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WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, STATESMAN

"We should not let the soviet system gain even a foothold in America."

"While I have not gone into the subject with the thoroughness to warrant a final judgment, I will say that from what I do know, it seems to me that the men are requesting a greater increase than the percentage of increase in the cost of living warrants. Thus, it appears they are asking more than they are entitled to receive."

The two paragraphs quoted above are the words of William Howard Taft, in an interview by an Associated Press reporter.

The first paragraph refers to the proposition of the presidents of the great railroad brotherhoods that the Government should buy the railroads, and thus eliminate private capital; and that the railroads should then be turned over to the railroad unions to be run, under a "tripartite" agreement representing the Government, the people, and the unions.

Which, of course, would be the entering wedge of the soviet system. Indeed, it would be that from the start.

The second paragraph refers to the strikes and threatened strikes of some or all of the railroad unions for higher wages.

The important thing is that William Howard Taft speaks out from the shoulder.

Per curiam. Without his ear to the ground. As one having authority.

He says what he thinks is right because he thinks it is right, and not for public applause.

He does the same with regard to the League of Nations.

And with regard to the negro riots. And he was for a League of Nations years before many of its chief advocates who are now in the limelight had announced themselves; before most of them had formulated their opinions in their minds; single-track and otherwise.

William Howard Taft is the outstanding forward looking statesman of the world.

He knows he is right and then goes ahead.

He is brave enough now to take the lead and tell the railroad laborers that the whole cheese is not for those who grab first;

That fair play for all, with no favoritism to any man or group or section, is the American doctrine;

In short, that this is not Russia;

And that we have not all gone crazy; yet.

Some one defined a statesman as a dead politician.

But William Howard Taft is a statesman while he lives.

And, in the good opinion of all the American people who are 100 per cent. American, he should stand high when compared with the time servers and trimmers and wobblers, like Bryan and Borah and Johnson and Poindexter and all that blooming bucolic and bombastic bunch of blatant blatherers.

Watch Salem grow.

If you think Salem is not growing, you go house hunting.

Partly, too, the war was to make the world safe for the democratic Prince of Wales.

Flour is down; but it will have to come down some more, and stay down awhile, before the bakers can safely make great reductions.

If America keeps out of this league of nations there will be one made up of Germany, Russia and Japan. Uncle Sam couldn't get much peace and ease out of that.—Exchange. (Sure thing.)

The municipal appropriation for Chicago for the fiscal year beginning July 1 reaches the enormous total of \$115,000,000. A lot of people are paying more to live in Chicago than it is worth.

The own-your-own-home movement in this town is becoming an epidemic. It ought to be encouraged. It is getting so now that it is necessary for a man to own his home or he is called upon by the agent and told that he must move, that the place is sold.—Los Angeles Times.—Salem should organize this movement. Something will have to be done to get more dwellings built here.

The Eccles interests will develop

FUTURE DATES.
August 14, 15, and 16—Elks state convention at Klamath Falls.
September 22-27—Fifty-eighth Oregon state fair

their timber holdings in Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, by building railroads and sawmills. And there are a number of other big projects of the kind in process of development over towards Tillamook bay.

GLORIOUS SCREECHERS.

Two hundred years ago Daniel Defoe wrote: "I take it upon me to make such bold assertion that the world is mistaken in its practice about women. I cannot think God Almighty made them such glorious creatures with souls capable of the same accomplishments with men and all to be only stewards of our houses, cooks and slaves."

This judgment of a Daniel who was a regular Robinson Crusoe for pioneering is interesting, but slavery has never been a matter of sex. Men were slaves to beaming orbs as early as women were to mailed fists. But Daniel was right when he said that the glorious creatures were capable of the same accomplishments as men. Any man who has lost his job to a skirt can ring up his ghost and tell him that.

TAFT EARNESTLY DISCUSSES RIOTS.

(By William Howard Taft.)

The migration of southern negroes to the northern cities, induced by the prospects of very high wages and stimulated by southern discrimination in educational facilities and in the administration of justice has created a congestion and a lack of proper housing in such cities. Then the

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stories of the treatment of the colored troops in France, some of them unfortunately true, have been given widespread publicity among negroes in this country. Some official communication from American headquarters warning foreign officers against social familiarity with American negro officers, though subsequently disavowed by the commander in chief, were printed and widely circulated by the colored press. Editorials dwelt on the heartlessness of race prejudice which persisted even when negroes were shedding their life's blood for their country and which even the government they were dying to save was encouraging.

Negro leaders are divided into two classes—there are those who feel as deeply as they can the injustice and heart misery arising from race prejudice, and they would restrain as far as possible by legislation and executive action such injustice. But they believe that the real way to ameliorate conditions is to educate the negro for life by vocational and character training and by thus increasing his value to his community and himself to moderate and neutralize such prejudice. They preach and cultivate self-restraint by the negro and self-betterment. They deprecate much the inflaming of the souls of colored men against the white race, even when there are at hand well-established facts justifying indignation and a deep sense of wrong.

There are others, educated men, who, with no restraint, have poured out their agony of soul and sense of outrage in addresses and editorials and aroused their fellow-negroes as they never have been roused before. The lynchings, those horrible exhibitions of blood lust, against which all good people are joining in apparently hopeless protest, have led to desperation among the blacks. The retired negro soldier, used to arms, returning from the war environment, resenting the ingratitude he sees in all of this, is prompted to "direct action" to remedy his wrongs. He has heard much of "direct action" from other groups seeking redress of their grievances. The general unrest is in harmony with his impulses.

On the other side, we have those who look with suspicion on any source from which the supply of labor can be increased. The lower in the scale of intelligence the stronger their feeling against a race they glory in calling inferior.

Then the minute there is an outbreak the lawless and the criminals, coming out into the open like cockroaches at night, join in the quarrel with avidity and divide by color. Thus the riot beginning in a single quarrel develops formidable proportions. Innocent people of both races, frightened by reports, arm themselves for protection and we have a situation deplorable indeed.

The evidence seems to show, as is usually the case, that in Chicago the whites were the aggressors and displayed man's inhumanity to man in stooping a negro lad into a watery grave because he had passed a supposed line of segregation between white and negro bathers on a city beach. Soon, however, both sides were guilty of lawless assaults and murder. But of course the negroes suffered the more. They always do.

Dr. Moton, the wise and able head of Tuskegee, anticipating the possibility of such distressing outbreaks, described, in a commencement address at Hampton last May, a state of things at Birmingham some weeks before. He said that rumors spread that the negroes of the neighborhood were getting arms and drilling with the purpose of attacking the whites on a certain Saturday night. It gave him and others great concern. They investigated. They could find no basis for the report of such a plan. But they did find that negroes and white men alike, stirred by the reports, were arming themselves and that the supply of small arms and ammunition in the shops in Birmingham had been completely exhausted. A committee of leading white men and colored men met and did everything possible to allay alarm, and the dreaded Saturday night passed without incident or outbreak.

The educated extremists among the negro leaders must certainly see that, however great the injustice done to their race due to blind prejudice, "direct action" is the worst possible remedy. The more white victims the greater the colored victims will be, and in the end the feeling out of which this evil has come will be increased and the slow and steady improvement in the agricultural and industrial status of the

negro shown by statistics will be obstructed. Such leaders should use every argument to quiet their followers and to condemn further lawlessness as an offset to white outrage. Those who suffer from such riots are often, one might almost say usually, not participants in the fighting, but are bystanders who happen to be in line of fire either through unwelcome curiosity or because they can't help it. Meantime, peaceable, law-abiding negroes are besieged in their own houses where they with difficulty secure needed food and supplies; or they go to their occupations at the risk of their lives. Negro house-owners are threatened with arson.

These riots have a lesson which the whites should take to their souls. It is that each one of us has a responsibility to the community in dealing with our colored fellow-citizens. Every time a white man insults a negro, every time he conveys by his conduct an overweening sense of his race superiority to a negro he contributes to the cause out of which these race riots have come. No race responds so quickly to sympathetic aid as the negro. No race can be made to forget or forgive past wrong as easily by sincere cooperation and protection.

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BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Threatened rain yesterday.

It would be good for the potatoes and some other things.

But the busy threshersmen do not want any rain; yet.

Salem's first brewery building is being torn down. Another landmark going. It is the old wooden structure opposite the Salem Water company's present office; the one that is on the company's property, corner of South Commercial and Trade streets. The Salem Water company must give up its present office, which is now owned by the company building the paper mill. So a new office building will be constructed by the Salem Water company, at the corner where the ancient brewery building stands. Nothing definite as to just what kind of a building the new one will be has been decided as yet. It would be a good thing for Salem if it were a large apartment building. It would help provide dwelling places for our new people.

There is a genuine project again for a large and modern apartment house in Salem; not the one that loomed up a year or so ago—but another one. And the old one may be revived, too. They will not come too fast, if both materialize, and a dozen others like them.

Hats off to the ladies! You don't hear of any of them bringing home Hun husbands.

It would take a darned bright chemist to tell us what they are making chicken pie out of these days.

With coffee advancing in price we may see some of the old-fashioned coffee extract that was so popular during the war of the rebellion and for some years afterward.

Seen nothing about the seventeen-year locusts that were advertised to put in an appearance about this time, about the only "hoppers" of which we have any knowledge are the boys who went across in an airplane and digible.

Thousands of housewives in this city and vicinity are taking advantage of the present canning season to put away fruit for consumption during the coming lean months. There is no magic about canning, but it requires an initial investment and a good deal of energy. Scientific instruction during the early war period established fruit canning as a national function. It should be encouraged and perpetuated.—Los Angeles Times.

There is a scarcity of tobacco in England and one of the heavy importers offers as one reason the large and increasing number of women smokers. He instanced the case of two girls who were going away on a little trip of two or three weeks and who took two thousand cigarettes which they "hoped would see them through."

Mrs. Rhett, Dorr of New York is traveling around the country trying to find out what women want in politics. We should say a lace handkerchief, a vanity bag containing all the well-known beautifiers for the sex and a bottle of smelling salts. But who do you imagine Rhett is such a trip?—Exchange.

It is believed that the end of the Ford libel suit and the acceptance of the covenant of nations by the senate will come on the same day.—Exchange.

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IN A SOCIAL WAY

By RUTH LENORE FISHER

THE wedding of Miss Gertrude A Brewer and Ruthyn Turney took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the parsonage of the First Methodist church and the Rev. H. N. Avison officiating. Superintendent A. Hall and Mrs. Hall were the witnesses. Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Turney left for a wedding trip and upon their return will make their home at the Chemawa Indian Training school where they are both instructors in music.

Little Frances Tobizez closed her engagement at the Oregon theatre Monday night with a highly appreciative audience. This little miss of only 14 years is a real artist, she plays with remarkable finish and technique. She enters into the life of her numbers and gives to each the finish and expression that comes only from the artist. And the manner in which she handles really difficult pieces is amazing. Her unaffected ways delight the hearers.

Mrs. John William Drager, her mother, and Miss Frances, who make their home in Seattle have been delightfully entertained during their sojourn of a week in Salem, and have made a large number of friends who are loathe to see them depart because they have found Mrs. Drager and Miss Frances both to be charming people. Among the many courtesies shown them was the dinner for which Mr. and Mrs. William F. Drager wrote hosts Friday evening and later a ride over the city. Mrs. Drager and Miss Frances Tobizez left for Portland yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Alberta S. McMurphy, member of the Eugene board of education has been appointed state director for Oregon in the great nation-wide campaign to combat un-American radical doctrine by the popularization of the constitution of the United States, being promoted by the National Security League and other leading patriotic societies of the country. This campaign will culminate in the celebration in all the states of "Constitution day" on September 17, the anniversary of the signing of the constitution.

Directors to supervise the campaign and the organization of "Constitution day" meetings have already been appointed in 36 states. Many leading citizens in all parts of the country in both public and private life are members of the two general committees through which the National Security League and associated societies are promoting this campaign. These bodies are the constitutional celebrating organization committee, of which Dr. David Jayne Hill, historian and diplomat, is chairman, and the constitutional celebration honorary committee, which includes in its membership the governors of 21 states and the mayors of over 100 large cities in the

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all parts of the country. Governor Olcott and Maor Baker, of Portland, are members of the honorary committee.

A quiet parsonage wedding occurred last Sunday morning at 9 o'clock at the First Baptist parsonage when the Rev. G. F. Holt united in marriage Miss Luella Eaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eaton who live seven miles north of Salem and Alvin J. Van Cleave, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Van Cleave who also reside north of Salem. About twelve friends and relatives were present for the ring ceremony and immediately the young people left for a short wedding trip.

Corporal Earl Dene has arrived in Salem from Camp Lewis, where he went for his discharge from the service soon after his arrival in the states.

Sergeant and Mrs. Lewis McClaren arrived in Salem Monday for a short stay before going to Portland where they will make their home.

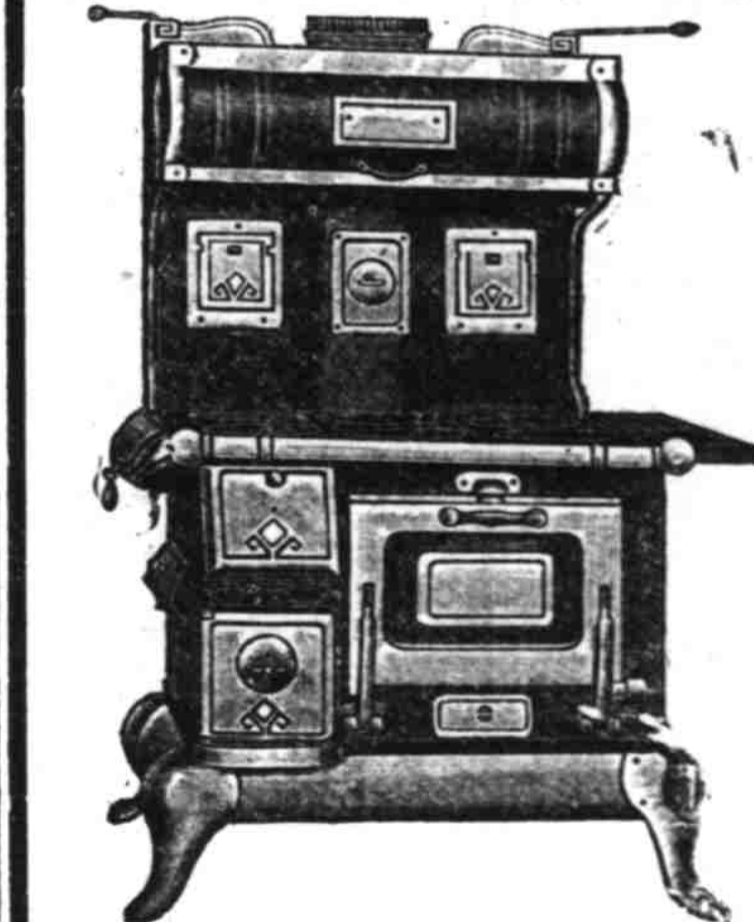
The Rev. G. F. Holt and Mrs. Holt received word yesterday from their son, Lieutenant Herbert B. Holt who has been in Brest and with 10,000 other officers is awaiting to start for the United States. The Holts are expecting a telegram any day announcing the arrival of Lieutenant Holt in New York.

Miss Ila Spaulding returned Sunday night from a short stay in Newport with her mother, Mrs. Charles K. Spaulding, who is summering there. Charles K. Spaulding will leave today for Newport for two weeks.

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