

EASTER EGGS HOLD OWN AS SYMBOL, FOOD

Estimate Millions Will Be
Dyed, Rolled, Eaten at
Seasonal Frolic.

BY ROBERT O'HARA

The man who says "Easter isn't what it used to be" hasn't talked to Indianapolis' "Butter and Egg Men" recently, or he'd know better. Present indications are that at least a million and a half eggs will be consumed in the Hoosier capital in celebrating the joyous feast this year.

There will be several million of the candy variety sold in the city—

Cop and Canary

By United Press

BROOKLYN, April 6.—Half a dozen sturdy policemen perpired freely in the summer warmth of the Greenpoint police station today while catching thirty-three canaries which had escaped from a burlap bag when it was opened on the lieutenant's desk.

The elusive birds had been brought into the station with Leo Leonard, who confessed that he had stolen them from a bird store.

that it was a ceremonial of the pre-Christian Saxons in Britain, to offer eggs as a tribute to the gods who controlled the fields, in celebration of the coming of spring.

This sacrifice was supposed to be necessary to the success of the crops. Probably the Druid priests ate the eggs; at any rate the custom has come down within the memory of older Hoosiers that way. It was a common superstition among farmers fifty years ago that the farmer's success with his crops depended upon the number of eggs he was able to eat on Easter morning.

The sacrificial custom of the old barbarians was adopted by the early Christian fathers, who considered the egg as the symbol of new life, and Easter as the beginning of Spring, and of new life for the world. The coloring of the eggs is thought to have no special significance and the same is true of the Easter bunny: both were probably designed to amuse the children.

Local dealers state that the coming Easter will see no noticeable advance in egg prices. Chain store

prices ranged around 27 cents a dozen. Modern distributing methods have served to equalize supply and demand to the point that unusual fluctuations are hardly likely to occur, wholesalers say.

Local druggists, who handle egg dyes are enjoying a little better business than last year. They all affirm that the Easter egg custom is gaining in recent years rather than losing. And while there may be no egg eating contests involving individual consumption running into the dozens, the Easter bunny is a long way from losing his hold on the affections of younger citizens.

Egg hunts, and egg rolling contests will rule the day for the kiddies, probably more than ever before. Egg hunts are scheduled in Spades park and at Beech Grove.

Church Forsakes Dry League CALDWELL, N. J., April 6.—The First Presbyterian Church has withdrawn its annual \$250 contribution to the Anti-Saloon League because the League no longer is a charitable organization.

\$50,000 TO COLLEGE

Mrs. Hugh McK. Landon Is Donor to School.

A gift of \$50,000 to the University of the South, Sewanee, from Mrs. Hugh McK. Landon, Golden Hill, Indianapolis, was announced today by Chattanooga, Tenn., headquarters for the Sewanee expansion fund, being sought as foundation for the plan to make this institution in the Tennessee mountains into an American Oxford.

Mrs. Landon's gift is for the endowment of a chair of English in the present college. The chair probably will be named "The Spaulding Chair of English."

Sewanee is the only institution of higher learning in the South owned by the Episcopal Church.

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