

SKIRTS TO STAY SHORT—FOR SPRING ANYHOW

The semi-annual meeting of the National Cloak, Suit and Skirt Manufacturers' Association in the city of Cleveland recently was attended by more than 300 delegates, who discussed the new fashions for spring, as displayed by living models. No very radical changes are shown from the lines of fall and winter garments. Skirts continue short and straight. The slender silhouette predominates, and the youthful spirit was expressed in many garments shown. Individuality is the keynote of early spring apparel. A wide choice in suits was displayed in straight, boxy jackets and closer fitting suit coats, with ripples at the sides and flat hanging panels front and back. Eton and bolero models give new effects with scallops, uneven hems and coat edges. Tailored suits, with and without belts, are cut severely slender. Skirts are short, with a suggestion of more fullness; in some cases with panels, tunics, hem trimming and pleatings.

NOBEL PRIZES

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 11—The distribution of the Nobel prizes was made here yesterday afternoon. The principal awards, the peace prize for 1919 and 1920, were given respectively to Leon Bourgeois, of France and Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States. The documents presenting the peace prizes to President Wilson and also the Nobel medal were received by A. G. Scheidemann, the United States Minister to Norway, who read a message of thanks from President Wilson.

LESSONS IN RAILROADING.

(From the Overland Digest)
Picking her way nimbly through the locomotive plant, a young woman visitor viewed the huge operations with awe. Finally she turned to a young man who was showing her through, and asked: "What is that big thing over there?" "That is a locomotive boiler," he replied. She puckered her brows. "And what do they boil locomotives for?" "To make the locomotive tender," and the young man from the office never smiled.

While making her way towards the entrance to Halifax Harbor last Friday morning the Norwegian steamer, Romdalsfjord, struck on Broad Shoal, Sambro Ledges. Six hours later she was abandoned by her officers and crew who landed safely near Ketch Harbor, and eight hours after she struck the ship became a total loss, she having broken in two.

Several large sections of Cork, Ireland, were devastated by fire on Saturday night and Sunday. The damage is estimated at between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 pounds sterling.

HARDENING CONCRETE

Experiments by the United States Bureau of Standards to develop a method of accelerating the hardening of concrete, especially when it is to be used in wet or damp situations, have shown that 4 per cent. of calcium chloride added to the mixing water increases the strength of concrete at the age of one day 100 per cent. or more. In some cases in two days the strength equalled 75 per cent. or more of that normally attained in one month.

ROADS WITHOUT RUTS

"Please do not drive in ruts." Signs carrying this message are posted along many of Michigan gravel roads and are aiding in keeping them in good condition. Motorists heed the injunction and as a result the roads retain an even surface. Ruts made by one car are ironed out by the next, thus both roads and tires are saved.

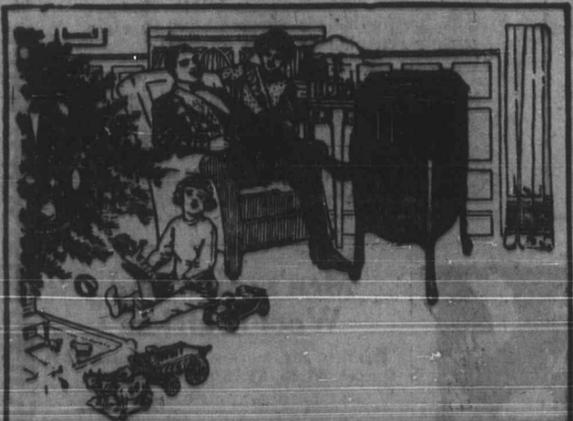
A BEADLE'S COMPLIMENT.

(From the Glasgow Herald.)
The minister had just been married, and on his return from the honeymoon he introduced the bride to his beadle. Some days afterwards, when he met that worthy, the minister inquired what impression the new lady of the manse had made on him. "She's as the Lord made her," came the unexpected reply; "but sir, she's no His masterpiece."

Mr. Austen Chamberlain's announcement that no programme of capital ship construction for the Navy will be presented to Parliament until the whole question of naval strength as affected by the latest development in naval warfare has been exhaustively investigated by the Committee on Imperial Defence and the results of such investigation have been considered, will be a relief to the overburdened British taxpayer. The expenditure on the Navy is still abnormally high, but the pledge of the Chancellor of the Exchequer seems to settle that further increases are not to be considered.

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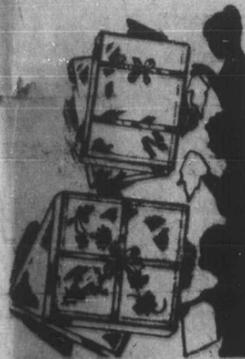
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