

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

**WASHINGTON**  
Commissioner Peffer reports to the State Department that prospects seem bright for the construction of the Pan-American Railway. Only 4,800 miles are now lacking to connect New York City with Buenos Ayres.  
President Roosevelt's influence in State politics is becoming marked. While pending to him "trains of" it is said he is actively at work in Illinois, Ohio and New York trying to nominate tickets and build up fences to strengthen his own position.

**WAR IN THE FAR EAST.**  
Detailed reports of the fourth battle of Port Arthur, on Thursday, March 10, show that it was the most important engagement of the war to date, lasting from 4 o'clock in the morning till 2 in the afternoon, and resulting in serious injury to the Russian vessels and fortifications, and the capture of one Russian torpedo boat.  
Grave rumors from Shanghai, London, Tokio and Cebu to the effect that Port Arthur has fallen or been evacuated are emphatically denied from Russian sources.

On hearing Admiral Togo's report of the last battle of Port Arthur, Tokio becomes excited for the first time since the outbreak of the war.  
Dalny is reported to have been practically destroyed in the bombardment of last Thursday.  
General Kuropatkin bids farewell to the people of Moscow, who send him to the front with cheers and prayers for the success of Russian arms.

The abandonment of the censorship on war news has united the Russian people as never before and revived confidence in the Government.  
A Russian man-of-war is patrolling the seas around Port Said and stopping all suspicious-looking vessels to ascertain their cargoes and destinations.  
The Car and his family spend Sunday sleigh-riding. They will resume their fast to-day.

**LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.**  
"Bill" Rudolph, bank robber and alleged murderer, will be taken to Union, Mo., for trial to-day.  
Patrolman John F. Cauley became suddenly deranged and attacked Sergeant Monahan and Patrolman Beckner with a knife. After a desperate struggle he was overpowered.  
Detectives claim to have damaging evidence against alleged safecracker.

A quarrel over six pig feet caused Henry Van to kill Peter Kibby. Van was captured after a chase to Belleville.  
C. W. Leadbeater, English theologian, began a series of lectures yesterday in Stumpf building.  
Doctor Lee, in a sermon at St. John's last night, secured city government.

James Nolan, 23 years old, living at No. 124 Biddle street, is shot and instantly killed in a saloon at Thirteenth street and Cass avenue.  
Young I. Fong was the first Chinese exhibitor to arrive in the city.  
Eighteen saloonkeepers were reported for alleged violations of the Sunday morning closing order.

Union veterans will bury Captain Thos. H. Mackin to-day.  
Frank Belle was killed by a train in Union Station in the presence of hundreds of persons.  
**SPORTING.**  
Cornwall knocked out Tracy in the eighth round of their battle.

**GENERAL DOMESTIC.**  
A snowstorm prevails over the greater portion of Missouri, Kansas and Illinois. At Kirksville, Mo., the snow became six inches deep. The fall is said to be of great benefit to winter wheat.  
Miners of the Carterville, Ill. district, at a mass meeting express themselves as in favor of accepting the proposed wage reduction.  
Fernando Walters and three of his children were burned to death near Garfield, Ark.

The Toledo Times, as well as political correspondents, concede the majority of Ohio's delegation to the National Democratic Convention to William R. Hearst.  
Senator Filmore, after an operation on his throat, is much improved, and in a few days will leave Washington for the South.  
The Boston book and job printers' strike has been settled.  
Apathy in Wall street reaches a point of almost utter stagnation. Thursday of last week was the dulliest of any day since New York became one of the world's great markets.

A Bloomington, Ill., man fell dead in the street while on his way home with medicine he had bought for his wife, who is quite ill.  
Lead and zinc prices advance under the strong competition of new buyers who enter the Joplin field. The reserve stock is getting low.

**SNOW BENEFITS WINTER WHEAT.**  
Blanket of White Covers Greater Portions of Missouri, Kansas and Illinois.

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
Kirksville, Mo., March 12.—A snowstorm set in here about 9:30 o'clock this morning and continued all day. It has fallen to a depth of about six inches and still falling.  
**BENEFIT TO WINTER WHEAT.**  
Kansas City, Mo., March 12.—A snowstorm, at some points the most severe of the winter, prevailed to-day in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. The snow began melting late in the day and will, it is believed, be of great benefit to winter wheat.  
**BLANKET OVER KANSAS.**  
Topeka, Kas., March 12.—A blanket of snow covers the entire State. Beginning with a sleet early this morning, the fall continued for six hours to a depth of three inches. Reports to railroad offices here say the storm extended throughout the wheat belt.

*Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney*  
**Handsome New Walking Suits.**

A great lot arrived on Friday and Saturday and quantities will arrive this morning by 9 o'clock. The new suits are different in materials and many new ideas in trimming and pleating have been introduced. You will lose by delaying your inspection, because only a few of the materials shown can be duplicated.  
An entirely new feature in to-day's showing is a Russian blouse style. In addition are many new ideas in Etons, blouses, Russian coat and English top coat effects.  
Materials include Etonnes, Voiles, Broadcloths, Cheviots, Scotch Mixtures, English Checks, Tweed and Mohairs in plain, checks and stripes; colors are gray, moose, tans, greens, blues; also blacks, at prices from..... **\$18.75 to \$100**

**March Sale New Shirt Waists.**

For this sale our stocks have been replenished with great quantities of the beautiful White Waists which created such a stir in our February Opening Sale on account of their pretty styles and very low prices.  
At \$1.00—Two styles of White Lawn—one with large tucks down front with cluster of smaller ones on either side of armhole; faceted cuffs and stock; the other has on the front of hemstitched tucks; six tucks down center of back, with hemstitched cuffs and stock.  
At \$1.25—Two styles of White Lawn—one has entire front of one-inch tucks faceted together, six tucks down center of back; the other has front of hemstitched box plait, back trimmed in four box plaits.  
At \$1.45—Three styles of White Lawn—one has all front of fine cluster tucks and small box plait; back the same; hemstitched cuffs and stock; another is made of bands of embroidery and tucks in front, tucked back, hemstitched cuffs and tab stock.  
At \$2.00—Pure Linen Shirt Waist, entire front made of half-inch tucks; French back; full sleeves and tab stock; trimmed in large pearl buttons; one of the most effective neat styles of the season.

**New Black Silk Waists at \$5.00.**

We will place on sale this morning a limited quantity of Silk Waists in two excellent spring models. One is a Black Peau de Soie Shirt Waist with deep round yoke of cluster tucking and faceting; the other is a Black Tulle Waist; has yoke of faceting; cluster tuck beginning at base of yoke, covering entire front; all sizes; 32 to 44; a special value at, each..... **\$5.00**

**Stylish Rainproof Ulsters.**

Many new styles arrived last week, more are promised for this morning. No one who has not had one of these garments can appreciate their adaptability—they're equally stylish, rain or shine—for motoring, shopping and traveling.  
At \$16.50—We show a very good-looking Rainproof Ulster, made with loose front, half-fitting back, full pouch sleeve and cape collar, in the very serviceable gun-metal and Oxford "showproof" mixtures.  
At \$20.00—Stylish Rainproof Ulster, with half-fitting back, confined to waist with belt, collarless style; comes in handsome tan and gray Scotch mixtures and is piped with red or blue, trimmed with brass buttons.

**Sale Fine White Petticoats.**

One of the highest class manufacturers of Women's Undermuslins offered us a lot of his finest white petticoats, which were made up and trimmed with exquisitely fine embroideries which he could not duplicate. So anxious was he to dispose of the entire lot that he named very low prices.  
Most of them resemble in design and effect the French hand-embroidered garments. No one who enjoys wearing beautiful undermuslins should miss this rare opportunity. Regular prices would be \$1.75 to \$2.00—sale prices are..... **\$1.50 to \$1.75**

**Sale of Sample French Corsets.**

We consider ourselves fortunate in obtaining this choice lot of Imported I. C. Sample Corsets.  
The higher the class of goods, as everyone knows, the more desirable are the samples, as the greatest amount of care and pains is taken in their construction to attain the highest degree of perfection.  
Only eight dozen all told, but one of a style of size; all the latest models in exquisite fabrics and trimmings; sizes 20, 21 and 22. They have become slightly soiled in showing; none would sell less than \$7.50, and some as high as \$27.50. Sale prices..... **\$3.75, \$4.95 and \$7.50**

**Women's Black Lace Hosiery, 58c**

An 85c quality; also several other very desirable styles in high-class imported Women's Hosiery. A small lot picked up accidentally by our European Buyer, who is always on the lookout for "snaps."  
Only 50 dozen in the purchase. We wish there were more. Women's fine quality Lisle Hose; black all-over Lace Hosiery; black gauze Lisle hose, with lace ankle; plain black Lisle hose; also black lace ankle Hose, with pretty colored embroidered fronts; all would sell regularly at 85c a pair. Sale price..... **58c**

**EIGHTEEN SALOON KEEPERS REPORTED.**  
Police Prefer Charges for Failure to Comply With Sunday Morning Closing Order.  
**LICENSES MAY BE REVOKED.**  
In the Central District Only Two Dramshop Out of Six Hundred Are Said to Have Remained Open.  
Eighteen saloonkeepers will be reported by the police to-day to Excise Commissioner Selbert for alleged violations of his order requiring them to close their places of business between 1 and 7 o'clock each Sunday morning.  
Among the dramshop keepers whose names will go to the Excise Commissioner to-day will be that of Edward M. Block, member of the House of Delegates from the Eighth Ward, who keeps a saloon at No. 170 South Broadway. His name will come in with those from the Third Police District, where there were three alleged violations.  
From the Central District, where there are nearly six hundred saloons, only two

*Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney*  
**First Exhibit—Novelty Silks.**

Our exclusive importations of Novelty Silk Tissues will be on view to-day, including Marquisette, Voile de Soie and Voile Ninon, the newest diaphanous fabrics for dressy gowns.  
We have just received a complete assortment of new shades, also white and black, at a yard..... **\$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.50**  
13 pieces 45-inch Crepe de Lyons, including white, black and colors, a yard..... **\$2.50**  
6 pieces 45-inch Crepe Impreme, showing white plaid dot on ground of rose, moose, beige, brown, gray and cobalt, a yard..... **\$3.00**  
Printed Mousseline de Soie, in large colored wafers, in colors and crystal spots, 15 kinds, 45-inch, at..... **\$1.00**  
Messaline and Messalinette, perfection in silk fabrics; white, black, street and evening shades, a yard..... **\$1.00 to \$1.50**  
Broche and Printed Voile de Soie, in the latest mode, showing coin spots and medallions on plain foundations, and wreath and floral effects on white and tinted grounds; exclusive patterns,.... **\$15 to \$75**

**Black Silks Underpriced.**

The second shipment of some, the first lot of two. In the list will be found some of this season's most favored weaves. The Tourist Silk is indeed a most unusual value.  
75c a Yard—20-inch black Peau de Cygne, in a superb, bright finish.  
85c a Yard—21-inch black Peau de Cygne, in a beautiful soft quality.  
\$1.00 a Yard—22-inch black Peau de Cygne; would be good value at \$1.25 a yard.  
85c a Yard—27-inch black Clifton Tulle, now so popular for shirt-waist suits; a \$1.00 quality.  
96c a Yard—22-inch black Moire Antique, Faucoune for coats and skirts; \$2.00 kind.  
85c a Yard—25-inch Tourist Silk; absolutely spot proof.

**New Woolen Fabrics—Colored.**

Our second importations are here and include the latest foreign productions—many new weaves and color effects. To delay buying means selecting from smaller assortments. Our stock is complete.  
Real French Printed Challis on light and medium grounds, with spots, small figures and hair lines, a yard..... **50c to 60c**  
English Mohairs, in new and stylish fancy effects, so popular this season, a yard..... **50c**  
50-inch fine Cheviots, for independent skirts, in navy, brown, tan, at, a yard..... **85c**  
48-inch Heather Suitings, in beautiful color combinations, especially adapted for tailor gowns, a yard..... **\$1.00**  
50-inch Scotch mixtures, in tones of gray, blue, tan and brown, a yard..... **\$1.25**  
50-inch fine Broadcloth, all new shades, with a permanent finish that spots well; one of the best values we ever had, at, a yard..... **\$1.25**

**Rich Black Dress Goods.**

For Shirt-Waist Suits we have gathered materials from home and abroad until we can say that there is not a fashionable fabric or new weave of merit that is not represented.  
Mohairs and Brilliantines, more weights and qualities than ever before, at 50c to \$2 a yard. Voiles and Etamines in a large and varied assortment of weights and meshes at \$1 to \$2 a yard.  
42-inch Silk and Wool Eolienne at..... **\$1.25**  
42-inch All Wool Whipcord at, a yard..... **\$1.25**  
42-inch Crepe Mero at, a yard..... **\$1.25**  
42-inch Armure Royal at, a yard..... **\$1.25**  
46-inch Mohair Crepe at, a yard..... **\$1.50**  
44-inch Satin Liberty at, a yard..... **\$1.50**  
44-inch Mohair Twine Cloth, a yard..... **\$1.50**

**Sale Men's Handkerchiefs, 15c.**

The best selling Handkerchief for men with us is a superior quality pure linen Cambric Handkerchief, with the desirable 1/4-inch hem; an excellent value at twenty-five cents.  
We have just received a shipment of 200 dozen of these quarter Handkerchiefs for men, not "seconds," but perfect, regular goods bought for under value, so we can sell them in Broadway Handkerchief Section, instead of 25c, each..... **15c**

**New Sorosis Oxfords, \$3.50.**

Their equals are not to be found in other makes for less than \$5.00. This fact is generally known, and during the season it is impossible to keep stock replenished in all sizes. Six new models are now ready.  
Dress Oxford—Style 690 is one of the six, very stylish, made of imported patent leather; plain toe, no tip, high French heels and hand-turned width, at, a pair..... **\$3.50**

*Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney*  
**Washable Dress Linens, 50c.**

All the latest weaves, particularly the very heavy-looking, coarse meshes, will be very prominent in our splendid Wash Goods display to-day. We show for the first time the new hand-woven homemade linen in Blue ette shade.  
Also the Linen Poplins in all shades of blue, pink, green, champagne, gray, etc.; Butcher's Linens in all the fashionable tints; Canvas Linens and colored Linen Serims.  
These are our direct importation, the pick of Irish, English, German and French productions, and cannot be procured elsewhere in St. Louis. We have the largest assortment ever brought to this city; all at one price. Special, at a yard..... **50c**

**Washable Barge, exceedingly cool.**

Madras, an immense assortment; 500 pieces of printed and woven Madras that represents the latest ideas for 1904. Most all are white grounds, with black and colored designs, suitable for shirt-waist dresses, frocks and children's wear, etc.; prices, a yard..... **20c, 25c, 30c and 35c**  
**Foreign Chambrays**, of very fine texture, perfect handering and lasting colors; gun-metal shades, grays, bluettes, etc., a yard..... **25c**  
**New Dress Gingham** and American Chambrays, "equal to Imported," all the newest styles, in plain, fancy, checks, plaids, dots, rings; at least 500 new styles, a yard, **12 1/2c**

**White Mercerized Madras, 30c.**

A 40c quality—one of the most popular white fabrics of the season, in a great variety of new handsome scroll, figured and dotted patterns. They have a very lustrous finish, which adds to the clearness and richness of the designs—special value at, a yard..... **30c**  
At 50c a Yard—Large Cable Oxford Weave Suiting, a decided novelty and a 75c value.  
At 60c a Yard—A 42-inch 85c quality Linen Voile Suiting.  
At \$1.75 a Yard—A new French novelty in Pineapple Tissue, one of the prettiest cloths of the season; a \$2.00 value.

**Laces and Veilings From Paris.**

Second to your enjoyment of looking is our pleasure in showing such beautiful Laces and Garnitures as our stock contains. The variety was never so large as this year—it would be interesting to know the exact number of persons who conceived the innumerable designs.  
From the 1-2-inch to the 15-inch wide, not only in white and ecru, but a large collection of colored effects in bands, edges and flouncings, all of which match. Our stock leaves nothing to be desired. They are our own selections abroad and are guaranteed exclusive. Prices range from, a yard..... **25c to \$7.50**  
**New Veilings**—Direct from Paris, a splendid collection, both by the yard and in made-up Veils, in plain mesh; also large and small dots; white, black and colors. The styles are all different from any previously shown and cannot be seen outside of this store in St. Louis; prices, a yard..... **25c to \$3.00**

**Important Sale of Bedding.**

Bedspreads, Comfortables and Cotton Blankets at prices interesting to hotel and boarding-house keepers. These goods have just been received. They were contracted for six months ago. Consequently our prices are one-third less than to-day's prevailing prices.  
Crocket Spreads, double bed size, all white, 80c and 95c values, for 60c and 70c.  
Crocket Spreads, 3-4 bed size, Marselles patterns, worth \$1.00, for 75c.  
Crocket Spreads, double bed size, new design, \$1.15 and \$1.35 kind, 85c and \$1.00.  
Crocket Spreads, double bed size, all choice patterns, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, for..... **\$1.15 and \$1.35**  
20 cases of silklike Comfortables, for double beds, worth \$1.25, for 95c.  
500 pairs fancy cotton Blankets, worth \$1.00, for..... **80c**  
1,000 pairs white cotton Blankets, worth 90c; also gray, at a pair,..... **68c**  
700 pairs of double bed size gray all choice patterns, worth \$1.50 a pair; also in tan, at a pair..... **\$1.15**

**Rugs—Oriental and Domestic.**

We are heavily stocked on Domestic Rugs for spring selling. As the demand for Rugs will be very great, a selection now will insure getting choice colorings and designs.  
In room sizes we have the best grades in Wiltons, Body Brussels, Axminsters and Smyrnas in new designs at the lowest prices; also all the small sizes from a door mat to a sofa size in all the above grades.  
**Oriental Rugs**—A large and comprehensive collection of all the rare old carpets in Carpets, Hall Rugs and an immense assortment of smaller sizes; an inspection is invited.

**SALOON QUARREL ENDS IN FATALITY.**

Seven men and the negro porter are and instantly killed at 8 o'clock yesterday held in connection with the shooting. They refuse to talk. The police believe that Nolan became involved in a dispute with men in the saloon over the payment of drinks, which led to the shooting.  
Edward Maher, the bartender, living at No. 149 Blair avenue; Mike Galvin, No. 145 North Seventh street, and Clem Schenck, No. 126 Cass avenue, were in the saloon at the time. Maher claims that he had his back turned and was cleaning glasses on the bar when the shooting occurred.  
Oscar Tarance, the negro porter, says that he was in the back yard working when the shot was fired, and when he ran into the saloon he saw two men run out of the front door and the same number making exit through the back door. He found Nolan lying on the floor.  
Nolan was a member of a club in the neighborhood, and the police believe he had a quarrel with other members of this club earlier in the day. Members of the club arrested are James Kelly, 28 years old, No. 128 Cass avenue; Dan Beardon, 22 years old, No. 3249 Lucky street, and Thomas McLaughlin, 22 years old, No. 3018 Wash street. Late last night John King, 32 years old, No. 126 North Third street, was arrested at Tenth and Cass avenue by Patrolmen Dwyer and Stewart. He says he was not in the saloon at the time of the shooting.  
The inquest will be held to-day.

**ASK POLICE TO FIND KING.**

Sick Wife in Chicago Unable to Support Children.  
Acting Chief of Police Gillaspay yesterday received a pitiful appeal from Mrs. Thomas King of No. 27 South Sangamon street, Chicago, who begs, for her children's sake, that the police try and find her husband.  
Mrs. King writes that her husband, a boiler setter, told some friends before leaving Chicago four weeks ago that he was coming to St. Louis with bridge-workers.  
"I have kept the light burning in the hall and the door unlocked, but he does not come back," she writes. "I have four little children, but am ill and unable to support them. Please try to find him for me."  
The police will make every effort to ascertain if King is in St. Louis.

**Judge Stanton Dying.**

**REPUBLIC SPECIAL.**  
St. Joseph, Mo., March 12.—William M. Stanton, aged 55 years, presiding Judge of the Buchanan County Court, is believed to be dying at his home near Agency Ford to-night. He has been a factor in the Democratic politics of this county for many years.

**WOMAN STRUCK WITH HATCHET.**

Charged with striking his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Katie Anderson, on the head with a hatchet, James Anderson of No. 1215 South Third street is under arrest at the Four Courts. Mrs. Anderson is suffering from a scalp wound, which she refused to have dressed at the Dispensary. Anderson was intoxicated. He was arrested by Patrolman Wall at No. 154 North Broadway.

**DESERTED FROM ARMY.**

Edward E. Williams was arrested at the Salvation Army barracks last night by Patrolman Farley. He admits that he deserted from the United States Army at Detroit, Mich., in June, 1903. He enlisted at Kansas City in December, 1901.

**JOHN NOLAN.**  
Who was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning in Delegate Timothy McCall's saloon, No. 130 Cass avenue.

**Married Women**  
Every woman covets a shapely, pretty figure, and many of them deplore the loss of their girlish forms after marriage. The bearing of children is often destructive to the mother's shapeliness. All of this can be avoided, however, by the use of **Mother's Friend** before baby comes, as this great liniment always prepares the body for the strain upon it, and preserves the symmetry of her form. **Mother's Friend** overcomes all the danger of child-birth, and carries the expectant mother safely through this critical period without pain. It is woman's greatest blessing. Thousands gratefully tell of the benefit and relief derived from the use of this wonderful remedy. Sold by all druggists at \$1.00 per bottle. Our little book, telling all about this liniment, will be sent free.

The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga. **Mother's Friend**



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