

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$4,636,170; balances, \$1,060,757. Local discount rates were firm, between 5 and 6 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 15c premium bid, 20c premium asked; Chicago, 10c premium bid, 15c premium asked; Cincinnati and New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked; Cincinnati, par bid, 10c premium asked.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. President Roosevelt will attend function of "Grand Act," a rare theatrical event, at St. Louis University, during visit here next month.

Doctor Runge and President Phillips of the Board of Public Improvements arranged to provide two annexes to the Poorhouse, to cost \$200,000.

Applicants for positions at the City Hall will be required to fill out blank applications in the future.

Travel Company employees told Judge Wood that a car-fixer foreman had instructed them not to answer subpoenas to his court. Orders were issued to have Foreman Heany and three motormen and conductors brought into court to-day.

Forty-seven descendants attended the golden-wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hoch of St. Louis County.

The Board of Public Improvements awarded contracts for twenty-six new alleys.

It is expected that the new City Hospital will be completed in ten months if an additional appropriation of \$10,000,000 is secured.

General Committee of Vacation Playground grounds rejects proposition of Civic Improvement League on playgrounds work.

Bishop Glennon of Kansas City is appointed coadjutor to Archbishop Kain.

Plans are prepared for sculpture work for Palace of Arts Industries.

A hotel for business women is to be erected by the Co-operative Missionary Union at Euclid and Washington boulevard.

John J. Glennon, the new conductor of St. Louis, will preside at ordination ceremonies at Kenrick Seminary.

Funeral of Mrs. Geopke Ten Brook will take place this afternoon from the Salem Reformed Church.

Assistant City Attorney Hancock, under orders of the Grand Jury, raided a policy shop and arrested six men, who will be used as witnesses.

Miss Pitha departed for New York, whence she will sail for Morocco to engage in missionary work.

Mr. A. M. Breeding was awarded judgment against the Washburn for \$74 for clothing and a trunk, but no damages for lost diamonds.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. Delegates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church selected at Marshall convention.

Council Bluffs express dished near St. Charles.

Leading Kansas Democrats are looking to D. R. Francis as the best candidate for President in 1904. At a conference in Hutchinson it was decided to send a Francis delegation to the National Convention.

Freemasonry at Columbia deny that they painted the engineering building.

Alaska's salmon output this season probably will be much curtailed, owing to extensive damage done to the canneries at Bristol Bay last fall by tidal waves.

Pecuniary interests said to be back of fight for abolishing contract labor in Illinois.

Methodist Conference at Marshall, Mo., hears reports of Presiding Elders.

Texas House adopts the general land bill. Pittsburg ministers opposed to having Senator Reed Smith speak at Grant banquet.

Ex-President Cleveland says he has no literary for Western trip.

The Democrats will open their campaign to-night at the Odium.

President Roosevelt receives many warnings of disaster on his Western trip.

Second day of the Methodist Conference at Armstrong, Mo.

Bill introduced in the Illinois Senate to give Mrs. J. P. Aligned \$50,000.

The Burdick inquest probably will be held at Burlington to-day.

State experimental station gives lecture to fruit growers on spraying.

Doctor R. C. Flower, who is accused of fraud, is held under \$50,000 bail in New York in case involving Michigan mill.

Engineer of steamer Export drowned near Hermann, Mo.

FOREIGN. Major General Sir Hector MacDonald, against whom charges of immorality recently were made, and who was soon to face a court-martial in Ceylon, committed suicide in a hotel at Paris.

President Castro of Venezuela withdrew his resignation, telling Congress that he contents to remain in power only until the country is pacified.

Consols in London go down to 90 and even a little below that figure and a grave financial crisis is feared.

President Vasquez of Santo Domingo sails for his only remaining warship to attack the capital which is held by revolutionists.

SPORTING. The Cardinals won their fourth game from Dallas yesterday by the score of 7 to 2.

Officers of the Second District started their revolver war at the Chestnut street station yesterday.

Marine Intelligence. New York, March 25.—Arrived: Bovio, Liverpool; Noordam, Rotterdam. Cherbourg, March 25.—Arrived: Patricia, New York.

Gibraltar, March 25.—Arrived: Princesita, Victoria Luis, New York.

Selly, March 25.—Passed: St. Paul, New York, for Southampton.

LOVER'S FAITHLESSNESS BRINGS SAD ENDING TO PRETTY ROMANCE



MISS FLORA CROSS OF MURPHYSBORO, ILL., AND PROFESSOR JOHN BARROW. To marry whom she made the 10,000-mile journey from her Illinois home to the Philippines. When she arrived at Manila she received a letter from her fiancé, who had persuaded her to make the long trip, saying that he could not see her. Miss Cross has decided that she will not return home to receive the condolences of her friends. She will remain in the Philippines and endeavor to secure a position teaching the Filipinos, in which occupation Professor Barrow also is engaged.

IRISH LAND BILL OFFERS GRANT OF \$60,000,000.

Secretary Wyndham Explains to the British House of Commons the Plan by Which Tenants of Estates in Ireland Are to Acquire Titles to the Ground Through the Aid of the Government—Measure Passed Its First Reading.

HOPE EXPRESSED THAT IT WILL END TRAGEDY OF CENTURIES.

London, March 25.—The Irish Secretary, Mr. Wyndham, introduced the Government's long-anticipated Irish land bill in the House of Commons to-day and it passed its first reading. It proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000 for the purpose of the bill. It is to go into effect. The keen interest felt in this new legislation, which it is hoped will promote peace and contentment in Ireland, was evidenced by the crowded house.

The peers' gallery and the "distinguished strangers' gallery" were filled, and there has been no such gathering of members of Parliament since the opening of the session. Michael Davitt, the father of the Land League, celebrated his fifty-seventh birthday by entering the House for the first time since he ceased to be a member, in order to hear the Chief Secretary for Ireland unfold his plans.

Mr. Wyndham, who was heartily cheered when he rose to speak, announced at the outset that the Government thought cash aid was necessary for the fulfillment of the proposed scheme, but it attached greater importance to the credit operation than to the cash operation.

ADVANCES IN CASH. In this, too, unfolded the scheme, which provides for advances of money for the purchase of land by the tenants. The advances will be in the shape of cash and not of stock, but in order to enable the cash to be raised a new stock is to be floated. It will be called "guaranteed 2 1/2 per cent stock" and will be redeemable for thirty years.

Mr. Wyndham doubted if \$60,000,000 of the stock would be needed. It would be issued at the rate of \$3,000,000 yearly for the first three years, and afterwards, possibly, in larger sums.

In addition to this the Government proposes a free grant of \$60,000,000, to be raised by additions to the stock. The interest and sinking fund of which will be borne by the Treasury, and the maximum annual charge of which will not exceed \$1,500,000.

Against this charge on the British Treasury the Irish Government proposes forthwith to commence reductions in the cost of administration amounting to \$1,250,000 per annum forever.

Proceeding, Mr. Wyndham dealt with the points of the bill, which contains a bewildering mass of figures, showing how advances would be made and the terms of repayment, but it seems in the main to be on the lines laid down by the land-conference report and will be satisfactory to the landlords and tenants.

RUIN IS AT HAND.

In the course of his speech, which was punctuated with cheers, Mr. Wyndham said that the tone and temper of the Secretary's speech showed he realized the gravity of the situation in Ireland and that he was anxious to sincerely attempt to grapple with it.

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- POINTS COVERED BY THE IRISH LAND BILL. A free grant of \$60,000,000. Tenants to pay 2 1/2 per cent interest on loans from the Government. Un-tenanted farms and grazing lands to be sold to neighboring tenants and three commissioners to supervise the sales. Possible extent of loan, \$75,000,000, but scheme not likely to involve \$60,000,000. Maximum charge on English Treasury not to exceed \$1,500,000 in a single year. Reduction in cost of administration of Ireland, \$1,250,000.

provided that the landlords may make their own arrangements with the tenants if they tally with the policy of the present bill, which, instead of expelling the tenants, as stated in some quarters, will, he hopes, enable them to remain in the country. The Government thinks the period for repayment of all loans should be sixty-eight and a half years. There are stringent provisions against subdividing mortgages on holdings.

In conclusion, Mr. Wyndham said: "I am sure the landlords and tenants will continue to act in the reasonable spirit which actuated the conference. There are two alternatives before the country. It can prolong the distribution of the present grant, or it can now initiate and henceforth prosecute a business transaction occupying some fifteen years, based on self-esteem, probity and mutual good-will of all concerned."

REDMOND SPEAKS.

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Mr. Wyndham replied. He said \$20,000,000 formed the limit. The Government would go no further. The Secretary asked that no hasty judgment be passed in the Commons.

ANOMALIES MET.

Mr. Wyndham also said that the number of anomalies which had to be dealt with rendered the work most embarrassing, complicated and very difficult to present to the House in an intelligible manner.

The state of things in some parts of Ireland is such as could scarcely be believed in England.

He instanced one village in which a landlord is in the workhouse during the greater part of the year, while the tenants live under conditions worse than those of the Kaffirs of Africa.

What the Government proposes to do to remedy this state of affairs is, briefly, while withdrawing no existing rights, it contemplates that the purchase of land in the future shall proceed by the sales of estates, under three commissioners, Michael Finucane, Frederick B. Wrench and William F. Barry.

The commissioners, who will be known as estate commissioners, will be under the general control of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. They are empowered to decide what constitutes an estate, which does not necessarily mean the entire property owned by the vendor, as a considerable portion thereof may remain in his hands. The commissioners may refuse to sanction the sale of poor holdings unless there are reasonable facilities for their enlargement, where necessary, and for adequate access to turf as fuel.

NO EXPATRIATION. Mr. Wyndham proceeded, saying that in view of the strong recommendation of the recent land conference the Government has

ROOSEVELT TO ATTEND UNUSUAL THEOLOGICAL EVENT IN ST. LOUIS.

Father Villalonga of St. Louis University Spends Five Years Studying for "The Grand Act," a Defense of Catholic Doctrines Against All Attacks.

ORATION TO BE IN LATIN.

President Roosevelt has promised the president of the Faculty of the St. Louis University that he will spend the afternoon of April 29 at the university, where he will honor with his presence a public function connected with the Divinity School of that institution.

The Reverend Father Villalonga, who is to go through the ordeal of refuting, through four long hours, the powerful and subtle objections that many master minds will hurl at his doctrine, was born at Valencia, Spain, August 13, 1868. His early collegiate studies were made at St. Joseph's College, Valencia, an institution conducted by Jesuit fathers.

Father Villalonga entered the Society of Jesus in 1888. Before coming to the St. Louis University he spent three years in Veruela, Saragossa, and philosophy in Tortosa. Six years of his life were spent teaching in the Divinity School of the St. Louis University, where he was known as the Ateneo de Manila, the Jesuit college of Manila, in the Philippines.

His studies in the Divinity School of the St. Louis University were six years of his order, from various parts of the world, and studying theology, canon law, ecclesiastical history, Hebrew, Biblical Exegesis and dogmatic branches.

His explanation of the "Grand Act" is made. DEFEENSE OF THESE. In American and English, as well as in some of the Continental languages, the oration for the candidate for a high degree to present before the Board of Examiners an elaborate and exhaustive defense of the theses adopted in connection with the candidate's special line of study and preparation.

This defense is always written and frequently is a masterpiece of scholarship. The candidate for a degree publicly maintained his theories against the attacks of scholars and specialists invited for the occasion from the great centers of learning. The practice of oral defenses is a day or two in desuetude in most of the universities. One of the reasons, undoubtedly, is

PRICE OF COAL HAULING IS RAISED BY TEAM OWNERS. Newly Formed Association Takes Action to Meet Increased Wages Granted to Drivers.

After April 1 prices for hauling coal in St. Louis will be raised more than 10 per cent. One hundred of the largest coal haulers formed the St. Louis Coal Team Owners' Association last night at Fraternal Hall, corner Eighth street and Franklin avenue.

The action is the result of the strike of the coal drivers last week, by which the owners were forced to grant an increase in wages.

Many of the members of the new association also had tea during the afternoon. It was expected that ice prices will be increased.

Among the larger coal firms that are members of the organization are: The Polar Wave Ice and Coal Company, Gould Bros., Devoy & Feuerborn, F. W. Kline Coal Company, Muecklerman & Son, and the Three Coal and Mining Company.

A new schedule of rates, including both steam and private hauling, was prepared. Each member will be furnished a copy to-day. Another meeting will be held Saturday night.

Members elected were H. W. Welschberger, president; F. F. Tirre, vice president; J. E. Weissborn, corresponding secretary; John Wack, financial secretary; Joseph Muckerman, treasurer, and Louis Meyer and J. W. Pflieger, sergeants-at-arms.

STRIKE AT WORLD'S FAIR OVER ONE LOST BUTTON.

Force of Wiremen Demand Reinstatement of the Loser Before Returning to Work.

About forty-five wiremen and twenty-five helpers, engaged in stringing wire cables in the Education, Electricity, Varied Industries and Machinery buildings for the dedication, quit work yesterday at noon, as the result of the discharge of one helper.

Under Chief Rustin of the Electricity Department, a system of timekeeping is maintained, by which each man receives a button that he wears until he reports his time every evening, when the button is surrendered. If a button is lost by the man wearing it he is laid off for two weeks.

The wire workers say that the rule became obnoxious and they objected without receiving a readjustment. The first discharge, under the "lost-button" rule happened yesterday. The workers presented an ultimatum to Chief Rustin, giving him the alternative of reinstating the loser of the button or a strike on the part of all the men.

Rustin refused to reinstate the button loser, and the men struck. Chief Rustin says that the department really is in a hurry to get the wires for the dedication, and claims that the strike will be inconvenient to the Exposition. He says he will not employ new men, but will get along in some manner.

MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS. Social Evil Will Be Discussed at Washington-Compton Church.

A mass meeting of men to discuss the social evil will be held this evening at the Washington and Compton Avenue Presbyterian Church.

In charge of the meeting consists of five St. Louis ministers—the Reverends Michael Burroughs, J. L. Maize, John L. Brandt, Nathaniel Luccock and W. W. Williams. Speakers will discuss ways and means to clear certain localities of undesirable characters and to remove the atrocious encroachments of immoral places on good neighborhoods.

FOLK TO MAKE INVESTIGATION. Circuit Attorney Will Inquire Into New Charge of Bribery.

Circuit Attorney Folk will investigate the charge of attempted bribery in connection with the hold-up by the House of Delegates of a bill granting a franchise for the operation of a pneumatic tube mail service.

The attention of the Circuit Attorney was directed to the matter yesterday afternoon, and he will lose no time in an effort to learn whether the matter is worthy the consideration of the Grand Jury.

As was stated in yesterday's Republic, the bill in question has been in the hands of the House Committee on Public Improvements for several months, despite the fact that its promoters have entered into a contract with the United States Government to carry mail underground from the Post Office to Union Station.

SHORT SERVICES FOR LITTLE HELEN SKIFF THIS EVENING.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick J. Skiff will depart for Chicago this evening with the body of their little daughter, Helen, Randolph, who died Tuesday evening at the residence of her parents, No. 333 Washington boulevard.

Brief services will be held at the Skiff home in 720 this evening. Religious services will be held at St. Paul's Chapel in Glenwood, a suburb of Chicago, and the burial will be in Oakwood cemetery to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.



THE REVEREND F. VILALONGA, S. J. Who is to give a defense of Catholic Theology before the President next month; undergoing the ordeal of what is called "The Grand Act."

The nervous strain and excessive difficulty inseparable from a severe test. The Reverend Father Villalonga will present for public defense against all comers 212 theses, about sixty pages, in dogmatic theology. It has been of rare occurrence in the history of higher Catholic education in this country and has never before taken place west of the Mississippi.

It is difficult to cover an idea of the enormous preparation entailed in a scholar's feat of this nature. The defense of these 212 theses implies a ready familiarity with doctrinal studies that would fill twenty large volumes. In addition to this, extensive supplementary readings in biblical exegesis, ecclesiastical history, psychology and kindred branches must be thoroughly mastered. Father Villalonga has spent five years in preparing for this "grand act," working on an average of from eight and ten hours daily.

GASTRO WITHDRAWS HIS RESIGNATION. Will Retain Presidency of Venezuela Until the Country is Pacified, He Tells Congress.

Caracas, Tuesday, March 24.—After reading his special message to Congress to-day, General Castro withdrew his resignation of the presidency of Venezuela.

In his message he said: "When I abdicated, it was not from any small-minded or interested calculation; still less was it the result of any sorry or ridiculous fancy, which has no place in a heart warmed by the heat of great ideals."

He then said that he believed his abdication was a duty imposed upon him in the interest of the peace of the Republic.

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B. P. I. AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR TWENTY-SIX NEW ALLEYS.

Bids of T. E. Cavanaugh, G. A. Heman, H. F. Heman, W. R. Bush and Commonwealth Companies Accepted.

The Board of Public Improvements has awarded contracts for the opening of twenty-six alleys in the city blocks bounded as follows:

Block between Ewing and California avenues, Hickory and La Salle streets; Whitaker and Sarah streets, Page and Cook avenues; Blair avenue and Tenth street; Newhouse avenue and Angelica street; Pleasant and Grove avenues, Lee avenue and Penrose street; Boyle avenue and Sarah street; West Pine and Lindell boulevards; De Soto and Prairie avenues, Florissant avenue and Emily street; De Soto and Franklin boulevards; Carter street and Florissant avenue; Vandewater and Spring avenues; Washington boulevard and Olive street; Glasgow and Leffingwell avenues, Madison and Magazine streets; Elliot and Jefferson avenues; Benton and Montgomery streets; Nebraska and Oregon avenues, Russell and Lincoln streets; Farrar street and Bremen avenue; Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets; Twentieth and Nineteenth streets, St. Louis avenue and Penrose street.

The contracts were awarded to the Commonwealth Construction Company, T. E. Cavanaugh, Farrar street and Bremen avenue; Mory Engineering and Construction Company, G. A. Heman, Harry F. Heman and William R. Bush Construction Company.

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PEN OF MANY HISTORIC PARTS GIVEN TO BISHOP. Presiding Elders Present Report to Methodist Conference at Marshall, Mo.

BLOOD POISON. Bone Pains, Itching, Scabby Skin Diseases, Swellings, Carbuncles, Pimples, Scrofula.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Marshall, Mo., March 25.—Doctor Luccock of St. Louis lectured Tuesday night to the St. Louis Conference.

The subject, "Plain Living and High Thinking," was handled in a forceful and entertaining way. The speaker in amplifying his theme showed that plain living and high thinking implied masterful self-control and appreciation of the splendor of the intellectual life in its responsiveness to the beauty of the world.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock the conference convened with Bishop John W. Hamilton presiding. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper, conducted by the Bishop, was the first exercise. This was followed by a general handshaking of both sexes.

An interesting feature was the presentation of a novel penholder to the Bishop by Doctor Hare of St. Louis. It was made by himself and contained bits of wood from Old St. John's Church of New York City, the first built in America; the first M. E. Church built in Porto Rico since the Spanish war and one from the M. E. Church at Alaska; of Carondelet, the Reverend J. A. Barker of Chicago, and Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill., and on the extreme tip a small section of old Lincoln's home in London.

Bishop Fitzgerald of St. Louis is prominent in the deliberations of the conference. The Reverend C. H. Carter, Presiding Elder of the St. Louis District, presented his report Wednesday.

The St. Louis ministers attending the convention are the Reverend H. L. Stenes of Trinity Church, the Reverend H. Q. Mals of Carondelet, the Reverend J. A. Barker of Bowman Church and the Reverend F. W. Leary of the Maple Avenue Church.

Arrangements have been made to secure the services of the Reverend H. L. Harvey of the Chicago District, who will take charge of the Niedringhaus Memorial Settlement.

The transfer of the Reverend L. H. Dorchester of Newton Center, Mass., has been arranged. He will succeed his brother, the Reverend Daniel Dorchester, Jr., at the St. Louis District, presented his report Wednesday.

TELEGRAPH NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD. NEW YORK.—The members of the Stock Exchange will take possession of their new building at 20 Wall street to-day.

CHICAGO.—Judge Haney denied a motion to set aside the verdict in the case of William Lorimer, restraining the Board of Election Commissioners from proceeding to count the ballots cast in the Sixth Congressional District last fall.

MILWAUKEE.—Gilbert Wardfield, the actor, who stole \$470 from Treasurer Nordquist's safe at the Wisconsin State fair, was sentenced to two years in the House of Correction.

ROME.—The United States warships Chicago, Cincinnati and Machias, now at Naples, have received orders to sail for Leghorn, where they will arrive Saturday or Sunday.

HANOVER, PRUSSIA.—Countess von Waterhouse, formerly Miss Lee of New York, referring to the announcement that she and her husband would sail for New York in the middle of April, says it is quite uncertain when she and the Count will start for America.

LONDON.—With the exception of one or two minor details, Great Britain and Germany have agreed on the terms of the treaty submitting the claims of the allies for separate treatment in settlement with Venezuela to the Hague arbitration tribunal.

DETROIT.—The Pacific and Dominion Express Company has increased the reward offered for the \$25,000 gun bar stolen last week. The reward is now \$2,000 for the recovery of the bar, and \$1,000 additional for the arrest and conviction of the thief.

CHICAGO.—Coming to the rescue of his mother, who was being beaten by her drunken husband, Ray Jackson, 19 years old, early yesterday morning, and \$25 was left untouched.

THURMOND, W. VA.—Owing to freight congestion, it is reported that fire will be put out in 2,000 or more coke ovens in the New River field, as it is impossible to secure cars for transportation of products.

VINEYARD HAVEN, MASS.—The loss of the big schooner Mary E. Morse, bound from Fort Royal, S. C., for New York, with lumber, as the result of a collision at sea with the Philadelphia and Boston steamer Parthian, was signaled to the tug Steamer King by the Parthian as it passed the Vineyard.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—George S. Schwarz and Charles Musselman, telephone men, were instantly killed while stringing wires.

SAN JOSE, CAL.—A wine firm has shipped 600 barrels of Burgundy wine to Europe. Four hundred barrels go to Antwerp and 100 to London. Another shipment of 100 barrels will soon go to New York.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—Six thousand dollars in cash was put on the table of highwaymen who Saturday night murdered a passenger and wounded three others in a desperate attempt to hold up a Santa Monica car.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Admiral Schley has finally consented to accept several informal dinners and luncheons in this city. Vallejo and Mare Island will be visited by the Admiral and party, and on Saturday night they will start to return east by way of Portland, Seattle and Salt Lake.

WRIGHT FAILS TO OBTAIN BAIL. Promoter's Lawyer Says He Will Appeal From Decision. New York, March 25.—Judge Lacombe, in the United States Circuit Court, today denied the application of Whitaker Wright for bail, without prejudice to its renewal when evidential papers are filed. The case also complained of are fully set forth. Wright's counsel said he would at once appeal the case to the United States Supreme Court on a writ of error.

THIEVES OVERLOOK BIG SUM. Dimes and nickels to the amount of \$2.45 were taken from the cash register in the grocery of F. Sweeney, No. 244 Laclede avenue, early yesterday morning, and \$25 was left untouched. Besides