

Her Real Uniforms 1918 Style

Red Cross "Changes" and Other Smart Official Clothes

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MARS has set the styles for 1918, with service and simplicity sounding the keynote of the new modes. Fashions in women's clothes this year mean far more than a pleasing arrangement of draperies. The prevailing styles are real uniforms—not modifications of any mode, but brand new fashions that indicate just what line of endeavor the wearer is following in "doing her bit" for her country in the place of the men called to the colors. Today Miss America is wearing a real uniform, not for a few, but for a cause.

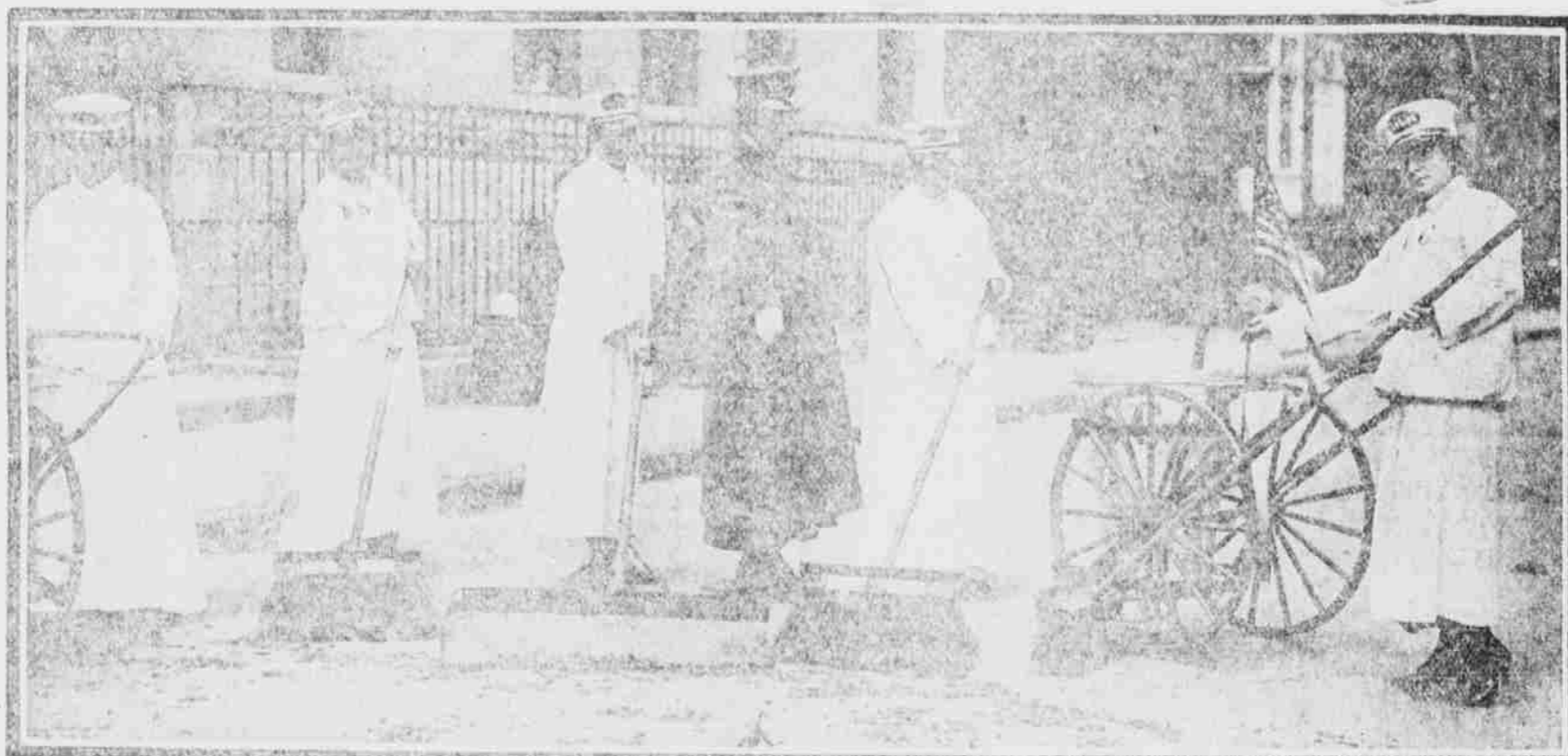
Driving Their Own Cars.

Throughout the country American girls and women by the hundreds of thousands have abandoned wearing civilian dress practically altogether during the day-time and have donned a uniform of one sort or another. So great is this activity in war service that there are many instances from which to select, and there are few women in the country qualified for some one of these lines.

Those who own cars and drive them, have a chauffeur's license and are willing to give their time may join the far-reaching National League for Women's Service, in New York city. There are now 130 women enlisted in the motor corps service, and it is predicted that before the winter of next year 1500 will have enrolled. In every city there are branches of this corps and all of these women are dressed in uniform and wear lady's military caps.

It is no wonder that a woman is expected to wear from this division of uniformed workers, for 25 per cent of the women are married and have homes and children to care for. They can give only a certain amount of time each day to the service, but so well regulated is the working schedule that there are never any holidays.

In every city where these uniformed women are active they are ready for emergency calls for the use of motor cars. At the New York headquarters cars have been given for use to a following activities: For the mayor's car, street of



Elizabeth Branagan, Street-Cleaning Inspector, and a Platoon of Her Workers.



Home Defence Costume.



Official Uniform of the National League for Women's Service.

Women, one car daily; mayors, committee of national defence, fire and police, police, three daily, board of campaign, and one daily, war relief clearing house, tax car daily, mayor's committee on road construction and the 71st Regiment for recruiting, a car on demand. So if she doesn't think that she can't do any more for her country, she should know that she can. This is the only time in her life that she is not expected to be in uniform. These women in khaki are hard workers.

There is the general uniform for the women of the National League for Women's Service.

Work of the National League. There is no one thing to which women who are ready to do their bit in America that is being done by the league. In every city where the league has a branch these young women dressed in a uniform but slightly different from that worn by a trained nurse, are ready to do anything that is needed for the war effort. Clubs are constantly being opened for soldiers not yet sent to camp.

In these clubs there are cafeterias or lunch counters and the young women of the canteen begin to do their work. Not long ago the league had a card to furnish a dozen women to attend to the canteen, furnishing breakfasts for 2000 men, including for each. They were on duty every day in the morning and every man had a good, substantial breakfast served him by these volunteer uniformed women.

The Red Cross uniform is generally the best known in any community. The snowy white official uniform is more than attractive, for it represents a great purpose and a tender work of mercy for humanity.

Though the white uniform is the one best known the war has made it necessary to make changes. One may frequently wonder to what service the young woman belongs who is seen



Dress of the Women's Motor Corps of the National League for Women's Service.

on the streets in dark blue serge with an army cape fascinatingly lined with bright red. This is the traveling suit of the Red Cross nurse. Never before have the nurses traveled in such a sensible, warm uniform. But this is not all that she takes with her for service at the front or for home duty. Experience "over there" has indicated that the lack of laundry arrangements makes the white uniform impractical. They are pretty, but not the most serviceable, so the Red Cross nurse sailing today is equipped with a white uniform for dress, a gray crepe for service, a slicker and rubber hat and rubber boots and a traveling uniform of warm, dark blue serge.

Professional Workers.

Women who stand high in the medical profession are leaving their homes and practice to join the ranks of uniformed workers.

Every one of these women are specialists in different branches of medicine and surgery. Among them are women dentists, and America has the distinction of having the first women dentists at work in the war zones.

These women belong to the American Women's Hospitals, an association that has been organized along the lines of the Scottish Women and the British Medical Women. They were organized by the war service committee of the Medical Women's National Association and come from all parts of the United States to sail for France. On two hours' notice Dr. Helen Woodruffe of Los Angeles packed her bag and started for France.

Dr. Rosalie Slaughter Morton, chairman of the American Women's Hospitals, has done noteworthy work in Macedonia and Serbia.

Miss Elizabeth Branagan, an inspector of the street cleaning department in New York city, wears a uniform of khaki in her work. She has to her credit the cleaning up of some of the worst districts. Last year a set of women under her tutelage donned street cleaning uniforms and at her direction have learned to work in such a way that they can take the places of the men in this department when the necessity arises.

