

They delude themselves by thinking that they have a genius for governing; they may have a genius for the science of government, but not for governing. We no sooner became an Empire than we lost a valuable part of it i.e. the United States, through bad governing. The present Dominions are within the Empire solely because they want to be. They like the freedom they enjoy, but they have won freedom by their own efforts and not because the Mother Country willed and wished it so to be.

The Pacific ocean will become the centre of the worlds political activity. Practically all Asia is in turmoil, and I consider Russia a part of Asia because they are more oriental than otherwise. Whatever else Russia is doing she is boldly trying a new political experiment. What will come out of it I don't know, neither does anyone else, but Russia is our enemy in fact, in spirit and in ideals. She will not stop until there is a crash. I believe that much of our trouble in India comes from hostile Russian sources. We know that she has been responsible for much of the unrest in China in the last 10 years. If we went out of India tomorrow and left the Indians to themselves, the crash would come very soon. We have promised India self government when she is ready for it and we must keep our promise. The great danger in the situation there lies in the fact that many of her people think they are ready for it now and apparently some of our people at home think so too - they are not. My old bearer summed up the situation very well when he said "India - self government - two months - war" The 70 million Moslems and the 200 million Hindus have not yet composed their differences. They dislike and distrust each other intensely; witness the communal riots in India going on practically all the time somewhere. The Moslems have only to lead the sacred cow of the Hindus to sacrifice, or the Hindus have only to interrupt a Moslem service, for them to be at each others throats. The Moslems feel that because they are so greatly outnumbered they will not get their fair share in the government, and that is true. Wherever a Moslem is in charge of a department he employs only Moslems; wherever a Hindu - only Hindus. Don't let anyone tell you that the caste system is disappearing, it still prevails. Then there are 60 million "untouchables", men and women with whom the others will not inter-marry or dine. They go so far that they will not drink the water from the same well. Who is to represent these people -
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