

SOLDIERS OF AIR PREPARE FOR WAR

Pilot Leo Stevens Tells of Use of Balloon Along Battle Front; Tip the Gunners Where to Shoot.

Why on earth do you teach the soldiers to use those funny old-fashioned round balloons? I should think you would use something up-to-date like aeroplanes."

Ninety-nine out of a hundred visitors to Fort Omaha ask this question. To satisfy a questioning public, Leo Stevens, chief instructor of the balloon school at the fort, explained the whole thing to a Bee reporter. Mr. Stevens has carried more passengers in balloons than any other living man, and is the recognized authority on ballooning in the United States. He gave up a large balloon manufacturing business in New York and tendered his services to the government as soon as war was declared.

"It is to balloons and not to aeroplanes that Germany owes her success at the front," said Mr. Stevens. The aeroplane is impractical for observation purposes during a battle. It cannot keep in touch with the ground as can the kite balloon we use."

At the moment a huge kite balloon was in the air a thousand feet above the earth, serving to illustrate his remarks. From the basket, in which sat two officers, a telephone line extended to the ground, where another officer sat with a receiver at his ear to catch the observations made by the balloonists. The balloon was practically stationary, being fastened by ropes to a huge truck on the ground. Several miles away, near imitation trenches, smoke bombs were exploding and the men in the balloon telephoned down their observations concerning the results of the firing.

Tell Where to Shoot. In the course of battle the men in the trenches cannot tell exactly where they are firing. All along the battle-front are these kite balloons, just beyond firing range.

"At least one balloon is found to every mile of front. Observers go up in these during battle and send down directions for the firing. The aeroplane is useless for this, for, of course, no telephone line could connect it with the ground. It might go out and investigate, then come down to report, but that would consume time and the information would come too late, in most cases. The stationary kite balloons serve the purpose splendidly. They go up from 2,500 to 10,000 feet. They can be hauled down quickly.

"Of course there is a risk of having the ropes cut by the enemy's fire and then the kite balloon goes sailing away. Here is where training in managing those funny old-fashioned round balloons comes into play. Every soldier qualifying for the balloon work must first learn to pilot the round passenger balloons. Else, when the ropes were cut and he found himself adrift in the air he would lose his head and come to grief. The first thing a soldier of the air learns at Fort Omaha, then, is to pilot a passenger balloon. He must take seven trips in a round passenger balloon before he goes with the kite balloon."

Mr. Stevens goes with him on his first trip, to show him the ropes. He also accompanies him on the seventh and last, when he "passes" him as a pilot according to international balloon regulations. One of these seven trips must be at night and the student stays up in the balloon all night. After this training he feels at home in the air, and could manage to pilot his machine away from, and not towards, the enemy's line.

Ready for Parachutes. Next the pupil takes ten trips up in the kite balloon at Fort Omaha making observations, drawing maps, etc. After being graduated from this work, he learns to run a dirigible balloon, which is used for observation for carrying loads and passengers. Should the bag be punctured or

The Bee's Helpful Work in The Red Cross Campaign

Washington, D. C., July 9.—To the Editor of The Bee: With Red Cross week behind us and our faces turned toward the great work ahead, one of the first things I want to do is to express to you our sincere appreciation of the assistance rendered by your paper in helping the Red Cross.

I have in mind particularly an editorial in your issue of June 24, entitled "Omaha and the Red Cross," which was most helpful. Your co-operation is of very great value in the work we are trying to do. H. P. DAVISON, Chairman Red Cross War Council.

other serious damage be done in battle the observer has his parachute pack all ready so he can drop. This pack was invented by Mr. Stevens and has been tested in leaps from the Liberty statue and high buildings in New York City.

"Fifty men stand ready right now to make the parachute drop," said Mr. Stevens. "We have left this out of the curriculum so far. The men always go up with their parachute packs harnessed to them ready for an instant drop. But we have not thought it necessary for them to make the actual jump. In battle a man would do this more easily under pressure of excitement than now. There is nothing to learn, as all he must do is unfasten some hooks and jump. The parachute works automatically. However, the men want to learn all there is about this business. So we may let some make the drop soon."

Germany Apologizes to Norway for Bomb Plot

London, July 14.—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company says it is reported officially at Christiania that Germany has expressed regret to Norway for the acts of Germans in connection with the bomb plot recently discovered. The German minister at Christiania has been directed to tender an apology and that Aron Rautenfelds, German courier, in whose possession explosives were found, has been dismissed.

U. S. Troops Reach New Camp in France

Paris, July 14.—The vanguard of the American troops who left on Thursday the seaport town where they have been encamped, arrived at their permanent camp today. The men went into training immediately. Major General Sibert, who will be in command at the camp, lunched with General Pershing before his departure for the front. General Pershing will follow later.

Persistent Advertising is the Road to Success.

U. S. DOCTOR HELD GERMAN CAPTIVE

San Francisco Man Detained in Luxemburg Camp Three Years by Military in Spite of Protests.

New York, July 14.—Held prisoner three years in a German detention camp at Luxemburg, despite his protests that he was an American citizen, Dr. A. M. Mars, editor of L'Avenir of San Francisco, who has arrived here, said he escaped to Holland after plying his captors with drugs while they were intoxicated and stealing an officer's uniform. A United States consul in Holland, Dr. Mars declared, aided him in reaching Spain.

Dr. Mars said the treatment accorded French and English prisoners is extremely harsh. Dr. Mars, who was born in Paris, is a naturalized American citizen. He was arrested by German authorities three years ago while in that country.

Prisoners suffered greatly from lack of proper food, Dr. Mars said. A substance the Germans called "homen," made of potato peelings, grass and flour and which was not fit food for animals, was served to the prisoners, he asserted.

Dr. Mars said he was treated well by the Germans when they learned he was a physician and he was put in charge of the health of the camp by General von Gotch.

The English prisoners, Dr. Mars declared, refused to work and the severity of their treatment was increased. The French prisoners fared better.

Wilson Issues Personal Warrant for Cocchi

New York, July 14.—A personal warrant from President Wilson for the arrest of Alfredo Cocchi in Italy for the murder here of Ruth Cruger was received by registered mail today by Edward Swann, district attorney. Rome, July 14.—The ministry of foreign affairs yesterday notified the American embassy that it was impossible to extradite Alfredo Cocchi, the slayer of Ruth Cruger, without violating the fundamental law of the country.

Four Millions More for Alaska Rail Construction

Washington, July 14.—An additional appropriation of \$4,000,000 for the Alaskan railroad construction, to close a thirty-mile gap on the main line from tide water at Anchorage to Seward and open up the Matanuska coal fields, was asked of congress today by Secretary Lane with President Wilson's approval.

Women's White Georgette Crepe Collars, hand embroidered, and Fillet Lace Trimmed. .50c to \$5.98

Brandeis Stores

Women's White Organdie Collars With Regimental Emblem @ 50c

A Midsummer Sale of Whitewear

Daintiest White Frocks for Summer Lovely, Fluffy Nets, Georgette Crepe and Lace

A Fashion authority writes: "It is to be recorded that white is again in the ascendant. Paris has sponsored the revival of white and already many of the best dressed women of America have signalled their intention of adopting white in relation to their summer wardrobe."

Frocks of Fluffy Nets, Georgette Crepe and Lace for dressy wear, beautifully made with drapery and panniered skirts, bodices with dainty collars and cuffs; attractive sleeves and effective bits of lace and inset motifs lending their daintiness.

Prices \$22.50, \$25.00, \$35.00 to \$50.00

We have arranged a particularly striking showing of White Frocks, Cotton Crepes, Voiles, Organdies and Voiles, and Linen Combinations, in especially attractive styles. Lovely laces, embroideries, inset net bands, deep tucks, ornamental stitching and braiding add distinctive touches.

All late models and extremely moderate in price.

\$11.50, \$12.50, \$15, \$19 and \$22.50

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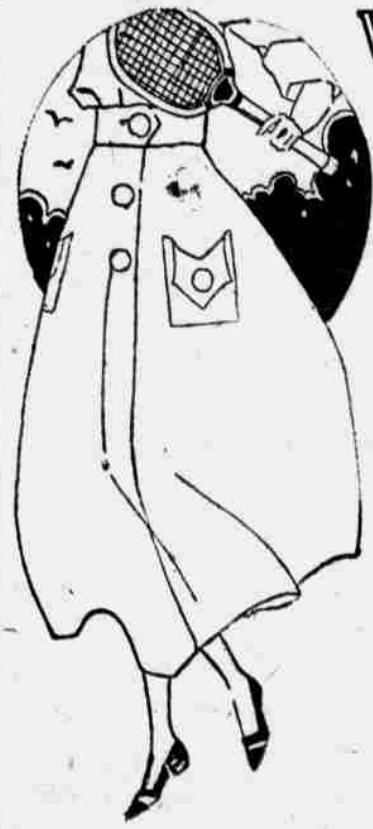
White Wash Skirts In Wonderful Variety

More than 1,000 new arrivals in this stock of Wash Skirts, which comprises every good style of the season. You never saw a more varied stock than we are showing now, and most reasonable prices, too.

All the best materials are shown here, such as Pique, Corduroy, Russian Cord, Poplins, Gabardines, etc. Pleated tops, large pockets, pearl buttons running down the front and wide belts.

Price range from \$1.98 to \$5.98

Second Floor



White Petticoats

Beautiful assortment of lace trimmed Petticoats, so appropriate for sheer frocks, some with insets of dainty embroidery and ribbon rosettes, ranging in price from \$2.98 to \$10.00.

Second Floor

White Dresses

For Infants and Little Tots

ESPECIALLY desirable for hot weather wear. Made of sheer Nainsook and fine Lawn, trimmed with little touches of hand embroidery or laces and embroidery edges. High or low neck and long or short sleeves; many styles to select from.

Prices, 59c to \$5.98

Second Floor



White Silk Hosiery

There is something particularly pleasing about white and no woman would think for a minute of letting her stock of stockings go without at least two or more pairs of white.

At \$1.25—Kayser Silk Stockings, with patent marvel stripe, lisle garter tops, spliced soles, heels and toes.

At \$1.65—Kayser, All Silk Hosiery, with silk tops and lisle lining.

At \$1.75—Pure Thread Silk Hosiery, lisle tops, spliced heels and toes and silk clocks.

At \$3.00—All Pure Silk McCallum make Hosiery, all prettily hand embroidered.

Main Floor

Correct Summer Corsets In the Clearance Sale

COOLNESS and comfort depend largely upon the Corset a woman wears, and we have selected those models which embody both of these essential points and offer them at very moderate prices.

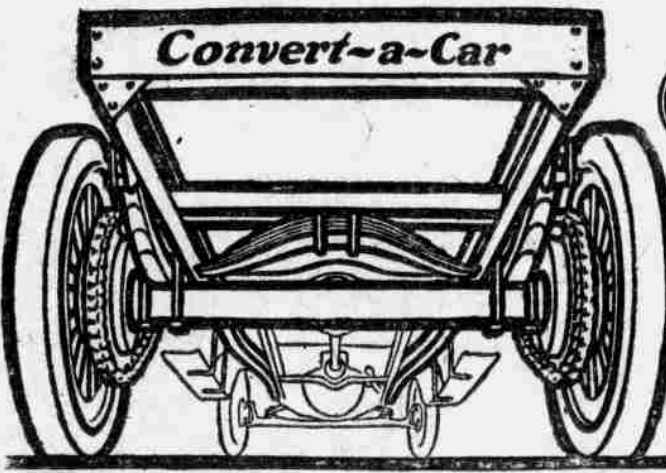
Our July Clearance Sale embodies all the most reliable makes—for style, comfort and service.

Madam Lyra Corsets of handsome silk broche, low top with rubber gore at waist line; medium long over hip. This Corset is only sold at this price because it is white; regularly \$7.50, sale price..... \$5.00

Brandeis' Special Corsets, very low top, long over hip, very dainty broche materials; a remarkable value, at..... \$2.00

Corsets for slender and medium figures, in pink fancy materials, low top, four garters attached \$1.00

Second Floor



Little Giant Trucks

Save 1/2

See that double strength axle! Little Giant Convert-a-Car (Ford truck unit) has an axle 2 5-16 in. x2 5-16 in. Solid forged high-grade carbon steel. That's example of its inbuilt carrying strength. The result of engineered excess capacity. Heart and soul it is devoted to cutting delivery costs. Not a brute for an enormous load. But an unrivalled performer when you want a ton or under delivered with speed. Plus certainty. Economy. Every day of its long life, Convert-a-Car demonstrates and lives up to its real reason for being. Delivering efficiently. And for less than horse-drawn haulage. There is a Little Giant truck for every use—1-Ton, 2-Ton, 3 1/2 Ton, and Convert-a-Car. Trucks with the habit of heavy performance. Made that way by the \$14,000,000 Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company.

COUNTY DEALERS
If the demonstrated success of Little Giant trucks means anything to you, write today. Some great territory we control is yet open. But it won't be open long. Ask us to prove the unlimited sales opportunity our proposition offers. You'll be glad you accepted our invitation to bigger, better, faster business. But hurry! Write or telegraph TODAY.

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Nebraska and Western Iowa Distributors Little Giant Trucks.
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Your fuel cost with the Duntley Hydro-Pneumatic Gas Generator. An exclusive Little Giant feature. It uses a half-and-half mixture of kerosene and gasoline, plus steam and air, and gives: More miles. More power. Better delivery for less—

White Footwear

In Most Favored Styles
High Shoes—Nine Different Styles

At \$14.00 a Pair—White Glazed Kid, with white enamel heel, aluminum heel plate, light turn sole, with gros grain 12-inch top.

At \$12.00 a Pair—Brocade top and vamp, white enamel heel, light turned soles, also with white washable kid lower with brocade top; also all white washable kid, with perforated vamp and blind eyelets, light turn soles, aluminum plates.

At \$7.50 a Pair—White Nile Cloth, straight vamp, light welted sole and high covered heel.

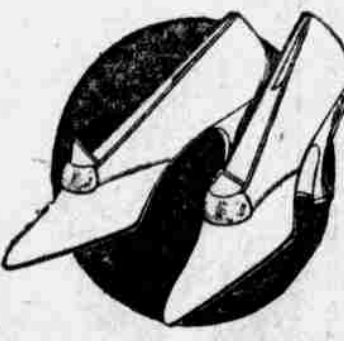
At \$7.00 a Pair—Nile Cloth, circular vamp, with light turned sole and high covered heel. Same style with low walking heel and light welted sole and tipped toe.

At \$6.00 a Pair—Nile Cloth, circular vamp, high covered heel and turned sole.

White Pumps—Eight Different Styles
At \$12.00 a Pair—White Washable Kid Colonial, French covered heel, light turned sole, covered buckle, white kid lined; also plain Pump of White Kid, same as the foregoing.

At \$11.00 a Pair—White Washable Kid, with extra high Louis heel, high arch, light turned sole, metal enameled buckle.

At \$7.00 a Pair—White Washable Kid plain pump, high Louis heel and light turned sole; also Nile Cloth, oval perforated covered buckle.
Main Floor, Rear



White Hats For Midsummer Wear

That proclaim their kinship to Midsummer—airy, fairy white and cool.

The all white hat is a favorite this year as never before.

Hats of Georgette Crepe or Straw combined with Crepe or Maline and trimmed with white flowers or ribbon, are getting the call.

Satin shows a prominent second in popular favor and some of the prettiest styles in this material are being shown here now.



Second Floor

White Goods in Clearance

HERE, exceptionally desirable materials of white may be obtained at prices which have been considerably lowered for present clearance.

36-inch Imported White Pique, in wide and narrow wales, extra fine quality, worth 75c a yard, Clearance price, a yard..... 49c

36-inch fine quality White Shadow Stripe, soft wool finish Gabardine, for suits, middies, skirts, etc., Clearance price, a yard..... 49c

Pretty assortment of White Novelty Voiles, for street and porch dresses, 38 inches wide, value 35c, Clearance price, a yard..... 19c

Three cases of fine Imperial Long Cloth, soft finish, snow white, free from filling; for fine undermuslins and infants' wear, 36 inches wide, 12-yard bolts, for Monday only, a bolt, at..... \$1.59

White Sheer, Crisp India Linon, 28 inches wide, value 20c, Clearance, a yard, at..... 15c

Basement

White Blouses Beautiful styles

The charm of white is never better demonstrated than when employed in Blouses—simplicity and effectiveness go hand in hand here.

New Georgette Crepe Blouses, \$5.00 to \$10.00
Lace and embroidery trimmed models, with frills and fichus.

White Voile Blouses, \$1.95 to \$5.00
Hand drawn and lace trimmed models; also embroidered models.
Second Floor