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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 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 Jinker" 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 sealishery. 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 fishermen of Newfoundland. Coaker is our spokesman and when he speaks he speaks for us, the underdogs 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 sufferings.

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 Fall, 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.

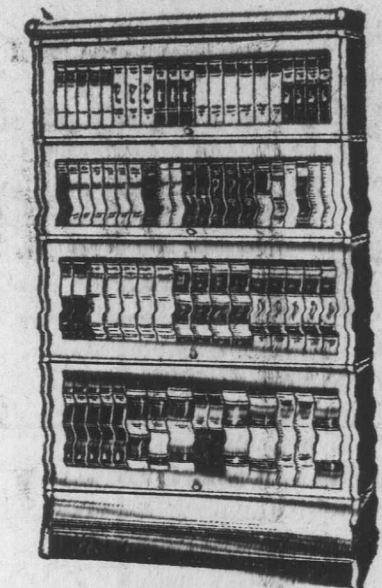
We have our eyes on these gents Mr. Editor and their actions in the future will be watched more so than in the past.

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 500,000 Armenians and Greeks, who only hope that the Allies will take Constantinople. He adds that Britishers and Frenchmen 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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Point-aux-Gaul, Lamaline,
April 1915.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA

The Coming Decision—Critical
Position—Military Preparations

DR. E. J. DILLON

Here in Italy are two fronts in the
fire, the diplomatic negotiations and
the organisation of the national de-
fences, are receiving equal attention.
Neither of the two lessen the inten-
sity of the effort demanded by the
other. Thus any hopes that may still
be entertained by sanguine politi-
cians respecting the prospects of an
accord with the Central Empires ex-
ert no relaxing effect upon the stren-
uous and successful efforts being made
to enable this country to face with
confidence every eventuality, however
speedily it may be realized. This
significant fact has been borne in up-
on all observers with especial force
during the past few days.

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 know-
ledge many German and Austrian
families have been strongly advised
to quit Italy with the least possible de-
lay. 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 in-
terested 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 Petro-
grad, and were erroneously regarded
here as an expression of the views of
the respective Governments. As a
matter of fact, the expectations enter-
tained by the Consulta, and the view
taken of these by the British and
Russian Governments are less further
apart than the journalistic declara-
tions, 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 vindic-
ating claims which the Allies them-
selves 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 cultivat-
ing 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 no-
body appears to know when he will
arrive.

Despite the pessimistic forecasts
from the Balkans, the hope is ro-
bust here that that peninsula, too, will
shortly find 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 bit-
ter irony of fate. For by inducing
Greece to withhold her co-operation
from the Allies, Germany would have
been instrumental in pushing Rou-
mania and Bulgaria into the Allied
camp. No Italian patriot who is de-
sirous 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?"

Counting the Chickens Before They Are Hatched

London, Wednesday, May 6.—The
Morning Post's Amsterdam corres-
pondent quotes the Echo Belge for a
statement that in anticipation of be-
ing able to pierce the allied lines near
Ypres the Germans decided formally
to proclaim the annexation of Bel-
gium.

With this end in view a number of
Antwerp journalists connected with
papers which are still allowed to ap-
pear under German censorship were
summoned to the German headquar-
ters, 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 jour-
nalists left without committing them-
selves any way, and the next day the
commandant learned that the Ger-
man troops had made no appreciable
progress. Whereupon all ideas of the
campaign for annexation were aban-
doned.

New Campaign Against Serbia

Geneva, May 8.—The Tribune de
Geneve publishes statistics to the ef-
fect 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, accord-
ing to this same newspaper, concern-
ing a new campaign against Serbia.

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

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