

AUSTRIAN LABORER ASKS TO BE ARRESTED AND FED

Declares His Inability to Obtain Work or Food

An Austrian laborer named Mike Ukracintz went to the provincial jail yesterday afternoon and asked to be locked up. Governor Heathcote found the man in his drawing room and through an interpreter Ukracintz said he had only had ten days work in eleven months and he was entirely unable to get work anywhere, so he wanted to be arrested and fed.

When he appeared before Magistrate Bates today he wanted to be made a prisoner of war, but his worship pointed out that this could not be done until the man had committed some offence and it was not for him, the magistrate, to suggest an offence to him. The man repeated his hard luck story, saying that he had been in Winnipeg until two weeks ago and he wanted to get into the internment camp so that he could appease his hunger. When told to get out of town he repeated that he had no place to go. This caused the magistrate to tell the Chief of Police to give the man a good square meal and then he might feel in a different humor. Mr. Bates said it was one of those peculiar cases which are arising every day. The man was willing to work but could not obtain any employment because of his nationality.