

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local discount rates were quoted at 5 to 7 per cent on call and time loans. The clearances were \$1,200,000; the balances, \$1,000,000. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 30c discount bid, par asked; Chicago, 25c discount bid, 30c discount asked; Cincinnati, 25c discount bid, 30c discount asked; New Orleans, 25c discount bid, par asked; Louisville, 25c discount bid, par asked.

The local wheat market was lower at 6 1/2c a July; 6 1/4c a Sept.; 6 1/2c a Dec.; 6 1/4c a No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at 32c a July; 32 1/2c a Sept.; 32 1/2c a No. 2 white. Oats closed at 23c a July; 23 1/2c a Sept.; 23 1/2c a May; 23c a No. 2.

The local spot cotton market closed quiet.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. E. F. Moore started a runaway horse and saved Lucius Jones from serious injury.

Mayor Wells is expected to announce before the end of the month the names of the engineers who are to investigate the problem of obtaining a pure water supply for St. Louis.

Stockholders of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company are to serve on sub-committees to aid the Directors in pushing work along.

Secretary of War William Root and his party inspected Jefferson Barracks. Mr. Root promises that a liberal policy will be pursued toward the post.

Prices of vegetables and fruits in St. Louis are practically doubled since the drought began a month ago.

An Eastern syndicate is to furnish money for a new theater on Olive street near Grand avenue.

Excise Commissioner Selbert modifies his saloon closing order so that dramshops may be opened at 4 o'clock in the summer instead of 5 o'clock as heretofore.

Mayor Wells considers the proposition to impose a tax for the use of public space for switch tracks and platforms.

Samuel Gaylord of the bankrupt firm of Gaylord, Blessing & Co., tells of "bucket-shop" transactions by his firm, and explains some of its methods to Referee Coles.

The general appropriation bill is to be introduced by the Secretary of the Interior, who is expected to sign it today.

Mrs. Bridget O'Connell, almost instantly killed by street cars on North Broadway.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs of the City Council, conducts a public hearing.

Chicago officials want information concerning the alleged employment in keeping the St. Louis post office open day and night.

James Campbell has been chosen a director in the St. Louis Transit Company.

A stranger in St. Louis paid \$10 to a boot-black for a shine and waited in vain for his change.

Joseph Lorch, another victim of the Fourth of July celebration, died from the effects of his wounds.

William Henry, a stevedore, was arrested on a charge of maliciously wounding a horse.

Cattlemen of the Southwest are rushing their stock to market because the drought has damaged the pasture.

After fire in the house of Isaac Harkness has been extinguished another fire breaks out and causes greater damage than the first.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. Senator Hanna spent yesterday in conference with President McKinley at Canton.

Dallas, Tex., fears a water famine and the sprinkling of streets to lay the dust will be done with crude petroleum oil instead of water.

Kentucky farmer digs up box containing \$100 silver dollars. A spy had foretold the finding of the treasure.

Prisoners escaping from Fayette, Mo., kill coast the Sheriff's great Dane dog away with them.

Mother abandons her baby in waiting-room of a passenger station.

Washington advises are that some of the Chinese officials, whose extradition was demanded by foreign Powers at Peking, have been proven innocent of the charges made against them.

A resolution has been offered in the Virginia Constitutional Convention to punish lynchers as murderers.

A Philadelphia has left \$2,000,000 to create a fund for the support of female teachers, who have taught twenty-five years in Philadelphia schools, and are without means of support.

General Gomez has arrived at Havana and expresses himself as delighted with his reception in the United States.

President McKinley will send greeting to the Spanish League at the opening of their convention on Thursday in San Francisco.

FOREIGN. The capture of a number of Boers and a large quantity of ammunition is reported from Scheepers' laager at Candoboo, Cape Colony.

Ambassador White announces that he will return to the United States in September. He has not yet decided whether he will resign his Berlin post.

The destruction of the Taku forts has been ordered by the military commanders at Tiao-Tai.

SPORTING. Winners at Delmar Park races yesterday were: Lactina, Tenny Belle, Eugenia S., General McGroder, Peter Duryea and Antonio.

Shamrock II easily defeated the old cup challenger in the last of the trial races yesterday.

RAILROADS. At the hearing given by the Missouri Railroad Commission at Kansas City not a single person appeared to protest against the Frisco-Memphis consolidation.

In the Denver and Rio Grande and Rio Grande Western consolidation arrangements have been made for an interchange of preferred stock.

State clerks of transmissouri and Western lines will meet at Denver during the week beginning August 5.

A minority stockholder has filed a sensational motion in the Nashville Railway case.

The Dawson Railroad Company was incorporated at Santa Fe, N. M., with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.

The Transcontinental Association will meet at Glenwood Springs today.

The Great Western has formally announced that it will maintain tariff rates.

Marine Intelligence. New York, July 15—Arrived: Farnesia, from Glasgow; Sicilia, from Naples; Massad, from Rotterdam; Georgian, from Liverpool.

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Liverpool, July 15—Arrived: Ivernia, from Boston.

Boston, July 15—Arrived: Parisian, from Montreal for Liverpool.

Gibraltar, July 15—Arrived: Steamer Albatross, from New York.

Antwerp, July 15—Arrived: Kennington, from New York.

Cherbourg, July 15—Arrived: Steamer Barbarossa, from New York.

Bremen, July 15—Arrived: Barbarossa, from New York.

Liverpool, July 15—Arrived: Georgic, from New York.

ACCUSED OF BRUTAL MURDER. Brothers Charged With Double Killing—Revenge as a Motive.

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CAPTAIN STRONG'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED BY SECRETARY ROOT.

Brilliant Young Army Officer Who With Lady Frances Hope Was Asked to Leave a San Francisco Hotel May Sail With the Woman Who Caused His Downfall—Are Living in Strict Seclusion Now—His Former Friends Censure Him Severely—She Denies Herself to All Acquaintances.



PUTNAM BRADLEE STRONG. Whose Resignation as Captain in the Army was yesterday accepted by Secretary of War Root.

LADY FRANCES HOPE. Whose resignation as Captain in the Army was yesterday accepted by Secretary of War Root.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Putnam Bradlee Strong of New York is no longer an officer of the United States Army. Complying with telegraphic instructions from Secretary Root, Acting Secretary Sanger today formally accepted his resignation.

Captain Strong was apprised by telegraph of the action, and is at liberty to sail tomorrow on the Nippon Maru, the steamer upon which, it is reported, Lady Frances Hope has engaged passage.

The action of the department is the closing chapter of Captain Strong's meteoric career in the regular army. The reasons which caused Secretary Root to direct it are not known to Mr. Sanger.

The facts in the possession of the department are that the captain, who was promoted Saturday evening last, was in command of the 10th Cavalry at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

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HE IS IN PRISON AND SHE IS DEAD.

Romance of Charles Wildrick and Mabel Strong Ended by the Grim Reaper.

THEY ELOPED FROM CLEVELAND.

Unpaid Board Bill in New York Caused His Arrest, and Consumption Terminated Her Life.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, July 15.—Miss Mabel Strong of Cleveland, O., who came to this city last April with Charles W. Wildrick, who was arrested in Chicago attempting to evade payment of their board bills of \$70 at the Hotel Gerard, in West Forty-fourth street, died of consumption in St. Luke's Hospital Sunday.

Miss Strong, who was about 28 years old, was the daughter of Clayton E. Strong, a well-to-do citizen of Cleveland, O. The young woman left home in Cleveland several years ago, having fallen heir to \$10,000. She met and became infatuated with young Wildrick, son of Lieutenant Colonel A. C. Wildrick, of the 10th Cavalry, who was on Station Island on November 16, 1894.

Wildrick had led an adventurous career and boasted of his power in fascinating women. He and Miss Strong came to this city and lived for months at the Gerard, where he registered as Gordon Sterling.

Miss Strong had been a sufferer from consumption for several years. She was an invalid during the entire period of her stay at the hotel. She rarely left her room, and all her meals were served upstairs. She wasted away, and became weaker from week to week.

Faithful to Him to the Last. After a short time the two young persons, who had at first paid their bills promptly, got into financial difficulties. Wildrick gave up the management of the hotel, and as he and Miss Strong were leaving, the young woman who passed as his wife, collapsed in the hallway.

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