THE OMAHA BEE

**ROUMANIANS IN** NEED OF CLOTHES. CONSUL RELATES

**Diplomat Urges Americans to** Send Discarded Clothing Through Red Cross to Destitute People.

Old clothes have found their day and spring purchases need not be censured as an extreme extravagance this year, since every cast-off garment and piece of worn wearing apparel will find a welcome from the American Red Cross which is collecting clothing for the helpless refugees of allied countries.

Nearly every American has found a sympathetic interest in the peoples of at least one of the war-torn countries. The new campaign inaugurated by the American Red Cross offers an opportunity for help impartially to all allied nationalities, those existing before the war and those newly created.

## Roumania in Rags.

One of the countries sending an urgent appeal to the United States, and which will be relieved by the Red Cross campaign, is Roumania, a country in which even the upper classes, always accustomed to luxun ies of life, are suffering with the poorer people for lack of the essen-tials of decent living. "Women and children of once wealthy families," said T. Tileston

Wells, the Roumanian consul in New York, "are in tatters. Some people are proud if they possess one

garment only. "Roumania before the war had a population of 7,000,000. The greater part of this population, of which 700,000 were lost in battle, has been driven into about one-third of their former territory. The people have been nearly isolated for a year, and are now without food, clothing and shelter. Starvation and disease have taken thousands of victims."

A call has come to Dr. Wells di-rect from Queen Marie of Roumania, telling of the needs of her people. Undergarments especially are wanted and about 3,000,000 chemises for women and children are needed. An old dress, warm woolen stockings that you do not want to wear darned, a winter overcoat of which you have tired, sweaters whose colors have faded-all are essential and will be put to good use. Even bedclothes and linens are needed, for many of the families have been routed out of their homes and have watched the Turks and Bulgars raze their homes with the entire household contents.

Live in Crowded Huts.

"The fact that Roumanians have lived with all the refinements of education and culture similar to ours, continued the consul, "should make the tragedy of the impoverished people, now living in crowded huts, sometimes without the most meagre necessities, more poignant to the Americans. We need only contemplate what we ourselves would suffer without clothes and food and homes to realize the horror in which

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