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## THE POISONERS.

The statement made to The Times-Star yesterday by a citizen who discovered a sandwich, containing a deadly irritant poison, exposed where a child was just as likely as a dog to pick it up, is a startling one. No one need be a lover of dogs in order to see instantly that the poisoner who takes such a course in the hope of killing a dog is a dangerous criminal whose identity the police should make every effort to discover. The person who deliberately poisons, or tries to poison, another man's dog, is a lawbreaker deserving no consideration. To expose poison where man or any domestic animal may be killed by it is forbidden by law, but to deliberately put out a poisoned sandwich or other food which a little child might innocently and naturally pick up and eat, indicates a mind that is criminal or disordered.

On several past occasions valuable dogs have been poisoned, even a case that was not running at large but that was accompanied by their owners. Warnings as to the gravity of the practice of deliberately leaving poison about have been issued often enough, but it seems that more drastic measures are necessary. The person who would poison a dog is had enough, but the one who, in trying to give an agonizing death to an animal of the class which he cannot but recognize—of killing a human being, is a menace to the community too great to be ignored. This is aside altogether from the "dog question." There are people who do not feed their dogs. There are some who are cruel to them. These can be dealt with. There are dogs which are allowed to become a nuisance. But these things do not justify a war on dogs by people who hate the tribe, much less the use of poison by sneaking individuals whose minds are venomous. Most dog owners and most dogs are quite all right. The dog has an army of defenders. His good traits have done that for him, and this should be recognized by all.

The job of discovering the poisoner, or the poisoners, ought not to be impossible by any means. Such outrages sharpen public vigilance. Citizens with young children, dog owners, and law-abiding people generally, will be on the watch. Likely enough the poisoner has peculiar ways which may attract attention and cause inquiry. The police will be on the alert, and they will not hesitate about quietly following up any clue placed in their hands.

## THE EMPIRE CRUISE.

The British special service squadron, headed by the Hood, in many respects the greatest warship afloat, which is now on its way to British Columbia, received a wonderful welcome in Australia and New Zealand. The Auckland Herald rightly describes the touring squadron as a "magnificent sign of an Empire united in an enterprise of universal law and order, one nation with one aim the world over." That journal says that the sea does not divide New Zealand from the Motherland and her other children, but is a bond and a bulwark—"while Britain does not own the sea any more than any other nation, while all may come and go at peace so long as no accepted law of conduct is broken, yet to Britain the keeping of that right of free passage is more vital than to any other nation."

Greeting the squadron as a welcome and striking proof of the Empire's unity and power, the Auckland Herald asserts impressively that sea power is vital to the Empire's continued existence. It says:—

"A little island group on Europe's western shore is seen as the early home of a virile people. The salt spray is in their nostrils, the far horizon is in their eyes. They make friends of the winds, and learn to follow the guidance of the stars. Too trait their island fastness becomes, and they seek roads upon the restless sea. To them the treasures of distant lands become a lure and challenge, and they go forth to claim a share of them. Then, prompted by a wanderlust that yet has a homing instinct deep-entered in it, they sail away in companies to make them dwelling-places in those far-off hunting grounds. There, undaunted by hardships and perils, they establish themselves and their law. But ever they keep the sea open. Britain is still the home of the race, however its sons and daughters may establish themselves elsewhere; and, as the years grow into centuries, these sturdy children of a loved Motherland, knowing no abatement of their regard for it, seek ways of filial service. A threat of attack upon it makes them leap to arms. Their developing industry prompts them to maintain and foster close commercial intercourse with it. Its language, its customs, its arts and literature are theirs too, and all they prize most in their souls' life binds them to it. So, as the marches of Empire extend, the threading roads upon the ocean become more and more thronged with shipping, and the volunteer vessels of Tudor times give place to a Grand Fleet for the patrolling of the high

## Press Comment

### THE EIGHTEEN GREATEST MEN

(Rochester Times-Union.)  
 Who are the men who have given the largest measure of learning and culture to the world? You can probably name two or three off-hand. But could you select eighteen such geniuses adorning as many fields of human endeavor?

This was the large order placed before the faculty of the University of the State of Washington. A magnificent new library, now in process of building, is to have the figures of the world's greatest men on its facade. The faculty chose the following representatives:

1. Adam Smith, social science.
2. Beethoven, music.
3. Darwin, biological science.
4. Leonardo da Vinci, art.
5. Benjamin Franklin, public service.
6. Gaius, physical science.
7. Goethe, poetry.
8. Grotius, international law.
9. Gutenberg, printing.
10. Herodotus, history.
11. Homer, poetry.
12. Justinian, law and administration.
13. Moses, religion.
14. Newton, mathematics and physics.
15. Pasteur, medical science.
16. Plato, philosophy.
17. Shakespeare, drama.

### BLONDES' EYES.

(Providence Journal.)  
 Blondes are cautious people and brunettes go helter-skelter through the world with no thought for the future. If one is to believe the evidence of insurance-policy statistics offered by a large corporation which deals in such matters. In a hundred policies selected at random from the company's records it was found that more than half were held by blue-eyed, fair-haired persons, and that many more had been issued to possessors of gray eyes and flaxen tresses, while the brunettes made a very low second.

Such evidence is contrary to most old notions. Blue-eyed men, one had always heard, were the dreamers and far-seekers; blonds (and blondes) took chances in their respective lines of endeavor, so that there exist the traditions of Vikings scouring distant seas in frail boats, and blue-eyed Romans leading their dark-eyed countrymen to victory. Who has not been told, over the radio, of the blondes who were far more deadly than brunettes? And who has not heard it said that almost all the people in hospitals for the insane have eyes of some shade of blue? This discrepancy between practice and theory may, after all, be something altogether different. There are no statistics available to show that the proportion of blondes and brunettes does not hold in everything. If there are more blue eyes in the world than brown ones it would naturally follow that there would be more blue-eyed policy holders than dark-eyed or gray, most world leaders, Caesar to Napoleon, had flaxen or auburn shade. And soldiers and authors, more than anyone else, ought to be heavily insured. Think of the chances they take!

### A REFEREE NAMED.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.)  
 Another step has been taken toward solving the difficult Irish boundary question. Prime Minister MacDonald, as the result of his recent conference at Chequers with President Cosgrave of the Free State and Sir James Craig of Ulster, has sought far and wide for an unprejudiced arbiter to lead the commission to decide the matter and has found him in the person of Justice Feetham of the Supreme Court of the Union of South Africa. The selection has received the whole-hearted approval of the London Times. "A better choice," says the Times, "could hardly have been made. The Irish and the Ulster factions to the dispute are favorable to the dominion judge and indications were given more encouraging for some kind of settlement of the dispute."

This does not mean that President Cosgrave and Sir James Craig are any nearer together. Agreement between the two is practically limited to the endorsement of Prime Minister MacDonald's happy selection. The Free State President wants his bond, the fulfillment of the Anglo-Irish treaty. The Ulster Executive has refused to name a representative on the boundary commission and also declares that his opposition is based on the treaty. "My friends," says President Cosgrave, "holds itself bound by the terms of the treaty to give effect to the wishes of the inhabitants in regard to the settlement of the boundary." But the words quoted from the treaty do not end where Cosgrave would end them. There is this additional clause, "so far as may be compatible with economic and geographic conditions." It is this clause that Sir James Craig clings to, declaring in effect that self-determination among the Southern counties of Ulster would disrupt Ulster. An impasse has been reached and as a kind of last hope, the South African jurist has been called upon to adjudicate the matter as far as it is possible. It would seem a near-millennium effort for Ulster to judge upon its position. Its Southern counties over which there is dispute contain both North Irish and South Irish in varying proportions. Sir James argues that if any of these counties or parts of these counties were turned over to the Free State it would be at the expense of overriding and disregarding the wishes of the people in the areas affected. President Cosgrave is in favor of a form of plebiscite, leaving the matter to self-determination and he pools Sir James' fears. Never was a step in the direction of settlement has been made in the selection of the South African Justice and the question will be reopened some time during the latter part of the month.

### SAY CAR TRAVEL BETTER.

According to local hotel proprietors the automobile tourist business is better so far this year than it was at the corresponding period last year. They do not anticipate any rush until early in July, when business they think will be good for about eight weeks or more. Already tourists from as far west in Canada as Toronto and in the United States as California have been visitors in town. One party arriving last night from Boston reported the roads to be in excellent condition with the exception of a few soft spots.

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### FOLLOW THE SEA.

(C. Fox Smith in Ottawa Journal.)  
 "What is it makes a man follow the sea?"

Ask "Mother" says Billy Magee: "Maybe it's liquor and maybe it's love—maybe it's likin' to be on the move—maybe the salt drop that runs in his blood. Won't let his killik lie snug in the mud; What is it makes such poor idjits as me follow the sea—follow the sea—Jiggered if I know!" says Billy Magee.

"What is it keeps a chap roiling around All his life long from the Skaw to the Sound? Samplin' the weathers from Hull to Ramsgate—Doddin' an' westerlies, Trade an' typhoon—Hurrican, cyclon an' southerly buster—in any old drogher as files the Red Duster?"

What is it makes a chap follow the sea—Follow the sea—follow the sea—Jiggered if I know!" says Billy Magee.

"What is it makes a man stick to the sea?"

Ah, you may ask me? says Billy Magee: "Stick to it hungry and stick to it cold. Stick to it after he's broke and old, Freeze in the Forties an' sweat on the Line. Shiver an' burn in the rain an' the shine. Stick it until he can't stick it no more—Curse it an' leave it for something ashore—Chuck up his shore job an' follow the sea—Stick to it live by an' die by the sea—Search me if I know!" says Billy Magee.

### LIGHTER VEIN.

College Definition  
 An optimist is a fellow who cuts a dance with the professor's daughter and then expects to pass the course.

Safety First  
 A recent motoring accident on Newton way brings to mind a warning which may profitably be repeated here: Just keep in mind Whenever you ride That motor cars Can't turn aside.

Poor Judgment.  
 "Don't you think that a man forfeits his self-respect by taking a tip?"

"Well, I never take one on the market that does not cause me to lose respect—or my judgment."

Of Limited Application.  
 Not to let one hand know what the other does is good Christianity but poor "Bridge."

Mentor.  
 "Mrs. Muchwee says that her three husbands were all of the mental type."

"Yes; experimental, temperamental and detrimental."

Main Thing is to Keep Out  
 Consistent with some men out of bad rascals, cold feet others.

Also Liquefies  
 "Madge has accepted that horrid old Mr. Goldbags. What do you suppose she was thinking of?"

"Herself, dear."

Bovine Advertising  
 Little Barbara was out in the country walking with her mother. "Gracious!" exclaimed mother, "what is that noise?"

"Oh, that's nothing but a cow moeling trying to sell her milk," said Barbara.

## SPANISH CONSUL

### TO STAND TRIAL

Montreal, June 20—Miguel Malquer, Consul-General for Spain at Montreal; Raymond Toy De Torrens and Albert Vincent, manager of the Hill Bonded Warehouse, today were committed by Judge Cusson for trial before the Court of King's Bench on the charge of conspiring to import alcohol into Canada. An additional charge of conspiring to import cocaine and morphine also was laid. The trio pleaded not guilty. The consul and De Torrens, still unable to furnish bail, were returned to Bordeaux jail.

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## Letters To The Editor

### DOGS.

Sir,—I note by your paper that there are a few carping critics of dogs expressing their opinion and evidently they have made an impression on the Commissioner of Public Safety as he has asked for suggestions as to what to do.

Here's mine. Pay no attention to the few "cranks." Those who do not like a dog it will be found hate everything in general including themselves.

For the benefit of the Commissioner and the "cranks" I would like to know if they are aware that there is, or was, in this city a dog that saved lives from the S. Dublin off Newfoundland a few years ago.

That there is one other who recently saved the life of his young master, and the newborns of the city took up a penny collection bought the dog a collar and paid his license.

I know it is useless to ask, but is there any of the dog critics who can claim to saving or risking their life to save even one life to say nothing of sixty-nine?

Show me the man or woman who does not like dogs and I will show you about the meanest specimen of the human race in existence.

A few years ago one of this specimen wrote to the editor of the New York Herald, complaining about the space granted to a story of a boy and a dog. It was on the front page, an interesting and well written article, and well known to dogs saving lives.

The editor published the letter and referred to it in his editorial column. What he said is too long to repeat here, but he certainly did "trim" out the "crank."

To summarize his remarks he said that so long as there was a New York Herald and he was editor and that so long as there was a small boy and his dog and a story, that story would find all the space it required on the front page to the exclusion of any other news. The letters that reached him applauding his remarks were so many that he was forced to decline the publishing of them although he did publish many.

I could fill two pages of your paper to the complete exclusion of all other news with articles on dogs saving lives. Only the other day a dog saved eight lives and lost his own. What about the services rendered by dogs during the war?

The eulogy of the late U. S. Senator Vest on the dog is a classic and so well known to most people that I will not ask you to publish it. If the Commissioner and his complainants have not a copy I will be pleased to send them one. I will also send you a copy of Sir Walter Scott's tribute to the greyhound Roswell as told by him in "Talisman." Richard Coeur de Lion is addressing the King of France.

"Royal Brother, recollect that the Almighty, who gave the dog to be companion of our pleasure and our toil, hath invested him with a noble and incapable of deceit. He forgets neither friend nor foe, remembers, and with accuracy, both benefit and injury. He hath a share of man's intelligence, but no share of man's falsehood. You may bribe a soldier to slay a man with his sword, or a witness to take life by false accusation, but you cannot make a hound treat his benefactor; he is the friend of man, save when a man justly incurs his enmity."

Isn't it a pity that humans are not entitled to a eulogy the equal of this. I am not a dog lover, but those who are I think should look after them at night, instead of as it is now "wind up the cat and put out the clock." King square is full of them at night and they are in the trees after birds. Dogs do not destroy birds.

The former Commissioner of Safety was not a lover of dogs and he went to the "bow wows." If the Commissioner

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