

CANADA'S BONUS TO FARM LABORERS

Offering 160 Acres to Farm Hands.

Canada today, with the great demand that is made upon it for foodstuffs, finds itself almost in the throes of a labor famine.

It has been required in the past to do three years' duties on homesteads to get title, but an additional inducement has been offered by practically reducing this term to two years.

WAR MAKES MEN EPILEPTIC

And Others Invalidd From the Trenches Are Constantly Haunted by Fear.

Some of the effects of warfare on men's effects which usually are not given wide publicity, are revealed in an appeal in the London Times by Lieut. Col. Sir John Collier for the establishment of an institution where jarried nerves of war-shaken men may again become normal.

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THEY WERE AS BUSY AS BEES

New York Polls Raided a Plant Where Adulterated Honey Was Made.

One of the oldest assertions of the beekeeper has been that honey could be adulterated with success, but health department inspectors have found a full-blown honey plant in the basement of a private home in Manhattan.

There were no bees at work in the plant when it was raided, but there were half a dozen women and a man as busy as bees with pots and pans about a stove. They were boiling up a concoction the chief ingredients of which were sugar and about 10 per cent of genuine honey.

Beehived by Pattern.

A man wearing his hair long under a wide western hat and concealing his face behind a beard of much length and breadth strode into the barber shop of the Parker house in Boston and settled into a chair.

Was Sick All Right. "Jock Bloggs," said the manager, severely, "you got off your work yesterday afternoon with the excuse that you were ill. I saw you going to the races, and you did not appear to be bad at all."

"I ought to have seen me after the second race," he said.

Not Always. "Doctor (examining recruit)—And you always stutter like that?"

Recruit — No-no, sir. Only when I talk.

IRELAND'S GLORY



IT WAS the foundation of St. Patrick's greatness that his reformation of Ireland was not a revolution. He left old institutions and traditions untouched, wherever they could be purged of their superstitious and heathen elements.

WHY THE SHAMROCK IS WORN

Custom Not Only in Honor of the Saint, but in Remembrance of Days of Famine.

Few who put a sprig of shamrock in their buttonhole on the 17th of March realize that these little green leaves more than once kept the Irish from death in dire famine times.

In 1840 the poor Spaniards' miserable inhabitants of Munster to a point where they "dook to a plot of water-cress or shamrocks as to food."

The troubles times continued and the shamrock is mentioned as an article of food again and again. Fynes Morrison, in 1688, writes that the herb is still "being snatched out of the ditches for food."

And for my clothing in a mantle go. And feed on shamrocks as the Irish do.

Not until later was the shamrock used as the national emblem of Erin. Nathaniel Colgan, member of the House of Commons, says the earliest record of the "wearing of the green" is contained in the diary of Thomas Dinley, who wrote in 1687:

"17th day of March yeary: is St. Patrick's day, the feast, which the Irish of all stations and conditions wear crosses in their hats, some of pins, some of green ribbon and the vulgar superstitionously wear shamrock three-leaved grass which they likewise eat (they say to cause a sweet breath)."

Another reference to the wearing of the shamrock appears in the works of Dr. Cath. Threlkeld, a botanist of the early eighteenth century. He says: "The plant is the plant which is eaten in commemoration of St. Patrick, 'believing that St. Patrick' used the three-leaved leaf to explain the Christian Trinity. This belief is generally said by antiquarians to have arisen in the fourteenth century, almost a thousand years after the death of Patrick, who died in A. D. 463.

In that year, says the Annals of Ulster, "Patrick, the apostle of the Scot (Irish) rested on the 16th day of the calends of April (March 17) in the one hundred and twentieth year of his life, the sixtieth year after he came to Ireland to baptize the Scot."

IRELAND'S ANCIENT GLORIES

'Now be my theme, Hibernia's ancient glories, David monument and Donistfort; Tollundner conic tower, where date and war

In vein bowe Ardovomer toid to find. Let us likewise bar mouldering obbier view.

Shrouded in ivy; the gloomy old castle; Howling tremendous, 'een in ruin."

In Education and Sports. Among the rich educators in America may be mentioned Horace Greer, William Ralney Harper and William E. Maxwell. The Olympic games of a few years ago were planned by Sam Houston and Mike Murphy. Martin Sheridan, the great all-around athlete, is Irish, and the national game of baseball is claimed as of Irish origin.

River Shannon. The Shannon is the longest river in Ireland and it widens into an estuary 56 miles long and, two to ten miles wide. Many Irish ballads have been written about this river.

THE BANKS OF AVONMORE

Here O'Connell, here's a present, it's a classic, too. The little pot of shamrock and it's given to you. Yes! all the way from Ireland, and the Reek takes place. The Reek, sometimes known as Crough Patrick, is the Mount Zion of the Emerald Isle. For on its summit St. Patrick is said to have wrung from the angel many prayers for the salvation of the people he had made his own.

For fifteen centuries this mountain has played an important part in the religious history of Ireland, and year by year people journey by the thousands up the mountain, which is about 3,000 feet high. It is a steep and difficult ascent, occupying the best part of three hours, and most of the pilgrims make it in the evening, so as to hold their vigil on the summit. There is a little chapel on the mountain top. But it is so small that few can find a place therein, and most kneel down. The sermons preached are in Gaelic, and the masses continue from daybreak until noon.

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Afterwards Patrick was visited by angels, and from their leader he created the following pledges: That as many souls should be saved as could fill the horizon when he looked upon; that on every Thursday seven souls should be freed from purgatory; that whoever recited the last verse of his hymn constantly should suffer no ill accidents in the next world; and that on the last day he should be appointed to sit in Judgment on the sins of Gael.

All of His Own Race.

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ERIN'S HOLY PLACE

For Fifteen Centuries The Reek Has Played Important Part in Country's History.

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GUNS FOR VESSELS

PRESIDENT ORDERS ARMING OF MERCHANT SHIPS AGAINST SUBMARINES.

EXTRA SESSION IS CALLED

Congress Summoned to Convene on April 16—Details Concerning Placing of Guns on Merchantmen Are Withheld by the Government.

Washington, March 12.—President Wilson has decided to arm American merchant ships, under his constitutional authority, and also has called a special session of congress for April 16. American merchant ships sailing for the submarine zone have been armed by the government and they are ready to sail.

To General Names of Ships. The names of the armed ships will not be made public by the government and are not expected to be published in the newspapers.

The president signed the proclamation for the extra session on Friday while lying in bed with a cold. Orders for carrying out the president's decision to arm ships were immediately sent to the navy department.

The president decided to arm ships after receiving formal opinions from Attorney General Gregory and Secretary Lansing that he had such authority in spite of old statutes which some believed forbade it.

Mr. Wilson has the backing of the entire cabinet in taking the step. Guns for arming merchantmen have been assembled at many yards along the Atlantic coast and everything is ready to carry out the policy announced by the president.

Ask Secrecy for Ships.

The navy department issued an appeal to the American newspapers to refrain from publishing any information whatever of the nature or armament of ships and congress has appealed to the cable companies to suppress all information of ships crossing the Atlantic in either direction.

Because of the passage by the house of the annual defense bill and the signing of the manifesto approving such a step by a majority of the senate during its last session, the president feels he has congress and the country behind him, so as soon as congress convenes additional legislation on the question will be asked.

Under a bill passed near the end of the last session the amount of money for the arming of government vessels was increased to \$15,000,000. Under the present rule of the bureau the government does not insure ships carrying arms or ammunition.

Timely Makes Statement.

The following statement was issued: "Secretary Timulty stated in connection with the president's call for an extra session of congress that the president is convinced that he has the power to arm American merchant ships and is free to exercise it at once. But so much necessary legislation is presently pending in congress that the president feels that it is for the best interests of the country to have an early session of the sixty-fifth congress, whose support he will need in all matters collateral to the defense of our merchant marine."

After the White House announcement the navy department announced "we are prepared as to gunners as well as gunners."

May Ask Approval of Step. It was stated that as soon as the new congress convenes the president will before a joint session his views and desires as to legislation. If he wants legislative authorization for his step in arming American ships, congressional leaders declared that it would be promptly forthcoming.

The adoption of a closure rule in the senate has cleared the way for action in both houses to hold up the president's hands in dealing with Germany. Immediately following the issuance of the order for an extra session there was a discussion of events tending to make it extremely possible that there will be a partisan organization in the next house with Champ Clark continuing its opposition.

White Book to Tell Plotting.

It became known that the administration is preparing a White book setting forth all of the evidence of German perfidy against the United States, and of the activities of German agents in inciting acts of violence on American soil. These documents are to be published in the event that Germany takes a more serious turn.

With the government launched on the policy of arming American merchantmen to defend the rights of the German war zone, the newspapers and all other news-dispensing agencies of the United States were requested to place themselves under a self-imposed censorship.

Gladdened His Heart.

"Isn't this view magnificent?" exclaimed the phoned-out tourist. "It's just a pretty good one," answered the lynch-eyed manufacturer. "Over there on a hill to the left I see one of our billboards."

Proper Remedy.

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A Michigan Case

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17-YEAR LOCUST AGAIN DUE

Coming of periodical Cicada is Predicted in Pennsylvania by College Professor.

The "17-year locust" is due in Pennsylvania this year, according to H. H. Hadden, Jr., in charge of entomology extension at State college. The pest is what is known as "brood" (light of the periodical cicada) and it appeared here last in 1900.

"This is one of the largest insect broods to occur in this state," Hadden says. "While locusts are usually of importance mainly because of the crop interest aroused, it is quite possible that considerable damage may be caused in those places where the insects appear in unusual abundance." Philadelphia North American.

Plucky Danish Captain.

A hero in every sense of the word is the captain of the Danish steamer Iris which, sailing from one neutral port to another and having no contraband aboard, was halted by a German submarine and the crew ordered to leave the ship, in order that it might be sunk. The Danish captain flatly refused to leave his ship. "You may sink us, but I and my men will remain on board," he told the submarine commander. And his pluck won. His ship was allowed to proceed when it was seen that he knew his rights and was not afraid to assert them.

New Art Dargest Uniforms.

One of the largest conceptions for rendering military uniforms less visible on the field of battle is to use material in pronouncedly irregular contrasting patches contrasting light and dark colors with gray outfits. Some of the darker patches are outlined in a still darker color, and smaller spots of contrasting color here and there. In some of the patches, so that the effect of uncertain light and shade is produced, to cause the garment to lose its identity by mingling with the background.

Chinese Like Them.

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