

Today Begins Our Year-End Sale

Of Suits and Coats At Reductions Of A Quarter To A Third



This sale is easily first among sales of suits and coats. It is not a distribution of obsolete styles and odd sizes, but a presentation of the best fashions of the season in a complete assortment of models and sizes.

As it is a fixed event in our calendar of sales women and young women look forward to its announcement with expediency and interest, as it gives them an opportunity to make additions to Winter wardrobes at the lowest prices of the season.

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FLETCHER'S The Store That Pays No Rent

Sketches of Little OLD NEW YORK by W. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—When Algonon St. John-Brenon, music critic of the Morning Telegraph, passed on last week one of the most unique figures in New York newspaper life gadded his earthly career.

In even the high sounding combination and hyphen of his name, he found the comic, and in the silk hat and monocle which he affected at such gala events as a Metropolitan first night, he saw the spectacular and grotesque.

Judged by the common police court standard of journalism, Mr. Brenon probably was not an ideal newspaperman, but as a writer he was considered one of the most brilliant New York editors ever knew.

He was at home in any circle and the lowbrow might associate with him in comfort and without feeling the rebuke of his mental superiority. The last four years he has been dreadfully ill, but he was always the same good humored and lovable journalist.

The "Three Aces" of City Hall Park are missing. Shuffled somewhere in the millions of New York's population is the trio of venerable beggars who for years made the region of the fountain their stalking ground for soft hearted victims.

They are three of New York's most famous beggars and in police circles are known as Old King Phil, Prince Edward and Prince George. It is reported that they have gone to work. They became so well known that people only laughed when they whined for a few pennies.

GOETHAL MAKES REPORT ON CANAL

During the First Ten and One-Half Months after Its Opening to Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A detailed account of the operation and maintenance of the Panama canal during the first ten months and a half after its opening to commerce in August, 1914, is given in its annual report of Governor Goethal of the Canal zone, just made public. Final construction work just prior to the canal's opening also described in the report, which embraces the fiscal year ending June 30 last, prior to the earth slide which blocked the channel.

Between August 15, 1914, and June 30, 1915, 530 vessels, representing a net Panama canal tonnage of 1,884,728 and a cargo tonnage of 2,125,755 were passed through from Atlantic to Pacific and 558 vessels, representing a Panama canal tonnage of 1,958,307 and a cargo tonnage of 2,844,057, from Pacific to Atlantic, making a total of 1,088 vessels with a net canal tonnage of 3,843,035 and a cargo tonnage of 44,969,792.

Construction of the canal proper, except for dredging excavation and construction of the east breakwater at Colon, virtually was completed prior to this fiscal year. In the old Cut, renamed the Gaillard cut, there were removed, in the process of construction during the year, 1,960,617 cubic yards at an average cost of approximately 42 1-4 cents a yard. In maintaining the channel—including removal of earth deposited by slides—there were taken from the Gaillard cut 4,710,566 cubic yards at a cost of 34 2-3 cents a yard and from the channel at the Atlantic entrance 1,233,301 cubic yards at a cost of 10 1-8 cents a yard.

"Curacha slide," the report says, "was very active from July to October, 1914, quiet during the dry season, and active with the beginning of the rainy season in April. On the west side at Culebra the slide showed little activity through the greater part of the year, but in June, 1915, the general movement of the bank was noticeable and it was estimated that 5,000 cubic yards of material were in motion on June 30, 1915, on the west side. It is estimated that about 4,000,000 cubic yards will have to be removed from the east side."

Of the \$394,399,149 appropriated by Congress to June 30, last, the report states that \$14,689,873 has been spent on fortifications; \$750,000 to cover the annual payments to the Republic of Panama; \$8,440,000 for the operation and maintenance of the canal zone for the fiscal year 1916; \$4,289,259 for the operation and maintenance of the canal to the end of the fiscal year 1915, while stock on hand aggregates \$2,225,000, leaving \$365,999,116 appropriated for the actual construction of the canal and its adjuncts.

Two million dollars of this was invested in colliers, and \$6,663,967 was returned to the treasury department up to the close of the fiscal year 1915 as miscellaneous receipts, leaving \$257,436,048 as the net amount expended for the canal including the amount available for work still in progress. A dry dock two coaling stations and terminal piers, not included in these figures, are yet to be constructed.

Health conditions in the canal zone the report says, were very good during the year. The total death rate from disease was reduced from 11.45 in 1914 to 11.77 in 1915. Victims of malaria, the principal cause of disability, were reduced twenty per cent in number and the death rate 33 per cent, in the year. The admission rate to hospitals from typhoid was reduced more than 76 per cent, from dysentery, fifty per cent, and the death rate from pneumonia was reduced more than 39 per cent.

Labor conditions were excellent. More than 6,000 men were given transportation home because they could not be used.

Even in New York beggars become just as well known as Diamond Jim Brady, the Rialto plutocrat, Fustys Murphy and Creeping Mulvey, subject objects who loosened money from all the Wall Street brokers, quit in disgust two years ago. Jimmy the Crutch and Big Slim had disappeared from the Times Square section. Jimmy the Crutch is said to have owned real estate.

A prominent New York doctor has written a full page article for a Sunday newspaper pointing out the fact that Jesus was the greatest physician in history and that gradually all the big doctors in the East are coming to the realization that physical troubles disappear with the healing of the soul. He denies that he is a Christian Scientist.

He relates that at a meeting of some of the new thinkers in medicine recently in New York many physicians testified that they had healed all manner of diseases by correcting morals and cited one case of paralysis.

The article has created quite a stir. The writer points out that Hutchinson, of New York; Planck, of Kansas City; and others in their writings are steering away from medicine and dwelling more and more on the control the mind has over the body.

Fifth Avenue fashion makers are amused at the denunciation Paul Poiret, of Paris, has heaped upon New York styles. He declares that American tailors are stealing everything from buttons to clients and that there is more dash, more sense and more beauty about the Paris styles than American ever dreamed.

As a matter of fact the names of Poiret, Callot, Paquin and Worth are dimly failing to charm the American women. American styles are setting the pace. Michael, a new name to conjure with on Fifth avenue, declares that the new American styles are simply outstripping Europe.

At a Broadway vaudeville theater the other night a tall, lanky man stepped up for a ticket. "Who is playing here?" he asked. "Leslie Carter," was the reply. "Shucks," he said in disgust, "I have seen him."

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