ITH XMAS WORK

Organizations in Omaha Plan Huge Trees and Dinners For Poor and Needy Of City.

Plans for taking care of the large amber of poor people at the differare being made, and many baskets food will be filled to give to those he would otherwise have a very dreary Christmas.

The number of poor who have ap-plied at the Volunteers of America seadquarters for tickets which will mable them to receive baskets on Christmas day has increased every and about 550 baskets are to

Business Men Help.

A car of coal was given the Volenteers of America by the Baum Brothers Coal company to be disbuted among the poor, and the aha volunteered the use of their ve-ton truck to haul the coal to se who are in need.

The headquarters of the Volun sers of America at 114 North Fifh street, is being decorated, and large Christmas tree has been put b. A case of toys was given by the Brandeis company to be dis-ributed among the poor children, on

Forget Detention Home. At a meeting of all the Charities the Chamber of Commerce yeserday, the fact that nothing has done for the Dentention Home or Women, for Christmas, was disered, and means were discussed to which organization should The girls club of the Y. W. C. A. greed to furnish a big Christmas

ner to the 15 inmates of the on Christmas day. Three hundred packages of chilthe Volunteers of America which

England's Nobility Is "Going Broke" by Degrees Since War

r is "going broke." The "new phrase invented by the y Mail to describe members of be peerage who have been left in bad way financially by the war. "In the hunting shires of Leices-stable and its neighborhood there ample evidence of this poverty," the Daily Mail. "The countryis littered with big, empty

and empty stables. he nobles are too poor to hunt the old-time gaiety of these spincial districts is now all gone. old 'hunting crowd' has been field, are dead or vanished. The foreigners, Italian Austrian nobles are no more.

The new rich who have nibbled at a empty houses are frightened off the big stables. They do not the big stables are that the expense maintaining the establishments

aving Pups From Drowning Costs Mother Dog Her Life San Francisco, Dec. 20,-Again a other has given her life for her

This time the setting is the San at Belgian industry, but since the ttle, engines chug and there is a echanical ensemble of industrial se the day long through. The scipals are dogs—a wiry-haired redale mother and her four pup-

scow belonging to Haviside, iters and Davie was home to the nine family. One day last week th the pups fay, and overboard went. There was no human near. But the mother leaped to rescue of her drowning off-One by one she brought little pups to safety. But before could reach the last one it had

Men found her on deck, still holdthe body of the dead puppy, the three others scrambling whining about her. The mother

To the burden of her own six an Irish setter who lives d the scow, has added the care three foster children, the orphans

lk Thifts In New York

\$3,000,000 In Two Years lew York, Dec. 20 .- More than silk, raw and manufaced, has been stolen by truck eves and loft burglars in this city he last two weeks, according to reports made by the Silk Asso-

ducts have been stolen from ers of the association alone in 1,750,000 worth has been recov-

erfects Device Which

Records Loafing Hens

cken farm near here, has ted a device that will register

BUSINESS MEN Brussels Is Aflame With Prosperity, Rivalling Old Gay Life Paris Knew

Belgium Only Country in World Benefited Financially by War's Aftermath-German Trade Re-Established-Unionism Is Flourishing-Pleasure And License Run Rampant in Her Capital-Apparently Trying to Emulate Prewar Berlin.

suffered so severely under the German occupation, is the only coun- other in try in the world to which the aftermath of the war has brought financial benefit. This does not mean

met an eminent authority who asked

me what I thought of Brussels toonly that in this country, as in all others, there is the usual crop of war millionaires, but that the working classes generally are enjoying of life. He quite agreed with me. an affluence which they have never before experienced.

has not suffered from a plague of share of the indemnity to be paid by strikes. Labor has had its griev-ances, it is true; but these have been the just claims of France and Britain, redressed. A satisfactory solution and they have set their shoulder to of labor problems has been made the wheel of reconstruction with a possible because of the reorganiza- will and determination which might tion of Belgian trade unionism on profitably serve as an example to the better lines than existed before the workers of other nations."

M. Emile Vandervalde, whom I me, which was in operation before the war is at work again. There saw in his office at the ministry of justice, explained that the reason for are very few unemployed, and the this improvement is that American general prosperity is as it never was and British influence on Belgian before. trade unionism has quite ousted that of the Germans

German Influence Changed.

changed.

"Belgium's sufferings during the war have rendered her implacably hostile to Germany, while British sympathy has won for Britain these advantages which Germany has lost. The Belgians now watch the British labor movement with the greatest interest, and I venture to say that the movement has more influence here even than the French. In my opinion, indeed, the British labor ovement now exerts the greatest affuence not only in Belgium but

throughout the world.
"So far as the question of future commercial relationship between us and Germany is concerned, I can

only say 'Look at the map.'
"The hinterland of our chief port Antwerp, is Germany. Notwithstanding our hostility against the Germans, it is inevitable that we must resume trade relations with

mmercial strength.

"Now, if the French and British commercial policy becomes protec-tionist, Belgium will be driven. despite itself, into closer and closer rade relationship with Germany.

"Les affaires sont les acquires. It is simply, at present, a matter of geographical position and of commercial interest-factors favoring Belgo-German trade relationship Those responsible for the future commercial policy of our allies will do well to pay due consideration to

these facts. The war struck a staggering blow ncisco waterfront, down where armistice the Belgian workman has tles scream, hoists squeak and made enormous efforts at production. I dare say if you were to ask the average bourgeois he would tell you that the Belgian workman has been striking as often as his contrere in any other country. But the truth is strikes in Belgium have not become serious and the labor situation here is most promising.

Unionism Flourishing. "Trade unionism is flourishing. Before the war there were in Belgium about 120,000 trade unionists; now there are over 500,000, though the number includes only those who are members of the socialist and labor unions, and to them must be added some 80,000 so-called Chris-

tian trade unionists. "The situation of our miners is very satisfactory. The Belgian Minthe consumer. The benefits to emiss no longer accepted at its face ployes are very considerable, and I value in Belgian shops.

Oil Burning Engine May Revolutionize Railway Transport

Vincent L. Raven, chief mechanical of America.

Vincent L. Raven, chief mechanical engineer of the Northeastern railway, has designed, had built and period from January 1, 1918, to such an engine. Because they can something like \$1,500,000 be operated at half the cost of coalburning locomotives the Northeast- tion lines. Motion picture men want

a starter.
"The engine, built at Elswick, is an 0.8 super-heated type ir tended for heavy freight," said Sir Vincent. "With a heavy freight I made 30 Martins Ferry, O., Dec. 20.—Eficlency methods have hit the
hicken coop. There can be no
train. The engine has a 20-inch cylinder, a 26-inch stroke and 1,000 the 60 miles per hour with a passenger no train. The engine has a 20-inch cyl-bid-inder, a 26-inch stroke and 1,000

horsepower."
Albert Lidgett, editor of the Pe-

troleum Times, says: hen as it lays an egg, so that at half the cost of coal burners. The a matter of record which hens application of the motor engine prinat half the cost of coal burners. The ng all the work and which ciple to the railways is a triumph for British engineering. We have attracting them apparently stupenes fr. Keplinger calls his device the been searching for the secret of the philosopher's Stone of the transport world for many years."

By H. ROBERTSON MURRAY. | do not think for a moment that M. Emile Vanderveide, the Belgian min-ister of Justice, is the well-known so-cialist lender and authority on "Production of the Belgian mines Brussels, Dec. 20.—Belgium, which uffered so severely under the Ger-

> After I had left M. Vandervelde I Shoulders to Wheel

"The Belgians," he said, "were at first inclined to be disappointed be-It is the only country, too, that cause they had not received a larger

Practically every factory, he told

Paris can no longer rightly b called a gay city. Life in the French capital offers too many checks to exuberance of spirit. The lack of small change is the first and most "Let me begin," said M. Vandervelde, "by pointing out that before the war the only influence to which the Belgian labor party responded proceeded from Germany. Pre-war trade unionism in this country was organized almost entirely on German lines. All that has now changed.

Exuberance of spirit. The lack of small change is the first and most constant irritant. It is not an incentive to a happy evening to have to pay 5 francs for a glass of beer or wine or a cup of coffee, receiving a bundle of Metro tickets by way of change. It is true that articles of the value of 2 francs can be bought. with a booklet of Metro tickets, but if it be of less value than that the purchaser and vendor are still faced with the difficulty of finding a substitute for the monetary differences.

Comfort in Brussels. Physical discomfort in Paris is acute from the shortage of coal. In the hotels, restaurants and houses it is terribly cold. Here in Brussels I am almost superheated; my bedroom is supplied with its bath and lavatory, with hot and cold water. Except in the most expensive hotels in Paris the hot water pipe yields water at precisely the same temper-atures as the cold.

But here in Brussels the whole city is beautifully lighted and warmed. Coal may be dear, but there is evidently plenty of it. In-stead of a restriction of street car service, as in Paris, the authorities here would be hard put to it to "Belgium in its present state of prosperity is no longer an insignificant factor in world."

Factor in World Commerce.

squeeze more care between those which already play follow-my-leader round the network of lines which compose the efficient street car

cause it is nearest to complete re-covery of its former industrial and m. and are crowded to the last minute. Spirits-except cognac-and liquors are forbidden, but all other forms of alcoholic refreshment are obtainable. Prices are very high, but even in the most expensive often accompanied, it is sad to say, by very young children-may be seen enjoying themselves up to the

very last minute before closing. Pleasure and License. Brussels, indeed, seems to be try-

ing to emulate pre-war Berlin. Wake up at any hour of the night and you hear the hum of merry life in the streets. Citizens are simply wallowing in pleasure; there seems to be no limit to expenditure, nor, it must be added, to license.

Whence comes the money? From trade with Germany undoubtedly. In every hotel, in every train, men are to be heard talking of bargains they have secured in the oc-cupied regions—bargains placed within reach of the low rate of the

It is worthy of note that all these men with whom I have come in contact are keeping a keen eye on the German mark. It is their confident opinion that when ratification is complete the mark will rattle up in present rate, to 50 at the highest. One man told me that his firm was holding 4,500 marks against that

Brussels flourishes while Paris ers' federation is asking for higher languishes. But an unkinder cut at wages, but they are putting forward French pride is the increasing favor for a physician, but when he and not in a manner likely to injure the rescued pups were the consumer. The benefits to em-

Motion Picture Men Boost for Adoption Of 2 and 15-Cent Coins

Washington, Dec. 20 .- Believing railway transport is expected to be that 2-cent and 15-cent coins are effected by the invention and prac- the motion picture industry has sucneeded, the national association of tical demonstration of an internal ceeded in having two bills introcombustion oil-burning engine. Sir duced in congress. Since the revenue tax on admissions went into change at the box office has occasioned an appreciable delay.

Other industries to be benefited will be newspapers, telephone and telegraph companies, soda fountains and candy stores and transportaern has ordered 50 such engines as a 15-cent coin because 15 cents is rapidly becoming the standard price

Rubber Odor Responsible

For Death of Honey Bees Monte Crista, Cal., Dec. 20 .- Biologists are being sought to explain the wholesale extermination of honey bees in Monte Vista. Thousands upon thousands of bees have been found dead in a local tire shop, and it is believed that the odor of burning rubber has the same attraction for the bees as the aroma of flowers, but the rubber odor after them. The owners of the tire sho have swept up bucket after bucket o



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