

## What Washington Wears

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Washington, Dec. 27.—What was the official and visiting woman of the hour at the height of the season the capital has seen? The question has come up everywhere, and so have the gowns that have been worn from the four corners of the world to have arrived to make My

gown. Looking a gown as I have seen it at a dinner the past week, she had on a gown of heavy soft black satin. The neckline of the gown was almost the sheer of chiffon and made on the gracefully draped about the neck. Having effects, and a row of brilliant falling from the waist and caught at the waist with a jeweled ornament, provided the appearance. The flowing sleeves of chiffon, with lines of brilliant effect of rain; and there was a tassel which bloused a bit at the wrist. Mrs. Harding had diamond pins in her hair and wore a handbag which in addition to the black velvet with its diamond side, which she always wears about her person.

**BLACK MOST POPULAR.**  
The black dress was especially popular at that time, and seems to be the favorite color at all the functions, both afternoon and evening. Next to black, the color of black and white seems to be the favorite. At a formal dinner the Harding gave recently, Mrs. Harding wore white satin, heavy and crisp in texture and black costumes. There was an overdrapery of black tulle with touches of the tulle on the corsage. To give the proper chapter note and the brilliant effect necessary to evening dresses of this season, Mrs. Harding's gown was handsomely embroidered in rhinestones and ribbons caught the tulle here and there. All evening gowns, and many of the afternoon ones, at that season have some adornments of beads or sequins.

Miss Ailsa Mellon, the very youthful daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, at the White House, and looked lovely in a youthful frock of white tulle with a tight, long waisted bodice which was sleeveless and cut in the back. The skirt, which was rather long, was headed and cut in scalloped at the bottom. Secretary Mellon does not want his daughter, because of her youth, to take upon her slight shoulders all of the burdens of a Cabinet mistress, which are very heavy indeed, but she does occasionally take her place as the chatelaine of the home of the Secretary of the Treasury, as she did at the White House dinner.

On another occasion, Miss Mellon, whose father is one of the four or five richest men in the country, wore a gown of silver gray satin, combined with a tulle of a shade between fuchsia and wine color. She wears with it a small bandeau harmonizing with her gown. At a recent tea, Miss Mellon wore a handsome suit of tobacco brown, divy-trimmed with beaver, and a small hat made of the same material adorned with a brown feather. The debutante of this era bears little resemblance to her mother, and grandmothers at their coming out parties. The debutante of yesterday was robed in simple white and her hair was simply coiffed "put-up" for the first time, as suited to a maiden standing with reluctant feet where the brook and river meet. The debutante of today has

worn her hair "up" for many moons and it is a triumph of the coiffure's art. If she wears white apparel, it is a great contrast to the plain organdy with white ribbons round the rather high neck and elbow sleeves of her mother, for without doubt the gown will be sleeveless, quite decolleté and fashioned of satin, Georgette brocade or any other rich fabric.

As lovely, but as "grown up" a frock as I have seen was the one worn by Miss Alice Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mann, and perhaps the wealthiest debutante presented this year when she made her bow. Mrs. Mann and Miss Mann went to Paris last Fall where they stayed a month and where they went to purchase Miss Mann's "trousseau." Her coming out frock was fashioned of silver cloth in a new glittering weave. It had a Dolby Varden over-dress of turquoise blue tulle trimmed with quillings of turquoise, a narrow band it was, encircled the hips just below the waist line, which shiffling weave. It had a Dolby Varden over-dress of turquoise blue tulle trimmed with quillings of turquoise, a narrow band it was, encircled the hips just below the waist line, which shiffling weave. It had a Dolby Varden over-dress of turquoise blue tulle trimmed with quillings of turquoise, a narrow band it was, encircled the hips just below the waist line, which shiffling weave. It had a Dolby Varden over-dress of turquoise blue tulle trimmed with quillings of turquoise, a narrow band it was, encircled the hips just below the waist line, which shiffling weave.

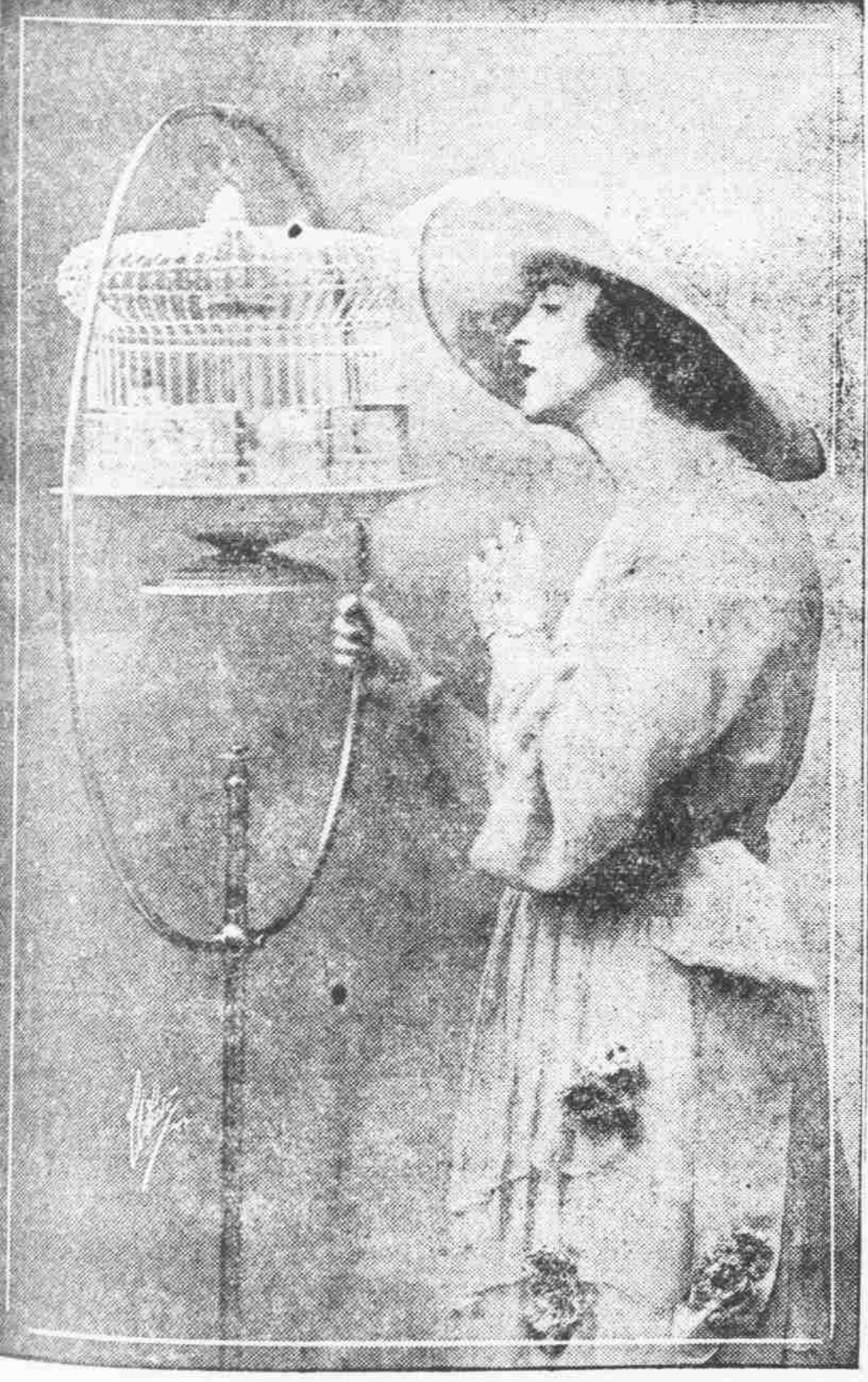
At the reception and dance given this week by Senator and Mrs. Arthur Capper to introduce their niece, Miss Isabel Crawford, to six or eight hundred important persons of official, diplomatic and resident society, Mrs. Capper wore a gown of iridescent beads, long panels forming the back and front and mounted over soft white satin, with a broad band of rose pink running around the skirt below the waist line. Miss Crawford wore an exceedingly simple but becoming and attractive gown, quite classic in outline. Fashioned of cream white chiffon brocaded in velvet. She wore a string of pearls and a dainty bandeau of diamonds. Mrs. Crawford, her mother, and sister of Mrs. Capper, was in an exquisite gown of pale orchid, the beads resting in points over an underdress slightly shirred at the hem.

### MRS. T. W. PRITCHARD LOSES RESIDENCE

The home of Mrs. Thomas W. Pritchard, at 409 North Pine street, was almost completely destroyed by fire Monday afternoon in the absence of the family. Mrs. Pritchard and her sons were away for the day, spending Christmas at the home of Mrs. Frank Herz in Dilworth. Because there was no one in the house to give the alarm before the blaze made good headway, the fire was beyond control when discovered. Neighbors carried out the piano and a few other things after firemen had held the nozzle of a hose line on the house for a few moments. Other furniture was badly damaged by fire and water and the house itself was almost a total loss. Some insurance was carried, but not enough to cover the loss, it is said.

### VALUE OF PROPERTY IN BUNCOMBE COUNTY

Asheville, Dec. 27.—Total value of real and personal property in Buncombe county for the present year, according to reports of the county auditor, is \$92,560,421. Of this total negroes own properties amounting to \$3,876,897. The average prices of town and city lots in Buncombe county is \$2,259.43 and the average price per acre for land is \$62.15. The total value of real estate placed at \$4,144,017 and of personal property at \$23,406,404. Records at the courthouse show a total of 222,255 acres of land within the bounds of Buncombe county. There are 8,091 polls, 600 of whom are colored. Negroes own 2,725 acres of land valued at \$1,770,820.



"THE RIGHT GIRL," FLORENCE PAGE.

But right there all similitude ceases. She is neither languid nor temperamental. She doesn't own a wolfhound and any dog she sees is treated as a common dog on her farm could be termed such. It would be well nigh impossible to picture her striking anybody with anything. At the age of 15 Miss Page played her first stellar role when on short notice she mastered the star's part and made an instantaneous hit. Since that hour her rise has been continuous and unflinching. For a while the screen lights, however, made itself heard above the clamor of the studio, and Miss Page returned to the "talkies"—or is it the "singies?"—to head the cast in "The Right Girl," the musical comedy hit that will be at the Auditorium on Wednesday, December 28.

## PUBLISHER FINDS CLOUDS DEPARTING

J. M. James, representing The Chilton Company, of Philadelphia, publishers of several well known trade journals, identified with the motor car industry, arrived Tuesday in Charlotte on the first lap of a trip which will carry him into about 20 states before his return to headquarters. He recently completed a tour of 15 states in connection with his work of acquiring first-hand information relative to conditions in the automobile and allied trades and from these observations Mr. James declares the opinion that the industry is on the upward trend generally throughout the nation. "After covering almost half the United States in recent weeks and making hundreds of personal calls, I find the clouds of pessimism have largely been dissipated," said Mr. James. "A new determination has been acquired by the trade and every man in the various organizations evidently is looking forward to a very satisfactory business in the year 1922. At the same time, every one is possessed of the realization that these are the times when hard work counts most, and a will to make business good will run up a large volume of sales. Particularly in times such as these does the trade show an eagerness to keep their products continually before the element of the buying public interested in the respective lines, and never to let the value of the advertising so definitely shown as during the days when business is 'there' but hard to find," he declared.

### SHIMKUS TO MEET AL WINTERS HERE

Joe Shimkus, popular wrestler who recently climbed the ladder of public favor by clean and conscientious wrestling, is to match his prowess with Al Winters, of Hartford, Conn., Thursday night at the auditorium. It will be a finish bout, the best two out of three falls. Winters is reputed to be one of the best middle-weight grapplers in the country and is keenly anxious to nip Shimkus in the bud. He stated that he had seen Shimkus work on several occasions and believed that he can mop up with the premises in a skirmish. Shimkus is his meat, he declared. But Shimkus has shown showy shape in a short time by his ability on the mat and has won a large following for himself. He has licked both Joe Turner and Fritz Hanson. In the event that Winters fails to get the best of Shimkus, the local mat artist is expected to meet "Cyclone" Peters of Jersey City, who has been staying in Rock Hill, S. C., for the past few weeks. Shimkus and Peters wrestled to a draw recently, and a bout between the two in Charlotte would prove exciting, according to those who saw the previous fray.

### TREASURER TO

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appropriation contemplated under the Shepherd-Towner maternity bill, but the money from the Federal Government is not yet available and will not be until the general appropriation bill goes through Congress. Following the passage of the Shepherd-Towner bill, Dr. Rankin went to Washington, and found that the bill merely authorized the appropriation for this new work, but the appropriation would have to be taken care of in another bill. This will go through when it is submitted by the congressional appropriation committee. Plans for taking care of the work have already been mapped out by the Department of Health. A large sum of money will come to the States under the bill without strings of conditions. The remainder will have to be matched by State appropriation if the Federal money is made available. The North Carolina health department is already spending some money for this class of work, that of aiding mothers in the care of their babies, supplying information and materials, and also helping in the regulation of the work of mid-wives and attendants at births. The larger work contemplated under the Federal bill will be handled by merely augmenting the force now in charge of this particular branch of the health department. The board of health transferred some of its appropriations in order to meet the Federal funds without calling on the legislature for more money.

### MRS SEATS RESIGNS.

Mrs. Caroline Y. Seats, who has been placement officer for the Federal Employment service in the office of the director, M. L. Shipman, has tendered her resignation, and will go to Shreveport, La., with her husband, who is handling a publicity campaign for the Presbyterian church in that section of the country. Mr. Seats took up the work several weeks ago, but Mrs. Seats remained in Raleigh until the Christmas holidays. Mr. Shipman regards her as one of the most capable officers in his employment service, and regrets very much that she is leaving.

### NO NEW TARIFFS YET.

The Corporation Commission has not yet received copies of the new freight rate tariffs which are supposed to be made effective on January 15, according to the latest order of the Interstate Commerce Commission. The traffic department of the commission does not think there is going to be another postponement of the effective date of the new rates, but is somewhat surprised at the delay of the railroads in sending these rates in. Several telegrams have been sent asking that the list of the new rates be forwarded to the office here for study.

### TO WORK CELESTIAL TRADE.

Capt. A. L. Fletcher, who investigated the case in which Fred James, cousin of Jesse and Frank James, and his wife, were jailed under a \$1600 bond in Concord for selling worthless stock, reports that James had worked out one of the slickest schemes yet devised for working the blue sky game in a virgin field. Mr. and Mrs. James had sold stock in their unworked mine to a Chinaman in Concord, and had already made an agreement with the Chinaman for him to help them work the Chinese trade in this country. When arrested they were getting ready to leave for Florida, where they intended, with the help of the Chinese, to work the trade in the resorts. From there they were going to Cuba, then work the Gulf ports, go through the Panama Canal to the Pacific coast, where they intended making a thorough campaign among the Celestians who have settled in the great cities of that section of the country.

Mrs. James, according to Captain Fletcher, seems to be the brains of the organization. James is president, and is secretary-treasurer of the mining company, so that the offices and officers of the corporation are immediately established in any hotel room in which they hang up their hats. They issue stock and give receipts for the money just as soon as the sales are made, without having to send back to the home office for the stock certificates. The James have staked out a claim somewhere in the West, but that makes up the total assets of the corporation. No gold has been mined on this claim.

### THE TRUTH ABOUT KNOW.

"President Wilson As I Know Him," by Joseph P. Tumulty, publisher's price \$5. Mr. price \$4.75. J. T. Norworthy, The Book Man, Gastonia, N. C.

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