DREDGING SEASON TO CLOSE TODAY

UNPROFITABLE YEAR IN STATE OYSTER INDUSTRY.

ONLY TONGERS MAKE MONEY

Dredgeboats Arriving With Last Cargoes — Bivalves Under Size, They Say—Tonging Season Not to End Until April 25—Fog Ties Up Incoming Steamships on the Bay—B., C. & A. Vessels Undergoing Repairs.

Today marks the close of the oyster-dredging season on the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries in the State of Maryland and from now on to November 1 the oyster will be allowed to rest, grow and fatten, later to tickle the palate of the epicure.

Many of the dredgeboats are now arriving with their last cargoes to be sold to the local packing-houses, after which the crews will be discharged and the dredges, winders and gasoline engines on deck for hauling in the dredges will be stored away until next season.

According to dredgeboat masters, the season for them has been a failure and a great number will wind up heavily in debt. Some of the best oyster dredgers coming to this port assert that the day has passed when anything could be made following that line of the business. When the dredging season started last fall the prospect was not encouraging, but a number stuck to the business with the hope that it would improve.

Later, however, conditions improved to some extent, but notwithstanding this, in addition to the open winter just passed, they claim that the season has been the poorest for many years. Not alone did the dredger suffer, but many of the packing-houses were unable to get a sufficient supply of high-grade oysters to fill their orders.

While the dredgers have closed an unprofitable season, tongers, on the other hand, have done remarkably well and made money. The oysters taken up by the tongers proved to be select stock and the prices obtained have been slightly above the average. Owing to the weather being good, tongers have been able to pursue their work uninterrupted by ice and storm, usually encountered during the winter months.

Some of the places where tongers met with success include West River, Chester River, Poplar Island, Eastern Bay, Miles River and Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds. The size and quality of the oysters from these places are reported fine and no complaints are heard from the tongers. The tonging season will end April 25 and five days are allowed by law to dispose of the bivalves taken up.

From the reports of dredgers there is a large quantity of oysters left on the beds in the Chesapeake Bay, but they are under size and therefore unmarketable. These oysters, if left unmolested, it is believed, will grow to a lawful size for next season's markets.

Dense Fog Delays Shipping.

A dense fog which extended over the entire Chesapeake Bay caused vexatious delay to deep-sea craft yesterday. While all local steamers reached port safely, the British steamship Dalton Hall, with a cargo from Middlesboro, England, and the new American steamship Frieda, with a cargo of sulphur from Sabine, Texas, which passed in the Capes Thursday and were to dock yesterday morning, were held up down the Bay by the fog.

The Frieda is a new vessel making its maiden cargo to this port and considerable interest is being manifested in shipping circles over the steamship's arrival. There also passed in the Capes the Dutch oil tank steamship Energie, laden with a cargo of oil consigned to the Standard Oil Company. When these ships will arrive depends on the weather.

ABOUT TUGS AND TOWS.

The Dauntless arrived yesterday from the Capes towing the schooner Margaret Haskell (light) from Boston.

The Defiance is due at New York from Providence with the barges Potomac and George Moon, and will later proceed with the barges Potomac and Worcester, for Norfolk.

The Albatross arrived at Norfolk from New York with the barge Pacific, after dropping at Delaware Breakwater the barge Erma McIlvaine, bound for Philadelphia. The Albatross left with barges Nanticoke and Margaret Dorsey for New York.

The Savage reached port with barges Nos. 9, 17 and 24 (light) from Boston.

The Brandywine brought in three barges from a bay port.

The Curtis Bay placed clear of the channels the schooner Ada F. Brown, bound for Galveston, Texas.

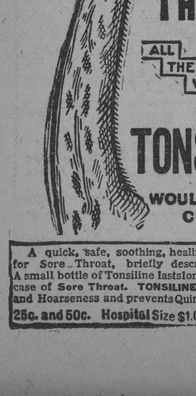
NOTES OF THE SHIPPING.

The steamer Lancaster, of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company, is receiving a spring overhauling at the shipyard of Booz Bros. The steamer Eastern Shore, owned by the same company, is hauled out on the ways at Skinner's upper shipyard for minor repairs, etc.

The Tolchester Company's steamer Emma Giles is in the floating drydock of the William E. Woodall Company for annual overhauling preparatory to spring business.

The next steamship in from Bremen will be the Rhein, which sailed from that port March 4 for Baltimore by way of New York. The vessel is due at New York tomorrow, and it is not expected to arrive here until next Tuesday. On the Rhein for Baltimore are 1,050 passengers.

The Norwegian fruit steamship Beatrice, which grounded in Curtis Bay, after loading a full cargo of coal destined for Santa Marta, for account of the United Fruit Company, and which was floated by the tug Curtis Bay, has returned to the lower yard of the Skinner



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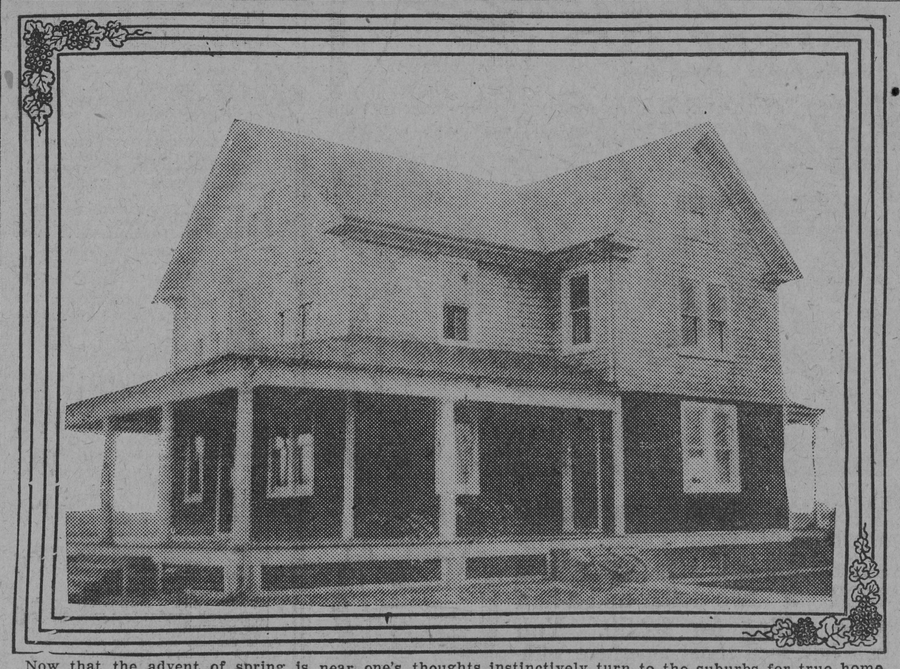

Now that the advent of spring is near one's thoughts instinctively turn to the suburbs for true home delights and comfort. The above cut represents a home which contains 9 rooms, reception hall and bath, as well as all of the latest conveniences. It has a ten foot porch at front, sides and back, as well as a large cemented cellar which extends the entire foundation lines of the house. Among some of the conveniences of this home are hot water heating appliances, laundry, electric lights. The lot is 70 by 200 feet and is situated on the beautiful Severn River at one of the finest scenic spots on the river. It is three minutes' walk from the electric car. The property may be purchased for $4,500 in fee simple, on the basis of a small cash payment, the balance by monthly instalments.

Location and address of owners given by writing the Real Estate Inquiry Department of The American.

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

PORT OF BALTIMORE, MARCH 14

High Water for March 15.

12:29 A. M. ..... 1.2 Feet

Vessels Bound for Baltimore.

STEAMERS.

ARNDALE (Br) sailed from Huelva Feb 25.
ASTORIA (Br) sailed from St Michaels March 8 for Philadelphia and Baltimore.
BEACON (Nor) sailed from Port Maria 12.
BELGIA (Ger), from Hamburg, at Boston Mar 9.
BOSNIA (Ger) sailed from Hamburg March 12 for Boston and Baltimore.
CASTLEMOOR (Br), from Vizagapatam, sailed from Colombo March 5 for Baltimore or Philadelphia.
CHATTON (Br) sailed from Algiers Feb 25.
CITY (Br) at Marseilles Feb 20.
CLEARPOOL (Br) sailed from Naples Feb 26.
COLUMBIAN (Br) sailed from Antwerp March 7.
CORONIADIS (Greek), at Alexandria Feb 7.
DINSDALEHALL (Br), from Batoum, at Philadelphia March 12.
DUNSTER (Br), for Genoa and Baltimore, passed Pentcha Feb 23.
ELK (Nor), from Batoum, sailed from Constantinople March 5 for Philadelphia.
GEORGIAN (Br), at London Feb 20.
GLENBRIDGE (Br) sailed from Teneriffe for Pensacola March 5.
GORDON CASTLE (Br) sailed from Port Natal Feb 15.
GRACIANA (Br) sailed from Cardiff Feb 24 for Philadelphia and Baltimore.
HALLWYN (Br) sailed from Madeira Feb 25.
HAAKON (Nor) sailed from Philadelphia March 14.
HARTLEPOOL (Br) at Hamburg March 1.
HAXBY (Br) sailed from Naples March 7.
HILDAWELL (Br) sailed from Trieste Feb 19 for Huelva.
HOWICK HALL (Br) sailed from St Lucia March 10.
INKULA (Br), At Antwerp Feb 26.
JAVA (Aust), at Barcelona Feb 22.
LAKONIA (Br) sailed from Glasgow March 13 for Norfolk.
LORD CHARLEMONT (Br) sailed from Cardiff March 8.
LORD IVEAGH (Br) sailed from Cardiff Feb 22.
LUZON (Aust) sailed from Batoum March 8.
MALMSAD (Nor) sailed from Huelva Feb 27 for New York and Baltimore.
NORMAN MONARCH (Br) sailed from Hamburg March 12.
OOSTDIJK (Dutch), at Bagnolia Feb 16.
PLATEA (Greek) sailed from Garrucha Feb 18 for Philadelphia and Baltimore.
PENNINE RANGE (Br), from Fowey, at Boston March 9.
PROGRESO (Nor), at New York.
QUEEN WILHELMINA (Br), at Leith March 1.
RHEIN (Br) sailed from Bremen for New York and Baltimore March 4.
SASSARI (Nor) sailed from Boston March 13.
STRATHNESS (Br) sailed from Barry March 8.
TALISMAN (Nor), at Boston March 7.
TANTALLON (Br) sailed from Cardiff Feb 25 for Portland, Me, and Baltimore.
TEMPLEMORE (Br) sailed from Liverpool March 14.
VINCENZO DI GIORGIO (Nor) sailed from Port Antonio March 13.
VIRGILIA (Dan, late Euxinia) sailed from Christiania March 8.
WILHELMINA, at New York March 8.
WINDERMERE (Br) sailed from New York
WOODA (Br) sailed from Pola March 9. March 13.
WYNREIC (Br) sailed from Antwerp March 9.
ZIJDERIK (Du) sailed from Rotterdam for New York and Baltimore March 5.

BARKS.

ONAWAY sailed from Aguirra March 6.

SCHOONERS.

ADDIE M LAWRENCE sailed from Portland March 7.
CAMILLA MAY PAGE sailed from New York March 5.
FANNIE PALMER sailed from Tampa March 12.
LYDIA McL BAXTER, sailed from Port Tampa for Baltimore Mar 2.
TIFTON sailed from Fernandina March 5.
VAN ALLENS BOUGHT sailed from Boston March 13.
WM H YERKES sailed from Tampa Feb 28.
WOODWARD ABRAHAMS sailed from Gulfport for San Juan March 3.

Arrived.

Stmr Daltonhall (Br), Anderson, from Middlesboro, to Dresel, Rauschenberg & Co. Anchored above Seven Foot Knoll in fog. Dock at Pier 6, Canton.

Stmr Frieda, McGray, from Sabine, to Clarence Cottman, with sulphur. Anchored above Seven Foot Knoll in fog. Dock at Pier 23, Locust Point.

Stmr Anthony Groves, Jr, McNamee, from Philadelphia, to Ericsson Line, with passengers and merchandise.

Stmr Katahdin, Queen, from Georgetown, S C—to master; lumber.

Stmr Essex, Berry, from Providence, to Merchants and Miners Transportation Company, with passengers and merchandise.

Stmr Transportation, Widner, from Boston, to Gray, Irelan & Co; ballast. At Curtis Bay.

Stmr Virginia, Lane, from Norfolk, to Baltimore Steam Packet Company, with passengers and merchandise.

Stmr Columbia, Bennett, from Norfolk, to Chesapeake Steamship Company, with passengers and merchandise.

Stmr Gaston, Edgar, from Norfolk, to Baltimore Steam Packet Company, with merchandise.

Schr Margaret Haskell, Murphy, from Boston, to Gray, Irelan & Co; light. At Port Covington.

Tug Savage, Michalski, from Boston, with barges No. 9, Johnson; No. 17, Andreassen, and No. 24, Tobiasen, from do, to Consolidation Coal Company; light. At Curtis Bay.

Cleared.

Stmr Bedeburn (Br), Mandall, for Barcelona, Spain—McCall-Dinning Company.

Shipbuilding and Drydock Company for repairs to machinery.

A working party from the lighthouse inspectors' department is repairing damage to the lights at Fort Carroll, Hawkins Point and Leading Point, caused by the dynamite explosion on the British steamship Alum Chine.

The lighthouse tender Orchid left with fuel and supplies for Diamond Shoals and Cape Lookout Shoals light vessels, and the lighthouse at Beaufort, N. C.

Stmr Inkum (Br), Murphy, for Hamburg—Atlantic Transport Company.

Stmr Tritonia (Br), Murray, for Glasgow—Robert Ramsay Company.

Stmr Lorca (Br), Orchard, for Copenhagen—Louis Muller Company.

Stmr Skogstad (Nor), Haakonsen, for Norfolk—The Joseph R Foard Company.

Stmr Matilda Weems, Hall, for Georgetown, S C, etc—Baltimore and Carolina Steamship Company.

Stmr Columbia, Bennett, for Norfolk—Chesapeake Steamship Company.

Stmr Gaston, Edgar, for Norfolk—Baltimore Steam Packet Company.

Stmr Essex, Berry, for Providence via Norfolk—Merchants and Miners Transportation Company.

Schr Ada F Brown, Wallace, for Galveston—Gray, Irelan & Co.

Sailed.

Stmrs Essex, for Providence; Matilda Weems, Georgetown and Charleston, S C; Kershaw, Boston; Merrimack, Jacksonville via Savannah; Alabama, Norfolk; Columbia, do; Gaston, do.

Sparrows Point.

Passed down at 8 A M, tug Pocahontas, towing a lighter; 10:20 A M, stmr Rowanmore (Br), for Liverpool; 9:40 A M, stmr Sosua (Nor), for Santa Marta; 11 A M, stmr Chesapeake, for New York; 11:15 A M, schr Ada F Brown, for Galveston; noon, tug Radnor, towing 2 barges; 1:30 P M, stmr Trym (Nor), for Havana.

Cape Henry.

CAPE HENRY, VA., March 14.—Weather; 8 A M, foggy; wind S; 16 miles. Noon, raining; wind E; 8 miles; light. 4 P M, partly cloudy; wind S; 12 miles.

Passed out March 13, at 11:50 P M, tug Piedmont, towing barges Nos 10, 15 and 17.

Passed in March 14, at 9:40 A M, supposed stmr Guildhall (Br), from Gloucester, Mass; 4 P M, stmr Energie (Ger, tank), from Tuxpan.

Passed out March 13, at 9:20 P M, stmr Katie (Nor), for Port Maria.

Passed out March 14, at 3:20 A M, stmr Countess Warwick (Br), for Rotterdam; 6:40 A M, stmr Otter (Nor), for Havana; noon, stmr Teespool (Br), for Amsterdam; 1:40 P M, stmr Westonby (Br), for Hull.

Arrived from Baltimore.

Stmr Maltby (Br), Rotterdam 13th inst.
Stmr Parthian, Jacksonville, Fla, 14th inst.

Memoranda.

Stmr Lingfield (Br), hence for Hamburg, passed Lizard 13th inst.

Stmr Argo (Br), hence for Ipswich, passed Isle of Wight 13th inst.

Stmr Hermes (Nor), hence for Algiers, passed Sagres 12th inst.

Stmr Berkshire, from Jacksonville, arrived Savannah 14th inst (and proceeded Philadelphia).

Stmr Frederick, from Philadelphia, at Savannah 14th inst (and proceeded Jacksonville).

Schr Clara E Randall sailed from Jacksonville, Fla, 14th inst for Boston.

Notice to Marineers.

VIRGINIA.—Chesapeake Bay, Main Chanel to Baltimore—Tail of the Horseshoe Shoal buoy 1, first-class can, reported missing March 8, will be replaced as soon as practicable; Tail of Horseshoe Shoal north end buoy, 3, spar, reported broken off March 8, will be relieved as soon as practicable. Hampton Roads Approach—Florida wreck gas buoy, HS, reported not flashing correctly, March 12, proper characteristics will be restored as soon as practicable. Hampton Roads—Newport News Upper Channel gas buoy, reported extinguished March 12, will be relighted as soon as practicable; Newport News Upper Channel buoy, 3, spar, found missing March 10, was replaced same date. Rosalia d'All wreck gas buoy, HS, reported extinguished March 12, will be relighted as soon as practicable.

Atlantic Coast and Gulf Wind and Weather Report.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LOCAL OFFICE OF WEATHER BUREAU.
8 P. M., FRIDAY, March 14.

Stations.	State of Weather.	Direction of Wind.	Velocity of Wind.
Portland	Foggy	NW	6 miles
Boston	Cloudy	SW	8 miles
Nantucket	Foggy	SW	24 miles
Block Island	Cloudy	SW	12 miles
Providence	Cloudy	SW	16 miles
New York	Cloudy	S	12 miles
Philadelphia	Cloudy	S	10 miles
Atlantic City	Cloudy	S	6 miles
Baltimore	Raining	S	26 miles
Norfolk	Raining	S	22 miles
Hatteras	Raining	SW	4 miles
Charleston	Clear	SW	12 miles
Jacksonville	Clear	SW	8 miles
Tampa	Cloudy	S	28 miles
Pensacola	Cloudy	S	8 miles
New Orleans	Cloudy	S	
Galveston	Missing		
Corpus Christi	P'ly Cldy	NW	16 miles

Wireless Reports.

SIASCONSETT, MASS., March 14.—Stmr La Provence, Havre for New York, 413 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon. Dock Saturday.

Stmr Boris, Liverpool for New York, 233 miles east of Sandy Hook at 7 A M.

Stmr Welshman, Liverpool for Philadelphia, 206 miles east of Sandy Hook at 9 A M.

SABLE ISLAND, March 14.—Stmr Campania, Liverpool for New York, 760 miles east of Sandy Hook at 9:26 A M. Dock 8 A M Sunday.

Stmr Ancona, Naples for New York and Philadelphia, 720 miles east of Sandy Hook at 11:50 A M. Dock 11:30 A M Sunday.

Stmr Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, Hamburg for New York, 543 miles east of Sandy Hook at noon. Dock late Saturday or 8 A M Sunday.

Steamers to Sail from New York.

Steamer.	Destination.	Sails.
Caronia	Gib'r-Naples	Mar 15
Europa	Naples-Genoa	Mar 15
Koenig Albert	Algiers-Genoa	Mar 15
Philadelphia	Southampton	Mar 15
Kroonland	Dover-Antwerp	Mar 15
Minnehaha	London	Mar 15
Amerika	Hamburg	Mar 15
California	Glasgow	Mar 15
Chicago	Havre	Mar 17
Uranium	Rotterdam	Mar 18
Kaiser Wilhelm II	Bremen	Mar 18
Sant' Anna	Naples-M'lles	Mar 18
Rotterdam	Rotterdam	Mar 18
Alice	Naples-Trieste	Mar 19
Campania	Liverpool	Mar 19
Baltic	Liverpool	Mar 20
La Provence	Havre	Mar 20
President Lincoln	Hamburg	Mar 20
Barbarossa	Bremen	Mar 20
Martha Washington	Naples-Trieste	Mar 22
Majestic	Southampton	Mar 22
Minnewaska	London	Mar 22
Zeeland	Dover-Antwerp	Mar 22
Carpathia	Gib'r-Naples	Mar 22
Ancona	Naples-Genoa	Mar 22
George Washington	Bremen	Mar 22
Caledonia	Glasgow	Mar 22
Niagara	Havre	Mar 22
Potsdam	Rotterdam	Mar 25
Mendoza	Genoa	Mar 25
Venezia	Naples-M'lles	Mar 26
France	Havre	Mar 27
Megantic	Liverpool	Mar 27
Kaiserin Aug Victoria	Hamburg	Mar 27
Principe di Piemonte	Naples-Genoa	Mar 27
Oscar II	Copenhagen	Mar 27
Noordam	Rotterdam	Mar 27
Branbenburg	Bremen	Mar 27
Carmania	Liverpool	Mar 29
Berlin	Gib'r-Naples	Mar 29
Verona	Naples-Genoa	Mar 29
Finland	Dover-Antwerp	Mar 29
Minnetonka	London	Mar 29
New York	Southampton	Mar 29
Adriatic	Liverpool	Mar 29
Calabria	Naples	Mar 29
Columbia	Glasgow	May 29
Birma	Rot'dam-Libau	Mar 29
Roma	Naples-Marseilles	Mar 31
New Amsterdam	Rotterdam	Apr 1
Kronprinz Cecilie	Bremen	Apr 1
Mauretania	Liverpool	Apr 3
Touraine	Havre	Apr 3
C. F. Tietgen	Copenhagen	Apr 3
Celtic	Liverpool	Apr 3
Patricia	Hamburg	Apr 3
St Paul	Southampton	Apr 4
Rochambeau	Havre	Apr 5
Hamburg	Naples-Genoa	Apr 5
Oceanic	Southampton	Apr 5
Lapland	Dover-Antwerp	Apr 5
Mesaba	London	Apr 5
Stampalia	Naples-Genoa	Apr 5
Ivernia	Gib'r-Naples	Apr 5
Russia	Rot'dam-Libau	Apr 5
Cameronia	Glasgow	Apr 5
Noordam	Rotterdam	Apr 8
F P Wilhelm	Bremen	Apr 8
Canada	Naples Marseilles	Apr 8
Re d'Italia	Naples-Genoa	Apr 8
Argentina	Naples-Trieste	Apr 8
La Lorraine	Havre	Apr 10
United States	Copenhagen	Apr 10
President Grant	Hamburg	Apr 10
Philadelphia	Southampton	Apr 12
Amerika	Hamburg	Apr 12
Olympic	Southampton	Apr 12
Chicago	Havre	Apr 12
Cedric	Liverpool	Apr 12
Kroonland	Dover-Antwerp	Apr 12
Minnehaha	London	Apr 12
Franconia	Liverpool	Apr 12
Prinzess Irene	Gib'r-Naples	Apr 12

American Ports.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, March 14.—Passed up, stmrs Richmond (Br), from Santiago for Philadelphia; Kentuckian, Puerto Mexico for do; bark Papa (Ital), Buenos Ayres for do.

Passed out, stmrs Pencil (Ger), Philadelphia for Dover (for orders); Minnesotan, do for New York; Ontario, do for Jacksonville; bark Brilliant (Br), do for Hiogo.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Arrived, stmrs Madonna, from Marseilles; Chicago, from Naples; Demarara; Pinar del Rio, Sagua; Minnesotan, Philadelphia.

Sailed, stmrs Pennsylvania, for Hamburg; Concettina di Giorgio, Port Antonio; Matoppo, Fremantle; Jelling, Manzanillo.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Arrived, stmrs Pallanza (Ger), from Hamburg; Lovland (Nor), Nipe Bay; Wolf (Br), Imataca; Quantico, Jacksonville and Savannah; schr John B Coyle, Brunswick.

Cleared, stmrs Marquette (Br), for Antwerp; Potomac (Br), Leith; Farnham (Br), Antilla; Carmen (Aust), Trieste via New York; Toledo, Sabine; Alleghany, Boston.

Foreign Ports.

ANTWERP—Arrived, March 13, stmr Conway, from Pensacola.

BARBADOS—Arrived, March 12, steamer Kirnwood, from Gulf port for Buenos Ayres.

CHERBOURG—Arrived, March 14, stmr Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, New York for Bremen.

BREMEN—Arrived, March 13, steamer Spanish Prince, from Norfolk.

GENOA—Arrived, March 12, stmr Stampalia, from Philadelphia and New York.

GIBRALTAR—Arrived, March 14, stmr Cedric, New York for Naples.

HAMBURG—Arrived, March 13, stmrs Fishpool, from Newport News; British Sun, Philadelphia.

HAVRE—Arrived, March 13, stmr La Lorraine, from New York.

LIRAT—Arrived, March 10, stmr Kursk, from New York.

LIVERPOOL—Arrived, March 14, stmr Celtic, from New York.

LIZARD—Stmr Oceanic, from New York, due Plymouth Saturday.

MANCHESTER—Arrived, March 13, stmr Atlantian, from Darien.

NAPLES—Sailed, March 14, stmr Ultonia, for New York.

Arrived, March 14, stmr Prinzess Irene, from New York.

ROTTERDAM—Arrived, March 13, stmr Berwindmoor, from Newport News; Zaandbergen, Savannah.

SCILLY, March 14.—Signaled, stmr Manitou, Philadelphia for Antwerp.

ST MICHAELS—Sailed, stmrs Venezia (from Naples), for Providence and New York.

OPPOSE EIGHT-HOUR DAY

Silk Mill Operators Address Letter to 10,000 Striking Workers.

Paterson, N. J., March 14.—Three associations of silk mill operators addressed today an open letter to the 10,000 workers who for the past two weeks have been on strike for increased pay, an eight-hour working day, and reversion to the two-loom system.

The operators declare that it would be industrial suicide and ruin to the silk industry to establish an eight-hour day in Paterson unless silk mills all over the country agreed to do likewise.

Continuance of the present conditions, the employers say, would be intolerable. They charge that 90 per cent. of the strikers are kept from working through fear and the domination of professional agitators and the small minority of the strikers. The manufacturers offer work to all the strikers, and pledge themselves to protect from injury and insult any who may return.

Valuable Silk Train.

St. Louis, March 14.—A silk train, consisting of six baggage cars laden with raw silk, valued at more than a million dollars, arrived at the Union Station here today, and after a wait of an hour and a half started for New York. The silk was imported from China.

COMMERCIAL

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stances bears took control of the market early and held their advantage throughout.

Notwithstanding less favorable crop reports from Russia foreign news as a whole was not of a kind to encourage any active buying. Disappearance of the recent export demand acted as a further bearish influence. On the other hand the possibility of a substantial renewal of foreign purchasing at the present level served to check enthusiasm on the part of short sellers.

Seaboard clearances of wheat and flour equalled 312,000 bu. Primary receipts of wheat were 700,000 bu, against 385,000 a year ago.

Liquidation by speculative holders was the feature in corn and influenced to a greater extent than usual the selling of other cereals. Absence of shipping demand had much to do with bringing about the bearish feeling that prevailed.

Oats eased off in sympathy with corn.

Heavy realizing by outside holders weakened provisions. It was said that cash demand had materially fallen off.

Cash: Wheat—No. 2 red, 102a106; No. 3, 93a100; No. 2 hard, 88½a89; No. 3 hard, 87a87½; No. 1 North, 88a88½; No. 2 North, 87a87½; No. 3 North, 83a86½; No. 2 spring, 86a87; No. 3 spring, 83a85; No. 4 spring, 76a82; velvet chaff, 83a83½; Durum, 85a90.

Corn—No. 2, 50c; No. 3, 46½a48; No. 3 white, 49a49½; No. 3 yellow, 47a48¾; No. 4 yellow, 44a47; No. 4 white, 46½a48; No. 4 yellow, 44½a46¾. 56¾.

Oats—No. 2 white, 33½a34¾c; No. 3 white, 31½a32; No. 4 white, 30a31¼; standard, 32½a33.

Rye—No. 2, 61½c. Barley, 45a68c. Timothy, $2.50a3.25. Clover, $12a18.50. Pork, $20.55. Lard, $10.67½. Ribs, $10.25a11.

Butter steady; creameries, 28a35½c. Eggs steady; receipts 10,681 crates; at mark, cases included, 17¼a17¾c; ordinary firsts, 17c17¼; firsts, 17¾18.

Potatoes firm; receipts, 55 cars; Michigan, 45a48c; Minnesota, 43a48; Wisconsin, 42a50. Poultry steady; turkeys, dressed, 21c; chickens, alive, 16; springs, alive, 16.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Flour barely steady. Rye flour quiet. Buckwheat flour dull. Cornmeal steady. Rye quiet. Barley quiet.

Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 109½c elevator and 111 f o b, afloat nominal; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 98½ f o b, afloat. Futures easier under further selling on the cables, favorable crop advices and smaller weekly exports, closing ¼c net lower. Export sales, 15 loads. May, 96 5-16a96⅝c, closed 96 7-16; July closed 95⅞; September closed 95¼. Bonded wheat, May and July, closed 96⅝.

Corn—Spot easy; export, 56c, c i f, afloat.

Oats—Spot quiet.

Hay quiet. Hops dull. Hides steady. Leather firm. Pork steady. Beef quiet. Cut meats firm. Lard steady; refined barely steady; Continent, $11.45; compound quiet. Tallow steady. Petroleum steady. Wool steady. Rosin easy; strained common to good, $1.40. Turpentine easy; machine bls, 41½c. Rice steady. Molasses steady. Raw sugar firm; Muscovado, 89 test, 3.08; centrifugal, 96 test, 3.58; molasses, 89 test, 2.83; refined steady.

Butter unsettled; receipts, 6,716 tubs; creamery extras, 35½a36c; firsts, 34½a35; seconds, 33a34; creamery held, extras, 35; factory held, 23½a24; factory current make, firsts, 23½; seconds, 22a23; packing stock, June make, 21½a22½; packing stock, current make, No. 2, 21½a22; do, No. 3, 18a20½.

Cheese irregular; receipts, 1,462 boxes; state, whole milk, held, white specials, 17a17½c; do, held whites, average fancy, 16½a16¾; state whole milk, winter colored, average run, 15¼a15¾; do, white, average run, 15¼a15¾; state whole milk, winter, lower grades, 14a15; state whole milk, daisies, held best, 16¾a17¼.

Eggs steady; receipts, 16,693 cases; fresh gathered extras, 19a20c; firsts, 18¼a18¾; seconds, 17¾a18; thirds, 17a17½; fresh gathered dirties, 15a17; refrigerator best, 15a15½ state, Pennsylvania and nearby hennery brown, 20.

Live poultry in fair demand; Western chickens, 16c; fowls, 17½; turkeys, 20. Dressed steady; fresh killed Western chickens, 14a15c; fowls, 15a17½; turkeys, 18a24.

Cottonseed oil was easy under scattered liquidation, induced by rumors of more liberal crude offerings, poor consumptive demand and with the decline in lard. Closing prices were 3 to 5 points net lower. Sales, 7,700 bls. Prime crude, $5.22a5.33; prime summer yellow spot, $6.35a6.40; March, $6.34; April, $6.33; May, $6.37; June, $6.38; July, $6.41; August, $6.43; September, $8.44; October, $6.20; prime summer yellow, $6.50a6.99; prime summer white, $6.55a6.90.

Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, March 14.—Butter unchanged. Eggs unchanged. Cheese unchanged.

Live poultry unchanged; fowls, 17a18c. Dressed poultry unchanged. Tallow unchanged. Potatoes unchanged.

Hay weaker; timothy hay, No. 1, large bales, $17a17.50; No. 1, medium bales, $17; No. 2, $14.50a15.50; No. 3, $12a13; no grade, $8a10. Clover mixed hay, light mixed, $15a15.50; No. 1, $14a14.50; No. 2, $12a13. Clover hay, No. 1, $12.50a13; No. 2, $11.50a12.

Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., March 14.—Close: Wheat—May, 84¾c; July, 86⅞; September, 87½. Closing cash—No. 1 hard, 85¼c; No. 1 Northern, 83¼a84¾. No. 2 Northern, 81a82½.

Corn, No. 3 yellow, 46a46½c. No. 3 white oats, 29a29½c. No. 2 rye, 53a56c. Bran, $17a17.50. Flour prices unchanged.

CATTLE MARKETS.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Hogs weak. Receipts, 19,000 head. Bulk of sales, $8.80a8.95; light, $8.80a9.12½; mixed, $8.60a9.06; heavy, $8.40a9; rough, $8.40a8.55; pigs, $7a8.95.

Cattle slow; receipts, 1,000 head. Beeves, $7.25a9.15; Texas steers, $6a7.50; stockers and feeders, $6a8.15; cows and heifers, $3.50a8; calves, $7.50a12.

Sheep weak; receipts, 6,000 head. Native, $6.15a7; yearlings, $7.20a8.25; lambs, native, $8a9.

NEW YORK, March 14.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,285 head; steers, bulls and fat cows strong; medium and thin cows steady. Steers, $8a8.50; bulls, $5.50a7.50; cows, $3.50a6.75. Dressed beef firm at 11a13½c.

Calves—Receipts 575 head. Firm. Veals $9a12.75; a few, $13; culls, $8.50a8.50; barnyard and fed calves, $5a6.75. Dressed calves firm; city dressed veals, 15½a19c; country dressed, 11½a17.

Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 2,070 head. Steady to firm. Sheep (ewes), $5a6.75; culls, $3.50a4.50; lambs, $8a9; culls, $7a7.50; yearlings, $7a8.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 5,588 head. Firm to 10c higher, at $9.40 to 9.70; roughs, $8a8.50.

KANSAS CITY, MO., March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 300 head, including 100 Southerns; steady. Dressed beef and export steers $8.40a9; fair to good, $7.60a8.35; Southern steers, $6.75a8.15; Southern cows, $4.25a7.50; bulls, $5.50a7.25; calves, $7a10.25.

Hogs—Receipts, 4,600 head; higher. Bulk, $8.70a8.85; heavy, $8.70a8.75; packers and butchers, $8.70a8.90; light, $8.70a8.90; pigs, $7.50a8.

Sheep—Receipts, 3,600 head. Colorado lambs, $8.25a8.75; yearlings, $6.75a7.75; wethers, $6a7; ewes $5.50a6.75.

PITTSBURGH, PA., March 14.—Cattle steady; supply light. Choice, $8.70a8.90; prime, $8.40a8.60.

Sheep steady; supply light. Prime wethers, $6.85a7.25; culls and commons, $3.75a4; lambs, $7.50a9.15; veal calves, $11.

Hogs lower; receipts, 10 double decks. Mediums, $9.65a9.70; prime wethers, $9.45a9.50; heavy Yorkers, $9.70a9.75; light Yorkers, $9.70a9.75; pigs, $9.70a9.75; roughs, $8.25a8.75.

NAVAL STORES.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 14.—Turpentine firm, 37a38c; sales, 316 casks; receipts, 274; shipments, 143; stocks, 16,320.

Rosin firm; sales none; receipts, 719 brls; shipments, 1,025; stocks, 109,609. We quote: A, B, $5.70; C, D, $5.80; E, $5.90; F, $5.95; G, $6; H, $6.30; I, $6.40; K, $7; M, $7.20; N, $7.25; W, G, $7.60a7.65; W W, $7.85.

WILMINGTON, N. C., March 14.—Spirits turpentine steady, 37½c; receipts, 11 casks. Rosin steady, unchanged; receipts, 35 brls. Tar firm, $2.20; receipts, 7 brls. Crude turpentine firm, $3, $4 and $4; receipts, 4 brls.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The cotton market was rather nervous and unsettled today, but closed steady, with prices net 10 points higher to 3 points lower.

The opening was steady at an advance of 2 to 4 points in response to better cables than expected and a renewal of yesterday's buying movement, which included further business for foreign account, supposed to be in the way of arbitrage purchases against purchases abroad. The opening figures showed an advance of about $1 per bale from the low level of last Monday, however, and this seemed sufficient to attract considerable realizing by recent local buyers. The official forecasts for clearing weather and lower temperatures in the South were considered favorable, following the recent heavy rains, and offerings became a little heavier during the middle of the morning. The close of Liverpool shut out some of the support at about the same time and the market gradually eased off. Prospects for rather bearish weekly figures added to the confidence of sellers apparently during the early afternoon, and the prices at one time showed a net loss of from 5 to 6 points. At this level the selling became a little less active and there was a renewed demand from Wall Street sources on which the market recovered most of its loss during the last hour, with the near months relatively firm at the close. Norfolk interests were credited with selling March here during the day against purchases of July, but the spot month maintained its premium. The into-sight movement proved a little under expectations, but spinners' takings were relatively small, and the world's visible supply of American cotton showed a smaller decrease than for the same week last year.

Spot closed quiet; middling upland, 12.50; middling Gulf, 12.75. Sales, 200 bales.

Futures closed steady. Closing bids: March, 12.26; April, 12.01; May, 11.91; June, 11.86; July, 11.85; August, 11.76; September, 11.46; October, 11.42; December, 11.44; January, 11.40.

High and Low: March, 12.29 to 12.19; May, 11.96 to 11.85; July, 11.88 to 11.79; August, 11.78 to 11.72; September, 11.51 to 11.50; October, 11.47 to 11.38; December, 11.48 to 11.40; January, 11.42 to 11.40.

State Rests Hazing Case.

Hillsboro, N. C., March 14.—The State rested its case today against the four students of the University of North Carolina charged with manslaughter, in causing the death of Will Rand while hazing him last September. It was announced that the defense would not introduce evidence, thereby gaining the last speech before the jury. Judge Peebles instructed the jury