

**Pile Fabrics for Midwinter Suits**



A novel pile fabric, of high luster and great suppleness, appears in the suit pictured here. It has made it possible to vary the expression of the mode in velvet and fur and has therefore merited and received much consideration. The surface is broken by stripes or blocks or other forms, made by the direction of the pile and not by color contrasts or by shades of one color. The management of the surface in this way produces very elegant effects, and the material is suited to the handsomest of gowns and wraps.

In the suit pictured the skirt has a moderate flare with the direction of the stripes cleverly managed to emphasize it. The front and back seams are on a diagonal of the goods, and there is little fullness about the waist line. It is longer than the average suit-skirt, and is finished with a band of fur.

The designer of this model has attended to the management of stripes in the coat with the same care that is evidenced in the skirt. In the body and sleeves the stripes are vertical, but in the flaring pelum they run around the figure with a slant toward

the bottom of the skirt toward the back.

The waist line is defined by a narrow belt of the material with overlapping tabs at the back fastened down with small crochet buttons. The sleeves are finished with a band and tab, and the hand edged with fur which extends over the hand and opens at the outer side. The standing collar of velvet, edged with fur, is as wide as it is possible to wear it.

The manufacturers of velvets and other pile fabrics have been working to the end of making them as light in weight as it is possible to weave them. After arriving at light weight and suppleness they have created novelties by departing from plain surfaces. These novelties eliminate the need for trimmings or ornament to a very great degree. But their richness is matched by that of fur.

During the present season handsome plaids have appeared in velvets, presenting three colors sparingly used on dark grounds, or two-toned checks. These are made up with chiffon in the bodices and very little ornament, the fabric presenting variety enough without trimming.

**Contributed to the Christmas Season**



Now that Christmastime is near, and decisions as to gifts must be made, the consideration of comfort will help in settling the distracted mind of the Christmas shopper. The gift that bears with it comfort as well as remembrance is many times welcome.

A number of knitted and crocheted novelties have been brought out for the holidays. They are all intended to fortify those who receive them against the cold, and they include items of apparel for everyone. Since it has become fashionable to occupy all the time, otherwise unoccupied, with knitting and crocheting, and all sorts of needlework, the number of comfortable, little additions to the wardrobe has been increased by many new things.

Among them are morning jackets, such as also made of thin fabrics and laces. These are crocheted of light zephyrs and adorned with ribbons. There are many knitted vests, shaped like those shown in the picture, which are machine made.

These machine-made vests for women who haven't time for handwork, make quite satisfactory substitutes for it. They are shown in patterns and colors to suit all ages, and are to be worn under the top coat in extreme weather. Or they are made in light colors to be slipped on between dances, over the evening frock or whenever protection against the cold requires them. Designers always bear in mind that the wearers expect to look their prettiest in evening dress, and since the mode in evening dress is much beribboned, these vests gayly follow it with rosettes and flying ends of color.

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**Small Sailor Hats.**

A rather small sailor hat is prettily trimmed with a band of ribbon around the crown, finished with a simple flat bow, two ends hanging over the brim in the back.

**FOR BIGGER MILITIA**

**BUSINESS MEN OF STATE PLAN TO ASSIST NATIONAL GUARD.**

**AWAIT ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS**

**Many Prominent Merchants Offer As An Inducement to Young Men to Join Guard Themselves.**

Lincoln—Plans for co-operation between the national guard and business men of the state on a scale heretofore thought impossible may result from the general support found over Nebraska for President Wilson's "adequate preparedness" program.

The matter is in the bud as yet, but stands a chance of coming to a full bloom as soon as a line is obtained on the attitude congress takes toward the citizen soldiery. Numerous business men of high caliber who have talked the matter over among themselves and with national guard officers, say that more Nebraska young men should be shown the good that will accrue to them if they interest themselves in guard activities. Many business men have offered to set a splendid example by going into the organization themselves.

**Rules for Poem Contest.**

Rules covering the \$100 prize contest for the best poem on Nebraska to be recited or sung at the semi-centennial celebration of the admission of this state to the union were announced by State Superintendent of Instruction A. O. Thomas. The poem must be suited to Nebraska, not less than four stanzas nor more than six. There will be a second prize of \$100 for a musical setting for the poem. Meter suitable for music should be used. The poem should be written on one side of the paper only. The contest is open to all residents of Nebraska. The author's name and address should be enclosed with the poem. The poem should be in the hands of the committee not later than March 1, 1916.

**Sustains State Secretary.**

Deputy Attorney General Barret has prepared an opinion in which he sustains Secretary of State Pool in his conclusion that the primary election should be held on Tuesday, April 18, and not on Friday, April 21. His opinion is based on the fact that the commission on codification changed the old statute, fixing the time for the primary forty-five days prior to June 1 and fixed it for the third Tuesday in April. The legislature adopted the statute as presented by the commission, so the law as so changed became the law of the state.

**Alfalfa Second Crop.**

Regal glory is reflected in the announcement of Queen Alfalfa to the state through the medium of the state agricultural board. With a gain noted by King Corn his throne partner adds glory to herself by reporting a gain of nearly 800,000 tons for this season. The total crop for the state amounted to 4,088,598 tons for the present year. That total is compared to 3,208,000 tons last year, 2,496,000 tons in 1913 and 1,845,703 tons in 1908. The total acreage this year was 1,191,310.

**May Build New Plant.**

The Frest-O-Lite company, a corporation in Indiana, has written Labor Commissioner Coffey, asking for information regarding the workmen's compensation law of Nebraska. The company does a big business in this and other state, recharging batteries, and, heretofore, the batteries have been shipped away for recharging. The contents of the letter would indicate that the company contemplates the erection of a branch plant somewhere in this state.

**Car Shortage Not So Bad.**

With a slight letup in the movement of grain to market the freight car shortage is not quite as acute. Freight officials assert that should there be a bulge in wheat and other grain prices the car situation would be the worst in the history of the west.

**First Cheese Factory.**

The first cheese factory to receive a permit by the state pure food department was given one recently. The factory is located in Wayne county in the town of Haskins and is owned by Henry Herberer.

**Sunday School Day a Success.**

Fifty-five counties of the state report as follows on the "Come-to-Sunday-School" day, recently observed. Six hundred and fifty-two schools reports a total attendance of 61,982, and 46,976 church attendance.

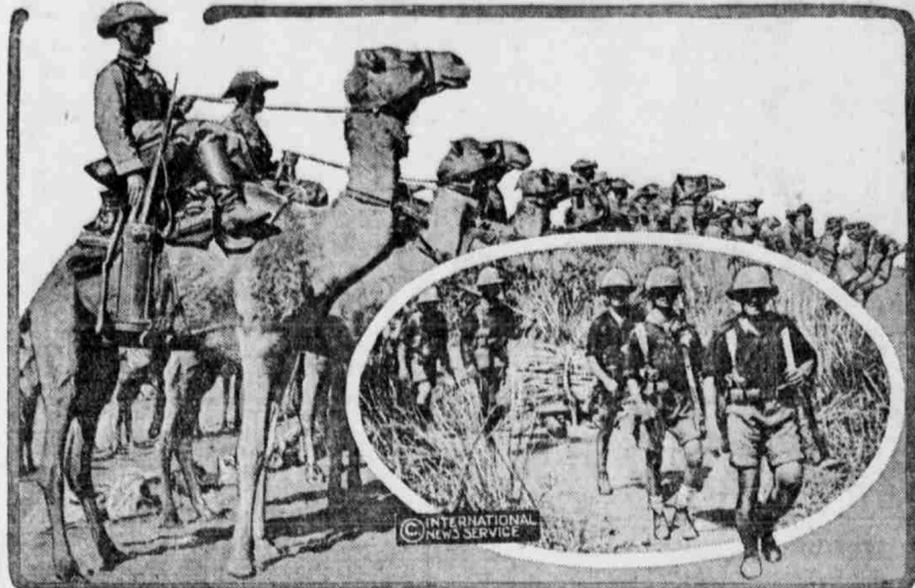
**Utah Bonds All Paid.**

The last \$40,000 of bonds held by this state against the state of Utah have been paid, State Treasurer Hall having agreed to cancel the same upon receipt of the money with interest to date.

**Turn Many Millions Into State.**

Remittances from county treasurers of the state to the state treasurer totaled \$4,451,064 since December 1 last year—about eleven months of which have been under Treasurer Hall. This is a record for the state. During the same period the year before the total was \$3,761,557, and for the year of December 1, 1912, to December 1, 1913, the total was only \$2,702,452. Were it not for the fact that Treasurer Ure of Douglas county said the officials are holding out the total would be much higher.

**FIGHT FOR GERMAN EAST AFRICA IS ON**



The British in South Africa are preparing to send a strong expedition for the purpose of attempting to oust the Germans from East Africa, and a strenuous campaign is in prospect. The picture shows a German camel corps in East Africa and, inserted, men of the Northeast Border column organized by the British in Rhodesia, on the march toward the frontier.

**SECOND HARVARD UNIT LEAVES FOR THE FRONT**



Thirty surgeons and 36 nurses, comprising the second Harvard hospital unit, sailed recently from New York for service in the war zone. Dr. David Cheever had charge of the party.

**UNVEILING MONUMENT TO CAPT. SCOTT**



Scene during the unveiling of a monument to Captain Scott, the famous antarctic explorer, in Waterloo place, London. The monument fund was subscribed by officers of the navy and the unveiling was performed by Rt. Hon. Arthur Balfour.

**EQUIPPED FOR THE WINTER**



Elaborate preparations for another winter of warfare have been made by all the armies in Europe. This British trooper carries his full winter equipment, including a fur overcoat, in a bundle on his back.

**ITALIAN GUN HAMMERING GORITZ**



This is one of the Italian monster "149" guns located within ten miles of the Austrian fortifications of Goritz, on the Carso plateau. Guns of this caliber have been pounding away at the fortress for some time now.

**LAND AND WATER CYCLE**



Mr. Helbin of Battersea demonstrated at Southend, England, recently this new land and water bicycle, riding on the water for a mile and a half.