

Kiddies Socks' Price To Climb By Five Cents

NEW YORK — You'll pay at least 5 cents a pair more for kiddies socks in January and February and the increase will be greater for adults' hosiery. The boost will be caused by a raise of about 5 per cent in factory prices by hosiery makers.

The manufacturers say increased costs for raw materials, packaging and bank credit necessitate the rise. They point out also that minimum wages will rise in March from 75 cents an hour to a dollar.

Moroccan Women Walking From Harem Into Public Life Because Of Exiled Sultan

By CARL HARTMAN
SALE, French Morocco — Moroccan women are walking out of the harem straight into public life. Nationalists say it's all because of an exiled Sultan.

To many Moroccan women, this man, Mohammed Ben Youssef, apparently incarnates the best features of Rudolf Valentino and Abraham Lincoln.

The French pushed him off his throne two years ago with the help of Moroccan who believe woman's place is behind a thick black veil. One of the weapons they used was a photo of his daughter, 23-year-old Princess Aicha, in a one-piece bathing suit. What, they asked, do you want with a sultan like that?

A lot of Moroccan women answered that they wanted a lot of things, seeing they had so little. They were convinced Ben Youssef was the man to give them freedom.

Muslim scholars tell you that the prophet Mohammed never insisted on the "hude 'em and keep 'em dumb" policy for women. But

somehow it became established in Morocco. One powerful Moroccan has a cemetery inside his palace grounds so that his women literally never leave the house.

The old traditional dress of a Moroccan woman consists of a loosely wrapped bedsheet that hides everything except her right eye.

Now in bigger cities, most women are taking to the djellabah, a man's garment shaped like a sugar bag with long sleeves and more or less transparent veil. The next step, which a few have taken, is the peek-a-boo blouse, dirndl skirt and bare legs.

In 1947 the Sultan sent Princess Aicha to speak at the opening of the first girls' school in this little seaside town just across the river from the capital of Rabat. She turned up wearing Western clothes and barefaced. It would have been an insult to the Sultan for the women in the audience to remain hidden. In a dramatic gesture, dozens of Sale's most respectable ladies lifted their veils in public. Many have never worn them since.



THERE'S THE RUB — The Army's getting more and more mechanized every day. Now it's boot polishing. Shining boots with an electric polisher is Pvt. Joseph A. Wheaton, of Salina, Kan. He's a rookie, training at Ft. Carson, Colo. **EXCLUSIVE NEA PHOTO.**



HORSIN' AROUND—Stephan J. Spudis, Jr., of Canton, Ohio, quit his job, bought and saddled a six-year-old horse named "Rusty," whistled to his dog, "Frisco," and headed for Los Angeles, Calif., with a bedroll. He's averaged 32 miles a day. This picture was taken in Columbus, Ohio.

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Historians Relate Truth On Death Of Crown Prince

VIENNA — The mystery surrounding the death of Austrian Crown Prince Rudolf and his 17-year-old sweetheart at Mayerling in 1889 appears to have been finally solved.

The Vienna newspaper Wochenpresse is publishing a series of documents which officials of the Austrian State Archives accept as a secret report on the "Mayerling Tragedy" by Baron Franz Krauss, then chief of Vienna police.

The papers were discovered in Berlin recently, after disappearing from the state archives during the Nazi occupation of Vienna.

The 200-page report, with many annexes, purports to reveal the full circumstances of the deaths. The report, in Baron Krauss' own handwriting, confirms that the 30-year-old crown prince shot Baroness Maria Vetsera on her own request with a revolver and then killed himself with a sporting gun at the Mayerling hunting lodge.

Rudolf was married to Princess Stephanie of Belgium but it had been an open secret in Vienna that the sentimental prince was unhappy. He met Baroness Vetsera at a court ball. The romance ended after only a few months with the two shots that rocked the old Austro-Hungarian empire.

SUMPTER EXCAVATION

CHARLESTON, S. C. — The National Park Service has begun another excavation at historic Fort Sumter. It was the attack on Fort Sumter April 12, 1861, that launched the Civil War.

The present excavation is being undertaken to completely uncover the ruins of the men's barracks. A previous excavation several years ago went to a depth of only 10 feet. The present digging will continue to the original depth of 15 feet.

Army engineers covered the barracks after the Civil War to provide added protection against newer methods of warfare, particularly larger artillery shells.

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BUENOS AIRES — President Juan Peron's decision that he can't go it alone in the oil business has backfired into one of his biggest headaches.

A proposed contract between Argentina and a U.S. oil company is drawing fire from members of the President's own Peronista party. Opponents hint the company is a front for the United States.

The agreement is bogged down in the Peron-dominated Congress, and the deadline for approval is Sept. 30.

The contract would let Compania

California Argentina de Petroleo, subsidiary of Standard Oil of California, explore and drill for oil in Argentina under strict regulations.

Argentina has a tough oil problem. Its government company is not producing nearly enough to serve the nation. To expand the government monopoly would take millions of precious dollar reserves. The alternative: Let a foreign company come in.

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