

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON. M. Takashira, Japanese Minister to the United States, views with satisfaction the acquiescence of the various Powers in Secretary Hay's note advocating the neutrality of China.

WAH. A Nagsaki dispatch says that in the battle of the Port Arthur outer roads twelve Russian ships were destroyed and eight captured. Detailed accounts of the battle of Chemulpo show that the Russian cruiser Varieg and torpedo-boat Koriatz were attacked by seven Japanese fighting ships and were annihilated after more than two hours of gallant fighting.

Russia demands of England to know whether by some misunderstanding the Japanese fleet were allowed to enter the harbor of Wei-Hai-Wei.

It is reported from Chefoo that Japanese troops attempting to land at Daito and at Dore on Pigeon Bay were repulsed with heavy losses.

The czar's cousin and uncle will proceed to the seat of war in the East. The whereabouts of the Russian Vladivostok fleet is as much a mystery as ever, but it is rumored that three out of four of the great cruisers in the squadron have actually been torpedoed and sunk by the Japanese fleet.

The Paris Bourse undergoes a severe crisis because of the war.

England's acquiescence in Secretary Hay's note practically insures China's integrity.

Japan's purpose seems to be to surround Port Arthur and make a combined land and sea attack.

Russia is rushing re-enforcements into Manchuria over the Siberian Railway.

Viceroy Alexeff confirms the report that the Japanese succeeded in landing 15,000 troops at Chemulpo after the battle of last Tuesday.

All foreigners in Daire and Port Arthur have been warned to depart.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

The sixtieth anniversary of St. Patrick's Church will be celebrated on March 17.

The funeral of William J. Kemp will take place this afternoon.

The World's Fair Protective Association was organized at the Maple Avenue Methodist Church to suppress vice in the Exposition district. It is a part of a general crusade.

George M. Keeley, president of the Keeley Real Estate Company, died yesterday. Mayor Wells returned from Princeton University, where his son is convalescing from typhoid fever. He will relieve Acting Mayor Hornsby of his duties to-day.

Thrown from a horse in front of a street car, William Schorr was unable to move while the wheels crushed his left hand.

Peter Flaherty was arrested on a charge of shooting his cousin, John Flaherty. An X-ray will be used to locate the bullet in the wounded man's neck.

The State Store and Hardware Dealers' Association will meet in St. Louis February 23 and 24.

In a lecture at the Odeon Father Coffey discussed the social-evil question.

After cutting his throat in a vain attempt to commit suicide, William Towner begged Police Sergeant Sullens to kill him with his pistol.

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

Two Guthrie, Ok., girls will go to Manila to be married.

Chicago authorities refused to permit the use of "shot light" in Sir Henry Irving's production of "The Dolls."

Andy Washington, a convict at Jefferson City, secreted himself under the seat of an official's buggy, and was hauled away from the Penitentiary. He escaped to the country, but was recaptured at Elton and returned.

All wells all over the Indian Territory are being developed.

A bitter fight for the empty honor of electing the delegate to the National Republican Convention is on between St. Joseph factions.

A Columbia bacteriologist announces that hogs can be made immune to cholera by inoculation.

In anticipation of a big coal strike in the Bituminous fields, the United Mine Workers are rushing organizers into the field. Wall street stock market bears up well in the face of cotton panic and the war in the Orient.

The Reverend J. N. George, president of the Chicago Theological Seminary, has been asked to accept the presidency of Drury College at Springfield, Mo.

Santa Fe Railway purchases lease on 1,000 acres of oil land at Ardmore, T. T.

President Kelly of Brigham City resorts to drastic measures to force obedience to his authority, even threatening the young Mormons who refuse to do his bidding.

The First National Bank of Matthews, Ind., is reported, will be opened within a week.

Bankers object to ruling requiring owners' names to be stamped on bonds.

SPORTING.

Yale is planning to send her crack athletes to contest in the World's Fair games.

The Stevenson-Block bout at the Columbia Athletic Club was called a draw yesterday.

FOREIGN.

Sealed orders are received from Washington for a battalion of marines to sail from Colon. The destination is thought to be Santo Domingo.

The Panama Constitution is delivered to the Government Junta. It will be approved and returned to-day. The presidential election is set for to-morrow.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

Gibraltar, Feb. 14—Passed: Carpathia, Tuna and Naples, for New York.

Beachy Head, Feb. 14—Passed: Amsterdam, Rotterdam, New York.

Indrahill, Feb. 14—Passed: Carthaginian, Philadelphia, via St. John's, for Glasgow.

Liverpool, Feb. 14—Arrived: Celtic, Boston, via Queenstown, Exeter, via Queenstown; Georgia, New York.

Southampton, Feb. 14, 8:55 p. m.—Sailed: Motke, Hamburg, New York, via Cherbourg.

Queenstown, Feb. 14—Sailed: Campania, Liverpool, for New York.

AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY.

San Juan Passes Measure Abolishing Capital Punishment.

San Juan, Feb. 14—The House of Delegates, by a vote of 15 to 11, has passed a measure for the abolition of the death penalty, and the indications are that it will pass the Council by a majority of one, thus leaving the final decision to Governor Hunt.

Two persons are now sentenced to be hanged under the new code. The Americans are almost solidly in favor of capital punishment, which is opposed by the natives in general.

Arrested for Stabbing Dollard. John Holden, rangelander, residing at No. 221 Hickory street, who is charged with stabbing Thomas Dollard, a candy-maker, residing at No. 129 Cass avenue, was arrested yesterday evening at his home. The two men quarreled Saturday morning at the home of a friend on Cass avenue. Holden drew a knife and cut Dollard in the right breast. Dollard is at his home in a serious condition. Holden will be held pending the outcome of Dollard's injuries.

*Cruggs Vandervoort & Barney*

# Announcing New Spring Goods in Every Department

### Early Sale of Spring Hats.

*\$5.00 to \$7.50 Each.*

All new Hats, expressing many of the newest style features for spring. These hats will have a very ready sale, and as there is only a limited quantity of each style come early.

Special—A large assortment of All-Black Hats, in toques and round hats, will be shown to-day at **\$5.00** up to **\$10.00**.

At **\$5.00**—Among these new Hats are Cream Fancy Braid Turbans, trimmed in fancy wings—large burnt straw hats, trimmed in brown chiffon rosettes and tan wings—a navy plaid Turban, trimmed with fancy feathers and ribbon.

At **\$6.50**—One of these styles is a Black and Gilt Drape Braid Toque, trimmed in fancy quill and ornament—another, a fancy green braid hat, rich with taffetas silk and white quill.

At **\$7.50**—Stylish Black and White Braid Turban, trimmed in fancy quill and ornament—also a light blue braid hat, gold binding, gold ribbon trimming, with fancy feathers.

### 1904 Woolen Dress Goods.

*Opening Sale.*

Fresh from the looms of the most celebrated manufacturers in England, France, Germany and America. Every desirable new creation is represented—sale starts this morning.

Our full assortments of both Black and Colored Wool Fabrics are now ready.

**Crepe de Paris**—Silk and wool, 42 inches wide, in shades of champagne, beige, tau, reseda, medium navy and French blue—at a yard, **\$1.00**.

**French Tweed Mixtures**—44 inches wide—a smooth and light-weight fabric, for skirts and shirt waist suits—at a yard, **\$1.00**.

**French Suitings**—46 inches wide—in all new tinted effects now so fashionable—a handsome imported material—at a yard, **\$1.25**.

**Galashields Cheviots**—Fancy effects—56 inches wide—in stylish looking colorings—correct for tailor suits and independent skirts—at a yard, **\$1.50**.

**French Voile**—44 inches wide—a small, fine mesh, in all the popular shades—for street and evening wear—also black—at a yard, **\$1.25**.

**French Worsteds Suitings**—48 inches wide, and novelty effects from Paris—designs and colorings confined to us for St. Louis—Prices, a yard, **\$1.75** to **\$3.00**.

**Beautiful Parisian Robe Patterns** and Pattern Suits of wool, etamine and canvas; also embroidered Linen Suits—not more than two alike—all styles are exclusive and cannot be obtained elsewhere in St. Louis. Prices range for full suit **\$35** to **\$125**.

### Clearing All Fine Furs

*At Great Reductions.*

Not one piece of fur is to be carried over, no matter how choice or how beautiful—prices on all have been radically cut. Many people wait for our Clearing Sale of Furs, knowing that very fine specimens, which on account of their rarity are necessarily expensive, can be had at a fraction of their real worth.

**Choice Persian Lamb Blouse**, with full sleeves and storm collar, lined with colored fancy silk—**\$120**, reduced from **\$165**.

**Choice Persian Lamb Eton**, with large roll collar of lambchilla, lined with fancy silk—**\$120**, reduced from **\$185**.

**Choice Persian Lamb Eton Coat**, collar revers and Russian sleeve finished in Oriental lace and silk applique—**\$200**, reduced from **\$300**.

**Choice Persian Lamb Blouse**, with collar revers of blended sable, with fancy lining—**\$135**, reduced from **\$200**.

**A Few Choice Sables Very Cheap.**

**\$85 Sable Scarf for \$60.** **\$150 Sable Scarf for \$100.**  
**\$125 Sable Scarf for \$85.** **\$125 Sable Muff for \$85.**

**Fur Boas, Pelerines, Four-in-Hands.**

Beautiful specimens of Sable, Fox, Mole, Persian Lamb, Blue Lynx, Mink and Black Fox.

Formerly were... **\$20.00, \$27.50, \$35.00** on up to **\$125.00.**  
 Now marked... **\$12.50, \$17.50, \$20.00** on up to **\$85.00.**

**Fur Muffs—Round and Flat Shapes.**

In Squirrel, Black Marten, Electric Seal, Ermine, Blue Fox and Sable Fox.

Now marked... **\$4.00, \$8.00, \$12.50** on up to **\$27.50.**  
 Formerly were... **\$7.00, \$12.50, \$20.00** on up to **\$45.00.**

### Washable Voile—20c per yard.

*A Fad of the Season.*

Another large consignment of this beautiful fabric will be placed on sale this morning. It consists of solid colors and shepherd checks, including Nile, reseda, cream, rose, pink, azure blue, champagne, black and Havana brown. Close reproduction of wool fabrics, at a yard, **20c**.

**First Showing To-day**—A splendid collection of Embroidered Swisses, Embroidered Batistes, Embroidered Mulls and Embroidered Robe Patterns—all styles exclusive.

**French Organdie**—Ten new exquisite styles to-day—there are natural size roses in full bloom, cluster of asters, moss roses, wild roses, begonias, bouquet of American beauties, Japanese tea roses, etc.—at a yard, **30c** and **50c**.

**Blue Linens**—February shipments are all here—open to-day—over 30 shades of blue, from the lightest azure to deep French blues, in several weaves and weights—a special blue linen, 36 inches wide, pure flax, is shown—at a yard, **50c**.

**Chambray**—Equal to imported—32 inches wide—in shirt-waist suits it looks like linen—it washes perfectly and comes in all the popular colors, such as linen, blue, pink, tan, green, rose, etc.—at a yard, **15c**.

**American Cambrics**—Many new designs—exact copies of expensive Madras and silk designs—this is our "special" brand—it has no equal at the price in styles or durability—full 36 inches wide—a yard, **12 1/2c**.

### New Paris Trimmings.

*"Metal" Braids for Spring.*

London and Paris say braids of all kinds will be used for trimming gowns this season. Plainly, "metal" effects will be extremely fashionable, for they are much in evidence among the "exclusive" designs.

Just Received—A large assortment of new plain and fancy Braids direct from Paris—gold and silver are interwoven in a great many, including all widths in new colors, from 1/4 inch to 2 inches wide—prices are, a yard, **30c** to **\$2.75**.

Also on sale to-day for first time a lot of gold and silver Braids and Beading, in widths from 1/4 to 2 inches wide.

**Extreme Novelties** in new garnitures for cloth and wash gowns, representing entirely new designs, at each, **\$15.00** to **\$40.00**.

### Embroideries—New arrivals

high-art novelties in colored embroideries for trimming wash dresses—in straight bands, some in detachable designs.

Prominent among the new color effects are white and red, white and green, white and black; also navy—many are in batiste shades—prices, **30c** to **\$1.75**.

### White Goods—Spring Styles.

An almost endless variety of new weaves and styles for Shirt Waists and Shirt-Waist Suits. Additions to our immense showing of new fabrics of the past week.

At **30c**—Fancy Mercerized Waists, in beautiful flowered and scroll patterns.

At **50c**—Superb quality of Broche Madras, in Persian and fancy weaves.

At **40c**—White Poplin, the latest material for shirt-waist suits—guaranteed to launder.

At **40c**—New Piques, in the desirable soft finish, with fancy figures and spots.

At **\$1.50**—Extra quality French Piques, 25 inches wide, in figured stripes—**\$2.50** and **\$2.25** values.

At **60c**—New Linen Etamine, with small snowflake and dot designs.

### Exclusive Import Corsets.

*\$5.00 to \$25.00.*

Our new French "Parame" Models for Spring will be acknowledged by their wearers to be unequalled for beauty of contour and finish—they lend grace to the figure and lead developments along natural lines.

At **\$5.00**—"Parame" No. AA, of dainty pink and white and blue and white striped fabrics; satin-ribbon bound and bow, with attractive front and side jarretelles—for slender and average figures.

At **\$6.50**—"Parame" No. B, especially suitable for singers and those indulging in athletic sports—opening lugs in the bust—conductive to deep breathing—also made with jarretelles.

At **\$9.50**—"Parame" No. B 200—fresh shipment of a fine French corset, with long hips, front and side jarretelles—this model is well known—it is in great favor with many of our patrons, and will be continued this season.

At **\$10.00** to **\$25.00**—The most approved models for slender and full figures, made in the newest fabrics, including silk brocades, brocaded and plain silk batistes—many are real lace-trimmed.

### "New McGee" Petticoats.

*\$2.00 up to \$5.00.*

A new feature—"adjustable" without the yoke is the new improved "McGee" Petticoat. Always perfect fitting. To make the appearance more smooth in front and over hip under light-weight materials seven gores have been introduced. All have that superb tailor finish which is a "McGee" characteristic. We are able to fit all figures.

At **\$2.00**—"New McGee" Black Satene Petticoat, with umbrella flounce, with pleated foot ruffle.

At **\$3.00**—"New McGee" Black Italian Cloth Petticoat, with full triple circular ruffle.

At **\$4.75**—"New McGee" Black Silk Moreen Petticoat, with umbrella flounce and foot ruffles.

At **\$5.00**—"New McGee" Black Brilliantine Petticoat, with circular flounce and stitched tucks.

### Sorois Boots and Oxfords.

*New Spring Styles.*

The quality of material and workmanship used in their making enables them to stand the test of wet weather and hard service—they always keep their shape, and correct shape means correct style always.

"Sorois" are the only ready-made Shoes for women that have all the merits of the custom-made article.

**New Sorois Oxford**—made of imported patent leather—very soft and light—with hand-turned soles—1 1/2-inch French heels—a dress shoe for dancing and evening wear—widths, AA to D—sizes 1 1/2 to 8—Price **\$3.50**.

**New Lace Shoe**—A Woman's patent Colt Lace Shoe, with welted soles and Cuban heels—made with dull mat kid tops—a very stylish walking boot—widths AAA to D—sizes 2 1/2 to 8—Price **\$3.50**.

### Undermuslin Reductions.

*Sale of Soiled Garments.*

How quickly dainty fine goods become soiled at this season of the year. We keep fresh lots coming all the time to keep our stocks bright and crisp. To-day we have a general clearing of "odd lots" and "soiled" garments. Prices average about as follows:

**\$1.75 Corset Covers, 68c.** **\$2.50 Chemises, \$1.98.**  
**\$3.50 Corset Covers, \$1.75.** **\$6.50 Chemises, \$3.75.**  
**\$10.00 Corset Covers, \$6.95.** **\$10.50 Chemises, \$6.45.**  
**\$1.00 Drawers, 79c.** **\$2.50 Gowns, \$1.98.**  
**\$4.50 Drawers, \$3.48.** **\$6.00 Gowns, \$3.95.**  
**\$7.50 Drawers, \$5.75.** **\$12.75 Gowns, \$9.75.**

## CONVICT HIDES UNDER BUGGY SEAT.

Penitentiary in broad daylight in a novel manner. Washington is a young inmate of slight build, and was employed in the sole-leather department of the J. B. Bruns Shoe Company. Last Friday afternoon Washington walked out of the Bruns factory, which is located inside the Penitentiary walls, and crawled inside of a storm buggy which was standing outside and secreted himself under the seat, securely hidden from view. Lying flat on his side and curling about in a circle, he filled but a small space.

As quitting time Treasurer Ed Dulle, accompanied by his assistant, Frank Zuber, and Clerk Watts, came out of the factory office, and getting into the buggy drove off and out of the prison, entirely unconscious of the fourth occupant of the vehicle. Clerk Zuber raised the covering

of the seat of the storm buggy and placed a package inside and failed to notice the convict. When the occupants reached downtown Mr. Zuber and Watts got out and took the package out of the rear of the buggy. Mr. Dulle driving out to his home, at the west end of the city, where he tied his horse and went inside.

As soon as it grew dark Washington emerged from his hiding place and struck out across the country in his convict clothes, while the prison guards, who had missed him at supper, sought high and low inside the walls, thinking Washington had hid out in the factory.

Saturday morning farmers ten miles west of Jefferson City reported that a negro convict had broken into a farmhouse and armed with a big shoe knife forced a donation of some clothing. A general pursuit was organized and Sunday Washington was recaptured at Elston and to-day returned to the Penitentiary.

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## DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT FOR CZAR.

Hundreds of Russians Seek Naturalization Papers in District Court at Hays City, Kas.

Hays City, Kas., Feb. 14—As a result of the war in the Orient, the District Court here is besieged with applicants for citizenship.

There are hundreds of Russians in this county who now seek naturalization papers to avoid taking chances of being compelled to return to their native land to be drafted in the army.

They are not posted on what could be

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done in such cases, but are determined to arrange matters so that there will be no doubt as to their future.