STOCK MARKET UNDER PRESSURE

UNION PACIFIC FELL TO LOWEST PRICE SINCE 1908.

Both Investment and Speculative Issues Suffered Sharp Declines. Conditions Abroad Contributed to the Heaviness — Pronounced Losses in Tobacco Shares—Standard Oil Weak.

New York, March 8.—Securities were under constant pressure during the two hours of trading today. The heaviness of the principal foreign markets was reflected here in sharp declines among both investment and speculative stocks. The virtual failure of the Prussian government's loan offering yesterday depressed European markets and, sentimentally, was an influence here. Bankers held that the tendency would be toward the maintenance of high rates abroad, with the prospect of further calls upon this center.

The unfavorable effect of this influence upon the stock market was heightened by other considerations. The recent indications that the drafting of a new plan for dissolution of the Harriman properties might be necessary, have given rise to conjecture whether Union Pacific would fare so well as under the plan first adopted. That stock was made under heavy pressure and broke to 149¾, its lowest price since 1908.

There were more rumors in circulation regarding the prospects for action by the new Attorney General against large corporations, particularly Tobacco and Oil companies. In spite of the fact that there appeared to be no foundation for the rumors, the stocks continued their recent rapid decline. Losses among the Tobacco stocks ran from 5 to 13 points. Standard Oil or New Jersey broke 25 points more.

The bank statement revealed the expected cash loss of over $4,000,000, but there was a scaling down of loans of $23,000,000, and the slender margin of excess reserves reported last week was slightly increased.

Rates for Money.

New York, March 8.—Money on call nominal; no loans. Time loans strong; 60 days and 90 days and six months, 5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 5¼ to 5½ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

New York, March 8.—Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 483.65 for 60-day bills and at 487.95 for demand. Commercial bills 482¾.

Bar Silver.

New York, March 8.—Bar silver was quoted at 58¾. Mexican dollars, 48.

Closing Quotations at New York.

New York, March 8.—Closing quotations at the New York exchange were as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.	Sales.
Amal Copper	69¾	68⅝	69	23,300
Am Agricultural	53	53	52	200
Am Beet Sugar	84	81	81½	1,600
American Can	32	31⅜	31¾	3,500
do pfd	121½	121	121½	700
Am Car & Fdy	51	50¾	50	200
Am Cotton Oil	47	45	44	700
Am Ice Securities	24½	24½	24½	300
American Linseed	--	--	9¾	--
Am Locomotive	36⅛	35⅛	35	--
Am Smlt & Rfg	69	68	68	2,800
do pfd	103½	103⅜	103	200
Am Sugar Rfg	--	--	131¼	--
Am Tel & Tel	133	132½	132½	500
Am Tobacco	238	232½	238	3,100
Anaconda Mining	36⅝	35⅞	35⅞	1,200
Atchison	101½	100⅝	100⅞	3,800
do pfd	100	100	100	100
Atlantic Coast L	--	--	123½	--
Balto & Ohio	100¼	100⅛	100¼	700
Bethlehem Steel	36	35½	35½	700
Brook Rap Tran	89¼	88½	88¾	2,000
Canadian Pacific	226⅞	225½	225¾	7,100
Central Leather	27	27	26¾	200
Ches & Ohio	72¾	71½	71¾	1,300
Chicago Gt West	14½	14½	14½	400
C, Mil & St P	109	107¾	108¼	2,900
Chicago & NW	133⅝	133⅝	133½	100
Col Fuel & Iron	33	32¾	32½	700
Consolidated Gas	130½	129⅝	130	1,100
Corn Products	11	10⅝	10½	900
Del & Hudson	--	--	160½	--
Denver & Rio G	--	--	12½	--
do pfd	34	34	33½	200
Distillers' Secur	17	17	16⅞	100
Erie	27⅛	26⅝	26⅝	1,900
do 1st pfd	44	44	43½	300
do 2d pfd	--	--	33	--
General Electric	138⅝	138	137½	500
Goodrich Rubber	--	--	40⅛	--
Goldfield Cons	2⅞	2¾	2¾	500
Gt North pfd	126⅝	126	126½	1,600
Gt North Ore ctfs	35½	35	34½	1,900
Illinois Central	123	123	123	200
Interbor Metrop	17⅛	16½	16⅝	1,900
do pfd	59¼	58⅛	58½	1,800
Inter Harvester	107	106	106	400
Inter Marine pfd	--	--	17	--
Inter Paper	11¼	11¼	11¼	100
Inter Pump	10	10	9¾	100
Kan City South	24⅜	24⅜	24	100
Laclede Gas	99	99	98½	100
Lehigh Valley	154⅝	153½	153⅞	6,100
Louis & Nash	133	132⅞	132¾	1,100
M, St P & S S M	135½	134½	134	400
Mo, Kan & Texas	25⅜	25⅜	24¾	100
Missouri Pacific	37¼	36½	37	1,300
National Biscuit	--	--	114	----
Nat Enameling	--	--	14	----
do pfd	--	--	86	----
National Lead	--	--	49	100
Nevada Cons	17⅛	17	17	1,500
N Ry of M 2d pfd	--	--	23½	----
N Y Central	105¾	105¼	105¼	400
N Y, Ont & West	30⅛	30⅛	30	100
Norfolk & West	105¼	104¾	104¾	1,200
North American	--	--	79	----
Northern Pacific	115⅝	114¾	115	5,600
Pacific Mail	--	--	26½	----
Pennsylvania	119½	119¼	119¼	2,000
People's Gas	--	--	110	----
P, C, C & St L	--	--	96¼	----
Pittsburgh Coal	21	21	20¾	100
Pressed Steel Car	27	27	26½	300
Pullman Pal Car	159½	159½	158½	100
Reading	156	153⅞	154⅛	73,500
Rep Iron & Steel	25	24⅝	24½	800
do pfd	85¾	85½	85	200
Rock Island Co	21¾	21⅝	21¾	300
do pfd	36¾	36½	36½	200
St L & S F 2d pfd	--	--	24½	----
Seaboard Air Line	--	--	18¾	----
do pfd	44	43⅞	43¾	200
Sears-Roebuck	193	191	191	300
S-S Steel & Iron	--	--	34	----
Southern Pacific	99¾	99	98⅞	4,600
Southern Railway	25⅜	25⅜	25¼	100
do pfd	80⅜	80	79¾	600
Tennessee Copper	36½	36	36	400
Texas & Pacific	18¼	18	17	200
Union Pacific	150⅞	149⅜	150	39,900
do pfd	84½	84½	84	100
U S Realty	69	69	68¼	200
U S Rubber	60½	59¾	59⅞	3,000
U S Steel	60¼	59½	59¾	50,100
do pfd	108	108	108	1,200
Utah Copper	53	52	52¼	1,900
Va-Car Chemical	34	33⅝	33¾	400
Wabash	--	--	3⅞	----
do pfd	--	--	11	----
Western Maryland	43	42½	42½	200
Western Union	68½	67¾	67	300
Westing Electric	69¼	68	68	600
Wheel & L Erie	--	--	5½	----
Total sales			301,000 shares.	

New York Curb Stocks.

Closing prices March 8 of the most active curb securities were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
Adams Express 4s	80	83
British Columbia Copper	22⅜	22⅝
Chicago Subway	4½	7
Giroux Consolidated	3⅛	3¼
Greene-Cananea	8¼	8½
Hollinger	16¼	17
Kerr Lake	3⅛	3 3-16
La Rose Consolidated	2¾	3
Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Co	200	215
Nipissing Mines	8⅞	9
Yukon Gold	3	3 3-16

New York Bonds.

New York, March 8.—Bonds maintained their declining tendency. Total sales, per value, $1,378,000. United States bonds unchanged on the week. Closing prices were:

U S ref 2s reg	100⅝	Lake Shore db 4s	90¾
U S ref 2s coup	100⅝	L & N unif 4s	96
U S 3s reg	102½	*M, K & T 4s	92½
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	85
All-Chal ctfs	56½	N Y C gen 3½s	84
Am Agricultural 5s	100½	N Y C deb 4s	89
‡Am T & T cv 4s	103½	N*Y, L E & W	
*Am Tobacco 6s	121½	conv 3½s	83¾
Armour 4½s	90⅜	N & W 1st 4s	96¼
Atchison gen 4s	96¾	‡N & W cv 4s	105⅝
Atchison cv 4s	99¾	‡Nor Pacific 4s	97⅛
Atchison cv 5s	101½	Nor Pacific 3s	66¾
‡A C L 1st 4s	92	Nor Pac cv 4s	89⅛
B & O 4s	95¾	Pa cv 3½s	96⅞
B & O 3½s	90	‡Pa con 4s	101½
B R T cv 4s	80	Reading gen 4s	96
Cent of Ga 5s	106½	St L & S F gen 6s	74½
Cent Leather 5s	95½	St L & S F gen 5s	79¼
C & O 4½s	100¼	St L S W con 4s	79½
C & O cv 4½s	90½	Seaboard Adj 5s	72
C & A 3½s	81	So Pac coll 4s	92½
C, B & Q joint 4s	94⅝	So Pac cv 4s	89½
C, B & Q gen 4s	94¾	So Pac ref 4s	93¼
C, M & St P cv 4½s	102	Southern Ry 5s	105½
C, R I & P col 4s	63	Southern Ry 4s	77¾
C, R I & P ref 4s	86½	Union Pac 4s	98⅜
‡C & S ref 4½s	92¾	Union P cv 4s	94½
‡D & H cv 4s	97⅛	Union P ref 4s	92¼
D & R G ref 5s	81¼	U S Rubber 6s	102
‡Distillers' 5s	68	U S Steel 2d 5s	100½
Erie pr lien 4s	95¼	‡V-G Chem 5s	96¾
‡Erie gen 4s	77⅞	Wabash 1st 4s	75⅞
Erie cv 4s ser B	72	W-P Central 4s	74½
‡Ill Cent 1st 4s	93½	*Western Md 4s	82
Int Met 4½s	78⅛	West Elec cv 5s	92¼
Int M M 4½s	63⅞	Wis Cent 4s	90⅛
Japan 4½s	88		
K C S ref 5s	98		

*Offered. ‡Bid.

Philadelphia Closing Prices.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 8.—Closing prices on the exchange were as follows:

	Bid.	Asked.
American Railways	40	40¼
Cambria Steel Company	51¼	51½
Cons Traction (New Jersey)	73½	74
Electric & Power 4s	84½	84⅜
Electric Storage Battery	51⅜	51½
General Asphalt	39	39¼
General Asphalt pfd	73	73½
Lake Superior Corporation	27	27¼
Lehigh Navigation	88	88½
Lehigh Valley	77	77¼
Pennsylvania Salt	106	106¼
Pennsylvania Steel pfd	92	93
Philadelphia Company	45½	46
Philadelphia Company pfd	40	40¼
Philadelphia Electric	22⅝	22¾
Philadelphia Rapid Transit	25	25⅛
Philadelphia Traction	83	83¼
Tonopah	5¾	6
Tonopah Belmont	7	7 1-16
Union Traction	49¾	50
United Gas Improvement	87	87¼
Warwick	10¼	10½
Welsbach 5s	98¼	98½

Mining Stocks.

NEW YORK, March 8.

Com Tun stock	.08	Ontario	2.50
*Com Tun bonds	.12	Ophir	.18
Con Cal & Va	.15	Small Hopes	.18
Iron Silver	1.00	*Standard	1.00
Leadville Tun	.10	Yellow Jacket	.22
Little Chief	.04	*Offered.	
Mexican	.70		

BOSTON, March 8.

Allouez	37	Mohawk	50
Amal Copper	68⅞	Nevada Cons	17
American Zinc	29	Nipissing Mines	8¾
Ariz Commer	3 11-16	North Butte	27
B & C C & S M	6	North Lake	17⅞
Cal & Arizona	63	Old Dominion	48¼
Cal & Hecla	453	Osceola	86
Centennial	15	*Quincy	67½
Copper Range	43	Shannon	11
East Butte Cop	12½	Superior	29
Franklin	6½	Sup & Boston	3½
Giroux Cons	3	Tamarack	29
Granby Cons	57¾	U S S R & M	40¼
Greene-Cananea	8⅛	U S S R & M pf	48⅜
Isle Royale	24	Utah Cons	9½
Keweenaw	2⅞	Utah Copper	52
Lake Copper	16	Winona	2¾
La Salle Copper	4½	Wolverine	62
Miami Copper	22¾	*Asked.	

Chicago Futures.

Chicago, March 8.—The range of prices for futures at Chicago was:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
WHEAT.				
May	91	91	91	91⅛
July	90¼	90⅜	89⅝	89⅝
September	89	89⅛	88⅝	88⅝
CORN.				
May	52¾	52⅞	52½	52⅝
July	53¾	53⅞	53⅝	53⅝
September	54⅞	54⅞	54⅝	54⅝
OATS.				
May	34¼	34¼	34	34
July	34⅜	34⅜	34	34⅛
September	34¼	34¼	34	34
PORK.				
May	21.05	21.07½	20.87½	20.90
July	20.60	20.62½	20.40	20.42½
LARD.				
May	10.85	10.87½	10.80	10.80
July	10.80	10.80	10.70	10.75
September	10.77½	10.80	10.70	10.70
SHORT RIBS.				
May	10.87½	10.90	10.82½	10.85
July	10.77½	10.77½	10.70	10.72½
September	10.70	10.70	10.60	10.60

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Short Term Notes.

Closing quotations for short term notes at New York, March 8, by private wire of Whelan, Duer & Lanahan, bankers and brokers, Calvert Building.

			Bid.	Asked.
B & O 4½s	June	1, 1913	99⅛	99¼
Brook Transit 5s	July	1, 1913	96⅛	96½
C & O 4½s	June	1, 1914	99	99⅛
Chicago Elev 5s	June	1, 1914	97⅛	97½
Erie Railroad 5s	Oct.	1, 1914	99¼	99⅝
Erie Railroad 6s	April	8, 1914	100⅜	100⅝
Gen Motor 6s	Oct.	1, 1915	99¼	99¾
Gen Rubber 4½s	July	1, 1915	96¾	97¼
Ill Cent 4½s	July	1, 1914	99⅜	99⅝
Int Gt North 5s	Aug.	1, 1914	98⅛	98⅜
Int Harvester 5s	Feb.	15, 1915	99⅞	100½
M, K & T 5s	May	1, 1913	99⅞	100⅛
Missouri Pac 5s	June	1, 1914	97¼	97½
N Y, N H & H 5s	Dec.	1, 1915	100	100⅛
N Y Cent 4½s	Mar.	1, 1914	99⅜	99⅞
N Y Cent 4½s	Mar.	1, 1915	99¼	99½
St L & S F 6s	Sept.	1, 1914	99⅝	100⅛
Westing Elec. 6s	Aug.	1, 1913	100¼	100½

Bank Statement.

New York, March 8.—The statement of the actual condition of Clearing-house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they hold $3,374,250 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is an increase of $684,000 from last week. The statement follows:

Actual condition:

		Decrease.
Loans	$1,955,346,000	$23,516,000
Specie	326,096,000	4,662,000
Legal tenders	82,526,000	*295,000
Net deposits	1,800,235,000	23,546,000
Circulation	46,332,000	116,000

Banks' cash reserve in vault. 340,380,000

Trust companies' cash reserve in vault. 68,242,000

Aggregate cash reserve. 408,622,000

Excess lawful reserve. 3,374,250 *684,000

*Increase.

Trust companies' reserve with Clearing-house members carrying 25 per cent. cash reserve, $53,236,000.

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

		Decrease.
Loans	$579,315,300	*$5,186,000
Specie	65,786,900	*356,100
Legal tenders	7,761,700	17,800
Total deposits	632,614,800	526,100

*Increase.

Pritchard's Grain Review.

BY JOSEPH F. PRITCHARD.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Chicago, March 8.—After bulling wheat for three years, with attending heavy losses, the members of the old-time bull combination in that grain have acknowledged that they were wrong in their ideas on the breadstuffs situation. Their brokers have been selling the May future for several weeks past, and had not shorts been willing to cover in order to secure profits, values would have been much lower. As the time here they reached the low level of January, it became necessary for the longs to place props under the market at various stages in order to prevent a complete collapse of prices. And yet was their one desire to hold the market as steady as possible, so that sales could be made as advantageously as possible.

The bull longs have hoped to see an improved cash demand, but instead of foreigners and domestic millers taking hold in a liberal manner, they have bought only when it became necessary. The crop outlook is ideal, the farm reserves are believed to be from 160,000,000 to 170,000,000 bushels, and with the receipts keeping up to figures largely in excess of a year ago there has been little on which to base a claim for higher prices.

Shorts in corn were not disposed to stand any great amount of punishment, and they were on the buying side on several occasions today, but the increased offerings by those wanting profits were too much for them, and values showed fractional losses. Stocks of corn at Chicago and elsewhere are steadily accumulating, and in addition to this the receipts are large and are likely to continue so.

A strong local interest gave the oats market more or less support and shorts covered freely. The warming up of the weather will doubtless start farm work in earnest and receipts of both oats and corn will then show a falling off. Stocks of oats are steadily increasing.

Cloverseed.

TOLEDO, O., March 8.—Cloverseed—Cash and March, $11.15; April, $10.90; October, $7.97½. Alsike—Prime cash and March, $12.20. Timothy—prime cash and March, $1.65; April, $1.67½; May, $1.72½; September, $1.92½.

The Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The metal markets were dull and nominally unchanged. Lake copper, $15.35@15.37½; electrolytic, $15@15.12½; casting, $14.75@14.87½. Iron was unchanged.

Linseed.

DULUTH, MINN., March 8.—Closing: Linseed on track and to arrive, $1.25¼. May, $1.26¾; July, $1.28¾ asked; October, $1.28 bid.

COMMERCIAL

BALTIMORE, March 8.

The flour market is lifeless. Wheat closed ¼c lower. Corn closed ⅛c better. Oats easier. Hay quiet. Straw firm.

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

Quotations are for wholesale lots, unless otherwise specified.

BREADSTUFFS.—FLOUR—Receipts, 6,701 brls, including 4,121 brls for through shipment. Only immediate needs being supplied. We quote per 196 lbs in wood:

Comparative prices.	Today.	Year ago.
Winter extra	$3.90@4.15	$3.75@3.95
Winter clear	4.20@4.65	3.90@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 pat	—@5.75	—@5.25
City Mills blended patent	—@5.90	—@5.25
City Mills high-grade straight	—@5.45	—@4.95
City Mills choice family	—@5.10	—@4.55
City Mills extra	4.25@4.40	3.80@3.10
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

The prices of foreign demand tended further to pull down wheat. The situation in this respect could not have compared by statements that much of the recent export business had been merely the filling out of old contracts. Primary arrivals of wheat were 769,000 bushels, against 417,000 a year ago; Northwest clearances of wheat and corn equaled 249,000 bushels.

There was no snap to the buying side of corn. Weather reports suggested lighter feeding and better conditions for hauling. Furnesses had misgivings in regard to the government report.

Talk of enlarged acreage had a weakening effect on oats.

Values began an increased run of hogs next week cut some figure in lowering the provision market. Most of the selling, however, came from longs intent on realizing profits.

Cash wheat: No. 2 red, 102a105c; No. 3 red, 95a100; No. 2 hard, 90a91; No. 3 hard, 89a91; No. 1 Northern, 90a91; No. 2 Northern, 88a90; No. 3 Northern, 86a88; No. 2 spring, 88a89; No. 3 spring, 82a87; No. 4 spring, 76a84; velvet chaff, 85a90½; durum, 85a91.

Corn—No. 2 white, 51½c; No. 3, 48½a50¼; No. 3 white, 50a50¾; No. 3 yellow, 48¾a50¾; No. 4 yellow, 47a48¾; No. 4 white, 48½a49½; No. 4 yellow, 47a48¾.

Oats—No. 2 white, 35¼a35½c; No. 3 white, 33¼a33½; No. 4 white, 32a33; standard, 34a34½.

Rye—No. 2, 61a62c. Barley, 48a70c. Timothy, $2.70@3.35. Clover, $12@18.50. Pork, $20.65. Lard, $10.72½. Ribs, $10.25@11.

Butter steady; creameries, 28a36c.

Eggs weak; receipts, 10,685 cases; at mark, cases included, 16½a17½c; ordinary firsts, 16a17; firsts, 17½c.

Poultry steady; receipts, 47 cars. Michigan, 41a46c; Minnesota, 43a45; Wisconsin, 40a46.

Live poultry steady; turkeys, dressed, 21c; chickens, alive, 16; springs, alive, 17.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Flour quiet. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour dull. Cornmeal steady. Rye quiet. Barley quiet.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 109c elevator and 111 f o b afloat nominal; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 119½ f o b afloat. Futures easy under liquidation for over the government report and on evidence of pressure of spring wheat offerings from the Northwest, closing ¼c net lower. May closed 97⅞c, closed 97¾; July closed 97; September closed 98. Bonded wheat: May and July, 96¾c.

Corn—Spot easy; export, 57¼c f o b afloat.

Oats—Spot steady.

Hay steady. Hops quiet. Hides steady. Leather firm. Pork firm. Beef steady. Cut meats firm. Lard easy; Middle West, 10.80a11; refined lard steady; compound steady. Tallow quiet. Petroleum steady. Wool steady. Rosin firm. Turpentine quiet; machine 58½a59c. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Raw sugar steady; muscovado, 89 test, 3.01; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.54; molasses, 89 test, 2.79; refined steady.

Butter firmer; receipts, 7,867 tubs. Creamery held, extras, 35a35½c; process, seconds, 22a23½; imitation creamery, firsts, 25a26; factory, held, 22¾a24; factory, current make, first, 22½a23; seconds, 21½a22; packing stock, held, 21a22.

Cheese steady; receipts, 208 boxes. Weekly exports, 650 boxes. Wisconsin, whole milk, twins, fresh, best, 15½a16; do, do, fresh, best, 15¾a16.

Eggs weak. Fresh gathered extras, 20a21c; firsts, 18½a19½c; seconds, 18½; thirds, 18; state, Pennsylvania and nearby browns, 21; dark gathered brown and mixed colors, 19a20.

Poultry—Live, firm; fowls, 16½c; chickens, 15; turkeys, 20. Dressed steady; fresh killed Western chickens, 14a15; fowls, 14a17; turkeys, 14a24.

Potatoes and cabbages steady and unchanged. Freights and peanuts unchanged.

The cottonseed oil market was quiet, but prices were steady on small offerings, firmness in hog products, and in the absence of pressure against crude, closing net unchanged to 2 points advance. Prime crude, 27a28c; prime summer yellow, spot, $6.38a6.45; March and April, $6.38; May, $6.41; June, $6.41; July, $6.46; August and September, $6.48; October, $6.32; prime winter yellow, $6.40a7; prime summer white, $6.50a7.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 8.—Butter unchanged.

Eggs lower; Pennsylvania and other nearby firsts, free cases, $5.55 per case; do, current receipts, free cases, $5.40 per case; Western firsts, free cases, $5.55 per case; do, current receipts, free cases, $5.40 per case.

Cheese unchanged.

Live poultry unchanged. Dressed poultry firm; old roosters, 14c.

Tallow unchanged. Potatoes unchanged.

Wheat unchanged. Corn quiet, unchanged. Oats unchanged.

Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 8.—Close: Wheat—May, 95⅝c; July, 87⅝a87⅞; September, 88⅜. Cash, No. 1 hard, 86½; No. 1 Northern, 84⅛a85⅝; No. 2 Northern, 82⅛a83⅝.

Corn—No. 3 yellow, 46½c.

Oats—No. 3 white, 30½a31c.

Rye—No. 2, 53a55c. Bran, $17.50a18.

Flour in wood, f o b Minneapolis—First patents, $4.20a4.55; second patents, $4.05a4.40; first clears, $3a3.30; second clears, $2.20a2.50.

CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 8.—Close: Hogs—Receipts, 12,000 head; steady. Light, $8.60a8.92½; one load of fancy early at $9; mixed, $8.50a8.85; heavy, $8.35a8.80; rough, $8.35a8.50; pigs, $6.85a8.75; bulk of sales, $8.65a8.85.

Cattle—Receipts, 200 head; steady. Beeves, $7.25a9.30; Texas steers, $5.50a6.50; stockers and feeders, $6.25a8.25; cows and heifers, $3.60a8; calves, $7a11.

Sheep—Receipts, 1,000 head; strong. Native, $8a7.10; yearlings, $7.25a8.30; native lambs, $8a9.10.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Receipts, 1,100 head; nominally firm. Dressed beef, firm; native sides, 10½a13½c; Texas beef, 9a10½.

Calves—Receipts, 150 head; steady. Veals, $9a12.50; culls, $6a8.50; city dressed veals, 11a15c; country dressed do, 11½a16.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,613 head; nominally firm. Dressed mutton, 9a11½c; dressed lambs, 12½a16.

Hogs—Receipts, 2,547 head; steady. Prime Pennsylvania hogs sold at 9.40.

KANSAS CITY, March 8.—Cattle—Receipts, 100 head; no Southerns; steady. Dressed beef and export steers, $8.50@9; fair to good, $7.75a8.40; Southern steers, $6.75a8.25; Southern cows, $5.25a7.25; calves, 6.50a10.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,500 head; steady. Bulk, $8.55a8.70; heavy, $8.50a8.60; packers and butchers', $8.65a8.70; light, $8.60a8.70; pigs, $7.25a7.75.

Sheep—Receipts, none; steady. Colorado lambs, $8.25a8.85; yearlings, $6.75a7.75; wethers, $5.75a6.75; ewes, $5a6.25.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 8.—The cotton market was rather weak and unsettled today and selling seemed to be more general and aggressive than at any time since the January break. Covering and trade buying checked the decline, but caused only slight rallies, and the close was barely steady at a net decline of 4 to 7 points.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 5 points without paying any apparent attention to somewhat better cables than expected, favorable reviews of the dry goods trade and steady overnight spot advices from the South. Offerings became heavy right after call and the market soon turned weak. Rather freer selling of March created an unfavorable impression as to the spot situation, even though March maintained its premium, and during the middle of the morning old crop positions showed a net loss of from 9 to 12 points, with July relatively weak, as in bearish quarters there was expressed a preference for sales of that position. Owing to moderate trade buying the new crop sold only 6 points under the closing figures of yesterday and below 11.80 for May a pretty active demand developed. This seemed to be mostly in the way of covering, but as prices steadied from the lowest there was also considerable trade buying, with last prices showing a recovery of some 3 to 5 points on active positions.

The talk around the ring did not suggest any fresh feature in the news to account for the increased aggressiveness of sellers, but bears were said to be basing their operations on a favorable view of the new crop outlook, unsettled financial conditions abroad, the continued slack spot demand and the absence of any important buying or speculation. The failure of a Savannah spot firm, rumors regarding which had reached the trade earlier in the week, was officially announced in the New York market this morning, but was not a factor in the trading. Private wires reporting a decline of ⅛ to 3-16c in spot at Memphis, no doubt contributed to the decline. Foreign houses were moderate buyers.

Futures closed barely steady. Closing bids: March, 12.13; April, 11.91; May, 11.81; June, 11.76; July, 11.75; August, 11.68; September, 11.41; October, 11.36; December, 11.37; January, 11.32.

Spot closed quiet; middling uplands, 12.50; middling Gulf, 12.75; sales, 1,500 bales.

High and Low: March, 12.18 to 12.10; May, 11.86 to 11.78; June, 11.73 to 11.73; July, 11.80 to 11.70; August, 11.70 to 11.60; September, 11.45 to 11.41; October, 11.40 to 11.35; December, 11.40 to 11.35; January, 11.35 to 11.35.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Jobbers are doing an active wash fabrics trade and white goods are in better demand. Retailers are asking for summer underwear more urgently and the hosiery demand is very good. Silks are firm in good tone but mills are not quoting the late deliveries owing to the labor troubles.

DOG AND SNAKE FIGHT

Venomous Reptile Kills a Pack That Attacked It.

Special Cablegram to The American.

Bulawayo, March 8.—Mr. Knight, of the Eiffel Blue Mine; Mr. Ward, of the Glencairn Camplon; Mr. Johnson, a contractor, and others, accompanied by eight dogs and a few natives, have had a remarkable experience while out pig hunting.

Suddenly the dogs pointed something and a terrier rushed in and seized a great black mamba, one of the most dreaded snakes. Before the party could grasp the situation the pointer was bitten and had dropped dead. Another pointer suffered similarly the next moment, and the terrier was killed.

By this time the excitement was intense. All the sportsmen and the remaining five dogs had joined in the melee. A greyhound was bitten and died, and then its owner fired and blew part of the mamba away. Another member of the party got in a few successful revolver shots, but not before all the dogs had been bitten and seven had died, including a Great Dane, valued at £80.

The eighth dog, which was missed later, turned up at the St. Alwyn mine, and was given to a Kaffir to take to its owner's residence, but it developed a strange attitude and endeavored to bite the boy, who let it go. It has not yet been found.

A MODERN WASHINGTON

A Thief's Glowing Story of His Career.

Special Cablegram to The American.

London, March 8.—Behind a commonplace charge of theft heard before Mr. Lawlie at London Sessions yesterday was an extraordinary story of a man's past.

The prisoner, a well-educated, clean-shaven man, giving the name of Charles Alfred Williams, and describing himself as a correspondent, wore a black frock-coat and a grey overcoat, and carried suede gloves. He pleaded not guilty to having stolen an overcoat from Euston Station.

As soon as he entered the witness box he handed in a voluminous bundle of documents and explained that he had been negotiating to go out to the Balkans as a war correspondent.

"Why are these papers put in?" asked Mr. Lawrie.

"To show," replied Williams, "whether it was feasible or possible that I would commit so contemptible a crime as to rob a boy of his 10s. overcoat when my own cost £6 6s."

He added that he had arranged with a picture film company to receive £20 a week for taking photographs of the war. Other letters referred, he said, to a company representing the leading London firms, "whose names are synonymous with incorruptibility and integrity," and also a di