

Paris Undress Features Mad Spending Orgy

"Falling Leaves" Dress, Bare
Legs and Painted Rose-
bud Garter Win
Admiration.

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Paris, April 26.—While the French
government is desperately trying to ex-
pendit after expedient to raise the
39,000,000 francs necessary for this
year's budget, society in Paris is in-
dulging in an orgy of extravagance,
in gambling unbated in the history
of the republic.

With private homes on the Avenue
des Bois Passy transformed into
miniature casinos, where jeweled
women play nightly at baccarat and
poker instead of bridge, the passion
for risking large sums has extended
even to the poorer people.

Literally incredible sums are wa-
gtered daily on the races. The reason
for this is said to be the inflation of
the currency, by which everybody
in France has ostensibly five times
more cash than before the war.

Mushroom millionaires are spring-
ing up daily with each drop in the
value of the franc. The Sunday din-
ners at the Ritz, which had become
known as the smartest functions in
Europe, have degenerated into an
position of bare backs, barbarous

jewels, fat wallets and ostentatious
clothing.
James Morton Winslow, leader of
the young old set, was especially con-
spicuous. A group of debutantes
were insisting upon teaching him the
steps of the new dance—the Giron-
delle—despite the fact that his 80
years necessitates the use of a cane.
Mrs. Richard Owen, nee Hilton,
granddaughter of Judge Hilton of
New York, has sprung a sensation.
She is wearing 32 jade bracelets,
reaching above the elbow. She is
being outdone, however, by a portly
matron whose shoulder is adorned
by a tattooed butterfly.

Another furore is caused by a red-
haired beauty who is wearing a
sacred robe, explaining that it was
given to her by a priest. Another
is wearing a Chinese mandarin
robe with her hair arranged on her
temples, maiden fashion.
The greatest sensation of all, how-
ever, was reserved for an anonymous
beauty, who, conceiving the idea of
revealing nature, has a new "falling
leaves" dress. "He wears no stock-
ings, but has sandals. Realizing
that she needed some adornment for
contrast, she is wearing a painted
garter an inch above her knee, the
garter being an imitation rosebud.
It caused many exclamations of ad-
miration while she was fox trotting.

**President Harding Grants
30-Day Respite to Matters**
President Harding has granted a
30-day respite to Thomas H. Mat-
ters, Omaha attorney, under sen-
tence to the federal penitentiary at
Leavenworth for violation of the na-
tional banking laws. This is the
third executive stay of sentence
given Matters. Sutton (Neb.) resi-
dents protest pardon of Matters.

Budget Is Presented To British Commons; Debt to U. S. Reduced

By The Associated Press.
London, April 26.—Austen Cham-
berlain, former chancellor of the ex-
chequer, taking the place of the pre-
sent chancellor, Sir Robert S. Horne,
presented the budget in the house of
commons today. Its leading features,
removal of the excess profits duty,
was announced some time ago. The
chancellor's estimates of revenue and
expenditure of a year ago have been
borne out with remarkable accuracy,
a surplus of £230,500,000, only about
£4,000,000 less than the estimated
surplus being recorded.

No additional taxation is proposed
and there will be no further reduction
of taxation in the current year.
The house was chiefly interested
in details concerning debt reductions,
especially the announcement that the
debt to the United States had been
reduced by £75,000,000 during the
past year and that interest on the war
debt to the United States must be
provided for next year.

He announced that in two years
the external debt had been reduced
by £203,000,000, and said the re-
maining 5 1/2 per cent five year notes
maturing at New York in November,
amounting to \$11,000,000, would be
paid off.

Gasoline Price Drops.
Gasoline dropped 3 cents in
price yesterday.
This brings the price of gasoline
down to 22 1/4 cents per gallon.
This is the first time since 1917
that gasoline has reached such a low
level on the retail market.

Hootch Hound Tips Drinkers on Only Way To Fool Volstead

Chicago, April 26.—Joe Maciewicz-
ski today put out a hot tip to hootch
hounds—namely:
"If you're going to fool Mr. Vol-
stead do it all the time, stay drunk;
don't save up thirst."

Taking a tip from the foolish vir-
gins who let their lamps go empty
when the getting was good, Joe pur-
chased a quart of scotch just 15 min-
utes before the eighteenth amendment
became effective.
"Now I'm set. When I'm thirsty,
I'll know where to go," said he.

For 18 months Joe resisted tempta-
tion. By exercising all of his will
power, he allowed the dust and cob-
webs to settle on the scotch.
Last night the words of caution
died on Joe's lips and he pulled the
cork. He had one drink. Then he
agreed with the inward voice invit-
ing another and had some more.
Then there was a cyclone that spun
the house around. A pink elephant
rooted on the door and snakes ap-
peared from unexpected places. It
was a wild night.

Joe appeared at the police station
and wanted to trade an empty quart
bottle for a chunk of ice. He was
hatless, coatless and one shoe was
gone.

"I used to like it," he sobbed.
"But I laid off too long. Can't stand
it now. I'm a ruined drinker and I
am through."

Because of the presence of tannin
mangrove wood is rot-proof, accord-
ing to French engineers who experi-
mented with it four years.

Concord Club to Hear Lecture by Frenchman On Conditions in Europe

Maj. Ninov Pechkoff who will
address the Omaha Concord club at
its luncheon at the Rome hotel to-
morrow, has had an amazing career,
not only during the war but since
the armistice. He fought with the
French foreign legion until desper-
ately wounded in the trenches of
the Champagne and on his return
to his regiment after the amputa-
tion of his right arm served on the
eastern front, being present with
General Brusiloff when the collapse
of Russia came and later being as-
sistant to the French high commis-
sioner in the Crimea, the Caucasus
and in Saloniki. Since the armis-
tice he has again covered every one
of the European and Asiatic coun-
tries.

He is in Omaha in the course of
a tour of 25 American cities at the
invitation of the American commit-
tee for devastated France and
through the courtesy of the French
foreign office. He will speak on
the subject "Putting Europe To-
gether Again."

Major Pechkoff is 37 years old,
distinguished by 10 major decora-
tions and bears around his arm the
gold cord of a regimental citation
that is possessed by but two reg-
iments in the French army. He
speaks perfect English, having
visited this country often before the
war and having many friends here.

More than 75 per cent of the di-
amond workers in Rotterdam are idle.
Arthur Rosenblum, lawyer, removed to
612 First National bank building, Tyle
4010.—Adv.

Commissioner Ure Speaks

At University of Omaha
Commissioner W. G. Ure explained
the workings of the department of fi-
nances at the University of Omaha
yesterday. Dr. D. E. Jenkins, presi-
dent of the university, endorsed Mr.
Ure's candidacy for commissioner.
"Pay your own way," the speaker
urged, telling of former misappropri-
ation of funds, selling of electricity at
less than cost, and renewing of the
bonded debts as instances of the
electric light company or the city
failing to pay its own way.
Wallace Banner, president of the
Good Government club of the Uni-
versity of Omaha, announces that
commissioners will speak at the
school every day until election.

Leavenworth Warden Resigns

Leavenworth, Kan., April 26.—A.
V. Andersen, warden of Leaven-
worth federal prison, today an-
nounced that he had telegraphed his
resignation to Attorney General
Daugherty to take effect June 1.

Pythians to Confer Rank

On Class of Candidates
Nebraska lodge No. 1, Knights of
Pythias, will confer the rank of
knight on a class of candidates at
its castle in Odd Fellows' hall, Four-
teenth and Dodge streets, this even-
ing. Esquires from Jan Hus lodge
will be among the candidates. Ne-
braska's team will also confer the
rank of knight at the grand lodge
meeting to be held in Lincoln May
10 and 11. Pythians visiting in the
city are especially invited to attend
the meeting tonight.

There is much activity among the
iron mines in Alabama and in the
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exchanges.

The Bell System operates in about 5,000
towns, while independent companies operate in
the other places.

But Independent and Bell Systems join to-
gether to furnish nation-wide telephone service.

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