

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$10,852,712; balances \$1,966,451. Local discount rates were between 5 and 6 per cent. Deposits were exchanged as follows: New York, 4 1/2 per cent; Chicago, 2 1/2 per cent; St. Louis, 2 1/2 per cent; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 2 1/2 per cent; St. Paul, 2 1/2 per cent. Wheat closed higher at 55 1/2c asked; corn closed higher at 47 1/2c asked; May 4 1/2c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 49 1/2c asked; May 4 1/2c No. 2 mixed. Spot cotton was 1/4c higher in the local market.

WASHINGTON.

Attorney General Knox applies to the United States Supreme Court for a writ of mandamus against Judge Wing of the United States District Court of Ohio to compel Judge Wing to change his ruling in regard to Chinese exclusion cases. W. O. Ball has been appointed secretary, and Reese Evans disbursing agent of the Dawes Commission to succeed Allison Ayresworth and Van V. Smith, who resigned.

CONGRESSMAN HUNT OF ST. LOUIS CALLS AT THE POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST THE REOPENING OF THE CASE OF MISS ANNE DREYER, WHO WAS DISCHARGED BY POSTMASTER BAUMHART.

An Alaskan miner tells before a House committee that court and Territory officials of Alaska are involved in a scheme to claim the richest mines in the Territory.

DAY IN CONGRESS SENATE.

The fortification appropriation bill was before the Senate all day, the provision for the purchase of a submarine boat of a 100-ton type taking up the entire session. The chair occupied a point of order made against the provision, and then followed discussion on the merits. It was favored by Messrs. Perkins, Cockrell, East, Connecticut, Warren, Proctor, and Messrs. Daniel, Martin, Berry, Gallinger, Lodge and Mallory opposed the army entering into experiments with submarine boats and usurping what they alleged to be a naval function.

HOUSE.

Legislation for the District of Columbia and for the Post-Office appropriation bill occupied the attention of the House. The rural free delivery service received the most attention. Credit for the establishment of this service was claimed by speakers for both parties and both sides declared that credit should go to Mr. Patterson of Tennessee suggested Mr. Williams, the minority floor leader, for the presidency, but he also called it with the names of Cardwell and Senator Bailey of Texas, as good southern candidates.

WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

Russia, it is reported, will declare a state of siege at St. Petersburg as a pretext for expelling from the country certain foreigners who, it is alleged, are of the spy class. Germany, impressed by the lesson of the war in the far East, will increase its navy with all possible speed.

Admiral Makaroff is keeping his fleet in the outer harbor with steam up, but cautions his men in the forts to be careful of the ammunition for the big guns. It is understood that the Russians mean to fall back indefinitely until they have not less than 200,000 men massed to fight the Japanese.

Japanese warships recently explored with their searchlights the shores of Helsinki Bay, on the west coast of Liao-Tung Peninsula.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Fire destroyed the stage, pavilion and costumes at the theatre for "Indiana Jones." Methodist ministers propose to memorialize the General Conference to continue the opposition to dancing and other forms of amusement.

Judge Bass will ask the Supreme Court to decide when a stone is a rock. Among the victims for "Indiana Jones" at the primaries Saturday is Judge C. P. Schultz, who has voted the Democratic ticket in St. Louis for forty-five years.

Christian ministers ask Governor Dockery to denounce Police Department.

Board of Education buys property at Tenth and Ellis for "Indiana Jones" school.

Festus J. Wade, syndicate manager of the syndicate formed to place the new Transit bonds, has issued a call for subscribers to settle.

Wallace C. Capen was sued for divorce by his second wife. The display of spring goods in St. Louis stores was exceptionally brilliant.

FOREIGN.

The entrance of the thrashing machine into Damascus stirred the Oriental city from center to circumference.

The New Business Men's Club of Kansas City offers rewards aggregating \$10,000 for arrests and convictions of persons guilty of fraudulent registration.

Additional soldiers, including cavalry, will be needed by the Germans to suppress the Hereros rebellion in Southwest Africa, where 5,000 natives occupy strong positions on the railroad.

Marine Intelligence.

New York, March 14.—The Red Star Line steamer Kronland, from Antwerp for New York, in communication with Nantucket lightship at 9:30 this morning. She probably will dock about 9 a. m. tomorrow.

Hamburg, March 14.—Arrived: Moltke, from New York.

Bremen, March 14.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, from New York.

Genoa, March 14.—Arrived: Prinz Oscar, from New York via Naples.

Plymouth, March 14.—Sailed: Pennsylvania (from Hamburg), New York.

Boulogne, March 14.—Sailed: Stendam, from Rotterdam, New York.

Indrauhull, Indraland, Sailed: Laurentia, Glasgow, for New York; Ontario, Portland.

Rotterdam, March 14.—Arrived: Sloterdyk, New York.

Liverpool, March 14.—Arrived: Armentia, New York.

New York, March 14.—The Holland-American Line steamer Noordam, from Rotterdam and Boulogne for New York, is reported by wireless telegraph as having passed Nantucket lightship at 12:15 p. m. The Hamburg-American liner Blucher, from Hamburg, Southampton and Cherbourg for New York, in communication with Nantucket lightship at 3 p. m. Both will dock about 9 a. m. tomorrow.

New York, March 14.—Arrived: Kronland, Antwerp.

Bremen, March 14.—Arrived: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, New York via Plymouth and Cherbourg.

Rotterdam, March 14.—Arrived: Amsterdam, New York.

HOLD FIREMAN AT HOSPITAL. Police Think He Turned In False Alarm.

Michael Kleinhoffer, 20 years old, of No. 1501 North Garrison avenue, a former member of the St. Louis Fire Department, who was arrested on complaint of his wife because she claimed he threatened to kill her, is suspected by the police of being the person who has been turning in false fire alarms in the vicinity of his home.

Kleinhoffer was arraigned in the Second District Police Court yesterday morning, and on order of the court was sent to the Emergency Hospital, where he is held for observation.

Mrs. Lizzie Kleinhoffer, his wife, stated that her husband had been acting in a strange manner for the last several months.

Many false alarms have been turned in recently from the vicinity of the residence of Kleinhoffer, of which the police suspect he is the author.

PRINCE LU LUN HOPES TO LEARN MUCH ON HIS TRIP TO ST. LOUIS.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE NEW YORK HERALD AND THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC. Shanghai, March 14.—Prince Lu Lun, cousin of the Emperor, possibly successor to the throne, a Prince of the first class and Director of the Archives of the Imperial household, received The Republic's correspondent in audience here to-day. The Prince is going to the United States as Chinese Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. This is the first interview he has ever given to the press. He said: "China will maintain strict neutrality in the present war. I have a keen interest in American institutions, and hope by my trip to the United States, in the course of which I will act in many parts of the country as possible, to establish cordial relations between the two countries and to encourage the development of their commercial relations."

SUPREME COURT HOLD NORTHERN SECURITIES MERGER IS ILLEGAL.

Continued From Page One. of the two roads the stockholders disappeared and reappeared in the Securities Company, the two thus becoming practically consolidated in a holding company, the principal object being to prevent competition. "No scheme or device could certainly more effectively come within the prohibition of the antitrust law, and it is certainly within the meaning of the law, a trust."

"CONSTITUTION SUPREME OVER STATE AND PEOPLE."

Speaking of the State's rights phase of the railroad representatives, Justice Harlan said: "This view does not impress us. There is no reason to suppose that Congress had any purpose to interfere with the internal affairs of the State, nor is there any ground whatever for the contention that the antitrust act regulates their domestic commerce. By its very terms the act regulates only commerce among the States and in the foreign States. Viewed in that light the act must be respected."

"By the explicit words of the Constitution, that instrument and the laws enacted in pursuance of its provisions are the supreme law of the land, anything in the Constitution or the laws of any State to the contrary notwithstanding—supreme over the States, over the courts, and even over the people of the United States, the source of all power under our governmental system in respect of the objects for which the Constitution was ordained."

"An act of Congress constitutionally passed under its power to regulate commerce among the States and with foreign States is binding on all as much so as if it were embodied in terms in the Constitution itself."

"Every judicial officer, whether of a national or a State court, is under the obligations of an oath to so regard a lawful enactment of Congress. Not even a State court, when one of its officers presides, can stand in the way of its enforcement. If it were otherwise, the Government and its laws might be prostrated at the feet of local authority."

The case decided to-day was brought by the United States against the Northern Securities Company, a corporation of New Jersey; the Great Northern Railway Company, a corporation of Minnesota; the Northern Pacific Railway Company, a corporation of Wisconsin; James J. Hill, a citizen of Minnesota; and William P. Clough, D. Willis James, John S. Kennedy, J. Pleasant Morgan, Robert H. Cameron, F. Baker and Daniel Lamont, citizens of New York.

Its general object was to enforce, as against the defendants, the provisions of the statute of July 2, 1890, commonly known as the "antitrust act," and entitled "an act to protect trade and commerce against unlawful restraint and monopolies."

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF CELEBRATED MERGER CASE.

The chronological history of the celebrated Northern Securities merger case may be written as follows: On May 9, 1891, corner in Northern Pacific stock, which reached 1,000 on competitive bids of Morgan and Harriman interests, failed in Wall Street.

On October 20, 1891, corner on London market; compulsory closing of defaulted contracts to deliver Northern Securities suspended by Stock Exchange.

On November 12, 1891, formation of Northern Securities under New Jersey charter. Northern Pacific stock taken at 115 and Great Northern at 120 in the New York market. Authorized capital stock \$400,000,000, of which about \$250,000,000 has been issued in return for 99 per cent of the Northern Pacific and 75 per cent of Great Northern.

February 1, 1892, realized their first dividend of 1 per cent quarterly; since increased to 1 1/2 per cent.

On February 19, 1892, Attorney General Knox announced that he had been instructed to bring suit against the company for the government on the ground that the company was in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. Congress subsequently authorized the expediting of the case by a direct hearing in the Circuit Court, instead of passing the District Court first.

On February 24, 1892, the Supreme Court dismissed the State of Minnesota's suit to enjoin the Northern Securities, alleging lack of jurisdiction.

On April 9, 1892, the Circuit Court at St. Paul unanimously declared the company a combination in restraint of trade under the Sherman law. Appeal being taken, a stay of proceedings was granted, allowing the constituent companies and the Northern Securities Company to declare and pay their regular dividends pending final decision by the Supreme Court.

On September 2, 1892, Judge Lochren rendered decision in case of State of Minnesota vs. Northern Securities to the effect that the company was not in violation of law. Decision appealed to Supreme Court.

On December 14, 1892, hearing in the appeal of the company from the Circuit Court decision at St. Paul was begun at Washington. The State of Minnesota case was heard in the first week of January.

JUDGE THAYER SAYS DECISION IS FINAL.

Judge Amos Thayer of the United States Circuit Court, whose decision in the Northern Securities case was affirmed by the United States Supreme Court, in an interview last evening upon the decision of the Supreme Court, said: "From what I have seen of the decision it appears that all of the points which I made in my decision have been affirmed. Justice Harlan holds that the Northern Securities Company is clearly a combination in restraint of trade and that it was an attempt to monopolize interstate traffic. "Relative to the question raised of State rights the decision clearly enunciates that, in interstate matters, Congress is supreme and any act in violation of it is absolutely void."

"From what I have seen of the dissenting opinion, it appears that it is held that the antitrust law is purely a criminal statute, and that Congress did not intend to prevent men from organizing holding corporations."

"The great question in this case is whether corporations could be organized that have no business of their own, but to act as a holding company for other corporations, and to be formed solely for such a purpose."

"It is obvious that if this could be done one corporation could be formed to control all the industrial plants of the United States."

"The decision of the Supreme Court is final. Motions for a rehearing are made in this court, but never granted, especially in a case like this, which has been most carefully gone over time and again."

CORONER'S ASSISTANTS INDICTED BY GRAND JURY.

John D. O'Keefe and William Hayes, Discharged by Doctor Funkhouser, Charged with Having Stolen Property Valued at \$720 From Dead Persons and Despoiled the City of \$385—Trouble Dates Back to Last Summer.

ADDITIONAL BILLS EXPECTED TO BE REPORTED TO-DAY.

Things Hayes and O'Keefe are accused of stealing. Scarf pin, silk handkerchief, one razor, the contents of a pocketknife, two overcoats, one new suit, three gold shirt studs, from the estate of Arthur S. Tibbets; value, 60.00. One leather trunk, from the estate of Joseph Meyer; value, 30.00. From the city of St. Louis, \$70.00. Total, \$385.00.

Deputy Coroner John D. O'Keefe and Clerk William Hayes, two of the men discharged yesterday morning by Coroner Robert M. Funkhouser, were indicted yesterday afternoon and arrested at 6:30 o'clock last evening at the Four Courts.

Deputy Sheriff Dickman took the prisoners before Judge Daniel G. Taylor, who fixed their bonds at \$1,500 each.

The charges against O'Keefe and Hayes who are jointly indicted in one bill, is grand larceny.

It is alleged that they stole the property of three dead persons, the total value of which was \$115, and \$250 from the city of St. Louis, they deny the charge.

Coroner Funkhouser upon arriving at his office yesterday morning at 9 o'clock handed to Chief Deputy Doctor Frank H. Boogher, Deputy O'Keefe, Chief Stenographer Harvey Ready and Clerk Hayes letters, which read as follows: "This is to notify you that your services are no longer desired, and you are hereby discharged. You will turn over the keys or money which you have in your possession to the combination lock to the coroner's office."

ROBERT M. FUNKHOUSER, Coroner. A letter reading almost the same was sent to the Morgue with instructions to Superintendent of the Morgue to report to the night superintendent, Walter Graham. Graham received his letter about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Doctor Funkhouser immediately appointed Doctor W. H. Freudenstein of the Dispensary staff. Chief Deputy Coroner and Miss Margaret Wertz of No. 6099A Coste Brillante avenue, who has been a constant stenographer four years, to the position of chief stenographer, to succeed Ready. He had not filled the other positions last night, but expects to do so to-day.

REPULSE TO DEPART.

Doctor Boogher, Deputies O'Keefe and Hayes, and stenographer refused to accept at first the letters as discharges, and declined to leave the Coroner's office.

Doctor Funkhouser went to the telephone and requested Captain Reynolds of the Central District to send men to the office in the City Hall basement.

Sergeant David L. Field with several patrolmen, hurried to the City Hall. Coroner Funkhouser explained his request for policemen to Sergeant Field and said that he had a grand protestor of the Knights and Ladies of Honor, which has 9,000 members in St. Louis. O'Keefe says that he will be able to prove his entire innocence and will show who the really guilty party is. He asked Judge Taylor for a speedy trial, explaining that he is tired of acquittal and desires an early vindication.

GRAND JURY BEGINS INVESTIGATION; OBJECT TO POLICE BOARD TRIAL.

Continued From Page One. police in St. Louis and Kansas City at the primaries.

DOCKERY'S DEFENSE. In spite of the statement made early in this campaign, that he would not run for any office, O'Keefe has been named by the grand jury as a candidate for nomination in his party, and in spite of the further fact that it is well known that he has not taken any part in the campaign, either for State or municipal nomination, the Shannon convention, which nominated Mr. George M. Shelley for Mayor of Kansas City, Saturday, passed a resolution to place on any party as a candidate for nomination in his party, and in spite of the further fact that it is well known that he has not taken any part in the campaign, either for State or municipal nomination, the Shannon convention, which nominated Mr. George M. 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