NEW YORK EXCHANGE.

GEN. FRENCH IN BLOEMFONTEIN—WALL STREET STRONG YESTERDAY ON NEW BUYING ORDERS—FINANCE BILL WILL SCARCELY PREVENT SOME STIFFNESS IN MONEY.

New York, March 13.—According to our news agency, Lord Roberts is within an hours' march of Bloemfontein. According to another, he has already entered the town.

The London markets have responded to the good news. Americans are reported to be strong, bid prices being about ⅝ above our closing.

The impression seems to be gaining ground in Europe that the Boers are becoming discouraged and that possibly the end of the war is in sight. It is said that Kruger has already made propositions for peace, but they are of such a ridiculously inadequate description that it may be safely said the British Government will not entertain them.

Advocates of higher prices are very much encouraged by the behaviour of the market yesterday. Despite the fact that Call Money reached the highest level since January, the market kept strong and finally closed at about the best figures of the day. Whether this strength was due entirely to covering of shorts, or whether new buying made its appearance, is a subject about which their is considerable difference of opinion.

Brokers in the loan crowd thought that there was a fair shrinkage in the demand for stocks, but on the whole the short interest is quite extensive.

It seems to be largely in P. O. and 3rd Ave. In some stocks, notably the St. Paul, there was better buying than for some time, of this stock, Standard Oil brokers bought about 6,000 shares, and the Room believes that these purchases were based on the expectation of a stock issue at par to stockholders in order to pay for the St. Paul and Duluth.

So far, however, no official confirmation of the St. Paul and Duluth has been made.

The steel stocks advanced on what looked like Chicago buying.

It is said that the labor situation in Chicago is improving. Fairly stiff rates for money may be looked for 2 or 3 weeks. At least 25 banks were below legal requirements on Saturday.

The banks continue to lose money to the Sub Treasury.

Governmental disbursements at this time of the year are always light. It is not impossible that the surplus reserve will almost be wiped out by Saturday. It is true that the Finance Bill will probably be passed today and will receive the President's signature some time during this week; but the relief to the financial situation as a result of the passage of this bill, will be gradual and will not be sufficient to off-set the Treasury drain and the increase in loans for some time.

Wheat in sight and on passage.

Vis'b'e s'p-ply U.S. & Ca'da.	1900. Mch. 12,	1900. Mch. 5,	1899. Mch. 13,
	53,698,000	54,083,000	29,799,000
On pass. to U.K.	24,720,000	18,280,000	24,720,000
On pass. to C'nt'ent.	9,200,000	8,820,000	11,840,000
Total	87,618,000	80,683,000	66,359,000

The total amount of wheat in sight and on passage shows an increase of 6,935,000 bushels compared with a week ago and an increase of 21,259,000 a year ago.

The amount of wheat on passage to the United Kingdom shows an increase of 6,440,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and is exactly the same as last year.

The amount of wheat on passage to the Continent shows an increase of 880,000 bushels compared with a week ago, and a decrease of 2,640,000 bushels compared with a year ago.

VISIBLE SUPPLY OF GRAIN U. S AND CANADA.

	1900. Mch. 12,	1900. Mch. 5,	1899. Mch. 13,
Wheat	53,698,000	54,083,000	29,799,000
Corn	21,060,000	19,666,000	34,033,000
Oats	6,401,000	6,058,000	10,613,000
Barley	1,661,000	.....	2,605,000

	On last week.		On last year.
Wheat dec	385,000	Inc	23,899,000
Corn inc	1,394,000	Dec	12,973,000
Oats inc	343,000	Dec	4,212,000
Barley		Dec	1,544,000

CRIPPLE CREEK MINING STOCKS

Mar. 12, 1900.

Capital.	Par Value.		Asked
1,500,000	$1.00	Acacia	.35½
2,500,000	1.00	Battle Mt'n	.35½
900,000	1.00	Ben Hur	....
		Black Belle	.16
1,500,000	1.00	Bob Lee	....
2,000,000	1.00	Croesus	....
2,000,000	1.00	Columb-Victor	.20½
2,000,000	1.00	C. C. Cons	.22½
2,000,000	1.00	C. C. & M	.13½
1,250,000	1.00	Dante	.16
2,000,000	1.00	Damon	.24½
1,250,000	1.00	Elkton	..
1,500,000	1.00	Flower	. 4½
1,250,000	1.00	Findley	.14
1,000,000	1.00	Gold Coin	....
3,000,000	1.00	Gold Sovereign	.13½
2,000,000	1.00	Gold Stone	....
1,000,000	1.00	Gould	.35½
		Hart	.19
		Hayden	.02½
1,225,000	1.00	Indepen. T. & M	.70
2,250,000	1.00	Isabella	1.30½
500,000	1.00	Ida May	....
1,250,000	1.00	Jack Pot	.22½
1,500,000	1.00	Keystone	.18½
1,500,000	1.00	Kimberly	.10½
1,500,000	1.00	Lexington	.20½
1,000,000	1.00	Matoa	.27
600,000	1.00	Moon Anchor	35
1,250,000	1.00	Magnet	. 4½
1,250,000	1.00	Maria A	. 4½
		Midway	....
1,000,000	1.00	Mt'n. Beauty	.10½
1,000,000	1.00	Nugget	.16½
1,500,000	1.00	New Haven	.08½
1,250,000	1.00	Oriole	. 5½
2,000,000	1.00	Pappoose	.08½
3,000,000	1.00	Portland	2.40
1,000,000	1.00	Princess	.06
		Raven	.81
1,250,000	1.00	Silver State	.02½
2,000,000	1.00	Pinnacle	....
1,000,000	1.00	Sacramento	....
		Tornado	.54
		Union	.49½
1,500,000	1.00	Work	.37½
		Zenobia	.17

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