

**Rumor That German Reply
Had Been Received and Was
Flat Refusal Caused Selling.**

WHEAT WEAKENED.

DESPITE DAMAGE

Heavy Rains in Kansas Are Said to Have Destroyed Quantities of Insects.

CHICAGO, May 34.—The wheat market opened steady today but later developed a weaker tone. May wheat dropped off 1/4 cent, and the opening figure of 134 1/2¢, but regained the fractional point in the early trading. July wheat fared even worse, opening at 125 1/2¢, 1/2 cent below Saturday's closing market, and sold at still further decline of 125 1/4¢. The trading tone was moderate, while corn showed a light demand.

In the late dealings wheat prices hardened somewhat and the close was dull and steady.

The havoc created in the wheat belt by the pestering fly is beginning to manifest itself in the eastern counties of Missouri. In six counties of the State, involving 400,000 acres, it appears fully one-third of the growing crop has been destroyed, with less than half the crop on balance. Missouri ordinarily has a yield of 30,000,000 bushels of wheat.

Minnesota stocks of wheat decreased 175,000 bushels for two days against 225,000 bushels of last year.

England is nearing the wheat harvesting season and high level of values is bringing out increased offerings on the market.

The weekly shipment of wheat from North America amounted to 7,450,000

of bushels, of which 2,994,000 bushels went out as flour.

Exports reported shipped via the Pacific Coast; Canada exporting 2,032,000 bushels, 1,060,000 bushels of corn and 1,350,000 bushels onto.

Heavy rains in Kansas destroyed millions of bushels of wheat, thus enabling the wheat to outgrow the weakening effect of the Hessian fly pupae. Making due allowance for insect damage, the present prospect seems to be for a winter wheat crop around 800,000,000 bushels, about 53,000,000 bushels less than last year and 209,000,000 bushels more than the five-year average to last year.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

| | Wheat— | Open. | High. | Low. | Close. | Said's |
|---------------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| May | 1.20 1/2 | 1.21 1/4 | 1.20 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 |
| July | 1.20 1/2 | 1.21 1/4 | 1.20 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 |
| Sept. | 1.20 1/2 | 1.21 1/4 | 1.20 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 | 1.20 1/2 |
| Corn (new delivery) | | | | | | |
| May | 74 3/4 | 74 3/4 | 74 1/2 | 74 3/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 |
| July | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 |
| September | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 | 75 1/4 |
| Hard— | | | | | | |
| May | 52 | 52 1/2 | 52 | 52 1/2 | 52 1/2 | 52 1/2 |
| July | 52 | 52 1/2 | 52 | 52 1/2 | 52 1/2 | 52 1/2 |
| September | 45 | 45 1/2 | 44 1/2 | 45 | 45 1/2 | 45 1/2 |
| Soft— | | | | | | |
| May | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 |
| July | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 |
| September | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 1/2 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 | 67 3/4 |
| Rolls— | | | | | | |
| May | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.40 | 110.40 |
| July | 109.25 | 109.25 | 109.25 | 109.25 | 109.25 | 109.25 |
| September | 108.50 | 108.50 | 108.50 | 108.50 | 108.50 | 108.50 |
| May | 17.85 | 17.85 | 17.85 | 17.85 | 17.85 | 17.85 |
| July | 18.15 | 18.15 | 18.15 | 18.15 | 18.15 | 18.15 |
| September | 18.30 | 18.47 | 18.30 | 18.47 | 18.37 | 18.37 |

*Bid. *asked.

NEW YORK COFFEE MARKET

NEW YORK, May 24.—The coffee market opened steady, with futures unchanged to four cents higher. The following trading was reported:

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| | Today's opening: | Sat. close: |
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| April | \$7.00 | 7.01@7.04 |
| June | 5.35 | 5.35@5.40 |
| July | 6.60 | 6.60@6.70 |
| August | 6.60 | 6.60@6.70 |
| September | 6.60 | 6.60@6.70 |
| October | 6.75 | 6.75@6.80 |
| November | 6.75 | 6.75@6.80 |
| December | 6.81 | 6.81@6.85 |
| January | 6.86@6.90 | 6.86@6.90 |
| February | 6.86 | 6.86@6.90 |
| March | 6.95@6.98 | 6.95@6.97 |

*Bld.

A MARKETS

Sec. 1a, 37@42 lbs. to doz. 18c.; doz. 43@44
 18c.; doz. 43 lbs. 48 lbs.

0 lbs. and over, 21c.; corn-fed, 31c.42 lbs. do, 19c.; do., 43c.47 lbs. to do., 17c.; do., 8 lbs. to do., 19c.; do., 60 lbs. and over, 20c.; chickens, dry-picked and dry-packed, in 50-lb.-Western, corn-fed, 5 lbs. and over, 18c.; do., c., 4 lbs., 17c.17c.; do., c., 3 1/2 lbs., 15c.; c., do., 2 1/2 lbs., 14c.18c.; broilers, milk-fed, fancy, 18c.24 lbs. to box, 27c.; do., fancy, 25c.29 lbs. to box, 24c.

to doz., 25c.; corn-fed, fancy, 18 1/2 lbs. to
oz., 25c.; do., prime, 25 1/2 lbs. to doz., 22c.;
turkeys, dry-picked and dry-packed, fancy, 21
25c.; fair to good 18 1/2 lbs.; old toms 19 1/2 lbs.;

FRESH FRUITS

Trade was fair and values generally ruled steady. Quality Good.

Apples, per bushel, \$2.00; York, per bushel, \$1.50; Baldwin, \$3.75; Ben Davis, \$3.50; other good eating varieties, \$2.25 to \$3.00; medium, \$2.00 to \$2.50; small, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Golden Delicious, Delaware and Pennsylvania, per hamper, 500 lbs., \$1.50; lemon, per box, \$2.50 to \$3.00; oranges, Florida, \$2.00 to \$2.50; California, \$1.50 to \$2.00; grapefruit, per box, \$2.00 to \$2.50; pineapples, per crate—Florida, \$1.50 to \$2.00; Florida, \$1.00 to \$1.50; straw-berries, per qt. North Carolina, 197c; Virginia, 197c; Maryland and Eastern Shore, 50c to 55c.

VEGETABLES

The market was generally steady under moderate demand.

ons: White potatoes, per bush—Pennsylvania, \$4.00; Maine, 4.00-4.50; New York, as to quality, 3.50-4.25; white potatoes, Florida, per bush—No. 1, \$4.50-5.25; No. 2, \$3.50-4.25; sweet potatoes, Delaware, per hamper—Large, \$1.25; medium, 30¢-75¢; sweet potatoes, Eastern shore, per bush—No. 1, \$2.25-2.75; No. 2, \$1.50-1.75; sweets, Jersey, per bush—No. 1, \$3.75

10, No. 2, 82@2.60; sweets, Jersey, per bag, 76c. @1.25; onions, choice, per 100-lb. bag, 25@1.50; onions, medium, per 100-lb. bag,

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