

Brilliant Overgarment for the Matron



FASHION seems more steadfast in continuing to favor beaded and spangled tunics and dress trimmings than we had reason to expect. But such wonderful things are wrought by means of beads, sparkling rhinestones and mock jewels, that there is nothing just to take their places. Besides, the variety possible in using these vehicles is unending.

Nearly all the tunics, coats and overdresses that glimmer and sparkle with sequins or beads are made of net to which the beads or spangles are sewed. But occasionally a splendid tunic or dress ornament is made entirely of strands of beads or brilliants without a fabric foundation. It is worn over a gown of satin and chiffon usually for these seem to form just the right background.

A really gorgeous overgarment of beads, suited to a matronly wearer, is shown in the picture given here.

A study of it will reveal a wonderfully clever use of strands of beads in festoons and fringes and a wonderfully graceful shaping of them into the bodice and tunic. Splendid as this beautiful thing is, it is not for the youthful or the very slender woman. A cer-

tain type is required to carry it off. It is worn to best advantage by a woman of robust physique and in the prime of life.

There is any number of less gorgeous tunics for women under forty, and for young women. They are not less beautiful but more suited to the age of wearers who are not yet old enough for the last word in elaboration of apparel.

Among the prettiest of fabrics for young girls are "dew drop" nets and chiffons. Light colors with the smallest globules of a composition that looks like glass, scattered all over the surface, make their name the most appropriate choice. They are inexpensive and are to be had in both plain and flowered chiffon and in nets.

It is not likely that fashion will cease to welcome bead-sprinkled fabrics and ornaments glistening with the brilliance of beads and jewels. However, capricious the goddess of fashion may be she knows when to exercise her wisdom. She will not frown upon some things as fine, old laces, and such stuff as appears in the splendid costume pictured here.

Shoes Fashionable Today



THE cloth-topped shoe continues to reign supreme as the favorite in the realm of footwear. With black leather vamp and uppers of cloth in tan, chamol, gray or fawn color, and in many shades of these, it extends its conquests. Many styles in all-black are made for those of the quietest taste, with leather vamps and cloth tops in which little intricacies of design and stitching supply novelty and distinction. Shoes having bronze vamps are made with uppers in brown cloth.

Whether these shoes will be superseded by others cut low and worn with colored stockings remains for the spring and summer to disclose. But for the present, and for some months to come, the boot with the colored cloth vamp and sometimes a cloth-covered heel is the only wear for those who keep up with the mandates of fashion.

Certain expedients that make for economy are noticed in the showings of footwear. Gaiters, or spats, of light-weight cloth have been made, to be worn over black shoes or with low shoes, to give the effect of the shoe with light-colored uppers. They fit smoothly, and if one wishes to use black shoes already in the wardrobe, instead of buying an extra pair or two, the light gaiter answers the purpose perfectly.

In the illustration given here the choicest styles are shown and they make plain the graceful and conservative shapes that combine good sense and beauty in design. Toes are not too narrow, heels are not too high. Cloth proves to be as durable as leather, and the shoe with cloth uppers is the smartest and most attractive footwear that has been in vogue for years.

It is not easy to picture a pair of riding boots and convey anything more than a general idea of shape and proportion. A pair is included in the illustration, showing no new departure from the accepted styles of last season. In slippers, especially for dancing, there are so many novel and lovely ideas that a future article will be necessary, dealing with them alone.

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High-Grade Plain Ribbons.

For dressing garniture, very wide, plain ribbons are in high esteem, says the Dry Goods Economist. Failles, satins, moires and ottoman effects in the better grades of goods are all scheduled for attention. Failles, perhaps, enjoy the greatest confidence, but, this season, styles in dresses are sufficiently varied to offer opportunity for all the varieties mentioned. They will be used chiefly in girde forms to aid in accentuating this smart high and semihigh-waisted lines.

MANY WAR RELICS

OMAHA FAMILY RECEIVES REMINDER OF GREAT STRUGGLE.

WAR'S REALITY BROUGHT HOME

The Collection Consists of Many Marred and Scarred Accoutrements of the Armies.

COMING EVENTS.

State Association of Bonded Abstractors, at Lincoln, February 9 and 10.
County Treasurers' state meeting, Hastings, February 9-10.
Fourteenth annual convention of Nebraska Retail Hardware association, Omaha, Feb. 9-12.
Nebraska League of Municipalities at Lincoln, February 10-11.
Convention of county and city boards of health at Lincoln, Feb. 10-11.
Tenth Annual Omaha Automobile Show at Omaha, Feb. 15 to 20.
State Peace Society annual meeting at Lincoln, February 17.
State Federation of Retailers' convention, Lincoln, Feb. 23-29.
State high school basketball tournament, Lincoln, March 10 to 13.
Nebraska-Iowa Cement Users' meeting, Omaha, first week in March.

Omaha.—Coats torn by bayonet thrusts, canteens, punctured by bullets, bursted shells, shoe from the foot of a German trooper, a story-telling leather pouch from the equipment of a French militiaman, the military book of a Prussian fighter, the spikeless helmet of a German uhlan, the leather belt from the body of a dead British Tommy, and bullets, shells and other war-stained equipment have been received by the Brandels family. The reality of the world conflict is brought home vividly by the scarred accoutrements. The book of the Prussian warrior tells that back home he left a wife, a mother, and saddest of all, three babies. The card with the book simply says: "Note book found on the body of a dead soldier." The German soldier's shoe, the heel wrapped in an iron covering, with its heavy leather, carefully sewed sole, double strengthened eyelets and stout strings tells better than any war story how thoroughly the German soldiery were equipped for the life battle of their country. The shoe is a big one and a big, smiling-faced German husband and father probably wore it, as he stepped lightly into the war of millions. It is only slightly worn, showing how quickly death came. The notation simply says: "Shoe of the Prussian guard. Found at Vincy, near Ldzy, September 5, 1914."

Nebraska Patents.

Omaha.—Official list of letters patent invention, issued from Washington for the week ending January 23, are:

Charles O. Anderson, of Omaha, assignor, by mesne assignments, of two-thirds to L. D. Spaulding, for slack adjuster for railway brakes.

Herbert E. Atchison, assignor to M. E. Atchison of Lincoln, for clamp for angle iron posts and the like.

John L. Fogle and V. L. Fogle of Fairbury, for pump.

James H. Hunter of Omaha, for harnessing the underflow adjacent to streams in sand strata.

Thomas J. Nash of Lincoln, for high pressure cooking utensil.

Charles H. Van Nostrand of Omaha, for axle-bearing.

Students Burn Old Bonds.

Crete.—Students of Doane college recently held a celebration to watch the burning of cancelled \$10,000 bonds of the college, which have been paid off as a result of a money gathering campaign in the last few months. A bonfire marked the occasion.

Died While He Was Laughing.

Hastings.—While conversing and laughing with a friend in his home here Will T. Peterson died suddenly of heart failure. Sitting comfortably in his easy chair his head suddenly fell back ward and death came without a struggle.

Fire Destroyed Elevator.

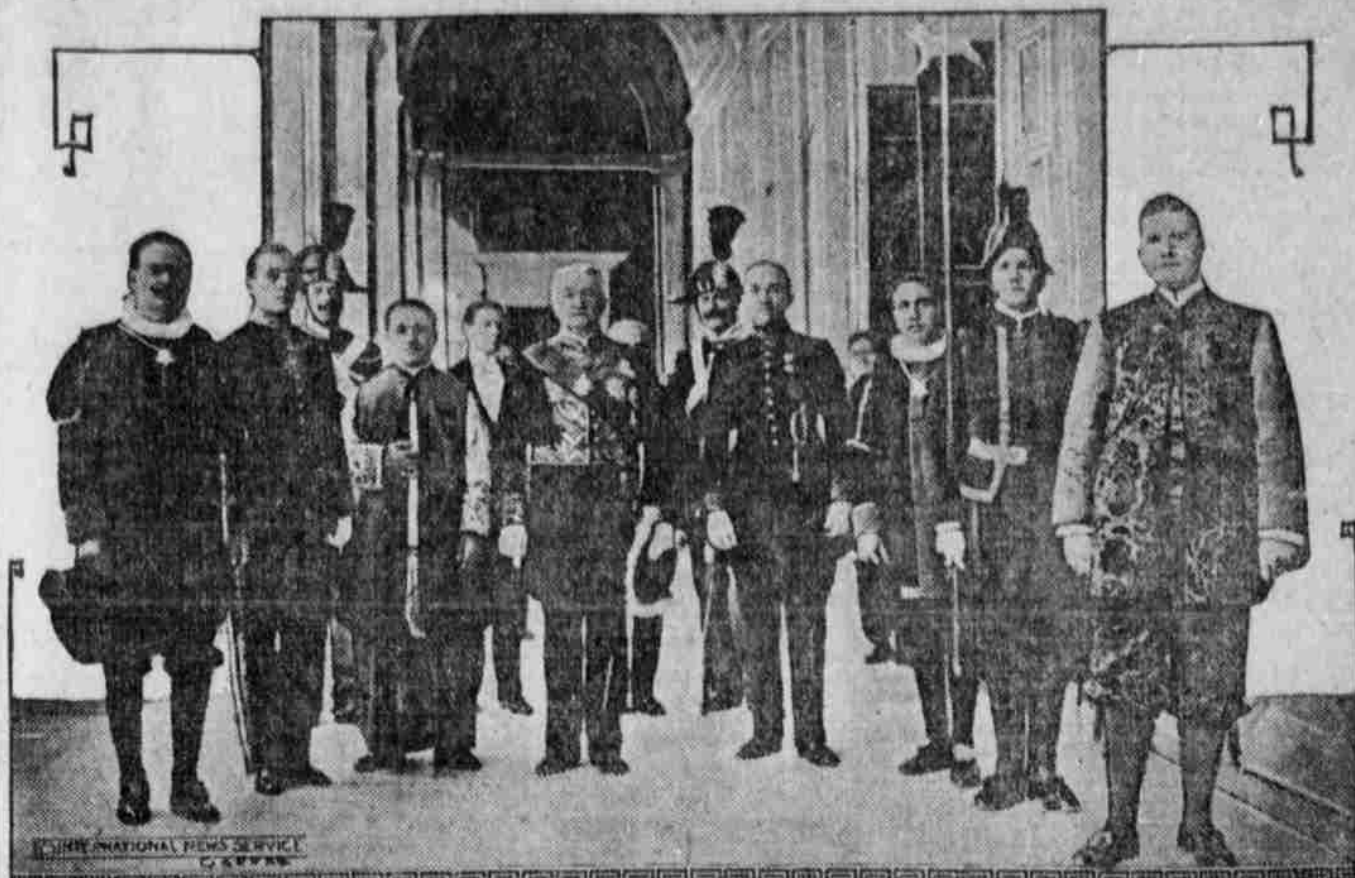
Hastings.—Fire destroyed the west elevator of the Hastings Milling company, containing about 12,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is estimated at about \$25,000.

Smalls Will be Postmaster.

Fremont.—Nat W. Smalls is the choice of the patrons of the Fremont postoffice to hold the postmastership, paying a salary of \$3,000 a year.

Militia Equipment Sent to Nebraska. Lincoln.—Adjutant General Hall has received a shipment from the War department of three carloads of supplies for the Nebraska National Guard. The shipment includes ten supply wagons, ambulances, clothing, etc. General Hall is hard put to find room for the large shipment.

BRITAIN SENDS AMBASSADOR TO VATICAN



Sir Henry Howard (in center), the first ambassador sent to the Vatican by Great Britain in centuries, and his staff on their way to present their credentials to Pope Benedict XV.

CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS OF PERSIA FIGHT TURKS



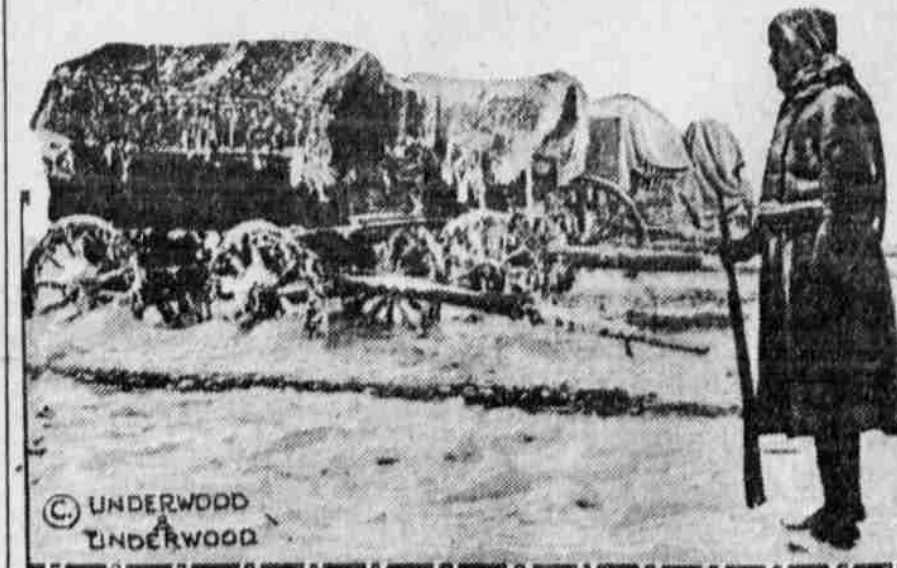
The people of Mavana, a town on the Turco-Persian frontier, 15 miles from Ourmia City, the only Christian inhabitants of Persia with the privilege of carrying arms, valiantly defended their homes when the Turks invaded this neutral territory in order to turn the flank of the Russian army in the Caucasus. These brave soldiers, considered by many as the best fighters in the Turco-Persian region, have joined the regular armed force of the Persian government.

SCHOOL BOYS RUN A REAL BANK



In the Grover Cleveland public school in Washington the boys are conducting a real bank under supervision of the teachers. Three days after the bank opened there were sixty depositors and \$61 on the deposit slips. Ten cents is the minimum with which an account can be opened. Left to right behind the desk are the two young bank officials: Frank Baxter, teller, and Alvin Riggles, cashier.

STORMY WEATHER IN SERBIA



Servian sentinel doing guard duty over a commissary train in the midst of one of the fierce snow storms that have been sweeping over that country.

New Mineral.

In the course of recent microscopical study of a number of samples from the old Searles' deep well at Searles lake, San Bernardino county, California, several minerals were found which could not be determined optically. A

chemical analysis of one of these showed it to be a hydrous borosilicate of sodium, and the name Searlesite is proposed for the new mineral, after John W. Searles, the pioneer, who put down the deep well from which the specimen came.

JUST FROM THE TRENCHES



This French soldier, mud stained and weary, welcomed the respite from his arduous watch in the trenches.

NATIONS WITH SMALL ARMIES

Three, at Least, Should Have Little Trouble in Disbanding Their Military Forces.

If ever the disarmament of the world occurs, there will be several countries that will not have much to do in that line, such as, for instance, Monaco, the army of which comprises 75 guards, 75 carabinieri and 20 firemen.

Another diminutive army is that of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, which numbers 135 gendarmes, 176 volunteers, and 30 musicians. The republic of San Marino can put in the field a total of nine companies consisting of 950 men and 38 officers commanded by a marshal. The army on a peace footing consists of one company of 60 men.

The fighting force of the "Black republic," Liberia, is composed of 706 men and almost a many officers. Liberia, however, evidently considers its army a formidable one, since, upon the occasion of hostilities between any of the powers, it always issues a proclamation of neutrality.