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ACCOUNTS

PESCULATION DULLED WITH EASIER PRICES

Recital of Prominent Factor Now Facing Wall St.--Locals Less Buoyant.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, April 16.

Wall-street has endeavored to put a bold face against the happenings of the week, but has only been partially successful. Gold exports could afford to be treated with disdian, at least during the initiatory stages of the movement, but not so the more potent factor of crop prospects. An attempt was even made to ward off the evil effects of the government's finding in the report of Monday last, but the official testimony was too strong to be withstood. That the market was sustained under the influence of a report 7.6 points lower than the mean of April averages of winter wheat for a period of 10 years explains nothing more than other adverse factors which have struck the market recently with little ill-effect. Last year's magnificent percentage of 97.3 had the reverse effect, but then stocks were more widely distributed, and the financial institutions were not so vitally interested in maintaining prices. Later, the not authentic information has been made to modify the conditions, by reason of climatic changes since the compilation of the government data on April 1. The reliability of it is, however, rather belittled by the upward tendency in the grain markets. The crop report constitutes the most important element that has entered the market during the week, and the progress of last fall's and this spring's seeding will continue to obscure other topics until harvest. Other topics of less importance are those of further gold shipments, litigation on the matter of the Northern Securities distribution, lowering of the Bank of England rate and decreasing trade returns. Gold exports are less heavy this week than last, but there is a persistent strength to the sterling exchange rate, that makes for further engagements, and expectations favor a large output before the movement is ended. The interference of the attorney-general in the Harriman suit leads up to further entanglements in restoring the Northern Securities to its component parts, and destroys the early belief that an amicable settlement would take this important question out of the realm of market influence. Financial restraints in numerous directions will soften on any prospective struggle between the big railroad interests and prevent what on some other occasion would mean serious damage to market values. A contest for supremacy will scarcely be waged at this time, but the suspicion that something of this nature might occur will be sufficient to deter purchases. The market attempted to take comfort out of the reduction in the Bank of England rate on Thursday, but this was later regarded as premature. Read in conjunction with the $25,000,000 flotation of Irish land bonds, the lower rate loses much of its significance. The issue was reported to have been heavily oversubscribed, but the price of the issue was low, and has as yet only entered into first hands. Later gleanings on foreign trade points to a continuous tho gradual falling off, and the balance of trade, which reached the zenith in 1900, promises to recede below that of 1903 this year. Japanese successes on Wednesday were without effect at New York, but at Paris financial circles experienced a tremor that is more likely than not to spread to other exchanges. Corporation borrowing to a considerable extent comes into sight again this week. Between the American Telephone Company, Baltimore and Ohio and Norfolk railways about $35,000,000 is accounted for in this way. Currency returns show a reasonable increase, but the financial institutions are called upon to take these issues by accumulated deposits pending an awakening of interest in individual investors. The situation is not without hope, but it requires a vivid imagination to anticipate improvement on recent high prices in the stock market. The control of values remains unchanged, and bullish manipulation now curbed by a change in the technical position, an orderly retreat, insufficiently abrupt to disturb confidence, is more than probable. The week end bank statement was good, in comparison with other recent statements, and shows a large gain in cash holdings. The determined efforts to distribute stocks will not be relinquished without results, and further rallies are more than probable. Sales on points of bull manipulation should, under the circumstances, prove more profitable than operations on the other side.

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With the cessation of manipulation, the local market has subsided into the tameness of a month ago. The change is accompanied by some weakness in the specialties, that might well be prolonged to greater length. The publication of such matters as have a broad effect upon security values this week is not any too favorable. For the first three months of the year Canadian failures totalled 310, with liabilities of $2,639,000, as against 280, with liabilities of $1,672,000 for the first quarter of 1903. Unusual weather conditions, with a consequent loss to business, are considered responsible for the increase in failures, but this in no way detracts from the actual fact. Again, the total of foreign trade, as given in the returns this week for the first nine months of the fiscal year show an increase in imports of $20,083,676, and exports a decrease of $7,356,098, as compared with the same period of the previous year. Commercial agency reports, while hopeful of the future, do not hide the point that general business conditions have not been good recently, and are still slow in making favorable progress. Against these may be cited signs of improvement in investment channels. In the market this is discernible in a better demand for the bank shares and outside in the belief that funds are beginning to show accumulations sufficient to warrant an appeal for new flotations. Neither of the above reasons has any positive bearing on immediate changes in the market. The latter is more liable to be subject to the technical speculative conditions. Stocks have secured a good advance from the middle of last month, and the demand exhibits signs of abatement. It would be natural to look for some selling by the large holders at current prices, which is the reverse of recent operations. Among the reliable issues moderate reactions should offer opportunities to investors. The situation regarding such stocks as Coal and Steel is as clouded as ever. An attempt will be made to bull these with strength in other sections of the market, but they are exceedingly bad actors when this part of the program is over. In some sections there is a reported scarcity of floating stock that denotes at least a temparary improvement in financial circles.

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At Boston to-day Dominion Steel closed bid 9¾, asked 10, and Dominion Coal bid 62, asked 63.

No truth in rumor that Atchison preparing to raise money.

Expected plans for re-organization of Mexican Central will be in shape before July 1.

President Harris of the C.B. & Q. says trade conditions in west very good and likely to continue so.

Thirty-eight roads for the first week of April average gross decrease 4.48.

Ninety roads for February average net decrease 9.50 per cent.

Imports of iron and steel for last month the smallest in years.

Dun's review says late spring makes it difficult to restore satisfactory trade conditions.

Boston News Bureau says: H. H. Rogers is going to Butte within the next ten days. Prominent copper interest in New York believe this will result in the first step towards a settlement with Heinze.

According to a German authority overtures have been made by the United States Steel Corporation to the German Steel Combination with a view to an agreement regarding the business policy of the two large combinations.

It is reported that orders have been issued to stop at once all improvements contemplated by the Pennsylvania Railroad System. Cost of operation said to have increased enormously and a curtailment absolutely necessary.

Selling of the Rubber Goods stocks was said to represent liquidation by inside interests, following the change in the control of the property. The annual report also was disappointing as everybody had been led to expect a much better showing for the year.

Chas. Head & Co., to R. R. Bongard: Reverting to the stock market, it is natural to suppose that the present holders of stocks are well prepared to take care of their commitments until better times enable them to liquidate at least a portion of their holdings and that no particular pressure of liquidation is to be feared, but with so many uncertainties overhanging the market, there is not much to encourage intending purchasers and it seems evident that the underlying situation must change materially for the better before any bona fide outside buying in volume can be expected. In the meantime the fluctuations in the stock market promise to be governed largely by the technical considerations and trading opportunities on both sides of the account will be offered.

The market wears a somewhat reactionary appearance and operations for the rise should be made with caution until the downward tendency is less pronounced.—Henry Clewes.

The output for the collieries of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company for the week ending April 15, was 17,801 tons: Coal Creek 7443 tons, Michel 7390 tons, Morrissey 2968 tons; total output for the week 17,801 tons, average daily output 2968 tons. Total output for the corresponding week last year, 2865 tons; average daily output for the corresponding week last year 1644 tons.

Railway Earnings.

M.K.T., February, net increase $55,243.
St. L. & S.W., first week April, decreased $21,947.
Wis. Central, second week April, increased $1663.

Canadian Northern Railway gross earnings for week ending April 14, 1904, $51,200; corresponding period last year, $43,500; increase $7700.

On Wall Street.

McIntyre & Marshall wired J. G. Beaty (King Edward Hotel), at the close of the market to-day:

To-day's market was the dullest on record. The transactions in Consumers' Gas were the only active features shown. Total transactions in stocks approximated only 11,000 shares, with 4,100 shares traded in during the first hour and about 50,000 during the second hour.

Not a share of St. Paul, Sugar, Reading, New York Central, L. & N., N. & W., Metropolitan or the southern stocks were traded in during the first hour, so dull was the speculation. The market literally dead, but for the diversion in Consumers' Gas, which was manipulated from 203 to 206¾ on the short interest.

The only other stock which showed any fluctuation of importance was Va. Chem., which broke two points on further inside liquidation, which is in anticipation of a new issue of about $6,000,000 new preferred stock, which will shortly be made to meet the loans which were secured about a year and a half ago to finance the property thru its troubles, and which are now maturing.

The bank statement showed an increase in surplus reserves of $4,388,000, largely the result of banks having gained $7,289,000 in actual cash, with loans increasing only $4,721,000 and the deposits increasing $11,505,000.

The total surplus reserve which they now hold on all deposits over legal requirements is $27,395,000, against $6,000,000 last year, and $6,580,000 two years ago.

We do not believe there will be much doing in the market until after the federal court decision on the Harriman petition, which is expected to be handed down early next week.

Price of Silver.

Bar silver in London 24¼d per ounce.
Bar silver in New York, 53⅛c per ounce.
Mexican dollars, 43c.

Money Markets.

The Bank of England discount rate is 3½ per cent. Money, 3 to 4 per cent. The rate of discount in the open market for short bills, 2½ to 2¾ per cent.; three months' bills, 2 9-16 to 2¾ per cent. New York call money, highest 1½ per cent., lowest 1¼ per cent.; last loan, 1½ per cent. Call money in Toronto, 5 to 5½ per cent.

Foreign Exchange.

Messrs. Glazebrook and Becher, exchange brokers, Traders' Bank building (Tel. 1001), to-day report closing exchange rates as follows:

	Between Banks Buyers	Sellers	Counter
N.Y. Funds..	par	par	1-8 to 1-4
Mon'l Funds	par	par	1-8 to 1-4
60 days sight..	9 3-32	9 5-32	9 3-8 to 9 1-2
Demand stg.	9 5-8	9 11-16	9 15-16 to 10 1-16
Cable Trans..	9 3-4	9 25-32	10 1-16 to 10 3-16

—Rates in New York—

	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling, 60 days	4.85½	4.85
Sterling, demand	4.88	4.87.3

New York Bank Statement.

New York, April 16.—The statement of averages of the clearing house banks of this city for the week shows: Loans, increased $4,721,100; deposits, increased $11,650,600; circulation, decreased $308,600; legal tender, increased $1,645,000; specie, increased $5,644,600; surplus, increased $4,388,200; ex-U.S. deposits, increased $4,405,775.

Toronto Stocks.

	April 15 Ask.	Bid.	April 16. Ask.	Bid.
Montreal	...	247⅜	...	247
Toronto	...	227	230	229
Ontario	...	127¾	...	127
Commerce	...	154	...	154½
Imperial	...	220	...	220¼
Dominion	...	228¼	230	227½
Merchants'	...	...	...	...
Standard	...	223	...	229
Hamilton	...	203½	...	208¾
Nova Scotia	...	270	...	270
Ottawa	...	...	...	...
Traders'	...	138½	138	138½
Brit. America	...	100	...	100
West Assurance	...	80	...	80
Imperial Life	...	149	...	149
Union Life	...	...	...	...
National Trust	...	...	...	...
Tor. Gen. Trusts	...	...	...	...
Consumers' Gas	...	206½	...	206½
Ont. & Qu'Appelle	...	94	...	94
Can. N.W.L. pref.	...	99½	...	99½
M. S. St. Paul, xd.	121	118	122	118
do., com	...	63	...	61½
C. P. R. Stock	116¾	116⅝	117	116¾
do., com., xd	...	...	...	...
Tor. Electric L.	...	133½	135	134¼
Can. Gen. El., xd.	132½	140	144	140½
do., com	...	...	...	...
do., pref	...	...	...	...
Royal	...	...	...	...
London Electric	...	100	...	100
Com. Cable	...	...	...	...
Dom. Tel., xd	...	118	...	119
Bell Telephone	...	137½	...	137
Richelieu	...	84¾	...	85½
Niagara Nav	...	110	...	116
Northern Nav	75	...	...	...
St. Law. Nav	...	52	...	52
Toronto Ry	102	100¼	102	100
London St. Ry	...	...	...	...
Twin City	93¼	92¼	93	92⅞
Winnipeg St. Ry	...	160	...	160
Sao Paulo	94	92⅞	94	93½
Toledo Railway	...	...	...	...
Luxfer-Prism	...	...	...	...
Packers (A), pref.	...	...	...	...
do. (B), pref	...	...	...	...
Dom. Steel, com	10	9⅞	10	9⅞
do., pref	28	24	...	...
do., bonds	62	61½	...	...
Dom. Coal, com	63½	62	63½	62
N.S. Steel com	78½	77½	75¾	75¼
do., bonds	108½	105	...	...
Canada Salt	115	...	115	...
War Eagle	...	...	...	...
Republic	...	...	...	...
Payne Mining	...	...	...	...
Cariboo (McK.)	...	...	...	...
Virtue	...	...	...	...
North Star	...	...	...	...
Crow's Nest Coal	350	...	350	...
Brit. Canadian	...	80	...	80
Canada Landed	104	102	104	103
Canada Per	...	122	...	122
Canadian S. & L.	...	119	...	119
Can. Can. Loan	...	150	...	150
Dom. S. & I.	...	...	...	...
Hamilton Prov	...	120	...	120
Huron & Erie	...	179	...	179
Ont. L. & D.	...	122	...	122
Imperial L. & I.	...	...	...	...
Lon. & Canada	92	90¼	92	90½
Landed B. & L.	...	120	...	120
Manitoba Loan	...	95	...	95
Tor. Mortgage	...	90	...	90
London Loan	120	...	120	...
People's Loan	...	...	...	...
Real Estate	...	...	...	...
Tor. S. & L.	...	130	...	130

Sales: Commerce, 1 at 155; Dominion, 10 at 227; Toronto Electric, 25 at 134, 20 at 134⅝, 25 at 134¼, 25 at 134¾; Telephone, 6 at 138; N.S. Steel, 25 at 77, 30 at 77½, 25 at 76¼, 25 at 75, 5 at 74½, 5 at 75, 50 at 75¼, 25 at 75⅛; Richelieu, 5 at 85½; Sao Paulo, 50 at 93¼, 10 at 93½, 100 at 94; Steel, common, 10 at 10, 25 at 9⅞; Coal, 20 at 62½; North Star, 2000, 2000 at 5, 1000, 3000 at 4½.

Montreal Stocks.

Montreal, April 16.—Closing quotations to-day:

	Ask.	Bid.
C. P. R.	116⅞	116¾
Toledo	23	20
Montreal Railway	213	208½
Toronto Railway	102	100½
Detroit Railway	63	62
Halifax Railway	100	90
Twin City	93	92½
Dominion Steel	10	9¾
do., pref.	30	27
Richelieu	85½	85¼
Montreal L., H. & P.	74	73
Bell Telephone	147	138
Dominion Coal	63¼	62¼
Nova Scotia	76	75¼
Montreal Cotton	110	...
Ogilvie pref.	123	...
Merchants' Cotton	...	...
Colored Cotton	...	...
Bank of Toronto	...	...
Hochelaga	...	189
Commerce	...	...
Montreal Railway bonds	...	105¼
Dominion Steel bonds	63	62
Molsons Bank	201	200
Ontario Bank	...	...
Royal Bank	...	...
Lake of the Woods	...	...
War Eagle	...	...
Quebec	...	119
N. W. Land preferred	...	...
Montreal Bank	250	248
Merchants' Bank	...	155
M. S. M. preferred	...	...
do. common	...	...
Imperial Bank	...	...
Union Bank	135	...
Quebec	...	...

Morning sales: C. P. R., 150 at 117; Power, 50 at 73¾; Richelieu, 11 at 84¾; 75 at 85, 25 at 85¼; Montreal Railway, 10 at 208½; Coal, 25 at 62½; Toronto Railway, 25 at 100¾; Colored Cotton, 3 at 42½; N. S. Steel, 75, 55 at 74, 25 at 73; Montreal Telegraph, 3 at 156; Bell Telephone, 1 at 138.

New York Stocks.

J. G. Beaty (McIntyre & Marshall), King Edward Hotel, reports the following fluctuations in New York stocks to-day:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
R. & O.	70⅞	...	70⅞	...
Can. South.	...	...	...	...
O. C. C.	...	...	...	...
C. & A.	...	...	...	...
C. G. W.	16⅞	...	16½	...
Duluth	...	...	...	...
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
Erie	27⅝	...	26⅞	...
do. 1st pref.	65⅞	66	65¼	...
do. 2nd pref.	42⅝	42⅝	42⅝	42½
Ill. Central	130	...	...	...
N. W.	171	...	...	...
N. Y. C.	117	117¼	117	117¼
R. I.	23⅝	...	23⅝	...
do. pref.	64	...	...	...
Atchison	73⅝	73⅝	73¼	73⅝
do. pref.	93½	...	...	...
C. P. R.	116⅝	116⅞	116⅝	...
Col. Sou.	...	...	...	...
do. 2nds	...	...	...	...
Den. pref.	...	...	...	...
K. & T.	...	...	...	...
do. pref.	38½	...	...	...
L. & N.	108⅝	...	108½	...
Mex. Cen.	7¼	7½	7⅛	7½
Mex. Nat.	...	...	...	...
Mo. Pac.	93½	...	93⅝	...
San. Fran.	...	...	...	...
do. 2nds.	47	...	...	...
S. S. Marie	...	62	61¾	62
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
St. Paul	145¼	145¼	144¼	...
South. Pac.	49⅝	49⅝	49⅛	49¼
South. Ry.	21⅞	...	...	...
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
S. L. S. W.	...	...	...	...
do. pref.	85¼	...	...	...
U. P.	86¼	86½	85½	...
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
Wabash	19⅛	...	18⅝	...
do. pref.	39⅛	39¼	38⅝	38⅞
do. B. bonds	62⅞	...	62½	...
Wis. Cen.	18¼	...	...	...
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
Tex. Pac.	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝	24⅝
C. & O.	32⅝	...	...	...
C. F. & I.	32½	...	...	...
D. & H.	...	...	...	...
D. & L.	...	...	...	...
N. & W.	58⅛	...	...	...
Hocking Valley	...	...	...	...
O. & W.	21½	...	...	...
Reading	45⅛	...	45	...
do. 1st pref.	...	...	...	...
do. 2nd pref	...	...	...	...
Penn. Central	118	118½	117¾	...
T. C. & I.	39¼	...	...	...
A. C. O.	...	...	...	...
Amal. Cop.	49⅝	49⅞	49⅝	49⅝
Anaconda	...	...	...	...
Sugar	127¼	...	...	...
B. R. T.	46⅝	46¾	46¼	...
Car Foundry	19¼	19⅝	19¼	19⅝
Consumers' Gas	203¾	206¾	203¾	205¼
Gen. Elec.	164	164½	164	164½
Leather	...	...	...	...
do. pref.	...	...	...	...
Lead	...	...	...	...
Locomotive	...	...	...	...
Manhattan	142	142¼	142	142¼
Metropolitan	114	114¼	113¾	...
Nor. Amer.	...	...	...	...
Pacific Mail	...	...	...	...
People's Gas	96¾	...	...	...
Republic Steel	7½	...	...	...
Rubber	...	...	...	...
Sloss	...	...	...	...
Smelters	48½	48⅝	48¼	48⅝
U. S. Steel	11⅝	11⅝	11¼	11¼
do. pref.	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝	60⅝
Twin City	...	...	...	...
W. U.	...	...	...	...

Sales, 97,100.

London Stocks.

	Apr. 15. Last Quo.	Apr. 16. Last Quo.
Consols, money	88 1-16	88¼
Consols, account	88 3-16	88¼
Atchison	75⅛	75¾
do. pref.	96¼	96½
Anaconda	4⅝	4⅞
Chesapeake & Ohio	32½	33½
Baltimore & Ohio	81½	82
St. Paul	148	148¾
D. R. G.	22⅛	22
do. pref.	73¼	73½
Chicago Great Western	17	17½
C. P. R.	119½	119⅞
Erie	27	28
do. 1st pref.	68⅝	67½
do. 2nd pref.	43	43½
Illinois Central	134	134
Kansas & Texas	18	17⅞
Louisville & Nashville	111½	111¼
New York Central	120	120
Norfolk & Western	59⅝	59⅝
do. pref.	90	90
Ontario & Western	22	22¼
Pennsylvania	60⅞	60¾
Southern Pacific	50½	51
Southern Railway	22⅛	22⅝
do. pref.	87	87
U. S. Steel	11¾	11¾
do. pref.	60¼	60½
Union Pacific	88	88¾
do. pref.	95	95
Wabash	19½	19¾
do. pref.	39½	40

Sandard Stock & Mining Exchange

	April 15. Ask.	Bid.	April 16. Ask.	Bid.
Rambler Cariboo	28	25	28	25
Centre Star	30	26	30	26
St. Eugene	44	36	50	44
War Eagle	12	9	12	9
White Bear	4¼	3½	4½	3¾
Payne	11	7	11	7
C. P. R.	116¾	116	117	116½

Sales: St. Paul, 50 at 45; Rock Island, 20 at 23¾; P. O., 30 at 118; Sugar, 20 at 127¼; B. R. T., 50 at 146¼; May wheat, 5000 at 92⅝; July wheat, new, 5000 at 86¾; May oats, 5000 at 38; July oats, 5000 at 32.

Cotton Markets.

The fluctuations in cotton futures on the New York Cotton Exchange to-day (reported by McIntyre & Marshall), were as follows:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
May	14.08	14.20	14.07	14.05
July	14.27	14.43	14.27	14.33
Aug.	13.72	13.86	13.72	13.76
Sept	12.35	12.48	12.35	12.40

Spot—Cotton closed quiet; middling uplands, 14.40; do., gulf, 14.65; sales, 1407 bales.

Rossland Ore Shipments.

Rossland, B.C., April 16.—Ore shipments for the week were: Le Roi 440 (milled) 303; Centre Star, 1157; War Eagle, 760; White Bear, 200; Spitzee, 90; total, 2552; year to date, 126,927 tons. White Bear announced immediate commencement of construction of concentrator.

TOSSED BY SEA 133 DAYS.

Ship Reaches Boston After Voyage Which Should Take 21 Days.

Boston, April 17.—The arrival here on Thursday of the little British barkentine Grenada brought to an end the most tedious and risky voyage that Capt. F. R. B. Gardner or any of his crew had ever experienced. For 133 days the craft has been trying to reach here from Turk's Island with a cargo of salt, but baffling winds and terrific storms kept the Grenada at sea, the crew spending weeks at the pumps.

Ordinarily the voyage can be made here in twenty-one days. In addition to having to work hard, there were times when it was a serious question if the craft could be kept afloat.

The Grenada left Turk's Island on Dec. 3, 1903. She made her usual progress until she was off Cape Hatteras on Dec. 19. Then it began to blow and the wind gradually increased to hurricane strength. The vessel was kept on her course until Dec. 21, when she was eighty miles off Barnegat, where she pitched and rolled constantly, shipping tons of water. In the height of the hurricane the fore topgallant mast snapped off and went over the side. About the same moment the rudder stock gave way, pulling out the chain bolt. The water poured into the hold thru the bolt hole and the entire crew was forced to go to the pumps to keep her afloat.

The skipper managed to put the craft about and for days she ran before the storm, the men working at the pumps. It appeared as if the craft was doomed, as the water continued to gain until it had reached a depth of four feet in the hold. The crew was in despair. Once a steamer passed in the distance, but the flag of distress hoisted in the fore rigging was torn out by the gale and then the men abandoned all hope of being saved. They continued to work the pumps, and finally, when the weather moderated, they were able to keep the leak from gaining. On Jan. 16 the barkentine crept into the harbor at St. Thomas. Here part of the cargo was discharged and repairs made. After lying in the safe harbor until March 23, the Grenada made sail once more, and again she reached Hatteras. More gales were encountered, but the craft weathered them all and finally came into Boston harbor with a part of her cargo melted by the salt water.

JUDGE MADE AN ERROR.

Vancouver, B.C., April 16.—The most lengthy court of assizes ever held here was brought to a close to-day when desaire Brothier was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for perjury, and two years for procuring.

During the progress of the trial after Justice Martin had charged the jury, Jos. Martin, counsel for accused, protested that the judge had violated the Canada Evidence Act by commenting on the fact that neither accused nor his wife had giver evidence to contradict counsel for crown.

Judge Martin discharged the jury, empanelled a new one and heard the case over again.

BLUE JACKETS IN RIOT.

Pensacola, Fla., April 16.—In a riot to-night, between police and blue jackets from the warships and a few artillerymen from Fort Barancas, an artilleryman was instantly killed and four blue jackets wounded.

The riot started over the arrest of a blue jacket. A petty officer blew a whistle signal and fully 300 sailors assembled. Two police officers backed away, firing as fast as possible at the advancing blue jackets, who were hurling stones, bottles and other missiles. It was during this shooting that the artilleryman was killed.

Marine guards quelled the riot and prevented further trouble.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER.

Quebec, April 16.—A jury to-day returned a verdict of not guilty in the charge of murder against Richard Murray, after one hour's consideration. Murray, who is 19 years of age, stands over 6 feet and weighs 280 pounds, was one of three men arrested for the death of Richard Mann last summer. Murray alone was held. He denied his guilt.

FOUND PETRIFIED BODY.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 17.—The body of a petrified woman was found a few days ago by grave-diggers at Highland Lawn Cemetery. The woman died thirteen years ago and was buried in the ordinary manner. When the grave was opened the diggers found the casket had long since decayed, and were surprised to find the body still in a good state of preservation.

A NEW COMET.

Geneva, N.Y., April 16.—Dr. W. R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory and professor of astronomy at Hobart College, discovered a new comet tonight in Hercules, right ascension, 16 hours, 58 minutes and 10 seconds, declination north, 44 degrees, 10 minutes, with slow motion northerly.

Eight Years for the Cashier.

Gallatin, Mo., April 16.—Lee Deford, defaulting cashier of the Bank of Altamont, Mo., pleaded guilty to four counts of receiving money when he knew the bank was insovent., and was sentenced to eight years. He had misappropriated nearly $30,000.

Only $10.90 Round Trip—Washington and Return.

Via Lehigh Valley Railroad, April 22. Last excursion this season. Call at L.V.R. office, 33 Yonge-street, for particulars. ed

Japan Has Gold to Burn.

Paris, April 17.—The Tokio correspondent of The Matin telegraphs that the gold reserve in the Japanese bank there is $45,000,000, and that $9,500,000 gold was sent to America during the month of March.

Piles To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is a certain and absolute cure for each and every form of itching, bleeding and protruding piles, the manufacturers have guaranteed it. See testimonials in the daily press and ask your neighbors what they think of it. You can use it and get your money back if not cured. 60c a box, at all dealers or EDMANSON, BATES & Co., Toronto.
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WHEAT FUTURES WEAKER PRICES ARE HAMMERED

In Expectation of More Seasonable Weather—Liverpool Quoted Lower, But Steady.

World Office,
Saturday Evening, April 16.

Liverpool wheat futures closed to-day ¼d to ⅝d lower than yesterday.

At Chicago July wheat closed ½c lower than yesterday, July corn ¼c lower and July oats ½c lower.

Chicago receipts, car lots: Wheat 17, contract none; corn 67, contract 35; oats 77, contract 3.

Northwest receipts, car lots: Wheat 118, last week 109, year ago 105.

Canby & C. to J. G. Beaty: Looks like lower prices, Monday especially, if weather is more pleasant; Metropolitans ⅝ lower to-day.

Weather map shows freezing thruout Kansas, 28 to 32, in Minneapolis and Dakota, 14 to 20. Killing frosts reported thruout Kansas and Missouri. It is generally clear northwest and west. Some rain in Texas and Ohio Valley.

Foreign Markets.

London, April 16, close.—Corn—Spot quotations, American mixed, 20s 3d. Flour—Spot quotations, Minneapolis patents, 27s 3d. Wheat—On passage, buyers indifferent operators. Corn—On passage, very inactive.

Paris, close—Wheat—Tone steady; April, 22f 55c; September and December, 20f 65c. Flour—Tone steady; April, 28f 70c; September and December, 27f 90c.

Leading Wheat Markets.

	May.	July.	Sept.
New York	91½	90⅞	84⅞
St. Louis	90¼	82½	80⅝
Duluth	92	92¼	...
Toledo	98¼	89⅝	84¾
Minneapolis	93½	90⅝	82⅝

ST. LAWERNCE MARKET.

Receipts of farm produce were 400 bushels of grain, 15 loads of hay, 1 load of straw, with a fair delivery of butter, eggs and poultry.

Barley—One hundred bushels sold at 48c to 48½c.

Oats—Three hundred bushels sold at 36c to 37c.

Hay—Fifteen loads sold at $10 to $12 per ton for timothy, and $7 to $9 per ton for clover and mixed hay.

Straw—One load sold at $10 per ton.

Potatoes—Prices firm at 90c to 95c per bag from farmers. Car lots, 80c to 85c on track at Toronto.

Butter—Prices easy at 20c to 23c per lb.

Eggs—Deliveries large, with prices easy at 15c to 18c per dozen.

Poultry—Choice last year's chickens sold at 14c to 16c per lb. This year's chickens are scarce, a few odd lots coming forward and selling all the way from $1.25 to $1.50 per pair.

The White Company report receiving 41 cases of strawberries, which were all sold early in the morning.

Grain—

Wheat, white, bush	$0 98 to	$.....
Wheat, red, bush	0 98	....
Wheat, spring, bush	0 92	....
Wheat, goose, bush	0 82	0 85
Barley, bush	0 48	0 48½
Beans, bush	1 35	....
Beans, hand-picked	1 65	....
Rye, bush	0 53	....
Peas, bush	0 66	....
Buckwheat, bush	0 47	0 48
Oats, bush	0 36	0 37

Seeds—

Alsike, No. 1	$4 80 to	$5 25
Alsike, good No. 2	4 00	4 40
Alsike, fancy	5 75	6 00
Red, choice	5 50	5 80
Red, fancy	6 00	6 20
Red, good No. 2	5 00	5 40
Timothy seed	1 00	1 50

Hay and Straw—

Hay, per ton	$7 00 to	$12 00
Straw, sheaf, per ton	10 00	....
Straw, loose, per ton	7 00	....

Fruits and Vegetables—

Potatoes, per bag	$0 90 to	$0 95
Apples, per bbl	1 25	2 50
Cabbage, per doz	0 40	0 50
Cabbage, red, each	0 05	0 10
Beets, per peck	0 15	....
Cauliflower, per doz	1 00	2 00
Carrots, red, per doz	0 30	0 50
Celery, per doz	0 30	0 50
Turnips, per bag	0 30	....

Poultry—

Spring chicken, per lb	$ 14 to	$0 16
Old fowl, per lb	0 09	0 11
Turkeys, per lb	0 18	0 20

Dairy Produce—

Butter, lb. rolls	$0 20 to	$0 23
Eggs, new laid	0 15	0 18

Fresh Meats—

Beef, forequarters, cwt	$5 00 to	$6 00
Beef, hindquarters, cwt	6 50	8 00
Mutton, light, cwt	7 00	8 00
Mutton, heavy, cwt	5 00	6 00
Yearling lambs, d'k'd, cwt	9 00	10 00
Spring lambs, each	6 00	8 00
Veals, carcase, cwt	8 00	9 50
Dressed hogs, cwt	6 25	7 00

FARM PRODUCE WHOLESALE.

Hay, baled, car lots, ton	$9 00 to	$9 50
Straw, baled, car lots, ton	5 00	5 75
Dressed hogs, car lots	6 40	....
Potatoes, car lots	0 80	0 85
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	0 16	0 18
Butter, tubs, lb	0 15	0 16
Butter, creamery, lb