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MAY CLEARINGS LARGE

Banks' Business Above April and Same Period in 1918

Clearings for Philadelphia banks during the month of May were $1,726,567,113, an increase of $14,621,693 over May, 1918, and an increase of $90,247,046 as compared with April of this year. Monthly clearings for the last two years have been as follows:

	1919	1918
January	$1,832,170,234	$1,522,827,616
February	1,457,113,912	1,223,305,964
March	1,730,286,526	1,427,175,557
April	1,636,320,067	1,579,825,364
May	1,726,567,113	1,711,945,420
June	.. ..	1,700,306,173
July	.. ..	1,765,812,781
August	.. ..	1,734,638,982
September	.. ..	1,610,611,612
October	.. ..	1,866,419,910
November	.. ..	1,781,704,327
December	.. ..	1,772,418,771
Twelve months	.. ..	19,716,992,483

MONEY-LENDING RATES

NEW YORK—Money on call, mixed collateral, opened today at 6 per cent for lending and renewing. On all industrial collateral, the opening rate was 6½ per cent.

There was no change in the time money situation. The demand is not urgent and money is available at 5¾ per cent for sixty and ninety days on industrials securities collateral.

Prime mercantile paper is in light supply at 5@5¼ per cent, nominal quotation.

Bank acceptances of choice quality are unaltered as to rates, and business is moderate.

Call loans on acceptances stand at 4½ per cent.

PHILADELPHIA—Call, 5¾ per cent; time, 5¾@6 per cent; commercial paper, three to six months, 5¼@5½ per cent; six months, 6 per cent.

LONDON—Money is quoted at 3 per cent. Discount rates, short bills 3¾ per cent; three month bills 3½ per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

New York, June 2.—Francs showed a gain of 5 centimes from the closing figures of last week although the rate for cables was 3 centimes under the best at the close of last week. Italian exchange showed gains of 15 points. Sterling was a shade easier.

Quotations were:
Demand sterling 4.63, cables 4.64.
Franc cables 6.28, checks 6.30.
Lire cables 7.93, checks 7.95.
Swiss cables 5.14, checks 5.17.
Guilder cables 39 3-16, checks 39.
Pesetas cables 20.08, checks 20.
Stockholm cables 25.50, checks 25.30.
Christiania cables 25.20, checks 25.
Copenhagen cables 23.60, checks 23.40.
Ruble notes were 11.80 to 12.

GOSSIP OF THE STREET

BANKER POINTS TO VALUE OF BIG MERCHANT MARINE

Launching of Many Steamships Indicates That New Era Is Here, Says Financier—Gossip of the Street

ON SATURDAY the financial district, with the exception of the banks, was virtually deserted. There was nothing of importance in the news of the day to discuss with the few principals who put in a brief appearance during the half day that the banks were open.

One banker remarked that the launchings on Friday at Hog Island and at other yards all over the country proclaimed not the coming of a new era in the trade of the United States so much as that the era was here. In this connection, he said the address by Secretary of the Navy Daniels was very significant. It is evident, he said, that as soon as peace is a fact there is going to be a race among the European nations and the United States for the carrying trade of the world.

"What that trade means to any nation," he said, "can be seen in what it has done for Great Britain in the years past when she was supreme in the commerce of the seas. And for Germany, too, when she was crowding England very closely in the years which immediately preceded the war. Of course, no person in America is foolish enough to believe that Germany will stop shipbuilding until she gets on her feet again, with the knowledge that in her successful years it was her shipping which made her most powerful as a commercial competitor."

This banker said there must be a campaign of education started to convince exporters in the United States that they are much mistaken when they cherish the thought, which many of them do, that so long as their goods reach their destination it makes no difference whether they are sent in American or foreign ships.

"It makes all the difference in the world," he said. "In the first place, by shipping goods to foreign countries in foreign ships they are giving away the names of their own customers and the class of goods these customers are buying to their competitors. Has any one any doubt," he asked, "as to how such a condition enabled Germany before the war to outdistance other countries in competition?

"Not only are American exporters giving away their most valuable business secrets, but any one knows that in a hundred different ways shipments can be held up if in the hands of a foreign carrier. If the United States," he remarked, "intends to take its proper place among the big commercial nations of the world, she must export her own products, whether raw or manufactured, in United States owned vessels."

Commission on Traction Said to Be at Work

An investment banker whose concern has in the past been largely identified with traction propositions said he understood that the presidential commission, which is to investigate and if possible solve the almost universal street railway muddle, has been holding sessions recently, and that the names of the personnel composing the commission will be announced soon.

On this commission are to be representatives from the Treasury Department, the Department of Commerce and Labor, the National Association of State Utility Commissions, the American Cities League of Mayors, representatives of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Employes and the Investment Bankers' Association of America.

This banker said, as a sample of the deplorable conditions of these transit corporations, 50 per cent are already in the hands of receivers, the remainder are either headed in that direction or are virtually insolvent.

When asked if he had any particular remedy for these conditions, he remarked that the first remedy, which is so plain that it appeals to every one, is more revenue, which means an increase in fares. There are a number of burdens imposed on street railways in many cities which could be assumed by the cities and the money to meet them collected in the form of taxes, but such a proposition, he remarked, always seemed to him as taking money out of one pocket to put it in another, and then eventually to take it out of the other pocket, too.

Municipal ownership, which was long looked upon as the only panacea, he said he considered as a big failure where tried. A zone fare instead of the universal fare which is common in most communities could be tried.

No matter what decision the commission may arrive at, he said, it is certain to be unpopular at first. But one thing is certain, he added, and that is the public will not permit any big profits on what has come to be a daily necessity. There must be some plan devised to prevent large profits.

RECESSIONS FOLLOW EARLY GAINS IN CORN

Larger Receipts and Encouraging Crop News Induce Freer Offerings

Chicago, June 2.—Firmness in the cash article, low temperatures and rains in some sections imparted strength to the corn market futures today although, in anticipation of readjustment of differences btween the actual grains and contracts, brokers were inclined to be cautious and the day's business, as a rule, was in small lots.

The session came to an end at 12:15 P. M. on account of the parde of 33d Division.

Following initial advances, there were recessions on estimated receipts of 600 cars and encouraging crop news, which induced freer offerings. Spot prices started three cents lower, but later the cash demand developed unexpected breadth and a full recovery was made in values all around. The highest point for futures was reached near the close, July leading the upturn.

Oats futures also were firmer, and there was little pressure against the market. Commission houses favored the buying side. Too much rain and backward crop conditions were reported from some sections. The demand for the cash article was poor with prices lower.

The inquiry for shipping continued indifferent with reported sales of only 25,000 bushels. Rumors were current that 200,000 bushels had been sold for export in the east.

Leading futures ranged as follows:

Corn (new delivery)—	Open	High	Low	Close	Sat. close
July ...	1.66⅜	1.69⅝	1.66⅜	1.69⅝	1.64⅝
Sept. ...	1.58⅜	1.60¼	1.58⅜	1.60	1.56⅝
Oats—					
July ...	67½	68⅝	67½	68¼	67½
Sept. ...	65⅝	66⅝	65¼	66¼	65¼
Lard—					
July ...	32.55	33.12	32.55	33.07	32.15
Sept. ...	32.00	32.45	32.00	32.40	31.45
Ribs—					
July ...	28.20	28.35	28.15	28.32	27.75
Sept. ...	27.60	27.90	27.60	27.85	27.40
Pork—					
July ...	50.25	51.05	50.25	51.05	56.00
Sept. ...	48.50	48.75	48.50	48.75	49.60

GAIN IN LOCAL LOANS

Reserves Lower Than This Week Last Year

The average condition of members of the Philadelphia Clearing House Association for the week preceding today is shown in the weekly statement, with comparisons, as follows:

ALL MEMBERS

	June 2, '19.	Increase.
Loans	$817,358,000	$10,001,000
Exchgs. Cl. House	24,611,000	1,248,000
Due from banks	106,794000	*2,124,000
Bank deposits	146,967,000	*5,718,000
Individ. deposits	504,296,000	*763,000
Time deposits	5,257,000	*92,000
Res. with F. R. B. and legal depositories	55,299,000	152,000
Cash in vaults	11,898,000	*1,343,000
Total reserve held	56,222,000	130,000
Reserve required	58,213,000	*536,000
Excess reserve	3,009,000	666,000

MEMBERS RESERVE SYSTEM

Reserve held	$51,597,000	$94,000
Excess reserve	1,626,000	713,000

TRUST COMPANIES NOT MEMBERS RESERVE SYSTEM

Reserve held	$4,625,000	$35,000
Excess reserve	1,383,000	*47,000

In addition to the deposits above there were this week $18,711,000 government deposits, against which no reserve is required.

BANK CLEARINGS

Saturday's bank clearings compared with corresponding day last year:

		1919	1918
Phila	$66,192,171	$69,985,682	$58,948,929
N. Y.	469,565,019	497,969,997	435,241,656
Boston	42,704,226	48,204,482	35,464,157

BAR SILVER

Bar silver was quoted in London today at 53¼d an ounce, an increase of ⅛d.

GOOD BUYING ORDERS HELP COTTON PRICES

List Quiets Down After Early Gains of 23 to 69 Points. Cables Are Strong

New York, June 2.—The cotton market had an active and strong opening showing gains of 23 to 69 points from Thursday's close.

An accumulation of buying orders resulted from continued showery weather South over Sunday, to which was added fresh support from commission houses based on strong cables from Liverpool.

Later, business quieted down and the list became a shade easier under profit sales ahead of the Federal Department of Agricultures report.

Early realizing sales were absorbed on moderate reactions, and another sharp advance followed the publication of the official crop report.

Active months sold 81 to 108 points above Thursday's closing figures, within a few minutes after the report was issued, with October contracts touching 31.90, compared with 30.19, the low point on Thursday, and 32.20, the high record of last week.

The forecast for frosts in parts of Oklahoma and Texas probably helped the advance, which, however, met heavy realizing.

	Thurs. close	Today's open	11.00 a. m.	1:30 p. m.
July	31.66	31.90	31.95	31.95
August	31.15	31.15	31.15	31.15
September	31.00	31.00	30.74	30.74
October	30.82	31.03	31.10	31.20
November	30.57	30.57	30.57	30.57
December	30.42	30.75	30.75	30.75
January	30.21	30.67	30.67	30.68
February	30.22	30.22	30.22	30.22
March	30.09	30.70	30.70	30.70

COTTON BELOW NORMAL

Condition Report Shows Outlook Less Favorable Than Usual

Washington, June 2.—The Department of Agriculture, in a report issued today, places the condition of the cotton crop as of May 25 last at 75.6 of a normal, compared with 82.3 on May 25, 1918, 69.5 on May 25, 1917, and 77.5 on May 25, 1916, and 79.2 the average of the last ten years on May 25.

The revised figures on areas planted and in cultivation at the end of June, 1918, are 37,207,000 acres. The area picked in 1918, was 36,008,000 acres.

LOCAL MINING STOCKS

	Bid	Ask
Jim Butler	.37	.39
MacNamara	.1	1¼
Midway	.42	.47
Mizpah Extension	.11	.13
Montana	.23	.25
North Star	.09	.12
Rescue Eula	.20	.23
West End	.2	2⅛
GOLDFIELD STOCKS		
Atlanta	.04	.06
Blue Bull	.03	.05
Booth	.10	.12
Diamondfield B B	.01	.03
Daisy	.01	.03
Kewanas	.04	.06
Oro	.02	.03
Silver Pick	.08	.09
Spearhead	.08	.09
MISCELLANEOUS		
Arizona United	.18	.23
Nevada Wonder	.57	.63
Tecopa Mining	.09	.11

Butte and Superior Decision Upheld

Washington, June 2.—Opinions of the Federal District Court holding the Butte and Superior Mining Company guilty of infringing upon a patented process owned by the Minerals Separation, Ltd., and awarding the latter approximately $10,000,000 damages, were upheld in part today by the Supreme Court in disposing of appeals from the Circuit Court of Appeals, which reversed, with modifications, that judgment.

Philadelphia Markets

GRAIN AND FLOUR

WHEAT — Receipts, 519,654 bushels. The market ruled firm under light offerings, but trade was quiet. The quotations were: Car lots in export elevator, government standard inspection, standard prices—No. 1 red winter, $2.39; No. 1 northern spring, $2.39; No. 1 hard winter, $2.39; No. 1 red winter, garlicky, $2.37; No. 1 red smutty, $2.36; No. 2 red winter, $2.36; No. 2 northern spring, $2.36; No. 2 hard winter, $2.36; No. 2 red winter, garlicky, $2.34; No. 2 red smutty, $2.33; No. 3 red winter, $2.32; No. 3 northern spring, $2.32; No. 3 hard winter, $2.32; No. 3 red winter, garlicky, $2.30; No. 3 red smutty, $2.29; No. 4 red, $2.30; No. 4, garlicky, $2.28; No. 4 smutty, $2.27; No. 4, garlicky, smutty, $2.26; No. 5 red, $2.28; No. 5, garlicky, $2.26; No. 5 smutty, $2.25; No. 5 garlicky, smutty, $2.24.

CORN—Receipts, 1250 bushels. Supplies were small and prices higher, but trade was quiet. We quote yellow in car lots for local trade, as to quality and location, at $1.83@1.86 per bushel.

OATS—Receipts, 188,888 bushels. The market was quiet but steady, with moderate offerings. We quote: Car lots, as to location—No. 2 white, 78½@79c; standard white, 78@78½c; No. 3 white, 77@77½c; No. 4 white, 75½@76½c.

FLOUR—Receipts, 400 bbls. and 6,463,280 lbs. in sacks. The market was dull and prices ruled in buyers' favor. We quote: To arrive per 196 lbs. in 140-lb. jute sacks—Winter straight western, $11@11.25; nearby, $10.75@11; Kansas straight, $11.75@12.25; do. short, patent, $12@12.50; spring short patent, $12@12.50; do. patent, $11.75@12.25; do. first clear, $9.75@10.25.

RYE FLOUR was dull and unchanged. We quote at $9.10@9.30 per barrel, in sacks, as to quality.

PROVISIONS

The market ruled firm but quiet. Quotations ranged as follows: Beef, in sets, smoked and air-dried, 48c; beef, knuckles and tenders, smoked and air-dried, 49c; pork, family, $54@55; hams, S. P. cured, loose, 36@37c; do. skinned, loose, 34½@35½c; do. do. smoked, 36½@37½c; hams, boiled, boneless, 52c; picnic shoulders, S. P. cured, loose, 28¾c; do. smoked, 29¾c; bellies in pickles, loose, 32c; breakfast bacon, 41c; lard, 35c.

REFINED SUGARS

Demand was fairly active on a basis of 9c for fine granulated.

DIARY PRODUCTS

CHEESE — The market was quiet but steady. The quotations follow: New York and Wisconsin whole-milk, flats, current make, 32@32¾c.

BUTTER—Trade was quiet and prices declined ½c on solid-packed creamery and 1c on prints. Quotations follow: Solid-packed creamery, extras, 56c; higher-scoring goods, 57@59c, the latter for jobbing sales; extra firsts, 55c; firsts, 53@54c; seconds, 51@52c; sweet creamery, choice to fancy, 58@60c; do. fair to good, 54@57c; fancy brands of prints jobbing at 63@65c; fair to good, 52@61c; garlicky prints, 46@50c.

EGGS—Strictly fine eggs were in fair demand and steady, with supplies well cleaned up. Quotations: Free cases, nearby firsts, $13.50 per crate; current receipts, $13.20; western extra firsts, $13.50; firsts, $13.50; fancy selected eggs jobbing at 51@53c per dozen.

POULTRY

LIVE—Sold slowly at quoted rates. Quotations: Fowls, via express, 40@41c; spring chickens, broilers, not Leghorns, yellow-skinned, weighing 1¾@2 lbs. apiece, 55@58c; spring chickens, broilers, not Leghorns, yellow-skinned, weighing 1¼@1½ lbs. apiece, 50@53c; white Leghorns, yellow-skinned, weighing 1¾@2 lbs. apiece, 45@50c; white Leghorns, yellow-skinned, smaller sizes, 40@43c; roosters, 23c; ducks, Pekin, 30@32c; do. Indian Runner, 25@30c; geese, 20@23c; pigeons, old, per pair, 48@50c; do. young, per pair, 30@35c.

DRESSED—Fowls and ducks were quiet and lower. Broiling chickens ruled steady. Quotations follow: Fowls, fresh-killed, dry-picked, in boxes, weighing 4 lbs. and over apiece, 39c; weighing 3@3½ lbs., 37c; smaller sizes, 33@35c; fresh-killed in bbls., fancy, dry-picked, weighing 4 lbs. and over apiece, 39c; weighing 3@3½ lbs., 36@37c; smaller sizes, 33@35c; old roosters, dry-picked, 26c.; broiling chickens, nearby choice and fancy, 60@70c; do. fair to good, 50@58c; spring ducks, Long Island, 38@39c; squabs, per dozen, white, weighing 11@12 lbs. per dozen, $8.50@9.25; do. do. weighing 9@10 lbs. per dozen, $7.50@8.25; do. do. weighing 8 lbs. per dozen, $6@6.75; do. do. weighing 7 lbs. per dozen, $4.50@5.25; do. do. weighing 6@6½ lbs. per dozen, $2.50@3.50; darks, $1.50@2.25; small and No. 2, 60c@$2.

FRESH FRUITS

Strawberries were more plentiful and weaker, with demand only moderate. Other fruits sold fairly at revised figures. Quotations: Apples, New York, per hamper—Baldwin, $3.25@3.50; apples, Pennsylvania and Virginia, per bbl.—Ben Davis, $6@8; apples, western, per box, $5@6. Lemons, per box, $2.25@3.85. Oranges, Florida, per crate, $4.10@8.25; do. do. California, per box, $3.25@7. Strawberries, southern, per quart, 12@18c; do. New Jersey, per quart, 17@28c. Cantaloupes, Florida, per crate, $4.50@5. Watermelons, Florida, per car, $500@675.

VEGETABLES

New potatoes were in good demand and a shade firmer. Onions were quiet and easier. Quotations: White potatoes, Maine, per 100 lbs., $2.50@2.80; white potatoes, Pennsylvania, No. 1, per 100 lbs., $2.50@2.75; white potatoes, New York, per 100 lbs., $2.50@2.70; white potatoes, Florida, new, per bbl.—No. 1, $9.50@10.75; No. 2, $7@8.75; No. 3, $4@5; white potatoes, South Carolina, per bbl.—No. 1, $8.50@10; No. 2, $7@8. Sweet potatoes, Jersey, per basket—No. 1, $3@3.60. Cabbage, Norfolk, per crate, $2.50@3.75; do. Eastern Shore, per crate, $3@3.75. Onions, Texas, yellow, per crate, $3.50@4.50, do. white, per crate, $2.50@4.50.

BUTTER, EGGS AND CHEESE

New York, June 2.—BUTTER slow and easy. Receipts, 20,614 tubs. Higher scoring, 55¾@56c; extras, 54½@55c; firsts, 53@54c; seconds, 51@52½c; state dairy, 54@54½c.

EGGS—Receipts, 34,073 cases. Fresh-gathered extra, 45½@46c; storage packed extra firsts, 44@45c; storage packed firsts, 42½@43½c; gathered extra firsts, 42½@43½c; northern sections firsts, 41@42c; southern, 39@41½c; seconds, 37@40c; dirties, No. 1, 38@39c; Nos 2, 35@37½c; checks, 36½@37c; undergrade, 32@36c; state and nearby hennery whites, 49@50c; gathered whites, 45@48c; western whites, 45@48c; western and southern gathered whites, 44@48c; state hennery browns, 46½@47c; gathered brown and mixed colors, 42@46c.

CHEESE easy. Receipts, 2916 boxes. Flat, current make, colored, average run, 31¼@31⅝c; flat, current make, white, 31½@31⅝c; colored specials, 32½c, outside; white specials, 32@32½c.

LIVESTOCK QUOTATIONS

Chicago, June 2.—HOGS—Receipts, 48,000 head. Uneven. Mostly steady with Thursday's average. Top, $20.65. Bulk, $20.35@20.60; heavy, $20.40@20.55; medium, $20.25@20.55; lightweight, $20@20.50; light, $18.75@20.35; heavy packing sows, $19.60@19.85; packing sows, $19@19.60; pigs, $18@19.

CATTLE—Receipts, 22,000 head. Beef steers slow, bidding lower. Early sales butcher stock and calves 25@50c lower; feeders lower. Beef steers, choice and prime, $15.25@17; medium and good, $12.15@15.25; common, $7@12.25; lightweight, good and choice, $12.75@15.50; common and medium, $9.75@12.75; butcher heifers, $7.25@13.25; cows, $7@13; calves, $14.25@15.50.

SHEEP—Receipts, 18,000 head. Slow to unevenly lower. Choice lambs scarce.

Pittsburgh, June 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 2000 head. Lower. Steers, $15.50@16; heifers, $11.50@14; cows, $10.50@12.50. Calves, receipts 2000 head. Lower. Top, $16.50.

HOGS—Receipts, 3200 head. Higher. Heavies and heavy yorkers, $21.25@21.40; light yorkers, $20.75@21; pigs, $20.50@20.75.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Receipts, 3000 head. Higher. Top sheep, $11; top lambs, $15.50.

Kansas City, June 2.—HOGS—Receipts, 15,000 head. Market 10c to 15c higher than Thursday's average to speculators. Top, $20.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 14,000 head.
SHEEP—Receipts, 14,000 head.

East Buffalo, N. Y., June 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 4800 head. Slow, 25c to $1 lower. Prime steers $15@16; shipping steers, $14@14.50; butchers, $9@14.75; yearlings, $10@15; heifers, $8@13; cows, $4.50@11; bulls, $6@11; stocks and feeders, $6@12.50. Fresh cows and springers, $65@165. Calves, receipts, 2700 head. Slow, $6@16.75.

HOGS—Receipts, 8000 head. Pigs, 25c to 50c higher. Heavy mixed and yorkers, $21.75; light yorkers, $20.75@21; pigs, $20.50@20.75; roughs, $19@19.50; stags, $12@14.

SHEEP AND LAMBS — Receipts, 3400 head. Active. Steady to strong. Lambs, $8@16.75; yearlings, $10@13; wethers, $11.50@12; ewes, $5@10.50; mixed sheep, $11@11.50.

St. Louis, June 2.—HOGS—Receipts, 19,000 head. Lower. Lights, $20.25@20.50; pigs, $15.75@19.25; mixed and butchers, $20.15@20.75; good heavy, $20.65@20.75; bulk, $20.15@20.75.

CATTLE—Receipts, 8000 head. Lower. Native beef steers, $11.50@18.50; yearling steers and heifers, $9.50@16; cows, $10@13.50; stockers and feeders, $10@13.50; beef cows and heifers, $7.50@15; canners and cutters, $5.50@7.25; native calves, $15@16.25.

SHEEP—Receipts, 2500 head. Slow. Lambs, $18.50@18.75; ewes, $13@14.50; canners, $6@8.50.

South Omaha, June 2.—HOGS—Receipts, 10,500 head.
CATTLE—Receipts, 4800 head.
SHEEP—Receipts, 7000 head.

Special by Texas-Pacific Coal & Oil

New York, June 2.—Texas-Pacific Coal and Oil Company has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1½ per cent and a special of 7¼ per cent, both payable June 30 to stock of record June 10.

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