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SHARP ABOUT FACE TURNS IN MARKET

Unwieldy Short Interest Came in for a Very Severe Grueling

New York, March 23.—The short interest which had grown to unwieldy proportions came in for a savage grueling in today's stock market. Not in any particular quarter, but virtually over the entire list there seemed to be a concerted pressure against the bearish faction, while the scant supply of stocks met on the rising tide added to their discomfiture. The result was a complete transformation in the character of the market with prices mounting as fast, if not faster, than they had been depressed during the preceding sessions, and before the session was half over gains from 2 to 5 points had been registered in stocks of all descriptions.

Various reasons were brought forward to account for the about-face shifting of the professional speculators, but unquestionably the most potent factor was supplied by technical influences. In all events, recent assertions of the oversold condition of the market were fully corroborated not only in the much-hammered industrial specialties, but in the railroad division as well. The latter were somewhat delayed in joining the upward procession, not really getting into line until around midday, but when they started to move they quickly made up for lost time.

In all divisions of the list efforts on the part of the shorts to cover proved a signal for a vigorous upbidding. In quite a number of instances where the reactionists were especially eager to cut down commitments they actually bid against themselves. The probability of a triple holiday following tomorrow's session furnished an additional incentive for the bear retreat as there was a natural reluctance to retain very large commitments over the three days suspension of business with the every possibility of some big constructive development turning up in the interim.

As in Monday's market, the motors and the oils contributed largely to the firmer tone of the market, and the sharp reversal in the price trend. In fact the movement started in the motor group under the leadership of Studebakr, which was run up nearly 5 points. There was a fanciful tale accompanying the animated demonstration to the effect that the stock was being accumulated by socalled Durant interests for the purpose of obatining control of the company for the new motor organization. At the same time the story had it that Atlantic Gulf's vigorous rebound was due to Standard Oil influences. As a matter of fact no end of reasons were supplied for many of the individual movements, and it has been some time since the rumor monger had such a busy day.

The forward movement proved to be of a progressive character for as fast as one particular group showed signs of lagging there was at once a fresh outburst of strength elsewhere. As a result material higher prices were made by oils, motors, allied specialties and many miscellaneous issues during the lively forenoon. Studebaker, Pierce Arow preferred, Ajax, Lee and United States Rubbers, Stromberg Carburetor and Bosch Magneto, scored extreme gains of 2 to almost 5 points. General Asphalt, Mexican Petroleum, Royal Dutch and Associated and Invincible Oils gained 1 to 3½. Shippings rose 1 to 2 points and steels and equipments shared to a like extent. The only conspicuously weak stock was Sears Roebuck, which lost 4 points.

LOCALS PUT UP STRONGER FRONT

Liquidating Pressure Against Penna. Relaxes and Disclosed Scant Supply of Stock

Particular in sympathy with the sharp rebound in the New York market, and partly in sympathy with the relaxing of liquidating pressure against Pennsylvania Railroad, the local stocks put up a much stronger front today. Except in a few scattering instances there was, however, no appreciable expansion in the volume of business. Nevertheless, the tone of the market was much stronger and where price changes were made substantial gains were generally recorded.

The recovery in Pennsylvania to 36½ against the low level of 34⅞ on Monday confirmed the reported recent heavy buying by the smaller investor. The ease with which the stock advanced suggested a relatively small supply of stock offering, or in hand. Then, again, a somewhat more hopeful feeling concerning the stability of the dividend was derived by the statements published in the New York papers alleged to have been given by one of the directors, to the effect no change would be made in the divid end rate at the directors' meeting next month.

Lehigh Valley and Electric Storage Battery were each carried up over a point. The first named on very small transactions, while the latter seemed to benefit from the reported improved conditions of the motor industry. In most of the other locals dealings were in odd lots.

Philadelphia Stocks

Sales		High	Low	1:30 Last	Net Chge.
150	Am Stpg	54	54	54	+ ¼
500	Chandler Motors	79	79	79	+ 1½
655	Elec Stor	105⅞	105	105⅞	+ 1⅝
270	Lake Sup	8⅞	8	8½	..
40	Lee Val	50⅜	49½	50⅜	+ 1⅜
100	Mid Steel	..	..	..	..
	Oil	13	13	13	..
951	Pa R R	36½	35	36⅜	+ ⅜
20	Pierce-A	33½	33½	33½	+ ¾
50	Phila Co	..	..	..	..
	com pf	50½	50¼	50¼	+ ¼
94	Phila Elec	22½	22¼	22½	+ ¼
30	do pref	47	47	47	..
20	Phila R T	17	17	17	..
50	PhilaTrac	52	52	52	..
30	Reading	69⅜	68	69⅜	+ 2
30	Tono Min	1½	1½	1½	..
25	Un Trac	31¾	31⅝	31¾	+ ⅛
9	U G I	35	35	35	+ ¼
500	U S Steel	82	81½	82	..
10	Willys-O	8	8	8	..

Net changes made in comparison with last sale on New York Stock Exchange.

Sales in Hund	BONDS	High	Low	1:15 p. m.	Net Chge.
10	Elec & Peo Tr 4s	54¼	54¼	54¼	+ 1¼
5	Lehigh Val Coal 5s	86	86	86	..
1	1 20 Vic 4½s	97.20	97.00	97.00	..
3½	Penna Co 6½s	98	97⅝	98	+ ⅜
1	Pe Pass Le 4s	57	57	57	..
1	Phila Elec 5s	86	86	86	½
5	do 1st 5s	83⅝	83½	83⅝	+ ⅛
4	Phila R T 6s	99¼	99¼	99¼	..

RAILROAD EARNINGS

ONTARIO AND WESTERN
Quarter ending December 31.

	1920	1919	Increase
Gross	$3,481,260	$2,517,696	$963,564
Net after taxes	241,158	193,870	47,288
Total income	1,302,148	1,546,298	244,150
Surplus after charges	327,668	1,190,558	862,890

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Sales	Div. in $		High	Low	1:30 Last	Net Chge.
1600		Adams Express	28½	28¼	28¼	..
100	6	Advance Rumely pf	50½	50½	50½	+ ½
800		Ajax Rubber	34½	34	34	+ 1
200		Alaska Gold Mines	1⅝	1⅝	1⅝	..
2030		Allied Chem & Dye	44¼	43⅜	43⅞	..
2800	4	Allis-Chalmers	37½	36¾	37½	+ ⅜
100	7	Allis-Chalmers pf	83	83	83	+ 1
100	8	Am Agric Chem	50	50	50	— ⅝
600	8	Am Beet Sugar	43	42½	42½	— ½
1800	5	Am Bosch Magneto	56⅝	56½	57¾	+ 2
1600		Am Can	30⅜	29⅞	30⅜	+ ⅜
1100	12	Am Car & Fdy	123½	123½	123½	+ 1¼
100	6	Am Cotton Oil	22	22	22	..
300	80	Am Drug Syn	6⅛	6⅛	6⅛	..
500		Am Hide & Leather	10	9¾	9¾	..
500		Am Hide & Leather pf	49¼	48½	48½	+ ⅝
100	6	Am Ice pf	63⅞	62⅞	63⅞	+ ⅞
2500		Am Internat Corp	46⅜	45	45⅝	+ 1⅛
1100	8	Am Linseed	56	54	54	..
1600	6	Am Locomotive	87	86½	86⅞	+ ⅜
100	4	Am Radiator	70¼	70⅛	70⅛	— ½
2200		Am Safety Razor	6½	6⅜	6½	..
500		Am Ship & Com	8½	8½	8¾	+ ¾
2600	4	Am Smelt & Ref	40⅜	39¾	40	+ ⅜
700	3	Am Steel Foundries	30	30	30	+ ⅛
1300	7	Am Sugar Ref	95	94	95	+ 1
1700	10	Am Sumatra Tob	81	79¾	81	+ ¾
100	7	Am Sumatra Tob pf	84½	84⅛	84⅛	..
600	8	Am Tel & Tel	100	100	100	..
200	12	Am Tobacco	115½	115½	115½	— ½
14000	7	Am Woolen	70¾	67⅞	70¾	+ 2⅝
200		Am Zinc Lead & Smlt	9	9	9	..
1300		Anaconda Copper	37⅞	36⅞	37⅞	+ 1¼
500	4	Asso Dry Goods	32¼	31⅞	32¼	+ ¼
200	6	Asso Oil	107½	107½	107	.. 2⅝
300	6	Atch Top & Santa Fe	81½	81	81⅜	+ ⅜
300	5	Atch Top & S F pf	78½	78¼	78½	— ⅛
100		Atlanta Bir & Atlantic	3¾	3¾	3¾	..
32500	10	Atl Gulf & W I S S	38¾	36¼	38¾	+ 3½
300	5	Atl Gulf & W I S S pf	33½	33⅜	33½	+ ⅜
8000	7	Baldwin Locomotive	88½	88	88⅝	+ 1⅝
4100		Baltimore & Ohio	33½	32⅜	33½	+ 1⅛
200		Bethlehem Motors	3¼	3¼	3¼	— ⅛
3800	5	Bethlehem Steel B	58⅜	57⅜	58⅜	+ ⅞
300	8	Bethlehem Steel 8% pf	104½	104½	104½	..
600		Booth Fisheries	5½	5	5¼	+ ⅛
1100		Brklyn Rapid Transit	14½	13⅞	13⅞	— ⅛
450		Brklyn R T ctfs of dep	9⅜	8¾	8¾	— ⅛
100		Bruns Term	3⅞	3⅞	3⅞	..
200		Butte Copper & Zinc	4½	4½	4½	..
300		Butte & Superior Cop	12	12	12	..
2100		Caddo Central O & R	16½	16⅛	16⅛	— ¼
600	6	California Packing	63	60	61½	+ 3
2800		California Petroleum	43¾	42	42¾	+ 1¼
1000		Cal Zinc & Lead	5¼	5¼	5¼	..
1100	10	Canadian Pacific	114	113	113⅞	— ½
5500		Central Leather	43⅜	41½	42	+ 1¾
600	7	Central Leather pf	86	84¾	84¾	— 1½
1100	4	Cerro de Pasco	25	24⅜	25	+ ½
23700	10	Chandler Motors	81½	77¾	81½	+ 3½
2500	4	Chesapeake & Ohio	70½	59½	60	+ 1⅞
60		Chicago & Gt West	8¼	8	8¼	+ ⅜
2400		Chicago Mil & St P	26¼	25	26	+ 1½
2600		Chicago Mil & St P pf	38¾	37½	38¾	+ 1½
1100	5	Chicago Northwestern	63¾	62⅞	63½	— ½
1600	7	Chi & Northwestern pf	103	101	101	3
200	8	Chi Pneumatic Tool	62½	63	62½	+ 1½
4300		Chi R I & Pac	26⅝	25⅞	26½	+ 1
200	6	Chi R I & Pac 6% pf	60¾	60¾	60¾	..
600		Chile Copper	10¼	10⅛	10¼	+ ⅛
400		Chino Copper	20⅞	20⅝	20⅞	+ ⅜
100		Clev Cin Chi & St L	42	42	42	+ 1
500		Cluett Peabody	47	47	47	..
1600		Coca-Cola	22¼	21½	21¾	— ¼
400	6	Columb Gas & Elec	59½	58¼	59¼	+ ½
5800		Col Graphophone	8	7⅜	8	+ ⅛
400	3	Consolidated Textiles	18½	18¾	18½	— ⅛
6500		Continental Candy	1¾	1⅝	1¾	+ ⅛
3800	4	Corn Products Ref	73⅝	74½	75⅛	+ ⅜
500	2.80	Cosden & Co	29	28½	28¾	+ ⅛
5200	8	Crucible Steel	91¼	89	91⅛	+ 2⅝
200	2	Crucible Steel pf	88½	88	88	..
1400	4	Cuban Amer Sugar	28½	27¾	27¾	— ⅞
1800		Cuban Cane Sugar	23¼	22½	23	+ ¼
100	7	Cuban Cane Sugar pf	64½	64½	64½	..
200	1	Davison Chemical	23¾	23⅝	23⅝	— ¼
100	9	Delaware & Hudson	100¼	100¼	100¼	..
200		Denver & Rio Grande	1	1	1	..
2800		Denver & Rio Gr pf	2	3	2	+ ⅛
100	1	Dome Mines	15⅜	15⅜	15⅜	— ¼
6500	5	Endicott-Johnson	65¾	64⅜	64⅞	+ ½
900		Erie	12¾	12¼	12¾	+ ¾
400		Erie 1st pf	19¼	18⅝	19¼	+ 1¼
200		Erie 2d pf	13	12⅝	13	+ 1
8200	8	Famous Players L	70⅜	68	70	+ 2¼
1500	8	Famous Players pf	87	84½	87	+ 3
100		Federal Min & Smelt	8¼	8¼	8¼	+ ⅜
7200		Fisk Rubber	16⅜	15½	16⅜	+ ⅞
1000		Freeport Texas	17¼	16¼	16½	+ ⅛
26100		General Asphalt	65½	61¼	64⅞	+ 3½
800	8	General Electric	136¾	137½	136¾	— ¾
47100	1	General Motors	13⅜	14	13⅜	— ⅝
4800	6	Goodrich R F	39½	37⅝	38½	+ ⅞
100		Granby Consol M & M	19	19	19	..
530		Gray Davis	16¼	16	16¼	..
2500	7	Great Northern pf	75	73¼	75	— ⅝
600	4	Great North Ore ctfs	31⅞	31⅜	31⅞	— ⅝
100		Gulf Mobile & Nor	7¾	7¾	7¾	— ⅛
100		Gulf Mobile & Nor pf	24	24	24	..
100	4	Haskell & Barker Car	58½	58½	58½	+ 1
1100		Hendee ctfs	17½	15¾	17½	+ 1⅝
1500		Houston Oil	72¼	68⅝	71⅝	+ 3
3700	1	Hupp Motor Car	15½	15	15½	+ ¼
100	7	Illinois Central	86½	86½	86½	— ¼
100	50	Indian Refining	8⅞	8⅞	8⅞	..
200	60	Indiahoma Ref	5⅞	5⅞	5⅞	..
2100		Inspiration Con Cop	33¼	32⅝	33¼	+ ¾
1800		Interb Con Corp	5½	5⅜	5⅜	..
1100		Inter Con Corp pf	15⅞	15	15	..
1100		International Agricul	9½	9½	9½	+ ⅛
200	7	Int Harvester new	98	98	98	+ ½
100		Int Mer Marine	13½	13½	13½	+ ⅛
1300	6	Int Mer Marine pf	53	52	52½	+ ¾
2500		Internat Motortruck	36¾	35½	36	+ ½
100		International Nickel	15	15	15	..
1000		International Paper	38¼	37⅞	38⅛	+ 1½
400	6	International Salt	60	60	60	— 7
3800		Invincible Oil Corp	19⅜	18¾	19⅜	+ 1
2500		Island Oil	4¾	4½	4¾	..
300		Jewel Tea	19	18	19	..
200		Jewel Tea pf	24	24	24	..
6200		Kansas City Southern	24¼	22¾	24¼	+ 1¼
100	4	Kansas City So pf	49	49	49	+ ¼
11950	4	Kelly-Springfield Tire	44¼	42⅞	43¾	+ 3⅛
100		Kelsey Wheel	18	18	18	+ ⅛
2100	2	Kennecott Copper	18¾	18	18	+ ⅛
10000		Keystone T & R	17¼	16⅞	17¼	+ 1
1000	6	Lackawanna Steel	54½	53⅜	54½	+ 2
6700	2	Lee Rubber Tire	29⅜	27	28¾	+ 3¼
1600	3.50	Lehigh Valley	50¾	49½	50½	+ 1¼
2700	2	Loewe Co	18½	17⅞	18½	+ ½
500	1	Loft Candy	10½	9½	10	+ ⅜
200		Loose-Wiles Biscuit	36	36	36	+ ⅞
300	12	Lorillard Tobacco	150	149½	150	+ 1½
100	7	Manhattan Elev guar	55	55	55	+ 2⅜
100	1.75	Manhattan Shirt	19	19	19	— ⅜
100		Maxwell Motor	6	6	6	+ ⅜
100		Max Mot 1st pf ct stk	6	6	6	+ 1
600		Max Motor 2d pf ct stk	3	2⅞	2⅞	— ⅛
200		Max Mot 2d pf ctfs	3	3	3	— ⅛
600	8	May Dept Stores	85⅜	84¾	85	+ 1
26700	12	Mexican Petroleum	149¾	146¼	149	+ 3
300	2	Miami Copper	17⅝	17¾	17⅝	+ ⅜
2100	1.60	Middle States Corp	13½	12⅞	13½	+ ⅛
400	2	Midvale Steel & Ord	30⅝	30¼	30¼	..
600		Minn & St Louis new	10	9¾	10	+ ⅛
100		Mo Kansas & Texas	2⅛	2⅛	2⅛	..
100		Mo Kansas & Tex pf	4⅛	4⅛	4⅛	— ⅜
400		Missouri Pacific	18¾	18	18⅜	+ ¾
1500		Missouri Pacific pf	37½	36½	37½	+ 2
800		National Acme	34¼	33½	34¼	+ 1¼
100	7	National Biscuit	106	106	106	..
200		National Cloak & Suit	31	30⅞	31	..
200		National Con & Cable	2½	2½	2½	+ ⅛
100	6	Nat Enam & Stamp	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝	+ ⅝
400	6	National Lead	72¾	71¼	72¾	+ ¾
200		Nat R R of Mex 2d pf	5¼	5	5¼	+ ⅛
100		Nev Con Copper	10	10	10	+ ⅜
1700	5	New York Central	71½	70¼	71½	+ ¾
900	2.50	New York Dock	24	23¼	24	+ 1
300	1	New York Ont & W	16	16	16	— ⅛
6500		New York N H & H	17½	13½	16¾	+ ½
1000	7	Norfolk & Western	97¾	96	97¼	+ 1½
100	5	North American	59⅝	59⅝	59⅝	..
6800	7	Northern Pacific	79¾	77¾	79½	+ 1⅛
500	40	Oklahoma Prod & Ref	3⅝	3¾	3¾	+ ⅛
600	2	Orpheum Circuit	35½	35¼	35½	+ ¼
400	8	Otis Elevator	128	127½	127½	+ 1½
100		Otis Steel	13½	13½	13½	..
100	5	Owens Bottling Mach	48½	48½	48½	+ ⅜
24000		Pacific Oil	36¾	36	36¾	+ 1¼
7400	6	Pan-Amer Petrol	72⅝	70¾	72⅝	+ 1⅞
400	6	Pan-Amer B	65	64	65	+ 1¾
100		Penny J C	88	88	88	..
10800	3	Pennsylvania R R	36⅜	35	36	+ ⅞
4000		Penn Seaboard Steel	13⅞	13⅞	13¾	..
600		Peoples Gas Chicago	43½	42¼	43½	+ ¾
500		Pere Marquette	18	17¾	18	+ ¾
100	5	Pere Marq prior pf	53	53	53	— ½
1000		Phillips Pet	26⅜	25¾	26⅜	+ ⅜
1900	3	Philadelphia Co	33⅝	32¾	33¾	+ ¾
32500		Pierce-Arrow Motor	35½	33½	35	+ 1¾
200	8	Pierce-Arrow pf	83	82¾	83	+ 2
100		Pierce Oil	10⅝	10⅝	10⅝	— ⅛
300	8	Pierce Oil pf	74½	73¼	73½	..
800	5	Pitts Coal	60	59	60	+ 2
1000		Pittsburgh & W Va	26	25	26	+ ⅛
200	1	Pond Creek Coal	14	14	14	+ ¼
600	4	Pub Serv Corp of N J	68	66	68	+ 1½
500	8	Pullman	107	106	106	+ 1¼
800	8	Punta Alegre Sugar	46	45½	45½	— ⅛
1100	4	Pure Oil	33½	33⅛	33½	+ ½
600		Ray Con Copper	12⅛	12	12	..
7500	4	Reading	69⅞	67	69⅞	+ 2½
100		Remington Typewriter	31	31	31	..
200		Repio Steel	24⅞	24⅛	24⅞	+ ⅞
3600	6	Republic Iron & Steel	69	67¾	69	+ 2
300		Republic Motortruck	20	19½	19⅝	— ½
100		Robert Reis & Co	9	9	9	+ 1
4500	5.20	Royal Dutch N Y	66	63¾	66	+ 2½
1500		St Louis San Fran	22¼	21¼	22¼	+ 1⅜
200		St Louis San Fran pf	30½	30	30	+ ¾
800		St Louis Southwest	29¾	28¼	29	+ 2
500		St Louis Southwest pf	8¾	7	8¾	+ 1¾
100		Santa Cecelia Sugar	3¾	3¾	3¾	..
1800		Saxon Motor	5½	5¼	5⅜	— ⅛
100		Seaboard Air Line	6¼	6¼	6¼	+ ⅛
7600	8	Sears-Roebuck	74	70½	73⅝	+ 3⅞
300		Seneca Cop Corp	15	14⅜	15	+ ⅛
100	.72	Shell Transport	41½	41½	41½	..
9300		Simplex Motor	23¼	23¾	23¼	+ ¼
200	6	Sloss-Sheff	44¼	44	44½	+ ½
7600	6	Southern Pacific	75⅜	73⅞	75½	+ 1⅝
3100		Southern Rail	21½	20⅝	21⅛	+ ⅛
100	5	Southern Rail pf	55	55	55	..
100	20	Standard Oil of N J	148	148	148	+ ¾
400	7	Standard Oil of N J pf	107⅜	107⅜	107⅜	..
100	7	Steel Tube pf	78½	78½	78½	— ½
7200	4	Stewart Warner Speed	33⅜	32	32⅞	+ ¾
4700	2	Stromberg Carb	40¼	37	39⅞	+ 3⅞
72400	7	Studebaker	78⅜	73¾	78¼	+ 5½
400	2	Submarine Boat Corp	8½	8⅜	8½	+ ⅛
400	2	Superior Oil Corp	8¾	8⅝	8¾	+ ½
100		Tenn Cop & Chem	7¾	7¾	7¾	+ ⅛
11100	3	Texas Co	42½	41¾	42⅝	+ ⅝
100		Texas Co warrants	41	41	41	— ⅞
3100		Texas & Pacific	32½	30⅝	31⅞	+ 1⅝
160		Texas Pac Land Trust	244¾	235	235	..
13600	1	Texas & Pac C & O	38⅞	37¾	38⅝	+ 1⅛
1300		Third Avenue	20	19½	20	+ ⅛
1100	2.50	Thirty Square Supply	9⅝	8¼	9⅞	+ ⅛
1800	6	Tobacco Products	48⅝	47⅛	48⅝	+ 1½
100	7	Tobacco Products pf	80	80	80	5
5300		Transcontinental Oil	9	8½	9	+ ⅜
4100		Union Oil	21½	19⅞	21½	+ 1½
1300	10	Union Pacific	118⅝	116⅝	117½	+ 1
200	4	Union Pacific pf	66	66	66	..
200	8	United Drug	93	93	93	— 1
3600	8	United Fruit	104¾	103¼	104	+ ⅝
5200	5	United Retail Stores	51	49⅞	50⅜	+ 1¼
200		U S C I P & Fdy	19¼	18	18¾	+ ¾
300	5	U S C I P & Fdy pf	50	49⅞	50	+ 1
3700		U S Food Products	24	22½	23½	+ ⅛
6200	8	U S Ind Alcohol	72	69⅛	71	+ 1⅞
400		U S Realty & Imp	46⅞	46½	46⅞	+ 1⅜
29800	8	U S Rubber	74¾	73½	74¾	+ 3⅞
100	8	U S Rubber 1st pf	102	102	102	..
500	2	U S Smelt & Ref	29½	28¾	29⅛	— ⅛
32700	5	U S Steel	83⅜	81⅞	83¼	+ 1⅜
800	6	Utah Copper	49⅜	48	49¾	+ ⅜
4300		Vanadium Corp	30½	28½	30¾	+ 1⅝
200		Vivaudou Inc	6½	6½	6½	+ ⅛
900	4	Va-Carolina Chem	31⅞	31⅝	31⅝	— ¼
100		Wabash	7¾	7¾	7¾	..
1700		Wabash pf A	21	19¾	21	+ 1¼
100	2	Weber & Heilbroner	11½	11½	11½	..
100		Wells Fargo Express	60	60	60	— 1½
500		Western Maryland	10	10	10	+ ⅛
300		West Maryland 2d pf	17	16¾	17	+ ¼
400		Western Pacific	27	26½	27	+ 1
100	4	Westinghouse E & M	48	48	48	— ½
100		Wheeling & L E pf	15½	15½	15½	+ ¼
2000	4	White Motor	42½	41¾	42½	+ 1
300		White Oil Corp	11	11	11	+ ½
13800		Willys-Overland	8½	7⅞	8½	+ ½
900		Willys-Overland pf	35	34	35	+ 1
3200	6	Worthington Pump	53⅜	50½	52⅜	+ 1⅞

Commodity Markets

COTTON MARKET

New York, March 23.—The cotton market had the most active opening today in some weeks, attended by an advance of 19 to 30 points in first prices. The chief basis of strength was a preholiday covering movement, based on strong cables, better Manchester advices and a more hopeful feeling in regard to European conditions.

Commission houses and Liverpool also bought, while Wall street interests took profits on cotton purchased in the last few days. Southern wire houses sold moderately, but the offerings were well absorbed by commission concerns and retained all the early gains until up to twenty minutes after the opening.

Receipts of cotton at the ports for the day were estimated at 14,000 bales, against 13,568 bales a week ago, 20,109 bales a year ago and 18,204 bales two years ago.

	Previous Close	Open	12:15 p. m.
March	12.07	12.30	12.30
May	12.04	12.25	12.52
July	12.50	12.75	12.95
October	12.80	13.23	13.44
December	12.27	13.50	.....
January	13.36	13.55	.....

GRAIN MARKET

Chicago, March 23.—Dealings in the wheat market were slow this morning, but values were steady to firm. Interest was centered in May. An eastern shipping concern was among the buyers. A Greek order for 1,300,000 bushels was expected to be placed during the day.

March opened unchanged at $1.51⅜, and then advanced ¼c. May started at $1.43½ to $1.43, against $1.43 at the end yesterday, and later sold at $1.45¾.

Corn opened a shade firmer on buying by commission houses. Wire concerns sold after the start. Trade was light.

May started at 65⅞c to 65⅝c, against 65¼c at the end yesterday. July opened ⅜c higher at 68c. September started at 70½c to 70⅝c, against 70