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Union Govt. Does Not Shine By Comparison With Parties

Some admirers of the Union Government express the opinion that every politician who is eager for a return to a party system of government is an extreme partisan. It does not necessarily follow. The great good for which the Union Government has been lauded so much may appear to those who do not read all that is going on. Such persons may conclude that we have been enjoying political millennium, but it must be conceded that here are many men who have not seen things in this way and there is no evidence that they are any greater partisans than some who are so fulsome in their praise of Union Government.-Stratford

The tendency of the Unionists is to make out that the old parties were composed largely of one better in matters of election trickery.

While it is true that the old parties had their abuses, that money was at times freely used and To coerce the little brown boss of the Far East ness or private life of the men concerned, it may be said that as a whole, the class of men who came under the heading of party workers were honest men, linked up with the parties because of their political education and conviction, seeking nothing in the way of reward, and devoting much of their time, energy and ability to the maintenance of the party to which they attached themselves.

There were plenty of men seeking patronage, but these were outnumbered by men who worked for a party from sheer loyalty and devotion without hope of reward. They studied the history of their country and kept in close touch with developments. They could argue in political debates because they knew what they were talking about.

Canada owes a good deal to this type of party worker. He will never be lost to the old parties, but Union Government will never be able to inspire him. It has no set of principles for like good settlers, but it was not the primary which he can declare himself. It is an emascu- object of the Laurier-Sifton campaign to attract lated institution in his eyes.

Newspapers Are Good Guide For Leaders of a Nation

Lord Northeliffe arraigns Lloyd George for waiting until the newspapers tell him what to do." This is another proof of that astuteness that has been such a factor in making the Little Welshman the biggest man in the empire. Now we know one of the secrets of his ability to gauge will. exactly the feeling and sentiment of the nation. Where, if not in the daily press, will one learn the desire of the masses? Elections and parliament are supposed to furnish the truest reflection of the people's will, but ballots can be juggled and parliament gathers at long intervals. On the other hand the newspaper is everlastingly on the job; every hour of the twenty-four finds it in some form interpreting or presenting the wishes of the nation. Other things being equal, where is there an agency which so consistently and so vividly mirrors public sentiment? There is not an angle of life, commercial, industrial, social, religious, the present Union Government imported a large with which the press is not in constant and in- colony of German Mennonites into the west, protimate contact. On its faithful and truthful ex- viding them with land while soldiers urged their pression of many-sided life depends its existence and success.

or issue, but it is only the disreputable few who lated" some of the slag cast out from the Ameriwill tamper with the news as it filters in from can melting pot as being "unassimilable." every nook and corner; to sift from honest news what the public wants is an easy matter. The more without preaching intolerance for the ignorant broad-visioned a nation's leader the more he will foreigners. Some of them are dangerous; others seek to be guided by what the majority desire, not are wholly harmless and asking only for a by what he may think they should have. He chance to do the work that many "white men" simply learns the direction in which they are de- will not perform. We do not want to adopt the termined to move and places at their service his attitude of being brutal just to yent some spleen genius to surmount obstacles and make smooth the path. Taking one's cue from the press is a safety first idea that should appeal to those in high and whose comforts in life are somewhat the motor. On the second turn the engine began humsafety first idea that should appeal to those in high and whose comforts in life are scarcely to be m places. It speaks with a clarion-like voice that compared with those accorded our more fortunate eannot be misunderstood. Waiting to hear what live stock. "Have a heart" and do unto others the the newspapers have to say is, speaking broadly, as you would have them do unto you! a safe and sane policy which might be adopted by more leaders of the people to the great advantage

Japan Causing Trouble That May Hamper the Peace Parley

Japan appears to be the bad boy of the peace busy. conference who, unless diplomatically handled. may wreck the entire plan of world-reconstruction. Tokio has backed down from its threaten- to ing attitude in regard to the laying on the peace Mr. Doherty! table of the secret treaty with China, but refuses to accept any settlement that does

she is not making any bones about letting the world know it. The Mikado's statement that he has a million perfectly-trained troops ready to make China toe the mark is, of course, intended as a warning to the Entente Alliance as well as a threat to Pekin. Japan is well aware of the excellent opportunity which is hers today. She possesses a great army prepared to the minute, a powerful navy, and is on the ground. Furthermore there is not the war weariness which above any other reason would prevent the western nations entering upon another struggle.

If Japan insists upon dictating China's policy she can hardly accept the league of nations program as it appears to be framing up. And if she withdraws from the peace conference our present hopes of partial disarmament go by the board. Conscription would have to continue and the nations would inevitably break up into new and secret alliances

Japan's display of belligerence means that she proposes to exercise mandatory powers over China whether she has the sanction of the rest of the nations or not. That unwieldly, stumbling China, far back in the race, needs a guiding hand that is energetic and capable nobody will question, but that influence will have to be an unselfish one if the Chinese and the rest of the world are not to suffer. Does Japan fill the bill? Her occupation of Korea quickly developed into absorption of that nation. Politically and economically Korea no longer exists—as Korea. China is too vast to be similarly swallowed, but she may be manipulated in a manner that will Taylor would have won two cents as easy as anything. hamper her progress unless some check is placed on Japan. The association of nations which the Versailles gathering is trying to construct must be based on equal rights for all. Will that be the machine workers and self-seekers. This is as far case should Japan be given, or take, supreme confrom the truth as to say that Union Government trol of China? China charges that Japan is griphas not used every effort to go the old parties ping her mercilessly. Japan intimates that this is best for China at present, and is necessary to her own safety and broadly hints that if necessary she will back up her contention with physical force. that things were done in the heat of elections that appears impossible and it will require some skillwould never have been countenanced in the busi- ful convincing to bring him around to that point of view which considers his way all wrong.

Don't Forget That Sir Wilfrid Brought Britishers to Canada

No one can deny the truth of the statement of ocal Ukrainians that they were implored to come to this country twenty years ago. Despite warnings in press and parliament, it was the Laurier-Sifton policy to fill Canada with every class of European emigration, without regard to quality—many of them, including the precious Doukhobors, of much less desirable status than those from Ukrainia. They are foreign substances incapable of satisfactory treatment by the melting-pot, and will ever prove a source of friction between British ideals of good citizenship and the lawlessness that seems inherent n enemy aliens particularly,-Hamilton Spectator.

It is quite true that the Liberal Government had much to do with the importation of a good many kinds of people to Canada. The barriers were down for all men and women who looked Ukranians and Doukhobors to the country.

The Liberals went to the British Isles for their immigrants and made their big drive for homemakers amongst the parent stock. For every man who spoke a foreign language who came to Canada during our first great years of boom and growth a hundred British-born settlers were brought in. Such a Tory paper as the Hamilton Spectator, however, has never given Laurier credit for anything worthy and never

It may or may not have been a mistake to bring Ukranians into this country; the Doukhobors have not been altogether satisfactory, but their importation was largely in the nature of an experiment. It certainly was no mistake on the part of the Liberal Government to bring in hundreds of thousands of British and American settlers, and they have made the foreign problem

Furthermore, they helped to build Canada's reputation during the war. A great many people on reading the criticism of the Hamilton journal will be led to ask why in the last year of the war

If it were an offense to bring in Ukranians, against whom the world has never made a more Of course an unpatriotic journal, one that is serious charge than that they are ignorant peasthe tool of selfish interests, can misrepresent and ants striving blindly toward the light, what will deceive in its editorial expression on any situation the critics think of a government that "assimi-

Further than this, Canada can get along

EDITORIAL NOTES. Germany is trying to dodge the bill collector.

Are you one of the happy coves who are enjoying the Cove's ice this iceless winter?

Of course there is nothing incongruous about Borden trying to placate the Bolsheviki in Rus-

not give her the Marshall and Caroline Islands. The truth is that Japan is determined to be the big boss of the Far East, and

TOMBOY TAYLOR - - By Fontaine Fox (Copyright, 1919.)



Jay was a city-bred boy who wa lay anniversary with which thi

tched the mare gamp out of sign th her flance.

"Think of anybody trying to tell m ch a barefaced lle—such a weak ex sel" she snorted. "I'm disappointe that man. The old automobile woul n on the bottom of a lake, and I know

There!" Listen to that!" she said

"There!" Listen to that!" she said triumphantly, and climbed into the machine. She let in the clutch, shifted the gears and "Ebenezer" rolled smoothly, down the road.
"Didn't I tell you?" she laughed. "I think I'll go on to town and do my shopping and show Mr. Jay that he's not at all necessary to such a trip."
But as "Ebenezer" was approaching the line that marked the boundary of the Perkins-Martin lana, something happened. The car stopped dead still in the road, although the engine roared.

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"Clutch must have slipped out," de-cided Nina; but all of her manipulating of levers and pedals would not induce "Ebenezer" to budge. sia while Bolshevik elements at home are getting busy.

Judge Langelier puts it squarely up to the department of justice to explain his instructions to go easy with Quebec defaulters. Now then, Mr. Doherty!

The Government has removed the fixed price on bran and shorts. Sharp advances on the market was the immediate result. It is not hard to

watched his eyes wander to the book-case and rest on the "Life of George Washington."
"It's like this," she said, "Ebenezer smashed down that cherry tree, but— but—well, I was driving Ebenezer—or trying to—when it happened. Can you forgive me—for cutting down that tree but more especially for the things.

the World's Mirror"

but more especially for the things said today?"

"Newspapers Are

Did YOU Save that Dollar On Your Sunday Dinner

An ordinary dinner on the last Sunday in January cost a dollar less than it did the Sunday before, according to one market expert, who is showing how the tide of food prices so long at the flood is beginning to turn. The Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger considers the "dissolution of the league of rations" to be in sight when "eggs have begun the Humpty-Dumpty act; butter charges are in a melting mood," and "meat bills are facing a decline." The drop may not be any "shocking, joyous surprise," but the Boston Globe is certain that "gradually it will wiggle its way down to the things we buy at the corner store."

Read the leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week (February 15) and learn why editors throughout the country are jubilant over the tendency toward declining costs of living everywhere evident. The article goes into much detail and covers such necessities as corn, oats, barley, rye, beef, poultry, pork, cheese, eggs and butter, also clothing.

Other striking articles in this number are:

Italy's Claim To Dalmatia

What the Representative Press of Italy and Jugo-Slavia Says on Both Sides

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The Revealer of Spain Best of the Current Poetry

Hofmann

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