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## Slick Hypocrites

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir—I would feel grateful for a short space in your paper to make a few remarks relative to the way some of the "faithful ones" here have been and are acting.

There are a few, thank God for that, who think Kean got the best of the fight against Coaker and the Union this Spring because he was permitted to sail as master of the Florizel.

These few intoxicated with the venomous spirit of hatred for Coaker and the Union gave vent to their feelings by sending "Abraham the Jink" a telegram of congratulation before he sailed for the ice fields.

How sick and sore they must be now when their idol failed to make good with the most powerful ship in the fleet. They are too blind to see the hand of Providence in this year's seal-fishery. Munn and the young Bowring boy must curse Kean in their own minds for he has made a laughing stock of them and himself as well.

They have been taught a lesson. They should make them more careful in the future when dealing with the undermen of Newfoundland. Coaker is our spokesman and when he speaks he speaks for us, the undermen of Terra Nova. Would to God we had a dozen Coakers with us to-day and the terrible conditions we have around us would be quickly cleared up.

These few "faithful ones" I have referred to above were always after the lazy dollar and if they have a few hundred dollars they must thank the men who stayed all the summer for them as servants. Some of these wise ones went master to the fishery in the days when paper collars were the style and we all know how they worked their crews, whilst they themselves, with spyglasses from some nearby inn, kept up on the crews whilst they were engaged fishing. If one or two boats came to the landing stages with more fish than the other, these paper collar captains of industry would abuse the other crews, and the men had to stand all kinds of hardships and sorrows.

The "bunnybag" government would not do a better thing than give some of these paper collar heroes, a service badge made out of Labrador blue stone. Within the last few years all they do is stroll about and loaf their time until the schooners come home with a trip of fish.

They immediately start in to abuse Coaker and the Union before the crowd, but when they get to themselves they hold a prayer meeting and bless Coaker for keeping up the price of fish. When the fish is ready for shipment to St. John's in the past, they walk aboard the Prospero with an independent swagger and through the passage Coaker is the topic of conversation in which Captain Abraham give an ever ready ear. Now slippery "Jimmie" is one of these.

It is well known that as soon as anyone comes on the bridge, Kean will start in to abuse Coaker and the Union and the men who belong to the organization. Kean looks upon the Prospero as his own personal property, and considering the way in which Munn and Bowring forced him upon the people of this country last March we are led to think that he is the Managing Director of the firm. His actions any would lead one to think he was.

During the winter time they go around from shop to shop abusing Coaker, and when the time comes to close up and go home you would almost want an iron lever to move them. Slippery "Willie" is another of these. He wants soft shoes and a walking stick.

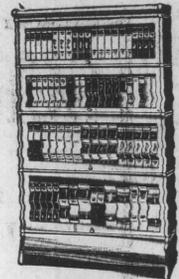
We have our eyes on these gents Mr. Editor and their actions in the future will be watched more so than in the past.

The fishermen of Terra Nova are determined to end the old conditions of things and if such no-goods as Jimmie and Willie refuse to take the hint they will have no one to blame but themselves when they wake up from their slumbers later on and find that they are away out in their estimates as to the future of Coaker and the Union.

PROGRESS.  
Westleyville, May 2nd, 1915.

A Danish gentleman, who has returned from Constantinople, states that there are about 600,000 Armenians and Greeks, who only hope that the Allies will take Constantinople. He adds that British and French men who are still staying in Constantinople have no special difficulty. They can go where they like, and generally, the Turkish authorities accord liberal treatment to foreigners, even if they belong to enemy nations. French is heard at present everywhere in Constantinople.

Professor of Chemistry—if anything should go wrong with this experiment, we, and the laboratory with us, might be blown sky-high! Come closer, gentlemen, so that you may be better able to follow me.



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Rome and London. With regard to the progress of the Austro-Italian negotiations, there is nothing fresh to add to the statements I made early last week. To my knowledge many German and Austrian families have been strongly advised by their respective Governments to quit Italy with the least possible delay. The conversations between Rome and London have not yet terminated, owing to the obvious circumstance that London is, so to say, the political clearing-house through which also the transactions of third parties, in which Great Britain itself is not directly interested are sent for settlement.

These conversations, I have reason to know, are not likely to be furthered by sharp animadversions on Italy's real or supposed aspirations. Such comments have recently appeared in certain journals of London and Petrograd, and were erroneously regarded here as an expression of the views of the respective Governments. As a matter of fact, the expectations entertained by the Consulta, and the view taken of these by the British and Russian Governments are less further apart than the journalistic declarations and commentaries would lead one to suppose.

### Italian Interests.

The Italian Government takes a long view of the matter. It bears well in mind the necessity of vindicating claims which the Allies themselves implicitly recognized from the moment when they laid down the principle of nationalities. At the same time it sees clearly the need of establishing such a fair balance of power in those regions where Italian interests are mainly concentrated as will not prevent Italy from cultivating permanently friendly relations with future neighbours.

This being so, it may reasonably be expected that a common denominator will be speedily found for the views of the various Governments, which at bottom are less widely divergent than is generally supposed. The arrival of the new Russian Ambassador to the Quirinal is looked forward to, but nobody appears to know when he will arrive.

Despite the pessimistic forecasts from the Balkans, the hope is robust here that that peninsula, too, will shortly and salvation in partnership with the Allied Powers. If this belief were realised, and Roumania and Bulgaria, as well as Italy, took the field this turn of events would serve as an instructive instance of the bitter irony of fate. For by inducing Greece to withhold her co-operation from the Allies, Germany would have been instrumental in pushing Roumania and Bulgaria into the Allied camp. No Italian patriot who is desirous of achieving the union of all fractions of the Italian nation with the mother-country regards Greece's neutrality with any feeling but that of unalloyed satisfaction.

Orator: "On the surface things are often right, but it is when we explore the depths of things that we see the deceptions of our fellow-creatures."  
One of the Crowd: "Guv'nor, you've been buying a barrel of apples, haven't you?"

London, Wednesday, May 6.—The Morning Post's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the Echo Belge for a statement that in anticipation of being able to pierce the allied lines near Ypres the Germans decided formally to proclaim the annexation of Belgium.

With this end in view a number of Antwerp journalists connected with papers which are still allowed to appear under German censorship were summoned to the German headquarters, where they were told they must prepare Belgian public opinion for the approaching announcement.

Despite the almost menacing tone of the commandant's secretary, the journalists left without committing themselves any way, and the next day the commandant learned that the German troops had made no appreciable progress. Whereupon all ideas of the campaign for annexation were abandoned.

## New Campaign Against Serbia

Geneva, May 6.—The Tribune de Geneve publishes statistics to the effect that a total of 82,000 officers and men of the Austro-Hungarian army have surrendered to the Russians and to the Serbians since the beginning of hostilities without firing a single shot. The newspaper declares that all of these men were fully equipped.

Archduke Eugene had a conference in Vienna yesterday with the Austro-Hungarian Minister of War, according to this same newspaper, concerning a new campaign against Serbia in case Italy continues her neutrality.

A third item of news appearing in the Tribune de Geneve is a statement to the effect that two German submarines, in sections, passed through Munich yesterday by rail on their way to Pola, the Austrian naval base in the Adriatic.

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