

The Advocate "Holed."

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—Anybody who has had an opportunity to observe and used that opportunity intelligently, must have noticed that the burrowing creatures have more than one opening to their underground retreats.

This habit of having a front and a back door as it were is not without design. When the creature is driven to its lair it depends on the second orifice as a means of escape from its pursuing enemy.

It will be noticed that the Advocate has this trick, for when you drive it to its den by one door it pops out and makes faces at you from the other. It emits a snarl or two and furtively dives into its reeking cavern again. You have it trapped and it cannot escape, for every egress is covered by your weapon.

There was a time, that is, when Mr. Coaker himself did the barking from the Advocate paper, when you might hold argument with that paper, but that day is gone, and Mr. Coaker is able to hire crackles to do the barking, and those contemptible things have not the courage to face an opponent. They sit on the doorstep and make grimaces, do some snarling, and sneak away. This craven and unintelligent way of dealing with one who invites them into a contest may be congruous to the small-souled creatures who take their example from the skunk and weasel instead of from more noble animals, but it is repugnant to creatures of sensibility.

Driven to bay on every question that has been intelligently raised, the skulking, furtive sub-intelligent bipeds resort with abuse. They answer argument with irrational gibbering irrelevancy.

With despicable cowardice that seeks to stab in the dark, those miserable toadies and liveried lackeys brazenly accuse those who, with courage, fortified by intelligence, interpose between native land and foul betrayal, of having only the lowest aims in their conduct.

Those who a year ago prevented the consummation of the foulest act of treachery to-wards Newfoundland ever plotted by low-grade politicians, are yet to the fore and very well able to deal with the crackles who do Coaker's barking. Thank God we are not yet so bloodless, so bereft of manly courage that we will allow either ourselves or our country to be made pawns of for the advantage of the crew of empires or worse, who are to-day apeing the statesman or barking from the Coaker burrow on Duckworth Street. This is my answer for the time being to the cowards who refuse to come out manfully and meet argument with argument.

Do those fellows assume there was no wisdom in the world till they were born? What then are they doing to vindicate this arrogant and lofty assumption? Do they think that ability to dodge a question is a show of superiority? The fact is probably the most agile dodger known: is this creature of the dank and clingy night to be esteemed then above the eagle whose eye defies the sun?

As the chiroptera cannot endure the daylight, the Advocate of primates skulk in arboreal shades and avoid direct contact with those they fear.

It sickens me to have to deal with the creatures in any way, but however revolting the task might be, I intend to cling to it till they either come out in the open or keep silent. The Advocate tribe think fit to sneer at me because I now and then display some knowledge of natural history. There is no doubt good and sufficient reason why the Advocate scribblers do not display this same knowledge.

To sneer at learning is an index to the low order of the mentality, and the Advocate unwittingly furnishes this complete proof of its antediluvian cerebral development when it asks the silly question whether I am a "Naturalist or a Natural." It does not affect me in the least to have the Advocate make a buffoon of itself, but it makes me determined to prevent the misfortune and disgrace of having a party running this country who recognize in this low-down publication its official mouth-piece. To have one's country dominated by rogues is a misfortune; to have it dominated by simian brains is a disgrace.

Yours truly,
ARTHUR ENGLISH.
Feb. 17, 1923.

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HEART'S CONTENT, Feb. 16

Special to Evening Telegram.
Canon Smart's Lenten Missionary Education lectures commenced this Friday night. St. Mary's Hall packed to its utmost capacity. Scores unable to gain admission. The subject of the lecture, "Call of a world in need," was illustrated by eighty colored slides and pictured hymns, with a Missionary Anthem and Recitation. Instruction, interest and inspiration for Missions is the Rector's slogan.

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Silvia in Port.

SHIP REPORTS HEAVY WEATHER RECEIVED S.A. CALIF.

S.S. Silvia, Capt. Mitchell, from Halifax, arrived in port last evening. The ship left at 1 p.m. on Wednesday and after leaving that port encountered ice, which necessitated a passage, and the course was made about 40 miles south of Island. On Thursday a southeast gale was encountered in less than ten minutes the ship was back again to the eastward. Heavy weather was reported via wireless, and the ship picked up the S.S. of the freighter Moncenio, which was in her steam and hand steering put out of business. The ship's position as latitude 41° 14' north, longitude 53° 40' west, longitude 19.20 west, which across the Atlantic. At 3 o'clock yesterday morning a wireless was received from S.S. Benzenaria, the Star liner, and the largest ship which gave her position as 41° 14' north, longitude 53° 40' south of Sable Island, and stated the ship was experiencing a southwest hurricane, and so it, that although the big ship was able to do 25 knots, she was only making eight knots against storm. Yesterday morning she passed through heavy sheet ice twelve to fifteen inches thick. Following passengers were booked this port—J. R. Stuck, W. H. H. F. McCulloch, Jacob Hansen, Miller, Capt. H. C. Amundson, J. J. T. Meaney, Miss Lillian G. N. Sagar, J. Durand, W. Stamp, R. Stamp, Leonard and five second class. The ship again on Tuesday next.

Supreme Court

King vs. J. A. Basha (Last Evening's Session)
After recess, Higgins, K.C., the case for the defence and examined by the jury. Following examination he was cross-examined at some length by Mr. Mev. Crown. The next witnesses were R. G. Ash, who is President for the Phoenix Company, and Jas. Buckley and J. M. Spence were at Basha's premises at the time the fire occurred. Mr. Basha then addressed the jury, and a very strong plea for his acquittal was made. The address occupied nearly an hour and concluded at 9.45, when recess was taken till 7.30 o'clock. On Feb. 16, F. A. Mev. addressed the jury and asked for a conviction. Mr. Johnson who presided, then asked the jury on the points of law and showed the parts of the evidence which the jury should decide upon. At 9.30 the jury retired after forty minutes deliberation returned to Court, announcing their verdict, Mr. M. White, the dict of "Not Guilty." The case was therefore discharged.

Girl Guide Replie

Dear Porky boy, you are among those friends of yours to be with us Girl Guides.
If you can read, we would like to buy our Book. It would be a joy to you.
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Enlarge and sweep your horizons;
Explain our aims, and give us every question.
Good housewives you'll be minding;
And eat our stew without indigestion.
But, though to cook and mend learning
For useful tasks our Budget we're in a fix!
Good citizens, we ne'er can be while classed with criminals and lunatics!

Personal

Mr. J. McRae of Hr. Green visited the city and it staying at Croebie.
Mr. J. T. Meaney, Controller was visiting New York and American cities, returned by via.
Mr. C. J. Fox, M.H.A. who has confined to his home during the ten days, is now able to be seen again.
Mr. F. C. Archibald, M.H.A. present in the city from Hr. He is registered at the Croebie.
Mr. George Kennedy of Hr. is a visitor to the city on a business trip and it staying at Croebie.
Mr. W. R. Goobie, who was on business trip to the American cities, returned by the Silvia.
LAST NIGHTS TEMPERATURE
The thermometer at the Valley series last night registered a record of frost. This morning reading was 14 degrees.
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