

FLOWER PROFITEERS PERIL MOTHER'S DAY

Price of Carnations Doubled in Last Week by Retailers.

OFFER OTHER BLOOMS

Pansies, Cornflowers and Roses Are Suggested as Alternatives.

ASKS BUTTONS BE WORN

Head of International Body Officially Bars Wearing of Any Flower.

Mother's Day, of which this is the anniversary and which started out a few years ago recommending that every one wear a carnation, is now facing serious difficulties. In the first place carnation growers are profiteering on the day's flower and prices have jumped 100 per cent. in a week; in the second place retail florists, realizing the great demand for carnations, are suggesting that other flowers be worn instead of the carnation, and in the third place the organizer of Mother's Day is indignant over these suggestions and the situation thus brought about and has officially sent messages broadcast asking that no flowers whatsoever be worn, but that a button be displayed to signify the wearer is remembering the "best mother that ever lived."

According to one of the big whole sale florists it is the carnation growers who are responsible for the high prices, because they have been holding back their supplies until the eleventh hour. The last shipments reached here late yesterday evening and commanded the high prices anticipated. In fact the market remained fairly steady all day.

Price Doubled in Week.
A week ago carnations were sold at \$10 a hundred wholesale and \$20 retail. Yesterday the price for the same grade of bloom, the best, was double last Saturday's price. Carnations that brought 15 or 20 cents each retail last

week brought from 25 to 35 and even 50 cents in some of the more fashionable shops yesterday.
"The public will probably pay to-day 50 per cent. above the cost of carnations in the wholesale market seven days ago. Retailers are trying to keep the price down, one of them said. The highest price by the dozen was \$4, which is \$1 more than they were asking for them last week.
Max Schling, of Fifth avenue near Sixtieth street, put the blame for the increase in price on the wholesaler and then explained that the growers had forced the wholesaler to demand more. "The price of cut flowers depends on the demand," Mr. Schling explained, "and when one flower, the carnation, is designated as the flower to wear on Mother's Day naturally the great demand forces the price up."
"The florists are offering other flowers to the purchaser, suggesting that it is for remembrance, and the pansy or the rose or a narcissus, if a white flower is desired, is just as appropriate as carnation and does not cost so much.

Says Retailers Lost.
"Last year florists sold carnations at an average of 25 cents a flower to the wholesale dealer and often sold them at a lower figure, and almost none went for more than 25 cents. The retailers were the goat on that occasion, but they do not intend to play the role again."
"Pansies have much more sentiment than the carnation—pansies mean thoughts—and what is more appropriate than to wear a few pansies to show you are thinking of a mother who is gone or one who is still living? A small sweetheart rose is equally suitable and sentimental, and cornflowers are being offered."

To the question whether retailers were going to demand \$6 a dozen for carnations to-day, Mr. Schling replied that the price was too high, but that carnations were not worth that figure even in view of the extraordinary demand. Mr. Schling will have two flower girls stationed in front of his shop this morning, each carrying a tray of boutonnières of pansies, cornflowers, sweetheart roses, narcissi, peonias and other small blooms, which will be given away free to the public. His object in distributing them—and he will have 5,000 on hand—is to help along the campaign to substitute other flowers for the prescribed carnation.

Frank Millang, a wholesale florist, said that speculators and growers were holding back quantities of carnations in the hope of getting an even higher price than the one asked early yesterday, which is an advance of 100 per cent. over last week's price. The best carnations are sent from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York State and Pennsylvania. There is a big supply, he said, but if the demand continues strong the price to-day will be high.

Officially Bars Flowers.

The Mother's Day International Association of Philadelphia, whose president is Miss Anna Jarvis, has flatly put its foot down on all floral propaganda for May 14, even crushing the pink and red carnation vogue under heel. Miss Jarvis asks that it be announced that her association has barred flowers for Mother's Day. "Only the official button badge of this association will be used hereafter," is Miss Jarvis's statement.

She adds that through the florists and the American Legion, who have combined, carnations have been boosted to

NEW DEVICES SEEN IN POLICE PARADE

Anti-Bandit Guns Shown and Airplanes Escort Line of 6,000 Guardians of Law.

HERO MEDALS PRESENTED

Mayor, in Fine Fettle, Marches at Head of Force and Praises All.

Bright skies and a gentle breeze contributed to make yesterday's police parade one of the finest in a long succession and there was generous applause from the crowds that jammed the sidewalks and windows of lower Broadway and of Fifth avenue from Fortieth street to the reviewing stand at Twenty-fourth street, where Mayor Hylan held sway after having covered the entire route of march on foot, starting at the Battery.

There were 6,000 men in line, perhaps a few more, including the 100 from the Jersey City department, and forty from Yonkers. There were 5,000 of the regular force, led by Chief Inspector William J. Lahey, and 1,000 of the reserves, under command of Special Deputy Commissioner Rodman Wanamaker. No women marched this year.

The Mayor was first in line, accompanied by John F. Sinnott, his secretary and son-in-law, and Lieut. Edward J. Quinn, his aid. Commissioner Enright followed a few paces behind, with his secretary, Charles G. Young, and his aid, Lieut. George S. Wood. Then came the deputy commissioners and special deputy commissioners, the police band and Chief Inspector Lahey, mounted, with his staff. The honor battalion, led by Inspector James S. Bolan, preceded the main body.

The new army insignia recently ordered for the higher officers of the

force, was worn for the first time. Chief Inspector Lahey wore the two stars of a major-general, gold instead of the army's silver; the deputy chief inspectors the single star of a brigadier, inspectors the eagle of a colonel and deputy inspectors the oak leaf of a major.

Those who have watched many police parades remarked how each year the men are slimmer and more athletic in appearance. The militarization of the force, which began under Gen. Bingham, has gone on to the point where it is hard to find a really fat man in the whole line of march.

Several of the department's new features were represented in the parade. Two sapanzas, commanded by Major Donald van de Water and Major Gans, Jr., flew north with the parade and circled back over the reviewing stand. The bandit gun, the invention of Brig-Gen. J. T. Thompson, was carried in the rear of the department's six car motorcycles. This is the weapon that can fire 1,000 shots a minute and is capable of tearing an automobile in pieces at a distance of 500 yards. Another sidecar carried wireless equipment.

New Features in Parade.

Before the parade passed in review Mayor Hylan, accompanied by Commissioner Enright, decorated this year's honor men. These were policemen who had faced the guns of hold-up men and had taken their prisoners with marked heroism. The Department Medal of Honor was awarded to Timothy J. Connel, acting detective sergeant; the Rhineland Medal for Valor to Randall J. McCarthy, acting detective sergeant; the Isaac Bell Medal for Bravery to William Seckinger, acting detective sergeant; the Peter F. Bell Medal to John F. McLaughlin, acting detective sergeant; the Automobile Club of America Medal to Patrolman Daniel D. Shine; the Walter Scott Medal for Valor to Patrolman Louis A. Pick; the Martin J. Sheridan Medal for Valor to Patrolman Dennis J. Rodgers, and the Brooklyn Citizens Medal to Sergeant Charles F. Walsh.

Mayor Hylan, in making the presentation, said: "The Police Department is the city's first line of defense. For more than two generations you have never failed in the enforcement of law and order in the city of New York. The State or Federal troops have not been called to your assistance. The police are now receiving the encouragement which their swift and skillful apprehension of wrongdoers long since

required. The District Attorney are now promptly bringing to trial and the courts are meting out severe and speedy punishment to the criminals apprehended by the police. The unstinted praise and support of all the right thinking people of New York have never been lacking."

Medals Sent From France.

On behalf of the French Government Gaston Liebert, Consul-General, presented to eleven members of the force medals awarded the Paris police, which he said never before had been presented to members of a foreign organization. They were being given, he said, in recognition of the courtesy and care shown by the police of New York to Premier Briand, Marshal Foch and Marshal Joffre upon their visits here.

The men who received the decorations were Chief Inspector Lahey, Acting Deputy Chief Inspector John O'Brien, Lieut. James Gegan, head of the bomb squad, and the following detectives of the squad: Sergeant Charles Newman, Edward Cooper, George McCartney, Cornelius Brown, William Van Valkenburgh, Louis Herman, Christopher Kelly and George Gilbert.

The Mayor also distributed the Rodman Wanamaker medals for the most efficient reserve units. These were received by Major F. T. O'Keefe, Major E. Dixon Williams, Col. Frederick M. Thompson, Major John F. Brennan, Major Samuel E. Moore, Major Bertha F. Elder, Major Jean Barnes, Major Sarah Noldinger, Major Rose Levy and Major Sadie Ferrer.

Former Gov. Al Smith sat in the first row. Among others in the stand were the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, Rhineland Wald, former Police Commissioner; District Attorney Banton, Francis D. Gallatin, Commissioner of Parks; Herman A. Metz, former Comptroller; Rear-Admiral Glenn, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Cunliffe-Owen, Miss Elizabeth Marbury, Chief Magistrate William A. McAduo.

Mayor Hylan in the morning presented the widows of six police officers killed in discharge of duty during the year the medals of honor they would have received had they lived. The recipients were Mrs. Beattie Cook, 1135 East Ninety-second street, Brooklyn; Mrs. Alice Potter, 460 West 131st street; Mrs. Barbara Neville, 30 Brooklyn avenue, Jamaica; Mrs. Ellen Bridgett, 1117 Erhill road, Jamaica; Mrs. Mary Connolly, 1157 Bedford avenue, Brooklyn, and Mrs. Grace Reuschle, 1348 Plimpton avenue, The Bronx.

TAYLOR'S EFFECTS AT AUCTION.

Personal Property of Film Tragedy Victim to Be Sold.

LOS ANGELES, May 13.—The personal effects of William Desmond Taylor, film director, who was shot dead February 1, will be sold at public auction May 23.

These effects include two automobiles, one valued at \$10,000; a piano, phonograph and clothing.

Taylor's jewelry will be turned over to his daughter, Ethel Daisy Tanner, now in New York. This includes a locket containing the photograph of Mabel Normand, motion picture actress, who was his close friend and one of the last persons known to have seen him alive. The locket was Miss Normand's gift to Taylor.

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