

### Extreme Fashions In Tulle Hats On The Way



Hats and semi-bonnets of tulle are said to be on the way to popularity. Here's one for theatre or party wear which indicates the style. It is really a turban of soft straw—the brim of which is covered with shirred tulle, and an enormous puff of the tulle decorates one side.

### PARIS FLOODS OF HISTORY

Mons. Flammarion Writes of Them in New York Herald, Commenting Upon Their Causes.

Mons. Flammarion writing to the European Edition of the New York Herald says: The formidable invasion of the waters which were so furiously let loose recently in the banks of the Seine, notably in Paris and vicinity, resulting in immense ruin, loss and incalculable distress, also causing some deaths and everywhere spreading affliction and desolation is beginning to calm down. We have waited until the flood attained its maximum in order to make a comparison here with similar phenomena which have occurred before.

The scourge arrived at its climax on January 28, raising the level of the surface of the river to eight metres, forty-two centimetres at the Pont de la Tournelle, which had not been witnessed for 252 years. I choose the record of the Pont de la Tournelle because it is the most authentic. Its zero was determined from the low water of the year 1719. This may be thought to be arbitrary, but the other bases taken are still more so. The zero of the scale of the Pont d'Austerlitz has been marked at Omnes four feet centimetres and that of the Pont Royal at one metre above the zero of the Pont de la Tournelle, whence it results that the same level of water is marked differently at these three points and one might think that the Seine is higher at the Pont Royal than above, either at the Pont de la Tournelle or the Pont d'Austerlitz, and that the river is one metre higher at the Tournelle than at Notre Dame, which is perfectly illogical. Should not a uniform basis be adopted to give the exact measure of these heights?

The Flood of 1658. It is necessary for us to go back to the middle of the seventeenth century, to the year 1658, to find a flood surpassing this one by almost half a metre, the waters then having reached eight metres 81 centimetres at the Pont de la Tournelle. Nevertheless, that disaster had less grave consequences, and the losses were less considerable, although the inundation was limited to the river not being restricted to its line of modern quays and the streets bordering on the Seine having their surface perceptibly lower than in our day. For, this time, the most important inventions which have for the last century transformed human life in general and Parisian life in particular—railways, subway, tramways, electric light, telegraph, telephones, etc.—were all paralyzed or halted by the invasion of the rising flood, and if Nature had made it her task to remind us of her sovereignty by opposing her irresistible forces to the genius of man.

The flood of 1658 holds the record for height. None of those which have taken place since that date have equalled or surpassed either it or the present flood, as one may see from the following little comparative note, based on the records of the Pont de la Tournelle:

### WITH WOMEN BORN TO WEALTH

Gifts Lavished On Some Women Their Whole Lives Through—A Succession of Contribution Parties

It is said that hath shall be given, ought to read "to her that hath shall be given," for it is upon the daughter of the house, if she is born to wealth, that presents are lavished from her debut into this world, until her debut into the social world and afterward. While still a little girl every visit she makes means a souvenir of some kind, and occasionally some old relative who is pious and wealthy will give a silver cup or other treasured article if she will learn "a chapter by heart." This is possibly done with the ulterior motive of keeping her quiet. When the departure for board school is imminent a veritable avalanche of mementos comes down upon her, and her sailing for foreign shores means another generous donation of necessities for travelling that can be stowed away in very small spaces. At the time of the coming out reception she reaps a goodly harvest in the way of bits of lace, odd pieces of jewelry and scores of other trinkets and treasures that have been jealously guarded by venerable aunts, and even great aunts, for this very occasion, and among the assortment will surely be found some lovely and quaint fan that could unfold the pride of other parties in bygone days if it had the power of speech.

The announcement of the engagements, however, brings her the gifts that hold the most sentiment, for all that comes to her is doubly dear, and this friends and relatives always bear in mind. It is custom long established to have a wedding chest, to which the nimble fingers of friends contribute whatever the bride be rich or poor. Thus a store of lingerie and household linen is accumulated almost before she realizes that she will need it all, as she is skilled in needlework, she makes with her own fair hands a goodly share of the contents of this chest, which is, by the way, just the present day interpretation of the Italian "cassone," or of the sturdier Dutch "kas," which was like a huge wardrobe, with carving-mans and quaint designs upon its exterior.

Those who have pricked their fingers in their zeal to put in the finest possible stitches either go in unison to present the results or else more intimately, each one in turn, when she can find time from her other pleasures. The individual method is preferred because then the present giver can have the bride-to-be all to herself and can also look over what others have given that arrived before her. Under other circumstances the girls would get tired showing the collections over and over again; but no other time is ready like this in their whole lives and they thrill and enjoy every moment.

The layette gives occasion for another contribution party. Only the finest, softest and best materials are chosen by loving friends, and when not able to do the delicate needlework themselves they send the tiny garments to some convent, and there are several near New York where embroidery is done.

### A LANDSLIDE IN N. S. BYE ELECTION

Conservative Elected in Fieldings Constituency in Remarkable Turnover.

Halifax, Feb. 16.—For the first time in 30 years a Conservative was elected today in Queens County in the bye-election, to fill the vacancy in the Provincial Legislature created by the resignation of Hon. E. M. Farrell, from the Speakership of the local House and a seat in the Senate at Ottawa. W. L. Hall is the victorious candidate. He has a majority of 250 over his Liberal opponent, A. W. Hendry, the leading business man of the county. Mr. Farrell's majority in the last general election was over 300.

The result of today's contest has produced a tremendous sensation in Nova Scotia as this is the first bye-election in which a Conservative has captured a seat in the provincial legislature since 1878. Liberals Dumbfounded. As the present Liberal Government must appeal to the people before the end of 1911, the present turnover in the county represented by Hon. W. S. Fielding, Minister of Finance, at Ottawa, has caused consternation in Liberal ranks all over Nova Scotia. Congratulations to Mr. Hall, who is a talented barrister of Liverpool, are pouring in from Conservatives from all parts. The result is the sole topic of discussion and the early downfall of the Murray Government which has held office continuously since 1892 is freely predicted.

Hon. A. K. McLean, who recently resigned his seat at Ottawa, and became attorney general in Mr. Murray's Government, personally directed Mr. Hendry's campaign in Queens. Mr. McLean is Hon. Mr. Fielding's intimate and confidential lieutenant. The regular meeting of the legislature was deferred until tomorrow for the passage of an Act incorporating John E. Stewart, of the Parish of Annapolis, in the County of Victoria and Province of New Brunswick, as a body corporate under the name of "The Annapolis Railway Company." Mr. Hendry would be elected by seven hundred. Conservatives said the contest would be close, but no person expected Hall to have a majority between two and three hundred. The crash in Hon. Mr. Fielding's constituency will probably be heard from ocean to ocean.

Crushing Defeat. With all returns in W. L. Hall has a majority of 273. In every section of the county the Liberals have met a crushing defeat. The victory of Mr. Hall can be largely attributed to five causes. First, the noble and untiring work of the Queens County Temperance Alliance. Second, the thorough organization of the Liberal Conservative party. Third, the popularity of the elected candidate. Fourth, the splendid platform addresses given by the various dignitaries throughout the length and breadth of the county and of Rev. H. H. Grant, secretary of the Nova Scotia Temperance Alliance. Fifth, the unfair and despicable canvass of the imported speakers, notably Rev. C. F. Cooper, M.L.A., of Yarmouth, and William K. Findor, of the Morning Chronicle on Monday last had a report of a meeting addressed by Rev. Mr. Grant at Pictou, N.S., in the strong in Brooklyn on Saturday evening. Brooklyn today spoke through the ballot with the result that a Liberal majority of 48 in 1906 and 48 in 1908 was today reduced to a Liberal majority of only 2. Last evening a joint meeting was held in Caledonia, addressed by Rev. H. B. Ford, M.P., Rev. C. F. Cooper, M.L.A., Caledonia in 1906, gave Mr. Farrell a majority of 43. Today Mr. Lundy only had a majority of ten.

Mr. Hendry's native district, Milton in 1908 gave a Liberal majority of 12 today it gave the Liberal majority of one hundred and ten. C. W. Hariton, license inspector for Queens county, Dr. H. B. Ford, Milton Harry Mackay, Liverpool, and William Mackay and Captain Willard Gilfoyle of Brooklyn and many other prominent Liberals throughout the county were staunch supporters of Mr. Hall and did noble work in their various districts.

There is great rejoicing throughout the county over this magnificent victory for prohibition and good government. Mr. Hall addressed a large audience in the committee rooms last evening. He thanked his conservative followers and the independent Liberals who had so enthusiastically supported him. His victory was not only a victory for the Liberal Conservatives in the county, but it was above all a victory for provincial prohibition. He had pledged himself to support prohibition and he would be true to that pledge.

### EATING FROM GOLD PLATE

Berlin, Germany.—Only millionaires can afford to patronize the "Millionaires' Cafe," recently fitted up in the old Kaiserhof. The furnishings are the most elaborate ever attempted in a public resort. The waiters wear knee breeches, red vests, blue velvet coats and white gloves. Dishes, costing \$2.50 each, are served on gold plate. It takes more than powdered flunkies and costly plate to make us relish our meals. Health and sound digestion are the best sauces. "Fruit-a-lives," the wonderful little fruit liver tablets, correct indigestion, sour stomach and "heart burn," and positively cure dyspepsia, because "Fruit-a-lives" tone up and sweeten the stomach and regulate the bowels. No other remedy sold in Canada has benefited so many people in the same length of time as "Fruit-a-lives".

### THE POWER OF STEAM.

When James Watt saw the steam raising the kettle in his home, he was inspired by a vision which led to the invention of the steam engine. It takes more than Watt's vision to make a great invention. The power of steam is the power of progress. It is the power that has made the world what it is today. It is the power that has made the world what it is today. It is the power that has made the world what it is today.

Notice of Application for Act of Incorporation. NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick at its next Session for the passage of an Act incorporating John E. Stewart, of the Parish of Annapolis, in the County of Victoria and Province of New Brunswick, as a body corporate under the name of "The Annapolis Railway Company." The said application will be made on Monday, the 22nd day of January, A.D. 1910.

Notice of Legislation. Application will be made at the next session of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick for an Act authorizing the City of Fredericton to issue debentures to provide for permanent street paving in the city of Fredericton, in the whole of the sum of thirty thousand dollars, and to provide for the same at such times and in such amounts as the City Council may determine and to provide for the same in the sum of one thousand dollars, and to provide for the same in the sum of one hundred dollars.

AFTER MARKED FRUIT OF HEN London, Feb. 15.—English country people should know that what amounts to an offer of \$5,000 to the village communities was recently made—and on their behalf refused—by Lady Salisbury.

As president of the National Poultry Association, which has just made up its year's record, Lady Salisbury has been engaged for six years in continuous endeavors to set up co-operative depots for eggs in English villages; and so keen are shops and other institutions to get eggs marked by this association that one single firm made this offer of a steady \$5,000 a year to be supplied with English eggs. The offer had to be refused, to the great disappointment of the president, because the supply could not be ensured.

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