

SKIRTS OF FLEET.

Young Women Perform Essential Tasks.—Do Not Serve at Sea.

The young woman who is eager to enlist and wear a uniform can have her wish fulfilled by enrolling in the United States Naval Reserves. There are now about 3,000 women in this branch of the service and the number is increasing every day. These women are not enlisted to climb ropes, drill, or do any of the sailor's jobs. In all probability, they will never mount a ship's deck in an official capacity. They are enrolled as yeomen, and are employed, most of them, at the peaceful work of taking down shorthand notes and making them intelligible by way of a typewriter.

Such duties do not appear thrilling or even of great importance, but many of these girls, who have demonstrated ability to carry out orders quickly and effectively, now handle confidential correspondence and transact business requiring a high degree of executive ability. Some are holding positions which heretofore have been considered men's jobs exclusively.

Admiral McGowan, chief of the naval bureau and supplies and accounts, declares that the women serving in his department are more satisfactory than men. "They are more ambitious and capable and less dissatisfied with conditions and pay," says the admiral. "They are my right hand men, and my only trouble is in getting enough of them."

The navy objects to its enlisted girls being called yeomanettes, yeomen or yeogirls. They are enlisted as yeomen, with the same rank, pay and privileges as men and to do the same work as men.

Therefore their official designation is "yeomen," and any other title is considered inappropriate.

Neat Uniform Worn.

From the day the yeoman rating was opened to women, the subject of a uniform was discussed. Most of the girls were in favor of a standardized dress. They were in the navy and wanted the public to know it. Then, too, a uniform is a solution of the clothes problem which so often harasses the business woman, and sometimes her employer. A solemn study of types and styles by naval officers, assisted by an advisory council of girls, resulted in the official decree of a navy blue or white Norfolk suit, regulation shirt waist, felt or straw sailor hat, and black or white shoes and stockings. For insignia, the words "U. S. Naval Reserve Force," on the hat band and the regular navy rating chevron on the left sleeve of the blouse were authorized. The uniform was designed and described in detail, and took its place in the fashion book of the navy alongside of the latest thing in costumes for naval aviators, seamen and officers.

In time of war, a soldier or sailor is forbidden by law to appear in civilian dress. This ruling the navy has not attempted to apply to its enlisted girls. The lady yeoman can doff her neat blue Norfolk suit and cotton gloves in the evening and attend a dance in the flimsiest of chiffons, if she so desires, though many of the girls prefer the distinctive dress. The yeoman on enlisting receives \$60 as uniform allowance. This does not fully equip her, but yeomen now in the service declare that it will supply a recruit with a fairly complete wardrobe if she patronizes the navy clothing depot in New York where the uniforms are made by government contract.

The yeoman recruit signs away her business hours for four years in the service of the navy, though in event of peace she could secure a release from further active duty. She fills out the same application papers as a man, stating among other things, whether she has ever served in the army or navy. In spite of a consciousness of her many positions the yeoman is not mannish. She does not adopt a masculine stride, though her skirts are full enough at the hem, as per uniform specifications, to permit it. She smiles occasionally at the sailor boy who occupies the desk next her or hurries past on a message, and after office hours she can be seen strolling down Pennsylvania Avenue from the navy department escorted by a yeoman, who is a man.

Among the well known girls who have entered the naval service are the two daughters of Postmaster General Burleson. One is assigned to duty at the entrance to an admiral's office to interview prospective visitors, and the admiral reports that the percentage of callers who proceed past the brass railing with Yeoman Burleson's consent are decidedly few.

Among the specialized women workers in the navy department are five finger print experts. To these young women is entrusted the important and difficult work of taking finger prints of enlisted men. Other women classify and file the records, and so complete is the filing system that prints of any man in the naval force of 450,000 can be located in from three to five minutes. The navy relies on its finger print system to

Scarcity of Clothing in Berlin.

All leather shoes are sold out in Berlin, says the correspondent of the Amsterdam Handelsblad.

"Clothing of all kinds, including underclothing, is most difficult to get even with a clothing card. No handkerchiefs, no shirts, no socks, no napkins, no woolen or cotton jackets for baby.

"Decent washing and toilet soap has long been unobtainable. Many, many things are unobtainable that are still to be had in Holland, although prices may run much higher than in peace times. Yet the Berliner looks fairly clean and well groomed. The art of clothes mending has been carried to a fine point here. And water and sand keep you fairly clean at a pinch.

"A smokeable cigar cannot be purchased for less than 60 pfennigs, and then not more than three at a time. A cigarette costs 12 pfennigs, and smoking tobacco has gone the way of rice and beans and peas and salad oil and brandy and turpentine and sealing wax and a hundred other articles. Gone, completely gone!

"Only as regards fuel the Berliners are better off. There is hardly any limit on gas, electricity or coal.

"Great material privations have been and are being borne with fortitude. Added to which are the pangs of mourning and sorrow, grief and anxiety in thousands of homes for the fallen and those about to fall."

Lever Against Cotton Price Fixing.

Washington, July 19.—Government control of the fixing of the price of the 1918 cotton crop would not be feasible at this time, President Wilson was told today by Representative Lever, of South Carolina, chairman of the house agricultural committee. Mr. Lever called at the White House after a series of conferences here with cotton men, at which the larger growers and bankers urged that the government acquire the crop through a cotton corporation, while the small farmers opposed any government interference.

Representative Lever told the president that the crop could be handled if marketed slowly, notwithstanding the present high prices, and said he had been able to convince the advocates of government acquisition of the inadvisability of such action.

Proof Was Easy.

"Have you any defects?"
"Yes, sir; I am short-sighted."
"How can you prove it?"
"Easily enough, doctor. Do you see that nail up yonder in the wall?"
"Yes."
"Well, I don't."—Army Journal.

Another "Limit."

The stingiest man in Jamestown, the Optimist says, loafs around the drug store in the hope that the odor of the drugs will cure his cold.—Puck.

identitymen in case of casualty. When properly taken, finger prints are an infallible proof of identity, as the possibility of two persons having the same prints is only one in 650,000,000.

Much Work Done.

Some of the yeomen are expert translators. Others are cable decoders, and still others are draftsmen. No radio operators are recruited, as few naval radio operators are employed on shore duty, and the navy is firm in its decision on shore duty only for its women. So far, only one woman cook has been admitted to the ship galleys. In this case, the applicant was an expert scientific cook and was taken in as instructor to ship's cooks with the rank of commissary steward. This expert food economist has turned out cooks in eight days without endangering the navy's digestion.

The great need of the navy as regards woman power is stenographers, typists and bookkeepers, especially stenographers. The head of one navy bureau states that he could use nearly 300 stenographers now, while other bureaus set no limits.

So much is said about the girl yeoman that we are apt to forget that there are a large number of men enlisted in the same capacity. Many of these men are on duty in the navy department, navy yards and naval training stations. But the regulations of the navy allow enlisted men only six months shore duty at a time. For this reason men can be used on shore only in temporary capacity, and after the six months allowed, must be sent on ship board as clerks. That life on a ship is too rough for a woman is the general opinion of naval officers, who explain that the yeoman on ship duty may be required to scrub down decks and do other work required of a seaman. For this and other reasons, girl yeomen, however efficient, will not make appearance on our naval vessels, at least according to present indications. In all other respects, the skirted yeoman has all the privileges and responsibilities of her male prototype.

German Camouflage.

A British air officer writing from the western front, says the Germans have this spring brought camouflage to a state of artistic perfection that is almost incredible. "The most expert and highly experienced airmen are often deceived even when flying low," he writes. "As a first step, the German military authorities sought suggestions from the most distinguished German artists in color. As a next step, every available man was turned on to the business of carrying out the artists' ideas.

"Miles of canvas painted to look like roads were constructed, under which regiments could march without being seen. Paper encampments were improvised, and aerodromes, woods, villages and factories of a fictitious character were set up merely to distract observers and to cover the movements of troops and guns. Nothing on so vast a scale has ever been attempted before."

Traffic between the Rhine towns is greatly disorganized, owing to the numbers of wounded arriving daily from the French front, says a report from Geneva. Trains from Germany are arriving at the Swiss frontier many hours late. The German express returned to Berlin recently.

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