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CANNOT AFFORD TO TRUST TO LUCK

An American humorist indulged in the witticism: "When men have built a great city, I have noticed that God has put alongside it a great river or an ocean."

Or words to that effect. The idea is that cities are not accidents—That they must have reasons for their existence.

But when God has put alongside a great city an ocean or a great river, that great city prospers greatest which provides the best facilities for the use of the ocean or river; ships and docks and railroads and terminal facilities and warehouses and cold storage plants.

God has surrounded Salem with a great agricultural district; especially a great fruit district—and there is alongside Salem a great and beautiful river—the beautiful Willamette.

We lack only one thing now to insure the permanent growth and mounting prosperity of this great district and this city at the center of it, on this beautiful river—

And that is ample cold storage facilities. Some time ago, a public spirited Salemite with a vision conceived the idea of making a port out of the Salem district, by vote of the people—

And then selling the bonds of the port for the building of a large public cold storage plant.

Why not do this now—immediately? If this is not done now, enough cherries may go to waste in this district next summer to build the plant. Enough went to waste last July to build it; and experts say there will be a 10 per cent. increase each year.

Enough vegetables went to waste in the December freeze of last year to build it. Enough strawberries may go to waste next summer to build it—or in the summer of 1922.

A small charge on each pound of fruit or vegetables going through the plant would pay its expenses and the interest on the bonds, and provide a sinking fund to retire the bonds.

Why not get busy—now? And buy all the Phez preferred stock, too, for that great institution is the surest thing the Salem district has to prevent waste—outside of a big public cold storage plant.

IT'S SERVICE THAT MEASURES SUCCESS

It isn't the cut of the clothes that you wear, Nor the stuff out of which they are made Though chosen with taste and fastidious care, And it isn't the price that you paid; It isn't the servants that come at your call Nor the number of acres you own, It isn't a question of prestige or rank, Nor of sinew, and muscle and bone; It isn't the servants that come at your call, It isn't the things you possess, Whether many, or little—or nothing at all, It's service that measures success.

It isn't a question of name, or of length Of an ancestral pedigree, Nor a question of mental vigor and strength, Nor a question of social degree; It isn't a question of city or town, Nor a question of doctrine or creed, It isn't a question of fame or renown, Nor a question of valorous deed; But he who makes somebody happy each day, And he who gives heed to distress, Will find satisfaction the richest of pay, For it's service that measures success.

(With a bow to the Rotarians, Boy Scouts and all other good scouts who practice the doctrine of unselfishness.)

France is unalterably opposed to the admission of Germany to the League of Nations. Nobody appears to love Germany.

Down in Mexico they are getting ready to inaugurate President Obregon. It looks as if peace had at least for the time smiled upon the republic below us.

There is just one thing that stands in the way of the Salem district being the greatest strawberry district in the world. And that is lack of adequate cold storage facilities. We have men big enough and broad enough to provide them. Who will organize them behind the idea?

No message of congratulation from President Wilson to his successor. No hearty note of felicitation. More is the pity. But

"THE RESTLESS SEX"

Starts Sunday at THE OREGON THEATRE

party. He did everything possible to kill it when its leaders met in Chicago to form a platform and name a candidate. Then he did what he has always done heretofore and what he was expected to do again. He came out with a 'non-partisan' statement in the American Federationist for Cox and the entire Democratic ticket. As a Democrat, he had swallowed the League of Nations hook, line and sinker, just as President Wilson had brought it back from Versailles. The fact that the president had helped, to nullify the labor bill of rights so as to change it from 'labor is not a commodity or article of commerce' to 'labor is not merely a commodity or article of commerce,' made no difference to him. And the fact that Senator Cummins, of Iowa, had originated this principle of law made no difference. Cummins is a Republican, and that was enough; he must be blacklisted and punished.

"What is the net result of Gompers' political efforts in the interests of the Democratic party? Cummins was re-elected by a two to one vote in Iowa. Watson of Indiana, Moses of New Hampshire, Brandegee of Connecticut, and Wadsworth of New York, whom he had particularly inveighed against, were re-elected by tremendous majorities. Cox was smothered. In a statement Gompers now says that the election is 'not satisfactory in every respect' and deplores the 'plunge toward reaction. But Democracy will right itself at the proper time.' For Gompers personally the defeat of Cox means the end of the veteran labor leader's ascendancy over the department of labor.

"Not only has his son been chief clerk of the department as the eye of his father there, but he has at all times had the ear of the president and has dominated the entire organization, including Assistant Secretary Louis F. Post. In doing so he has been bitter against the Republican congress, and, as is generally recognized, unfair in his attitude toward the good things done by them.

"Consequently, he will have less influence with the new administration than with any in the thirty years he has headed the labor movement. He can no longer dictate, and the good influence he might have exerted he has largely lost because he has utilized his office as a Democratic politician and with an incoming Republican administration he must go out too.

"The passing of the influence of Gompers, however, will have a beneficial effect upon the labor movement in general, not because of its passing, but because the Republican administration will reorganize the labor department so as to stamp out of it Socialism and other radicalism and so as to make it such an organ of real benefit to labor in fighting its battles for it that it will gain the confidence of laboring men everywhere for its fairness and usefulness. The department was organized under an act passed during the last year of the Taft administration and the Wilson administration was the first to organize it. William B. Wilson has been secretary of it for eight years and Louis F. Post has been assistant secretary of it that long. Most of that time it has been considered a dead letter. The new administration proposes to put new life into it and to do it in such a way that it will appeal to the rank and file of labor."

The above is from the current bulletin of the National Republican Congressional committee. There are some tremendous issues involved. There is the question of collective bargaining, for instance, and of open shops, and of the prevention of strikes. There is the question of the shop arbitration committee, the trade arbitration committee, the community arbitration committee—

And of compulsory arbitration—

And of possible widespread unemployment, in the reconstruction period, and in consequence of the great wave of immigration.

There is a movement apparently started by Mr. Gompers himself, to call in Mr. Hoover to represent both sides—

This in face of the fact that Mr. Hoover is committed neither to collective bargaining nor to the closed shop.

But perhaps Mr. Hoover is the only man in the United States who has the absolute confidence of both sides and all sides; including the great public, which must be considered.

There is apparent urgent and immediate necessity for action,

in order to stabilize our industrial world, and to prevent widespread non-employment and many failures.

The Statesman believes the principle of the Salem community arbitration, or of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, must be applied generally in the United States in order to insure absolutely industrial peace; to absolutely prevent strikes—

Either the adoption and enforcement of this principle—or there are bound to be troublous times ahead, with thousands of strikes and much privation, while the country is getting back to normal—

For low wages and general unemployment are unthinkable, while the costs of living remain high, which they are bound to do for a long period of time.

WHY WORRY?

It is not raining rain for me, It's raining daffodils; Injunctively dimpled drop I see Wild flowers on the hills.

It is not raining rain for me, It's raining roses down; Though clouds of gray engulf the day And overwhelm the town.

It is not raining rain for me, It's raining fields of clover bloom, Where every buccaneering bee May find a bed and room.

A health unto the happy, A fig for him who frets; It is not raining rain for me, It is raining violets.

Yes, Lizzie; a few slight showers yesterday; in the language of Missouri, a right smart show of rain.

But why worry? Repeat the above lines; they are from memory; they are not guaranteed true to the text of the man or woman who wrote them; but they express the right idea.

WHY WORRY?

WITH A SOLEMN SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY.

The following is an excerpt from an article in the current bulletin of the National Republican Congressional committee. It is mainly interesting as showing the feeling of a solemn sense of responsibility on the part of the Republican members of congress, who will attempt to redeem the campaign pledges of the party. Here is the article:

"With a majority of 152 in the house and 22 in the senate, the Republican party has returned to power with a solemn sense of responsibility after ten years of Democratic control.

"The fact that the house majority is larger than ever given any party in the history of the country and that the senate majority is sufficient to make sure of the passage of all party measures, does not cause elation among the leaders in either branch of congress so much a determination to do away with the evils in administration which caused the landslide in their favor.

"It is only within the facts to say that no party ever came to power with such a serious sense of responsibility as the Republican party at this time. In interviews with those who are to wield that power one is impressed at once with this feeling that the party must do great things to make good and that it will do them. The Republican party is the party of constructive effort. It lost congress in 1910 on the Democratic promise to reduce the cost of living, lost the presidency in 1912 by a split, and in 1916 by a promise to keep us out of war. It returns to take up the burden where it laid it down, having in the meantime during the war outvoted the Democrats in patriotic submergence of partisanship. It is united as it has never been.

"The Democratic party, on the other hand, is literally shot to pieces. Because of the nature of the campaign he waged, Cox is generally discredited, so far as the national capital is concerned. Beaten worse than Alton B. Parker, in 1904, he cannot hope to again lead the Democratic hosts. Because the Wilson administration was so utterly repudiated, it is unlikely that William G. McAdoo, the president's son-in-law, can take up its guidance. Already three times beaten, William Jennings Bryan would be glad to take the reins again; but the south will not again accept him. Governor Spith, of New York, though he made a great race in his defeat, is too closely allied with Tammany to make any widespread appeal to the country. Champ Clark has gone down in the general landslide. Claude Kitchin, who will now assume the leadership in the house, hails from North Carolina, and is out of the running for national leadership. Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, will for the time at least come nearer to being the

leader of his party than any other man because of his titular leadership of the Democratic majority in the senate; but he and Bryan are bitter enemies, he is too far south to be potent, and he does not appeal to the progressives. Many see in William K. Hearst an aspirant for the Democratic honors again, but his attitude toward war questions would probably prevent that.

"Furthermore, the Democrats are without any great issue to stand upon after defeat, such as enthused them after the defeat of Cleveland in 1888. Both the ill health and the unpopularity of President Wilson would prevent his return."

The article goes on to assume that the League of Nations is dead; which, as far as the League of Nations compact brought over by President Wilson without an l dotted or a t crossed is concerned, is true.

But the League of Nations is not dead; nor is the League of Nations issue in the United States dead.

It will press for solution. It must be solved.

The world is tired of the wholesale assassination called war, and the people of the United States cannot avoid their responsibility to the rest of the world of which they are a part—and the great majority of the people of the United States do not want to avoid it.

The article goes on to say that "it" (meaning the Republican party) "will have the greatest navy in the world and an army sufficient for development to meet any emergency."

Snell Smith is the writer of the article. That is his individual opinion, and it is no doubt reflected by the military cult at Washington.

But it is not the opinion of the great majority of the Republicans or of the great majority of the people of the United States.

Congress will not enter upon a race for the greatest navy in the world, and the people of the United States will not back them up in any such contest—

Though it will be generally agreed that we should have the best navy and the best army in the world—

With the thought only of maintaining our rights and preserving the peace of the world—

And with the idea of ultimate gradual disarmament.

FEELING FINE.

This old world is not such a gloomy place, after all. It might be worse. Of course, there are heaps of folks who are everlastingly wailing the hammer, but the hammer is more purposeful as a constructive tool than as a destructive weapon. As the good old bard, Silas P. Higgins, quaintly remarks in his immortal work, "The Passionate Plumber:"

"The world is filled with grief and woe, But let's not lag behind, Tho' skies be overcast, we know The clouds are silver-lined."

Of course, there are people who make a specialty of worrying. They would worry because of the fact that there was nothing to worry about. They would grunt if they had lumbago. But if people who worry would set a particular time for it and not spread it over the day they would be surprised to find how short a period was really necessary. If a man would say: "I will do all my worrying from 7 to 11 of a morning," he would soon realize that he had time to spare and that, as a matter of fact, he could do all his necessary worrying while he was waiting for his bath water.

It is poor business for a man and his wife to both do their worrying at the same time. They don't save anything by it—in fact, they are likely to string it out. Two people worrying can start a fight where one would start a grin. Maybe the husband will open his breakfast with a streak of worrying about his note at the

FUTURE DATES.

November 11 to 25—Red Cross roll call. November 19, Friday—High school excursion to Eugene for football game. November 19, Friday—Lecture by Vilhjalmur Stefansson, Arctic explorer, at arena.

November 19, Friday 8:15 p. m. — Vilhjalmur Stefansson lectures at armory. November 20, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene.

November 20, Saturday—Football, Salem high school vs. Eugene high school, at Eugene. November 22, Monday — State Emergency board meets.

November 22, Thursday—Football, Willamette vs. Whitman college, at Salem. November 25, Thursday—Football, Salem high school vs. The Dalles high school, at The Dalles.

November 25, Thursday—Thanksgiving day. December 1, Wednesday — Entertainment by Great Shilley Concert company at armory, under auspices of American legion.

December 6, Monday—Special school election. December 7, Tuesday—Annual election of Cherrians.

December 8, Wednesday—Annual election of Commercial club. December 10, 11 and 12.—Western Oregon Older Boys' conference, Salem.

December 14, Tuesday—Annual election Salem Business Men's league.

bank, but if the wife chips in and says: "Let the bank do the worrying. Did you ever hear the story about the chambermaid with the hare lip?" both of them will forget there is anything to worry about and the husband will start for the store whistling: "Stop Your Ticking."

The world had a gloomy face for a long time. There was a war to expiate and a peace to wrangle over. There was a political campaign to quarrel about and some strikes and labor troubles to help spread the misery. But most of it has passed over and the scars are healing. Crops are fine, bread and potatoes are a bit cheaper, and you can get a good nickel cigar for a dime. We are going to have a peace-loving League of Nations yet, and even the leagues in our national game are going to dwell together in amity. Outside of the attempt to raise the telephone rates there

isn't very much to trouble about and we can approach Thanksgiving day in the real thanksgiving spirit.

THE VOICE OF WISDOM.

(Los Angeles Times.)

Elbert Root cabled from Europe while he was working over the plans for the international court that "a new deal from the beginning by abandoning the peace treaty of Versailles is impossible and to attempt it would bring chaos and an entire loss of the results of the war and general disaster, involving the United States." The situation has not changed since, except that the league has been strengthened until it includes 45 nations. Mr. Root says further: "The only possible course is to keep the treaty, modifying it to meet the requirements of the senate reservations." Mr. Root is America's

foremost specialist in international law and has ably served as secretary of state. There will never be any lessening of army and navy appropriations or any permanent assurance of peace while America remains aloof from the league.

A MERE TRIFLE. Government revenue from the sale of soft drinks has been a little over \$50,000,000 for the year. But what is \$50,000,000 to a high geared government? It would cost that much to take a census of the bootleggers.

THE BIG DOINGS. President-elect Harding desires to be inaugurated without any pomp or glory; but Washington hasn't had a big show for some time and is anxious to hear the Marion band play. In such cases the executive is apt to gracefully yield.

Advertisement for William Faversham, America's Distinguished Actor. Features "The Man Who Lost Himself" and "Up in Betty's Room". Includes a photo of Faversham and text: "Starting Saturday", "No Raise in Prices", "Matinee Daily 2 p. m.", "Continuous Sundays".

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