SHOW A LARGE GAIN

No Diminution in Increase of Railway Earnings.

THIRTEEN PER CENT LARGER

Trade and Industry Progress Well Despite Drawbacks in the Shape of Numerous Labor Troubles—Local Produce Quotations.

NEW YORK, April 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Trade responded promptly to better weather in many sections of the country, notable activity appearing in seasonable lines of wearing apparel, yet wholesalers report conservatism as compared with earlier months this year, although business is more active than it was a year ago. Some branches are still backward, and there is more or less complaint regarding collections, while renewals are frequently asked.

Outdoor work is vigorously prosecuted, agricultural communities endeavoring to make up lost time, and structural undertakings call for large quantities of lumber and building materials, sustaining quotations. Labor problems are being carried on with celerity. Lake navigation has had the expected effect in reducing rail freight congestion, and shipments are more prompt, yet there is no diminution in the splendid increase of gross railway earnings, which thus far show a gain of 13.1 per cent over last year's figures for April and 25.3 per cent over 1901.

A fact that is especially noteworthy as to the situation in the iron and steel industry is that the scarcity of coke is no longer cause for complaint; on the contrary, in some cases deliveries are so large as to threaten accumulation, and predictions as to the permanence of high prices have ceased.

Clothiers complain of tardy deliveries of samples, which may afford subsequent business. New England manufacturers of boots and shoes report a seasonable lack of new business, and further contracts from jobbers as not expected during the next fortnight. Increased activity and strength has come in Chicago packer hides with the advancing season. Fluctuations in quotations of the great staples have been less extensive during the past week, with a slightly higher level as the net result, and only a fair degree of activity.

Failures this week were 166 in the United States, against 212 last year, and 15 in Canada, compared with 18 a year ago.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet, shows the bank clearings at the principal cities for the week ended Thursday, April 23, with the percentage of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

	Clearings.	Inc.	Dec.
New York*	$1,311,320,957	....	30.7
Chicago*	172,504,033	4.0	....
Boston*	130,515,016	3.3	....
Philadelphia*	126,825,531	....	2.9
St. Louis	54,547,948	15.9	....
Pittsburg	52,080,695	19.9	....
San Francisco*	27,770,478	21.6	....
Baltimore*	27,393,792	....	8.8
Cincinnati	24,485,550	13.9	....
Kansas City*	22,098,931	25.3	....
Cleveland	18,843,141	12.9	....
Minneapolis*	11,379,495	3.2	....
New Orleans*	12,092,316	1.4	....
Detroit	9,974,915	14.7	....
Louisville*	10,125,815	1.3	....
Omaha	7,129,200	7.5	....
Milwaukee*	6,832,781	12.4	....
Providence*	6,755,200	....	11.3
Buffalo*	6,288,252	12.8	....
St. Paul*	5,245,491	3.8	....
Indianapolis	5,636,700	20.3	....
Los Angeles	5,716,954	22.0	....
St. Joseph*	4,730,819	11.1	....
Denver	5,121,586	25.1	....
Richmond	4,376,483	....	2.3
Columbus	3,920,300	....	5.9
Seattle	3,585,393	16.4	....
Washington	3,783,043	....	2.4
Savannah*	2,971,819	....	2.3
Memphis	3,989,271	65.6	....
Albany	3,612,963	14.5	....
Salt Lake City	3,000,558	....	8.4
Portland, Or.*	2,976,688	27.8	....
Toledo*	2,631,027	12.1	....
Fort Worth	2,779,304	5.5	....
Peoria	2,307,881	5.2	....
Hartford	2,473,685	....	10.4
Rochester	2,360,432	....	....
Atlanta	2,587,705	18.0	....
Des Moines	1,922,313	....	1.3
New Haven	1,797,912	8.7	....
Nashville	2,804,869	71.7	....
Spokane, Wash	2,239,980	40.4	....
Grand Rapids	1,562,129	28.6	....
Sioux City	1,776,473	24.1	....
Springfield, Mass	1,563,913	3.0	....
Norfolk	1,447,271	6.6	....
Dayton	1,771,042	38.5	....
Tacoma	1,971,034	68.7	....
Worcester	1,872,093	....	1.4
Augusta, Ga	1,069,509	....	20.7
Portland, Me	1,251,314	4.9	....
Scranton	1,630,077	13.2	....
Topeka	1,187,068	....	12.2
Syracuse	1,259,422	....	7.4
Evansville	1,290,877	24.9	....
Wilmington, Del	1,209,434	7.7	....
Birmingham	1,276,700	31.0	....
Davenport	846,159	....	....
Fall River	844,758	....	....
Little Rock	977,058	14.7	....
Knoxville	1,290,928	77.4	....
Macon	688,600	....	....
Wilkesbarre	815,152	12.8	....
Akron	771,600	26.1	....
Springfield, Ill	753,446	43.3	....
Wheeling, W. Va	728,299	7.5	....
Wichita	758,476	39.5	....
Youngstown	725,381	42.7	....
Helena	592,843	....	9.0
Lexington	510,635	1.5	....
Chattanooga	719,917	40.1	....
Lowell	444,990	....	16.8
New Bedford	710,844	57.4	....
Kalamazoo	508,152	29.1	....
Fargo, N. D	376,470	37.4	....
Canton, O	573,000	24.8	....
Jacksonville, Fla	386,504	....	1.5
Greensburg, Pa	392,441	....	....
Rockford, Ill	490,165	15.5	....
Springfield, O	393,440	2.8	....
Binghamton	462,800	11.0	....
Chester, Pa	446,179	33.1	....
Bloomington, Ill	306,954	1.3	....
Quincy, Ill	352,478	19.6	....
Sioux Falls, S. D	217,004	....	3.9
Mansfield, O	280,475	....	....
Jacksonville, Ill	172,985	....	8.0
Fremont, Neb	137,617	26.8	....
Utica**	2,355,937	....	....
Decatur, Ill**	208,330	....	18.4
Houston***	11,874,469	10.9	....
Galveston ***	6,974,000	13.8	....
Charleston, S. C	651,763	....	....
Outside New York	$44,747,450	6.4	....
Totals, U. S	$2,356,068,307	....	19.7
CANADA.			
Montreal	$ 20,448,088	....	16.7
Toronto	16,623,915	....	12.2
Winnipeg	4,432,041	45.3	....
Halifax	1,833,063	10.5	....
Ottawa	1,823,455	15.1	....
Vancouver, B. C	1,320,239	12.2	....
Quebec	1,355,461	16.6	....
St. John, N. B	873,719	14.1	....
Hamilton	882,979	....	28.4
Victoria, B. C	693,604	14.8	....
Totals, Canada	$ 50,218,462	....	10.5

*Balances paid in cash. **Not included in totals because of no comparison for last year. ***Not included in totals because containing other items than clearings.

ONLY A FEW DRAWBACKS.

Labor Troubles and Cool Weather Do Not Seriously Interfere.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Bradstreet's tomorrow will say:

Trade and industry progress well, despite drawbacks in the shape of numerous labor troubles and cool weather conditions in some sections. Retail trade, as a whole, is fair. Collections continue slowly but steadily to improve. Manufacturing industry was never so active, except perhaps in the textile trades, where a few labor troubles limit cotton goods production, but in iron and steel, lumber, shoe manufacturing, machinery and a multitude of other lines production is close to the maximum. Railroad earnings continue large. The shutdown of Northwestern flour mills proved to be only temporary, and the point sought, lower rates for the product, has evidently been gained, judging from the increased outgo of flour from nearly all shipping centers.

The line of demarkation between crude and finished forms of iron and steel has become more distinct this week. Pig iron has eased in price and buyers are backward, evidently hoping for further concessions, while the latter part of the year's requirements are reported still unplaced.

The effect of the present high prices of cotton on the manufacturing branches is not entirely favorable. Buyers of cotton goods are holding back, and are very slow to commit themselves. Raw wool, while dull, is rather firmer in tone, and advices from primary markets are that the new clip will be held at 1@2c a pound above last season's opening quotations.

Grocery markets have been active this week, the leader being sugar, which continues its advance from the low point reached some weeks ago. The majority of staples show a striking steadiness.

Wheat, including flour, exports for the week ending April 23 aggregate 3,888,542 bushels, against 3,250,809 bushels in the week a year ago. Wheat exports since July 1 aggregated 185,087,008 bushels, against 210,556,335 bushels last season.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 152, against 181 in the like week of 1902. In Canada for the week, 15 against 20 one year ago.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Grain, Flour, Feed, Etc.

Wheat is dull and nominally unchanged. The only feature of interest in the market is the taking of the Polarstjernen to load a full cargo for the United Kingdom. No other late charters for Portland are reported, but some new business has recently been worked on the Sound.

WHEAT—Walla Walla, 70@71c; bluestem, 75@75c; Valley, 74@75c.

BARLEY—Feed, $21@22 per ton; brewing, $22; rolled, $23.

OATS—No. 1 white, $1.15@1.20; gray, $1.12½@1.15 per central.

MILLSTUFFS—Bran, $19 per ton; middlings, $24; shorts, $26; chop, $18.

HAY—Timothy, $11@17.50; clover, nominal; grain, $14@15 per ton; cheat, $14@15.

FLOUR—Valley, $3.60@3.70 per barrel; hard wheat straights, $3.50@3.65; hard wheat patents, $3.90@4.20; Dakota hard wheat, $4.10@4.20; Graham, $3.45@3.85.

Butter, Eggs, Poultry, Etc.

Butter is moving better since prices were lowered, and some shipping is under way. From present indications the price is not likely to decline further. Egg receipts are increasing, and the market is weakening, though so far quotations have been maintained. Chickens sell readily at the established prices.

BUTTER — Fancy creamery, 17½@20c per pound; dairy, nominal; store, 16c.

POULTRY—Chickens, mixed, 12@12½c per pound; spring, 13½@14c; hens, 12½@13c; broilers $4@5 per dozen; turkeys, live, 16@17c per pound; dressed, 20@22c; ducks, $7@7.50 per dozen; geese, $6@6.50.

CHEESE—Full cream twins, 16½c; Young America, 17½c; factory prices, 1@1½c less; California, 15c.

EGGS—Oregon ranch, 16½@17c.

Vegetables, Fruit, Etc.

Front street is overloaded with asparagus and peas. For some unexplained reason, the demand for these early vegetables is not as good as it has been in previous years. Cabbage, on the other hand, is selling better than it ever did before, and jobbers find it difficult to get enough to satisfy the inquiry. Two cars of choice bananas arrived yesterday. Two refrigerators of strawberries were also received.

VEGETABLES—Turnips, 50@60c per sack; carrots, California, $1.25; beets, $1.25 per sack; 90c per dozen; lettuce, head, 30c per dozen; hothouse, $1.90@2 per box; green onions, per dozen, 12½c; peas, per pound, 5c; parsley, per dozen, 25c; radishes, 15c per dozen; green artichokes, 40@50c per dozen; asparagus, 60@80c per pound; rhubarb, 2½@4c per pound; cucumbers, $2.75 per dozen; tomatoes, $4.50 per crate.

DOMESTIC FRUIT—Apples, table, $1@1.25 per box; cooking, 75c@$1; cranberries, Jersey, $11; strawberries, 22½c per basket.

DRIED FRUIT—Apples, evaporated, 7½c per pound; sun-dried, sacks or boxes, 5@6c; apricots, 8@10c; peaches, 7½@9c; pears, 7½@8½c; prunes, Italian, 4½@5½c; figs, California blacks, 6c; do white, 7½c; Smyrna, 20c; plums, pitted, 4@5½c.

TROPICAL FRUIT—Lemons, $2.75@3.25 per box; oranges, navels, $2@3 per box; seedlings, $2 per box; tangerines, $1.75@2; grape fruit, $2.50 per box; bananas, $2.25@3 per bunch; pineapples, $5@6.

RAISINS—Loose Muscatel, 4-crown, 7½c; 3-crown, 7½c; 2-crown, 6½c; unbleached, seedless Muscatel raisins, 7½c; unbleached seedless Sultans, 6½c; London layers, 3-crown, whole boxes of 20 pounds, $1.85; 2-crown, $1.75.

POTATOES—Best Burbanks, 50@60c per sack; ordinary, 35@45c, growers' prices; new potatoes, 4@4½c; Merced sweets, 3@3½c.

HONEY—15c per lb. 1 frame.

ONIONS—Oregon and Washington, 40@50c per central.

Groceries, Nuts, Etc.

COFFEE—Mocha, 23@28c; Java, fancy, 26@32c; Java, good, 20@24c; Java, ordinary, 19@20c; Costa Rica, fancy, 18@20c; Costa Rica, good, 16@18c; Costa Rica, ordinary, 10@12c per pound; Columbia, roast, $10.75; Arbuckle's, $11.10; Lion, $11.10.

SALMON — Columbia River, 1-pound talls, $1.65 per dozen; 2-pound talls, $2.40; fancy 1-pound flats, $1.80; ½-pound flats, $1.10; Alaska pink, 1-pound talls, 65c; red, 1-pound talls, $1.20; sockeye, 1-pound talls, $1.50; 1-pound flats, $1.80.

BEANS—Small white, 4½c; large white, 4c; pinks, 3½c; bayou, 3½c; Lima, 5½c per pound.

SUGAR—Sack basis, per 100 pounds; cube, $6.77½; powdered, $5.62½; dry granulated, $5.52½; extra C, $5.02½; golden C, $4.92½; less ¼c per pound for spot cash. Advances over sack basis as follows: Barrels, 10c; half barrels, 25c; boxes, 50c per 100 pounds. Maple, 10@16c per pound. Beet sugar, granulated, $5.32½ per 100 pounds.

RICE—Imperial Japan, No. 1, $5.75; No. 2, $5.37½; Carolina head, $7.25; broken head, $4.

NUTS—Peanuts, 6½c per pound for raw, 8@8½c for roasted; cocoanuts, 80@90c per dozen; walnuts, 13½@14½c per pound; pine nuts, 10@12½c; hickory nuts, 7c; Brazil nuts, 16c; filberts, 15@16c; fancy pecans, 17c; almonds, 14@15c; chestnuts, 16c.

SALT—Liverpool, 50s, 45c per sack; half ground per ton, 50s, $14.50; 100s, $14; Worcester salt, bulk, 320s, $5 per barrel; linen sacks, 50s, 86c per sack; bales, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s and 10s, $2.10 per bale.

OILS—Pearl or astral oil, cases, 22½c per gallon; water white oil, iron barrels, 10c; wood barrels, 18½c; eocene oil, cases, 24½c; elaine oil, cases, 27½c; extra star, cases, 25½c; headlight oil, 175 degrees, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 18c; benzine, 63 degrees, cases, 23c; iron barrels, 16½c; benzine, 63 degrees, cases, 23c; iron barrels, 16½c; stove gasoline, cases, 24½c; iron barrels, 16½c; 86 degrees gasoline, cases, 28½c; iron barrels, 22c; linseed, boiled, cases, 59c; barrels, 54c; linseed, raw, cases, 57c; barrels, 52c; turpentine, cases, 80c; wood barrels, 76½c; bulk, 74c; 10-case lots, 75c; Collier and Atlantic white and red lead in lots of 50 pounds or more, 6c; less than 500 pounds, 6½c.

Meats and Provisions.

BEEF—Gross, cows, $3.25@4; steers, $4.25@5; dressed, 8c per pound.

VEAL—8c per pound.

MUTTON—Gross, $5@5.25; dressed, 7@9c.

HOGS—Gross, $7@7.50; dressed, 8@8½c.

HAMS—10@14 pounds, 15½c per pound; 14@16 pounds, 15c per pound; 16@20 pounds, 14½c; California (picnics), 12c; cottage hams, 11½c; Union hams, 8@6 pounds average, none; shoulders, 11c; boiled ham, 22c; boiled picnic hams, boneless, 16c.

BACON—Fancy breakfast, 19c; standard breakfast, 17c; choice, 15½c; English breakfast bacon, 11@14 pounds, 15c.

DRY SALT MEATS—Regular short clears, 12½c, 13½c smoked; clear backs, 11½c salt, 12½c smoked; Oregon exports, 20@25 pounds average, 12½c dry salt, 13½c smoked; Union butts, 10@15 pounds average, 9½c dry salt, 10½c smoked.

LARD—Kettle rendered: Tierces, 13c; tubs, 13½c; 50s, 13½c; 20s, 13½c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c. Standard pure: Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 13c; 50s, 13c; 20s, 13½c; 10s, 13½c; 5s, 13½c. Compound lard, tierces, 8½c; tubs, 9c.

SAUSAGE—Portland, ham, 12½c per pound; minced ham, 10½c; Summer, choice dry, 17½c; bologna, long, 8c; wienerwurst, 8c; liver, 7c; pork, 10c; blood, 7c; head cheese, 7c; bologna sausage link, 7½c.

PICKLED GOODS—Portland, pigs' feet, ¼-barrels, $5; ⅛-barrels, $2.85; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Tripe, ½-barrels, $5.50; ¼-barrels, $2.75; 15-pound kit, $1; pigs' tongues ½-barrel, $6; ¼-barrel, $3; 15-pound kit, $1.25. Lambs' tongues, ½-barrel, $8.25; ¼-barrel, $4.75; 15-pound kit, $2.25.

Hops, Wool, Hides, Etc.

HOPS—1902 crop, 19@20c per pound.

HIDES—Dry hides, No. 1, 16 pounds and up, 15@16c per pound; dry kip, No. 1, 8 to 15 pounds, 12c; dry calf, No. 1, under 8 pounds, 16c; dry salted bulls and stags, one-third less than dry flint; salted hides, steer, sound, 60 pounds and over, 8@9c; 50 to 60 pounds, 7@8c; under 50 pounds and cows, 7c; stags and bulls, sound, 5@5½c; kip, sound, 15 to 20 pounds, 7c; veal, sound, 10 to 14 pounds, 7c; calf, sound, under 10 pounds, 8c; green (unsalted), 1c per pound less; culls, 1c per pound less; horse hides, salted, each, $1.50@2; dry, each, $1@1.50; colts' hides, each, 25@50c; goat skins, common, each, 10@15c; Angora, with wool on, each, 25c@$1.

TALLOW—Prime, per pound, 4@5c; No. 2 and grease, 2½@3c.

WOOL—Valley, 12½@16c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 32@37½c.

Metal Markets.

NEW YORK, April 24.—The London tin market closed 6d lower for spot at £187 7s 6d, while futures were 5s lower at £136 10s. Tin at New York was firm, spot closing at 29.50@30c.

Copper declined 12s 6d in London, spot and futures closing there at £60 12s 6d. Locally, copper prices were also marked down, though the quotations remained more or less nominal. Lake and electrolytic are quoted at 14.75@15c, and casting at 14.50@14.75c.

Lead was unchanged in London at £12 5s, but here it was firm and 5 points higher, at 3.75c.

Iron was is lower in the English markets. Glasgow closed at 52s 4d and Middlesboro at 47s 6d. Locally iron was a shade lower on some grades. No. 1 foundry Northern is quoted at $22.25@22.75; No. 1 foundry Northern at 20.50@21; No. 1 foundry Southern and No. 1 foundry Southern soft at $21.50@22.

New York Cotton Market.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Cotton futures closed steady, net 10@13 points higher. April, 10.31c; May, 10.35c; June, 9.93c; July, 9.94c; August, 9.87c; September, 9.96c; October, 8.60c; November and December, 8.56c. Spot closed quiet, 10 points higher. Middling uplands, 10.60c; do Gulf, 10.75c. Sales, none.

PUBLIC HOLDS ALOOF

NO OUTSIDE INTEREST IN STOCK SPECULATION.

Forecast of Bank Statement Has a Stiffening Effect on Stocks—Money Market Conditions.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Dealings in stocks fell back again today to near the low level of the year, partly as a result of the disappointment of the professional element over the failure of the removal to the new exchange building to stimulate activity yesterday. The falling off in dealings was attributed in part to the banishment from the boardroom of a class of traders who formerly had the privilege of admission to the lobby of the exchange for the purpose of directing their trades over the railing.

It is evident, however, that the public is entirely indifferent to the market for the present. So long as this condition prevails, purely professional operations are likely to prove futile in effecting any wide movement of prices. The dullness of today's market was only equaled by its inertia. Only a half dozen stocks of any prominence got as much as a point away from last night's level at any time. The sluggish course of the market was downward early in the day, largely through mere inanition. Some depression of sentiment was caused by the disapproval of the newly inaugurated freight rates from Chicago to New York by the present Interstate Commerce Commission. Much importance is attached to the advance in freight rates as an offset to the increased cost of operation, which has produced the recent downward tendency in the net returns from the transportation industry. The rise in freight rates has been so general that it is feared the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission is preliminary to similar action toward other railroads.

There was selling of stocks for London account. There was also a strong tone in the sterling exchange market, and an advance in within measurable limits of the gold export point. Another factor in the day, the forecast of the bank statement had a stiffening effect on stocks. The prevailing ease of the money market confirms the belief that the position of the banks has been much strengthened. Reading was run up a point on account of testimony of the president of the company before the Interstate Commerce Commission. The notable advance in the silver market was the basis of large buying of Mexican railroad stocks, owing to the increased exchange value of Mexican money which resulted. Amalgamated Copper suffered from the weakness of the copper market. The market closed intensely dull, but fairly steady at the late recovery.

There was some continued demand for the new issues of railroad bonds. Otherwise, the bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, $2,035,000. United States bonds were all unchanged on the last quotation.

STOCKS.	Sales.	High.	Low.	Close.
Atchison	19,500	83¾	82⅝	83¾
do preferred	400	97½	97½	97½
Baltimore & Ohio	32,200	94⅛	92⅝	93⅝
do preferred				95
Canadian Pacific	4,100	132⅝	131⅝	132¼
Canada Southern	100	71⅛	71⅛	70
Chesapeake & Ohio	800	45⅝	45	45
Chicago & Alton	1,500	32	31⅛	31⅝
do preferred	100	70	70	70
Chicago G. W.	600	23⅛	22⅞	22⅞
do A preferred				75⅝
do B preferred				37
Chicago & N. W.	200	183	182	182
Chi. Term. & Transfer.	100	16⅝	16⅝	16½
do preferred	400	30	30	30¼
C., C., C. & St. Louis				90
Colorado Southern	100	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
do 1st preferred				69½
do 2d preferred				59½
Delaware & Hudson	100	168	168	167½
Del., Lack. & Western				24⅝
Denver & Rio Grande	400	37⅝	36⅝	37⅝
do preferred	200	86⅝	86⅝	86½
Erie	700	34⅝	34	34⅛
do 1st preferred	3,000	69⅝	68	68⅝
do 2d preferred	1,100	53⅛	52⅝	53⅝
Great Northern pfd				185
Hocking Valley				98
do preferred	100	94	94	94
Illinois Central	1,900	137⅝	136⅝	137
Iowa Central	100	38	38	35⅝
do preferred	800	62	61	61
Lake Erie & Western	200	41	41	40
do preferred				105
Louisville & Nashville	1,300	118	117⅛	117⅝
Manhattan L Street Ry.	15,200	142	141⅛	141⅝
Metropolitan Street Ry.	300	138⅝	137⅝	138
Mexican Central	8,600	28⅛	27⅛	28
Mexican National	3,000	22⅛	20⅝	22
Minn. & St. Louis				93
Missouri Pacific	18,000	110⅛	109⅛	110⅝
Mo., Kan. & Texas	700	26⅛	25⅝	26
do preferred	900	56⅛	55⅝	56⅝
New Jersey Central				168
New York Central	1,700	132⅛	132	132
Norfolk & Western	3,700	71⅝	71	71⅝
do preferred				88½
Ontario & Western	900	29⅝	29⅝	29⅝
Pennsylvania	17,000	137⅛	136⅝	137
Reading	20,200	55½	54⅛	55⅛
do 1st preferred				82½
do 2d preferred				76
St. Louis & San Fran.	300	73⅝	73	73⅝
do 1st preferred				78
do 2d preferred	200	69	69	69⅛
St. Louis S. W.	100	24	24	24
do preferred	400	56⅛	56⅛	56⅝
St. Paul	13,100	163⅛	162⅝	163⅝
do pref.	100	184	184	185
Southern Pacific	8,000	56⅛	55⅝	56⅛
Southern Railway	2,900	31⅝	31⅛	31⅛
do preferred				92⅛
Texas & Pacific	5,800	37⅛	36	37
Toledo, St. L. & West.	300	25⅛	24	25
do preferred	700	44⅛	43⅛	43⅛
Union Pacific	2,800	91⅝	91⅛	91⅝
do preferred	500	90⅝	89⅛	89⅛
Wabash	100	28	28	28⅛
do preferred	4,200	49⅝	48⅛	48⅝
Wheel. & Lake Erie	100	23	23	22⅛
do 2d preferred				32
Wisconsin Central	300	25	24	24⅛
do preferred	300	48⅝	48	48⅛
Express Cos—				
Adams				225
American				200
United States				125
Wells-Fargo				200
Miscellaneous—				
Amal. Copper	2,600	65	63⅛	64⅛
Am. Car & Foundry	400	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛
do preferred	200	90⅝	90⅝	91
American Linseed Oil				15⅝
do preferred				40
Am. Smelt. & Refining	2,800	51⅝	50⅝	51
do preferred	600	95⅛	95	95⅛
Anaconda Mining Co.	200	106⅝	104	105
Brook. Rapid Transit	14,200	66⅝	65⅛	66⅛
Colorado Fuel & Iron	2,500	64⅛	62⅛	64
Consolidated Gas	1,500	219	214⅛	215⅛
Cont. Tobacco pfd	100	115	115	114⅛
General Electric	800	192⅝	192	192⅛
Hocking Coal				19⅛
International Paper				15⅛
do preferred	800	71	70⅛	70⅛
International Power	200	45⅛	45	45⅝
Laclede Gas				97
National Biscuit				44⅛
National Lead				24⅛
North American	200	100	100	99⅛
Pacific Coast				59
Pacific Mail	100	34⅛	34⅛	34⅛
People's Gas	2,600	104⅝	103⅝	104⅛
Pressed Steel Car	500	61⅛	61⅛	61⅛
do preferred				93⅛
Pullman Palace Car	100	221	221	218
Republic Steel	800	19⅝	19⅝	19⅝
do preferred	200	79⅛	79⅛	78⅝
Sugar	1,700	126⅛	125⅝	126
Tenn. Coal & Iron	2,400	65⅛	64⅝	65⅛
Union Bag & P. Co.	100	12	12	11
do preferred				72⅛
U. S. Leather	400	13⅝	13⅝	13⅝
do preferred	100	94	94	93⅝
United States Rubber				15
do preferred				48
United States Steel	6,000	36⅝	35⅝	35⅛
do preferred	2,400	85⅝	85	85⅛
Western Union	300	85⅝	85⅛	85⅛
American Locomotive	300	27⅝	27⅛	27⅛
do preferred	100	94	94	93⅝
Kansas City Southern				30⅝
do preferred				59⅝
Rock Island	16,400	40⅝	40⅛	45⅛
do preferred				76⅝

Total sales for the day, 895,700 shares.

BONDS.			
U. S. ref. 2s, reg.	106	Atchison adj. 4s	90⅛
do coupon	106	C. & N. W. con. 7s	142⅝
U. S. 3s, reg.	107⅛	D. & R. G. 4s	88⅝
do coupon	108	North. Pacific 3s	71⅛
U. S. new 4s, reg.	135⅛	do 4s	102⅛
do coupon	136⅛	South. Pacific 4s	102⅝
U. S. old 4s, reg.	110⅝	Union Pacific 4s	102⅝
do coupon	110⅝	West Shore 4s	109⅛
U. S. 5s, reg.	102⅝	Wis. Central 4s	91
do coupon	103⅝		

Stocks at London.

LONDON, April 24.—Consols for money, 82¾; consols for account, 82 5-16.

Anaconda	5½	Norfolk & West.	72⅝
Atchison	83	do pfd	91
do pfd	100	Ontario & West	30⅝
Balt. & Ohio	26⅛	Pennsylvania	70
Can. Pacific	137⅛	Reading	27⅛
Ches. & Ohio	46⅛	do 1st pfd	42⅛
Chicago G. W.	23⅛	do 2d pfd	34
Chi., M. & St. P.	166⅝	Southern Railway	32
D. & R. G.	37⅛	do pfd	94⅛
do pfd	89	Southern Pacific	56⅝
Erie	35	Union Pacific	91⅝
do 1st pfd	68	do pfd	92⅛
do 2d pfd	53½	U. S. Steel	36⅝
Illinois Central	141	do pfd	89⅛
Louis. & Nash.	120⅛	Wabash	28⅝
Mo., Kan. & Tex.	26⅛	do pfd	50⅝
N. Y. Central	136		

Money Exchange, Etc.

NEW YORK, April 24.—Money on call steady at 2½@3½ per cent; closing 2½@3 per cent. Time money steady; 60 and 90 days, 4½@4½ per cent; six months, 4½@4¾ per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5@5½ per cent.

Sterling exchange strong, with actual business in bankers' bill at $4.8740@4.8750 for demand and at $4.8425@4.8450 for 60 days; posted rates, $4.85 and $4.88½; commercial bills, $4.83¾@4.84¼.

Mexican dollars, 41c.

Government bonds steady; railroad bonds irregular.

Bar silver, 59⅝c.

LONDON, April 24.—Bar silver firm, 24½d per ounce.

Money, 3¼@3½ per cent.

Rate of discount for short bills, 3⅝ per cent; for three months' bills, 3½ per cent.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Silver bars, 57⅝c per ounce.

Mexican dollars, 46½c.

Drafts—Sight, 15c; telegraph, 17½c.

Sterling on London—Sixty days, $4.85; sight, $4.88.

London Stock Exchange.

LONDON, April 24.—The budget, presented in the House of Commons yesterday, generally stimulated business on the Stock Exchange today, particularly high-class securities, the sinking-fund provision and the reduction of the income tax giving an all-round fillip, and more than counteracting the nonreduction of the Bank of England's rate of discount, and the British reverse in Somaliland. Consols reacted somewhat on profit-taking and fluctuated rapidly. The last quotations were 92⅝ for money, and 92 5-16 for consols for account.

Bank Clearings.

	Clearings.	Balances.
Portland	$368,816	$20,071
Seattle	478,371	81,422
Tacoma	200,043	86,319
Spokane	376,578	96,932

The Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Today's statement of the Treasury shows:

Available cash balances	$222,466,879
Gold	114,068,643

WHEAT MARKET DEPRESSED.

Lower Cables and Heavy Selling Causes a Decline.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Lower Liverpool cables had a weakening effect on wheat prices at the start. May opened unchanged to ¼c lower, at 78@78⅛c, with July ¼c lower to a shade higher, at 72⅞@73¼c. Outside markets were also somewhat easier, and there was considerable selling by commission houses and pit traders, while longs sold freely, which resulted in a still further decline. Stop-loss orders on the decline, in connection with the dullness of trading, brought more wheat onto the market than could be readily absorbed, and extreme weakness followed, May declining to 77⅞c, and July to 72⅝c. Buying by the Armour interests gave support to the situation and a firmer feeling developed. Reports of a good export demand helped to create a better tone late in the day. May closed ⅛c lower, at 77⅞c, and July was down ¼c, at 72⅝c.

Trading in corn was active, and a strong tone was manifest throughout. Small receipts and a good cash demand were bullish factors. The close was firm, with May ¼c higher, at 44⅝@44¾c. July closed ¼@⅝c higher, at 45½c.

Oats showed extreme weakness early in the session, on realizing by longs. May closed steady, ⅛@¼c lower, at 34⅛@34⅜c.

There was a moderate volume of trade in provisions, and the market on the whole was firm. July pork closed 5c higher, lard was a shade advanced, and ribs 2½c lower.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

WHEAT.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	$0.78	$0.78¾	$0.77⅝	$0.77⅞
July	72⅞	73	72⅝	72⅞
September	69⅝	70	69⅝	69⅝

CORN.

May	44½	44¾	44½	44¾
July	45⅝	45⅝	45⅝	45½
September	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝	44⅝

OATS.

May	34⅝	34⅝	33⅝	34⅛
July	31⅛	33	31⅛	31⅝
September	28⅝	29	28⅝	28⅝