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THE IN-RUSH OF NEWCOMERS
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Two experienced Western farmers have been sent to England to act as a Board of Selection in the case of Imperial ex-soldiers who desire to come to Canada to farm. They will select those who seem likely to succeed as farmers in this country. One would say that not only experience in farming but prophetic insight would be required for this job. One result of this arrangement is that it shifts the initiative and the heft of the responsibility from the emigrant to the country that invites and advises him.

That there will be a very large movement of population from Great Britain to Canada is already certain, and in another month the movement will have set in. It is said that there is a constant stream of applicants at the Ontario Government offices in London, and that the agencies of all the other Provinces are equally busy. The Dominion agencies and the offices of the C. P. R. are dealing with large numbers of enquirers every day. The man who advertises a Canadian farm for sale in the London papers gets a sheaf of replies.

Last year Canada had 114,000 immigrants, 54,000 of whom came from Great Britain and 52,000 from the United States—the two best sources from which this country can draw population. But a movement from the British Isles to this country, larger than any heretofore known, is about to set in, and among the newcomers will be many with sufficient capital to purchase the best of farms in the old established districts.

So large may be the influx of newcomers that extraordinary preparations for handling their interests are called for on the part of both the Federal and Provincial authorities. The new comer without capital requires advice and direction quite as much, if not more, but is less grateful for it.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MURDERERS MAKES NEW DEATH HOUSE NECESSARY
 OSSINING, Feb. 25.—Sing Sing will have a new death house. Prisoners awaiting execution for murder will aid in the building of their own hospital, kitchen and dental parlors. The increased number of murderers at the prison recently is responsible for the decision to erect a new death house, it is said.

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SIX MILLION JEWS NEAR STARVATION

Cold and Disease Add to Sufferings of Destitute Peasants of Poland.

Eastern Europe is the only part of the world today that really understands the meaning of conservation. In the grim sense of the word, according to reports brought back to the American Jewish Relief Committee by relief workers recently returned from these stricken lands.

Not a particle is wasted of any of the relief supplies sent from America by the Joint Distribution Committee of American Funds for Jewish War Sufferers or by other organizations. Garbage cans and dump heaps are naturally unknown quantities in a region where 6,000,000 Jews—men, women, and children—are at the point of starvation. Typical of the extreme thoroughness with which these people utilize everything to-day was the use recently made of a shipment of flour, sent to eastern Europe by American Jewish relief agencies.

The flour itself was used to feed destitute Jews at the soup kitchens. White bread is a luxury in these lands to-day, the taste of it forgotten by the poor, and none of the flour sent from America is made into bread as yet. It goes farther stirred into the soup issued at the Jewish relief stations.

In order to make sure that not one atom of the flour was going to waste, the seams were ripped from the sacks, which were then shaken over the soup receptacles. The next thing put to use was the cloth of the sacks themselves. There is practically no cotton or linen in eastern Europe today, and every scrap of cloth is put to use.

In this particular case, the sacks were needed both as shrouds for the dead, and as cloths in the operating rooms of the hospital. A part of them was devoted to each purpose. Both shrouds and bandages in eastern Europe to-day have to be made by sewing hundreds of tiny bits of used cloth together, so these flour sacks proved a godsend.

The thread which had stitched the bags together was carefully saved, also, and used to patch together the rags that form almost the only clothing of the destitute Jewish children in these lands, and to sew together the scraps of cloth that they wear around their feet, in lieu of shoes.

In order to help these sufferers, Canadian Jewish Relief Committee is making an appeal for funds.

MOTHERS WATCH CHILDREN STARVE

Lack of Clothing Adds to Suffering Among Jewish Residents of Poland.

The patient resignation with which a mother in Poland accepts what the fates have in store for her children who frequently die of starvation before her eyes, is one of the things that leaves a lasting impression on relief workers there.

Jacob Szafer, who has just returned from abroad, where he had charge of a relief unit for the Joint Distribution Committee, which disbursed funds raised by the American Jewish Relief Committee and other bodies, said that food is distributed to the children in Lodz on a ration basis, and that where the small folks were unable to appear in person because of lack of clothing or illness from the "starvation sickness," the allotment was given to the mother. On one occasion a little woman with great hunger-appealing eyes, asked for four rations. The following day she appeared again and asked for only two.

"Two" repeated the distributing agent. "Why you received four yesterday."

"Yes, but to-day I need only two, because," and the worker may have only imagined that he caught a note of relief in the utter hopelessness of the curiously quiet answer, "two of my little ones died during the night."

For the purpose of relieving this terrible suffering an appeal for funds is being made by the Canadian Jewish War Relief Committee, of which full details will be given later.

JEWS STARVING IN JERUSALEM

Terrible Destitution Caused by Lack of Employment and Shortage of Food.

The street cleaners of Jerusalem form a picturesque but pathetic testimony to the terrible destitution of the Jews of that ancient city, according to the latest reports received by the Canadian Jewish War Relief Committee from relief workers abroad.

The problem of employment is so great in Jerusalem that it is almost impossible to find work in the natural way. For this reason, the Joint Distribution Committee of Funds for Jewish Sufferers from the War, hired fifty of the most poverty-stricken Jews who applied to them for aid, to clean the streets in the Jewish quarter. The youngest of these street cleaners is fourteen years old. Seven of the street cleaners are between seventy and eighty years old, and eighteen more are between sixty and seventy years old. None of them have adequate clothing or food.

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Leave Turks Alone Or Strip Up All India, Is Montagu's Plea

Says if Taking of Constantinople from Turkey is Result of War, Then Britain Should Not Have Asked Indians to Fight Turks.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The Right Hon. E. S. Montagu, Secretary for India in a statement to The Evening Standard on the question of turning the Ottoman Government out of Constantinople, said that if the taking of Constantinople from the Turk was to be a necessary result of the war, "I respectfully suggest that you ought not to have asked the Indians to take part in the war against Turkey."

The Secretary considers that India's wishes should be consulted in the matter, particularly as Indian soldiers and material played a prominent part in the response to the Empire's needs.

Essential to Peace

"From one end of India to another," he declared, "all those who have expressed an opinion on this subject, of whatever race or creed believe that non-interference with the seat of the Caliphate is indispensable to the internal and external peace of India."

Mr. Montagu is of the opinion that the rumor, which has spread rapidly that Turkey was to be destroyed and deprived of its Capital has been one of the prime causes of the recent Armenian massacres.

Relief In India.

"The authoritative pronouncement of the war aims made when Turkey was really being beaten," continued the Secretary, "was construed as a modification of the threats following the failure of the Gallipoli campaign and was hailed with high relief from one end of India to another."

A NEW VERSION

From Glasgow comes a story about some American sailors who were trying to make Scotland dry by consuming, in company with some British Jackies, all the available liquor. One of the Americans wore a small edition of the Stars and Stripes.

"What's that?" inquired one of the British contingent, pointing to the flag.

"The prettiest banner in the world."

"What are all those stars for?"

"Each of them stands for a State in the Union."

The British studied the flag for a minute, and finally announced: "There's something wrong with that flag. There's one star missing."

"What star is that?" asked the American.

"The Mons Star," was the reply.

The conversation turned to the wonders of nature, and one Scotsman began to boast about the remarkable echoes to be found in the Scottish mountains.

"They're not much," said one of the Americans. "In our Western States we have mountains so high that when a horn is blown the bugler can come back four days afterwards and find the sound still knocking back and forth between them."

"That's nothing," replied the Scotsman. "There was a bugle blown over here in 1914 and you didn't hear the echo over there till three years later."

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