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## SALEM SHOULD BECOME SELF-SUFFICIENT

"At the beginning of the present year a local manufacturing corporation found that the rapidly increasing volume of its business necessitated an extension of its plant. Plans and specifications were made and, as in the past, were submitted to an eastern firm which made a specialty of manufacturing such machinery, with an inquiry as to when the order could be filled. The reply was that the earliest possible date was February, 1921.

"Not satisfied with this answer the manager of the local plant began an inquiry into the foundry situation in Los Angeles. As a result the contract was divided between two local firms and the required machinery was in place and operating by July, 1920, instead of February, 1921. Moreover, the entire project was handled by local capital and labor.

"Eastern business men who are prone to regard the growth of Los Angeles as of mushroom character, based largely on climate, with a dash of movies on the side, would do well to consider the above facts and take the lesson well to heart. It is not without reason that Los Angeles has become the tenth city of the United States."

The above from the Los Angeles Times is printed in order to call the attention of Salem people to the importance of this city becoming more self-sufficient.

The self-sufficiency of Los Angeles is resulting in more new dwelling houses being built there than in the great city of New York; and still the new people are coming so fast that the city has made arrangements with the United States Army authorities for the loan of 5000 tents, set up in Exposition park in order to accommodate the families who cannot find better dwelling places. And the record of new factories going up there, and old ones being enlarged, is astonishing the whole country.

Faith and courage, and welcome to new people and new enterprises, are the greatest assets of that city, built on what was once a desert stretch of sand dunes a number of miles inland, but now joined to San Pedro harbor, developed at enormous expense.

Salem ought to become more and more self-sufficient. We should have a public cold storage plant large enough to guarantee the Salem district against any losses of fruit or vegetables, or other products.

We should raise our own beets and make our own sugar for our fruit manufacturing and other plants.

We should have a glass factory, to make our own fruit jars and bottles.

We should enlarge our plants for the making and repairing of fruit handling machinery of all kinds, and agricultural machinery, too.

The building of a cold storage plant alone, thus aiding our industries already established to stabilize the fruit business, will bring many needed enterprises here, and one needed industry will naturally bring others.

There is no city in the world that has better natural advantages than Salem for becoming self-sufficient.

It seems timely to suggest that America will solve the Irish problem for Great Britain if Great Britain will solve the Negro problem for America. It is easy to solve other country's problems. The 50 lynchings in the United States thus far this year include one for jumping a labor contract, three for assault on a white man, one for connection with a moonshine still and at least six for attempting to vote. How much longer will Congress disregard this national disgrace?—Springfield Republican.

Do your Christmas shopping now. Do not get the foolish idea that there will be no rush in the closing days this year.

The brother-in-law of President Wilson is now getting a boiling out on the ship scandal. Certainly, what are influential relations for?

The League of Nations may intervene in Armenia. Uncle Sam having refused the mandate, pogroms are again about to be instituted with the defenseless Jews as the victims of malevolent hate.

Courage and co-operation will keep Salem and the Salem district growing and prospering; and faster and more than in the past.

The Salem slogan subject for Thursday's Statesman is raspberries. The Salem district ought to put raspberry growing right up

alongside of loganberries, strawberries, blackberries, gooseberries and currants. Raspberry ought to be this district's fifth name, at least.

We take it that President-elect Harding will appoint as many Democrats as members of his cabinet as President Wilson named Republicans in his. That ought to be fair enough.—Exchange.

The contract for rebuilding the shattered Democratic organization, it is understood, has been let to Barney Baruch, the soft-treading Wall street millionaire. Baruch has quite a smile, but that won't be enough.

It is now announced that the government will close the breweries where they are making stuff with an alcoholic content in excess of the provisions of the Volstead law. "Draw up the papers, lawyer, and make 'em good and stout," etc.

There are 19,519 young Americans still nursing the wounds of the war. Of this number 10,900 are in the government hospitals, and civil institutions are caring for 9000 more. For them the war is not yet over, and in most cases never will be.

The average of wholesale prices is now around the mark that makes them double what they were before the war; or about where they were when the armistice was signed. And, on the average they will likely stick around there for a long time—some things going still lower and some things going higher than at present. This country is not going to get back to the 1914 prices till the average rate of wages gets back to the level of that year—and that will be "when the waters of the Nile run across the Arabian desert;" that is, when water runs up hill. It is running up hill there now, but it is forced through pipes. Machinery may make many changes in prices in the future; but recessions from this date, on the average, will likely be slow.

The Denver & Rio Grande railroad has been sold for \$5,000,000 to the Western Pacific. The Los Angeles people are saying the money must have been borrowed from some handy man around one of the moving picture outfits down there. But they are expecting extensions of that system in California, which sounds like old times. There was a time when Oregon looked forward to connection with the system of which the Western Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande and the Missouri Pacific are parts—the Gould system. Oregon is in a receptive mood for all such propositions now—and they are all coming, sooner or later; and the writer believes, some of them sooner.

THE NEW PAPACY. (Los Angeles Times.) The statement by keen observers that the Papacy is to enter upon the most brilliant era since the height of its power in the 13th century, calls attention to a striking development of the post-war period.

In England A. J. Balfour, mouthpiece of the agnostics and speaking for a power which has for centuries battled against Rome has called on the Vatican to strengthen the League of Nations. In France, which for three centuries has been outwardly the arch enemy of clericalism, the Papacy is being used as an ally in Alsace-Lorraine, Central Europe and the Near East. In Italy the Catholic People's party, which is really the church in politics, holds the balance of power in parliament and prevents the country from going frankly and completely over to radicalism. Throughout Europe the Vatican is today regarded as a mainstay against Bolshevism.

The Papacy, in short, has something which no other international factor can supply at this time. It has a tractable membership of some 200,000,000 people, a large part of them living in the regions about which there is the most concern at present. It emerged from the war strengthened in its organization and with its prestige undimmed. It was on both sides during the struggle and now has the hatred of neither. By discipline, teaching and administrative plan it is unalterably opposed to Bolshevism in all its forms.

Since Bolshevism is more a collapse than a revolution, it is felt by statesmen that the most effective weapons against it are not guns, but food and teaching and strengthening of morale in the stricken lands. Because of this feeling Rome is sought by the entente today and has actually started upon a course which will probably make her an outstanding temporal power once more.

Despite the growth of the Ro-

man Catholic church in this country from 12,000,000 members in 1912 to 16,000,000 in 1919, and despite many evidences of its hold upon the people, we have been slow to realize the unique position which it occupies internationally as a result of recent developments.

Benedict XV, with Cardinal Gasparri as his astute adviser, has adopted a policy which not only recognizes America more adequately than ever before in the church, but also frankly aims at regaining that temporal power which a series of disasters, culminating with the "imprisonment" of the Pope in 1871, swept away.

By a strange irony Germany and Italy, whose governments in the seventies did most to drag the Papacy in the dust, are now literally in the Pope's hands. The pressure which can be exerted for or against the present German government from the Vatican is tremendous and well understood in Berlin. As for Italy, the Pope not only has the situation well in hand by his members in parliament, but actually has the power to call upon the Italian government at any time to pay a staggering sum which has been piling up and has been untouched since 1971, when the government voted an annual indemnity to the Vatican for the temporalities of which it stripped it. By simply demanding the payments already due, the Pope could force the Italian government to either invite revolution by repudiating its own obligation or to throw itself into bankruptcy by trying in this crisis to meet the payments.

As far east as Beirut, France recognizes and is dealing with the Papacy as a decisive factor in Asia Minor. Within the boundaries of France the anti-clerical government and the Papacy have found common ground in their stang against Bolshevism, and the government has not been slow to go more than half way in a reconciliation with its old opponent. The Irish situation, as well as the general British eagerness to foster all stabilizing world influences, have brought the British government to a desire for a working understanding with Rome on a scale hitherto undreamed of.

Putting entirely aside all questions of doctrine or of worship, the Papacy, regarded solely as a political factor, has had a sudden and unexpected birth of power. As has happened so many times before in the history of Europe, this ancient and powerful organization, which seems forever being crushed utterly and forever rising stronger than before, has started on a new path to influence.

"CLASSES" IN AMERICA. When anyone talks to you about classes, tell him that we have but two classes in this country—the American and the un-American. The American knows the strength of his country, and its faults he is willing to correct by majority rule. The un-American has been taught to hate all government, and would settle public problems by "direct action," a polite term for plunder and murder.

The trouble with such classes as the poor and the rich is that they do not stay classed. The office boy of today is the merchant prince of tomorrow; a farm boy became president of the United States; the head of the largest bank in New York was a newspaper reporter a few years ago; the governor of the most

populous state once sold newspapers in a fish market. There are thousands of such examples. The heads of colleges, railroads, factories and other great institutions practically all rose from poverty.

There is but one class in this land to which decent people belong—the American class.—Farmer and Breeder.

WILL NOT MIX. Senator Borah says that congress should pass a resolution declaring peace with Germany and that the United States should then begin trading with the world. But congress—however confident of its own powers—cannot make either peace or trade by a roll call and a few words. Neither are the nations of the earth going to be chummy in their trading with a country that feels above associating with them in a league to perpetuate peace and reduce armaments. The nations may not quarrel with Uncle Sam, but he will have to go as heavily armed as if they were waiting for him at the back door. We cannot preserve a policy of isolation in diplomacy and expansion in commerce. They will not mix. It will cost more to keep out of the world than in it. Meanwhile we have lost our reputation for pioneering in the field of international amity.—Los Angeles Times.

THE DEATH TOLL. War is quite a dangerous game and its fatalities have been frightful; but, barring the scrap with Germany, there have been few wars in the world's history that present so great a toll of death and disability as comes through the development and use of the motor. Saul has slain his thousands, but David hit ten thousands, but wait till you get the full score on Henry.

ROAD TAX VOTED FOR PURPOSE OF PAVING. DALLAS, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special to The Statesman.)—At a meeting of the voters of the Dallas road district at the courthouse Saturday, a special road tax of 10 mills was voted on all assessable property in the district for the purpose of building hard surfaced roads inside the city limits to connect up with the highways under construction towards this city by the state highway commission.

SULPHUR CLEARS ROUGH, RED SKIN. Face, Neck and Arms Easily Made Smooth, Says Specialist. Any breaking out of the skin, even fiery, itching eczema, can be quickly overcome by applying a little Mentho-Sulphur, declares a noted skin specialist. Because of its germ destroying properties, this sulphur preparation begins at once to soothe irritated skin and heal eruptions such as rash, pimples and ring worms.

Future Dates. December 1, Wednesday—Entertainment by Great Shirley 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. December 15, Wednesday—War Mothers' bazaar in armory. December 25, Saturday, Christmas.

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teed to give the road district the sum of \$15,000, to be spent towards hard surfacing the roads. This amount will be placed in the budget next month, the court feeling that the Dallas district is justified in receiving such an amount in view of the fact that more than one-tenth of the money paid in taxes in the entire county comes from this district.

With these two sums of money it is assumed that all of the county roads leading out of this city in all directions will be hard-surfaced before another year, and as the county court has purchased some road building machinery within the past few weeks it is safe to say that within a few years practically all of the roads in the county will be hard surfaced.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY. Cut out this slip, enclose with 2c and mail it to Foley & Co., 2825 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills for pain in sides and back; rheumatism, backache, kidney and bladder ailments; and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headaches, and sluggish bowels. Sold everywhere.

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# GRAND THEATRE

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