

# STOCKS CLOSE IRREGULARLY LOWER

Few Brokers Attend—Steel Issues Under Bearish Pressure.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Today's market was a peculiar affair due to the action of the stock exchange in shortening the session forty-five minutes to allow Wall Street more time to view the eclipse of the sun.

This step cut the trading period down to an hour and a quarter and numerous operators did not consider it worth while to come to business at all.

Consequently, fluctuations were mostly in the hands of a small group of professionals and confused price movements resulted. American Woolen was subjected to renewed attacks and experienced a further sharp decline. Steel was under bearish pressure due to the belief that some disappointment might be felt in speculative quarters if the directors failed to authorize an increase in the 50-cent extra dividend at next Tuesday's meeting.

Relative heaviness in Steel exercised a restraining influence on bullish enthusiasm elsewhere in the list and the session ended with the general list in an irregular condition.

The market closed lower.

## New York Liberty Bonds

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WHEAT, RYE HIT POST-WAR MARK

Bullish Crop Report Induces

Heavy Buying.

By United Press  
CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Wheat and rye made new post-war high records in a strong finish on the Board of Trade today. Number 2 red sold at \$2.10, a new cash price record. Coarse grains closed sympathetically higher.

Last minute buying in wheat was in response to bullish crop reports emanating from the Pacific Northwest in spite of bulls' recommendation to sell for profits because of the slow export demand.

News regarding corn was principally bearish but the strong wheat undertone brought spirited buying and a higher finish.

Oats followed other grains to a higher close. Increased receipts and a discouraging stock report weakened provisions.

## Chicago Grain Table

—Jan. 24—

WHEAT—High. Low. Close. Prev. close.

May 1.94 1.95 1.95 1.94

July 1.71 1.71 1.70 1.70

Sept. 1.56 1.57 1.56 1.56

CORN—May 1.32 1.33 1.31 1.33

July 1.33 1.35 1.34 1.34

OATS—May 1.35 1.35 1.34 1.34

May 61.6 61.6 61.6 61.6

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RYE—May 16.60 16.45 16.50 16.43

July 15.95 15.80 15.95 15.97

WHEAT—May 1.74 1.75 1.74 1.74

July 1.58 1.54 1.55 1.55

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—Primary receipts were: Wheat, 1,021,000 against 533,000; corn, 1,021,000 against 998,000; oats, 932,000 against 500,000; flour, 3,000; wheats, 633,000 against 425,000; corn, 517,000 against 444,000; oats, 570,000 against 530,000.

## Cash Grain

Saturday's receipts, 144 cars. Price quoted, No. 1 red, No. 2 red, No. 3 red, No. 4 red, No. 5 yellow, No. 6 white, No. 7 white, No. 8 white, No. 9 white, No. 10 yellow, No. 11 white, No. 12 white, No. 13 white, No. 14 white, No. 15 white.

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