

People Of New York Indulging In A Wild Orgy Of Spending

Not "How Little" But "How Much" Seems To Be Aim of Spenders—Furs and Diamonds Top List of Expensive Articles in Demand.

Back in a past that now seems very remote, indeed, one "Don't Ask Jimmy" was the synonym for all that was extravagant in spending. Johnny and his few paltry hundred thousands cast into the golden flood now inundating New York shops would create about as much of a splash as a pebble dropped overboard in mid-Atlantic.

People used to live happily ever after on what some persons are now paying out for little tokens of esteem. Jewellers, furriers, clothiers and auto-fitters admit glibly, but not for publication, that the last thing examined by the modern purchaser is the price tag.

The men satisfying the public's frantic hunger for luxuries want the costly appetites to be satisfied quietly, with no more noise than the scraping of the pen across the loving face of a check. They act as though they didn't want their cash had paid out the price of a summer home on Lake George for something that would be in a safety vault on all but three nights a year.

Not the Rich Alone. No form of extravagance has been neglected by either the new or experienced rich. Nor have the rich alone been breathing the once exclusive atmosphere of the Fifth avenue shops.

The fair fingers which have tried on often carried away high priced rings have often shown a close acquaintance with hard work. The rich and poor seem to be meeting together in these stores, the war having been the financial maker of them all.

Price No Object. On Fifty-seventh and on Fifth avenue are situated a number of stores which would be called "lady outfitters" if they were on Grand street.

It will cost you \$15,000, madame, the owner reported blithely, as saying, "but, ah, if you could but."

"Wrap it up," the lady's escort is reported as saying, a bit impatiently, because it seems that he had theater tickets, and they were already five minutes late.

Another lady wanted a chinchilla muff. The proprietor said he had just the thing, something made for a woman and the muff was hers. He would have been heartbroken, he said, but for the deposit.

"Of course," the proprietor said, "we have some Hudson Bay coats, large, heavy coats, and they sell for \$2,000. The demand for them keeps our showrooms almost empty."

Seis of three gowns, black satin or black silk, he said, were being offered and accepted for \$1,000 the trip. People were almost ignoring the number of ephers before the decimal point.

M. Rene Revillon, a member of the firm of Revillon Freres, said that the call for moderately priced furs was fairly good.

"What are moderately priced furs, M. Revillon?" he was asked.

A fur dealer who pays a lot for advertising, pointed out that New York city was in the throes of a fur buying and wearing epidemic. He declared that New Yorkers, the women in particular, had become fur bearing animals.

EL VIGOR DOES WORK HE SAYS

Cason Declares Rheumatism Disappeared After He Took El Vigor—Wife Is Now Taking It Also.

"El Vigor sure does everything people claim for it, and more if anything. For it certainly rid me of rheumatism," testifies F. Cason, a well known farmer living on Route 8, Bartow, Georgia.

REDUCTIONS IN THE PRICE OF CLOTHING PREDICTED BY FIGG

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Material reductions in clothing prices are expected from nationwide adoption by the clothing trade of suggestions put forward by a committee of the national retail drygoods association.

COMPULSORY SCHOOL LAW INCREASES ATTENDANCE

Authorities Over the State Finding It Necessary to Erect New Buildings.

Asheville Citizen Bureau, 402 Merchants' Bank Building. (By J. L. WARREN.)

While the figures on the increased attendance for the year are not yet available, it will not be long until the end of the year, all the reports of an unofficial nature reaching both the department of education and Superintendent Beasley indicate that the law willingly in most instances, and have sent their children to the schools without being forced to do so.

A large number of one teacher schools have been forced to secure an additional teacher this year, and the increase has drawn heavily on the available supply of good teachers.

Perhaps, said the present head of the old firm, "people are beginning to realize that the dear is cheap. Maybe they find that they get far better wear out of shoes made to reflect every twist and turn in their feet."

Can't Keep Up. He said he had been compelled to compile a waiting list because the men working for him, most of them, anyway, had worked for his father and were kind of slow.

Not all of the numerous well-off citizens are paying \$50 for shoes. Some are economizing on their footwear and headgear and then are streaming into jewelry stores.

Mr. Backus said, "We cannot find enough large and expensive stones to fill the numerous orders that come in. Diamonds particularly are wanted."

According to the sales manager of one of the city's most famous gem stores, the call for jewels and flocks of diamonds is sounding louder daily.

Brooches, necklaces, lavallieres and assorted pins were fitting their sparkling way to the ultimate consumers with amazing speed and steadiness.

Dressed in the clothing above described and decorated with the jewelry mentioned, people hesitate to ride behind less than six cylinders of an automobile, it is noted.

The demand for Rolls-Royce cars is great, the New York agent for them said. "The Rolls-Royce car will be delivered in May or June for \$17,000, and a number of people seem inclined toward that machine."

He illustrated, by way of emphasis and advertisement, the demand for his cars by saying that he sold a Rolls-Royce recently for \$16,000—and it was a model now five years old.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Table with columns: ASHEVILLE STATION, Trains Arrive (Eastern Time), Trains Depart (Eastern Time). Lists various routes and times.

YOUNG WOMAN BARBED AS FLYER PUZZLES POLICE

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 21.—A young woman barbed as an aviator was being held at police station here tonight while frankly puzzled police sought to determine whether she is Jeanne Anna DeKay, missing protegee of Jane Adams, of Hull house, Chicago.

The girl fits press descriptions of Miss DeKay except that her hair is bobbed and the word "Helen" is tattooed on her arm. Under questioning today, police said she first declared she "knew" Miss DeKay, then she was Miss DeKay, and tonight denied it.

SAY CHARLESTON, S. C. NEEDS DRY DOCK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—No urgent need exists for the construction of the Charleston, S. C. navy yard at present of a large drydock and enormous expenditures for the dredging of a channel in order to permit capital ships to enter the dock.

According to the report, testimony furnished the committee at Charleston showed that if the improvements were made, expenditure of \$2,000,000 additional would be required for equipment in order to make the yard efficient.

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FOR MIDDLE-AGED MEN AND WOMEN

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SOLD EVERYWHERE REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE BATTERY PARK BANK

At Asheville, N. C., in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business on Jan. 21, 1919.

Table with columns: ASSETS, LIABILITIES. Lists various financial items and their values.

RIGHT NOW WE OFFER EXCEPTIONAL VALUES IN AUTO TIRES

Extraordinary discounts on popular brands of tires which are classified as "blemished" and which are also fully guaranteed.

WE ARE THE SOLE DISTRIBUTORS IN THIS TERRITORY FOR KEYSTONE BATAVIA SPEEDWAY TIRES

Advertisement for Poston Tire & Rubber Co. featuring Keystone, Batavia, and Speedway tires. Includes contact information and a logo.

LYNCHING IS DEPLORED AT NEGRO CONFERENCE

Plan of Railroads in Charging Fare Meets With Opposition.

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Jan. 21.—Reading its opposition to alleged discrimination practiced by railroads and other common carriers and holding as indefensible the practice of charging negroes first-class fare and providing them with third and fourth-class accommodations, the conference at Tuskegee today adopted here today following addresses by prominent white men as well as negro workers gathered for the sessions.

Lynching is deplored and its practice held as a "curse for nothing" if negroes commit crimes, they should be punished by the courts, not by lynching, the declaration sets forth.

Members of the race are urged to profit by the lessons of industry and thrift so effectively taught during the war, and negro farmers are especially urged to grow sufficient food for their families, for their stock and to raise more and better poultry, hogs and cattle.

MAN IS PARDONED HILLARD OLIVER RETURNS TO CARE FOR AGED MOTHER.

RALEIGH, Jan. 21.—The governor today issued pardons to Hillard Oliver, Henderson county, and to J. C. Jack, son of Caldwell county.

ed increase in the intelligence among the masses of the colored people.

The conference suggests to planters that they offer more favorable renting conditions to their negro tenants; that they make regular stated settlements and provide them with more comfortable homes, and all people are called upon to supply houses for negroes with more sanitary surroundings that they may have a chance to live and rear their families in decency and in health.

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Tomorrow's program will include addresses by Bishop George W. Clinton, of Charlottesville, Va.; Hon. T. H. Harris, of Baton Rouge, La.; and Governor Bickett.

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