

# WAR MARKS WANE OF PARIS GOWNS

Few Poiret or Paquin Models to  
Be Seen in Future the  
Experts Believe.

SPECIALTY SHOPS HARD  
HIT, SAYS M. C. ALBENBERG

American Women Will Turn to  
Domestic Tailors for Goods  
After This.

What will American women do without Parisian gowns, without the models of Poiret? of Paquin? Or without Doucet hats?

"They will turn to the American tailors," declared M. C. Albenberg of the Miller-Albenberg company, who returned from New York yesterday after a three weeks' stay.

Beginning of End.

"The war, in my opinion, marks the beginning of the end for French designers in the United States," said Mr. Albenberg. "Garments cannot be imported now and by the time traffic is renewed the majority of the American women will have turned to the domestic shops.

"Importing houses and so-called 'specialty shops' have been hit hard by this trouble abroad," said the Duluth merchant. "Many of the latter firms carry nothing but imported goods in stock and many of the former have orders which they cannot deliver. They had some stock on hand when war was declared and I was fortunate in being on the ground floor at the time.

"Before long there will be scarcity of all foreign modes and materials and the trade will turn gradually to the domestic tailor. This change has been coming for a long time, and the war will hasten it."

Duty Is Too Heavy.

"With the present duties of 60 to 75 per cent on garments, it is of course hard to get a superior workmanship without paying exorbitant prices," declared Mr. Albenberg. "Another thing, suits made in this country are not as freakish and the American woman really doesn't want freakish clothes. The change is bound to come."

The farther east you go, according to Mr. Albenberg, the more war talk you hear and the more excited persons are about it.

"When you reach New York city, one has but to go down along the waterfront and see the hundreds of ships, German, French, English and Austrian, tied up at the wharves, to realize that a gigantic struggle is in progress. A large army of men, thrown out of work by the cessation of shipping, throng the wharves."