

**GRAVE OF FOUR DYNASTIES**

Ambitions of Austria, Russia, Germany and Turkey All Buried in the Balkans.

We stood on the forward deck of the Sirio as she slipped southward, through the placid waters of the Adriatic, at 20 knots an hour. Less than a league away the Balkan mountains, savage, mysterious, forbidding, rose in a rocky rampart against the eastern sky.

"Did it ever occur to you," remarked the Italian officer who stood beside me, a noted historian in his own land, "that four great empires have died as a result of their lust for dominion over the restless lands which lie beyond those mountains? Austria coveted Serbia—and the empire of the Hapsburgs is in fragments now. Russia, seeing her influence in the peninsula imperiled, hastened to the support of her fellow Slavs—but Russia has gone down in red ruin, and the Romanoffs are dead. Germany, seeking a gateway to the warm water, and a highway to the East, seized on the excuse thus offered to launch her waiting armies—and the empire reared by the Hohenzollerns is bankrupt and broken. Turkey fought to retain her hold on such European territory as still remained under the crescent banner. Today a postmortem is about to be held on the Turkish empire and the house of Osman.

"Think of it! Four great empires, four ancient dynasties, lie buried over there in the Balkans. It is something more than a range of mountains at which we are looking; it is the wall of a cemetery."—E. Alexander Powell in Scribner's Magazine.

**CHECK ON TRICKY "COPPERS"**

Simple Contrivance Prevents Fraud on the Part of Applicants for Coveted Positions.

In Philadelphia the position of traffic policeman is open only to men who are six feet or more in height. Such positions are so much sought after that many applicants who fall short of the required height by only a small fraction of an inch are tempted to cheat a little bit by rising on their heels.

An ingenious application of electricity is now used to circumvent this trick, and any attempt to register a fraudulent measure is disclosed at once. The applicant, as he stands upon the platform under the slide rule, sets his feet upon two metal plates that are normally a trifle above the platform. They are just large enough to be covered by a man's heels, and when the candidate stands with his heels on the floor the plates are so depressed that they make a contact and form a circuit that lights a lamp overhead. As long as the man stands with both heels on the ground the lamp stays lighted, but the moment he raises either heel the smallest part of an inch the contact is broken and the lamp goes out. So does he.

**Russian Painters Thriving.**

"Art," so far as the production of pictures is concerned, is said to have had a great boom in bolshevist Russia owing to the fact that the government pays a liberal amount for all works approved by official experts. The whole domain of art has been placed under the control of a council of seven members, four of whom are apostles of futurism. Artists' earnings have been increased through a rule established by the council under which all pictures that pass the judges are to be paid for at the uniform rate of 7,000 rubles each.

Whether the artist has devoted months of assiduous labor to a picture or whether it is a dab which has taken a few hours to paint, the recompense is the same. With such encouragement the number of artists in Russia is increasing rapidly.

**Town Sells for \$10,000.**

The entire town of Moneta, Wyo., has been sold for \$10,000. The purchaser, John Goodman, received title from A. Kanson, who founded Moneta twenty years ago, to the following: One townsite of forty lots, one eight-room hotel, one five-room cottage, one three-room cottage, two two-room cottages, one large livery barn, one railroad eating house and a miscellaneous assortment of outbuildings. No person other than Goodman owns a single thing in Moneta, but the Chicago and Northwestern owns the right of way on which the town site fronts and a small depot building on this right of way.—Christian Science Monitor.

**Biggest Opal in the World.**

Proclaimed as the largest uncut precious stone in the world, an enormous, absolutely flawless black opal, recently discovered in this country, is now in the office of a government official in Washington. The gem contains approximately 21 cubic inches, and weighs 2,572.332 carats. It is valued at \$250,000 by the owners. The famous Viennese opal, which was without an equal until the American specimen was found, weighs 1,658.927 carats, but has a number of flaws.

**Less Embarrassment.**

"Well," said Farmer Cornstossel, "I'm glad the railroads have gone back to private ownership."  
"What difference does it make to you?"  
"I can speak my mind to the station agent without feeling that maybe I'll be criticized for showin' lack of respect to a government official."

**BABIES HELP PAY FOR WAR**

Even Talcum Powder Has Been Levied Upon to Meet Expenditures Due to Slaughter.

The postbellum H. C. L. has hit the babies.

In the Home Sector William G. Shepherd says: "About \$3,000,000 will go into Uncle Sam's coffers from the pockets and purses of soda water drinkers in 1920. Folks who like bowling or billiards or pool will give about a million and a half to Uncle Sam. People who play cards will give him two and a quarter millions. Automobiles and motorcycles will bring him in 50 cents a head from the whole 100,000,000 of us. We'll give him about \$55,000,000 for going to theaters and movies.

"Every one of the 100,000,000 of us, indeed, will give Uncle Sam an average of two cents a day, directly, for pleasure and conveniences, with baby paying tribute for his talcum powder, mother and sister paying tribute for their perfumes, father paying tribute for his cigarettes and athletic club dues, all the kids paying tribute for the movies and their trips to the corner soda fountain.

"The war did it all, too. We're paying just ten times more to Uncle Sam in internal revenue this year than we did in 1914. We paid so little then—one-tenth of 7½ cents a day—and we paid it so indirectly that few of us realized that there really was such a person in the world as Uncle Sam. At last the old party has found us. Since then a lot of us have fought and died for him. And if he's worth dying for he's worth supporting."

**MAY DEVELOP GUM MARKET**

Opening of Mesopotamia to Civilization Likely to Add Largely to the World's Supply.

As law and order come into the wild and unsettled mountains of Mesopotamia, especially when new roads and the eventual railway connect the northern Kurdish country around Mosul with the rest of the world, many a now useless tree and shrub will doubtless be put to service as a contributor of gum. The gums of Mesopotamia have many commercial uses, and the unsystematic tapping and trading that now brings the product on pack animals to Suleimanya, where merchants buy it from the Kurds and sell it again to other merchants in Bagdad, is a mere suggestion of the industry that may be developed by enterprising promoters who may have observed the extent of this natural resource in Mesopotamia and looked further afield than Aleppo and Bagdad for markets. Now that British occupation has opened the land to western ideas, it would not be surprising if the gum industry grew to be a source of considerable national wealth, and an important factor in creating a new Mesopotamia.

**Lengthening Life of Silk Stocking.**

"No economies are small," says a French proverb, and the professional stocking mender's job is evidence of thrift as understood by the Parisienne. "Here," said one of the craft, "are 30 pairs of silk stockings which have been through my hands more times than I can count, and look at them." They were patched and darned till there was little of the original left, but as Ellse remarked, "with boots they still make an effect!" Before the war madame paid three half-pence per pair to her mender and provided the thread; now she gives fourpence or fivepence and expects miracles of endurance from the fragile web. Where the mender formerly spent ten minutes she now must devote an hour to some of these stockings, and it is difficult to see how she gets a living. But madame's motto is, "Throw nothing away," and she lives up to it.

**Plastic Dressing for Wounds.**

Industrial plants are now using the Ambrine treatment for burns, scalds, and all surface wounds which proved very successful for casualties incurred in the world war.

The dressing is a compound of wax and resins, and is solid when cold. It is heated to about 150 degrees Fahrenheit and applied by means of a special atomizer, or it can be generally daubed on with a soft brush. A plastic dressing, impervious to air, is thus formed, which does not adhere to the wound and which promotes the healing process without appreciable contraction. Disfigurement and scars are prevented to a greater extent than was possible under the old methods.

**Bold Chinese Bandits.**

Bands of kidnapers recently have caused much alarm in Tchowfu, Shantung, China. Operating in groups of from 30 to 50 they have carried away and held for ransom wealthy Chinese for whom they have obtained as much as \$50,000 in some cases. Ten citizens were kidnaped in October. Promises to pay ransoms have been exacted by torture. Troops have tried to capture the bandits, but have failed. It is believed the kidnapers came from Dalny, crossing the Gulf of Pechili in boats in which they escaped with their captives.

**Spanish Licorice Industry.**

The manufacture of licorice extract and paste is an important Spanish industry. This is a compactively new industry, as formerly the root was exported unmanufactured. Over 6,000,000 pounds of the root were exported in 1918 and more than 900,000 pounds of extract and paste.

**Nation-Wide Price-Cutting Sale**

Got a good starter at our store. It is just what the public wanted and we are glad to meet their demands to bring down the high cost of living. This is a real sale throughout our entire store as everything is reduced from 10 to 50 per cent. All reasonable goods must be closed out regardless of cost. Make out your list, and come in while the stock is at its best. Sale now in full force.

Our Clothing section has great surprises in store for you. Some customers have bought more than a year's supply as our clothing is of the best makes and cannot be duplicated anywhere for the price. If you are hard to fit we can please you. Nearly two thousand suits to select from.

**MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S CLOTHING**

\$25.00 Suits, Sale price.....	\$20.00	60.00 Suits, Sale price.....	49.50	<b>125 YOUNG MEN'S SUITS AT 1-4 LESS</b>
30.00 Suits, Sale price.....	24.00	70.00 Suits, Sale price.....	58.75	
35.00 Suits, Sale price.....	28.00	75.00 Suits, Sale price.....	63.00	
40.00 Suits, Sale price.....	32.00	85.00 Suits, Sale price.....	72.50	
50.00 Suits, Sale price.....	40.00	Some Suits at 10 per cent only		

118 Men's and Young Men's Suits, 1 and 2 of a kind, some left from several seasons, to be closed out at \$15.00 to \$25.00. This is less than half the price of the material

**Extra Special**

52 Boys' Knee Pant Suits 1 or 2 of a kind, sizes 10 to 17, to be closed out at \$7.90

**Special**

59 Boys' Knee Pant Suits of the Famous Salem Wool Cassimere—the present wholesale price, \$15.75. Our Price to close, \$11.85

**Entire Stock of Men's and Young Men's Pants Reduced**

92 pair Men's and Young Men's Corduroy Pants, special \$4.48  
Good Quality Men's Blue Denim Overall, \$2.39  
Men's Khaki Combination Overalls, heavy grade, \$3.98  
250 first class Men's Work Shirts, while they last, \$1.13. Not over three to one customer.  
115 Boys' Hickory and Black Sateen Shirts, well made, while they last, 79c each.  
Entire Stock of Men's and Boys' Furnishing Goods reduced 10 to 20 per cent.

**SHOE DEPARTMENT. Reductions 10 to 50 Per Cent**

Shoes for Men, Women and Children—thousands of pairs to select from. Every pair is offered at a big Reduction. They are all from our regular stock, and of the best makes in the country. Many lots are to be closed out for less than the wholesale price as we are discontinuing some lines. It will pay you to supply your present and future needs as the reduced prices will not last very long. Reductions from 10 to 50 per cent.

**COAT AND SUIT DEPARTMENT**

The Coat and Suit Room has done more than its share, what more can a woman ask than to get brand new garments of the very best make and latest styles, at nearly wholesale prices. Hundreds of Coats, Suits, Dresses and Skirts to make your selections from. Be here early to get first pick.

\$20.00 Coats, Sale price.....	\$14.85	50.00 Suits, Sale price.....	36.90	75.00 Dresses, Sale price.....	59.85
25.00 Coats, Sale price.....	18.75	60.00 Suits, Sale price.....	44.65	85.00 Dresses, Sale price.....	67.90
30.00 Coats, Sale price.....	22.50	70.00 Suits, Sale price.....	49.75		
40.00 Coats, Sale price.....	29.90	85.00 Suits, Sale price.....	59.90		
50.00 Coats, Sale price.....	37.50	100.00 Suits, Sale price.....	66.65		
60.00 Coats, Sale price.....	45.00				
65.00 Coats, Sale price.....	48.75				
75.00 Coats, Sale price.....	58.25				
84.00 Coats, Sale price.....	63.00				

**Ladies' and Misses' Suits**  
\$30.00 Suits, Sale price..... \$19.98  
37.50 Suits, Sale price..... 27.85

**Ladies' and Misses' Dresses Silk and Wool**  
\$30.00 Dresses, Sale price..... \$23.90  
37.50 Dresses, Sale price..... 29.85  
45.00 Dresses, Sale price..... 35.85  
50.00 Dresses, Sale price..... 41.75  
60.00 Dresses, Sale price..... 48.50

Entire Stock of Ladies' and Misses' Skirts, consisting of Plaids, Silks, Sateens, Serges, Poppins, in all the newest materials reduced from 10 to 20 per cent. Alterations free of charge.  
124 Coats, Suits and Dresses to be closed out at One-Half Price, some for less  
29 Coats, Spring and Fall weight, to be closed out at \$8.15. This is less than the price of material.

**WONDERFUL WAISTS IN THE SALE**

Every waist in the store, both silk and cotton, is included in this sale. The disposal will be complete. Share in the great scatter of worth while values. Come while the setting is arranged and complete  
\$2.00 Wirthmor Waists..... \$1.59  
\$3.00 Welworth Waists..... \$2.39  
\$6.75 Georgette and Crepe de Chines in all styles, colors and sizes..... \$5.38  
\$7.50 Pongee Waists, excellent..... \$5.98  
\$9.50 Silk Waists, good range of styles and materials..... \$7.58  
\$12.50 Silk Waists, in the sale..... \$9.98

**SILK UNDERWEAR, MUSLIN UNDERWEAR, KNIT UNDERWEAR**

including famous Munsingwear, all greatly reduced in prices. Take care of every underwear need.  
Our entire line of summer wash goods, Cotton Piece Goods, Draperies, Cretonnes, Curtain Nets and Domestic of Substantial Texture and True Value are all listed in this important Price Cutting Flurry. The sale is of only temporary duration. We call all to its benefits now.

**WOOL DRESS GOODS**

Our entire showing of Woolen Dress Goods placed unreservedly on sale.  
\$1.50 Serges in Navy, Brown and Wine, 42 inches wide, sale..... \$1.19  
\$1.35 Pure All Wool Challies in very good patterns..... \$1.08  
\$1.45 Shepherd Check Suitings of 36 inch width, sale..... \$1.17  
\$4.50 All Wool Jersey Cloth 52 inches wide staple and sport shades, sale..... \$3.59  
\$6.75 Plaid Skirtings, 56 inches wide, rich colorings, sale..... \$5.38  
All other Wool Dress Goods similarly reduced. Help yourself.

**Silks, Gorgeous Silks, Costly Silks, In The Great Landslide of Prices.**

All are going. Silks this season are very much in favor both for Waists and Skirts as well as Suits and Whole Dresses. Therefore it will be greatly to your advantage to be on hand early Saturday morning.	Regular \$2.28 Fancy Plaids and Stripes, 36 in. wide, yd.....	1.79
A Big Pilgrimage of Buyers will arrive on time to relieve us of our rare burden of Rich Weaves found only in the best stores of the large metropolitan cities.	Regular \$3.25 Satin Messalines, all shades, yd.....	2.48
Only a few are mentioned here. Colossal displays stream from our ledges and our shelves fairly groan with stupendous stocks that eager buyers will be glad to consume in the short time that these distinguished weaves will be on sale.	Regular \$3.50 All Silk Crepe de Chines, good range of colors, yd.....	2.79
THESE SHALL APPEAL TO THE CROWD	Regular \$3.75 All Silk Taffetas, all wanted colors, yd.....	2.98
Regular \$1.75 Fancy Plaids and Stripes, 36 in. wide, yd.....	Regular \$3.75 Satin Etoile, handsome shades for Spring and Summer, yd.....	2.95
	Regular \$5.25 Barnett Satin Skirtings, yd.....	4.19
	Regular \$7.25 "Fairy Spun," one of the prettiest Silks in the line, 40 in. wide, yd.....	5.79
	All other Silks thrown in the Sale at similar reductions	

Every item in the Dry Goods department, except a few contract goods, is radically reduced, but lack of time and space prevents us from listing more here. However, a visit to the store will convince you that this is a most opportune time to supply your needs for some time to come.

**REMNANTS:** Our entire stock of remnants consisting of lengths form 1-4 yd to 8 yds of every style of material are on sale at 25 per cent discount.  
Ladies' splendid quality Silk and Fibre Hose, Black only, Reg. \$1.50, sale, \$1.19  
Reg. 65c Voiles and Organdies, nice designs for Summer dresses, 40 inches wide, greatly reduced for this sale  
Reg. \$3.75 all silk Chiffon Taffeta, 36 in., popular shades, greatly reduced.  
Ladies' Summer union suits, low neck, no sleeves, tight or loose knee, reg. 50 and 60 cent quality, sale price, 39 cents each.  
Reg. \$2.75 House Dresses, sale..... \$2.19  
Reg. 3.50 House Dresses, sale..... 2.78  
Reg. 5.75 House Dresses, sale..... 4.58  
Excellent quality, 40 in. all silk Georgette Crepe, wanted shades, sale price, \$2.12½

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