

BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS IN GREENHOUSES: A CARNATION HOUSE

Five Thousand Blooms by Christmas Day is Expectation of One Grower

There is something about flowers at Christmas that seems particularly appropriate to the occasion. This year the florists have on display many varieties of plants, which may not be quite so numerous as last year, but nevertheless with their generous blooms make a display worth seeing. During the past year it has been increasingly difficult to obtain good seed, as many of the dealers on this continent have been forced to close owing to war-time difficulties. The epidemic of Spanish influenza and the war itself have taken men who were expert horticulturists,

and the scarcity of help in this branch of industry is badly felt. Knowing this situation, it is amazing to visit the greenhouse on Eighteenth street, which nestles at the foot of the hills, and proclaims not to the traveler on the road the wonders to be found within its walls. A "Carnation House" surpassing, we venture to say, anything else in the three Western provinces, is disclosed to the gaze of the visitor. Here 11,000 carnations are being cared for which seems almost unbelievable when one remembers the snow outside; that this is Manitoba, and nearly Christmas. In the ten benches allotted to the growth of these plants many varieties are to be found. All in luxuriant growth. From end to end of the Carnation House one can see them, their dainty blooms of pink, rose, scarlet, dark red and white, making a picture long to be remembered. By Christmas Day more than 5,000 of these beautiful flowers, with their dainty perfume, will be gathered to brighten the hearts of people in the city and district, as well as many other places in the West and East where they will be shipped. This Carnation House is in the charge of Mr. James Anderson, who with his helpers is responsible for the growth of the flowers, occasional supervision being given by Mr. Patmore and by Mr. Beckett. The latter has charge of the greenhouse North of the tracks, and these buildings are just a part of the many used for the production of flowers by the Patmore Nursery Company.

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MONTREAL STRIKE LASTED 33 HOURS: DAMAGE FROM RIOTS

Striking Men Agreed to Arbitration After Officials Were Dismissed

FIRE STATIONS DAMAGED
Property Damage Due to Rioting Estimated in Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The strike of policemen, firemen and aqueduct engineers and incineration department employees came to an end Friday night at nine o'clock, the men agreeing to arbitrate. Director of Public Safety Tremblay, his assistant, Arthur Mann, and the Chief of Detectives, J. A. Belanger, will not continue in their present capacity. The members of the public services affected stated that these officers would not continue in their present posts and that satisfactory assurances to this effect over the signature of E. R. Decary, Chairman of the City Administrative Commission have been received. Without this assurance, the strikers wouldn't have considered arbitration.

The strike lasted only 33 hours, but the damage is estimated in hundreds of thousands of dollars done, chiefly to the fire stations.

EBERT WOULD PUNISH KAISER BY SIMPLY EXPOSING HIS DEEDS

Marquis of Crewe Declares That Kaiser and His Confederates Should be Executed

London, Dec. 18.—Friedrich Ebert, Socialist Premier of Germany, declared in an interview Monday that he did not know of any legal method by which William Hohenzollern's surrender could be forced.

"I cannot think of any provision in law upon which the former emperor would have to be given up," he said, "but that is not a question which closely concerns us. We have separated ourselves from him and now desire only that guilt for the outbreak of the war should be finally fixed in order that he may be exposed once for all."

Asked as to his view of the future, Ebert replied: "I am optimistic, but you must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people. If the nation is allowed to starve, then the inevitable will follow."

"Don't Confound Justice"
London, Dec. 18.—Responsibility for punishing the former German Emperor and other high German officials for crimes committed during the war must rest with the governments and not with jurists, according to the Marquis of Crewe, former Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a letter published in the Westminster Gazette. He writes:

"The atrocities in Belgium, the ill-treatment of prisoners and the executions of Capt. Fryatt and Miss Edith Cavell are acts that can be brought home to the individual persons concerned and punishment can be inflicted by tribunals. When, however, we go beyond these persons, responsibility is altered. The former German Emperor and the higher German politicians must be surrendered first and then punished by executive acts. For this procedure there are ample precedents. These criminals can be put away where they will have no further chance of bringing mischief on the world or they can be executed. In other words, it is important that legal technicalities must not be allowed to divert the hands of justice, as they well may do, in a field in which there is no basis of previous law to govern procedure. The responsibility must not rest with jurists, but with governments."

When the Prussian Guards entered Berlin the people gave them an ovation. Premier Ebert addressed them and said: "No enemy overcame you. You accomplished incomparable deeds. You sheltered your wives, children and parents from flame and slaughter. . . . You can return heads high." Well, that is a German point of view! No mention was made of the list of blackest deeds in historical records that stand against the German army. The Hun assuredly is the least sensitive and the most hypocritical unit among the nations. None too soon the day has come when he must revise his code of ethics.

**REPORT THAT KING
WILL VISIT U.S. IS
DENIED IN LONDON**

London, Dec. 12.—The report that King George contemplates a visit to the United States, are denied here.

MEIGHEN OUTLINES LAND SETTLEMENT PLAN FOR SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—Proposed legislation at the coming session of Parliament is indicated by a communication addressed to the Prime Minister in London by the Minister of the Interior. Mr. Meighen stated in an interview today that he felt it was only just to the soldiers overseas, that they should know at the earliest possible date of the proposals of the government, and that as many of them as possible will have an opportunity of first knowledge as to the possibilities offered to them under the terms of the new legislation.

The cablegram addressed to the Prime Minister follows:

"My proposal to the conference included introduction into parliament of a new soldier settlement act embodying power for the board to acquire by expropriation or otherwise, lands in any province either directly or through provincially constituted boards. If acquired provincially our board is to have first privilege for a limited time to take over same at the cost price, thus giving soldiers preference on all land acquired in the general system. Our board is also to be empowered to purchase stock and equipment for soldiers and will provide soldiers with house and building plans.

"Lands acquired as above will be sold to soldiers on the amortization plan, 20 years or longer, at five per cent interest. Each soldier's allotment of land is to be limited by value, not acreage and it is suggested to limit each to five thousand. Each soldier to pay one-tenth down with discretion to the board in very special cases to relieve part of this obligation. The board then provides the soldier with stock and equipment up to \$15,000, taking no interest for two years and thereafter five per cent short term.

As the soldier improves the land, the board may advance up to \$1,000 additional repayable on amortization plan. Indian lands adequately surrendered and specially available government lands will also be made available for sale to soldiers who will then be entitled to assistance under the above plan. Soldiers securing land privately where the terms are approved by the board will also be entitled to assistance for equipment and to additional assistance for improvement as above. A scheme of practical agricultural education has been matured and is now in operation.

"Majors Ashton and Bally are overseas now to inaugurate the work there. The most careful provision will be made for testing qualifications of all applicants, and only probably successful men will be accepted. After the settlement every possible supervision and encouragement will be given. All homesteadable lands or provincial crown lands made available by provinces may be homesteaded, and the soldier given assistance thereon under the plan of the present act."

DARING BURGLARS RAID SAVINGS BANK KILL TWO OFFICIALS

Bandits Chose Busiest Time of Day For Raid on Brooklyn Bank

New York, Dec. 14.—Two officials of the East Brooklyn Savings Bank were killed Friday by two daring highwaymen, who escaped in a taxi with \$13,000, after shooting a detective who tried to stop them, and holding the crowd at bay with their revolvers. The robbers chose the busiest time of the day for their purpose.

LIEUT. F. W. CRAWFORD ON THE STAFF OF THE KHAKI UNIVERSITY

Lieut. F. W. Crawford, son of John Crawford, of North Brandon, has been named as one of Manitoba's representatives on the staff of the Khaki University in England. Lieut. Crawford was home on leave a few months ago, but has returned overseas. He enlisted with the Princess Pats as a private three years ago and transferred to the Royal Air Force about a year ago. The other members of the staff to represent Manitoba are Dr. W. A. McIntyre, Principal of the Winnipeg Normal School; Professors J. M. Brown and O. Weir. The last two are overseas now.

BRITISH SOLDIERS IN CITY OF BONN

London, Dec. 12.—The British advance guards have entered the city of Bonn and have taken possession of the bridge over the Rhine there.

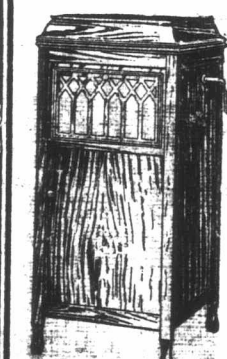
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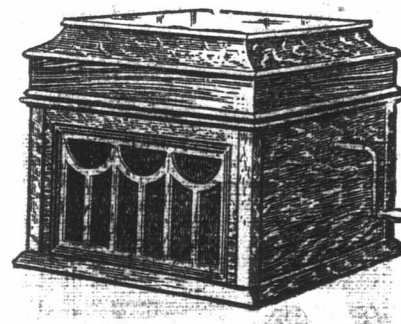
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CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND IS GROWING

The Christmas Cheer Fund to ensure the visit of Santa Claus to the dependents of soldiers now overseas, is growing slowly but steadily, according to Secretary-Treasurer John Inglis. Cheques are coming in right along and are being used together with the funds on hand from last year to provide gifts which will make for gladness in many homes where the absence of loved ones is especially missed at Christmas time. Notification of changes of address by any of the soldiers' families should be sent to Secretary Inglis immediately so that trouble will be avoided in the delivery. The addressees of soldiers' dependents resident in the city, but whose names are not on the Brandon Patriotic Fund, with the particulars concerning the same, should be forwarded Mr. Inglis to prevent any family being overlooked.

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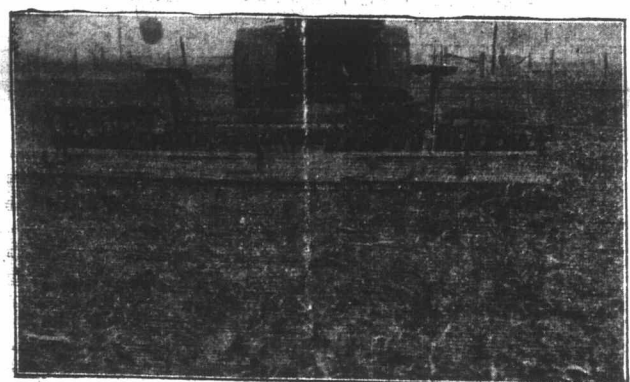
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BULGARS CONTINUE TO OPPRESS GREEKS

Saloniki, Dec. 14.—Travelers arriving here from Bulgaria, particularly Thrace, declare that in spite of the fact that war is nominally over, the Bulgarians continue to oppress and maltreat the Greeks residing in that country. The village of Agathopolous, situated on the Black Sea, and inhabited solely by Greeks, was set on fire by the Bulgarian troops.

Towels and eggs can never be too fresh.