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To be truly radical is to make hope possible, rather than despair convincing - Raymond Williams No. 133 – 1 June 2018

Immigration, Refugees and the MUA - Assistant Branch Secretary Election – War on the Wharves Ban the Live Export Trade – Hazards Affecting Safety on Box Ships - 20000 TEU Ship Delivered Book Review - Cartoon Corner

Immigration, Refugees and the MUA *by Bob Carnegie*

THIS SHORT ARTICLE is about some of troubling comments and social media posts I have come across recently by some members right across all areas of our coverage. These comments have been about this nation's immigration policies and, of even more concern, a few comments from members about refugees. Most of these comments are simply wrong, not based on fact and do not and will not reflect what our union stands for.

All members should realise that apart from our first nations people, Australia is a nation made up of immigrants and refugees.

Do any members seriously think Australia would be a better place without the waves of immigrants that we have had over the decades? Should Australia not open its arms to those fleeing persecution or should we turn our backs?

For every conspiratorial meme on Facebook, or ill-considered comment concerning the welfare dependency of a newly arrived refugee or migrant I can give you 100 examples of migrant and refugees successful integration into Australian society.

Because we are a multi-cultural society, a people's cultural and ethnic diversity should be celebrated not shunned.

People migrating to this country or who have gained refugee status need to be embraced not repulsed. I have heard statements at Union meetings where a few

members have tried to blame foreign seafarers for taking their jobs. This is just so wrong on many levels.

Members who think this way should firstly, blame Governments of both Liberal and Labor for not enacting policy that supports Australian Flagged, Australian Crewed Shipping. Hopefully there will be some positive changes should Shorten be elected.

Secondly, our anger should be directed towards the massive mining and energy houses such as BHP, Rio Tinto, Glencore, FMG, Chevron, Shell etc for refusing to charter Australian Crewed Vessels and going continuously for the cheaper and less skilled option. The only cure for this is going to be Parliamentary intervention.

Thirdly, since the end of World War 2, international ship owners have constantly flagged out to countries such as Liberia, Panama, the Bahamas etc. This has been perhaps the most aggressive example of de-unionisation of a worldwide industry. We are fighting against a huge tide of governments and transnational aggression.

So, lets blame employers and governments – not workers.

To end this article, as we have been commemorating the Patrick's 20th Anniversary Lock Out in 1998, it wasn't migrants or refugees that were hired by Corrigan to attempt to destroy our Union. It was good old Aussie ex-servicemen hired to be professional Union busters, doing the bidding of Howard, Reith and Corrigan. Home grown guns for hire or put more simply, Aussie born and bred SCABS.



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Assistant Branch Secretary Election

The Branch will be in no way assisting any candidate with any election material or support as outlined by the Fair Work Act. The most important of all things is for members to participate in the election by voting. Should members have any questions about the election they should contact the Returning Officer, Bill Giddens or Neil Swanson on 02 9267 9134.

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War on the Wharves

THE QUEENSLAND BRANCH would like to thank the Auckland Branch of MUNZ and in particular, Carl Finlay, for organising this year's War on the Wharves charity boxing matches in Auckland as well as their fantastic hospitality.



Josh Thompson



MUA Team



MUNZ Team

A special mention goes to the members from MUA and MUNZ who got it on in the ring for an action packed display in the wonderful sport of boxing. The Queensland Branch was represented by DP World wharfie, Josh Thompson, who fought extremely hard against a quality opponent and did us proud.

He was well supported by four DP World rank and file comrades, his family and Assistant Branch Secretary, Paul Gallagher.

The event raised \$14000 for the Key to Life Charity who help combat one of the saddest problems in all of our communities, youth suicide. In a great gesture the following day MUNZ put on a terrific lunch for the fighters and topped up the donation to \$20,000. Well done to all!

Ban the Live Export Trade *by Bob Carnegie*

THE LIVE EXPORT of animals from this country really needs to end. No one wins. The animals are treated like dirt; the foreign seafarers for most part, are treated not much better than the animals. The animals should be slaughtered in Australia under humane conditions. Doing

this is not only the right thing to do but it creates many more jobs in the supply chain.

Although, Dolly the Sheep and Jenny the Cow are sadly going to meet their maker, in the seemingly unstoppable growth of this world's desire for animal protein (this writer included) let's make their time on this planet at least bearable.



RSPCA - Live Animal Export

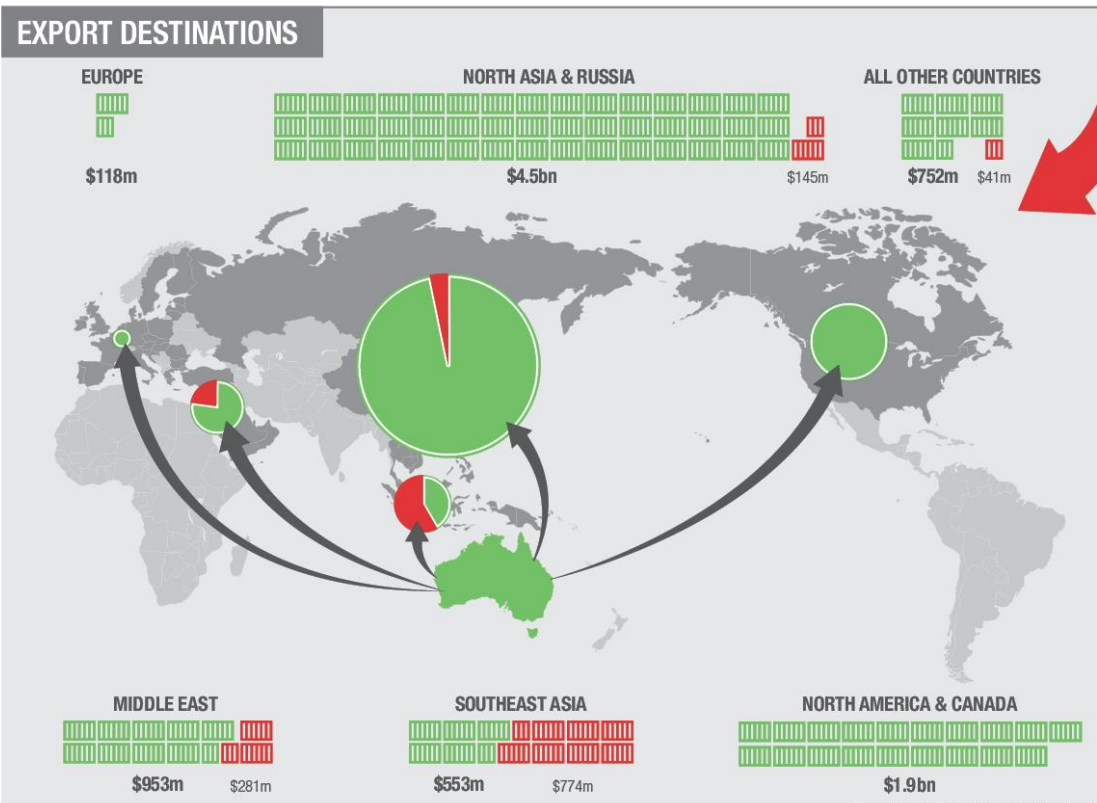
MEAT EXPORTS VS **LIVE EXPORTS**
 MEAT EXPORTS ARE WORTH SEVEN TIMES MORE TO THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY



MEAT EXPORTS vs LIVE EXPORTS



Source: ABS & DAFWA 2004-14. Based on a 10-year average



Source: MLA 2014, ABS & DAFWA 2013-14. Excludes offal

CATTLE

93% OF OUR CATTLE ARE SLAUGHTERED IN AUSTRALIA

Only 7% are exported live and slaughtered overseas

SHEEP

94% OF OUR SHEEP ARE SLAUGHTERED IN AUSTRALIA

Only 6% are exported live and slaughtered overseas

Source: ABARES 2014

IT'S TIME TO FOCUS INVESTMENT ON THE MORE VALUABLE MEAT EXPORTS TRADE TAKE ACTION RSPCA.ORG.AU/LIVE-EXPORT

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A LONG JOURNEY OF SUFFERING

EXPORTED ANIMALS ENDURE WEEKS OF UNNECESSARY TRANSPORT

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MEAT EXPORTS vs LIVE EXPORTS

A CRUEL JOURNEY

FARM TO PORT

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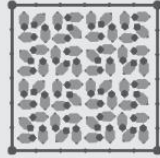
DAYS



Livestock will spend up to **2 DAYS** crowded onto trucks

35

DAYS



Up to **35 DAYS** in assembly sheds or feedlots

5

DAYS



Up to **5 DAYS** on ship waiting in dock

PORT TO DESTINATION

LONG VOYAGES

SHEEP AND CATTLE CAN BE CONFINED FOR OVER 30 DAYS IN CRAMPED CONDITIONS

Livestock endure weeks at sea, multiple port stops, and days of loading and unloading



HEAT STRESS

LIVESTOCK ENDURE EXTREME TEMPERATURE HIKES FROM 6°C TO 48°C

In September 2013, heat stress on a journey to Qatar claimed over 4,000 sheep in a single day



OVERCROWDING

LACK OF SPACE PREVENTS ANIMALS FROM LYING DOWN AT THE SAME TIME
Fatigued animals often end up lying on top of each other due to cramped conditions

LACK OF BEDDING

LIVESTOCK LIE IN THEIR OWN WASTE
For sheep, this is the only 'bedding' they have, while cattle are given just a thin layer of sawdust. Painful injuries can result from lying on metal floors for weeks



HIGH MORTALITY

AVERAGE ON-BOARD MORTALITY RATES FOR SHEEP ARE 4x HIGHER THAN ON FARM
More than 2% of sheep or 1% of cattle in a shipment must die before an investigation is required



FAILURE TO EAT

SHEEP CAN STARVE TO DEATH IF THEY DON'T ADAPT TO A DIET OF PELLETS
Others can suffer from fatal salmonella infections, pneumonia, conjunctivitis or exposure to high levels of ammonia

DOCUMENTED JOURNEYS

RUSSIA
18,000 KM



8 WEEKS

After enduring one of the longest sea voyages in the trade and eight weeks after leaving their farms, 22,000 Australian Angus steers are unloaded and trucked to farms in Russia's Bryansk region to await slaughter

UAE
13,000 KM



8 WEEKS

More than eight weeks after leaving their farms in Victoria, NSW, SA and WA, and unloading a first consignment in Qatar, the remaining sheep of a 75,000 head cargo are unloaded in the UAE, trucked to feedlots and then to abattoirs for slaughter

Based on voyages in 2013 and 2014

AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS DON'T HAVE TO SUFFER THESE LONG, CRUEL JOURNEYS

TAKE ACTION

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OUR ANIMALS SUFFER OVERSEAS

CRUELTY FOLLOWS OUR LIVESTOCK WHEREVER THEY ARE SENT

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MEAT EXPORTS vs LIVE EXPORTS

A CRUEL JOURNEY

ANIMALS SUFFER OVERSEAS

OUR EXPECTATIONS

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY EXPECTS:



STUNNING



VETERINARY OVERSIGHT



LAWS TO PREVENT ANIMAL CRUELTY



AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS

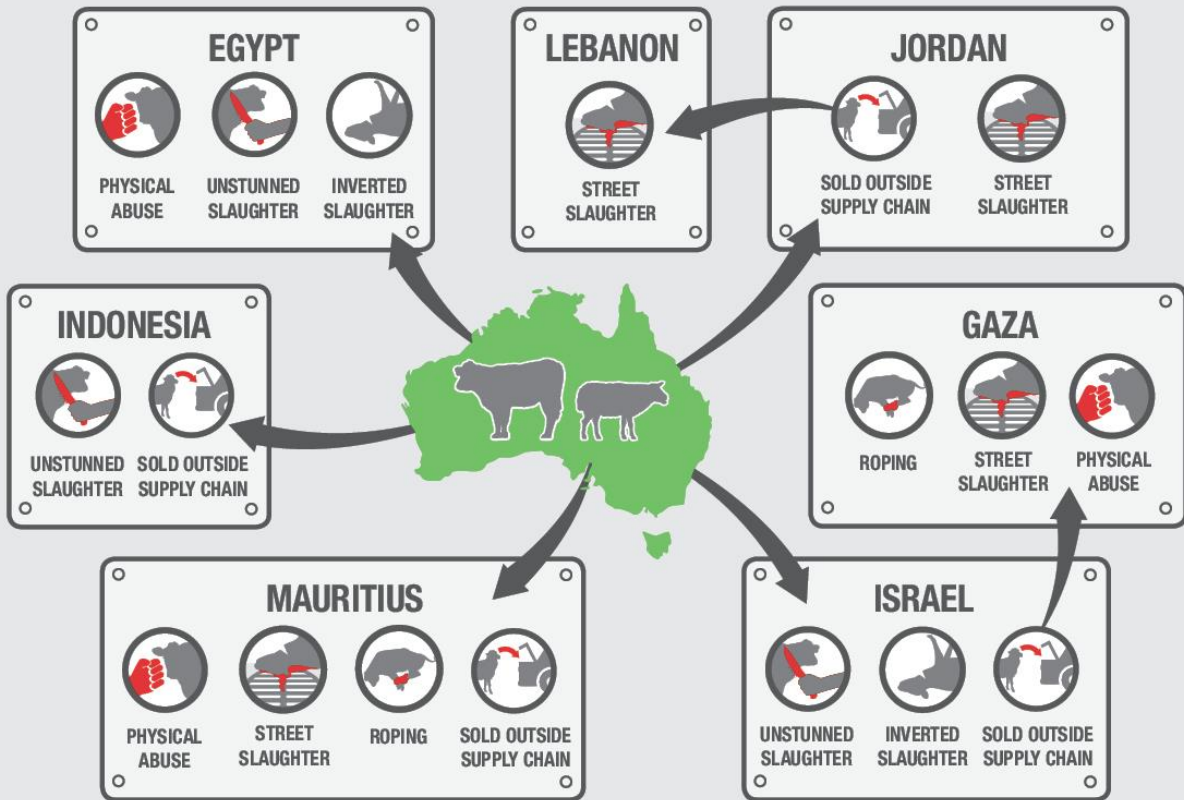
THE ESCAS REALITY

The Australian Government's Exporter Supply Chain Assurance System (ESCAS)



DOES NOT REQUIRE ANY OF THESE

CRUELTY FACING AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS



ESCAS BREACHES



Between 2012 and 2014 the Government investigated 35 incidents of ESCAS breaches, the majority of which were reported by animal welfare organisations or third parties

However, the Government's 2015 ESCAS review states: "it is not known what proportion of non-compliance is detected and reported"

REPORTED INCIDENTS

? UNREPORTED INCIDENTS

Source: Department of Agriculture 2013-2015

THE BEST PROTECTION FOR OUR ANIMALS IS TO SLAUGHTER THEM HERE

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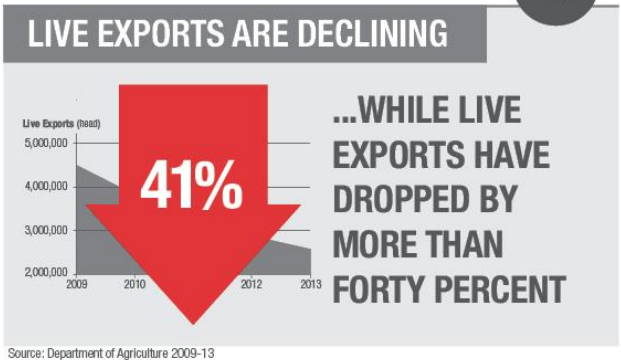
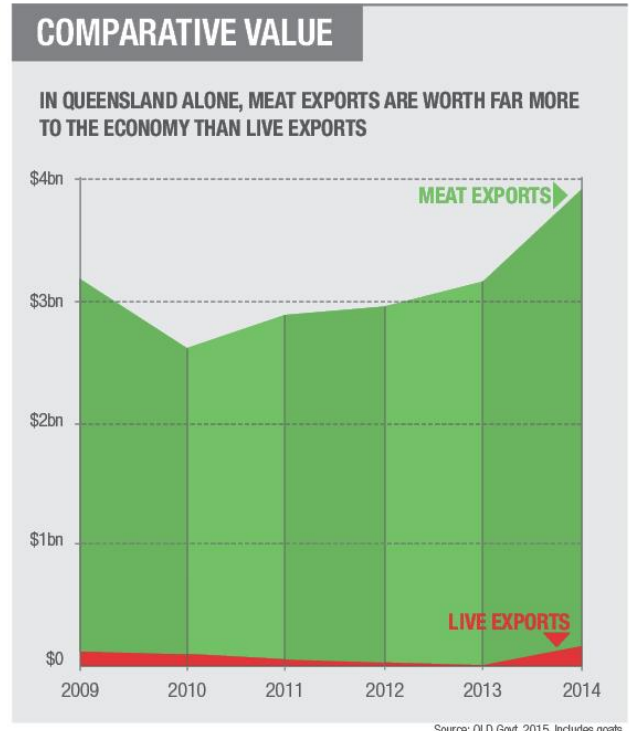
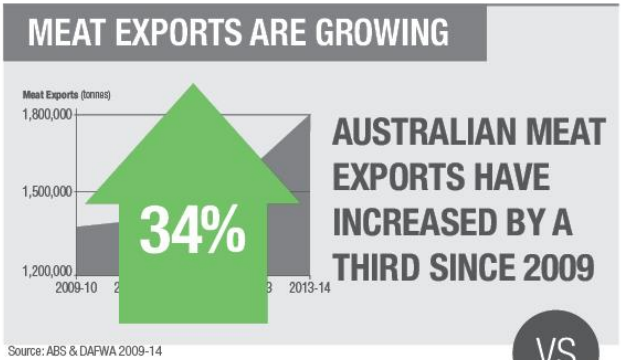
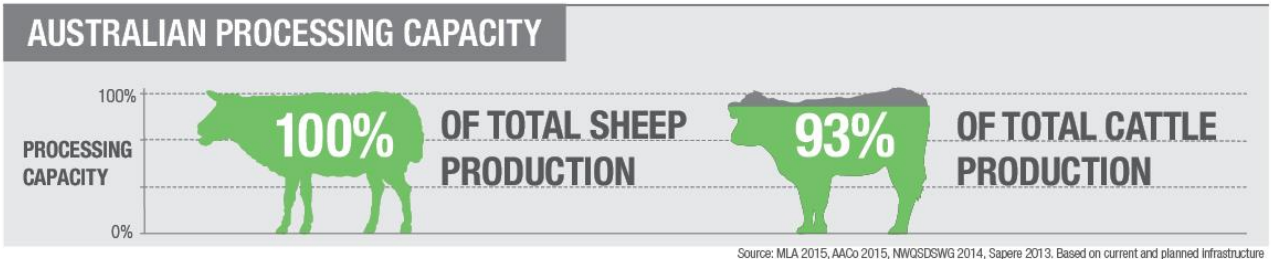
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LOCAL GROWTH vs LOST VALUE

THE MEAT TRADE OFFERS GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGIONAL COMMUNITIES



MEAT EXPORTS vs LIVE EXPORTS > A CRUEL JOURNEY > ANIMALS SUFFER OVERSEAS > MEAT TRADE GROWTH



- ### MEAT EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES
- GROWING INTERNATIONAL DEMAND FOR AUSTRALIAN MEAT
 - DISAPPEARING SOCIAL & ECONOMIC BARRIERS IN IMPORT MARKETS
 - EXPANDING MEAT EXPORTS SUPPORTS LOCAL JOBS

- ### THE COST OF LIVE EXPORTS
- DAMAGING AUSTRALIA'S 'CLEAN, GREEN' REPUTATION
 - DRAINING JOBS AND MONEY FROM LOCAL ECONOMIES
 - FAILING TO PROTECT AUSTRALIAN ANIMALS FROM CRUELTY

A BIGGER MEAT TRADE = LOCAL GROWTH AND BETTER ANIMAL WELFARE TAKE ACTION RSPCA.ORG.AU/LIVE-EXPORT

20 000 Teu Cosco Shipping Virgo Delivered

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CHINESE CONTAINER SHIPPING major COSCO Shipping Corporation has taken delivery of its fifth 20,000 TEU containership, COSCO Shipping Virgo.



Image: Cosco

Built by Shanghai Waigaoqiao Shipbuilding, the ship is 399.8 meters long and 58.6 meters wide. It boasts a deck area equivalent to almost four standard football fields and can achieve a speed of 22.5 nautical miles per hour.

COSCO Shipping Virgo has a maximum carrying capacity of 20,119 TEU, and it is equipped with 1,000 reefer sockets. The giant boxship was classed by both DNV GL and China Classification Society.

According to COSCO, the ship's fuel consumption and energy-efficiency have been optimized through latest energy-saving rudder and propulsion systems. In addition, the ship is equipped with intelligent ship management systems and allows for one-man bridge operation.

It is worth USD 122.95 million, based on the valuation from VesselsValue.

The delivery of COSCO Shipping Virgo comes on the back of four 20,000 TEU boxships delivered since the beginning of this year.

COSCO Shipping Taurus, also built by SWS, and COSCO Shipping Aries, built by Nantong COSCO KHI Ship Engineering (NACKS) were delivered in January this year.

COSCO Shipping Leo and COSCO Shipping Gemini followed suit in March and April respectively.

Maersk, ABS Study Finds Hazards Affecting Safety on Boxships

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HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH dangerous goods stowage on containerships were identified on a range of boxship designs, a study conducted by Maersk Line and ABS showed.

The Danish shipping major selected ABS to lead a comprehensive Hazard Identification (HAZID) study

in the aftermath of the [Maersk Honam fire](#) on March 6, 2018.



Image Courtesy: Indian Coast Guard

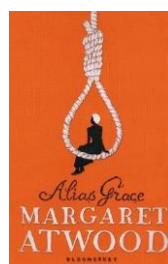
The workshop, which was launched in an effort to identify and evaluate potential hazards from dangerous cargoes stowage, identified hazards on a range of containership designs, many which are not fully addressed by the International Maritime Dangerous Goods (IMDG) Code.

The outcome will include recommendations to improve stowage planning and hazard mitigation, leading to better management of risks, according to ABS.

"We are encouraged by the outcome of this workshop which will lead to further safety improvements to be considered for the IMDG Code. With ABS and other leading international partners, we will now work to implement the recommendations we have identified," Ole Graa Jakobsen, Maersk Line Head of Fleet Technology, said.

Five crew members were lost in the devastating fire aboard Maersk Honam and, as salvage operations continue, Maersk Line said that it is *"determined to explore all ways to further improve safety"* onboard its vessels.

Book Review



Alias Grace by Margaret Atwood

Book Review by Melissa White

THIS HISTORICAL FICTIONAL novel set in 1859 tells the story of Grace Marks, a girl from Ireland whose poor family emigrate to Canada in search of work and better prospects. Grace's mother dies on the ship voyage on the way to Canada, leaving Grace at age 12

to care for her many younger siblings. Grace's father is an alcoholic wastrel who does not support the children and who cannot make good even in work-abundant Canada. Grace is forced into domestic service at age 13 in order to support herself and never sees her father or siblings again.

In her first employment she finds her first true friend, Mary Whitney, who dies in a botched abortion, having fallen pregnant in adolescence to the son of the family of

the house. Grace continues in a state of complete shock and traumatic stress and takes another position as domestic servant in a house outside Toronto. The relationships with the housekeeper, stableman and owner of the house, a wealthy Scottish farmer, become increasingly strange and pathological. An air of doom settles over the house and things come to a head. Grace and the stableman are accused of the murders of the housekeeper and the farmer. The stableman is sentenced to hang for the crime, but Grace is sentenced to life imprisonment as she is felt to have been 'led' by the stableman. She maintains her innocence throughout her life, saying she cannot remember participating in the murders.

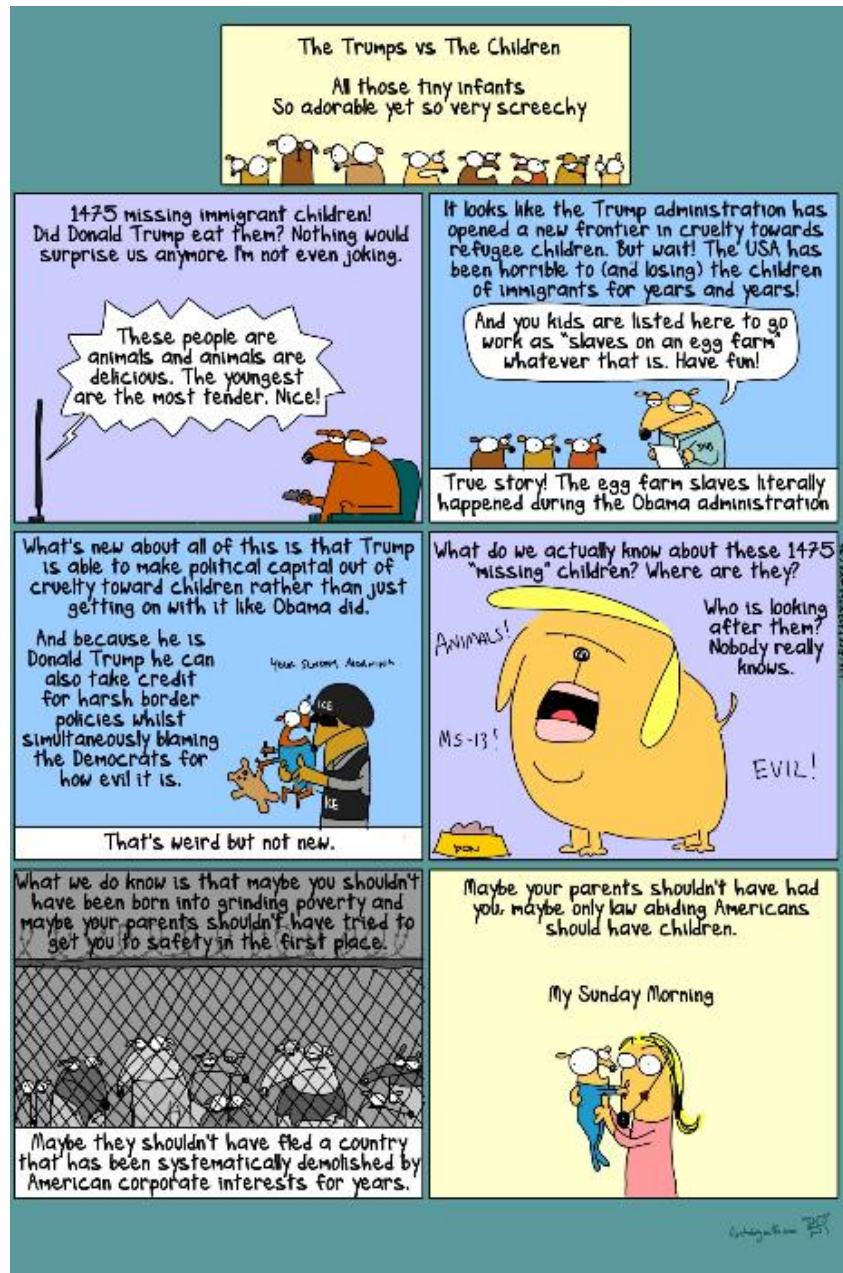
A psychiatrist – what they would have called an “alienist” in colonial times – develops a forensic interest in the case of Grace Marks and starts to examine her daily to try out some of the new techniques of deliberately stimulating the unconscious mind to free association to see if he can get anything out of Grace. He has been commissioned by a well-meaning prison reform religious group, agitating to have Grace freed. Nothing works. Finally he agrees to allowing Grace to be hypnotised by a bogus ‘neurohypnotist’, and is mortified at the result, with Grace dissociating and becoming the spirit of Mary Whitney, who freely admits to the murders. The psychiatrist flees the town and is drafted into war, suffering a brain injury. He never supplies the report. Ultimately, however, Grace is given a pardon and is relocated to New York in anonymity after lifelong notoriety as a murderess.

If all this sounds way out, the novel is completely absorbing reading and is characteristic of the Gothic style. Grace Marks’ character acts as the conduit for explaining both repressive Victorian values and the use of hypnotism, spiritualism and mesmerism in early psychiatry. Atwood has used the novel to explore political and feminist questions. It highlights seminal questions that forensic psychiatry and the legal system still struggle with today: the grounds for unsoundness of mind and fitness to stand trial in criminal cases when the psychiatric pathology is subtle.

Cartoon Corner – by First Dog on the Moon

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