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INDUSTRIES HEADED IN THIS DIRECTION

READ what Albert Atwood has to say in current issues of the Saturday Evening Post about the future of industrial California.

Atwood views the situation from the standpoint of an outsider, without favor and without prejudice.

His conclusions may be summed up in the statement that California is due for a great industrial boom as the population continues to increase.

Freight rates on manufactured products from New England are excessive. Raw material from the middle west is shipped by rail to New England, there to be manufactured. Much of it then comes to the far west, either by water or by rail.

The cost of the finished product to the western buyer includes a freighting charge which would be lower if the raw material were shipped here for manufacture.

This, of course, is not true of all products. It is all too true of others, however. Nevada and Arizona ores go east for smelting and

then come back west at greatly increased cost. Western wool is shipped east to be made into garments which come back west again to be sold.

Not good economics, is it? And now that the coast is assured of plenty of power, it is a condition that rapidly will pass out.

It is passing out now. Every industry that establishes itself along the Pacific coast reduces consumer costs.

As fast as it becomes cheaper to manufacture goods here, just that rapidly will industries spring up. And manufacturing here is becoming more advisable every day.

This district should be especially interested in the industrial future of California. Soon a transcontinental railroad will tap this territory. It will bring industries. We are close to the harbor. That helps.

The steady growth of Pacific coast industry will send this territory its share of new factories.

None of us will lose by that.

SOLDIER DEAD AND THE 'STAY-AT-HOMES'

WHITE tombstones standing row after row in great cemeteries in France, marking the graves of American men, who died in battle. Their bodies, at the request of relatives, have been left in the land where they fell.

They died because the United States was drawn into the great war—not to save France, not to save Great Britain—but to save the United States. A victorious Germany would have been a lasting threat at our own government. We went in to save ourselves.

And we lost thousands of men—not as many as France, England or Italy lost—but too many. Several years have passed since the nation rejoiced at the great victory crowned by the American drive through the Argonne and into

the heart of the German army's main transportation system.

And now, while our dead dot the quiet hillsides of France, there are those who tell us "to stay out of the European muddle."

As if we can stay out, even if we would. We were bound by no treaties in 1914—but circumstances forced us to fight for our own protection.

By seeking—without obligating ourselves by treaty—to prevent another great war, we would do more toward preventing a recurrence of the recent international tragedy than we can ever hope to accomplish by imagining ourselves isolated from the old world.

To those ghosts of our soldier dead in French soil, the admonition that we "stay out of Europe" must sound strangely hollow.

GOOD ROADS, THE CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS

AN insignificant news item, which attracted no attention, tells the tale of schools in a county in a northern state, closed because of the need of child labor in the potato fields.

Another equally significant news item tells of a county which rejected a plan for a bond issue, the proceeds of which were to improve county roads.

Taken together the two items are far from insignificant. Of our nearly three million miles of roads, barely 10 per cent are improved. The other 90 per cent are bad at the best and impossible in the winter. Hauling over them is precarious, expensive, a slow process. Crops must be marketed; to sell crops they must be moved. The more expensive the moving, the less the profit; the less the profit, the less money for public improvement, the less for hire of farm labor, the more the necessity to

use that labor which is not hired—the children.

There is a very intimate connection between good roads everywhere and education. Indeed, there is hardly a subject, an industry, a plan, an activity into which roads do not enter somewhere. But rural education is bound up in good roads. Where roads are good, children can get to school. Where roads are good, farmers are prosperous and children have time to go to school, and the schools to which they go are good schools. Illiteracy is found where roads are poor. Not all poor roads run through illiterate sections, of course, but all illiterate sections of the nation are supplied only with poor roads! Where the roads are good, the schools good, the farmers prosperous, schools do not close to harvest a potato crop, or any other crop!

When you vote on a good roads question, remember the children!

SHORT JABS AND JOLTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

A Chinese military governor has executed a flock of bandits. Those chaps simply won't tolerate competition.—Nelson (B. C.) News.

From the operators' point of view the strike was too short, giving them hardly any opportunity to get rid of their asbestos coal.—Detroit News.

When the meek inherit the earth they will come into possession of a lot of problems no meek man can handle.—Eugene (Ore.) Daily Guard.

The chief difficulty with the harmony of nations is that every power wants to beat the war drum and none is willing to play second fiddle.—Asheville Times.

An Oklahoma bandit talked politics while he robbed a train. We have known the same thing to happen when it was not a train that was being robbed.—Cleveland Times.

In some quarters it is thought that Dr. Voronoff's activities in the rejuvenation of women should be suppressed. It is alarming to think that he wields the dreadful power of turning loose on the world hordes of giddy young flappers with half a century's experience.—London Opinion.

"I do not wish to undermine the constitution," said Marquis Estella, after kicking out the cabinet, sending the cortes (parliament) home, exiling 31 of his political enemies, and constituting himself the head of the Spanish government, thus demonstrating that the Spaniards are not entirely devoid of a sense of humor.—New York Call.

They seldom turn turtle, however, unless they are imitating the hare.—Associated Editors (Chicago).

"How Do You Live?" asks a weekly paper headline. The answer, if they must know, is "Only just."—Punch (London).

Perhaps some husky European country would like to have a mandate for Oklahoma.—New York Tribune.

Jess Willard has been caught reading the Literary Digest, but that should not be held against him.—Canton News.

One moral from the Rembrandt scandal is that a lot of forgers certainly knew how to throw paint.—Chicago Daily News.

Twentieth century philanthropy gives five millions to stricken Japan and a million and a half to Dempsey, Firpo, Rickard & Co.—Cleveland Times.

Ah, well, when the churches discover they can't successfully compete with the theatre, perhaps they will try religion again.—Baltimore Evening Sun.

The Mexican government seems determined to show the world that law and order prevail south of the Rio Grande. The man who murdered Villa has just been sentenced to two years in prison.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

There are still mailed fists here and there in the world; but anything mailed nowadays is slower in arriving than it used to be.—Tacoma Ledger.

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