

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$10,377,422; balances \$80,262. Local discount rates were firm, between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York per bid, 10c premium asked; Chicago, 10c discount bid, 2c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 15c discount bid, par asked.

What closed higher at 8 1/2c bid May; 8 1/2c No. 2 red. 2 red. closed lower at 6 1/2c bid May; 6 1/2c No. 2 white. The local market for spot cotton was 1-1/8c higher.

WASHINGTON. The compromise proposition of the best sugar organization for a Cuban bounty seems to have slight chance of success.

The Dead Letter Office has received several thousands of letters addressed by children hand to "Mr. Santa Claus" and "Mr. Kris Kringle."

The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission on the earnings of railroads of the United States during the fiscal year 1901 shows the total gross earnings to be in excess of a billion and a half of dollars.

Booker T. Washington conferred with President Roosevelt and Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock at the White House, preliminary in regard to Southern appointments.

Governor Shaw of Iowa is being considered by President Roosevelt in connection with the Treasury portfolio, to succeed Secretary Gage, Governor Crane of Massachusetts having declined the portfolio.

Admiral Schley goes to New York to spend the holidays.

Edgar S. Macley, author of a history in which he commented on the actions of Admiral Schley, has declined to comply with President Roosevelt's request for his resignation.

The Treasury Department drew a warrant for \$234 in favor of Rear Admiral Schley, the amount being his share of the prize money for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

The humiliation of Lieutenant General Miles is the principal topic of discussion in army and navy circles, but active officers are very cautious of expressing themselves for publication.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Negroes of St. Louis appeal to the Board of Police Commissioners for the suppression of vice.

William L. Huse, president of the Huse & Loomis Ice and Transportation Company, died suddenly from heart failure.

Stoppers crowd the downtown streets and merchants say St. Louis has never before known such a holiday trade.

It has been decided by the World's Fair Executive Committee that the Art building will not have a peristyle.

Fire causes early morning panic in Delmar avenue home.

Minor orders are conferred on more than 100 students at St. Xavier's College.

Doctor Otto W. Miller and Miss Helen M. Sahn were married in Clayton, and thereby spoiled a home wedding planned for tonight.

Two suits are filed among the heirs of the late Thomas Allen asking for an accounting and the partition of the estate.

Peter Lish, yardmaster for the Big Four Railroad in East St. Louis, assaulted by footpads and left on railroad tracks.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. General William H. Seaman, Adjutant General of California, is critically ill with inflammatory meningitis.

E. O. Brown of Carthage, Mo., declares the latest story in the Carthage case to the effect that he did not see the man in Kansas City after a long-continued telephone conversation with Colonel W. H. Phelps is utterly without foundation.

H. M. Smith of Richmond, Mo., announces that he is not a candidate for Congress.

Attorney General Douglas of Minnesota declares that the letter of James J. Hill giving the details of the organization of the Northern Securities Company will not have any effect upon the fight that is being waged against the alleged combination of the roads interested. He has appointed associate counsel for the great legal battle.

President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers of America has called the National convention to meet in Indianapolis on January 20, and the joint conference of miners and bituminous operators for January 20.

Chicago robbers attacked two workmen of a Chicago concern, bound, gagged and robbed and left them. The victim finally managed to secure release by dragging themselves to a fire-alarm box and turning in an alarm.

FOREIGN. Chile hears that both the Chilean and Argentine Governments have signed a protocol agreeing to submit their differences to Great Britain for arbitration.

Colombian Liberals attacked and looted the commissariat of an American mining company at Nombre di Dios. They were driven off by the return of the Government troops and the arrival of the United States gunboat Marietta.

Briere, a Frenchman convicted of the murder of four of his daughters and a son, was sentenced to death by guillotine.

Pope Leo received the Cardinals, who gave him Christmas greetings. He delivered a lengthy address, in the course of which he spoke against socialism and the will of divorce.

Lord Kitchener reports three sharp engagements with Boers at three points last week. Casualties on both sides were heavy.

ART BUILDING WILL NOT BE PERISTYLE.

Radical Change by Executive Committee in World's Fair Building Plans.

LIGHTER COLORS TO BE USED.

Transportation Committee Recommends That Exposition Own Its Terminal Yards and Tracks.

As the result of the controversy over the plans of the Art building, announced exclusively in The Republic last week, that lofty architectural structure, which is to exhibit buildings of the World's Fair will be constructed independent of the semi-circular peristyle which was designed originally to sweep around the crescent hill at the head of the main architectural picture of the Exposition.

The practical elimination of the colonnade or peristyle as a feature of the Art building was decided upon at the meeting of the Exposition Executive Committee yesterday afternoon, following a recommendation of the Transportation Committee and Building.

The revised plans will produce a more harmonious general effect in the focal part of the picture than the original plans, said Director of Works Taylor.

"My aim in the matter," said Chief Halsey of the Art Department, in speaking of the controversy over the plans, "was to secure exhibit space for the entire classification given me by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The classification of the Art building was not to be affected and I had to do what I could to secure space to carry out this classification. I had nothing to do with the question of the cost."

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To get harmony in the Art building, a real peristyle will now be constructed around the main building, and the original estimate of \$1,000,000 will be an open structure of columns through which one may pass to the Art building, instead of a massive colonnade building, as it was in the original plan.

The President cannot have me dismissed under the law, as I see it. I do not see how he can force me to resign so long as I am in the service.

"I do not know positively, but I believe my position under the Civil Service law is such that I cannot be dismissed, and that I have not done, and that I have so stated in my letter to the President."

"I have tried to go my duty here and have been held back by the President's stand by my rights, more for the principle of the matter than anything else, for I have no other business here."

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MACLAY DEFIANT; MILES SILENT.

MACLEY PRACTICALLY DEFILES PRESIDENT. MILES FORCED TO SWALLOW MEDICINE.

Refuses to Obey Request for His Immediate Resignation From the Naval Service.

Well Understood That He Will Have No Chance to Remove Stain From His Record.

SAYS HE HAS DONE NO WRONG. PRESIDENT IS DETERMINED.

Intimated That If He Does Not Meekly Submit to Censure He May Be Retired When He Is 62 Years of Age.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Practical defiance to the President was made to-day when Edgar Stanton Macley, writer of a history instrumental in the Schley controversy, refused to resign his position as a "special laborer" in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

His action was embodied in a letter addressed to Rear Admiral Barker, commander of the yard, which passed through the regular channels and has been forwarded to Washington. All the officers concerned in the matter took refuge behind the regulation forbidding the giving of information about the navy to the press.

Reprimands administered by direction of the President to officers high in both arms of the service have had the effect of making all silent. All inquiries to the officers in charge at the yard bring out a citation of the forbidden regulation.

Macley worked all day to-day and will report for duty to-morrow.

There is no disposition on the part of the administration to give General Miles a chance to keep the Schley controversy a secret. The President has stated that he agrees that the subject should be snuffed out.

General Miles' friends urge that army law prohibits the infliction of punishment upon an officer without trial by court-martial, and they claim that the action taken was a severe punishment.

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FEW BUSINESS MEN ATTEND.

Governor's Senatorial Candidate May Withdraw From Congressional Race in Interest of the Higher Ambition.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—The reception to Congressman Albert J. Hopkins of Aurora, candidate for United States Senator, in Springfield to-day was not a frost-free affair.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL. Washington, Dec. 23.—Lieutenant General N. A. Miles will have no opportunity to clear his record of the stain placed upon it by the sharp rebuke administered to him by the President and Secretary of War.

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LOOK IN OUR WINDOWS. A glance may show you the very thing you want for yourself or for a gift for another.

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A Strictly First-Class Optical Dept. SPECIAL HOLIDAY OFFER. Heavy Solid Gold Straight Temple Spectacles, first quality lenses. \$3.50

DE ARMOND REPLIES TO MACHEM'S STATEMENT. Congressman Shows Wherein Free Rural Service Appointments Are Governed by Republicans.

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Stop coughing. Stop it at once, before it gets the start of you. Stop it with Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.