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PROGRESSIVE LIBERALISM.

The progressive ideas of the August Liberal Convention are being strictly carried out by the National Liberal Organization Committee at Ottawa. It is announced that no contribution to party funds will be accepted if there are "strings" to it. We are to have clean politics in Canada if Liberalism has its way.

Who will subscribe, then, if there is to be "nothing in it?" some of the anxious old hacks will be asking. Particularly old dyed-in-thewool Conservative campaigners will be disposed to rub their hands and chuckle at the enemy's foolish innocence. "We expect help from the tens of thousands who support our principles, we intend using the funds not for 'campaigning,' but for the spread of the Liberal gospel of industrial, social and political freedom; we do not look for the support of special interests and privileged groups, but the Liberalism of this new age will unite and harmonize what is best in the demands of the various elements of our population, and will thus deserve and win the support of Canada's rank and file"-that is what the Liberal leader and his associates say, and they say it in accents of confidence.

If the old hands laugh for a moment at such virtuous bearing, they suddenly turn sober at the thought of what happened to the Hearst Government and its liquor friends. Money in plenty was available for their campaign, but the public is in no humor to be dominated by big interests and their lucre. Liberalism at Ottawa, led by a simple, honest man, perfectly trained in finance, economics and the school of life, scorning the dodges of old-line politics, has caught the trend of these after-the-war times. It throws over the stale professionalism, the wire-pulling and place hunting, and thinks today what the old hands will regretfully think tomorrow. There is no shadow of a doubt that since the war the general public takes a different attitude towards government. "Our world has passed away in wanton overthrow," sighed Kipling. Some of that old "world" can be dispensed with to our gain, especially the unchallenged dominance of money in politics. The public calls now for openness, clean honesty, fair fighting and a square deal for all, in place of the old underhandedness and Pharisaism. Liberalism is doing its part valiantly to ring out the old, ring in the new.

WHY GERMANY BALKS

The German Government refuses to sign the protocol to the peace pact guaranteeing that the armistice terms will be put into effect This action is just what might have been expected, following the American Senate's rejection of the treaty. Germany's main official reason for refusing to ratify the agreement is that it cannot be held responsible for the sinkings at Scapa Flow. The real reason is that the German Government hopes to secure better terms through what it believes to be a split in the Allied ranks. It is known that for weeks Government and political circles at Berlin have been secretly rejoicing over the Senate's efforts to "Americanize" the treaty. They consider it quite likely that the United States, in the event of President Wilson "pocketing pact." will negotiate a separate arrangement. In that case the whole peace business would be up in the air. The negotiations would necessarily be prolonged, adding to the exasperation of the situation. At some points American conditions would be certain to clash It is not to be supposed that politics would not play a part in the matter. American pro-German and Irish vote would not be neglected with a presidential campaign at hand. If she did not derive any great relief Germany would, at least, have a magnificent opportunity to encourage discord between America and the Entente nations, and the chance would not be neglected

It is true that Foch has an army of occupation a million strong and at any moment the Allies can apply the blockade in order to en force obedience at Berlin, but the United States is still a member of the Versailles con-To put on the screws in order to compel Germany to sign a treaty which the United States Congress has not ratified, would be inclined to cause bad feeling between the Entente cabinets and Washington. This is what Germany counts on to help evade well deserved chastisement. Discord in the ranks of her enemies is what she has been plotting and hoping for

Senator Lodge and his band of treatywreckers appear to have brought about a touchy situation that might easily explode into another catastrophe.

EXIT EMMA.

Emma Goldman, anarchy's high priestess in the United States, is about to return to her native land, Russia, impelled by Uncle Sam's boot. Emma's career in the republic spectacularly illustrates the tolerance and patience of democracies. For many years she has been active in preaching Red revolution in the United States. She has been directly associated with outlaws of society who are today serving life farms for dynamiting and murder. Czolgosz. slew President McKinley, was this woman's close friend, and his abominable deed she openly praised. She actively supported every move for the destruction of constitutional government. Yet, outside of an occasional brief visit to some penitentiary or jail, she has

been left free to preach her infamous doctrine. It was only when she attempted to interfere with the American people's war preparations that the patience of the United States Government came to an end and she was ordered de-

Emma does not appear to thrill over the prospect of returning to the happy hunting grounds of the Red where the anarchists never cease from anarching, and the decent and liberty-loving are sent to their rest. She has fought desperately to prevent expulsion. Maybe Emma knows that while in the new world she is a sort of Red queen, in Russia she will be outclassed by those supreme experts in murder and destruction, Lenine and Trotzky. Emma's most lurid stunts are dark as the shadows in a coal bin compared to the doings of the detestable pair Isn't that wonderful? who have prostrated Russia. She is a piker compared to the Red chiefs who have pulled down a great nation, foully murdered tens of thousands and brought misery to millions. In Russia Emma will be an also ran, a third or fourth rater to this pair who think nothing of putting entire cities to the torch, merely to advertise their coming. Nick and Leon propose to grab all the limelight in Red Russia and unless Emma sings low when she gets back home she may swing high. That's a way the Bolshevist leaders have of treating possible rivals or aspirants to leadership. Probably the real reason behind her unwillingness to de and comfort of "tyranny" for the peril and discomforts of "liberty." It is cold in Russia and there isn't much to eat or wear. such conditions it would be difficult to enjoy the glorious industrial and social rules which the application of the methods she preaches has achieved in Russia America, the "downtrodden" looks pretty good to

A REAL BIOGRAPHY WE LACK.

The publication in the Century Magazine of Professor Skelton's "Life and Letters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier" can hardly fail to suggest to anyone interested in Canadian political history the lack of a really great biography of Laurier's predecessor. Sir John Macdonald. We are not without biographies of Canada's first premier, for we have several, but no one can read any of them without feeling that the real biography is yet to be written. It is probably true that not until the present could Macdonald's career have been dealt with properly, because the letters and papers of the Canadian statesman were not available until recently when they were turned over to the Canadian archives. Indeed, it is quite possible that some of them may still be under certain reservation.

Of Macdonald's biographers in the past, Sir Joseph Pope had best facilities for his work. As private secretary to Macdonald he secured the intimate view of his character, which is of incalculable value to understanding him. But Pope's large two-volume life practically closes with the election of 1878, leaving thirteen most uneventful years unrecorded. A later. account of Macdonald's career by the same writer, published in the Chronicles of Canada series, added nothing to our knowledge documents they reprint, but are too partisan in character to be satisfying. Parkin's life, in the Makers' of Canada series, while less partisan in its character, nevertheless bears some stamp of propaganda in its general tone and has a tendency to pass lightly over questionable political tactics in Macdonald's career.

Fulsome eulogy is the last thing that is needed in the case of John A. Macdonald. He lived in a time when politics was far lower in tone than today, and he did not hesitate to adopt tactics that would injure his opponents, however questionable they might be. His gerrymander of the Ontario ridings in 1882 was a disgraceful piece of business for which there was no excuse and was described rightfully by an Opposition paper as "An act to keep the Conservative party in power until the next census." Equally despicable as a piece of political trickery was his Franchise Bill of 1885, which, even his own best friends found a bitter pill to swallow. For the rebellion of 1885 there is abundant evidence that the Government was directly responsible. In 1879 provision was made by Parliament for settling the claims of the Saskatchewan Metis, but for six years the whole business was pigeon-holed. Macdonald must take personal blame for this, because after the election of 1878 he, himself, took charge of the department of the interior for a number of years. Col. George T. Denison in his "Soldiering in Canada" deals caustically with the inaction of Ottawa at this time. Warnings came from every quarter that trouble was brewing, but the Government was indifferent. Says Col.

The whole dispute was mainly about or 50,000 acres of land in a wilderness of tens millions of acres, for which the Government was crying for settlers. It cost Canada the lives of two hundred of her people, the wounding of many others, the expenditure of about \$6,000,000 in cash, and the losses of time and business that cannot be estimated. The whole dispute was maining about some red tape regulations as to surveying.

It is not often a country suffers so severely

These were some of the blemishes on Mac donald's career to which the Pacific Scandal might, of course, be added, and knowledge of these is quite as essential to an understanding of his character, and his place in history as knowledge of the great constructive work that he did in bringing about Confederation, building the Canadian Pacific Railway, settling long-standing disputes with the United States, and welding stronger the ties between Canada and the Motherland. One might wish that the fine judgment, historical insight and literary accomplishments of Sir John Willison might be turned to the writing of a biography of Macdonald. Sir John Willison has the advantage of having been a close observer of Macdonald's career from the early eighties on, and would bring to a work of this kind certain qualities that perhaps no other Canadian possesses in like degree. It would be a worthy work to set along

The Prince of Wales is busy telling the

side the new biography of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

From Here and There

CRUEL MAN.

[Owen Sound Sun-Times.] Dora-What shall I sing for you, Jack? Jack-Have you a song with a refrain? Jack-Well, then, please refrain,

ABSENT-MINDED

[London Opinion.] He-You know I love you. Will you marry me? She-But, my dear boy, I refused you only

He-Oh, was that you?

EASY! Elsie-My grandpa has reached the age of 96. Bobbie-Wonderful nothin'! Look at the tim it's taken him to do it.

A FAMOUS NAME.

[London Opinion.] Sir Walter Raleigh, who is searching for the records of several squadrons of the Royal went to Philadelphia, he was to be met at the station by a professor from the University of Pennsylvania. This U. of P. professor had never seen the English scholar, but had obtained a fairly good description of him. The first man to get off the train seemed to tally with it-so this is the

"Excuse me, sir, are you Sir Walter Raleigh?" "No, you fool; I'm Christopher Columbus. Sir Walter Raleigh is in the smoking-car, playing

[New York World.] Yale lost and Princeton won because of a fumble.

Thus many prizes in life are won and lost. The lips, physician and the lawyer profit from the fumbles of ishly. others. In speculation the bull makes on the fumbles of the bear, and the bear makes a living on fumbles of the buil. The brothers of Joseph fumbled and Joseph won an imperishable place in history. Lot's wife was too curious, fumbled, and was turned into salt. Nero fumbled and lost his crown. The fugitive kaiser fumbled and lost his empire. Life fugitive kaiser fumbled and lost his empire. Life monitains and will be hack infugitive kaiser fumbled and lost his empire. Life is a game in which some win and others lose—some gain the prize because others fumble. Perhaps the fumbler is a necessary part of the scheme of things. Philosophers say evil is necessary, for without evil there would be no good. Be that as it may, there is nothing essentially bad in the fumblers of the world. They merit neither condemnation nor scorn, provided they fumbled in a good cause. To lose a battle is no disgrace. He who bravely loses, even if he fumbles is none the less a hero. The man if he fumbles, is none the less a hero. The man who fumbled at New Haven deserves to be considered not as a vanquished player, but as one who fought to his utmost, lost, and yet smiles.

Tis easy enough to be smiling When the world moves along like a song; But the man worth while Is the man who can smile

When everything goes dead wrong. Yale and Princeton are noted for being good sports because they are good losers. They cheer

their fumblers who do their best. If the fumblers in life's battles all possessed the virtue of doing their best, defeat would be less hard to bear-victory a less taunting triumph.

HUNTING THE MOOSE. [Daily Ontario.]

I have seen and hunted moose under many ci them when they felt the presence or fear of neither man nor beast; I have followed and observed them in the summer's lakes and muskegs and in the in the summer's lakes and muskegs and in the winter's snows; I have seen the bull with the hairy stubs of spring and the gallent antiers of fall, and I have seen the ungainly mother and her funny calf, writes William Rindsfors in Hunters-Travelers-Travelers. In fact, I have known the noble but Trappers. In fact, I have known the noble but Trappers. incongruous, the powerful but awkward moose so There was a huge studio room that long, and under such varying circumstances that to would permit of most lovely color nd under such varying circumstances that to would permit of most lovely color is no longer an animal to seek and kill for effects, and wide couches with heaps sport, but a sort of bullish, overgrown, over- of wonderful cushlons, a baby grand, Canada series, added nothing to our knowledge of its subject. Earlier lives by Collins and MacPherson are sometimes valuable for the sport, but a sort of bullish, overgrown, ov MacPherson are sometimes valuable for the I have an instinctive desire to first admire his ungainly, foolish, green strength, and then walk up on

animal. Different in appearance, actions, habits and food. Compare his appearance. Note the long he said. and food. Compare his appearance. Note the long but useful upper lip; the long, awkward, but reliable ears; the humped-up fore-quarters, that make me sometimes think of our comic artist portrayals of a combination elephant and donkey. Compare his actions. What other animal can trot like a Maud S. through down timber, brule and jackpine, and yet with a noiseless speed; can swim for hours in the lakes, dive to the bottom for food, and walk through.

It became their custom as the drapers hung the curtains and the carnet quicksand with a natural desire; is equally at home in open glade and thickest brule; and yet so awkward, bullish, blind fury in defence against the coldblooded skillful, calculating attack of the wolf Surely the moose is different. The "last" of a vanished type of the distant, misty past. A hold-over of the Carboniferous Age, a huge one of the herbivorous age. But I like him at any rate, and I never gloat over his body since I killed the first one long ago. Now I kill him for a useful purpose or not at all.

Some of my first hunting experiences were with moose. How well I remembered one frosty morning in New Brunswick, Hubaid Martin was the guide's minute." David told her. They had discovered that evening the great coay chalse lounge in the pink bedroom, its back invitingly banked with pillows of softest chiffon and at its side a reading lamp with a chiffon-shaded lamp that made David smile, so feminine was its charm. "We must have pink roses in that pink vase—when my wife returns." he suggested.

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in New Brunswick. Hubald Martin was the guide's name, who hauled me on a springless wagon man miles above the St. John River, over "stump lanes, but mostly up creek beds we drove, until, after several days, we came to the "Portage," and sent our driver back, while we pitched our tent and ate our potatoes and butter in great content.

Day after day we waded down stream, never lifting our feet above the water, to avoid the splash of a "break water" step. At last "the" morning came. How fast my heart beat as we cautiously waded around each river bend and peered down the next stretch. How fervently I prayed the good God to bless us. We were rounding the bend. How the primeval instinct came back! There on a low, gravelly-bare island, unconscious of us, stood the argest animal to me in the whole world-a veritable mammoth. The Lord was with me and I feared not. I could feel Hubald tremble. The shots rang out on the frosty air. He turned; few faltering steps; dead moose; crimson waters; I, the happies hunter of hunters.

With true Latin emotions Hubald grasped my hand, threw up his hat and shouted: "Ain't you glad! Ain't you glad!" He could not understand my apparent indifference. True, I felt proud and happy. A dream had come true. But when I look even now on that noble head, I feel that same sad desire to

put him back in his "bogen. The days passed, I had killed "my moose." but I could not leave that heavenly country of fish and game. With back packs we went to a long-abandoned camp to stay two days. There were many old tote road. Down we crouched as two moose came around a bend, cow and calf. The wind in our faces, we held our breath behind a screen o moose weeds. Slowly the two moose came down the road nibbling, unafraid. The calf wandered off the road, the mother, with proper solicitude, now and then calling it back. But all is not well. Full we' that cow knows it. Instinctively she feels something is ahead. She stops and silently looks aroun Perhaps she hears my breath, or smells my dead pipe. A warning, authoritative snort; the calf comes back at once, while the cow drives it ahead as they

slowly but surely leave that country. Another fall has come, and again I am back in chain of lakes that head the Green River and packs. Many moose are seen, but not the big bull. He must be near, there are so many cows and calves. Pierre knows it. "We go ride; boil tea; maybe dusk; bull come to cow. We stop for tea; no smoke must be there: we break small, dry twigs.'

Pierre lays over the faggot pile to start the little smokeless fire. Is he crazy? Just as the fire catches he falls on it, puts it out, grabs his gun and jumps behind a big tree. I do likewise. A "Wuff, wuff!" very close, as with flashing eyes looms large the big bull, that misunderstood our cracking of dry imbs for that tea kettle fire. No other bull could through the thicket for his harem. wuff!" again. Two shots. A bull staggered against little tree and fell, and again an excited "Latin" voiced his joy. And so, next day, after a night under the trees, two happy men staggered campward, one with huge horns, the other with green

The Advertiser's **Daily Short Story**

(Copyright, 1919, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.) DECORATING FOR DAVID. By Dorothy Douglas.

at Great Neck must go out in the evening mail

Her smile of greeting was a bit wan. but held its degree of charm and invitation. Monica's business manner was a comparatively new asset, and it David's business was the handling was with extreme difficulty that the mantle of reserve dropped from her mantle of reserve dropped from her with complete artistic taste use some shoulders sufficiently to permit her to chat naturally with the strangers who

tiny office. His physical being was big, and a second swirt glance told Monica that his mentality have found the courage to plunge in have tried for a week to get suffi-

were you fearful finding in this innocent-looking of-fice?" she inquired with a swift glance into his very blue eyes. "Interior de-corators don't usually carry a stock of David Trevor did not voice the re-

ply that came naturally to his lips. The same reply would have flung itself into many masculine minds upon beholding the lure of Monica's eyes and the soft sweetness of her lips. Instead, Trevor laughed boy-

courage to enter the office.

He found himself answering a few simple questions as to the size of the apartment, the amount he wanted to spend, what type of furniture he fancied and an idea of color schemes. His complete disaster when it came

color combinations brought a smile Monica's lips. He floundered hopelessly.
"Well," she said, finally realizing his well, she said, finally realizing interior decorations, "I will assemble a few cretonnes and color schemes for you and if you like you can send them up to your wife for approval."

"No, no—this is all to be a great No, ho—this is all to be a great surprise package for my wife. I want her to come home in September to an exquisite little home and I want you to do the whole business. I don't mind looking at the cretonnes—you would no doubt feel more satisfied if

I approved of them."
So it was that Monica began one of her most artistic bits of work. Trevor's office was just next door to her own, and it was he who took her up first time to see the apartment he had

two lamps," gainly, 100lish, green strength, and then want by
to him like an old country friend, slap him on the
back and say: "How are you, old fellow? I sure
am glad to get back in the country again."

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It became their custom as the drap-ers hung the curtains and the carriet men put down the rugs and the pic-tures began to appear on the walls for David and Monica to make an even-ing visit to the apartment. "It grows more charming by the minute." David told her. They had

Monica looked swiftly at him, then

more swiftly away. When the pink roses were ordered—then would David Trevor pass out of her life. Something strangely compelling had gripped her heart. She would not allow herself to realize that out of a whole world of men she had found only one, and that she was furnishing an apartment their acquaintance, and she realized

to you—nor caring."

This was the only dangerous bit of ground she had stepped on during their acquaintance, and she realized it the moment the words left her lips. She laughed quickly, giving him no time to reply, then went over and let her fingers run idly over the keys of the splendid toned grand plano they had bought together and installed in He, however, mastered any emotion had bought together and installed in that made the earth tremble under his feet and said quickly, "If you don't mind and if it wouldn't interfere with David came in. She was hot and tired and the estimate for the Flynne house of the estimate for the Flynne house of the estimate for the Flynne house at the estimate for the standard and hung in the diningmy room. Monica continued to play ir order to still the thumping of her heart. She wanted to gain calm before again essaying speech.

David came and stood behind her she said softly, "but didn't feel I should be so extravagant. They would be just the finishing touch to these walls." looking down at her golden head.

"I'm hoping when the apartment is ship. She arose, however, knowing finished and I am no longer your client, that you will come in occasionally and look over my collection. I am "Now," he said softly, and with a she wanted to—David."

The color flamed swiftly into Monica's cheeks—cheeks that had grown too pale during the strain of David's companion-

"David-don't," she cried swiftly. "I will," he said and held her close within his arms, "I have loved you for ages. I loved your voice over the tele-phone when I could hear you talking with upbolsterers, rug men, furniture men and too many times with other men with whom you made lunch enmen with whom you made lunch en-gagements. All this I could easily hear when our windows were open." David was speaking swiftly now, for Monica's her fiercely in order to still the quiverning of her body, "and once I saw you entering your office. It was that day I decided to have a wife—I want you dear, as soon as you can make up your mind to come."

Monica looked slowly about the wonderful studio—just the kind of home she had dreamed of—then back to the love in David's eyes, just the kind of eyes she had dreamed of. "September's only three days oft." "Then will my wife come home to

and upwards.



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