

Uphold All Law A New Year's Resolve

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The advent of the new year, with its age-old accompaniment of resolutions to turn over a new leaf, has riveted nation-wide attention upon the saturnalia of crime and disrespect for law which is sweeping over the country. In casting about for its cause, which in a general way is recognized as the inevitable aftermath of the great war and its brutalizing effects upon human sensibilities, many hundreds of leaders of public thought have placed their finger upon the failure of good citizens to support the Eighteenth Amendment as a sure encouragement of all forms of law breaking.

These so-called good citizens have been heard in public assemblage, on street corners and upon every sort of occasion to argue that a law which cannot be enforced should be repealed, meaning the Volstead law. This shortsighted and dangerous argument leads, of course, to a "logical" claim that because two thousand six hundred automobiles were stolen in Los Angeles last year, the law against automobile theft should be repealed, and bank robbery and kindred crimes now rampant should be tolerated as legal and respectable.

Whether originally a prohibitionist or not, every intelligent, self-respecting and law-abiding citizen must begin the new year with the resolution to support all law, and to discourage all law violation. The constitution, including the Eighteenth Amendment, is the supreme law of the land. The moment that is the only upon which the Republic stands. All other laws are subordinate.

Efforts are being made in California to repeal the Eighteenth Amendment. It is almost a certainty that the new year will be a year of law breaking.

this state have not enacted an enforcement law as contemplated by the constitutional amendment. Only four or five states have failed in this respect, California being far the most important one which has failed. Other such states are Rhode Island and Maryland and one or two others of that sort. Rhode Island has never in her history ratified any amendment to the constitution, and didn't approve even the original immortal document until too late to permit her citizens to participate in the election of George Washington as the new republic's first President. Maryland, which is composed of Baltimore and the Chesapeake oyster beds, is too wet to expect much from.

But California, fair land of the West, whose citizenship is recruited from the progressive and law-respecting peoples of the whole Union, cannot afford to long remain in the class of Rhode's "little neck" class or Maryland oysters.

Gardena Invaded

The Harbor police invaded the precincts of Gardena Tuesday night, it is reported, and arrested a party of four who were charged with a violation of the liquor laws. A 20-gallon still, four sacks of sugar, eight barrels of mash and 57 gallons of brandy were seized; also the persons of Paul Brown, Mick Novak, Nick Kruzzo and Ben Basjek, who are charged with harboring the ingredients and processing them in such a manner that the partaker thereof, if not a bachelor, could not give the magic countersign to his wife by saying "truly rural." This is the shippoleth of reform.

BEAT HIM TO IT.

Headlines had no idea you were going to make that little win-win. Journalist: News and I. The Idea: News and I. The Idea: News and I.

—P. L. G. for Adv. —

Why Not Torrance?

New plants are locating in and around Los Angeles constantly. There should be some organized, persistent and aggressive effort to secure the location of industries here. We should have just as good inducements and advantages to offer as any of the other smaller communities about Los Angeles which are securing new industries by live wire, persistent and systematic efforts.

The following news items are but an example of what other communities are doing:

NEW \$1,000,000 PLANT WILL BE STARTED SOON

Announcement is made that the Sidway Mercantile Company of Elkhart, Ind., is preparing to move into a \$1,000,000 plant in Los Angeles within the next few days. The Sidway Company is declared the largest concern in the world manufacturing baby carriages. The new location will be at 1500 East Sixth Street.

J. A. Erickson one of the company's officials, stated that Los Angeles was chosen for the establishment of the second plant because of cheap water, electricity etc., along with excellent climate and laboring conditions here.

Mr. Erickson also said that the company established itself here because of belief in the great future of Los Angeles Harbor. He asserted it is only a question of a comparatively short time before Los Angeles Harbor will be the New York harbor of the Pacific Coast. His company expects to expand and do much in foreign exporting.

ANOTHER NEW INDUSTRY FOR COMPTON

Another large addition to Compton's industrial section is about to be built. Work on the Compton Electrical Specialties Company's plant will start within the next ten days. The plans have already been approved and call for a two story brick structure, the main building itself to be 60x150. Sufficient space for a large wing on either side has been left so that as the business grows it will have room to enlarge.

The Compton Construction Company, another new firm, with a capitalization of something like \$100,000, will build the plant. It is to be located on N. Wilmington street, near Orange, on the site recently purchased for this purpose.

The company already has a large plant in the east but wants a western factory, and after looking at locations in several cities hereabouts, including Los Angeles, decided upon Compton, as all the advantages desired are to be found right here. One feature that appealed strongly to the directors is that the plant will be exposed to full view from the passing trains on the Pacific Electric Railway, which total 267 per day, this being a valuable asset as an advertising medium.

Though practically financed entirely by eastern capital a very small percentage of stock will be offered for sale later on the local investors.

One of the special departments of the new plant will be a refractory department that will be capable of firing up to 3,500 degrees Fahrenheit. The entire output of the factory has already been contracted for and most of it will be disposed of in Los Angeles.

The factory building will be of brick and glass and will be a valuable addition to the city's enterprises. A large number of the employees will be brought from the east but much local labor as possible will be employed. This class of work calls for exceptionally high grade mechanics and will mean the addition of a large number of desirable citizens. How they are going to be housed, is the next problem, but plans are now being worked out by the Compton Construction Company, whereby it is expected a sufficient number of desirable dwellings will be constructed.

The Compton Construction Co. will occupy one of the new buildings now being erected by R. I. Jones on Wilmington street. E. R. Erniero, of San Antonio, Texas, who is one of the directors, is in Compton now getting the new company organized. J. R. Alston of Long Beach is another director and is getting the preliminary work under way. The balance of the officials are eastern men. The Construction Co. will be in a position soon to build any and all classes of buildings, large or small, in almost any number, and will play an important part in the future of Compton.

This company was also induced to locate here through the efforts of R. I. Jones. Other industries are flirting with Compton and it is safe to say a number will have located here before next spring.

Surely we have a "Mr. Jones, here among our enterprising real estate men.

A PAGE IN HISTORY

Let us climb a tree and look down at the world, figuratively speaking. For thousands of years the human race has been milling around dividing itself into groups as it chose or as racial characteristics directed. Geographical boundaries formed themselves naturally as a result of mountains, climatic conditions, seas, deserts and other causes beyond the control of man.

As a result a world map was finally evolved made up of many people, many countries, many laws and many customs, with traditions of causes, lack of each, which were entirely beyond the control of any man or group of individuals.

The Treaty of Versailles was framed by man to satisfy personal or national aims of individuals or countries by dividing up the world's arrangement as seemed suitable to the occasion, regardless of economic influences which had been building up thousands of years. The result has been broken boundaries, broken nations, broken people and new governments without the stability that comes with generations devoted to the formative period.

The Treaty of Versailles was forced into existence as a result of a war which will be but an incident in the making of the future world. Its good parts will remain while the bad parts which enter into it which are contrary to the natural turning wheel of economic changes will fall by the wayside. After two short years this is already evident.

Economic relations between nations and peoples are slowly drifting back to the interrupted channels which they followed previous to the world war. Races cannot be mixed, world harbors cannot be changed, mountains cannot be moved and trade routes take certain natural courses just as water runs down hill. Hu-

man beings may dam a stream for the time being but if the water thus impounded is not afforded an outlet, the ultimate pressure will either go over the dam or wash it out entirely.

So far as man-made laws are good they will gradually be absorbed in the economic changes taking place as the world sweeps on in its march of progress. We have been marking time since 1918 waiting for natural laws of supply and demand and normal production and competition to take the place of artificial barriers and restrictions by which various nations have attempted to lift themselves by their boot straps.

The conference on the limiting of armament offers the greatest benefit to mankind that has come out of the page in history which will go down as the World War. We are getting back to earth and have made a step of progress along the line of human development in our present efforts to regulate selfishness and egotism in world governments.

Trade currents of sea and land are setting in from the old quarters and will be carried on with new vigor under headway which has been made toward the world of political selfishness which has almost hobbled business and peoples.

Let us come down out of the tree and get to work. If we help guide the mind of the world along its constructive, peaceful endeavor, we will have helped make a step forward in the march of civilization.

MOVE TO INCREASE SUGAR CONSUMPTION

A concerted movement to induce sugar consumers to make larger use of sugar produced by the local factories is being made by the local sugar companies, beet growers' associations and fruit raisers.

One of the difficulties found has been the prejudice among householders on the ground of supposed inferiority to cane.

Beet sugar manufacturers have been telling the consumers that there is no difference between the two kinds of sugar, and that they should use them, so recently a test was arranged to demonstrate the quality of the local sugar.

Six samples of beet sugar and six of cane were arranged on display in a window of twenty five small shops of Southern California, and were offered to the public to pick out the best samples.

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