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# Russians in retreat

## Starvation in Port Arthur

Japanese forces numbering 60,000 have crossed the Yalu River from Korea into Manchuria, forcing 30,000 Russian troops into swift retreat.

In response the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, Count Lamsdorff, has issued a circular to foreign diplomats accusing Japan of a "treacherous surprise" in attacking Russian-held territory while negotiations between the two countries were still being held.

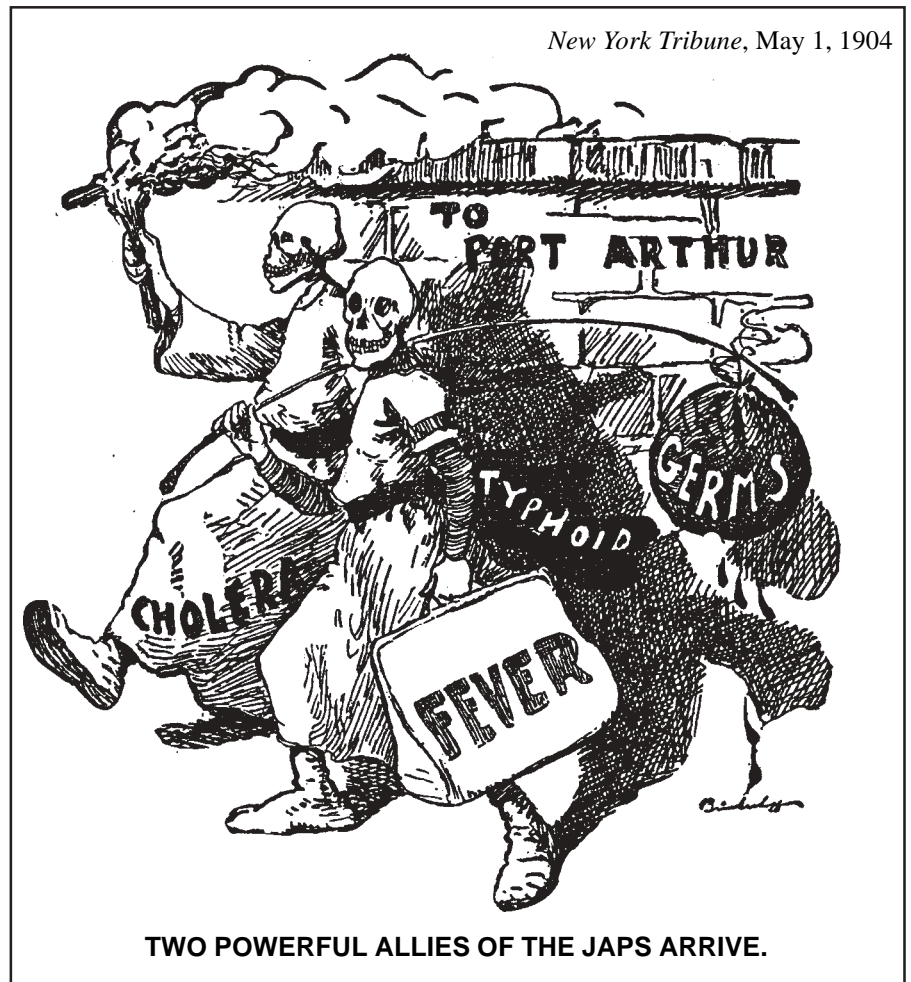
The Russian Government has despatched by train more field guns, arms and supplies to Manchuria.

The first contingent of volunteers has already left St. Petersburg for the front, amid a display of intense patriotism.

The Russian garrison in Port Arthur is now believed to be suffering severely from the effects of its isolation. It is short of food, and the Chinese in the town are dying of starvation.

Hospitals are over-crowded, and the dead are being buried hastily outside the town.

In Japan, though, it is reported that wild excitement in the streets of Tokyo, as a result of the nation's military victories, has led to 40 people, mainly boys, being trampled or crushed to death, with many others severely injured.



The Russian Commander in Chief of forces in the Far East, General Kuropatkin, has ordered that his troops must change their Summer uniforms from white to grey, because white is proving too conspicuous to the enemy. Troops at the front are to dye their tunics immediately while waiting for their grey uniforms to arrive from Europe.

Meanwhile the famous Russian novelist, philosopher and humanitarian, Count Leo Tolstoy, has denounced the war.

In a long dissertation published in the London *Times* he has criticised the Czar of Russia as "an unfortunate and entangled young man who is continually deceived".  
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**THE PRODUCTS OF CIVILISATION.**

**“How can you say that times have not improved, Bill! An age that has mastered the enigma of evolution and infectious diseases, and that piles up such marvels as Rontgen rays, wireless telegraphy, and radium, one on top of another, must be no slouch of a time.”**

## Meet me at St Louis, Louie

The World's Fair at St. Louis, Missouri, in the United States, celebrating the centenary of the purchase of the French colony of Louisiana in 1804 by America, has been opened by President Roosevelt.

The President, in the White House at Washington, pressed a golden key, which electrically communicated with St. Louis to run up flags at every vantage point of the great assemblage of buildings.

Yesterday 100,000 people visited the exhibitions, which, will not be in full working order for months to come, as there are 25,000 workmen still engaged in finishing the buildings.

The exhibition covers 1240 acres. The cost of organising and preparing the exhibition to date totals £10 million.

(*The Age*, May 3, 1904.)

Continuing the story of the Rev. Mr. Dowie, from our previous editions.

## Dowie ejected from London hotel

The Zionite faith healer, "Elijah" Dowie, who has gained notoriety throughout England for his recent attacks on King Edward in Australia, has found himself in further trouble.

The manager of the Cecil Hotel, having yesterday discovered the identity of his latest guest, requested Mr. Dowie to leave the hotel by today.

Yesterday Mr. Dowie, who successfully evaded press representatives who were watching his arrival from Germany, addressed 300 persons at the Zionist Tabernacle in Euston Road. The news of his presence spread rapidly, and hostile crowds gathered round the tabernacle.

Mr. Dowie conducted two services in the tabernacle, and in the course of his address denied that he had insulted

King Edward. He had only said that the King had no religion to spare, and he claimed the right as a minister of religion to rebuke any King.

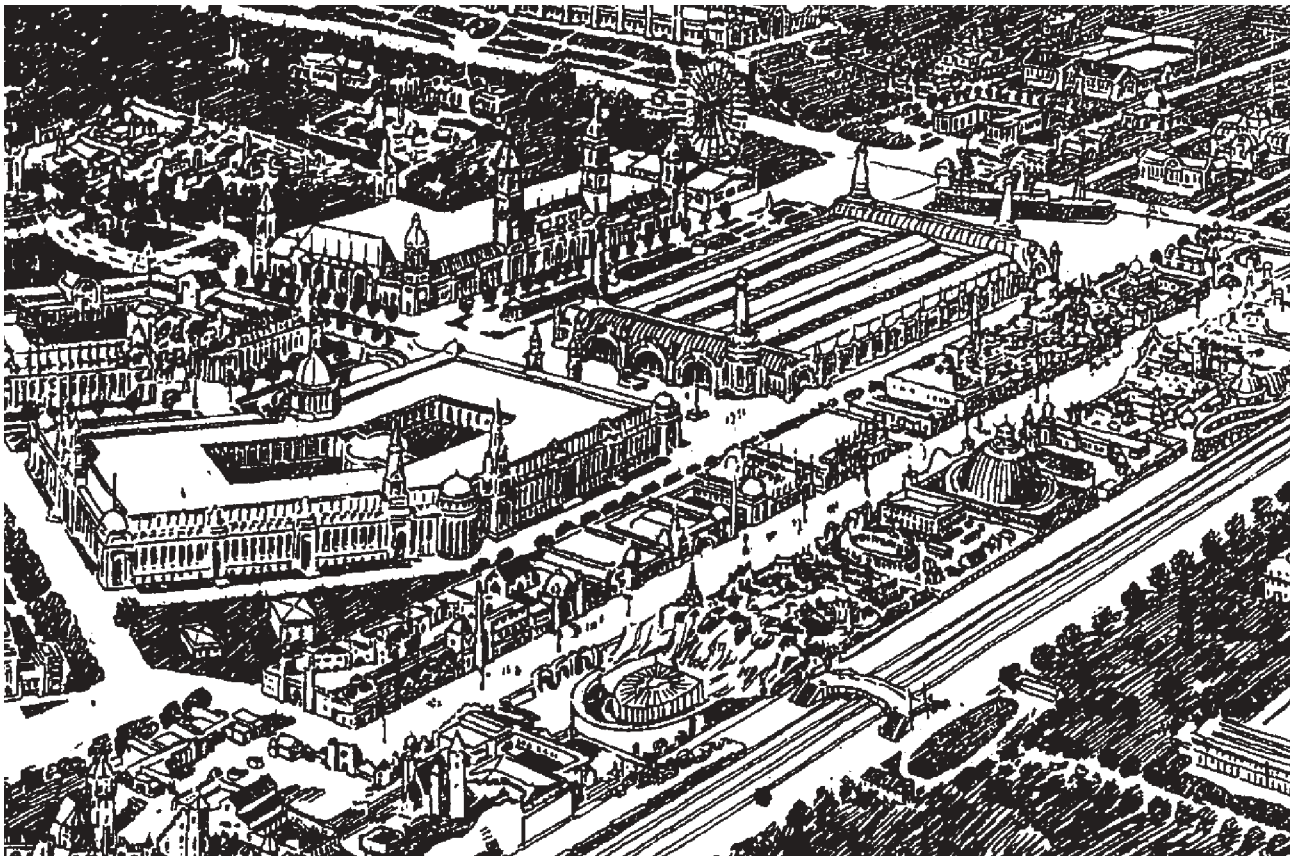
A bodyguard of faithful Zionists escorted Dowie from the tabernacle to the cab which took him back to the Hotel Cecil, but the only hostile demonstrations made by the crowd were hootings and cat calls.

The faith healer, who was expected to sail to New York, then left for France, saying, "Heathen England has refused me."

His departure came as a great disappointment to a number of cripples and other afflicted persons who were waiting for him to appear at the tabernacle. They left in confusion.

(*The Age*, June 14, 16, 1904.)

*New York Times*, Feb. 28, 1904.



Section of illustration of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis.

# Australian parl't in disarray

## Deakin, Reid at odds

The new Australian Labor Government, led by Mr. J. C. Watson, is already in danger of losing office. It appears that there are plans by the two liberalist parties, led respectively by Mr. Alfred Deakin and Mr. George Reid, to form a coalition against the Government, and to force the Labor Party from power by their combined vote in the House of Representatives.

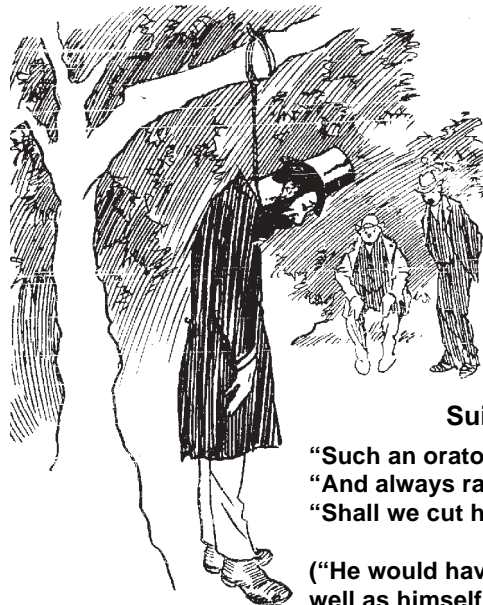
Arriving in Sydney yesterday, though, Mr. Watson spoke at a Labor gathering at the Trades Hall, where he said that despite much criticism, the Labor Ministry had not sought government, but, having expressed its view, Parliament should now adhere to the vote which had brought his party to power. The new Ministry was composed of common-sense men, he said, and the country would not suffer by being left in their hands.

Meanwhile Mr. Reid has again criticised Mr. Deakin's advice to the Governor-General, which brought about the fall of the Deakin Ministry.

In response Mr. Deakin has stated that Mr. Reid's comments about the role of the Governor-General in this matter are "unnecessary and in bad taste." He also says that he overlooked Mr. Reid in his advice to the Governor-General because, in the vote that brought down the Government, Mr. Reid was not acting as the leader of his own free-trade party, but was following the Government line.

It seems likely, though, that Mr. Reid will temporarily abandon an immediate motion of no confidence in the Watson Ministry until after the Arbitration Bill — which is the cause of the fall of the Deakin Government — has been passed in both Houses of Parliament, later in the present session. The possibility, however, of removing the Government, remains. (*The Age*, May-June, 1904.)

*The Bulletin*, May 26, 1904



### Suicide.

"Such an orator as he was, too."  
"And always ran so straight before!"  
"Shall we cut him down?"

("He would have sacrificed his party as well as himself.") — *Age*.

*The Bulletin*, May 5, 1904



### COULDN'T SAY FAIRER.

"Mr. Reid hopes to save himself by a friendly alliance with Mr. Deakin on the basis of moderation, mutual concession, mutual good feeling, and mutual confidence."

REID: "Dooce take it, Alf, don't cruel the game! Give us a hand to stiffen 'im an' I'll go yer whacks."

## More suicides by Victorians

A young boy, William Williams, yesterday called at South Richmond police station to report that a man had died in a nearby lodging house.

On investigation it was discovered that the bathroom door had been broken in, and a man lay dead on the floor. A piece of silken cloth had been fastened around his throat, and through this he had inserted the bathroom key, and applied it as a tourniquet until he had strangled himself.

Deceased was Richard Butler, 30, married. He had been drinking heavily of late, and had frequently threatened to commit suicide.

Meanwhile more suicides have been reported elsewhere in Victoria.

At Albury Mr. Charles Tabart, a clerk in the local branch of the Bank of Australia, shot himself by attaching a stick to a double-barrelled gun. He had been under medical treatment for some weeks, complaining of a pain in the head, and was in a very depressed state.

On Thursday the bank manager, noticing Tabart's condition, told him to take his annual leave. Tabart, however, said he was well enough to work, and returned to the office.

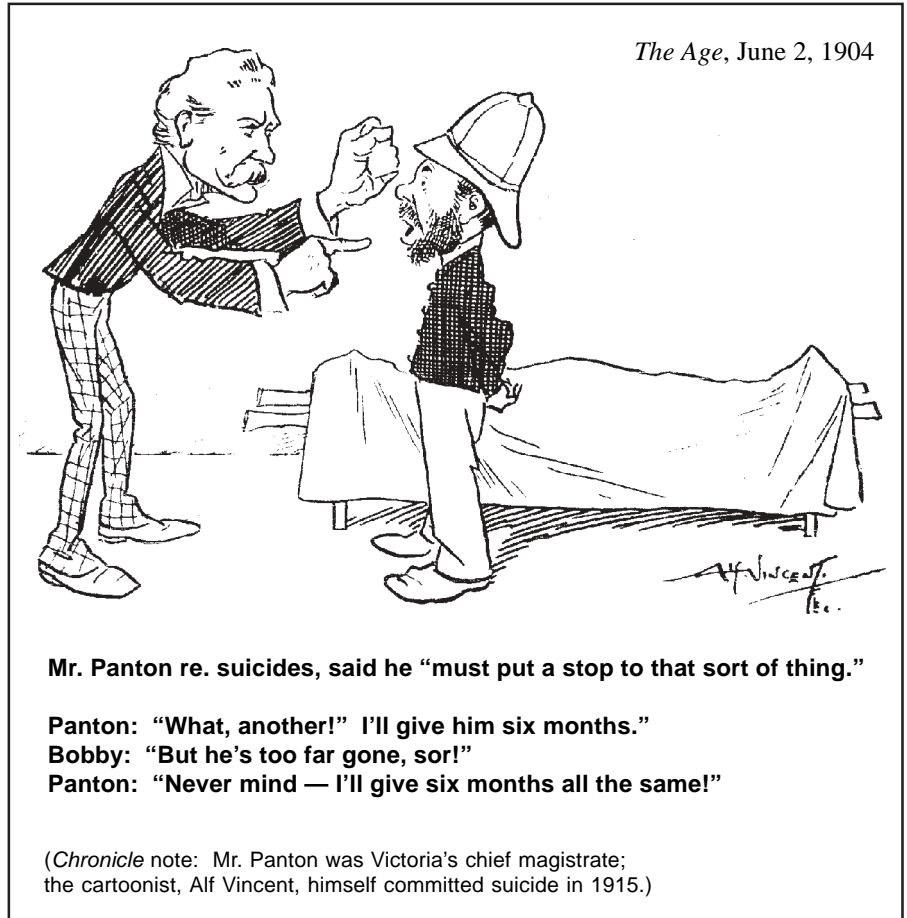
On the day of his death, Tabart had told his wife, "You don't know what worries I have. I am in disgrace."

Evidence was given that Tabart was sober and industrious, and had just received a promotion to the Melbourne office. A verdict was returned that while shooting himself he was temporarily insane.

At Numurkah Mr. Charles Roach, 54, the railway station master, was found by one of the porters, hanged to death at the station residence. He had been in bad health for some time, and suffered from insomnia. He leaves a widow and nine children.

A young woman, Lizzie Dobbie, has drowned herself in a dam on her father's farm, near Pyramid Hill. She had been under the care of a doctor for some time.

(*The Age*, May 2, 3 1904.)



## In brief

### Monster shark

An immense shark, 19 feet six inches long, has been captured near the breakwater at Warrnambool. Fully 100 teeth have been extracted from its mouth, and are selling locally for upwards of 2/6 each. The captors, who had enticed the shark towards them by throwing pieces of barracouta into the water, then shooting the monster in the head, intend to exhibit it around the town, charging an admission fee.

### Winston Churchill

Mr. Winston Churchill, who formerly represented Oldham in the British Conservative Party, has joined the Liberals. He favours public control of state-aided schools, but declines to support a separate parliament for Ireland.

### Electric belt fraud

In Berlin an American named Wagener has been arrested for selling so-called electric belts, which have been examined by experts and are alleged to be useless. It is believed he has been making £500 daily from sales of these belts.

(*Electric Chronicle* note: an advertisement for electric belts appeared in our previous edition.)

### Kellerman accident

Well-known Australian swimmer, Annette Kellerman, was injured on Saturday night while performing at the Bijou theatre. The diving board on which she was standing, 12 feet above a water tank, suddenly snapped. Miss Kellerman, preparing for a backward somersault, fell, striking her head at the bottom of the tank. Concussed, she was unable to continue. She was carried to a cab and taken home to rest.

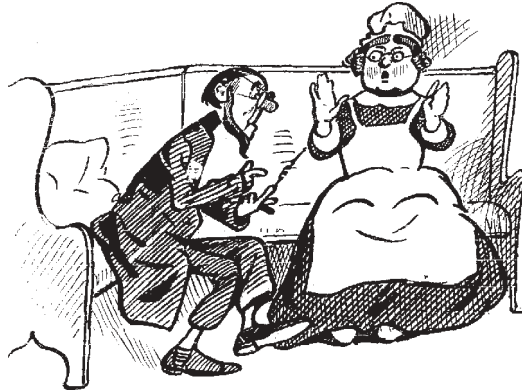
(*The Age*, May-June, 1904.)

This cartoon sequence asks the question: who should stand for parliament?

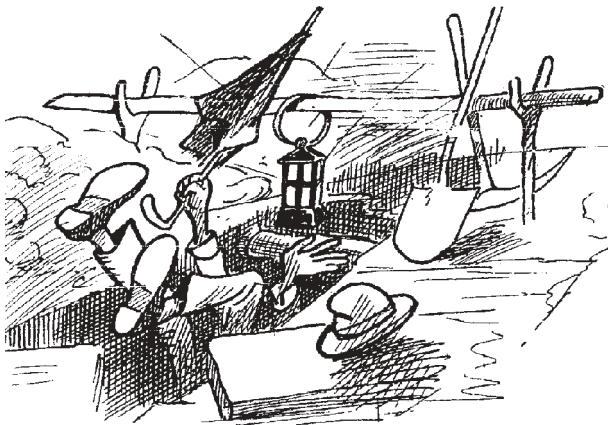
*The Bulletin*, June 23, 1904

**“The Bad-Man Candidate”**

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DRAWD BY HOOP'S  
UNDERSTUDDY.  
ANOTHER FELLER  
WROT THE WORDS  
CAUSE THEY  
SAY I CANT  
SPELL



No man who runs a Social Gimlet Society and talks shocking disclosures to old ladies to be eligible. Such men are not bad, merely nasty.



Strict sobriety of life does not lead to enthusiasm for municipal reform, but the bad man finds out all the holes in the pavement.



The man who has come home with the milkman can throw some valuable light on certain questions — say, adulterated water, for instance.



The man who lays his hand (to say nothing of a rolling pin) upon a woman, save in kindness, qualifies as a Bad Man candidate. He knows how to manage women, he does, and controls all the female votes in his family.



Beware of the sheep in wolves' clothing who show their cigarette stains as proof of wickedness. Though cigarette fiends they may be “Good” on other points.

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**“The Bad-Man Candidate”**



**PERSONAL**

“Mr. Grimly Mouldsworth, who has been selected on the Bad-Man’s ticket for the Downly Vale Division, was for many years one of our most enterprising and successful body snatchers. Vote for him.” — DOWNLY VALE PICKAXE.



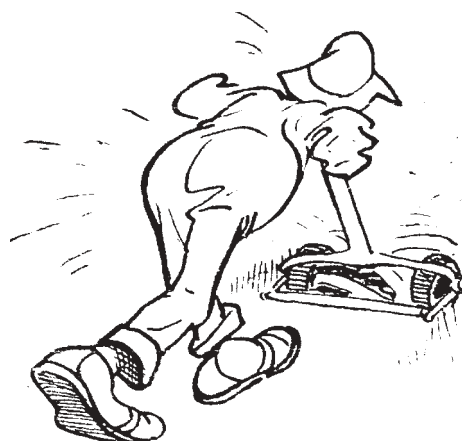
Rules of selection must be strict. Badness of a weak and watery sort will not qualify. Golf is a better game to learn swearing in than croquet.



Some knowledge of human nature may be gained by a close observation of private bars.



A nose like this ought to carry a man in.



The man who prefers to cut his lawn on Sunday instead of going to “divine service” may get into Parliament, but not necessarily into Heaven.

## Crowds flock to new flagship

The new flagship of the Australian squadron, H.M.S. *Euryalus*, was open to inspection by the Melbourne public on the weekend, and so eager was the rush that yesterday large numbers of people were unable to get near her.

On Saturday a big crowd was anticipated, but in view of the wintriness of Sunday it was not expected that such a great crowd would turn out to see the magnificent armoured cruiser at the railway pier berth.

However, for nearly four hours the pier was covered by a closely-wedged mass of spectators, through which it was difficult to move. There was also the possibility of being carried off the pier by a sudden surge of the crowd.

On the *Euryalus* herself the discomfort of sightseeing was intensified, as those who went on board early were evidently resolved to stay late.

There were a number of brightly dressed ladies on board, and the youth of Melbourne swarmed all over her 450 feet of length. Their heads peered from every port hole, and when one daring youngster swarmed up the rigging he was quickly followed by hosts of imitators.

At first they contented themselves by going up as far as the lookouts, then climbed to the mast heads.

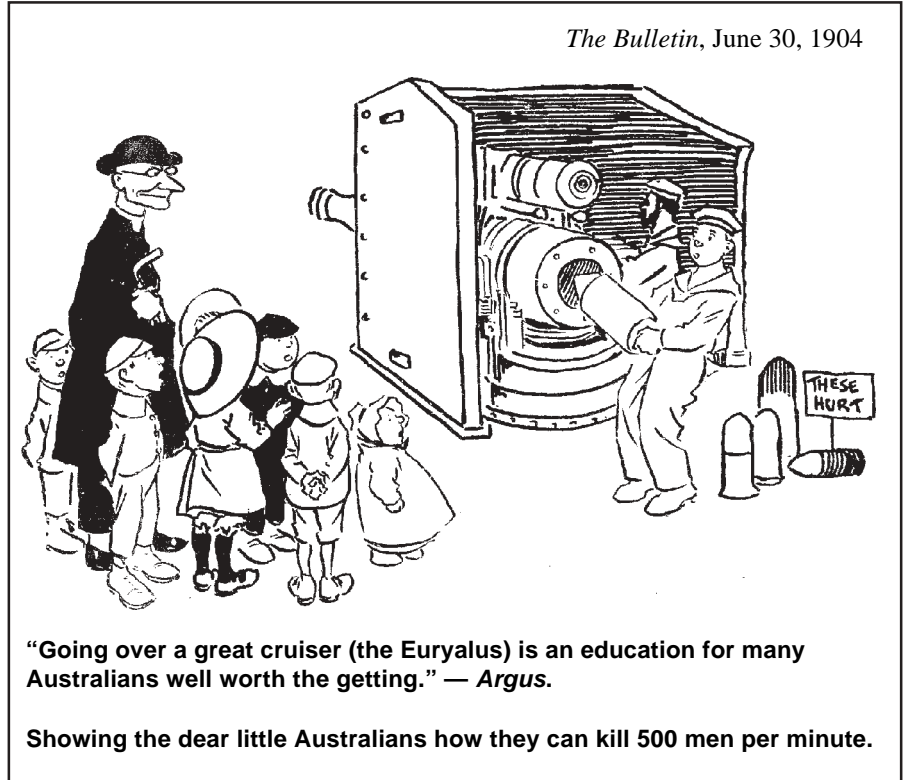
"Please, Mr. Policeman, fetch my Johnny for me," implored a weeping mother. "He'll be killed, I know."

Johnny was at the "Jack" staff at the mast head, and the constable firmly declined to attempt pursuit.

On the other side of the pier the *Persic* was berthed, and a section of the crowd, despairing of ever getting near the *Euryalus*, contented themselves with looking over the liner.

Between 4 and 5 p.m. the crowd began to thin, but it was almost 6 before the overloaded trams had drafted the last of the multitude back to town.

The *Euryalus* will be open for inspection again next Wednesday. (*The Age*, June 13, 1904.)

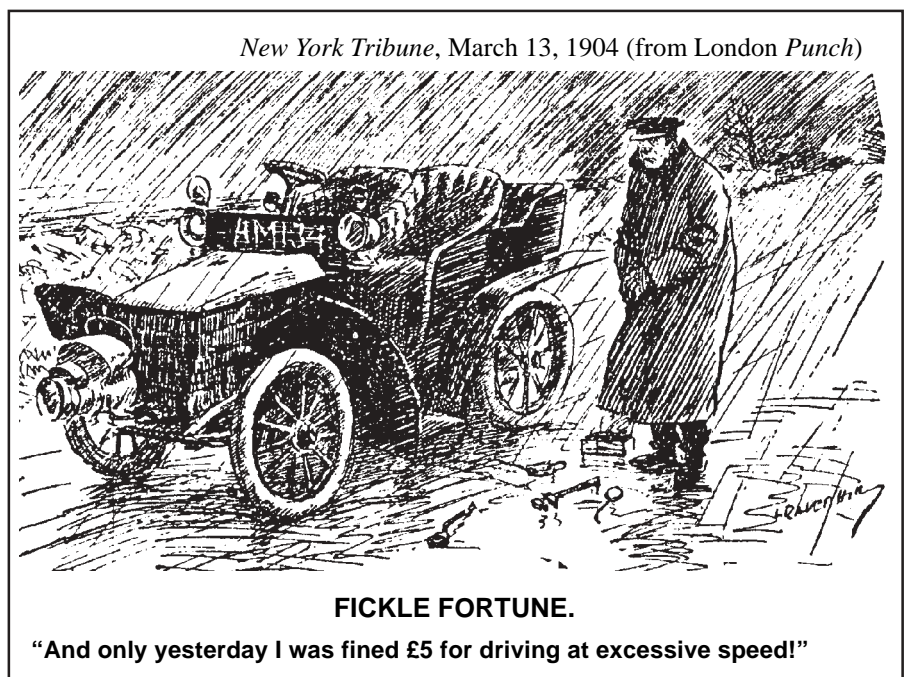


## Move to regulate road traffic

In Melbourne yesterday metropolitan councillors met to discuss the regulation of motor traffic.

An outline of the English Motor Car Act was submitted, which also applies to motor cycles. The act empowers constables to arrest

offenders. In no case is a speed of 20 m.p.h. to be exceeded, down to 10 m.p.h. in some areas. Every car must be registered and numbered. All drivers must be licenced; drivers of cars must be 17 or older, while motorcyclists at least 14 years old. (*The Age*, June 15, 1904.)





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These cartoons by Hop look at the issue of women in jail, and their future employment prospects.

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**“The New Cook”**

“A suggestion has been made that female prisoners during the last few months of their sentences should be placed where they could be taught domestic arts. It was an exceedingly valuable suggestion, and one that might well be tried.” — B.R. WISE, at the *Discharged Prisoners’ Aid Society*.



Gaol warders might from time to time give demonstrations in pankake-turning to the criminal classes (female). In the picture above it will be seen that the pancake has unfortunately stuck to the ceiling.



Dishes made in the course of study might be tried on prisoners condemned to death, a gaol chaplain being told off to read the service for the dying during the experiment.



Voice from the prison scullery: “Wot I ‘ates about it is there ain’t no days out!”



Man of the House: “I say, Susan, this is not a gillbird pie. Why, there are kidneys, liver, and Heaven knows what in it!”  
Cook: “*Gillbird* pie! I thought you told me to make a gaol-bird pie for dinner, an’ I done it!”

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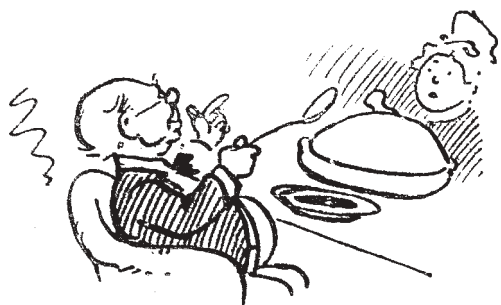
**"The New Cook"**



**MATRIMONIAL.**

LADY, time about expire Darl'gh'st Gaol, wants meet Gent. view above. — Add. LUCIE, alias Sugary Sal.

Missis: "You say you are an experienced cook. Have you any references? What place were you at last?"  
Applicant: "Gaol, ma'am."  
(Engaged off-hand.)



My dear, I do wish you would go to jail for a few months and learn how to make soup!"



To young housekeepers:  
*The Bulletin* has the above work in the press.

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# Sports News



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## Gunshots at footy match

### Players clam up when questioned

Shots were fired from a revolver during a match between two junior football teams at Royal Park last Saturday.

During a dispute between the Wreckyn Star (North Melbourne) and Fitzroy United teams, it is alleged that one of the Star players pulled a gun

from his pocket after the umpire disallowed his team a mark. Someone shouted out, "Use it!" However, a member of the opposition team knocked the gun out of the player's hand.

A spectator then picked up the gun and fired two shots. It is believed no one was injured.

Two constables soon arrived on the scene, but by that time the Wreckyn Star players had decamped towards North Melbourne.

The visitors from Fitzroy had also bundled themselves into vans and left.

Detective Sexton, from the nearby police station, was sent to investigate. Members of the Wreckyn Star team were questioned. None of the players knew who had fired the shots, nor were they able to offer any further explanation.

So far the whole affair is attended by an air of mystery, and the principals have not yet been discovered.

A number of football matches are played in Royal Park on Saturdays. They are not always friendly. Two seasons ago knives were used by players when a fight erupted.

*The Age*, June 20, 1904.)

*The Bulletin*, June 30, 1904

