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### CABINET RECONSTRUCTION.

The Ottawa correspondents of some of the Opposition newspapers in their despatches suggest that difficulties may be experienced by the new Premier, Hon. Arthur Meighen, in making up his cabinet. Their arguments in support of this suggestion are more specious than convincing, and when sifted will be found to have very few premises as their foundation. Differences are foreshadowed by them where none exist, except in the perverted imaginations of the writers, and they seem to think that the best that can be expected is some temporary arrangement that will last for a time. Perhaps they cannot be blamed, for they are under no misapprehension as to the outlook for their own party, which they realize is about as black as it will could be, and if they can do nothing else to cheer up the drooping spirits of their friends, they can at least tell their dreams. One thing at least Mr. Meighen can be sure of. None of his followers are of the "little Canadian" brand of supporters, who, when their honor, either went over the border to take safe appointments at substantial salaries, or stayed quietly at home and exhorted everyone else to do the same. These same men would sell their country's honor again today, just to get into power. It is their one and only idea.

The governmental party at Ottawa is in about as healthy a condition as it will could be. There is absolute confidence in the ability of the new leader, in the soundness of his policies and in his determination to carry them through. The party is in complete agreement upon the policies to be adopted, and it has the satisfaction of knowing that the great mass of public opinion in the country is behind it. The only policy that has proved of any permanent benefit to the country is the good old National policy, under which Canada has become what she is today. This is the policy that will be continued, with such improvements as will bring it into line with present-day requirements. The platform of the government is broad enough and comprehensive enough for any patriotic citizen, and there will be no difficulty whatever in finding men willing enough to stand upon it. Any difficulty that Mr. Meighen may experience in choosing his colleagues will arise from the fact that he has so much good material from which to select. He will have no trouble in finding them together, for the reason that they are all agreed. The coalition that has been in existence for the past three years could not have been hardened into a solid party organization had it not been the intention of the members of it to stick together for the country's good. It was only by sheer force of patriots will that Sir Robert Borden overcame the great difficulties that confronted his efforts to form a Union Government. He prevailed then, as Mr. Meighen will prevail now, in the matter of keeping the two sections permanently yoked together. If the new party holds fast to the articles of the policy it has adopted, it need not let its name be a worry to it. Long though the name is, and without historic allusions though the term "National" is in it, it cannot in itself be a stumbling-block. There is this to say for the term "National"—it emphasizes a matter that needs emphasizing at the present time. It is National business that must be the concern of a party organized to take part in Dominion politics, but the National idea seems to be absent from the minds of the organizers and agitators who are to be found among the opposition.

### HANDS OFF.

Ambassador Davis and former Attorney-General James M. Beck drew a storm of applause from a London audience when they declared that Britain and the United States should not interfere in the internal affairs of each other. This, as the Mail and Empire says, was a polite way of stating a general principle, but the depth of feeling in Britain over American-irish machinations made it sound unbecomingly. The British people are maintaining a reserve and a restraint in this trying situation worthy of their best traditions. By common consent, nearly all Britain's public men and newspapers ignore the efforts of anti-British factions in the United States to use American officialdom to embroil the two countries. A shock was undoubtedly produced in Britain by the passing in the Senate resolutions on a subject of Britain's domestic business, but even this has been left to pass. The reward of this patience is shown by the defeat of the Irish faction at both the Republican and Democratic conventions. In no case did the politicians, eager as they are for vote-getting devices, fall for schemes to endorse recognition of the Sinn Féin movement. By the time the Presidential election is over, probably the Irish agitation in the United States will have little effect on politics at Washington, for by then Americans will be so sick of the question that they will turn their backs on the mischief-makers. But advice by leading Republicans and Democrats of the second principle of non-interference sounds grateful to English ears.

### WHAT OTHERS SAY

#### One Reason For Increase.

(Victoria Times.) But whatever might have been the representations made to the government by its supporters for increased indemnities, there is strong justification for such a course. Under the present indemnity allowance only men of independent incomes can afford to be members of parliament, and that is not a good thing for the country.

#### A Dominion Educational Bureau.

(The Veteran, Ottawa.) No argument is required to support the statement that education is the real key to any adequate policy of national construction. It is the one great factor which levels upwards. Although the benefits accruing from education are quite apparent yet in this country education has not been fully appreciated. The Great War Veterans' Association, recognizing the fact that education is a state function, and that the benefits are for the good of all classes, Dominion wide, is firmly of the opinion that some attempt should be made at an early date to institute an educational bureau as part of the federal government.

#### Cannot Be Too Careful.

(Canada.) The new curate was to preach his first sermon, so naturally he was desirous of looking his best. Arriving at the rectory, he found to his chagrin that it contained no mirror, so seeking the sexton, an old Scotsman, he asked in low and nervous tones, "Er, James, can I—that is, do you think you could get me a glass?" With a shake of his head, James disappeared, returning in a few minutes carrying something under his coat. Withdrawn his hand, he brought to light a large black bottle which he presented to the curate, saying at the same

time, "Ye maunna let on about it, for I got it as a special favor, an' wadna hae got it at all if I hadn't told 'em it was for you."

**Government Without Paternalism.**  
 Our rulers will best promote the improvement of the nation by strictly confining themselves to their legitimate duties, by leaving capital to find its lucrative course, commodities their fair price, industry and intelligence their natural punishment, by preserving peace, by protecting property, by diminishing the price of law, and by observing economy in every department of the state. Let the government do this, the people will assuredly do the rest.—Lord Macaulay, 1859.

### A Modern Industry.

(Exchange.) A motorist touring in a western state got stalled in a tenebrous mud-hole. While making a vain attempt to escape, a boy appeared with a team of horses.  
 "Hail you out, mister?"  
 "How much do you want?"  
 "Three dollars."  
 After a long and fruitless argument the motorist was induced to land.  
 After handing over the money the motorist said:  
 "Do you haul many cars out in a day?"  
 "I have pulled out twelve today."  
 "Do you work nights, too?"  
 "Yes, at night I haul water for the mudhole."

### THE LAUGH LINE

**How It Was.**  
 Old Salt (spinning yarn)—"An' when I come up the river I found the dock gates locked."  
 Landlubber—"Well, couldn't you unlock them?"  
 Old Salt—"No. You see, there was a man standing on the quay."

### Good For Him.

Manager—"Thomson, you are discharged."  
 Clerk—"But I've done nothing, sir; absolutely nothing."  
 Manager—"Exactly. That's why you're discharged."

### Considerate.

Dr. Jalap—"Yes, I am going to retire. I've got enough, and am willing to give somebody else a chance."  
 Fogg—"I see. Your motto henceforth will be, 'Live and let live.'"

### Deep Dilemma.

Victor—"Whatever is the matter?"  
 The Other—"I don't know what to do. If I buy new things, I shan't have any money left to go away with, and if I don't buy new things, what's the good of going away?"

### His Altered Tastes.

"Do you remember the old fishing hole of your boyhood?"  
 "Certainly do. And I could equip it with a sofa and an electric fan, and have a buffet handy. I'd rather like to pass an afternoon back among the old familiar scenes."

### He Had.

A snail, boy, who was sitting next to a very haughty woman in a crowded car, kept sniffing in a most annoying way, until the woman could stand it no longer.  
 "Boy, have you got a handkerchief?" she demanded.

### Nothing in Him.

A stout and elderly man stood upon a defective weighing machine. When he placed the penny in the slot the indicator registered only 100 pounds.  
 Two small urchins watched the proceedings with amazement in their faces.  
 "Say, Jack," said one, "that chap must be 'low!"

### Her Husband—Did you vote today?

Mrs. Newtort—No, I went to the polls, but they didn't have a single ballot to match that pink sample ballot you gave me.

### Nothing is so painful as some men's efforts to be funny.

### WILHELM DREAMS

### OF RESTORATION

Wonders Why the Germans Do Not Think of Calling Him Back to Power.

Berlin, July 8.—Despite the reports that the ex-Kaiser is resigned to his fate and does not dream of returning to Germany, the Gazette correspondent hears from a trustworthy source that he still cherishes hopes of restoration. When he was visited recently by a man formerly connected with the German navy he asked for a detailed report of the difficult situation created by the result of the elections and the approach of the Spa conference.

William listened with almost breathless attention and finally exclaimed: "And they're not yet thinking of calling me back?" He then made several suggestions, in his characteristic, overbearing manner, of how he would handle the Spa conference. The imperial remark was reported freely among the small number of Germans who still believe in William's divine mission and who feel outraged that so little notice is taken of the commands of the "All-Highest." Most of the monarchists, however, are heartily sick of him and characterize his latest utterances as part of his morose pose, believing that he has neither the will nor the courage to come to his country's aid. Even the reactionary Tagliche Rundschau recently pictured with brutal frankness the ex-Kaiser's weakness and deficiencies, calling names that might make even Vorwarts turn green with envy. But, of course, the Tagliche Rundschau's candidate for the imperial throne is the ex-Crown Prince.

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## Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

After ma called me about 5 times to get up for skool I was setting on the edge of my bed holding my other stocking, and thinking, and ma stuck her head in the door, saying, Get a gate on, get a gate on, I never saw such a slow poke in all my born days.

And she stuck her head out agen and I kepp on getting dressed slow and wishing I didn't have to go to skool on account of it being Wednesday and our class having a examination in arithmetic and arithmetic being one of the things I'm bad at, and after a while ma stuck her head in agen, saying, Well for pity sake, you're just about as fast as mullasses.

Meaning I wasn't fast at all, and I sed, Gosh, G ma, I bleeve I got a pane sunwarves.

You dont seem to be very sure of it, wat kind of a pane? sed ma, and I sed, Well it dont feel like a medicine pane, but I aint sure whether I aint to go to skool or not.

Well I'm sure, sed ma. Meaning I aint to go, and I sed, Well G, gosh, ma, holey smoke, suppose the pane gets worse in skool its getting worse now.

Ware is it in your stomach? sed ma.

Not exactly, I sed. On account of a stummick pane being a medicine pane, and ma sed, O youve got about as much of a pane as I have, come on, now, get a gate on you and no foolishness. And she started to go out, saying, Goodness, this is Toozday, Mrs. Hewa is coming this afternoon.

G, gosh, ma, is this only Toozday, aint it Wednesday? I sed and ma sed, Certenly not, its Toozday and I sed, G, I thawt it was Wednesday, I feel all rite now, ma, the panes gone, but it feels like it mite come back tomorrow morning.

You get sicker every day hurry up and get dressed, sed ma.

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