

# TODAY'S MARKET QUOTATIONS

## Local and Foreign

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### Chicago Markets

Wheat—Open.	High.	Low.	Close
May	91 1/4	91 1/4	91 1/4
July	86	86 1/2	86 1/4
Sep.	85 1/2	86 1/4	85 3/4

Corn	High	Low	Close
May	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2
July	63	63 1/2	63 1/4
Sep.	63 1/2	63 1/2	63 1/2

Oats	High	Low	Close
May	36 1/2	37	36 1/2
July	36 1/2	37 1/2	37
Sep.	35 1/2	36 1/2	35 3/4

Pork	High	Low	Close
May	19.40	19.65	19.40
July	19.60	19.80	19.50
Lard	10.02	10.02	9.95
July	10.17	10.20	10.12

Ribs	High	Low	Close
May	10.72	10.75	10.67
July	10.92	10.95	10.95

### Chicago Cash Grain

Wheat—No. 2 r.	94 1/2	No. 3 r.	92 1/2
No. 2 h.	92 1/2	No. 3 h.	91 1/2
No. 1 ns.	96 1/2	No. 2 ns.	94 1/2
No. 3 ns.	92 1/2	No. 4 ns.	91 1/2
No. 1 w.	92 1/2	No. 2 w.	91 1/2
No. 3 w.	89 1/2	No. 4 w.	88 1/2
No. 2 d.	88 1/2	No. 3 d.	87 1/2
No. 4 d.	86 1/2	No. 5 d.	85 1/2

### Liverpool Cable

Wheat opened 1/4 to 1/2 off; closed unchanged to 1/4 up.  
Corn opened 1/4 to 1/2 off; closed 3/4 up.

### Chicago Receipts

Wheat	45	27
Corn	36	3
Oats	149	15

### Northwest Cars

To-day	Last day	Last week	
Minneapolis	139	73	90
Duluth	19	29	120
Winnipeg	521	602	173

### Primary Movement

Wheat today	333,000	Shipments	309,000
Year ago	471,000	2,442,000	
Corn today	219,000	880,000	
Year ago	345,000	992,000	

### Chicago Live Stock

Opening Market.  
Hogs 9,000; left over 3,393. 5 higher than Saturday's close. Mixed 8.45@8.50; good 8.60@8.75; rough 8.20@8.35; light 8.45@8.50.

### Nine O'clock Market

Hogs steady at yesterday's average. Estimated tomorrow: Hogs 22,000, cat-

tle 15,000, sheep 20,000. Mixed 8.35@8.72, good 8.50@8.67, rough 8.25@8.40, light 8.35@8.72, bulk 8.50@8.70.  
Cattle weak. Beeves 7.25@9.40, cows 3.65@8.30, stockers 6.50@8.20, Texans 7.00@8.50, calves 8.00@9.50.  
Sheep 4.50@7.00; steady. Lambs 5.85@8.00.

### Closing Market

Hogs weak; 5 to 10 lower than early; 5 lower than yesterday's.  
Mixed 8.20@8.67; good 8.50@8.52; rough 8.25@8.40; light 8.35@8.70;  
Cattle weak.  
Sheep steady.

### Southwest Receipts

Hogs	Cattle	Sheep	
Kansas City	13,000	7,500	11,000
Omaha	12,000	5,000	12,000

### Local Markets

April 21.—Following are the wholesale quotations on the local market today:

### Butter, Eggs and Cheese

Eggs, per dozen	18c
Butter, dairy, pound	23c
Butter, creamery, pound	27c
Butter, packing stock, pound	16c

### Vegetables

Parsley, bunch	3 1/2c
Cucumbers, hot house	10c@12 1/2c
Lettuce, pound	15c
Potatoes, bushel	78c
Cabbage, pound, new	3c
Red onions, pound	4c
Bermuda onions, pound	4c
Parsnips	70c
Carrots	75c

### Poultry

Old cocks (scarce)	5c
Hens (scarce)	13c
Ducks (scarce)	13c
Turkeys (scarce)	18c

### Fish

Silver Salmon	11c
Perch	4c@7c
Halibut, fresh	11c
Yellow Pike	12c
Pickled	7c
Catfish	15c
Bullheads	12c
Trout	14c
Flounders	19c

### New York Stock

New York, April 21.—Following are the quotations on the stock market today:

Gas	120
Union Pacific	153 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd	109
U. S. Steel, com	58 1/2
Reading	161 1/2
Rock Island, pfd	5 1/2
Rock Island, com	3 1/2
Chicago Northwestern	120 1/2
Southern Pacific	90 1/2
New York Central	88 1/2
Missouri Pacific	20
Great Northern	121
Northern Pacific	109 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	134 1/2
Smelters	64 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron	29
Canadian Pacific	200
Illinois Central	116
Pennsylvania	107 1/2
Erie	27 1/2
National Lead	46 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	53

## WAGNER'S REVIEW

### MORNING GRAIN LETTER.

Chicago, April 21.—Newspapers have no particular corn opinion and mainly discuss the large volume of business done on Monday. Short lines of corn were covered yesterday with east and from this it is argued that the market is still in a weak position. The Mexican situation is counted very friendly to corn and a little help to wheat, but it is not considered a factor in corn and oats. Suggestion that corn bulls have completed a private sale of 2,000,000 May corn to Armour Grain company at 62 cents would apparently indicate cash grain concerns recently bearish are now satisfied that corn prices are nearing low points.

Weather was a little cold on Monday, but not much rain except in the east, where large amounts fell over a wide section. Kansas appears to hold a high wheat condition, but Nebraska and Ohio should lose five points this month and Indiana should drop seven or eight points. If corn adopts a decisive extensive rally today it will be an indication of bottom for time being. A sharp turn to advancing conditions seems impossible. Surrender of bulls is most complete. Not enough damage as yet to lift wheat to double bulges. They may not hold.

When corn finds its low there will be a run in of oats shorts. All lard months should sell at 10 cents.

### Sixty Days too Early for Corn Scarcity

Chicago, April 21.—The bear campaign of April, 1914, is now evidently within two or three cents of completion. It is dissolved into an affair which covers ownership of the 5,000,000 of mixed corn which industries are supposed to ignore.

Adeline of 6 cents in corn naturally creates a vast change in the market position. Chicago will hold about 9,000,000 corn May 1 versus near 3,000,000 last year. Argentina corn offerings today were "at lowest" on crop and the east gave no sign of reconsidering its determination to use South American corn.

crush the new wheat crop months Eastern financiers continue "cautious" as to the business and security outlook. The Mexican complication is at this moment unfortunate but the plan of warless interference as laid down at Washington is excellent.

Main features of today cover lower cash corn prices in all directions—large Russian wheat shipments—small Argentine shipments and continued corn liquidation. There has been heavy buying of corn at intervals, but the general temper of the trade is still heavy. Corn has again failed to develop the decisive rallies that always indicate low points. Argentina again presses her corn in this country in amounts and prices to suit. Oats acreage looks a reduction of two millions. Further soft spots are expected in the grains and provisions.

### Drift of the Weather.

Illinois—Mostly cloudy tonight and tomorrow; probably showers in north portion; warmer in south tonight; cooler in north tomorrow.  
Missouri—Mostly cloudy tonight; probably showers in north; warmer in southeast tonight; cooler in northeast tomorrow.  
Minnesota—Cloudy; possibly unsettled tonight and tomorrow; cooler tonight.  
Iowa—Unsettled weather tonight and tomorrow; probably showers; cooler tonight in east and central.  
North Dakota—Cloudy; possibly unsettled tonight and tomorrow.  
South Dakota—Unsettled tonight and tomorrow, with rain; colder tonight.  
Nebraska—Unsettled tonight and tomorrow; probably showers; colder tonight.  
Kansas—Mostly cloudy tonight.  
Iowa—Mostly cloudy tonight.

### O'HARA TOILER TYPICAL.

#### New York World Comments on Loss of \$4 a Week Job.

New York, April 21.—The World yesterday printed the following under the caption, "Our \$4 a Week Officials": "Dressed in flannels and corduroy and not too recently shaved, Lieut. Gov. O'Hara of Illinois begged for a job in a Bridgeport, Conn., corset factory. Nobody wanted him for his looks, but his oratory secured him a grudging trial at \$4 a week.

"After three days at handling packing cases and distributing supplies he was discharged and a more useful man put in his place, presumably at real wages.

"Meanwhile Mrs. O'Hara got a job in a knitting mill at \$5, stuck her week out, was not discharged, and received three offers of marriage.

"Mrs. O'Hara did very well. Her pay was not bad for a learner and if she had been seriously working for a living she probably would have been rapidly promoted, unless she accepted some one of her suitors—a fate which, manufacturers complain, awaits their brightest girls.

"But why should Mr. O'Hara be surprised at his own ill success? He is not a worker. He is a statesman. The country is alive with statesmen who would be dead at \$4 a week in any productive occupation. They effereence in Washington. They find the referendum and recall states an Eden of perpetual eloquence and agitation. In Albany we have legislators who, if hired at actual value, would have to be paid off in dozens for lack of smaller fractional coinage.

"Mr. O'Hara's attempt to discover his true economic value is beneath the dignity of a statesman—besides being ill advised. He should not have revealed the fatal secret of officialdom."

### PIXTON WINS FIRST HEAT IN HYDROAEROPLANE RACE

Monte Carlo, April 21.—The first heat in the hydroaeroplane race for the Schneider cup resulted in a victory for Pixton, flying in an English Sopwith machine. The race is 150 miles over a five mile circuit with two alightings. The sea was rough and a strong wind prevailed. Pixton made the distance in 2:13:00. Burri, a Swiss, flying in a Franco-British machine, finished second in 3:21:00. He lost a half hour getting a new supply of petrol. After the first heat, Roland Garros, Charles T. Weyman, and William Thaw decided that it would be useless to start owing to the extraordinary speed which had been developed by the Sopwith machine.

### TO DETERMINE STARTERS IN ELIMINATION TRIALS

Indianapolis, Ind., April 21.—Position during the flying start in the next Indianapolis five-hundred-mile race will be determined not according to the old lot system, as heretofore, but by the speed of cars in the elimination trials, thus putting the fastest machines in front, where they will not have to thread their way through the slower members of the field to get away. This announcement is official. In times past there has been considerable danger of accident, due to the congestion caused by thirty cars jockeying for place at the send-off. A spill at this stage would involve not only one but three or four machines, Richard Kennerdell, contest chairman of the American Automobile association, first conceived the present plan of insure safety, final indorsement being rendered by C. G. Fisher, president of the course.

### DUFFY WINS MARATHON AT BOSTON; NO RECORD MADE

Boston, Mass., April 21.—Canadian runners, headed by James Duffy of Hamilton, Ont., outfought and outlasted their American competitors in the eighteenth Marathon run of the Boston Athletic association yesterday. Duffy made good time, but not a record, covering the twenty-five miles of rolling roadway in 2:25:01. Two years ago, M. J. Ryan of New York established the course record of 2:21:15.5. Trailing fifteen seconds behind Duffy came Edward Fabre of Montreal. More than three minutes elapsed be-

## PREPARATIONS ON BATTLESHIPS THAT STAYED AT HOME

Great activity is noticeable on some of the big battleships that did not go to Mexico last week with the North Atlantic fleet. The vessels are being rapidly made ready for active service, and the battleships Rhode Island, Nebraska, Georgia and Virginia may leave at any moment. The accompanying picture shows a boat-load of potatoes being taken to one of the battleships: in New York harbor.



## TAMPICO, CENTER OF TROUBLES

Is Seaport of Territory Exceptionally Rich in Oil—Has an Interesting History.

Tampico, Mexico, where all the trouble centers just now, is an old Aztec city which was improved, or practically rebuilt, by the Spaniards in their usual way, with a large plaza in the center, now known as the Plaza constitucion. The city was sacked and practically laid in ruins in 1683 by the famous pirate of the Caribbean sea, Lomcello. It was not rebuilt until 1823, and it was here that the Mexicans won a great victory over the Spaniards in 1827. Aside from the government building, the most important of the old buildings in Tampico is the Jesuit church. Tampico is only about 20 feet above sea level and is surrounded by lakes and lagoons and was at one time a center for yellow fever epidemics. The sewage system and the drainage system, which were perfected, put an end to these epidemics. Tampico is reached by several lines of railroad from the north and west. Great docks have been built by the government and the railroads run to these docks.

There is one oil lake owned by the Pearsons just outside Tampico which contains 3,500,000 barrels of oil, and it has been guarded night and day for years from fire. This lake was hurriedly made to take some of the oil from the great gusher, but the gusher filled the lake in 23 days, and the oil has been coming so fast since then that they have not been obliged to resort to the oil stored in this vast reservoir. This Mexican oil, it is said, makes fine fuel. Fleets of oil steamers now arrive at and depart for all parts of the world from Tampico, and some of these tank steamers carry as high as 50,000 barrels. A British company operates with a capacity of about 40,000 barrels. Whoever gets Tampico will control Mexico. Perhaps Uncle Sam is aware of this fact.

Tampico in eight years has grown to be one of the most important ports in Mexico, rivaling Vera Cruz, and will probably surpass the latter port in a few years. Since 1906 it is estimated that the population of Tampico has grown from less than 18,000 to more than 30,000.

This growth is due to the discovery of petroleum oil in the vicinity within the past eight years. Some of the wells that have already been tapped are said to be the greatest oil wells in the world. One of these wells owned by the English syndicate—Pearsons—has a capacity of 110,000 barrels a day. That hole was bored four years ago and the engineers had bored 1,800 feet into the earth before they "struck oil." When the oil was struck it burst forth in a stream which rose to a height of 400 feet, and it continued to spout for three months before it could be controlled.

During that time it was pouring forth petroleum at the rate of 5,000 barrels an hour, and the whole country roundabout was covered with the oil. It filled the rivers and lakes and contaminated the streams. Thousands of cattle were lost from the fact that the oil covered their grazing places and they could not get fresh water. The oil flowed out to the sea, and the Mexican gulf had a coating of oil that reached along the coast more than 300 miles—from Matamoros at the mouth of the Rio Grande to Vera Cruz. Tampico is about half way between these two ports on the gulf coast, but situated about six miles from the mouth of the Panuco river. It is at the southern end of the state of Tamaulipas. The state of Vera Cruz begins on the opposite bank of the river.

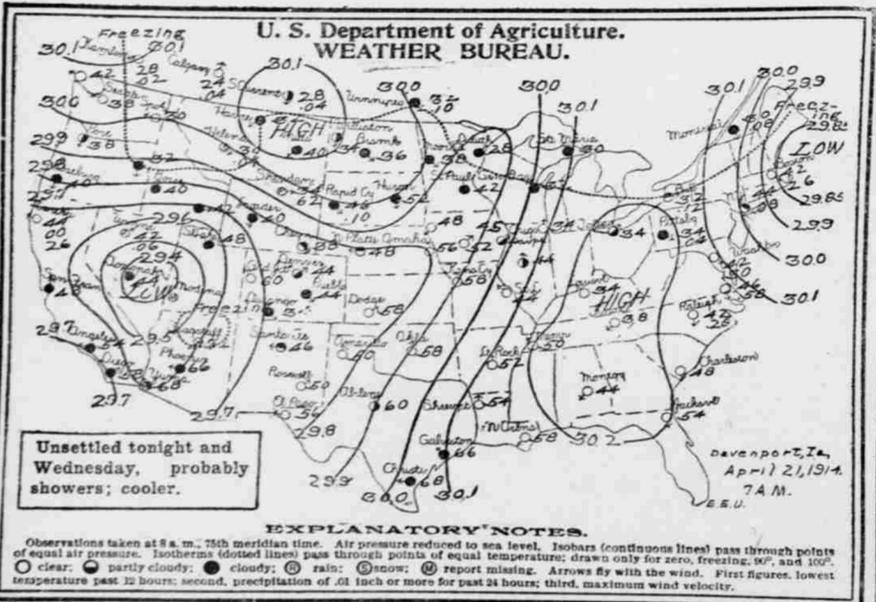
After the first big oil gusher had been struck there was a great rush for the oil fields of Mexico. The Standard oil company, through the W. ters-Pierce company, then an auxiliary, secured about 500,000 acres of valuable oil lands, built wharves at Tampico and storage tanks and has been shipping great quantities of oil to United States ports for several years. The Pearsons control about 500,000 acres of oil lands, and this company has also large interests in Mexican railways and mining properties. The oil branch of the business is capitalized at \$25,000,000, and the market value of the stock is twice that. Besides these two large concerns, there is the Mexican oil company, which is controlled largely by Californians, with a capital of \$50,000,000 and owns about 700,000 acres of oil lands running back into the state of Tamaulipas. One of the wells of this company has been producing 25,000 barrels of oil a day the past three years. The company has large storage tanks near Tampico. The oil is worth between 50 and 60 cents a barrel at Tampico.

This is all a rich country, and the state of Tamaulipas, of which Tampico is the southern port, has grown immensely rich in agricultural and pastoral resources in the past 23 years, since a vast irrigation project was put through in the state by the Diaz government, which reclaimed thousands of square miles of valuable land, and on part of which a large Spanish colony was induced to settle. The entire area of the state of Tamaulipas is 32,268 square miles.

Years before oil was discovered the Diaz government realized the growing importance of Tampico and great jetties were erected at the mouth of the Panuco river, which deepened the channel to about 24 feet, enabling ramp steamers to load and unload at the wharves of Tampico. These jetties have been improved within the past eight years and the channel further deepened so that the great oil tank steamers from Hamburg and English and American ports now load at the wharves. The Vera Cruz side of the river mouth is also being settled, and a canal is being built to connect the lagoon near the coast, a distance of 115 miles to Tuxpan, in the state of Vera Cruz, which is also an important oil center.

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## Daily United States Weather Map



**WEATHER CONDITIONS.**  
The western low extends from California and western Texas northeastward to Lake Superior, with its center over Nevada. It has caused a sharp rise in temperature in the lower Missouri and upper Mississippi valleys and the upper lake region and occasional precipitation in the northern portion of the Rocky mountain region. High pressures prevail from the lower lakes to the south Atlantic and gulf coasts, and another high, with much colder weather, overlies western Canada and the northwestern border of the United States. The eastward movement of these condition will be attended by unsettled weather in this vicinity tonight and Wednesday, probably with showers, and by cooler Wednesday.

**OBSERVATIONS.**

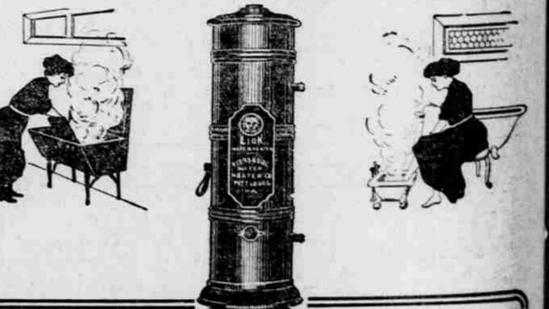
High.	Low.	Precip.	
Boston	66	42	26
Buffalo	58	32	32
Davenport	54	42	00
Denver	78	44	00
Jacksonville	78	54	00
Kansas City	70	58	00
New Orleans	76	58	00
New York	60	44	00
Norfolk	70	46	00
Phoenix	70	66	00
St. Louis	60	44	00
St. Paul	60	44	00
San Diego	68	58	00
San Francisco	58	48	00
Seattle	52	38	00

**DAILY RIVER BULLETIN.**

Flood stage	Hgt.	Chge.	
St. Paul	14	2.3	0.2
Red Wing	14	3.5	0.2
Reed's Landing	12	3.6	0.1
La Crosse	12	3.8	0.2
Lansing	18	4.4	0.1
Franco du Chien	18	4.0	0.0
Dubuque	10	4.9	0.0
Le Claire	10	2.1	0.1
Davenport	15	3.9	0.2

**River Forecast.**  
For the next 48 hours: Only slight changes in the Mississippi will occur from below Dubuque to Muscatine. J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

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