

BUSINESS MEN AND CHARITIES WITH XMAS WORK

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

Plans for taking care of the large number of poor people at the different charitable institutions of the city are being made, and many baskets of food will be filled to give to those who would otherwise have a very dreary Christmas.

Business Men Help.

A car of coal was given the Volunteers of America by the Baum Brothers Coal company to be distributed among the poor, and the Packard Automobile company of Omaha volunteered the use of their five-ton truck to haul the coal to those who are in need.

Forget Detention Home.

At a meeting of all the Charities at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the fact that nothing has been done for the Detention Home for Women, for Christmas, was discussed, and members discussed as to which organization should take charge of the home.

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

London, Dec. 20.—English nobility is "going broke." The "new nobility" in the phrase, vented by the Daily Mail to describe members of the peerage who have been left in a bad way financially by the war.

Saving Pups From Drowning Costs Mother Dog Her Life

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Again a mother has given her life for her young.

Silk Thifts In New York \$3,000,000 In Two Years

New York, Dec. 20.—More than 100,000 in silk, raw and manufactured, has been stolen by truck thieves and lofts burglars in this city in the last two weeks, according to the reports made by the Silk Association of America.

Perfects Device Which Records Loafing Hens

Martins Ferry, O., Dec. 20.—Efficiency methods have hit the chicken coop. There can be no more slackness among the "birds."

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.

By H. ROBERTSON MURRAY. (Continued from page 6.)

Brussels, Dec. 20.—Belgium, which suffered so severely under the German occupation, is the only country in the world to which the aftermath of the war has brought financial benefit. This does not mean only that in this country, as in all others, there is the usual crop of war millionaires, but that the working classes generally are enjoying an affluence which they have never before experienced.

It is the only country, too, that has not suffered from a plague of strikes. Labor has had its grievances redressed. A satisfactory solution of labor problems has been made possible because of the reorganization of Belgian trade unionism on better lines than existed before the war.

German Influence Changed.

"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."

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 than the French. In my opinion, indeed, the British labor movement now exerts the greatest influence not only in Belgium but throughout the world.

Factor in World Commerce.

"Belgium in its present state of prosperity is no longer an insignificant factor in world commerce. It is one of the most important, because it is nearest to complete recovery of its former industrial and commercial strength."

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 Christian trade unionists."

Oil Burning Engine May Revolutionize Railway Transport

London, Dec. 20.—A revolution in railway transport is expected to be effected by the invention and practical demonstration of an internal combustion oil-burning engine.

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

Washington, Dec. 20.—Believing that 2-cent and 15-cent coins are needed, the national association of the motion picture industry has succeeded in having two bills introduced in congress.

Rubber Odor Responsible For Death of Honey Bees

Monte Vista, Cal., Dec. 20.—Biologists are being sought to explain the wholesale extermination of honey bees in Monte Vista.



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