FIGHTING MEN THANK 'SUN' TOBACCO FUND

New Batch of Post Cards From Front Show Gratitude for Donations.

ICE PAGEANT TO-NIGHT

Main Performance to Be Given in Cosey Sun Parlors of the Waldorf.

From another big supply of postal cards which has been received from the front a few are selected for publication this morning to show contributors how much their offerings to THE SUN Tobacco Fund are appreciated by the soldiers.

Out of the fulness of his heart Private Philip Batchelder of one of the field hospitals writes:

"I hope that if you are ever in the place where I can help you the way that American tobacco helped me you will be able to communicate with me.

"If you never have been out of American tobacco and been forced to smoke this wretched French stuff you can't appreciate how good your tobacco tasted, but I can assure you that it was worth to me many times the price you paid for it."

Says Private Frank W. Barton, Company F, Eighteenth Engineers, writing to Seneca G. Lewis, the composer of "Columbia," a persistent fund booster:

"Here's thanking you for the tobacco which it was my lot to receive through the New York SUN. When you are a long way from friends and the girl you love about all you can turn to is your trusty pipe and tobacco box. Even as I write this I fill my pipe with 'Bull' and smoke a smoke to you."

To any person who may imagine that an oversupply may be sent abroad (there isn't the slightest possibility of such a thing) this note from Cadet W. Y. Lovell, line of communication, Air Service, should be of interest:

"When a donation of tobacco reaches a man who doesn't smoke he has plenty of friends to take care of his allotment, so it isn't wasted. I thank you on their behalf."

Thanks Miss Clifford.

And this to Miss Ruth Clifford, the movie star, an enthusiastic soldier in the fund's army, from Private Edward M. Dickinson, attached to the French army, shows that THE SUN Tobacco Fund is the safest vehicle for the shipment of the thing the soldiers want most:

"I left the States last July and came over as a volunteer in the ambulance service. Since that time my friends have sent me over 2,000 American cigarettes, but I have never received a single one, so you can realize how I appreciate your kind gift, especially when it came so unexpectedly.

"American smokes are certainly welcome in this country. This is to be a long war, and every gift such as yours helps to keep men's spirits up."

After reading such grateful messages as these, every person surely who has the welfare of the soldiers at heart—and that means the welfare of the nation itself—will take advantage of every opportunity to further the smokes project.

One such opportunity offers itself to-night and to-morrow night, when the ice pageant for THE SUN Tobacco Fund takes place in the Waldorf-Astoria. Lest there be any misunderstanding the statement cannot be made too plain that spectators will not encounter the same weather conditions inside that they encounter on the exterior of the building. The main pageant is not to be given in the rink, but in the Waldorf's sun parlors, which audience and performers alike will find as comfortable as any spot in the whole town.

Miss Dufour to Dance.

Miss Alise Dufour, the barefoot dancer, will not make her contribution to the programme in a frigid atmosphere, but amid conditions in keeping with her costume. Miss Dufour is one of the gifted entertainers who have volunteered to help the cause and the directors are fortunate in having received an offer of her services.

The word "ice" is used in connection with the pageant because the series of historical scenes has been selected from among those whose originals were enacted in the dead of winter. They have been depicted on canvas, many of them, but on these two occasions are shown in real life for the first time since the very early days.

In one of the opening scenes History, impersonated by Miss Amelia Bingham, the gifted actress, summons about her representatives of all the peoples of the new continent and chooses from among them those on whom she counts for the performance of deeds of special valor and lasting worth. The accomplishment of some of the most notable of these deeds is shown. At length the Continental soldiers appear, their places being taken soon by khakiclad soldiers of the present day, and these History admonishes to uphold the traditions of the fathers and win eternal glory through the preservation of our dearly bought freedom.

Among other noted actresses who will be seen in the tableaux are Miss Alicia Salmon, Miss Peggy Gibbs, Miss Mabel Mortimer, Miss Mary Kennedy, Miss Margaret Carroll and Miss Beatrice Prentice, whose presence attests the lively interest of the Stage Women's War Relief.

Jarvis to Direct Skaters.

Music will play an important part in the movement of the wordless play. It will be furnished by a great chorus and several debutantes from the School of Light Opera in the Metropolitan Opera House, the Waldorf Orchestra accompanying.

Such a brilliant exhibition of ice skating as is to be given is seldom witnessed. This will be under the personal direction of Mr. Jarvis and the list of stars includes Bror Meyer and Miss Emmy Bergfeldt (through the courtesy of the St. Nicholas rink), Miss Erna Remoll, Miss Caroline Pope and Alfred and Miss Sigrid Naess.

At the conclusion of the general programme all of the rooms surrounding the sun parlors will be opened and whoever cares to do so will have the privilege of skating or dancing. The small admission price, one dollar, admits not only to the entertainment but to participation in these diversions. A fact which augurs well for the complete success of this ambitious affair is the keen personal interest manifested by directors and participants. Miss Amelia Bingham is working as hard as for any first night in which she ever appeared as star, and George C. Boldt and his corps of assistants in the management of the Waldorf are giving the event their careful, painstaking attention.

All the facilities of the big hotel are placed at the disposal of the fund's friends. The entire "gate" is to come to this movement, and, besides, a generous part of the refreshment receipts. The tents to be used in the Valley Forge tableaux and the boat for the scene of Washington Crossing the Delaware are generously lent by the Abercrombie and Fitch Company, Madison avenue and Forty-fifth street.

The fund is able to announce this morning a new and delightful benefit, a costume recital of songs and dances of the Allied nations, to be given at the Commonwealth Club, in Upper Montclair, N. J., next Wednesday evening. For several weeks Adelaide Soper (Mrs. Newton Soper), the singer, has been busily engaged in preparing the programme, and now that arrangements are complete she has offered the affair for this enterprise.

Mrs. Soper herself will sing the melodies of Ireland, Ruby Bunston Hinbody of France and England, and Mary Stuart Black of Russia and Scotland and Frances Farnsworth and Alice Newkirk, impersonating first Italy and then France, will give dance representations. Helen Roberts-See and Alice Benton will be the accompanists.

The novel character of the entertainment and the recognized talent of the women who are to appear have aroused great interest, and already tickets are selling rapidly. An artistic success is assured, and there is every reason to expect that the soldiers will enjoy a substantial profit.

The pen of five blue ribbon Belgian Campines which was exhibited at the Poultry Show that closed at Madison Square Garden Tuesday night was taken yesterday to the store of the MacNiff Horticultural Company, 56 Vesey street. It was to be on display in the show windows there for several days, or until the much coveted fowl are sold for THE SUN Tobacco Fund. They are the gift to the soldiers' smoke cause of Charles A. Phipps, a noted fancier of Boston and Wayland, Mass.

A Chance for Poultry Lovers.

Besides young women from Broadway musical shows Miss Kortright of 279 Madison avenue, M. T. Griott, Wayland, Mass., and Harry P. Schwab, editor of *Everybody's Poultry Journal* of Rochester, N. Y., did effective work in the sale of bids while the show was in progress. Chicken lovers would do well to make bids on these feathered marvels at the MacNiff store in the next few days.

The fund concert by the Banks Glee Club and contributing artists is to take place the night of Monday, January 14. The Hotel Astor had been selected for this event and the date selected tentatively, but it has now been fixed definitely. This promises to be one of the most enjoyable concerts of the season.

The contribution boxes in the stores of the United and Schulte companies are on duty constantly, and every smoker considers it his duty as well as his privilege to deposit his coupons and certificates therein. This is an easy and inexpensive way in which to help the fund but one which is effective, as the receipts from the two firms published each morning in the appended list testify. The more tobacco paper placed in the boxes by thoughtful purchasers the more smokes for the soldiers.

Many New Contributions.

From Vera Cruz, Mexico, came yesterday a check for $50, the contribution of Mrs. A. H. McLean. Her husband, writing in her name, said:

"It is a pleasure to both of us to send this remittance to you for such a good cause."

Robert Batcheller, at the Marlborough-Blenheim, at Atlantic City, followed up a previous offering with one for $50.

That faithful friend of the fun, R. L. Lloyd of 29 Broadway, writes:

"Please find enclosed my usual monthly contribution ($5). Among our boys I have particularly in mind at this season my own son, a soldier in the 165th, 'Somewhere Over There.'"

Only a few days ago Mr. Lloyd sent an amount equal to his monthly instalment as "an extra dividend."

Miss Mercy M. Boyd, 80 Linden street, Waterbury, Conn., sends $5 and says:

"This represents subscriptions to two magazines that are glanced through once and thrown aside."

From the members of the Clearing House staff of the Commercial Cable Company has come a second contribution, and James H. McIntosh, general counsel for the New York Life Insurance Company, sends his check for $32.50, "which some of my friends lately contributed and requested me to forward to you."

The Fund Now Stands.

THE SUN and THE EVENING SUN	$4,000.00
United Cigar Stores boxes	27,814.52
Previously acknowledged	131,992.78
New contributions	177.50
Total	$163,984.80
Shipped and paid for.....$135,070.78	
Cash balance..... 28,824.02	
Received through the Schulte Cigar Stores	14,054.20
Grand total	$177,919.00
Friends of James H. McIntosh, New York Life Insurance Co., 346 B'way.	$32.50
Second contribution of clearing house staff of Commercial Cable Co., 253 B'way	2.00
I. N., 2345 B'way	1.00
G. H. Anderson	1.00
David G. Wakeman, 95 William st.	10.00
John Ricotta, 420 Adams st., Freeland, Pa.	1.00
Mr. A. H. McLean, Apartado 150, Vera Cruz, Mexico	50.00
Miss Mercy M. Boyd, 80 Linden st., Waterbury, Conn.	5.00
Mrs. R. E. Clark, 260 Valentine lane, Yonkers, N. Y.	4.00
Robert Batcheller, Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, N. J.	50.00
Alonzo Ruth, Ansonia, Conn.	1.00
Joseph J. Smith, 261 State st., Hackensack, N. J.	5.00
R. L. Lloyd, 29 B'way	5.00
Mrs. Blanche E. Plant, Hortense S. Plant, 71 Central Park West	10.00

WEST SIDE INQUIRY SPEEDED.

Mrs. Charles A. Bryan Presents Women's Views.

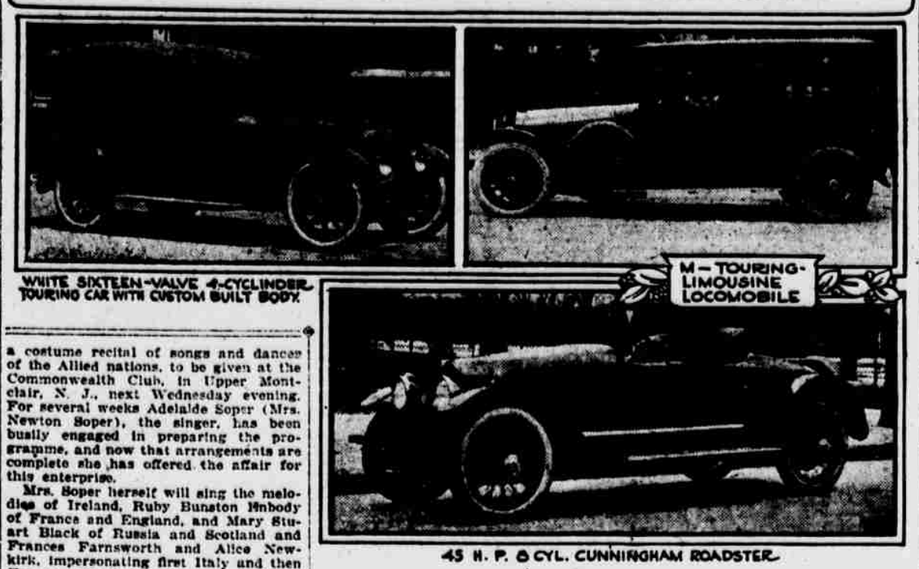
To expedite matters in this, the last month of its official life, the Governor's West Side committee held an extra meeting yesterday afternoon in the library of the Chamber of Commerce, at which the witnesses were Mrs. Charles A. Bryan, president of the Women's League for the Protection of Riverside Drive, and John H. Lynch, president of the Terminal Warehouse Company.

The only thing that will satisfy the women, according to Mrs. Bryan, is a tunnel through Riverside Park, or adequate depression of the Central's tracks. They are not particularly interested in terminal facilities, it seems, but they "simply will not see the park turned into a freight yard."

Mrs. Bryan characterized the plan of the joint conference committee as "fairly satisfactory" and said the women would accept it. She was followed by Mr. Lynch, who spoke a good word for the lighterage system of bringing freight to Manhattan, and favored the New Jersey shore as a steamship terminal for export.

Theodore Shonts, president of the Interborough, will testify at a meeting to be held this forenoon in the auditorium of the Merchants Association, Woolworth Building, and Frederick D. Underwood, president of the Erie, will testify in the afternoon.

Three Fine Examples of Automobile Salon Cars.



WHITE SIXTEEN-VALVE 4-CYLINDER TOURING CAR WITH CUSTOM BUILT BODY.

45 H. P. 6 CYL. CUNNINGHAM ROADSTER.

INDIANS MASSACRE 20 TO 30 ON TRAIN

Yaquis Attack Southern Pacific in Mexico—Overcome Soldier Guard.

TUCSON, Ariz., Jan. 2.—A train on the Southern Pacific Railroad was attacked this morning thirty-two miles south of Empalme, Sonora, by Yaqui Indians and from twenty to thirty passengers were killed, according to advices received to-day. The conductor and an express messenger were among those killed. Some of the passengers were from Tucson, but their names have not been learned.

Advices said the attack occurred at a point known as Pitahaya. A military escort of about seventy-five Federal soldiers on board was greatly outnumbered.

The Indians tore up the tracks, derailing the train. They then attacked the rear car, in which the passengers, mostly Mexicans, were massacred. The Indians then looted the baggage and express cars and rode away.

GEN. SCOTT TAKES HOLD AT CAMP DIX

All Ceremony Omitted at Arrival of New Commander.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.

CAMP DIX, WRIGHTSTOWN, N. J., Jan. 2.—Major-Gen. Scott, formerly chief of staff, took command to-day of the Seventy-eighth Division at Camp Dix, succeeding Brig.-Gen. Dean, acting commander. In other days the arrival of a new commander would have meant an official military reception and much ceremony and pomp, but these are war times, and Gen. Scott merely walked in and assumed charge and without an hour's delay put into effect a programme for getting a line on his new job.

Gen. Scott motored to Camp Dix shortly before noon, accompanied by Lieut.-Col. Harry N. Cootes of the General Staff, his companion on his recent tour of the European battle fronts. He said he would visit the regiments in turn, beginning to-morrow morning, and would make a thorough inspection of the camp, especially looking into the matter of equipment, quarters, food and sanitation.

"I am pleased to learn from officers that the men of the division are pretty well equipped as to clothing and that the health record is so good," said Gen. Scott this afternoon when he met the newspaper correspondents assigned to the cantonment. "It is like coming back home to have command of a division in New Jersey, especially near Princeton, my real home since boyhood."

Gen. Scott returned from an extended tour of the western front a few days ago, during which he visited many parts of the great line held by French, British and American troops. As a member of the Root commission to Russia, from which he returned in August, he was also on the Russian and Rumanian fronts.

FOR FINLAND'S INDEPENDENCE.

Bolsheviki Favor Separation of Nation From Russia.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 2.—The Bolshevik news agency announces that the Council of People's Commissioners has decided to recommend to the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates recognition of the political independence of the republic of Finland.

A special commission has been appointed to take measures for the separation of Finland from Russia.

MORE ARRESTS FOR NORFOLK DISASTER

Portsmouth, Across River, in Fear of Fire Plots, Put Under Guard.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 2.—While Department of Justice agents and naval patrols continued to-day to round up suspicious persons on this side of the Elizabeth River as the result of yesterday's mysterious fires in Norfolk's business district the city of Portsmouth, across the river, practically was placed under control of the naval authorities as a precautionary measure.

At the request of City Manager Bates, who said he wanted to prevent any possible activity of enemy agents, Rear Admiral McLean, commanding this naval district, detailed naval patrols for the business district of Portsmouth and for factories and railroad and waterfront property. Mr. Bates was prompted in his request by a fire of undetermined origin which early to-day destroyed several dwellings.

Norfolk authorities to-day seemed less inclined to attribute yesterday's fires to an enemy plot to destroy the city in an attempt to cripple war activities here, but Federal agents and the naval patrols did not relax their vigilance. A score of persons unable to give satisfactory accounts of themselves were arrested. Many were released, but others were held for further examination.

A cordon of sailors and marines continued on guard around the fire swept district, and guards were maintained in the downtown section and on the waterfront. The ruins still were smouldering, and to-night another fire broke out near the burned section, but did not prove serious.

Snow fell throughout the day. Volunteer women continued to serve the guards hot coffee and lunches and to take care of those who were made homeless yesterday by the fire.

2,500 DEAD IN GUATEMALA.

List of Fatalities Increased by Latest Reports.

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 2.—Newspapers of this city assert that no fewer than 2,500 people lost their lives in the Guatemala earthquake.

Early reports on the Guatemala earthquake, which began Christmas day, declared the loss of life was heavy, some estimates reaching 1,000. A Guatemala City despatch of December 31, however, said that only a few persons had been killed.

SEIZED IN COURT AS ROBBER.

Victim Identifies Spectator as One of Four Holdup Men.

While Edward Bardo, a chauffeur of 758 Grand street, Williamsburg, was testifying in the Williamsburg Court yesterday against three men who, he said, held him up with revolvers in the hallway of his home early Monday morning, he looked toward the audience. Bardo leaped from the witness stand and bounded over the brass rail as the man he had spied was trying to get out.

Court attendants aided in the capture of the man, who said he was Tony Lacorto, 30, of 592 Park avenue. Bardo said he was the fourth man in the party. All four were held by Magistrate McGuire.

CUSTOM BODIES ON NEW WHITE CARS

Body Builders' Craftsmanship Applied to Standard Production—8 Uncommon Types.

To those who appreciate the uncommon, whether it be a motor car, a yacht, a house, a piece of furniture or just a pair of boots, the genius of the custom body designer to-day makes an irresistible appeal.

The creative art and finished workmanship of the better builders—for years confined to a select and small custom trade—is receiving a wider recognition and patronage, the inevitable result of such exhibitions as the Automobile Salon in the Hotel Astor.

The body builder to-day, however, does not have an exclusive field for using custom standards in body work. At least one maker of high grade cars, the Whites Company, has embraced the craft and creed of the custom builder and applied his skill to the production of standard motor cars.

Although very few manufacturers can adhere to the standards or styles that conform with the higher ideals of the custom craft, it is said in the trade that the workmanship of the White bodies is indistinguishable from that of the foremost custom builders.

Eight Types Exhibited.

Such an assertion is to be expected after one views the cars exhibited by this company at the salon. Of eight distinct types in the exhibit five are built from standard White designs and three are special custom designs by Rubay—yet all are sufficiently exclusive in type and finish to remove the owner far from the realm of the commonplace.

Those body types are particularly interesting because they are mounted on chassis of great simplicity and economy, two features now most important in aiding the national conservation movement.

The completed cars suggest nothing of the lavish or wasteful. Chassis and body designers evidently have matched their genius to produce comfort and conveniences for men and women with urgent duties to perform.

There is no haste in the process. Painstaking workmanship and fine materials are essential. In the structure of the bodies well seasoned ash is the wood that is used, because of its elasticity and toughness. After the pillars and joints have been properly glued and given plenty of time to dry the bodies are covered with hand hammered aluminum. Each job is individually shaped to its frame work. While aluminum is more expensive than ordinary metal, it is selected on account of its lightness and because it is proof against rust.

The doors are fitted and adjusted so carefully that wear and strain will not disalign them. Each door is reenforced and protected against the effects of vibration and the tendency to sag.

Numerous Springs in Seats.

The same skill which is exercised by the engineer in designing springs for the chassis which will give the greatest comfort in riding and freedom from road shocks is followed by the body builder in designing springs for the upholstered seats. These springs are more numerous than in the ordinary medium priced motor car. They are tied together in sections and arranged so that they will fit the back perfectly and will not pull apart or sag from wear. Hair and padding are securely built over the spring surface in a manner that will keep them in shape for years.

Painting the bodies requires considerable time and skill. To insure protection against the weather and to preserve the good looks and finish of the car indefinitely the painter must apply from twenty to thirty coats of lead color, filler, body color and varnish. Each coat is allowed to thoroughly dry in air which has been washed of all impurities.

Owners of luxurious motor cars seldom consider how much the comfort and appearance of their car depend upon the unseen features of construction and the time and skill required in building them.

HENNIG TO BE TRIED JAN. 16.

Gyroscope Expert Will Be Arraigned Then for Treason.

Paul Hennig, who is held without bail on a charge of treason, will be tried before Federal Judge Chatfield in Brooklyn on January 16. Hennig was born in Germany, but was naturalized some years ago and held a position of importance and trust with the E. W. Bliss Company of Brooklyn, which has a big contract for supplying the Government with torpedoes.

The accused man was an expert on gyroscopes, and he was the last to put the stamp of approval on the finished torpedo after the gyroscope had been adjusted. It was charged that he tampered with the gyroscopes and destroyed their efficiency.

Daniel F. Nugent, his counsel, conferred yesterday with Melville J. France, United States District Attorney for Brooklyn, on the question of bail. Mr. France made it plain that he would contest any motion that the defendant be admitted to bail.

BRILLIANT SCENE AT AUTOMOBILE SALON

Fourteenth Annual Exhibition of High Grade Cars Is Best Ever Held.

The automobile show season of 1918 is under way. It had a most auspicious inaugural in the brilliant opening of the Automobile Salon in the grand ballroom of the Astor, brilliant in its magnificent exhibits, its gorgeous setting and in its initial attendance.

This is the fourteenth annual salon to be held here. As heretofore, it is dedicated to the display of high grade motor car chassis and custom coach work. The participation of cars from England and Italy gives it an international character, while the two airplane motors on view, both retired veterans from Europe's battlefields, serve to remind one of the stern realities of war.

A significant feature of the annual salons is that they set the new fashions in coach work for the coming year. The present exhibition shows a marked tendency toward low suspended bodies, thereby setting a fashion which will give a finer appearance to motor cars de luxe. It also shows a studied effort toward simplicity, obtained by skilful design and construction, harmonious blending of colors and minute attention to details. Low, compact lines of body, long sweeping lines of hood, cowls and fenders, upholstery of fine texture, neutral colored fabrics and painting of soft, rich colors are shown as to the requisites of the smart appearing motor car.

The different makes of cars on exhibition in the beautiful golden ballroom of the Astor include Biddle, Brewster, Cunningham, Daniels, Fageol, Lanci, Locomobile, Mercury, Murray, Phianna, Rolls Royce, Simplex and White. Custom coach builders having separate body exhibits in the balcony are Rubay and Brooks-Ostruk. Acessories shown include Dunlop and Faure tires, Westinghouse air springs, Houdaille shock absorber, Macbeth Lens, Stentor autophone, Laidlaw upholstery and Duratex.

PIPE BREAKS IN BELLEVUE.

Rescue Squad Called When Ammonia Main Bursts.

Wilmer T. Meinzer, chief engineer at Bellevue Hospital, protected by one of the "gas" helmets used by the rescue squad of the Fire Department, led the firemen yesterday into the power house at the hospital, shut off the flow from a burst ammonia pipe and kept the strong fumes from reaching the patients in the main buildings.

There was a 15 degree drop in the temperature of the big hospital when an elbow of the big ammonia pipe in the six story power house split, and it was a number of hours before the usual temperature could be restored. Nurses hastily met the situation by providing extra blankets for the patients.

Adjoining the power house is the hospital laundry in which a number of women were working when the accident took place. They were forced to flee from the fumes without stopping for their wraps. The firemen who answered the first call sent for the rescue squad, which is equipped for gas attacks, and they aided the chief engineer in righting the damaged plant.

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$4 and $3 (Derbies and Soft)..... $1.95

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$10 and $7.50 .... (Finest Quality Velour) $5.85

A TIMELY opportunity to replace your Derby or Soft Hat, which is beginning to show signs of wear, with a new one *far below regular price.*

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Fur Coats for Men Specially Priced

Muskrat Lined Coats Special at $48.50
With genuine Persian Lamb Collar.

Persian Lamb Collar Coats Special at $65.00
Full-cut black Kersey coats lined with Muskrat.

Muskrat Lined Coats Special at $78.00
Our own exclusive double-breasted model. Made of heavy black or gray overcoating with full Persian Lamb, Beaver or Hudson Seal Collar.

$25.00 Dogskin Driving Coats Now $17.50

Other Coats Specially Priced from $88 to $250

Sale of Motor Lap Robes
$30, $35 & $45 Robes Special at $27.50
$22, $25 & $28 Robes Special at $19.50
$15, $16 & $19 Robes Special at $14.50

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