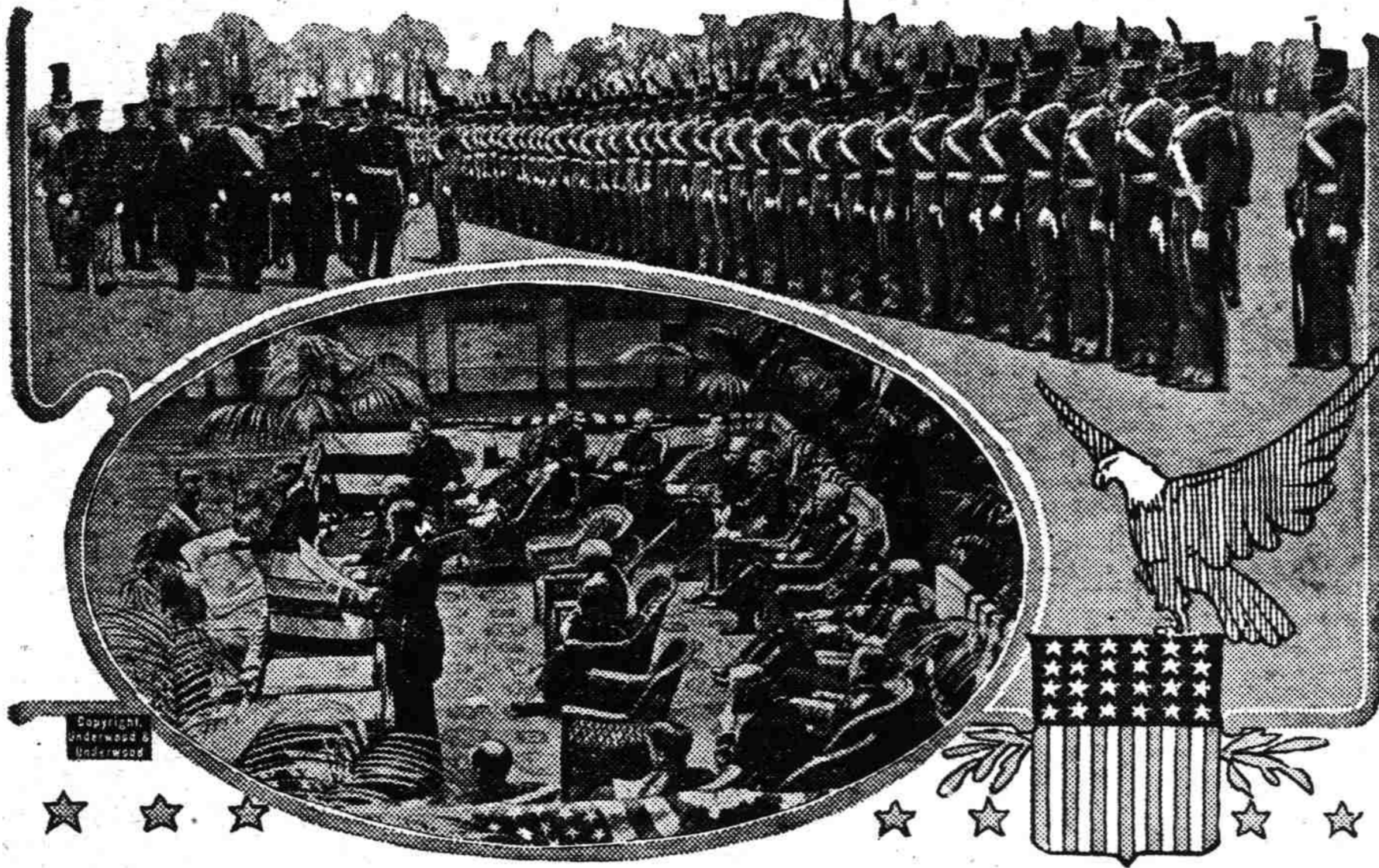


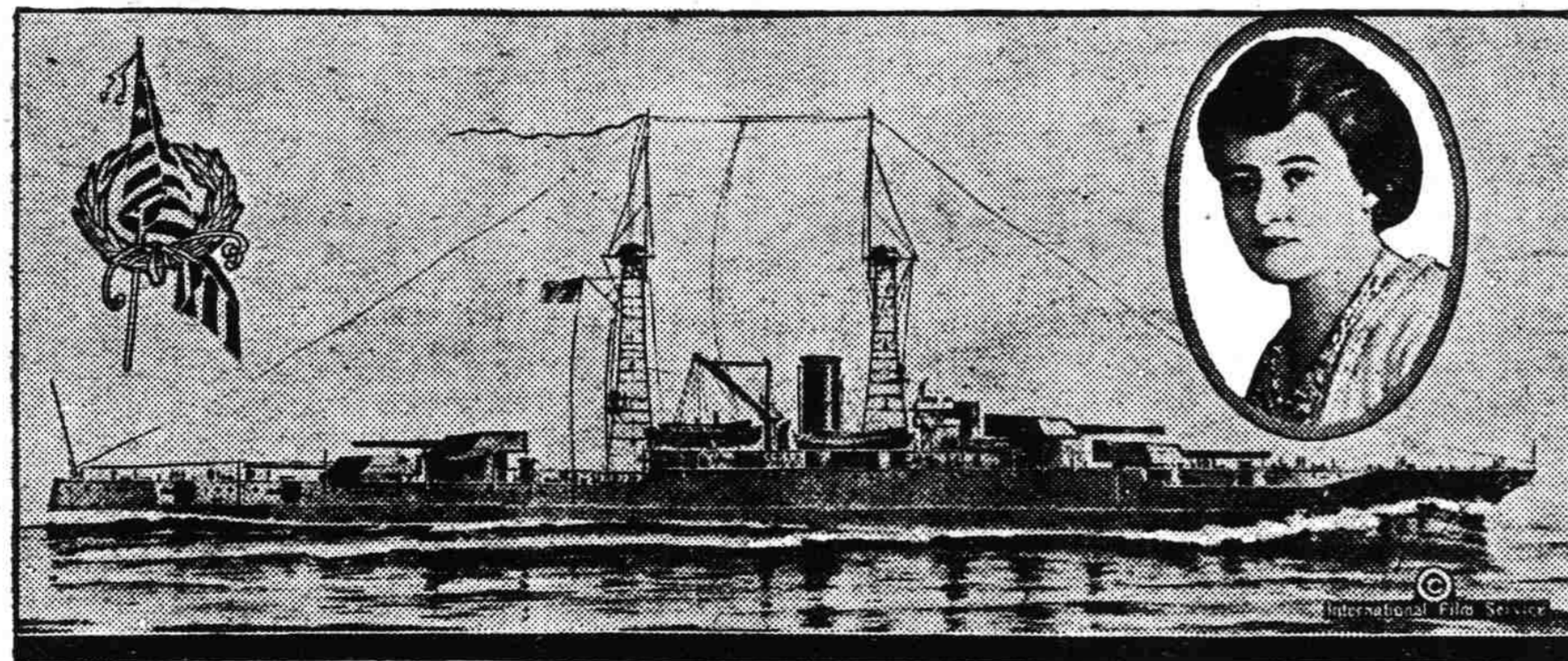
1—Scene at the Mineola, Long Island, government aviation field, showing some of the machines assembled there and the new hangars just built. 2—Miss Sally Simpson, a graduate of Smith college and Oxford, who is organizing the mobilization of students of girls' colleges for the National League for Woman's Service. 3—The Hungarian house of parliament at Budapest, in which city there has been revolutionary rioting. 4—The machine gun mount invented by Willise M. Lawrence and offered to the government; it is shown operating at 90 degrees for defense against airplane attack.

WEST POINT CADETS OF 1917 CLASS GET DIPLOMAS



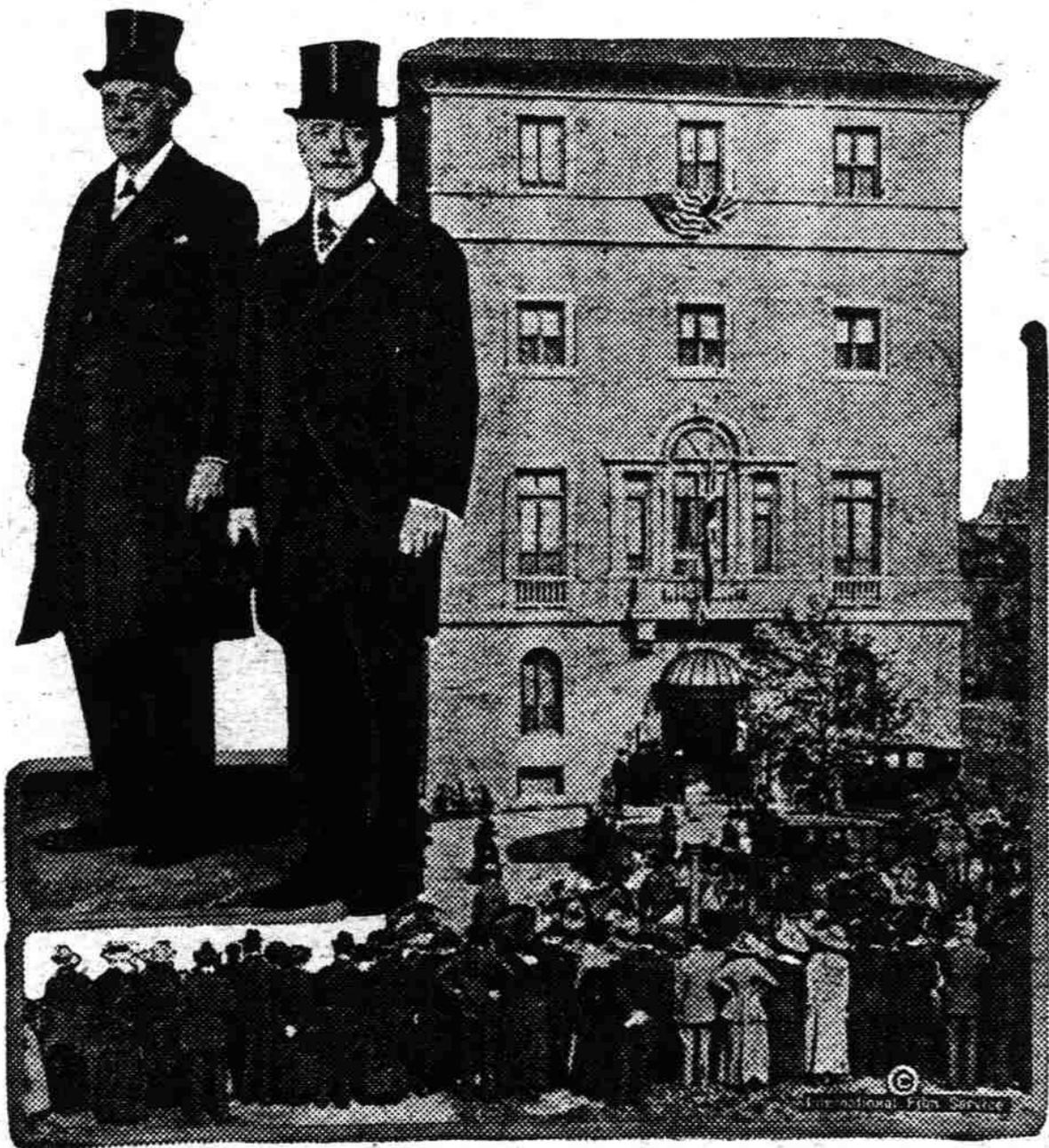
Secretary of War Baker awarding diplomas to members of the class of 1917 at West Point Military academy, and, above, the review of the cadets by Mr. Baker, Major General Scott and others. The class was graduated two months earlier than usual owing to the war.

AMERICAN DREADNAUGHT NEW MEXICO IS LAUNCHED



The new United States dreadnaught New Mexico, which was launched at the New York navy yard Monday, and Miss Margaret C. De Baca, daughter of the late Governor De Baca, who was its sponsor. The New Mexico is a sister ship of the Idaho, under construction at Camden, N. J., and the Mississippi, recently launched at Newport, News, Va. She will have a displacement of 32,000 tons and a speed of 21 knots. Her armament will consist of 12 14-inch guns, 22 five-inch guns and four 21-inch torpedo tubes. Her complement will be 1,056 officers and men.

BRITISH COMMISSION IN WASHINGTON



Arrival of the British war council commission at the residence in Washington provided for its occupancy, and A. J. Balfour and Secretary Lansing photographed at the Union station as the commission arrived.

GUARDING WHITE HOUSE



Guards at the gates of the White House have been provided with telephones connected directly with the White House switchboard. Each gate is in instant communication with all the forces which guard the president.

CHEESE FACTORIES DOING THEIR BIT

OUTPUT NEXT YEAR WILL PROBABLY REACH MILLION POUNDS.

DISPATCHES FROM BAILEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Raleigh. Cheese factories in western North Carolina are certainly doing their bit in the production of food in this emergency. Thirteen factories operating upon the co-operative plan are already manufacturing 790,000 pounds of cheese, according to Mr. A. J. Reed of the office of dairy farming, North Carolina experiment station.

Mr. Reed states that in addition to the amount of cheese now put on the market by these factories, the oldest established in 1915, another man has been added and will push work of organizing and constructing factories in the mountains of western North Carolina. At least twelve more factories will be in operation by the fall of the year. This means that probably a million pounds of cheese will be produced beginning with the spring.

This cheese is in addition to the beef that usually comes from this section of the state.

The thirteen factories, time of their establishment and probable output for 1917 are as follows:

- Cove Creek Co-Operative, Sugar Grove, 1915, 75,000 pounds; Grassy Creek Co-Operative, Grassy Creek, 1915, 80,000 pounds; Beaver Creek Co-Operative, Beaver Creek, 1915, 45,000 pounds; Beaver Dam Co-Operative, Sweet Water, 1916, 60,000 pounds; Rich Mountain Co-Operative, Zionville, 1916, 65,000 pounds; Silver Stone Co-Operative, Viles, 1916, 70,000 pounds; and Boone Co-Operative, Sugar Grove, 25,000 pounds; Cane River Co-Operative, Bald Creek, 1916, 45,000 pounds; Twin Oak Co-Operative, Sparta, 1917, 55,000 pounds; New River Co-Operative, Crumpler, 1917, 65,000 pounds; Helton Co-Operative, Sturgills, 1917, 60,000 pounds; Brushy Fork Co-Operative, Villas, 1917, 50,000 pounds; Watauga Falls Co-Operative, Watauga Falls, 1917, 45,000 pounds.

Sale of Red Cross Seals.

With Greensboro leading Raleigh took second place in the sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals, according to announcement just made. Wilmington's sales entitled that city to third place.

Greensboro sold 114,667 seals; Raleigh, 103,848 and Wilmington, 90,040. The total number of seals sold in the state was 1,207,874, amounting to \$12,078.74, which is an increase of 50 per cent, or \$2,636.01 over the sale of last year.

Of this amount \$7,298.39 were kept in the state by the local committees or those selling the seals; \$1,206.32 was the amount sent to the National Association for the expense of the campaign, particularly for the printing and distribution of the seals, and with all other expenses paid, the net receipts of the 1916 campaign amounted to \$2,035.77.

"As glad as we are to have the amount to help carry on the work of controlling tuberculosis in the state," says Dr. L. B. McBrayer, "we believe that the educational value of the campaign was much greater. Lieutenant Governor Max Gardner said to me recently that he believed that \$75,000 was not too much to estimate the educational value alone of the seal campaign. That North Carolina won second place in her group of states selling almost one seal per capita, or .999 for the population of the state, is another source of encouragement. We are now planning to hold our first meeting relative to the 1917 campaign in May or the first of June."

Demand For Agricultural Speakers.

From the Governor's office and from the various divisions of the State Department of Agriculture come reports that the demand for speakers and experts on food crop cultivation coming in from all over the state is so heavy that it is impossible to supply the demand. Town, county and neighborhood meetings are the order of the day and indications are that the increase in food production will be very great and that the most signal success will come of the movement for more food crops so strenuously launched and pressed forward by Governor Bickett with the co-operation of individuals and organizations all over the state.

Asks Co-operation of Women.

Insurance Commissioner James R. Young has returned from Durham where he addressed the Federation of Women's Clubs on fire protection. Commissioner Young asked the co-operation of the women of the state in keeping down the annual waste by fires in the state. Two fire prevention motion pictures, belonging to the State Insurance Department, were shown during the sessions. The subjects of the films were "The Locked Door" and "The Story of the Flames."

Food Burning is Crime Now.

"The burning up of food at this time is a crime against humanity and its consequences directly opposed to the patriotic movement for conservation of war time resources," says Insurance Commissioner James R. Young in a lengthy statement recently issued.

"A movement is sweeping over the country for food conservation and for food preparedness unlike any movement heretofore known. Farmers are patriotically responding to the call of national and state officials and planting foodstuffs instead of what are commonly known as 'money crops.' This is one of the best forms of preparedness but while this is being done it is well to observe closely strictest care to prevent the destruction of crops after they have been harvested and stored by the burning of the barn, warehouse or storage house. A recent report of the National Board of Fire Underwriters says that the annual loss of grain is not less than \$10,000,000 at present prices and of cotton not less than \$5,000,000.

"Every bushel of grain, every pound or dozen of food units, every quantity of the necessities of life or of offensive or defensive activity destroyed by fire, whether purposely or accidentally occurring, detracts just so much from our country's resources and potentiality at this time when every such element may be vitally necessary in the undertaking of unknown extent in which our nation has engaged.

"Fire is always the enemy of the human race, but, in wartime, fire is a traitor in camp, a foe in our trenches. Not only is waste by fire an unmitigated calamity, but any fire waste is just that much of a burden at a time when the last straw may break the camel's back.

"In 1916 the fire loss of the United States was one twenty-eighth of the seven billion dollar war bond issue just authorized. And the staggering thing about it is that most of this loss was due to carelessness in one form or another. Plain lack of foresight and energetic preparedness against the flames were responsible. Let every person put the premises under his control in condition to repel the attacks of the enemy fire, thrice hideous in war time."

Purchasing Board to Meet.

The recent Legislature constituted, through special act, the heads of the three state hospitals for insane and the State School for the Blind, State School for Deaf and Dumb and that for Feeble-Minded, a special purchasing board to purchase the supplies for the six institutions in bulk as an economy and systematization of the purchases for these institutions. The heads of the institutions have just had their initial conference here for organization and made Dr. John Campbell, of the Western Hospital for Insane, Morganton, chairman, and Dr. Albert Anderson, of the Central Hospital, Raleigh, secretary. The board decided to establish headquarters at Raleigh and maintain a clerk and stenographer, the completion of the organization and establishment of the headquarters to be accomplished at an adjourned meeting July 1.

General Young Mustered Out.

Under orders from the War Department Lieut. Col. Henry F. Hunt, mustered out Brigade Headquarters, North Carolina National Guard, including Brig. Gen. Laurence W. Young, Maj. Gordon Smith, brigade adjutant; Lieut. Wallace Stone and Lieut. Robert Young, aides.

No explanation was given for the order, but Colonel Hunt expressed his surprise that it has not been done before. The mustering out of part of the brigade, he explained, breaks up the organization into its component units and removes the necessity for the brigade headquarters. Upon the return of the Second Infantry from the border, brigade headquarters were ordered to Raleigh for muster out and Col. H. J. Slocum was ordered here to muster out the brigade headquarters. Order to suspend muster then came, leaving headquarters in the service.

It is taken to mean here that the National Guard of the state may not be called into service for quite some time.

James Wilcox Declined Pardon.

For the second time since he has been serving a term in the State Prison upon conviction of the murder of his sweetheart, Nell Cropsey, seven years ago, James Wilcox was refused a pardon. Governor Bickett, making the announcement, declared he could only concur in the decision reached by his predecessor, Governor Craig, that there is nothing in the record of the case which would warrant executive clemency.

No new evidence was presented to Governor Bickett. The defendant was twice convicted of murder in the first degree, the first time in Pasquotank county and the second, after the Supreme Court had awarded a new trial, in Perquimans.

Gerard to Speak in Raleigh.

Hon. James W. Gerard, recent Ambassador to Germany, who returned to this county upon the breach of diplomatic relations between this country and Germany, will be the principal speaker at the twenty-eighth commencement of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering, May 27, 28 and 29. Mr. Gerard will speak on Monday the 28th. The exercises will begin on Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered by Dr. Edward Mack.

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Vegetables Fill Window Boxes.

A great many London people have followed the example of Sir Samuel Evans, and are planting turnips in their window boxes instead of spring flowers, or, if not turnips, then some other useful vegetable. Those who won't forego their flowers are planting carrots in white sand in large boxes in their cellars or unused rooms, and mustard, cress, parsley, and other herbs are being grown in kitchen windows or in sheltered places in the areas.

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