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## FRANCE TO THE RESCUE OF POLAND

"God is too high and France too far" was the cry of Poland in 1831, when she was in bloody rebellion against Russia, her oppressor; which her people repeated in 1846, 1849 and 1863—which rebellions were put down and stamped out by the Russians with unexampled and revolting severity.

"God is too high and France too far" was repeated in Warsaw, according to a cablegram of the Associated Press, in the days of the present attempt at the capture of Warsaw by the Bolsheviks for the purpose of loot and rape; repeated in despair.

But the events of the past three or four days have shown that perhaps God is not too high, nor France too far—

For the French generals and the French seventy-fives are showing the Poles how to fight and with what to resist the murderous hordes let loose from the hell of misrule under Lenin and Trotzky. The sentiment and the brains of France may save Poland; and

may save Russia from herself, and make her a republic and render her honest and orderly.

It is falling to France to hold high the torch of civilization; let fall from the weak hands of President Wilson and stamped under foot by the Borahs and Reeds, serving the purposes of the Bolshevik basins snarling hyena-like for their prey.

Vive la France!

The Poles have forced the Red Russians across the Bug river; but all of them who have not been captured and given a bath are as baggy as ever.

General Pilsudski of the Polish forces, with the aid of French brains and seventy-fives, is giving the Russian Reds the kind of pills that is good for the health of the world.

There is more money in seeds than you ever thought possible; and Salem ought to be a great seed growing center, as will be shown in the Salem slogan pages of The Statesman tomorrow.

With the French helping South Russia, from Sebastopol, and French military experts helping the Poles around Warsaw, and the farmers of all Russia forming soviets to starve to death the industrial soviets under Lenin and Trotzky, and even their own following getting cold feet very fast, the days of that bunch of Bolshevik butchers are numbered; and the number of days is not very large. After it is all over, the Russians themselves, as dense as millions of them are, will wonder why, in the name of common sense and decency, they allowed the Red terror to range as long as it did. Such a crazy stunt could not be pulled off in any other country in the world; and it will never happen again in Russia.

the world is endeavoring to get some rest, after six years of the hardest work and most important work that ever fell to any man.

He is on his way to Minneapolis.

But here is a tip to Salem people: He intends to come back through Salem, and to stop long enough to shake hands with his friends here.

This man, dressed in overalls and riding incognito through the country like an ordinary automobile tramp, is still feeding a million and a half starving children in Europe. He came within 15 votes of being the nominee at Chicago for president of the United States. He has served the world without salary for six years, bearing even his own expenses—and he does all this in the line of what he considers his duty to his fellow man; counting himself honored in being allowed to serve his high ideals. He will be a member of the Harding cabinet, if he will accept a place in it; and if he does accept it will be only because he will believe that in that way he may be able to serve his country and humanity.

## EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Editorial Answered  
Editor Statesman:—Just a word of explanation.

I have had called to my attention in the evening contemporary a screed entitled "A Disciple of Lenin"; that is, as full of Munchausenism as was another published in that sheet during the war, that brought down the condemnation of the Oregonian and other sheets of their ilk and resulted in Typographical union of Salem doing to the Journal exactly what is suggested in the article in question. But hysteria in the language of the street, "gets us nowhere."

I will dismiss the personal reference by saying that I don't believe the erudite (?) scribe (not editor, for he has none of the ethics that differentiates between the two in modern terminology) is more of a Pharisee than I do; and I certainly know nothing of it. "Germanism" is an invention of his own diseased mind that few will understand. I do know what the I. W. W. teaches. It is identical with what it (the Journal, of course) suggest.

I have consistently fought industrialism's teachings since their inception—fought them wherever the viper's head appeared—whether emanating from workmen's or employers' organizations, political or otherwise, in a private citizen and as a federal official, and I have been complimented by my opposition with having been efficient.

I grew up in the newspaper business—was "to the manor born." I can go to an editorial job tomorrow greater than any in this state, if salary is the yardstick of greatness. I will forget my manhood to the extent of prostituting my mediocre talent, to the interests of money changers and profit-vamps. But money has not the same lure for me that truth and traditions of an honorable and once-honored profession have.

I prefer to classify myself, as did Franklin, with so much pride as a printer. As such I am mentally free and measurably independent, at least. Enough of this personal stuff though.

I congratulate the Statesman on being a live dodo, at least—in being a "newspaper" in the sense that its policies are confined to the editorial page. I congratulate the Statesman for not allowing its usefulness as an educator to slip over into other sections of the paper. And my choice of the word "congratulate" instead of "gratulate" is advisedly made. Judging from and by the people who have taken the trouble to hunt up the writer of the Labor Column there are some above the Journal's restricted readership, some who have been acutely interested.

## BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Herbert Hoover, Salem boy,

He spent Monday night at the Marion hotel in Salem, and left for an unknown destination, with his wife and two boys, after breakfast.

It is likely that he went to Newberg, where he spent part of his boyhood.

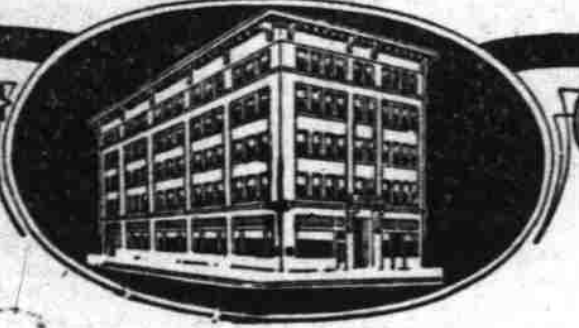
The telegraph wires have been kept hot trying to locate him.

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gratulate the Statesman's editorial management on being ethical, for ethics are to the profession what the soul is to the body of man.

And lastly I congratulate Salem business men on a breadth of vision which holds in its horizon the support of a page where "freedom of press" is truly evident.

American institutions were founded on just such evidences of Americanism, while monarchy and its twin evil "anarchy" were responsible for the crucifixion of Christ and the contortion of his teachings. Judas was a type that is too oft-perpetuated in editors of other Journals.

I would not publish this in the Labor Column for reasons that are obvious to those who know professional ethics, hence ask that it be considered as a personal contribution. I thank you and The Capital Journal for the publicity, and beg to subscribe myself as not a petulant slacker or business evader of service in time of my country's need.

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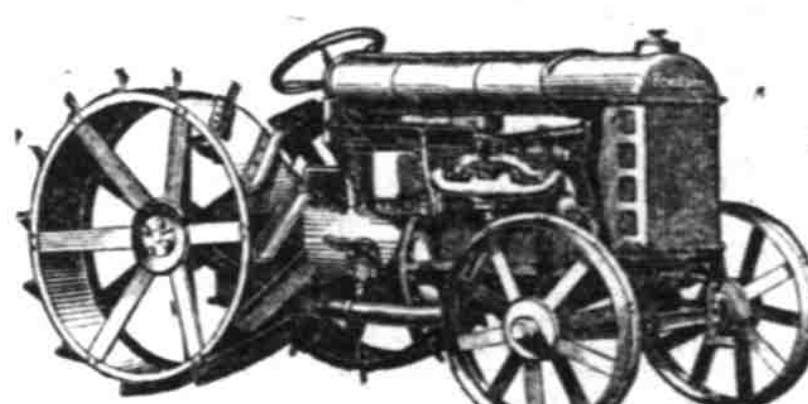


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