

PARISIANS IN FAVOR OF BLACK

Somber Color Reigns in Former Center of World's Modes This Winter.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—Black remains supreme in the fashion world of Paris. Despite a severe onslaught by advocates of color, the supreme council of style has been forced to retain the conventional black as the dominant motif of all fall and winter modes and there is every indication that colors, except in minor trimming effects, will not be able to challenge black until late spring.

Adopted at a time when economy was the guiding idea of all feminine purchases, black has come to be regarded as the most becoming color. French women say it is alone in lending itself to striking effects.

Dressmakers quietly gathered together fall and winter models were given to the world and tacitly agreed that colors should have a chance. The adoption of black was hurting them financially. One black gown, carefully selected, took the place of two or three dresses of different colors.

But the French women who are indicators of the newest developments in style, said a very emphatic "No." The demand this fall was for black and the big dressmakers bowed to the inevitable Crepe Mornane, velvet and perline are the most popular materials.

The corset makers however have been slightly more successful in their efforts to bring the corset back into its own. Dressmakers are insisting that corsets are now necessary to give the "uncorseted look." This propaganda has succeeded in some instances but most French women, having fought and won their freedom, are loath, in the language of a famous French actress, "to jettison their bodies again."

There are four definite features of the fall and winter modes: a very long waist line, longer circular skirts with full sides, eccentric sleeves of gay colors and the famous bateau neck line.

Brick red has been used extensively as trimming and some green steel ornaments for hats, purses, dresses and even shoes are the newest thing in novelties.

Door knobs and nail head effects are used in making girdles. In the case of shoes the usual order of things has been reversed and the smartest shoes in Paris are "knickerbocker" shoes, with large steel buckles.

These shoes look more like American shoes than anything ever before worn by French women, although the French last is retained. The short stubby toe has disappeared in stylish French footwear.

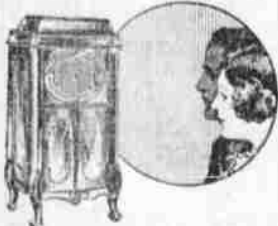
Black again dominates in hats, felt being the best liked materials. Crowns are much higher and the fall hats are so big that they interfere with dancing. Smaller hats will be worn with fur coats later in the season.

Circular earrings, usually a circle of jet or ebony within a larger circle, are worn by the best dressed women this fall. Novelty shops cannot make them fast enough. Some women wear very large ones, almost cannibalistic in effect.

Gay color has its only opportunity in evening gowns for young girls. These are made in the brightest of colors but the evening dresses worn by their mothers and older relatives are black. The Empire period has given the inspiration for the youthful evening dresses this year, making wearers look like venerated ancestors. The skirts are large, full with hips extended.

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Germany Looks For A Scrambling Of Races

PEKIN, Nov. 25.—Opposition by one of Germany's foes in the World War, continues to receive increasing sympathy from newspaper commentators writing on the Washington conference. Much comment is given over to speculation as to whether Japan can avoid being left at the post in what is termed the jockeying for position in the race for prestige in the Pacific. It is also asked whether she will be able to escape "the policy of encirclement" to which Germany is represented as falling victim.

Should Japan emerge from the conference as an isolated power, the editorial writers believe she will be forced to seek economic and political orientation in the direction of Russia with "terminal facilities" in Germany. A "community of interests," comprising Teutons, Slavs and the yellow races, is suggested as one of the possibilities to be reckoned with in making over the post war world.

Heligoland To Be Completely Wrecked

LONDON, Nov. 25.—The great German fortress of Heligoland probably will be completely demolished by next April. Its demolition has been in progress for two years under the supervision of an international commission headed by Admiral Sir Edward Charlton, who is said to be satisfied that the island fortress can never again be a menace to the Allies.

When the work of destruction is complete, it will be inspected by the commission and then the island is to be handed back to Germany, under the provisions of the Peace Treaty.

The commission has taken nothing for granted but naval officers have watched the great guns cut into pieces and have demanded that the scrap metal be produced when the Germans reported that they had destroyed cartridges, cases, fuses, etc. Besides, they have personally watched the burning of vast stores of explosives. It is understood that Admiral Charlton is satisfied that very little in the way of warlike stores can have been concealed by the Germans.

The gun emplacements and harbor works have been destroyed and batteries of howitzers and aircraft guns demolished.

To make certain that Heligoland can not again be utilized as a site upon which to build a harbor for warships, the commission has placed blocks of stone and concrete about the bed of the harbor so that dredging will not be possible. Eventually it is believed the harbor will be destroyed by the sea.

PARDONS MAY COME.
WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The president will soon begin the study of the records of all persons convicted of war-time offenses with a view to granting pardons.



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TEXT BOOK FOR POSTMASTERS

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 25.—

A manual textbook, dealing with the operation of the entire postoffice department and methods of utilizing the gigantic postal system, is being prepared by a committee here, for introduction in the grade schools of this state with the hope of ultimately establishing this book in every public educational institution in the United States. It is hoped to instruct children while they are young how to use the postoffice, in an effort to lessen the mistakes which are costing the government millions of dollars.

Philip E. Carlson, of this city, president of the Minnesota Educational

Association, is head of the committee which is drawing up the textbook. Approval of the undertaking has been given by Postmaster General Will Hays, who, after the manual is completed, will give his and the department's authorization to use the book in the public schools, according to Postmaster E. A. Purdy, of Minneapolis, president of the National Association of Postmasters.

The National Association of Postmasters is pledged to the move, the head of the organization announced.

Mr. Carlson declared, that not enough attention was given to the postal subject at Educational meetings, and he announced that at the next annual convention of the organization, this subject would hold an important place.

"Lack of knowledge of how to use the postoffice properly is causing the Government millions of dollars," said Mr. Purdy. The instruction which this book proposes to give, will ob-

viate, to a great degree, many of the improperly made out money orders registered mail losses, improperly addressed letters and packages, destruction of merchandise by faulty packing and the like.

Completion of the text book probably will be after the first of the year.

NEW NAME

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—General Pershing hereafter will be known to members of the Sioux Indian tribe as "Brave Eagle." The name was given him at a council of Sioux Indians at the Rosebud reservation on Armistice day and was communicated by Commissioner Burke of Indian affairs.

The commissioner presented a telegram from Foster Thunder Hawk, at Valentine, Neb.

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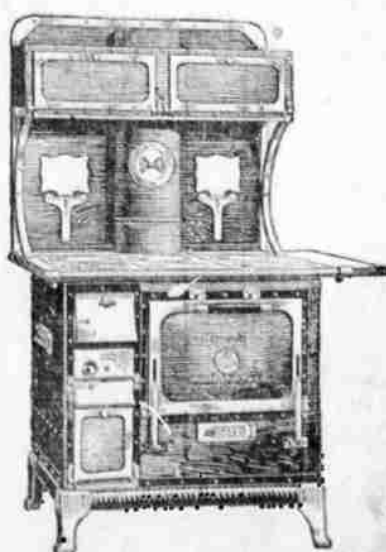
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