

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

BUSINESS. Yesterday's bank clearings were \$7,491,715; balances \$30,634. Local discount rates were between 1/2 and 5 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 10c premium bid, 25c premium asked; Chicago, par bid, 10c premium asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked. Wheat closed higher at 85 1/2c; May, 81 1/2c; No. 2 red, corn closed higher at 41 1/2c; May, 41 1/2c; No. 2 mixed, Oats closed at 37 1/2c; May, 37 1/2c; No. 2 mixed. Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market.

WASHINGTON. Resolutions were passed by the Democratic caucus to the effect that caucus action of the party shall hereafter be binding.

The recommendation to change the present boundary lines and establish military divisions of the departments in the United States has been approved by the Secretary of War. St. Louis will be the headquarters of the Northern Division.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Three unidentified men attacked the night clerk of the Erie Hotel and after rendering him unconscious robbed the safe of \$168.

Preliminary steps were taken at a meeting held at Schuyler Memorial House to perfect a local chapter of the Actors' Church Alliance.

Prospects are that the Republican fight in Missouri will be bitter. C. P. Walbridge is proposed for Governor and Dicky for State chairman or national committeeman.

Charles F. Kelly's case was reinstated by the Court of Appeals. The motion to quash the indictment against the former city legislator, charged with being interested in city contracts, was overruled.

St. Louis attorneys declare that the decisions of the Supreme Court are at variance in regard to information.

Two bills were introduced in the Senate designed to strengthen the laws relating to the use of the mails. The resolutions forbid the transmission of lottery tickets by mail.

The resignation of Mrs. James L. Blair as president of the World's Fair Board of Lady Managers was accepted.

October 30 has been designated as Christian Church Day at World's Fair.

General Benjamin Viljoen, the Boer commander, is on his way to St. Louis to make arrangements for the reproduction of scenes of the Boer-English war at the World's Fair.

An anonymous letter-writer demanded \$1,000 from George E. Root, son of a retired banker at Alton.

Traffic on Eads bridge was congested as a result of slippery driveways and ice-bound ferries.

See Green's company in "Everman" will present "The Star of Bethlehem" at the Grand next Monday.

Action on the Terminal bill was again delayed by the House.

Masked men held up and robbed Leslie Long yesterday afternoon at Fifteenth and Morgan streets.

Charles Haver admitted robbing John Bussell's saloon, after locking Thomas Caveling in an ice box, the robbers failing to prevent the bartender from peeping through a glass door.

GENERAL DOMESTIC. The assets of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company are sold by Speyer & Co., who bid in the property for \$4,500,000.

The needed of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Denver is suddenly postponed to January 12 without explanation.

The trial of United States Senator Dietrich at Omaha may take place this month, a special jury having been summoned.

The New York police are investigating suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of Adolphus Drucker, a former member of the British Parliament, in the prison ward of Bellevue Hospital.

Warrants are issued against four managers of street railways at Los Angeles to compel them to sprinkle the right of way of their lines.

Striking miners at Hodgson, Cal., threaten to seize the mining property and the protection of the State militia may be necessary.

A cut in wages in the coke region around Connellsville, Pa., affects 30,000 workmen.

The Fraternal Army of America and the Loyal Americans, with more than 1,000,000 members, are consolidated at a meeting in Chicago.

The cashier of a New Haven bank greets a bank examining who comes unannounced to examine his accounts and then kills himself. It is asserted that he owes the bank probably \$15,000.

Two youths are drowned while skating at Sparks, Ill.

A hot fight is in progress over the Republican National Committee from the Indian Territory.

S. J. Caudle, Public Administrator of Johnson County, pleads guilty to the charge of embezzlement and is sentenced to the Penitentiary for a term of two years.

The investigation of Indian affairs by Commissioner Bonaparte begins behind closed doors at Muscogee.

Assistant Secretary of State Loomis, in a vigorous defense of the administration's course toward Panama, tells the Quill Club at New York of the dangers that would have threatened all America had not President Roosevelt acted as he did toward the new Republic.

Democrats win in the municipal election at Boston by largely increased pluralities.

FOREIGN. Officials of Indo-China believe that an invasion by French troops and the occupation of a large slice of Siamese territory is contemplated.

The German Crown Prince is compelled to remain in his room three days for riding in a sleighcase against his father's wish.

Sanguinary fighting along the Russo-Persian frontier has resulted from the establishment of Persian custom-houses in the face of Turcoman opposition.

Editor Sapadoni of the Roman Herald uses the General of the Society of Jesus for compensation for aid rendered in a propaganda against the Americanization of the Catholic Church in the United States.

Marine Intelligence. New York, Dec. 15—Arrived: Helligolav, from Christiansand.

Antwerp, Dec. 15—Arrived: Finland, from New York.

New York, Dec. 15—Sailed: Civic, Liverpool; Kaiser Wilhelm II, Bremen, via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

Liverpool, Dec. 15—Arrived: Sylvania, Boston.

Rathlin Island, Dec. 15—Passed: Bavarian, St. John, New Brunswick, and Halifax, for Liverpool.

Genoa, Dec. 15—Arrived: Astoria, New York.

Osaka, Dec. 15—Arrived: Princess Irene, New York, via Naples.

Sydney, New South Wales, Dec. 15—Arrived previously: Sonoma, San Francisco, via Honolulu and Auckland.

Bremen, Dec. 15—Arrived: Neckar, New York.

St. Michaels, Dec. 15—Arrived: Hohensolern, Genoa, Naples and Gibraltar for New York; Prinz Oskar, Genoa and Naples for New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 15—Sailed: Saxonia, Boston via Queenstown.

Yokohama, Dec. 15—Arrived: Empress of China, Vancouver, for Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and Bangor, Me.

ROYAL SHOOTING PARTY AT WINDSOR: A GROUP POSED BY KING EDWARD.



Prince Christian, Duke of Connaught, Queen Elena, Queen Alexandra, King Victor, King Edward, Prince of Wales, Princess Victoria.

LOOMIS TELLS OF PERILS PANAMA PROBLEM OFFERED.

Assistant Secretary of State Says France Would Have Been Compelled to Occupy Isthmus, Thus Threatening the Monroe Doctrine, if Bogota Schemers Had Not Been Thwarted—England and Holland, Too, Probably Would Have Sent Warships and Half the World Would Have Been Embroiled Through Machinations of Greedy Politicians.

ACCUSES COLOMBIA OF UTTER BAD FAITH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

New York, Dec. 15.—Francis B. Loomis, Assistant Secretary of State, made a vigorous defense of the administration's course in regard to Panama in a speech before the Quill Club at the Hotel Manhattan last night.

M. Philippe Bunau-Varilla, Minister from Panama, also made a speech on the same general subject.

The Reverend E. S. Tippet, D. D., president of the club, presided, and among those present were Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, and President Friedman of the Hampton Institute.

Assistant Secretary Loomis, in presenting his views on Panama and our relations with other Latin-American countries, said: "NO DESIRE TO ANNEX."

"We have not desired to annex Panama and we have not done so. The President simply executed the will of the American people, with due regard to international law and rights."

"He was instructed by Congress to secure a canal route on the Isthmus of Panama if possible. He waited, until the adjournment of the Colombian Congress and gave the Government of that country every opportunity to ratify the treaty or to propose some proper method looking to the ratification of the treaty."

"The Colombian Congress, in utter bad faith, rejected the treaty and adjourned."

INEVITABLE REVOLT. "In less than a week's time and before the President could be reasonably expected to turn to grave consideration of the Nicaragua route, the long-expected and inevitable revolution in Panama came to pass; the people arose as one man, and, in thorough accord, without the firing of a single shot, unresisted, they quietly established a government of their own. They had three times independent, and the right of secession was, I believe, expressly stipulated in some of their constitutions."

"The President directed our meager naval force ashore, consisting of forty marines, to do what it could to preserve peace, order and unimpeded transit across the isthmus. He promptly recognized the de facto Government as soon as he learned that it was in peaceful possession of the country."

NOT TOO PRECIPITATE. "This is the usual and necessary proceeding. We have on many occasions recognized new Governments with an equal degree of celerity and promptness. Later, the Republic of Panama received full recognition. We are acting fairly and lawfully under the treaty of 1846. The administration, I am sure, has no apologies to offer for its course."

"We are more deeply interested, and more directly, in the guarantee contained in the treaty of 1846 than New Grenada was, or any other country. That treaty was negotiated for the purpose of securing to us certain canal privileges. We, in turn, guaranteed the neutrality of the isthmus, to keep it open and to keep foreign aggressors out of it."

AN UNFRIENDLY ACT. "The rejection of the treaty at Bogota was an unfriendly act, from the viewpoint of international law. Colombia, appealed to us to enter into a treaty to build a canal; the treaty was negotiated with her, and in a most liberal spirit upon our part; it was then rejected by the Colombian Government and Congress without debate. The executive branch of the Government, which had negotiated it, did not try to secure its ratification."

"It became evident, shortly after the opening of the Colombian Congress in June that there was not the least intention of ratifying the Hay-Herran treaty. The belief seems to have been widely current in Bogota that the United States could not or would not build a canal by any other than the Panama route."

IDEA OF SCHEMERS. "It occurred to certain men in Bogota that the United States could be made to pay \$20,000,000 or \$25,000,000 instead of \$10,000,000, or better still, as has been disclosed by recent published official correspondence, if the treaty were rejected or no action taken upon it, and the whole matter postponed for another year, the concession of the present French Canal Company having expired by that time, the renewal of that concession would have been declared invalid and all the rights, privileges and the work of the French Canal Company be practically confiscated and disposed of to the United States for \$40,000,000, in addition to the \$10,000,000, as proposed and the annuity of a quarter of a million."

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Continued From Page One. who was selected by the combine of the House of Delegates to go to Edward Butler's office and get the \$75,000 which had been put up for the passage of the lighting bill, and that it was he who carried the motion to Julius Lehmann's home.

TO ASK REDMOND'S RELEASE.

Attorney Will File Habeas Corpus Under New Ruling. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 15.—Thomas A. J. Mastin, attorney for Thomas Redmond, 17 years old, who killed Tom Scroggins, will file the first writ of habeas corpus from Jackson County under the Supreme Court ruling, asking for his client's release from the Penitentiary. Redmond is serving a twenty-five year term, having been convicted in July, 1902, of murder in the second degree.

ST. LOUIS MAN PLAYS POKER IN STORM AT SEA.

J. M. Hunt and Five Others Sit in Game While Fellow-Passengers Pray for Safe Passage. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 15.—While the steamship Umbria was being tossed on an angry sea on the way to this port five men engaged in a poker game of three days' duration and fired with the rickety goddess Luck, while the other passengers prayed fervently for a safe passage.

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Advertisement for A.A.A. CLOAK CO., 515 Locust St. featuring 'Snaps for Xmas' with various items like Misses' Flat Siberian Squirrel Scarfs, Otter Cravats, Special Fur Sets, Children's Sets, Double Fox Scarfs, and Seal Coats. Includes 'EXTRA SPECIALS!' and 'As Long as They Last, \$1.98'.

Advertisement for Burlington Route, Kansas City, St. Joseph, Omaha, Denver. Features '4 GREAT TRAINS' with departure times: 9:00 A.M., 2:15 P.M., 7:40 P.M., 9:00 P.M. Includes ticket information and contact details.

Advertisement for suits and overcoats, featuring a man in a suit and the price '8.80'. Text includes 'The overcoats comprise elegant plain and fancy chevrons; the suits are seven styles of tasty plain and fancy cassimeres from the regular 12.50 stock.'

Advertisement for Spectacles and Eyeglasses, suitable for Xmas presents. Features an illustration of a pair of glasses and text: 'Eye Examined and Glasses Changed Free of Charge after the Holidays. SOLID GOLD SPECTACLES from \$5 up. EGGERT & FISHER, The Leading Optician, 317 N. 7th Street.'

Advertisement for Coates' Original Plymouth Gin, 'A dry Gin absolutely pure'. Features an illustration of a gin bottle and text: 'Served at all clubs and cafes. Sold by all wine, mecca and grocery stores. Made and bottled at the distillery, Plymouth, England.'

Advertisement for Lord Stanley Buried with Mohammedan Rites. Text: 'London, Dec. 15.—The body of Lord Stanley of Alderley, who died December 19 of pneumonia, was buried according to Mohammedan rites in Alderley Park, Cheshire, to-day. Such an occurrence is unique in the history of the British peerage. The strictest secrecy was observed.'

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