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POKING FUN AT DAYTON.

Mr. Dooley should have been at Dayton to report the evolution trial. The result might have been another classic like his well-remembered account of the Dreyfus case. However, humorists of a sort were not lacking at Dayton, and some of the long distance reports of the proceedings, wholly fanciful, make amusing hot weather reading. The New York Sun publishes a burlesque account of the troublesome business of choosing a jury, telling of the difficulties encountered in "getting good specimens" to fill the jury box, a really desperate example of American slapstick humor, not without its points, but serving to suggest that Mr. Dooley, in his old vein at least, might have done better. Here is a little of it.

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A JOB FOR PETAIN.

France is sending Marshal Petain, one of the most famous of its world war commanders, to look over the situation in Morocco, and is heavily reinforcing its army there. The situation is in many ways remarkable. Repeated despatches declaring that the French had the war well in hand have been followed by others, which, when read between the lines, revealed more serious conditions. A short time ago the French had only 60,000 men in the field, but apparently that force is to be more than doubled, and if this addition does not prove sufficient it is said the Government contemplates calling two new classes to the colors, which would mean some 800,000 men. The situation has been troublesome at home as well as abroad. The French people have not been happy in the war. Moreover the Communists have kept up a ceaseless agitation for peace, and are supposed to have engaged in treasonable communication with the enemy. Tribes which have been loyal to the French have of late been showing signs of joining the enemy, and some of these, occupying territory behind the French advanced posts, are regarded as a source of serious peril.

When the Spaniards encountered a great military reverse in Morocco the French regarded their defeat with considerable scorn. Spain practically gave it up, and this course in France was criticized as constituting an extraordinary confession of military weakness and incapacity. During the last few months the French have learned that although Spain did make a poor showing in the field, the difficulties encountered were far greater than had been realized by contemptuous onlookers.

Because of divided opinion at home, and also because of other commitments, France hitherto had made war rather half-heartedly in Morocco. The Government had not felt that it enjoyed a strong enough popular support to warrant it in placing in the field an army large enough to finish the job. Public statements to the effect that the lift would be granted a favorable settlement if they were willing to accept it have been interpreted by the tribesmen, naturally enough, as a confession of weakness rather than as proof of magnanimity.

The French Government has now

evidently decided that it must quit the war or crush the Riffs. A military observer said, just before Petain left for Morocco, that if the tribesmen now loyal to France should go over to the enemy in force, Foch would be in the field before the autumn.

QUITE SPRY.

These are days when the old men are feeling their oats. The records tell us that the average age of man is being increased considerably, but that in the difficulties encountered in "getting good specimens" to fill the jury box, a really desperate example of American slapstick humor, not without its points, but serving to suggest that Mr. Dooley, in his old vein at least, might have done better. Here is a little of it.

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BACK TO THE FARM.

The movement of population is still from the farms to the towns and cities rather than from urban centres to the country, in the greater part of the United States, and probably Canada, but there are some significant indications of a change, particularly in New England. Taking the United States at large, the figures for 1924 show that the drift away from the rural districts was still in excess of that toward the farms, but the New England States provided an exception, a gain of nine per cent. in favor of the country districts being recorded. This movement has attracted considerable attention because it involves an important agricultural area, including the State of Maine. Reviewers are expressing the hope that this movement will continue. They attribute it to two causes chiefly, the first being improved living conditions in the rural sections, and the second being some decline of industrial activity in the urban centres. It is pointed out that the motor car, better roads, improved schools, better telephone communication, and an increase of amusements in the country have done something to check the exodus to the cities in pursuit of higher wages, and the hope is expressed that as farming conditions are improving the leaving power of the country may be still stronger this year and next.

Reliable figures to measure the movement of population similarly in Canada are not at present available, but it may be assumed that as agricultural conditions are improving the decline of the farming population may be at least partially checked. A favorable symptom is afforded by the later emigration figures, which show that the drift of population from Canada to the United States is less than it was a year or two ago, although it is still considerable. The whole question is of very great interest because of the general realization that nothing is more important than measures to retain the native population. Important as immigration is—and it is

vital to Canada—there is no class of immigrants that can be brought in which will be so valuable to Canada as are its own people.

Mr. Darrow, at all events, did not succeed in making a mockery of the presiding judge at Dayton.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

Jim Bludso

(Toronto Globe)
Wonder if there was a "Jim Bludso" at the throttle when the steamer Comet was driven ashore in a blazing condition at Spring Lake, Michigan, one day this week. We were told by press dispatch that she took fire in the middle of the lake and was beached in time to save the lives of the 50 passengers, who were huddled at the stern, with the flames steadily bearing down on them.
The case seems almost a parallel of the famous Prairie Belle on the Mississippi, which was immortalized by John Hay in one of his Pike County Ballads called "Jim Bludso." Jim was the engineer, a rough diamond, a careless man in his talk, an awkward man in a row, but he never flunked and he never lied. He had vowed never to be passed on the river, and a thought and time he swore if ever his boat took fire he'd "hold her close to the bank till the last soul got ashore." One night he got into a race with the Mowat, a better boat and as the rainous wood was piled into the furnace, and they tore through the night, the Prairie Belle took fire.
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CANADA'S EXPORTS SHOW INCREASE

Imports in 12 Months Fall Away \$46,000,000—Business Progress.

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Facilities for registration are available at Liberal Government Headquarters, 84-86 King street. 1888-7-25

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