



Early Christmas Sale of Ready-to-Wear Apparel Begins Tomorrow at 9 a.m.

Garments of Quality at Greatly Reduced Prices for a Ten Day Event That Should Attract the Thrifty in Every Part of Eastern North Carolina

The epidemic of Influenza during October is the real cause of this big sale. With January 1st (our fiscal year) just around the corner, orders have been issued to reduce our surplus stock.

Every garment offered in this event is "handpicked"—our regular stock. You profit because for four weeks, during the epidemic, business was sub-normal, leaving us with more merchandise than we intend to inventory.

Charming Coats at Lowest Prices of the Season

Value and intrinsic worth are the first consideration in this offer of choice Winter Coats for Women at special prices. The reductions make them doubly attractive to women who appreciate good tailoring, handsome materials and smart styles.

\$25.00 Coats for.....	\$18.95	\$50.00 Coats for.....	\$39.95
\$30.00 Coats for.....	\$22.95	\$65 and \$75 Coats for.	\$54.95
\$35.00 Coats for....	\$29.95	\$85 and \$95 Coats for.	\$69.95
\$45.00 Coats for.....	\$37.95	\$135.00 Coats for....	\$94.95

Extraordinary Clearance of Stylish Fall and Winter Dresses

The display of dresses that will greet you tomorrow will be decidedly the most interesting feature on the entire second floor. There will be dresses of jersey, tricolette, serge, charmeuse, georgette, messaline and silk and wool combinations; in colors embracing the entire range of winter shades; sizes from 14 to 46.

\$25.00 Dresses for	\$14.95
\$35.00 Dresses for	\$19.95
\$40.00 Dresses for	\$24.95
\$45.00 and \$50.00 Dresses for.....	\$34.95
\$55.00 Dresses for	\$39.95
\$75.00 Dresses for	\$49.95

Clearance Sale of Fall Millinery

All ready-trimmed hats offered in December sale at prices much smaller than usual. In the assortment are hats from the best known makers in America, including "Vogue."

The range of choice includes hats of every fashionable shape, from the little "tam" to the smart large fuzzy sailor.

Values to \$17.50, including nearly a dozen handsome "Vogue" Hats, priced at . . . \$9.95
Values to \$8.50 in banded Velours of all colors, very stylish for winter, special at . . . \$4.95

Values to \$10.00, hats of velvet, ready trimmed, popular styles, priced very special at . . . \$3.95

Blouses

\$6.50 Crepe de Chene and Georgette blouses, in high and low necks, new conceits, all sizes, excellent Christmas present, special at . . . \$4.98
\$4.50 Georgette and Crepe de Chine Waists, in all sizes, excellent values, at the regular price, for this sale at . . . \$3.48



Bon Marche

(Incorporated.)

Ladies' Tailored Suits Exceptionally Underpriced

This sale of Suits is unparalleled in our merchandising. It offers at the very beginning of Winter purchasing possibilities which usually come at the end of the season.

It gives larger varieties and better selections, and our only reason for an event of this nature is that we have more on hand than we should at the present time.

\$30.00 Suits for	\$18.95	\$60, 65 and \$70 Suits, for	\$49.95
\$35.00 Suits for	\$23.95	\$80.00 Suits for	\$59.95
\$40 and \$45 Suits for.	\$29.95	\$95.00 Suits for	\$69.95
\$50 and \$55 Suits for.	\$39.95		

Children's Serge Dress s Under Regular Prices

While children's Serge Dresses have been unusually good this fall, we still have a limited quantity, which we will offer in the December sale at 20 per cent. under regular selling price.

\$10.00 to \$25.00 Serge Dresses, in Middy and Peter Thompson styles, navy blue, copen and checks, priced for the big sale at . . . \$8.00 to \$20.00

Rules Governing This Sale

No sales merchandise will be sent on approval or exchanged. We cannot fill mail orders unless garments are personally selected and without the privilege of return.

Children's Hats at Half Price

Children's Hats of felt, velvet and plush. Cute new styles for children. With months to wear winter hats, this December Sale is a wonderful opportunity to save real money on desirable, choice children's millinery.

\$2.50 to \$8.50 ready-trimmed hats for children, in all colors and black, priced at half, or . . . \$1.25 to \$4.25

Bath Robes and Kimonos

In this aggressive sale we have neglected nothing that would prove of interest to our customers.

Bath Robes, Kimonos and Negligees, in a wide variety of designs and colorings. Christmas gifts of practical value are offered in the big Ten Day Event at 10 per cent. off.

HARPER O'SULLIVAN IS LIVELY AT THE FRONT

Drum and Bugle Corps Bugler and a Cheery Letter to Friend Bert Kite.

Bert Kite, drum major of the Wilmington drum and bugle corps, has just received a very interesting letter from Harper O'Sullivan, 56th pioneer infantry, Co. E, in France, who is one of the 17 members of the drum and bugle corps in the service of Uncle Sam. From "Somewhere in France," dated October 26th, Mr. O'Sullivan writes:

"Just a few lines to let you hear from 'H. W. Harper' and some of his pals. They are from North Carolina and all of 'em. Sam Jones, Johnnie Harris, Simon Oliver, Horace Gorman, Tom Hollister, Avant Johnson, Chan Holloman, J. J. Casey and myself, Harper O'Sullivan, all in one squad and living in a dug out—one of those things you read about in the papers back home—and you can bet this is a happy family. We lay in our bunks and the rats run over us. On Monday night we got our squad together and cleaned them with a counter-attack and the rat division was compelled to retreat by the force of the N. C. squad. That battle with the rat army was just fixing to 'hit' the German shipboard coming down our little home, dropping several bombs which frightened us a little. The making our 'complies' stand the

hog bristles; also throwing dirt and rocks on our shack, but they were soon chased away by the Liberty motors with the aid of searchlights. We enjoy seeing the American planes chasing the Hun ships. Lots of times you can see from 75 to 100 machines flying around, most of the time going to the front. They actually look like English sparrows. You had better quit the drum and bugle corps and join the army. We go to sleep by the music of the bursting shells and they play all night and do a lot toward waking us up around 5:30 a. m. The American army has plenty of snap and has the Germans 'bailing the jack' and Germany isn't what she used to be. We are up close to the front and doing work on the roads for the heavy artillery and all kinds of war machines to go against the Boche. I see German prisoners passing by and you should see them all the way from 17 to 40-odd years old, and they look pleased at being captured. Germany is on a pivot and doesn't know which way to turn, but she will soon fall off the log. I am turning out a beautiful mustache and getting as fat as a New Year's turkey. To beat all that, Horace Gorman, the well known tinner, is patching roads instead of roofs. Give my regards to all the boys and tell them I will soon be there to play 'Turkey' on that bugle. Give this to The Star. We are fixed for the winter with plenty of clothes, but don't think we will be here long enough to wear them out. Paper and envelopes are scarce, so you see that I have to scare up some once in a while. I don't hear any roosters crowing but hope to hear some soon. I will now quit pushing this pencil for it is time to hit the shucks. I am always thinking about

you and the boys back home and hope to be back with you soon.
"Your old bugle pal,
"HARPER O'SULLIVAN."

ISSUE WARRANTS AGAINST HOPEWELL BANK OFFICERS

K. C. Sidbury, Formerly of Wilmington, Is One of Three Officials.
(Special Star Telegram.)

Richmond, Nov. 30.—The grand jury is scheduled to make inquiry Monday into affairs of the Peoples Bank of Hopewell whose doors were closed a few days ago by State Bank Examiner Barksdale. Already criminal warrants have been sworn out against three of the shippers and second, with the names of the shippers including Vice-President K. C. Sidbury, former Wilmington lawyer, who was one of the leading spirits in the organization of the institution last spring.

The accused officers are charged with receiving deposits knowing that the bank was insolvent. In the opinion of Examiner Barksdale, gross mismanagement and bad investments were responsible for the failure, although the action of many depositors thrown out of work at the Dupont plant, in withdrawing their balances, was believed to have brought things to a climax.

Examination showed that deposits aggregating \$60,000 had been recently withdrawn, while an equal amount is still due depositors. Cash in hand totaled \$12,000; bills payable aggregated \$55,000, while loans and notes outstanding amounted to \$107,000. Injudicious investments will result in a considerable loss of these, said Barksdale.

PACK EXPRESS WELL AND MARK PACKAGES PLAINLY

Successful Handling of Such Matter Demands These Things.

E. S. Goodman, traffic manager of the Richmond chamber of commerce, in a recent issue of "Richmond," the chamber's publication, has the following in regard to express shipments:

The foundation of successful transportation by express is first to pack property in a strong container, capable of standing the strain of rapid handling, and then to mark the container, first, with the name and address of the shipper and second, with the full name and full address, where possible, of the consignee, so that every employee of the express company handling the package can do so with the greatest efficiency, and will have no excuse, so far as packing and marking are concerned, for not doing so. Short of unavoidable accident, property well packed and legibly marked can not conceivably fall of delivery.

These are truisms, and they should be ever present in the minds of express shippers, but, as a matter of fact, while many shippers recognize the importance of packing and marking properly, there are some who do not, and there are some who can not understand why the express company can not perform its simple duty of transporting and delivering their packages. I have lately had occasion to follow up some express shipments the delivery of which was in doubt and the information as to the delivery considerably delayed. I have reason

to believe that those packages were properly packed and marked, but it was while following them up that I became aware of the extent to which packing and marking rules were not being followed, and I am, therefore, impelled to revive this subject, which has been time and again considered, because at the present time the circumstances surrounding transportation by express are unprecedented and call for the full co-operation of both the shippers and the express company, if an improvement is desired.

Owing to the difficulties which have been known to exist for some time in connection with transportation by freight train, property unsurpassed in volume and unprecedented in bulk and weight, which no express company ever contemplated carrying, and which no shipper ever contemplated shipping by express, has been shipped by express.

It has happened at a time when the express company has lost many of its employees through the draft and through the attraction of higher wages in other employment, and at present by sickness.

The handling of express packages differs materially from the handling of shipments by freight. Unless conducted in the most rapid—I might say instantaneous—manner, express matter will become hopelessly congested. Therefore, it follows that in handling packages as rapidly as they must be handled in going through the receiving room, into wagons, then to the car, and from the car to the receiving room at destination, or to consignees, packages must be indeed strong to stand the treatment which they receive, and they must be well marked

119TH REGIMENT TOOK SIX OF NINE TOWNS CAPTURED

Col. Metts Writes Gen. Jas. I. Metts of October Fighting.

In a letter received recently, dated October 26, before the armistice, Col. John VanB. Metts, writes his father, Gen. Jas. I. Metts of the strenuous campaign the 39th division was then engaged upon:

"Have just come out of the line for a little rest and to get a few more men. We certainly need the rest. Have pushed night and day over 20 miles forward. Out of nine towns taken by the division, this regiment (Col. Metts' 119th) captured six of them.

"Have had a bad cold and cough for sometime, but everyone is so affected. Living on the ground and under the ground in all sorts of weather tends to give one a cold. Am now in a beautiful chateau with good food and fire in my room and wood and coal to burn.

"Have made Captain Manning and Captain Hobbs majors. Major Freeman is on the staff at division headquarters. Major Waring was sent to the 33rd division as brigade adjutant. Major Privett is now sick in the hospital. I have an army officer as lieutenant-colonel.

"We have done lots of fighting, and naturally, had casualties, but in comparison ours are not near so great as the other regiments in the division. Have had only four officers killed so far. Sorry Lieut. Frank Williams was one of them. Young Greene Fenley was wounded and is getting on O. K. but has not returned to us yet.

"Tell Mr. Rob Bellamy that we believe his son, Hargrove, is captured

We fought over the ground where he disappeared and there is no indication of his having been killed. The grounds have been well searched. In the Hindenburg line advance and where some of our men pushed well ahead, they were captured and Bellamy was in the line well to the front. The troops on our left didn't keep up and the Boche got in some strong digs on our flank and cut off a few forward men. I am doing all I can to get some trace of them.

"I got a copy of the New York Times speaking of the capture of Voormezele. That was our first fight and capture. We have not time to describe the different battles and have no newspaper men with us as some others have. Major Privett of my regiment took Voormezele. As you see from the map, we are far east of the St. Quentin-Cambrai line. Anyone who has been on our flanks know who have kept ahead and done the work.

"Things look good and I do not care if the Germans would quit now, but I am not placing so much faith in the peace talk. Somethings we hear are exaggerated and some we never hear, but there is no doubt but that in the French towns which the Germans have occupied for so long, they have taken away with them many men and girls too. In one case told me by an engineer officer and he saw the girl, this girl had been tied to the floor with scarcely anything to eat for seven days. There are many cases of such beastly things."

Until next harvest the American tab's must be set according to the food resources of the world and the needs of Europe.