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THE WEATHER.
To-Day's Forecast.
Washington, Dec. 21.—Forecast: For Illinois fair, rain or snow Saturday night and Sunday.

CHILD'S RUSSIAN BLOUSE.
Modish Outdoor Costume to Be Made of Velveteen or Corduroy.
The illustration shows a smart Russian blouse of rich green velveteen with trimmings of cream-colored lace.

HOTELS.
COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS HOTEL GUIDE.
Following will be found a list of first-class hotels for the territory of St. Louis, with names of proprietors, rates per day, and other particulars.



CHILD'S RUSSIAN BLOUSE. 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years.

At the left side, the lace trimming giving the effect of an unbroken line to the shoulder to the bottom of the garment. The skirt flares stylishly over the hips.

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RIVER NEWS.

Rise and Fall of the Rivers. For the 24 hours ending at 11 a. m. Stations: St. Louis, Friday, Dec. 21, 1900.

TO TEAR DOWN OLD HOSPITAL. Contract Will Be Let To-Day—Plans Nearly Done.

The Board of Public Improvements will hold a special meeting this morning to award the contract for the removal of the old hospital building.

IN THE GUISE OF SHOPPERS. Thieves Working Austin Business Houses for Goodly Amounts.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—Austin is suffering from the operations of a very bold gang of thieves who do their work during the day.

FOUND DEAD IN HIS BERTH. Wisconsin Man Died While Aboard Train En Route West.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 21.—A Wisconsin man was found dead in his berth on a train en route west.

FOUR FLOOR DANCE FIGHT. One Shot Dead, Another Has Since Died. Other Two Wounded.

Tallahassee, Fla., Dec. 21.—News reached here today of serious shooting affray over business matters at Sopchoppy, thirty miles from here, last night.

NATIONALIST ATTACK SHELVED. French Government Receives New Vote of Confidence.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Chamber of Deputies today, at the request of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, the Premier, by a vote of 366 to 100, decided to suspend the motion to interpellate the Government on the Major Cabinet incident until all the other orders of the day are disposed of.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON. "The Birth of Christ." (Matt. ii, 1-11).

Prepared for The Republic by J. E. Gilbert, D. D., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

INTRODUCTION.—In the month of December the rural population of ancient Judea was engaged in celebrating the birth of their King, whose origin was ascribed to the angels.

ROYAL ARCANUM. GRAND COUNCIL, MISSOURI Royal Arcanum 399-311 Holland building.

DELMAR LODGE, NO. 54 ROYAL Arcanum, meets regularly on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

KNIGHTS OF FATHER MATHEW. SUPREME COUNCIL, KNIGHTS OF Father Mathew, Office 1605 Locust Street.

INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS. CORAL LODGE, NO. 46 L. O. O. F. meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

ST. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 5 L. O. O. F. meets every Saturday evening at 7:30 p. m.

ST. LOUIS LODGE, NO. 11 ANGLICAN Order of Barons of Ry. No. 1, 402-404, Thursday evening, Dec. 21, 1900.

NATIONAL UNION. HENRY SHAW COUNCIL NO. 309, NATIONAL Union, meets at 8 p. m. sharp on the second and fourth Mondays of each month.

MOUND CITY COUNCIL, NO. 14, National Union, meets on second and fourth Mondays of each month.

HIS ARM BLOWN OFF. Shotgun Discharged Accidentally, Maims Tom Smith for Life.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 21.—Tom Smith, a student at the Normal College, had an arm blown off with a shotgun this afternoon while getting out of a buggy.

CHILD WRAPPED IN FLAMES. Dress Ignites From Grate Fire and Girl Is Fatally Burned.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 21.—A young girl, six years old, was fatally burned this afternoon when her dress caught fire from a grate fire.

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