

FRANCE REMAINS FASHION ARBITER

PARIS STYLES HOLD LEAD

Not Only in Matter of Women's Gowns, But Even in Color Design of Autos, It Is Reported

The Republic of France occupies a smaller area than our own five States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. Still that Nation has always exercised a tremendous influence in our own country. Usually the American people are very enthusiastic over France but there was an occasion in history when George Washington stood ready to lead an American Army against the aggressions of France.

The great Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island in New York harbor, was presented as a finished product to the United States, on July 4, 1884. It is perhaps the greatest reminder of peace and friendship in the world. One mystery that the world has never solved is why Paris, a city of approximately 3,000,000 inhabitants, maintains its position as the dictator of the world of fashions.

"Arbiter of Fashion" — American women, as well as those of almost every country on the face of the globe look resolutely to Paris for fashions. If the autocrats in beautiful French city say that buttons shall be worn next spring, women immediately bristle with buttons and if they decree that red is a trifle passe' a young lady of fashion would sooner expire than suffer the humiliation of appearing in a red gown.

These famous coutouriers lately have not only been choosing the colors for Milady's frocks, but they have been persuing to insinuate that Milord's coupe' shall be finished in just such and such shades of duco. This is outrageous, of course, and something should surely be done about it. The people whose duty it is to paint the nation's cars watch the style bulletins and fashion magazines for news of Paris color trends just as religiously as do the professional dressmakers. Most of the gayly colored machines that purr along the highways of our great board country are ducoed with color prescriptions that were evolved in the salons of the famous French modistes.

A New York minister declares that America is full of starving geniuses. Well it can't be because wages aren't high enough.

NEW TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEYS IN STATE

OVER 50 PER CENT MAPPED

Good Progress Made Toward Completing Geologic Folio Is Also Reported; Parts Now Finished

Director A. N. Shelton, Department of Registration and Education, announces that during 1927 a total of 955 square miles of new topographical surveys were made in Illinois, bringing the percentage of the state mapped up to 50.7, as contrasted with less than 43 per cent for the entire country. During the same period 448 square miles of resurveys were made. Reporting on the work of the geological and topographical surveys for the year Director Shelton says:

Good Progress Made — "Progress was made toward the completion of a geologic folio for the Equality and Shawneetown quadrangles which lie partly in Kentucky. The investigation, conducted by Charles Butts, has been made in co-operation with the Illinois Geological Survey. "Nine hundred and fifty-five miles of the topographic surveys were made during the year, bringing the percentage of the state up to 50.7 per cent as contrasted with less than 43 per cent for the whole country. Four hundred and forty-eight miles of resurveys were also made.

Survey Completed — "In co-operation with the Illinois Department of Registration and Education, geological survey, the survey of the Normal and Mount Sterling quadrangles and the Illinois part of the Nebo and Vera quadrangles was completed, and that of the Pearl, Meredosa, Glasford, Iuka, Danvers, McLean and LeRoy quadrangles and the Illinois part of the Alton quadrangles was begun. The survey of the Springfield quadrangle was completed.

"The resurvey of the Wheeling, Highland Park, Harvey, Chicago Loop, Park Ridge, Jackson Park, Calumet City, Evanston 7 1/2, Tinley Park, Englewood and Elmhurst quadrangles was completed and that of the Calumet Lake and Mokena quadrangles was begun. These areas were previously surveyed on a smaller scale."

Apropos of attractive and artistic alliterations, we note that a Mississippi editor refers to certain "purveyors of putrid prejudicial political potpourri."

REPUBLICAN PARTY RECORD SINCE 1921

WHAT G. O. P. HAS DONE

Summary of Achievements for Benefit of Nation in Last Few Years Shows Notable Gains

Here is a condensed record of the important achievements, for the people, accomplished by the Republican party since 1921, according to the National Press:

Passed an emergency tariff which stopped the importations of wheat, milk and cheese from Canada; eggs from China; corn and beef from Argentina; wool and mutton from Australia; butter from Norway, Denmark and Sweden, which were being shipped into this country in large quantities under the Underwood tariff. Authorized the use of a billion dollars by the War Finance corporation to finance in an orderly manner the marketing and exportation of agricultural products.

Reduced the army and navy to a peace-time basis. Passed the peace resolutions with Germany and Austria and brought about a limitation of armament through an international conference. Put the Budget System in operation. Reduced government employes over 100,000.

Curtail Expenses — Curtailed government expenses through economy and good management. Reduced the national debt from \$22,964,000,000, June 30, 1922, to \$18,368,000,000 on November 1, 1927. Reduced individual income taxes twice, and repealed many nuisance war taxes. Reduced total international revenue taxes nearly \$1,000,000,000 a year. Combined activities for ex-soldiers of the World war, and provided \$500,000,000 for relief work annually. Restricted foreign immigration for the benefit of American wage-earners and for the safety of American institutions. Established a foreign war debt commission, and a settlement of all foreign debts, except that of France.

Passed the Maternity bill. Passed a law regulating the grain exchanges and packing houses. Provided for the return of alien property in excess of \$10,000 to each person. Provided for the organization of co-operative marketing associations, and passed the anti-narcotic act; the bill prohibiting the sale of filled milk; a bill for the monthly payment of Civil war veterans; brought independent citizenship to women; enacted a tariff law protecting agricultural products and reviving the operation of all industries.

Restores Confidence — Restored approximately 5,000,000 idle men to employment. Established a system of rural credits to aid agriculturalists. Gave the soldiers a soldier's bonus. Passed a bill reorganizing the diplomatic and consular service. Created a national radio commission. Restored public confidence and raised public credit.

PROBLEMS FACING RADIO MANAGEMENT

Effort Being Made to Provide Laws Adequate to Handling Business

The senate will work with the department of commerce in trying to patch up the membership of the new federal radio commission. There is an earnest desire on the part of everybody in Washington to secure laws that will make the new giant of the air more workable and more practicable. The trouble is that all the radio fans, as well as the big and little "fixits" do not know how to make laws to straighten out the difficulties of making radio an industry instead of a plaything.

Some of the public officials are beginning to believe that a monopoly in radio on the same lines that there is in the telephone and the telegraph industries, might be the best thing for the public. On the other hand there are thousands of "little fellows" who object to being made the victims of a freeze-out game.

ACTION OF BRAKES ON AUTO IS SHOWN

What May Be Expected of Them Under Normal Conditions Pointed Out

"What should be reasonably expected of passenger automobile brakes?" is a question frequently asked of the mechanical first aid department of the Chicago Motor club.

A bulletin issued in response to this question says that the foot brake should stop a car going at the rate of 20 miles per hour within a distance of 50 feet, if the car is traveling on a level, hard road, which is dry and free from loose material. Under the same conditions, and at the same rate of speed, the hand brake should stop the car within a distance of 75 feet.

When the car is traveling at a rate of speed faster or slower than 20 miles per hour, the same ratio between speed and distance in which the car can be stopped would be maintained.

CHAIRMAN OF HAVANA SESSION TO LECTURE

Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante to Deliver Series at Northwestern

Dr. Antonio Sanchez de Bustamante, chairman of the Sixth Pan-American congress now meeting in Havana, will deliver a series of lectures in the school of law of Northwestern university under the Julius Rosenthal Foundation, beginning May 1, Dean John H. Wigmore of the school of law announced yesterday. His lectures will be on the relationship from a legal standpoint between the United States and the Latin-American countries.

Judge Bustamante is a widely known authority and writer on international law. He was educated at Central university, Madrid, and the University of Havana and admitted to the bar in 1885. He was appointed professor of private and international law at the University of Havana in 1891. In 1907 he was a member of the International Court of Arbitration at The Hague, and in 1910 was elected a member of Institut de Droit International. He is a charter member of the American Institute of International Law and of the Cuban Society of International Law. In 1919 he was a delegate from Cuba to the Peace Conference at Paris, and in 1921 was made a judge of the Permanent Court of International Justice. He has served as dean of the faculty of law of the University of Havana and as president of the Havana Bar Association, and last year was delegate from Cuba to the International Commission of American Jurists in Rio de Janeiro.

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EASTERN RAILROADS ADOPT COLOR SCHEME

One Company Paints Locomotives in Varied Colors; Another Names Them

Even though the railroads have not lacked for distinguishing qualities to brighten their advertising, decision to decorate locomotives shows progressive thinking. And along with the gayer colors, the quaint old custom of naming locomotives is to be revived. The trend seems toward locomotives with "personality plus," a quality of demonstrated advertising value for attracting attention in this world of standardized products and services.

Twenty passenger locomotives of the Baltimore & Ohio lines, we read, are to be painted in green with gold and red striping and named for Presidents of the United States. And

for the "Minute Man," crack train of the Boston & Maine Railroad, locomotives painted in buff and blue will take the place of the dull and drab engines now in use.

Cars, too, are reflecting the artistic concern to please the public. Inside, as well as outside, appearances are changing. Luxurious lounges, library and writing compartments, dancing floors and movie theatres are rolling over transcontinental roadbeds on regular schedules. Latest, perhaps, is the bedroom car, in which the familiar berth is replaced with a bed of comfortable size. Not the least of the new conveniences is the "servidor," a box-like receptacle for shoes, which is accessible to the porter from the outside.

Practical minded as all these revivals and revisions may seem, they also accent the picturesque quality of railroading says the Nation's Business Magazine.

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