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Who are the saviours of the country der circumstances which he had created and the Empire? Our Conservative and which made it impossible for Sir friends, of course. Let us proceed to Wilfrid Laurier to join him.

or trying to win, the next election.

tention to it than formerly. As a matter of fact, the government never earried out any national recruiting plan, with real national leadership and financial backing. Most of the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and the recruiting was done by cival of the western tariff and taxation and taxatio

The government maintains 8,000 officers in London, at a cost, approximately, of \$40,000 a day, although it is known that half of the 8,000 cannot possibly be usefully employed in England at this time. Suppose the government, instead of devoting its energies to preparation for the coming elections, were spending and would have got slong even better cess. Suppose the government, during the last eighteen months, had been spending \$40,000 a day, or at the rate of \$14,the 8,000 extra officers in England—in

over recruiting? Would Canada not have have rendered special service in manual had more than 500,000 men by this date?

of the Conservative party are promoting disunion and radial feeling by attempting steadily to create the impression that more than half of the people of Canada—

dry from coast to coast, with the exception of a portion of Quebec. It remains for the Dominion government to add the finishing touch. for more than half of the population is
Liberal—are disloyal or disaffected. A
little thought upon the whole subject, a
little reviewing of what has happened, of the actual practices, professions, failures, and crimes of the present government, will suffice to show that Conservative partizan activity today merely reeffort to keep the patronage committees tegic bases in Germany and records of presents one more bid for office, one more busy for the next few years in the same some long-distance non-stop flights: evil work in which they have been en-

gaged for the last few years.

There are worse things than an electric miles.

Spaulding, England, to Berlin, miles. tion under such circumstances. Canada London to Hamburg, 657 miles; needs a new House of Commons from Berlin, 746 miles.

London to Essen, Dusseldorf and Mul-

which a national government, vigorous, and resolute, and really representative, can be chosen.

UNION GOVERNMENT.

As one more week comes to an end it is said at Ottawa, as on many former occasions, that the political crisis is likely to come to an end within a few days. Ottawa expects that the efforts to form a pulor government will be known to a union government will be known to have failed definitely, or to have succeeded in some measure, by the early days of

The time for a union government was before Sir Robert Borden announced his conscription policy—about a year or two before that. The sort of union government that was needed was one including the stronger men of both parties who could have agreed upon a national policy not only with respect to recruiting but with regard to all-round patriotic service in Canada. Had the Prime Minister made union proposals two years ago, or even one year ago, before the National Service fiasco took place, it would have been possible, no doubt, to have secured a government which would have commanded the confidence of the country and which could have carried on voluntary recruiting in such a manner that conscription would never have become a live issue. The Conservatives made it a live issue after their blunders and their partizanship, in fact their general inefficiency and disregard for the public interest, had reduced voluntary enlistment from 80,000 men a month to coalition, or union, or national government, until his party was seen to be fac-

ing inevitable defeat. Then he began to

If Sir Robert Borden now succ election committees have patching up his ministry by the addition been at work in this city for the last few of a few Liberals and independents it is weeks. These committees represent the quite possible that the so-called union active power of the party which organ- government would be defeated on the izes for elections, dispenses patronage, first vote in the present House of Comand makes war upon the disloyal Grits.

Instead of carrying on recruiting work, stimulating voluntary enlistment, seeking to solve the food situation or to a time with a patched up ministry which temper the high cost of living to the could not command the confidence of temper the high cost of living to the poor, these Conservative committees have been making preparations to save the Empire in the usual way—by winning, but the war are not all dishonest, of course; tired, and suffered very much from but the most active among these promotr trying to win, the next election.

Ever since the National Service scheme ers of union and coalition are obviously read of "Fruit-a-tives," I thought 1 blew up, the government has abandoned men who are interested in winning the would try them. The result was surrecruiting, or rather, has devoted less atrecruiting, or rather, has devoted less at-

cast about for Liberal assistance, and un-

for the coming elections, were spending ada would have got along even better with the voluntary system than Australia has done, and Australia has not

A Washington report to the New promoting voluntary enlistment through- York Times says that a new situation promoting voluntary enlistment throughout Canada, by non-partizan means, by efficient organization, by a great adverthing campaign, or by applying in this country those refinements of the voluntry those refinements of the voluntry system which were known in Engtry system which land as the Derby plan. Suppose the there is said to be reason to believe that government had spent upon voluntary the despatches from Berlin with referenlistment the vast sum it wasted on its ence to a German drive on the Riga the land that inspires the ragtime song front tell part of the story. It is not writers, the "Rev-end" George Washing-

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The Maid (eagerly):—"Yes, mum, certainly, mum. And will there be much to be discreet about, mum "—Sketch.

During an extended drought, down in Suppose the government had abandoned partizanship and patronage committo go into details, but the feeling of debrethren to supplicate the Lord for rain. to go into details, but the feeling of depression that the advices have caused indicates that the Allied nations should be prepared for bad news.

Suppose, in other words, it had devoted all the brains and energy at its command to the work of unifying Canada for more complete devotion to the work of winning the war. We know that it has done none of these things. But suppose it had. Would there be any trouble today over recruiting? Would Canada not have



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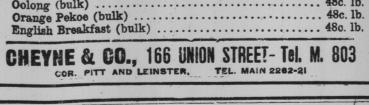


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(Bangor Commercial)
To older residents of Bangor who had charge of family purse strings during the Civil war, present high prices of food are not so sensational as they may seem to those who have never known such figures before. In 1864, the best grade of flour sold at \$18 a barrel in Bangor, a mark that has not been excelled at this time, when people are told that the a mark that has not been excelled at this time, when people are told that the world is facing famine. Latest quotations on flour in Bangor are now \$12.75 to \$13, and there are prospects that Food Dictator Hoover, whose position was unheard and undreamed of in the

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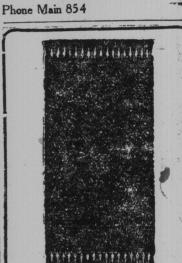
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was able to buy gold at \$2.40, and too the same kind of goods out of bond, th second merchant could undersell th first. This happened in Bangor mor than once and had a direct influence o the cost of living, the violent fluctuation in gold consists similar changes in the in gold causing similar changes in the prices of many common articles.

When peace was declared, the bottor dropped out of the market at once. J. C. White, a leading Bangor merchant was with A. T. Stewart in New York ground pieces of easily are praying 11.5. was with A. T. Stewart in New York several pieces of cassimere, paying \$2.56 fo a yard. Stewart was paying \$2.56 fo the same goods, having made a contract the previous year to take all the produc of a certain mill at that price.

eggs, 48 to 50 cents; lard, 25 cents; sugar Stomach Cramps

top food figures, are taken from the day book of M. S. Jackson, a Bangor grocer during the war:

Sugar, 34 cents a pound; cream of tartar, 60 cents a pound; butter, 50 cents; potatoes, \$2 a bushel; eggs, 35 cents a dozen; brown sugar, 29 cents a pound; kerosene, \$1.10 a gallon; tea, \$1.50 a

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10 cents; potatoes, \$2; kerosene, 12 cents gallon; brown sugar, 30 to 50 cents pound; tata, 30 to 50 cents pound; that in most things, Bangor is better off than in the war price period of the Civil conflict, and in other commodities prices are higher now, although they are few. By a coincidence, potatoes are the same price now that they were in 1864, \$2 a dozen; brown sugar, 29 cents a pound; kerosene, \$1.10 a gallon; tea, \$1.50 a

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In 1861, when normal old-fashioned low prices prevailed, Bangor quotations on some of the commodities were: Butter, 18 cents; eggs, 12 cents; kerosene, 42 cents; sugar, 11 cents; starch, 10 cents; brown and often accompanies by vomiting. If you are troubled in this way, there is only one remedy to cury you, and that one is Dr. Fowler's Excents; sugar, 11 cents; starch, 10 cents; because of the civil conflict, and in the war price period of the Civil conflict, and in the war price period of the Civil conflict, and in the war price period of the Civil conflict, and in the war price period of the Civil conflict, and in the war price period of the Civil

on some of the commodities were: Butter, 18 cents; eggs, 12 cents; kerosene, 42 cents; sugar, 11 cents; starch, 10 cents; saleratus, 8 cents; best tea, 75 cents; flour, \$5.

Five dollar flour! It is a dream of the past and probably never will be known again, to the regret of householders who can remember those good old days.

One reason for the high prices of the Civil war, beyond the loss of production caused by farmers and workingmen dropping their implements of peace to take up the sword was the fluctuation in the price of gold. Soon after the war broke out, gold became a commodity, varying in price like steel and copper. It rose steadily during the war. At one time, it took \$2.60 in paper money to buy \$1 in gold. The United States did not take paper money for customs, and merchants who imported goods had to pay in gold. If a merchant bought gold it at \$2.75 one day and took his goods out