⅛	35½	1,400
do pfd	125¼	124½	124½	1,400
Am Car & Fdy	49¾	49¾	49¾	400
Am Cotton Oil	--	--	48	--
Am Ice Securities	24¼	24¼	24	300
American Linseed	--	--	9¾	--
Am Locomotive	35½	35½	35½	200
Am Smelt & Rfg	69¾	69	69½	700
do pfd	103⅞	103⅝	103⅞	200
Am Sugar Rfg	--	--	114¼	--
Am Tel & Tel	132⅝	132⅜	132½	600
Am Tobacco	--	--	240	--
Anaconda Mining	36¼	35⅞	36⅛	1,900
Atchison	100⅛	99⅞	100⅛	500
do pfd	100⅛	100⅛	100	100
Atlantic Coast L	125	125	124	100
Balto & Ohio	101⅛	100¾	100¾	400
Bethlehem Steel	36⅛	35½	36	200
Brook Rap Tran	89¼	89	89	300
Canadian Pacific	231½	231¼	230⅞	300
Central Leather	28⅜	28¼	28¼	200
Ches & Ohio	73¾	73⅝	73½	500
Chicago Gt West	15	15	14½	100
C, Mil & St P	109	108½	108¾	1,200
Chicago & N W	136⅞	136¼	136	200
Col Fuel & Iron	33⅞	33¾	33¾	200
Consolidated Gas	132½	131½	132¼	1,100
Corn Products	12¾	12	12½	2,900
Del & Hudson	160½	160½	159¾	100
Denver & Rio G	--	--	19⅝	--
do pfd	--	--	35	--
Distillers' Secur	--	--	18	--
Erie	27¾	27	27⅜	1,900
do 1st pfd	43½	43½	43¾	100
do 2d pfd	--	--	34½	--
General Electric	139¼	139	139	400
Goodrich Rubber	--	--	41	--
Goldfield Cons	27⅞	25⅞	25⅞	7,000
Gt North pfd	126¾	126½	126⅝	800
Gt North Ore ctfs	35½	35½	35	200
Illinois Central	123	123	122½	100
Interboro Metrop	17½	17	17⅛	300
do pfd	58½	58	58⅝	700
Inter Harvester	--	--	107	--
Inter Marine pfd	--	--	17¼	--
Inter Paper	--	--	11½	--
Inter Pump	--	--	13	--
Kan City Southern	24	23	24	--
Laclede Gas	--	--	98	--
Lehigh Valley	156½	155¾	156⅜	1,500
Louis & Nash	133¾	133⅛	133¼	600
M, St P & S S M	136¼	136¼	136	100
Mo, Kan & Texas	25⅝	25⅝	25⅝	100
Missouri Pacific	37⅞	37⅝	37⅝	300
National Biscuit	154	115¾	115	100
Nat Enameling	15¼	15¼	15⅛	100
do pfd	--	--	88	--
National Lead	--	--	50	--
Nevada Cons	17½	17¼	17⅛	300
Nat Ry of M 2d pfd	--	--	24¼	--
N Y Central	106¼	106¼	106¼	300
N Y, Ont & West	--	--	30¼	--
Norfolk & West	105½	105½	105	200
North American	78¾	78¾	78	100
Northern Pacific	116	115½	115⅞	500
Pacific Mail	--	--	27	--
Pennsylvania	120⅛	119½	119⅞	2,000
People's Gas	--	--	112	--
P, C, C & St L	--	--	96¾	--
Pittsburgh Coal	21¾	21¾	21⅜	100
Pressed Steel Car	27	26⅞	26½	100
Pullman Pal Car	158½	158½	158	100
Reading	157	155⅞	156½	24,100
Rep Iron & Steel	--	--	24	--
do pfd	--	--	85	--
Rock Island Co	22¾	22⅜	22⅜	300
do pfd	38	38	38	100
St L & S F 2d pfd	24¾	24¾	24½	100
Seaboard Air Line	--	--	18¾	--
do pfd	44	44	43⅞	200
Sears-Roebuck	198	198	198	100
S-S Steel & Iron	--	--	35	--
Southern Pacific	99¾	99⅜	99½	1,100
Southern Railway	26	25⅝	25¾	500
do pfd	80⅛	80⅛	80	300
Tennessee Copper	37⅜	37	37	800
Texas & Pacific	18½	18½	18¼	200
Union Pacific	153⅛	152½	152⅞	8,300
do pfd	84¾	84¾	84	100
U S Realty	--	--	69	--
U S Rubber	62⅝	62	62	900
U S Steel	61⅛	60¼	60½	12,100
do pfd	107½	107½	107½	600
Utah Copper	54⅜	52½	54¼	2,800
Va-Car Chemical	32⅞	32⅞	32½	100
Wabash	4	3½	3½	300
do pfd	11	10½	10½	400
Western Maryland	--	--	41	--
Western Union	69	69	68	200
Westing Electric	69¾	69	69	400
Wheel & L Erie	6½	6½	6	100
Total sales			130,000 shares.	

New York Curb Stocks.

Closing prices March 1 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express 4s	80	84
British Columbia Copper	3⅜	3½
Chicago Subway	4½	7
Girous Consolidated	3	3⅛
Greene-Cananea	7⅞	8
Hollinger	16¼	17
Kerr Lake	3⅛	3¼
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co	200	210
Nipissing Mines	8⅞	9
Yukon Gold	3	3 1-16

New York Bonds.

New York, March 1.—Bonds were steady. Wabash 4s were exceptionally strong. Total sales (par value), $947,000.

United States 2s declined ¼c on call on the week. Closing prices were:

U S ref, 2s reg	100⅝	Lake Shore db 4s	91
U S ref 2s cou	100⅝	L & N unif 4s	97
U S 3s reg	102½	*M, K & T 4s	92¾
U S 3s cou	102½	‡M, K & T 4½s	84
U S 4s reg	113½	*Missouri Pac 4s	70
U S 4s cou	113⅞	Missouri Pac 5s	86
Panama 3s cou	102½	*N Ry of M 4½s	86
All-Chal ctfs	59	N Y C gen 3½s	84½
Am Agricul 5s	100½	N Y C deb 4s	89
‡Am T & T cv 4s	102½	‡N Y, N H & H	
*Am Tobacco 6s	121½	conv 3½s	84
Armour 4½s	90½	N & W 1st 4s	96½
Atchison gen 4s	97	N & W cv 4s	105½
Atchison cv 4s	100¼	Nor Pacific 4s	97⅜
Atchison cv 5s	101¾	Nor Pacific 3s	67
‡A C L 1st 4s	93	Ore S L ref 4s	89¾
B & O 4s	96	Pa cv 3½s	97
‡B & O 3½s	89½	‡Pa con 4s	101
B R T cv 4s	88⅝	Reading gen 4s	96½
‡Cent of Ga 5s	106¾	St L & S F fg 4s	76
Cent Leather 5s	95½	St L & S F gen 5s	79½
‡C & O 4½s	100⅛	‡St L S W con 4s	79
C & O cv 4½s	90¾	Seaboard Adj 5s	71½
‡C & A 3½s	60	So Pac col 4s	95
C, B & Q joint 4s	95	So Pac cv 4s	90¾
C, B & Q gen 4s	94⅞	So Pac ref 4s	93
C, M & St P cv 4½s	102⅜	Southern Ry 5s	105½
C, R I & P col 4s	63¼	Southern Ry 4s	77½
C, R I & P ref 4s	86⅜	Union Pac 4s	98⅜
C & S ref 4½s	93⅞	Union P cv 4s	94½
D & H cv 4s	96¾	Union P ref 4s	93¼
D & R G ref 5s	81¼	U S Rubber 6s	102¾
‡Distillers' 5s	68	U S Steel 2d 5s	101⅜
‡Erie pr lien 4s	84½	‡Y-C Chem 5s	96⅞
Erie gen 4s	75	Wabash 1st 4s	60
‡Erie cv 4s ser B	73	*Western Md 4s	82½
Ill Cent 1st 4s	95⅜	West Elec cv 5s	92
Int Met 4½s	79¾	Wis Cent 4s	90¼
‡Int M M 4½s	64	W-P Terminal 4s	24½
‡Japan 4½s	87½	*Offered. ‡Bid.	
‡K C S ref 5s	97½		

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—Closing prices on the exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	39¼	39½
Cambria Steel Company	51¼	51½
Cons Traction (New Jersey)	73¾	74
Electric & Power 4s	85	85⅛
Electric Storage Battery	51⅜	52
General Asphalt	39½	39¾
General Asphalt pfd	73	73½
Lake Superior Corporation	27	27¼
Lehigh Navigation	89	89½
Pennsylvania Salt	105½	106
Pennsylvania Steel pfd	93	94
Philadelphia Company	48	48¼
Philadelphia Company pfd	41½	41¾
Philadelphia Electric	23⅛	23¼
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	25¾	26
Philadelphia Traction	83	83¼
Tonopah	5⅞	6
Tonopah Belmont Dev	7⅜	7⅝
United Gas Improvement	88⅜	88½
Union Traction	50	50¼
Warwick	10½	10⅝
Welsbach 5s	93½	93¾

Mining Stocks.

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*Com Tun bons	.12	Ontario	2.50
Con Cal & Va	.15	Ophir	.15
Iron Silver	1.50	Small Hopes	.15
*Leadville Con	.03	*Standard	1.00
Little Chief	.04	Yellow Jacket	.20
Mexican	.63	*Offered.	

BOSTON, March 1.			
Allouez	36	Mohawk	49
Amal Copper	67¼	Nevada Cons	17⅜
American Zinc	29¾	Nipissing Mines	8¾
Arizona Commercial	3⅜	North Butte	27¼
B & C C & S M	6	North Lake	1¾
Cal & Arizona	62	Old Dominion	48
Cal & Hecla	455	Osceola	89
Centennial	14½	Quincy	66½
Copper Range	45½	Shannon	11
East Butte Cop	12½	Superior	28
Franklin	6⅛	Sup & Boston	3⅞
Giroux Cons	2⅞	Tamarack	30
Granby Cons	60¾	U S S R & M	39⅝
Greene-Cananea	8	U S S R & M pf	48
Isle Royale	24¾	Utah Cons	9¼
Kerr Lake	3	Utah Copper	54
Lake Copper	16¾	Winona	2½
La Salle Copper	37⅞	Wolverine	67
Miami Copper	22¼		

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, March 1.—The range of prices for futures at Chicago was:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	92⅞	93	92½	92½
July	91⅜	91⅜	91	91
September	90	90	89¾	89¾
CORN.				
May	53¼	53⅜	53	53
July	54¼	54⅜	54	54
September	55⅜	55⅜	55	55
OATS.				
May	34⅜	34½	34¼	34¼
July	34⅝	34⅝	34⅜	34⅜
September	34½	34½	34¼	34¼
PORK.				
May	20.25	20.32½	20.20	20.22½
July	20.10	20.12½	20.00	20.02½
LARD.				
May	10.80	10.82½	10.77½	10.80
July	10.80	10.85	10.77½	10.77½
September	10.85	10.85	10.80	10.80
SHORT RIBS.				
May	10.72½	10.75	10.70	10.72½
July	10.72½	10.72½	10.67½	10.67½
September	--	10.77½	10.72½	10.72½

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE

BALTIMORE, March 1.

A short session, bordering on absolute idleness, closed a listless week. While the market for securities has been narrow and concessions were frequently necessary in order to effect sales, on the whole price changes were small, due to the fact that most of the issues in this market being of an investment character sell on their merit.

Holders of the preferred stock of the Consolidated Gas Electric Light and Power Company were today notified that the time within which holders of preferred stock may exchange their holdings for common stock, share for share, has been extended to September 1, 1913. By the plan authorizing the exchange of stock, March 1 was the last day for the deposit of the preferred stock to be exchanged for the common, but as indicated the management found it advisable to extend the time within which the exchange may be made for six months. The common stock having been placed on a 6 per cent. basis recently, the return is the same on each issue. All the preferred stock is to be cancelled and retired by the company, as it is important in connection with the financial plans of the company that the preferred stock be eliminated. President Aldred, of the company, is in London arranging for marketing a new issue of debenture 4½ per cent. stock, and it had been hoped to retire the preferred stock. The preferred stock is preferred as to principal and dividends, and taken in connection with the company's earnings is considered a good investment security. It can be retired at 120, and it was thought that the stock not exchanged would be retired at an early date at the figure named. In order to induce holders of preferred stock to make the exchange, the dividend on the common stock was raised from a 5 to a 6 per cent. basis, and for a time both issues sold around 120. Although the preferred yielded a point or two the common has been dropping, and recent sales have been made at 115. The extension of the time for making the exchange would indicate that the responses have not been as large as had been expected.

George H. Miller, representing the Kahn interests in Baltimore and Washington, announces that their syndicate, composed of J. S. & W. S. Kuhn, Inc., the Union Trust Company and the Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, have been awarded today $2,500,000 Pittsburgh (Pa.) school district 4¼ per cent. school building bonds, which are tax free in Pennsylvania.

These bonds will be dated November 30, 1912, have an average life of 19 years, and will be ready for delivery on April 1, 1913.

Baltimore Stock Exchange Sales.

[Furnished by Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.]

Sales on the Baltimore Stock Exchange were as follows:

MORNING SESSION.

55 shares Baltimore Electric pfd	45
15 shares Fidelity & Deposit	175½
5 shares Houston Oil pfd tr ctfs	62¾
25 shares Maryland Casualty Co	105
37 shares Mercantile Trust Co	158¼
10 shares Merch-Mech Bank	33⅜
60 shares United Railways com	23½
15 shares United Railways com	23¾
50 shares Wash, Balto & An pfd	35¾
$1,000 Balto Elec 5s (stamped)	99¼
9,000 Cons Coal 6s notes (W I)	100
1,000 Cons Coal Ref 5s	90½
2,000 G B S Brewing 4s	48½
1,000 Lake Roland 5s	107
5,000 Maryland Electric 5s	97½
2,000 United Rys income 4s	63
100 United Rys Fdg 5s	87½

Closing Quotations.

[Furnished by Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.]

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

	Bid.	Asked.
Maryland 4s	99	--
Baltimore City 4s 1957	96¾	--
Baltimore City 4s 1960	96⅝	--
Baltimore City 4s 1961	96¾	97¼
Cons Gas 4½s	94⅝	--
Cons Gas E L & P 4½s	89½	89¾
Cons Gas E L & P con	112½	115¾
Cons Gas E L & P pfd	115	119
Citizens' National Bank	42	42½
German-American Bank	108	--
Merch-Mech Bank	--	33½
National Bank of Baltimore	179	--
National City Bank	111	117
National Union Bank	--	143½
A C L of Ct ctfs 5-20s	90	--
Ala Mid 5s	--	107
Coal & Iron Ry 1st 5s	--	100⅜
Fort Worth & Den City 6s	107¼	108
Maryland & Penna inc 4s	68	68½
New Or & Gt North 5s	68⅞	69½
New Or, Mobile & Chicago 5s	--	85
Norfolk & Atl Term 5s	94	--
Norfolk Terminal 1st 5s	--	107½
Nor Pacific 3s	67	--
Ore S L ref 4s	89¾	--
Pa cv 3½s	97	--
‡Pa con 4s	101	101
Reading gen 4s	96½	--
St L & S F fg 4s	76	--
St L & S F gen 5s	79½	--
‡St L S W con 4s	79	97
City & Suburban 1st 5s	103	104
Fairmont & Clarks Trac 5s	100½	101
Newport News & Old Pt 1st 5s	--	100½
Norfolk & Ports Trac 5s	--	91
Norfolk Ry & Light 5s	99¼	100
United Rys & Elec 1st 4s	--	85
Fidelity & Deposit Co	175	--
Maryland Casualty Co	--	105
Munsey Trust Co	--	106
Mercantile Trust Co	158	--
Baltimore Electric pfd	45	--
Baltimore Electric 5s	--	99½
Cotton Duck 5s	75½	76
German Fire Ins Co	17	19
G B S Brewing 1st 4s	47½	48¼
G B S Brewing inc 5s	8	10
Houston Oil com tr ctfs	18⅞	19½
Houston Oil div ctfs	80½	81
T H Symington pfd	69	--
United Elec 1st Cons 4½s	--	92¾
Cons Coal 6s notes	100	100⅛
Cons Coal Co	100	--
Cons Coal Ref 5s	90	91
Fairmont Coal 1st 5s	--	96

Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, March 1, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

	Bid.	Asked.
B & O 4½s—June 1, 1913	99⅞	100
Brook Transit 5s—July 1, 1918	96⅜	96½
C & O 4½s—June 1, 1914	98⅞	99
Chicago Elev 5s—June 1, 1914	97½	97⅞
Erie Railroad 5s—Oct. 1, 1914	98½	99
Erie Railroad 6s—April 1, 1914	100⅜	100¾
Gray Motor 6s—Oct. 1, 1915	98½	98¾
Gen Rubber 4½s—July 1, 1915	96⅞	97¼
Ill Cent 4½s—July 1, 1914	99¼	99½
Int Gt North 5s—Aug. 1, 1914	98¼	98⅜
Int Harvester 5s—Feb. 15, 1915	100	100¼
Lack Steel 5s—Mar. 1, 1915	95	95⅛
M, K & T 5s—May 1, 1913	99⅞	100⅛
Missouri Pac 5s—June 1, 1914	97⅛	97⅜
N Y, N H & H 5s—Dec. 1, 1915	100	100¼
N Y Cent 4½s—Mar. 1, 1914	99⅜	99⅝
N Y Cent 4½s—Mar. 1, 1915	99¼	99½
St L & S F 6s—Sept. 1, 1914	99½	100
Westing Elec 6s—Aug. 1, 1913	100⅜	100¾

Bank Statement.

New York, March 1.—The statement of the actual condition of Clearing-house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $2,690,250 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of $10,483,400 from last week. The statement follows:

Actual condition:

		Increase.
Loans	$1,978,856,000	$11,893,000
Specie	330,758,000	*8,757,000
Legal tenders	82,231,000	96,000
Net deposits	1,823,781,000	8,874,000
Circulation	46,448,000	55,000
Banks' cash reserve in vault	346,019,000	
Trust companies' cash reserve in vault	66,970,000	
Aggregate cash reserve	412,989,000	
Excess lawful reserve	2,690,250	*10,483,400

*Decrease.

Trust companies' reserve with Clearing-house members carrying 25 per cent. cash reserve, $53,474,000.

Summary of state banks and trust companies in Greater New York, not included in Clearing-house statement:

		Increase.
Loans	$574,129,300	*$3,030,800
Specie	65,430,800	561,000
Legal tenders	7,779,500	*125,900
Total deposits	633,140,900	*1,959,900

*Decrease.

The Financier says today:

The principal feature of the statement of the New York clearing-house banks for the week ending March 1 was an unexpected decrease of $8,661,000 in cash. Loans expanded $11,893,000, owing doubtless to the March 1 dividend and interest period. The effect of the increase in loans and the loss in cash was to bring about an expansion of $8,874,000 in deposits, which of itself called for additional reserve requirements, and the net result was a shrinkage of $10,483,400 in surplus reserve, the present excess above the 25 per cent. minimum standing at $2,690,250.

It is not likely that the reserve will remain at this low figure, but for the present it indicates that unless the banks further increase their cash holdings firmer money rates are not at all unlikely.

Pritchard's Grain Review.

BY JOSEPH F. PRITCHARD.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, March 1.—Conservative men in the wheat trade who watched the movement of wheat during the present crop year, advance the opinion that the farm reserves of this grain will be fairly liberal on March 10, the date of the coming government report. The most popular guess among the board of trade is for a total of 150,000,000 bushels in the hands of farmers, which compares with 122,000,000 bushels for the corresponding period one year ago.

Any change to be seen in wheat in the near future must favor the bulls. The growing plant is safely hidden under a heavy coating of snow and where the snow has been melted by rain or sun, there is ample moisture for a time at least. The importing countries are looking elsewhere than America for their supplies and a reversal of these conditions would mean a complete change in the matter of sentiment and a general advance in values.

With the weather more favorable for the movement of corn and the likelihood of Chicago stocks, as well as the visible supply, showing increases next week, the lot of the average bull is not a pleasant one to contemplate.

The cotton crowd in May corn which holds a big line of that future, is giving the situation very little attention, but it is said that when the proper time arrives a whirl of considerable speed will be given to that future. The cash trade in corn is smaller than it has been for some little time and there is a falling off in the export business.

The cash trade in oats was extremely poor at Chicago today, only 110,000 bushels changing hands. A message from Argentina said that threshing results there were disappointing both as regards quality and quantity and that estimates on the crop are being reduced.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 1.—The metal markets were dull and practically nominal. Lake copper, $15.25; electrolytic, $15; casting, $14.75. Iron unchanged.

Linseed.

DULUTH, March 1.—Closing: Linseed—On track, $1.28½@1.32½; to arrive, $1.28½; May, $1.30 bid; July, $1.31⅜ asked.

FIRST LADY OF FRANCE

Speculation About Social Regime Under Mme. Poincare.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Paris, March 1.—There is much speculation in Paris as to the character of the social regime at the Elysee under Mme. Poincare, wife of the new president.

The First Lady of France occupies a rather anomalous position. She must reflect those middle-class qualities that appeal to the people of the republic and, at the same time, receive and entertain the crown heads of Europe. The wives of the former presidents of France were women of vastly varying temperament and character, but most of them acquitted themselves with credit, especially those who reflected the bourgeois attitude.

Mme. Poincare is an Italian woman of rare intelligence, but is essentially a home woman. Her husband was never a society man and she has lived a life of quiet ease with him in a small, private hotel up to the time he became president.

She is, however, a woman of great refinement and of artistic taste, and the probabilities are that her regime at the Elysee will be made notable for its refined elegance and literary eclat.

WANTED HER PETS KILLED

Wealthy Woman Did Not Want Them to Survive Her.

Special Cablegram to The American.

London, March 1.—Leaving estate of $220,400 gross value, Miss Margaret Ellen Newton, of Lancashire, directed in her will that she should not be buried for seven days after her death. On the day after the funeral her dogs, ponies and horses were to be painlessly destroyed and buried in the field adjoining her house, but if her friend, Jane G. Bites, desired to keep either of her dogs she was at liberty to do so.

Miss Newton left $5,000 to the Manchester branch of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, March 1.

The flour market is lifeless. Wheat closed unchanged. Corn closed ⅛c. easier. Oats steady. Hay steady. Straw firm.

Eggs steady at unchanged prices. Poultry firm. Butter firm.

*Quotations are for wholesale lots unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS.—FLOUR—Receipts, 5,678 brls, including 1,197 brls for through shipment. Market lifeless. We quote per 196 lbs, in wood:

Comparative prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter extra	$3.60@4.15	$3.75@3.95
Winter clear	4.20@4.45	3.85@4.10
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	—@5.25
City Mills high grade straight	—@5.45	—@4.95
City Mills choice family	—@5.15	—@4.55

WHEAT.—Receipts, 5,353 bu; Western. Shipments from elevators, 11,265 bu; stock in elevators, 867,293. Ready sale for prime milling Southern, if here.

The market for Western opened steady; March No. 2 red, 106⅝; spot No. 2 red, 106¾; No. 2 red Western, 107; April No. 2 red, 106½. Not much demand for wheat and last market ruled quiet.

Settling prices were: No. 2 red Western, 107; No. 2 red, 106¾; No. 3 red, 101¼; steamer No. 2 red, 96¾.

The T. P. M. closing was quiet; No. 2 red spot and March, 106¾; April, 108½ nominal.

CORN.—Receipts, 304,369 bu, including 3,505 bu Southern. Shipments from elevators, 105,856 bu; stock in elevators, 2,395,546. The demand is good for desirable Southern.

Quote at close: Western corn, for domestic delivery, at 56½c per bu for carlots on spot.

Cob corn is firm at around $2.95@3.00 per brl for carloads prime nearby yellow on spot. Offerings moderate and demand fair.

Western opened easier; March, 54½c; spot mixed, 54½; April, 55⅝ bid.

Corn in near positions is in fair and steady demand.

Sales included 2 cars spot, 54½c.

Settling prices were: Contract, 54½c; steamer mixed, 52; no established grade, 50½.

The 1 P. M. closing was dull and lower; spot and March, 54½c; April, 55⅝.

OATS.—Receipts, 23,405 bu, including 7,540 bu for shipment; shipments from elevators, 6,902 bu; stock in elevators, 262,056, including 64,077 bu for export. The market is steady with a fair inquiry for No. 3 whites and standards. Sales included 1 car No. 3 white, in No. 2 elevator, 37c. Closing prices: No. 2 white, 38¼@38½c; standards, 38 white, 37¾a38; No. 3 white, 37; No. 4 white, 35 asked.

RYE.—Receipts, 6,520 bu; shipments, 14,452. Stock in elevators, 94,960 bu. Trading light. We quote, per bu: No 1 rye, domestic, 70a74c; No. 2 rye, Western, domestic, 67a70; No. 3 rye, Western, domestic, 64a67; No. 4 rye, domestic, 59a60; bag lots, nearby, as to quality, 55a65.

HAY.—Receipts, 429 tons, including 22 for export. Market quiet on the upper grades of timothy, for some demand for good sound mixed hay. We quote, per ton: Timothy—No. 1, $18.50a19; standard, $17a17.50; No. 2, $16.50a17; No. 3, $13.50a15. Clover Mixed—Light, $16; No. 1, $15a15.50; No. 2, $12.50a14; heavy, $13a13.50. Clover—No. 1, $13; No. 2, $10a11.50. No established grade, $8a12. Sample grade, as to kind, quality and condition, $8a11.

STRAW.—Receipts, 24 tons. Market firm under light receipts and fair jobbing demand. We quote, per ton: Straight Rye—No. 1, $17.50a18; No. 2, $15.50a16. Tangled Rye—No. 1, $12.50a13; No. 2, $10a11.50. Wheat—No. 1, $8.50a9; No. 2, $8a8.50. Oat—No. 1, $9a10; No. 2, $8a8.50.

MILLFEED.—Receipts, 39 tons, including 20 for shipment. Prices steady and demand mainly of a jobbing character. We quote, per ton, in 100-lb sacks: Spring bran, $22.50a23; flour to white middlings, $25a25; Western middlings, $23.50a24; City Mills middlings, $24a24.50; City Mills winter bran, $25a25; City Mills white middlings, $30a31.

BUTTER.—The market is fairly firm, with the demand for the better grades equal to the offerings. Fair inquiry for good, medium and low grades. We quote, per lb:

Creamery fancy	36	a37
Creamery extra	34	a35
Creamery good	32	a33
Creamery prints	38	a38
Creamery blocks	35	a37
Ladles	22	a24
Maryland and Pennsylvania rolls	20	a22
Ohio rolls	19	a21
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 at 18½a19c per lb for jobbing lots.

EGGS.—The market is steady, with fair inquiry for strictly fresh eggs. Ducks eggs are in active demand. We quote per dozen, loss off: Maryland, Pennsylvania and nearby firsts, 21c; Western firsts, 21; West Virginia firsts, 21; Southern firsts, 20.

Recrated and rehandled hen eggs ½ to 1c higher.

Duck Eggs—Nearby, 32c; Southern, 29.

LIVE POULTRY.—Market firm. Good and steady inquiry for smooth, fat young chickens. Choice hen turkeys in some demand and receipts light. Old hens steady. Ducks scarce and firm. We quote, per lb: Chickens—Old hens, heavy, 16½c; do, small to medium, 16½; old roosters and stags, 10; young, chicks, smooth, 19a20; do, rough and stags, 12a13. Ducks—White Pekins, 19a22c; muscovy, 17; puddle, 18. Geese—Nearby, 15a15c; Western and Southern, 11a12. Turkeys—Choice hens, 24c; young gobblers, 22; old toms, 19; rough and stags, 16a17. Guineafowl, each—Old, 30c; young, 1½ lbs and over, 55; do, small, 20.

DRESSED POULTRY.—Under light receipts of attractive stock the market rules firm. Active inquiry for large capons and choice young chickens, chickens and ducks meet with ready sale. We quote, per lb, scalded, undrawn, head and feet on: Turkeys—Choice, 23a24c; fair to good, 21a22; old toms, 18a19. Chickens—Young, 19a20c; mixed, 17a18; old hens, 16a17; old rooster, 16a11. Ducks, 20a22c. Geese—Nearby, 16a17c; Western and Southern, 14a15. Capons—Seven lbs and upward, 24a25c; medium, 22a23; small and slips, 17a18.

COFFEE.—The local spot market was dull on a basis of 15¾c for No. 7 Rio.