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WORK GIRLS OF LONDON DRESS AS DUCHESES

Arrayed in Height of Fashion, They are Described as "Knock Outs"

London, Dec. 14.—People who visit offices speak in astonishment of the "boudoir ladies" who receive them. To-day two girls came out of an office in the city and walked along without hats to another office. They looked as if they were coming out of a theatre. One wore a big coat with a fur collar over her transparent blouse, and the other a pale pink silk coat. Another office girl had a brown dress embroidered in gold with transparent chiffon sleeves.

Many employers do not care to show their disapproval of this flippant dress; others have forbidden houses with necks below a certain length, and a third has taken refuge in overalls.

Several banks have instituted a uniform for their women clerks, or overalls. One insists upon all the girls wearing navy blue. Overalls are worn by most society women in their war work.

The business girl's dress is defended by the secretary of the Women Clerks and Secretaries' Association. She said: "I do not see why girls should be condemned to wear navy blue when possible some of them look their best in that color and their best in brown."

Said a city man to-day to a reporter: "It is not merely the dress, but the style altogether that the new girl has introduced into government departments and city offices, which makes the change so startling."

Sport Coats in All Shades.

The pneumonia blouse is everywhere—made of crepe de chine, as a rule. These blouses cost anything say, between thirty shillings and fifty shillings. There are velvet hats and sport coats of every color, all "running into money," though now with the coming of winter we are bidden to look out for the fur coat.

The ordinary business man who calls in some of the government departments or at some office in the city or the West End to-day has a shock when there comes suddenly before him a girl in a frock that would look more in place in the stalls, if not indeed, on the stage of a West End theatre.

But in fairness let it be said that unless he is of the straightest sect the shock is not unpleasant. The girl in the nimble blouse lightens the cares of business.

Garden Party Styles.

To see the bank girls going home you would think they were on their way to a garden party. "I went into the city the other day," said a business woman, "thinking I was fairly smartly dressed—blue serge skirt and crepe de chine blouse—but when I reached the Mansion House just as the bank girls were turning out I wanted to find a raid shelter. Talk of feeling dowdy—it isn't the word for it."

In the bank area in the city one learns that the French girls who look after the French correspondence are what the mere man calls a "fair knockout" in stylishness.

One man told of a woman who lives forty miles away telling her friend in the train that her daughter used to do V.A.D. work, but had given it up to take in government post at thirty-five shillings a week and overtime.

"We are giving up the maid," she

said, "if my daughter would do the housework, but she preferred to take the office work." And father pays for the season ticket.

Another girl of nineteen, inexperienced, was getting thirty-five shillings and bonus.

"What are two or three guineas for a sport coat to these girls?" was the comment.

Everywhere there is a riot of silk and lace and hand-embroidered, be-ribboned underwear in windows and show cases. It is beautiful to look at, luxurious to wear, and most expensive to buy.

"Some customers will buy anything you set before them as long as it is extravagant," said the manageress of a West End shop yesterday. "To these I have no difficulty in selling a shell-pink rayon nightdress, with its short sleeves and low neck edged with fitch, for 59s. 6d., or nylon and lace and ribbon underwear at three, four and five guineas apiece. Some of these articles will not stand cleaning, to say nothing of washing."

"The really nice silk nightdresses and under-garments are made of heavy washing crepe de chine, hem-stitched and embroidered by hand, and generally pale pink and tied with varied-colored ribbons. These wash best at home, and many women send no personal clothing to the laundries at all now. From 29s. 6d. to five guineas are the prices of crepe de chine 'nighties.' Some

women who go into mourning are very particular and for them we have pale grey silk wear."

Parents buy silk underclothing for their daughters to take to school. What a school uniform prevents a dotting mother from spending on her daughter's frocks she now spends on underwear. A girl of fourteen or fifteen will complain that her cambric clothes are a "sight" when she changes her gymnasium dress in the presence of silk-garbed companions. The management of one public school for girls had to forbid such frivolous garments last term after the arrival of half a dozen very elaborate nightdresses as a birthday present from a parent to his fifteen-year-old daughter.

FRENCH TROOPS ARE SIDE BY SIDE WITH ITALIANS

Have Already Acclimated Themselves and Work in Perfect Harmony

FOE MASSING FORCES

Von Bulow's German Troops Have Joined Austrians and Bohemians

With the French army in northern Italy, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—The French troops here already have acclimated themselves perfectly, and appear to be working in the utmost harmony with such of the Italians that are left on their sector, notably with

artillery, which co-operate under joint command. The French as well as the British armies have brought with them the most complete equipment imaginable, including a bewildering number of motor trucks, so that their lines may easily and regularly be supplied with every necessity.

The scene immediately behind the front is in vivid contrast to the scene behind any German or Austrian front, which the correspondent repeatedly visited for more than two years, by reason of the superior transportation facilities over the Germans, who are short of oil, gasoline and tires, and must forward their supplies mostly in horse drawn vehicles. The Germans who patrol the French sector, apparently are more venturesome than they are along the front in France, for here they boldly cross their lines, regardless of the shrapnel bombardment, and invite attacks by French planes in their eagerness to spy out batteries that constantly are bombarding German positions.

The correspondent during the course of a four-hour walk along the French lines yesterday, witnessed a series of aerial combats and although the German planes never were entirely driven off, they obviously were so harassed by the shrapnel and machine gun fire from protecting French planes that they never were able correctly to direct their own artillery fire, which fell wide of the mark.

In artillery work the French appear to be taking an aggressive initiative, for their batteries and those of the Italians still remaining in position along the French front, kept up a vicious pounding in an effort to reach the German guns in their advantageous positions on the dominating mountains.

Foe Massing Forces

Italian headquarters in Northern Italy, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—(By The Associated Press)—General von Bulow's German troops have joined the Austrians and Bohemians under Field Marshal Conrad von Hotzen-

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By Anabel Worthington.



This style of skirt has been popular for so long that it might be called standard No. 5485 is a three-gored model with the centre front closing in the form of a tuck trimmed with buttons. The front goes in smoothly, but the back gore is gathered at the slightly raised waistline. There are no less than four styles of pockets to choose from so that one may select the style which is most preferred. The one on the large figure and the pointed one is the upper corner are both very easy to make, while the other ones are easy to trace, but a little more difficult to make.

The ladies' three-gored skirt pattern No. 5485 is cut in seven sizes—24 to 36 inches waist measure. Width at lower edge of skirt is 2 1/2 yards. With any of the pockets the 20-inch size requires 3 1/2 yards 36 inch or 2 1/2 yards 54 inch material.

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