GEORGE SAND AND DE MUSSET.

Relations of the Poet and Novelist—Some New Disclosures.

Mme. Adam has rather startled the literary world with the intimate character she gives to her first introduction to George Sand. The latter genius, who had taken a man's name and the habit of cigarette smoking, which finally killed her, was already an old woman. But the maternal instinct, which found play in her treatment of the lovers of her younger days, was as strong as ever. So, too, was the emotional jealousy which all her life long proved that even a woman of genius can not transform herself into a man. She would not receive the young girl to her friendship until she had broken with a feminine rival who is now forgotten. The rather late regrets which she expressed for the improprieties of her early life are of interest in explaiding her relations with Alfred de Musset.

Considerable light has been thrown on these much disputed relations of late, says the Paris correspondent of The New York Post, in a way that must materially change the appreciation made of them by such writers as Paul Linden and our own Henry James. The lady who writes under the name of Arvede Barine believes that she has finally solved the puzzle. But it has been left for M. Augustin Filon, the one time projector of the Prince Imperial, to state them with a man's brutal frankness. Now that the old horror of French novels is passing away from English-reading circles, it is a service to morality to state—with propriety—what the life was which served as a basis to a literature that conservative people are blamed for not recognizing at its true value.

It is known that George Sand and Alfred de Musset tried to imagine themselves a new Heloise and Abelard, or a Romeo and Juliet, but without permanent success. After the poet's death a series of books appeared with titles that might have given a hint for Rider Haggard's "She." The lady who was rightly apprehensive that her former flame might burn her from his tomb, was the first in the field with "She and He." It threw all the fault of the rupture, of their relations on his childish emotional, and generally unbearable character. His brother Paul retorted with "He and She," in which the novelist was accused of betraying her lover while he lay at death's door under her care in Venice. It seems that the poet desired that this should be some explanation of the miserable and besotted ending of his own career, which had begun so brilliantly. Then a Mme. Louise Colet, hitherto unknown, came forward with an exclusive claim to the disordered affections of the poet, in a volume called "She." A wit summed up the unsavory condition of the whole set in a final book, "They."

The new disclosures show that between the two principals in this very French life-drama there is but little to choose in point of common truth and honor. Common morals, of course, were not to be expected.

It was Saint Beuve (a lay confessor of all these emancipated men and women of letters) who started the Musset-Sand menage, at Madam's request. He had already failed in bringing her and Prosper Merimee together. She persuaded the mother of Mlle. Alfred, as his schoolmates nicknamed him—he was many years her junior—to allow her to take him off to Venice. There, at the end of the dangerous illness through which she nursed him, it now appears that he quite willingly abandoned the field to his Italian doctor and came on to Paris by himself. Instead of the famous rupture, which has hitherto been supposed to have caused his death after twenty years of disappointment in love, when Mme. Sand and her doctor returned to Paris Musset was on the best of terms with both.

The poet and the novelist by turns tired of each other and flew back to each other's arms. On such occasions the woman proved the sincerity of her free-thinking by promising God to become a devotee and to wear the church floor with her knees in prayer if only he would restore her lover. Alfred, on his part, went through the paroxysms described in his "Confessions" and accurately hit off by Heine, who said: "Out of his great sorrows he made little songs." At last the Italian, doubtless confused, withdrew and the geniuses were left to themselves. In three months they separated by mutual consent, remaining good friends for several years after. Their deadly enmity broke out only when their love affairs had been buried with the dead roses of their youth.

MONSTER CHICKENS.

Alcoholic Vapor Baths Produce Some Remarkable Specimens.

Dr. Fere, of Paris, has demonstrated by a number of experiments that in hens' eggs are substituted to an alcoholic vapor bath during the early days of incubation the development of the embry is retarded and the production of monstrosities in that line encouraged. The same scientist asserts that the bird of human monstrosities is frequently traceable to alcoholism, the same cause prevailing here as in the incubation process of eggs — St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Warwick Castle.

Warwick Castle holds a foremost rank among the stately homes of England, both from its historical associations and the important positions which in every age its lords have occupied in the annals of England. Situated in one of the most romantic and beautiful districts of a fertile and productive shire, overlooking the "sweet flowing Avon" and retaining all its characteristics of former strength and grandeur, Warwick Castle is renowned among the most interesting remains of which the kingdom can boast. It was a fortress in the time of the Romans and was rebuilt in 1337. From the time of James I. it has undergone many changes and improvements. It suffered from fire a few years ago, but the damaged portion has been restored.

The castle occupies the summit of a steep hill. The approach is by a narrow passage cut through the solid rock. Of the two famous towers, that of Guy is on the right, while that of Cæsar is on the left. They are connected by a strong embattled wall, in the center of which is the ponderous arched gateway, flanked by towers and succeeded by a second arched gateway, with towers and battlements. Throughout the state apartments, as well as the private rooms, is distributed a marvelous collection of treasures of art. A day at Warwick supplies a rare treat, not only to the antiquary, but to the lover of nature. The surrounding scenery is exceedingly beautiful.

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The Davis Will Case Settled.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The famous Davis will case is settled, and $1,000,000—the value of the estate of the late Andrew Davis, the Montana millionaire—will soon be divided among the heirs, thus ending one of the most sensational probate cases that has ever been tried in court.

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THE BEARS THE STRONGEST.

MAY WHEAT IN CHICAGO THE LOWEST ON RECORD.

The Bears Made a Raid on the New York Stock Market—Trust Stocks the Strongest—Advance in Richelieu—Local Securities Dull and Steady—Cotton Market Weaker.

MONDAY EVENING, Dec. 18.

The stock books of the Canada Permanent Loan and of the Canada Landed were closed today and these issues are both quoted ex-dividend.

Silver in New York to-day was quoted at 60⅝c per ounce.

Consols are easier to-day, closing at 98 1-16 for money and at 98 3-16 for account.

Canadian Pacific is lower, closing in London to-day at 75⅛.

The feature in Montreal to-day was the advance in Richelieu to 80 and it closed at 79 bid.

The earnings of the Canadian Pacific for the week ended Dec. 14 were $350,000, a decrease of $79,000 for the week.

Money in London continues firm, the rates on call being 2 to 3 per cent.

The deposits in New York associated banks amount to $495,551,000 as compared with $449,195,000 a year ago and $446,538,000 two years ago.

The net exports of gold since Jan. 1 amount to $9,915,000.

In Chicago May wheat sold at 63 1-3c to-day, the lowest price for the May option on record. The previous lowest was 66⅝c a few weeks ago.

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Money Markets.
The local money market is unchanged at 6 per cent. on call. At Montreal rates are 5 to 5½ per cent. At New York the closing rate was 1½ per cent. At London the market is firm at 2 to 3 per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 3 per cent. and the open market rate ⅛ easier at 2⅝ per cent.

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Sterling, 60 days 9⅛ to 9⅜	9 1-16 to 9 3-16	
do. demand 10 to 10⅛	9 9-16 to 9 11-16	

RATES IN NEW YORK.

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.83½	4.84⅛ to 4.84¼
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Toronto Stock Market.
The local stock market to-day was very dull, but there is little change in values. Telephone disappointed the bears a little, and the damage to property is not nearly as much as was at first supposed.
Morning transactions: Bell Telephone, 25, 10 at 138.
Afternoon transactions: Consumers' Gas, 20 at 188.

STOCKS.	1 P.M. Asked	1 P.M. Bid	4 P.M. Asked	4 P.M. Bid
Montreal	221	219	223½	218½
Ontario	123	119	125	119
Molsons	....	....	....	150
Toronto	245	240	245½	240
Merchants'	160	154	157	154
Commerce	137	136	136¾	136
Imperial	180	178	179½	178
Dominion	273½	270½	273½	270½
Standard	165	162½	165	162½
Hamilton	165	162	165	162
British America	120	117	120	117
Western Assurance	153	151½	153	151½
Consumers' Gas	188	186½	188	187
Dominion Telegraph	....	110	110	108
Can. Northwest L. Co.	75	....	75	....
Can. Pacific Ry. Stock	74	72¾	74½	73½
Toronto Electric Light	....	....	190	170
Incandescent Light	119	115½	118	115½
General Electric	100	....	100	....
Commercial Cable	138½	137½	138	137½
Bell Tel. Co.	138½	137½	138½	137½
Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co.	80	77½	80	78
Montreal Street Ry.	165	162½	163½	162
Duluth Common	....	....	....	5½
" Pref.	....	....	....	14
Brit.-Can. L. & Invest.	113	....	....	....
B. & Loan Association	....	101	....	....
Can. L. & N. In., xd.	125	....	....	....
Canada Permanent, xd.	....	179	....	....
" " 20 p.c.	....	....	....	....
Canada S. & Loan	100	....	....	....
Dominion Loan & Inv'st.	90	85	....	....
Freehold L. & Sav.	137	....	....	....
" " 20 p.c.	128	....	....	....
Huron & Erie L. & S.	....	128	....	....
The Land Security	165	....	....	....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	137½	....	....	....
London Loan	110	....	....	....
Manitoba Loan, xd.	100	....	....	....
Ontario Loan & Deb.	....	132	....	....
Toronto Savings & Loan	125	121	....	....
Union L. & S.	134	130	....	....

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Montreal Stock Market.
MONTREAL, Dec. 18, close.—Montreal, 223½ and 218½; Ontario, 120 asked; Toronto, 239½ bid; Molsons, 165 and 160; Peoples', 130 and 117½; Merchants', 157½ and 154½; Commerce, 135½ and 130; Montreal Telegraph, 146 and 145; Richelieu, 80 and 79; Street Railway, 163 and 162; Montreal Gas, 182½ and 181; Cable, 138½ and 138; Bell Telephone, 138½ and 138; Duluth, 6½ and 5½; Duluth pref., 18½ and 14; C.P.R., 75¼ and 75¼.
Morning sales: C.P.R., 75 at 75½; Cable, 100 at 138; Richelieu, 75 at 79½, 25 at 77, 25 at 78, 75 at 78½, 50 at 78⅛, 200 at 80, 100 at 79½, 50 at 79¾; Street Railway, 225 at 163; Merchants', 2 at 155; Commerce, 136 bid; Montreal Cotton, 50 at 118.
Afternoon sales: C.P.R., 100 at 75¼; Bell Telephone, 25 at 138½; Richelieu, 100 at 79½; Street Railway, 30 at 162½; Montreal, 7 at 220.

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Tips From Wall-street.
The gossip on the Vanderbilts is very bearish.
The earnings of St. Paul for the second week of December decreased $171,000.
There would be no gold shipments to-morrow.
Ryan & Co.'s gossip: There are various rumors about the selling of N. E. One is that a bull pool has liquidated. Buying orders in Distillers came from the west. A western house bought 4000 shares of St. Paul. Earnings of Mo.P. decreased $30,000 for second week of December. Cammack says that wheat will cross W.U., the latter being 87.
Dixon's gossip: The Grangers appear to be the weak spots in the market. The general market naturally sympathizes with the decline in the Grangers, and with the heavy liquidation to-day in New England we have had a depressed market. The general market has held its own remarkably well considering the selling of the Grangers, and New England, Western Union, Sugar, Distillers and Chicago Gas have been bought on every sign of weakness. The business outlook don't show much encouragement.

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New York Stocks.
The fluctuations in the New York Stock Exchange to-day were as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Am. Sugar Ref. Co.	84¾	88	81¼	82
Cotton Oil	29¾	29¾	29¼	29⅝
Atchison	19	19	18⅝	18¾
Chi., Burlington & Q.	77	77⅛	76	76¾
Chicago Gas Trust, xd	66	66	64¼	65
Canada Southern	52	52	51¼	51¼
Del. & Hudson	131¾	131¾	131¼	131¼
Del., Lac. & W.	....	....	....	160
Erie	15⅛	15¼	15⅛	15¼
Lake Shore	126⅛	126⅛	124	124¼
Louisville & Nashville	49	49	48¼	48¼
Manhattan	....	....	....	125
Missouri Pacific	24	24¼	23	23¼
Nat. Cordage Co.	19⅝	19¾	19¼	19¼
N. Y. & New England	27½	27½	24¼	25¼
N.Y. Central & Hud.	101¼	101¼	100¼	100⅛
North America	4½	4½	4½	4½
Northern Pacific	5⅞	5⅞	5¼	5⅜
Northern Pacific Prof.	21¾	21¾	21	21
Northwestern	103⅝	103⅝	100¼	100¼
General Electric Co.	39½	39	30¼	37
Rock Island & Pac.	67⅛	67⅛	66⅝	66⅝
Omaha	37½	37½	36¼	36⅝
Ontario & Western	16⅛	16⅛	15⅞	15⅞
Phila. & Reading	19⅛	19⅛	18⅝	19
St. Paul	61¼	61½	59¾	60⅛
Union Pacific	20¼	20⅛	19¾	19¾
Western Union	89⅞	87⅛	85⅝	85¾
Distillers	28	28⅝	27⅝	27¾
Jersey Central	....	....	....	116½
National Lead	25¼	25½	23¼	23¼
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	14
Wabash, pref.	....	....	....	15

Sales: W.U. 7800, N.W. 3300, R.I. 7800, St. Paul 85,400, Erie 900, L.S. 400, Central 1300, U.P. 3000, D. & H. 600, M.C. 300, N.P. 1500, N.Q. 1200, Reading 12,600, L. & N. 1800, B.Q. 12,600, Omaha 1300, C.C.C. 1300, C.P.R. 100, N.L. 50,000, Distillers 10,400, Sugar 16,400.

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Puts on May wheat 66½c, calls 66 3-4c.
Puts on May corn 38⅞c, calls 39c.
Car receipts of grain at Chicago Monday: Wheat 245, corn 612, oats 300.
Exports at New York Monday: Flour 6082 barrels and 3886 sacks, wheat none.
Puts on Chicago May corn offer at 39c and calls at 40c, good for all week at $1.25 per thousand.
Receipts of wheat at Minneapolis Monday, 421 cars; at Duluth, 189. Total, 560. Same day last year, 1950.
A cable from Marseilles says: It is not true that official estimate of the Russian wheat crop has been reduced. The crop is ascertained to be an average one and of good quality.
Cattle receipts at Chicago Monday 15,000, market quiet and steady.
Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago Monday, 35,000; official, Saturday, 13,786; left over, 3000. Heavy shippers $4.85 to $5.30. Estimated hogs for Tuesday 29,000. Latest estimates 30,000 to 35,000.

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Outside Wheat Markets.
At New York January closed at 67⅛c and May at 71⅝c.
At Duluth No. 1 hard closed at 61½c for Dec. and at 65c for May.
At Milwaukee May closed at 63⅝c.
At St. Louis January closed at 58¼c and May at 63 3-4c to 63⅞c.
At Toledo December closed at 61c and May at 60⅝c.
At Detroit January closed at 61¾c and May at 66⅛c bid.

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Grain Statistics.
The visible supply of grain in the United States and Canada, with comparisons, is as follows:

	Dec. 16, 1893.	Dec. 17, 1892.	Dec. 19, 1891.
Wheat, bu.	80,128,000	78,320,000	43,303,000
Corn, bu.	6,650,000	10,723,000	3,915,000
Oats, bu.	3,988,000	6,682,000	3,843,000
Rye, bu.	598,000	1,371,000	2,335,000
Barley, bu.	2,732,000	2,294,000	2,428,000

Wheat increased 1,345,000 bushels the past week, as against an increase of 2,750,000 bushels the corresponding week of last year. Corn increased 500,000 the past week, oats decreased 28,000, rye increased 18,000, and barley decreased 141,000.
The amount of wheat on passage to Great Britain and the Continent is 33,160,000 bushels, an increase of 656,000 bushels for the week. A year ago the amount afloat was 28,400,000 bushels.
Corn on passage is 5,160,000 bushels, a decrease of 208,000 bushels for the week.
Imports into the United Kingdom the past week: Wheat, 264,000 qrs.; maize, 197,000 qrs.; flour, 175,000 bbls.

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Breadstuffs.
At Toronto the flour trade continues very dull and quotations are nominally unchanged. A cable from Rio says that no business is being done. Rio coffee is quoted here at 22c to 23c. There are now very small stocks of dried fruits.
Sugars are unchanged at 4⅝c to 4¾c for granulated and at 3¼c to 4⅛c for yellows, according to quality.

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Chicago Markets.
John J. Dixon & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open'g	High'st	Low'st	Close.
Wheat—May	67⅛	67⅝	66⅛	66⅝
" —July	68⅝	68⅝	67⅝	67⅝
Corn—May	39⅝	39⅝	38⅝	39
" —July	40¼	40¼	39½	39½
Oats—May	30¾	30¾	30⅝	30¾
" —July	....	....	....	....
Pork—Jan.	12 22	12 35	12 10	12 10
" —May	12 50	12 50	12 22	12 22
Lard—Jan.	7 60	7 60	7 42	7 42
" —May	7 47	7 47	7 32	7 32
Short Ribs—Jan.	6 35	6 35	6 20	6 20
" —May	6 45	6 45	6 30	6 30

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Money to Lend.
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F. J. Lewis & Co., 20 King-street east, received the following despatch over their private wire to-day from Kennett, Hopkins & Co.:
CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Wheat, to have the visible increase 1,845,000 when a small decrease was expected and to have this followed by increased receipts and very small exports was more than the trade could stand up under. Longs have been whipped so often that they are easily discouraged and they were free sellers to-day. About the end they were free buyers and other only buying came from Partridge and other shorts. The feeling is bearish, and as the price has been within a fraction of the former low water mark there is a good deal of apprehension lest the corn should be broken again. Although there has been quite a great of bear news to-day, the general situation is substantially unchanged. Probably we may get somewhat lower prices to-morrow, but would look for soft spots to buy on.
Corn and oats—There are indications that the increased receipts of corn so often promised heretofore and not realized will now come in. If so we are likely to get moderately lower prices.

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Provisions.
Trade is quiet. Hogs $6.35 to $6.50. Hams, smoked, 12c to 13½c; bacon, long clear, 9½c to 10c; Canadian mess pork $18.00 to $18.50 per bbl., short cut $19.50 to $20, lard, in pails 11½c, in tubs 10¾c to 11¼c, evaporated apples 10c to 10½c, dried apples, 5c to 6c, hops 18c to 20c. Cheese, 11c for August and 11½c for September. Eggs unchanged at 19c to 20c for strictly fresh, 17½c to 18c for ordinary and 15½c to 16c for limed.

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Poultry.
Poultry unchanged. Boxed lots: Chickens 35c to 50c per pair, ducks 55c to 70c, geese 6c to 7c per lb and turkeys 8½c to 9c per lb.

Seeds.
Receipts are moderate. Alsike sells at $5.50 to $7.25, the latter for choice. Red clover brings $6.50 to $6, and timothy $1.25 to $1.75.

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Groceries.
Trade is quiet and quotations unchanged. A cable from Rio says that no business is being done. Rio coffee is quoted here at 22c to 23c. There are now very small stocks of dried fruits.
Sugars are unchanged at 4⅝c to 4¾c for granulated and at 3¼c to 4⅛c for yellows, according to quality.

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Schwartz, Dupee & Co. wired Dixon: Wheat opened steady but, in absence of any buying demand, soon weakened, declining at the close a cent from the top. The outside news was discouraging and there was a good deal of liquidation by longs. The visible supply, which was expected to have shown a decrease, resulted in an increase of nearly 1,450,000 bushels, making the total of over 83,000,000 and about 200,000 larger than the same time last year. The local stock increased 400,000 bushels, giving us now afloat and in store about 28,000,000 bushels. Foreign markets, which were expected from their tone at the close yesterday, were disappointing. The principal buying to-day was against shorts. The only short line of any consequence to-day was liquidated on privileges.
Corn was as weak as wheat. Big receipts and increase in the local stock of 700,000 bushels and a good class of selling were the features. There were 612 cars, the estimate for Tuesday was 250. The visible supply increased 500,000 bushels. Receivers and shippers were the sellers. It is expected a restoration of rates from Mississippi River to the seaboard Jan. 1, will direct a larger amount of corn to this market. Provisions heavy all day and closed at bottom price after a considerable decline. Packers were all sellers whenever buyers were in the market and the buying was largely to cover previous sales. The shutting off of foreign cash demand for lard made that article the weakest in the list. There ought to be a rally after so sharp a break as that of the past week, but it will be necessary to have a falling off in hog receipts or some good strong buying to cause it.

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British Markets.
LIVERPOOL, Dec. 18.—Spring wheat, 5s 9d; red, 5s 4d; No. 1 Cal., 5s 7d; corn, 4s 3 1-2d; peas, 5s 2d; pork, 65s 0d; lard, 48s 0d; bacon, heavy, 44s 0d; light, 45s 0d; tallow, 28s; cheese, white and colored, 55s.
LONDON, Dec. 18.—Rosenbaum says: Floating cargoes of wheat quiet but steady, maize nil. Cargoes on passage—Wheat, steadily held; maize, quiet.
Mark Lane—Wheat and maize turn easier. Cable from Rio says that no business is being done. Rio coffee is quoted here at 22c to 23c. There are now very small stocks of dried fruits. Sugars are unchanged at 4⅝c to 4¾c for granulated and at 3¼c to 4⅛c for yellows, according to quality.
Liverpool—Spot wheat firm but not active. Maize, upward tendency. 4s 3 1-4d, 1-4d dearer.
French country markets steady.
4.30, p.m.—Liverpool wheat futures steady: red winter, 5s 5d for February, 5s 6d for March. Maize, firm at 4s 1-2d for January and at 4s 1¼d for February, March and May. Paris—Wheat slow at 20f 60c, was 20f 80c for January; flour, 43f 00c, was 43f 50c for January.

Cotton Markets.
At Liverpool cotton is in fair demand at 4 1-4d for American middlings.
At New York cotton futures are weak, closing at 7.58 for January, at 7.66 for Feb., at 7.74 for March, at 7.82 for April and at 7.90 for May.

POULTRY IS NOW LIKELY TO BE IN GOOD demand up to Christmas, and to-day sold as follows: Chickens, 40c to 60c; ducks, 50c to 75c; geese, 6½c to 7c; turkeys, 9½c to 10c. Rabbits, 30c per pair. Butter, 20c to 22c per crock, pail or tubs, 19c to 21c for large rolls, 23c to 27c per lb, dairy or creamery. Green apples $3.50 per choice. Dried apples 5c to 5½c. Honey, 8c per lb., $1.50 to $1.80 for extracted. Consignments of above solicited. A car of good beans just arrived. J. F. Young & Co., Produce Commissioners, 74 Front street East, Toronto. 246

New York Markets.
NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cotton dull, uplands 7 15-16c, gulf 8 5-16c, futures steady, sales 148,000 bales: Dec. 7.55, Jan. 7.57,