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## THE PARTY SYSTEM.

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(London Daily News) will find that on the municipal body when a discussion of the Party they will be free to vote every time on system arises in England it almost the merits of the resolution before the invariably appears that none of the body, whilst in Parliament they will debaters remember what the Party never vote on the resolutions at all. System really is. I doubt if I should but solely and always on the question remember it myself if I had not had of which party is to remain in office it impressed on me by practical ex- for the rest of the septennial term. verience in local government, which A Government defeated on a division is free from the system. must resign; and its whole program The Party System was invented at and personnel go into Opposition and

the end of the seventeenth century to impotence with it. Mr. Wells prob- if they have strength of mind enough liamentary sense. From the party WHAT JAPAN enable William III. to secure steady ably considers cordite superior to the to have any municipally, they can and point of view each of them will be narliamentary support for his war gunpowder of Waterloo for modern do vote as they think best without like myself-a man who has his price. Louis XIV. It was a very sim- artillery use. If he ventured in Par- reference to ulterior effects on their And the fact that our price is the pubple invention, and a very subtle one. liament to give effect to his prefer- party. lic good will be much more fatal to

In to that time it had been the nat- ence by voting against gunpowder, he The Party System, then, is not a us if we enter on a political career Premier Explains the Inural and obvious practice 'for the might find himself voting also against spontaneous and inevitable result of under the party System than if our King to fill the posts whose holders Home Rule, Welsh Disestablishment, the fact that men have different opin- price were five shillings or a knightconstitute the Government by the fit- public control of Church Schools, ions and form parties to support them hood or a barony. The true party test men, withou regard to their par- and the Parliament Act, not to men- but a definite artificial constitutional man sacrifices everything, even his ty: so that all the Governments were tion substituting three or four ob- contrivance which can be applied, or country-in fact, specially his counwhat we call Coalition Governments, viously inferior heads of State de- not applied, to any governing body, try-to keeping his party in office. The fact that the King was never partments for obviously superior and which is, in fact, applied to some And that is why the Party System. so impartial as Mr. Wells feels, and ones. governing bodies to-day and not to devised expressly to secure support

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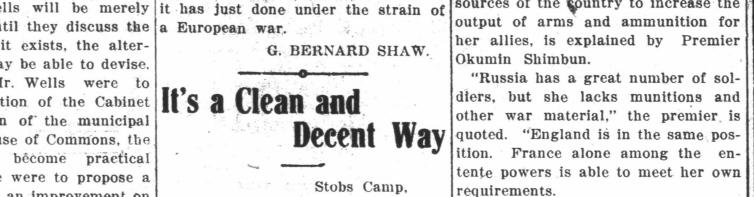
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that James II., for example, limited On a local body he might vote just others. It seems to me that Mr. Ben- for a European war, breaks down as to-day, to mobilize the industrial rehis choice to Roman Catholics, as all as he thought best, and nothing what- nett and Mr. Wells will be merely it has just done under the strain of sources of the country to increase the Kings limited theirs to courtiers, ever would happen except that the beating the air until they discuss the a European war.

does not affect the argument; the fact course he thought the wisest one Party System as it exists, the alterremains that if-to adopt Mr. Well's would have a better chance of being natives as they may be able to devise. illustration-the best available War taken. If he carried an amendment For instance if Mr. Wells were to Minister were a Tory and the best against a committee, the chairman propose the abolition of the Cabinet It's a Clean and available Chancellor of the Exchequer of that committe would not resign, and the aplication of the municipal a Whig, there was nothing to prevent nor would the committee be deposed system in the House of Commons, the their holding office in the same Gov- and reappointed. There might be discussion would become practical personal sulks and huff and so forth; at once. Or if he were to propose a The Party System was the postu- but very few suns would go down on definite scheme as an improvement on





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of the condition that every them; and they would not matter any- both, the same desirable result would member of the Government should how. On municipal bodies there may ensue. It is in the hope of bringing belong to the same party. It was so be a Progressive Party and a Moder- matters to this point that I have venlittle understood at first that when ate Party, a Conservative Party and a tured to interpose.

William III. died, Marlborough (his Liberal Party; and if any of these As the bearing of the Party System real successor) went back to the old finds itself a majority after the elec- on the existing crisis, it was clearly system, and presently found, without tion, it may secure all the committee the reticence of the late Government knowing why, that his parliamentary chairmanships for its own members; as to our engagements and intentions support for the war was going to but the chairmen do not form a Cab- which led Germay to believe that we Thus he was forced by cir- inet; do not stand or fall together; were not going to fight; and many peo cumstances to return to the innova- and are utterly unable to suggest to ple believe that an explicit declaration which William had introduced members of their own party and sec- tion might have saved the peace of intelligently. The system remains in ondary disagreeable consequences of Europe. And there is no explanation force to this day, with occasional voting against them. Thus muni- of this reticence apparent except the interruptions when the emergency cipal councillors may have party or- obvious one that an explicit declaraof a formidable war reduces it to ab- ganizations, and hold party meetings tion might have broken up the Liberunder a party chairman in committee al party. Now it is impossible to

In local government it has never rooms in the town hall, and have a conceive Mr. Wells or Mr. Bennett as been introduced. The consequence is beadle with mace in imitation of the caring more for the integrity of the that Mr. Bennett or Mr. Wells, by Sergeant-at-Arms, and play at the Liberal party than for the peace of serving for a while, first on a muni- Party System without understanding Europe; and for that reason they will

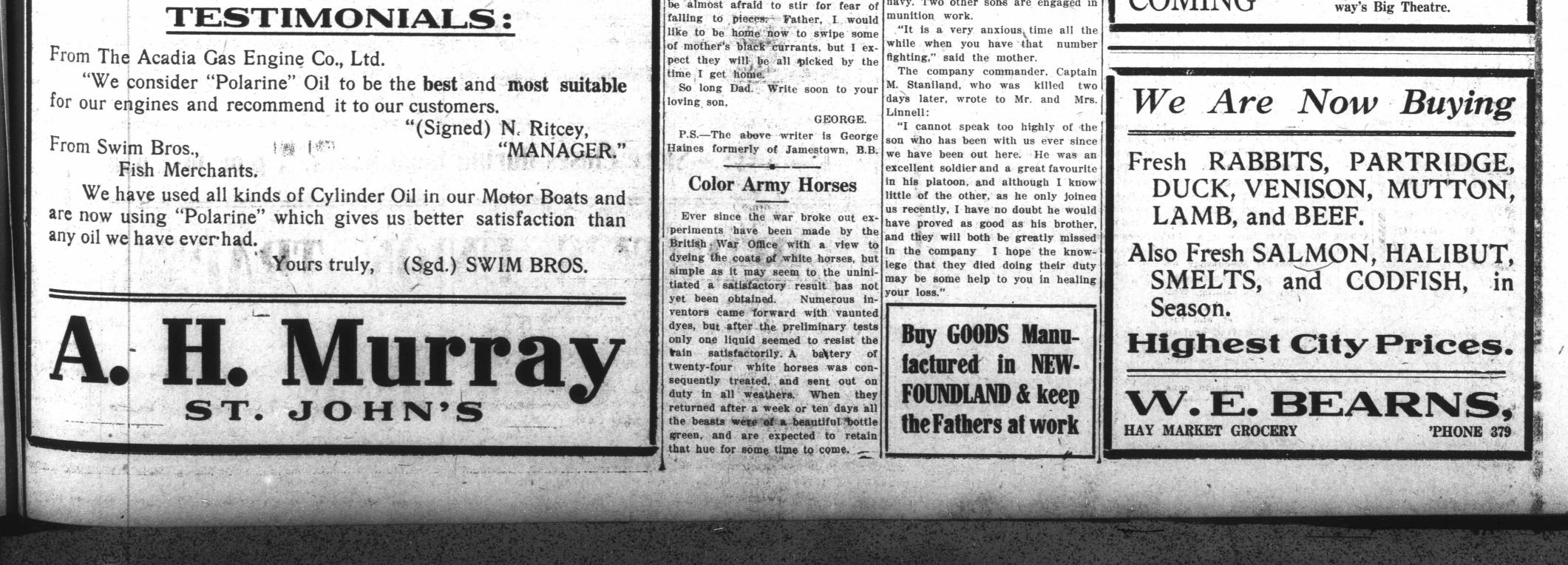
cipal body and then in Parliament, in other more or less silly ways; but never be good party men in the par-

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Aug. 18th., 1915. allies must co-operate to defeat our Dear Father,-I received your letter yesterday, and was more than give further assistance to the glad to hear from you. and that you We have sent instructions to our am

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from you, to see how you were get ting on. Father don't be a bit uneasy about us, we are all having the best fices Japanese had made already, but of times, it is only nonsense to wory about us, because if we do have to great as those of her allies, for whom go to the front we got the same chance there we got anywhere else. Japanese workships and workmen, he that is the way I look at it, and if explained, were not trained to the we die we will give our lives for a good cause, and like Instructor of munitions, but there has been a O'Grady used to tell us in St. John's, great improvement, and he predicted "Its a clean and decent way to get that their output in the future would

out of the world." It don't trouble me now one bit about going to the the entente powers.

front, but first when I joined I felt a bit seared at the idea of going into the firing line, it is surprising how impracticability and impossibility of

one can get use to such things. Drill and discipline are the two the Premier expressed the idea that things that can make a man out of it would naturally be difficult for the anybody. It is doing me a lot of good since I've been here. I never get tired at anything. Just fancy, we get up in the mornings here, and we have an hour's drill before breakfast and at the expense of weakening Japan's come of the field with an appetite. We have breakfast and an hour's the increased help which Japan now rest, after that probably we'll go on is undertaking to extend would sat a route march about 25 miles in full

marching order, that is with our full equipment which will include the fifteen pieces of equipment and a great coat and blankets, and a half gallon of water, in all about 75 pounds and a

rifle, besides that walk and run with that for 25 miles (you would sweat I bet besides wanting your dinner.) The first thing we do then after getting back is take of clothes and have a wash with cold water, then dinner and another hour's rest (and a smoke mind you) and then we are as fresh as ever. After route march we al was have physical drill and bayonet

fighting, that is the thing to take the same company, wrote home: laziness out of you, we would never stand it only for the drill we get. It's hard work drilling, you bet your life, but a fellow is never forced you know, that is the best part of it: quite a lot of difference in four hours drilling and four hours work with pick and shovel, for instance, after one you would almost break off in the middle, and after the next one you would feel so loose that you would be almost afraid to stir for fear of navy. Two other sons are engaged in