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THE RESPONSIBILITY MUST BE FIXED.

THE effect of a failure such as the Merchants Bank is much more lasting than is appreciated by the average man and woman. The monetary loss is a severe blow and one that takes years for the community to overcome, but in addition, there is the still greater loss caused by the destruction of confidence of four thousand depositors in a financial institution. This latter condition is lasting and for years to come the men and women who suffered the loss of their savings will point to the bank failure as a black spot in the history of Salt Lake City.

As one disclosure comes after another one fact becomes established and that is this: That those entrusted with the management of the bank's affairs were negligent of their duty and whether this neglect of duty is such as to render them criminally liable is a matter for our courts to decide. There is a moral responsibility resting upon the financiers and business men of Salt Lake City to see that justice is done.

It possibly is true that the punishment of the directors of the defunct bank will not bring back the depositors' money, but nevertheless if the integrity of financial institutions are to be maintained, then those who destroy it by permitting a condition of affairs such as involved the Merchants Bank must be made to accept the consequences of bringing about such a condition if it is proved that they were directly or indirectly responsible.

Let no man be punished unduly; let no sentiment be created that would in any way influence the action of the court, but let there be a thorough impartial investigation made and then place the saddle of responsibility on the shoulders of the men who should wear it. This, the four thousand depositors are entitled to, and the interests of the people of Salt Lake City as a whole demand.

Those interested might as well realize now as later that the matter will not be hushed up and full disclosure of all crookedness is bound to take place.

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REPUBLICAN VICTORY.

ONCE again the calm after the political storm. While the smoke of battle has not entirely cleared to permit of a clear survey of the field, it has lifted sufficiently to disclose in the general aspect a badly battered Democratic party nationally. Entering the campaign in complete control of the machinery of government, backed by labor organizations and the press, and reinforced, as well, by the personal appeal of the President to return a Democratic congress, the count of ballots at this hour shows a Republican house and in all probability a Republican majority in the senate, while state after state swung again into the G. O. P. column by the election of Republican governors, state officers and legislatures.

Here in Utah the voters, after a classified ad campaign, conducted in accordance with the rules of the recent Democratic Corrupt Practices Act, harkened to the appeal of the White House, returned Wellington and Mays to Congress, and while doing so slipped over three supreme court justices (rather at the expense of a favorite Bourbon ideal of nonpartisanship in the judiciary), maintained Democratic control of the state legislature, as well as county government, and as good measure adopted a mine taxation amendment that spells finis to the one industry that has made Utah.

Viewed nationally, however, the pendulum swings and control of government affairs is now apparently with the Republicans. Running true to form, however, Utah failed to catch step with the balance of the country. Six years ago, along with Vermont, Utah stood

prominently if not enviably, at the head of a hopeless minority for Taft. Now, with the South she stands for Democratic control. Doubtless if cotton overalls had gone up to \$5.00 a pair instead of \$2.50, while a still lower price had been fixed on metals and wool the voters of Utah would have made it unanimous for Democracy.

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WORLD'S RECORD IN WAR "BUSTING."

ONLY a little more than eighteen months ago it was decided by this country that justice, right and decency demanded that we take a hand in bringing to book the murdering hordes of a vaunted nation of "kultur" and civilization that groveled at the feet of a crowned demon of darkness who promised world-dominion, power and wealth if his commands and edicts were followed and obeyed. What has happened since need not be repeated here in detail. Uncle Sam rolled up his sleeves and waded in and rendered the help that no nation but our own believed could be rendered in so short a time. What we, as a nation, have accomplished in eighteen months, is the marvel of the age—the marvel of all time. The hundreds of millions of peoples of the earth who have been direct and indirect beneficiaries of our unselfish assistance will remember it for all time. Those who have felt the interposition of our strong and righteous arm will learn at least to respect our might and will bow to the inevitable.

The termination of the bitter and frightful struggle, with its promise of freedom and unmolested pursuit of happiness and contentment to peoples who have longed for independence will be worth every sacrifice we have had to make to help crystalize their hopes into reality. But the task is not entirely finished. It still remains for this country's statesmen and the representatives of the nations in interest to guide the thoughts and actions of those who have been freed from the yoke of oppression and vassalage, so that they may understand what freedom means and how to avoid the pitfalls that constantly strew the path of those untrained to distinguish the difference between liberty and license. To accomplish these things as they should and must be accomplished so that order may be brought out of chaos and world-peace become a practical reality, much patient, honest, unselfish effort must be brought into play—and it will be.

And what a glorious record the more than two millions of true-blue American soldiers and sailors have made while representing their country abroad. How the hearts of the fathers, mothers, sweethearts and wives at home have swelled with pride and satisfaction over the news that has been coming back; not alone because of their gallantry and sturdiness in battle, but because they have won the hearts and confidences of all the foreign peoples with whom they have come in contact—from the old men and women to the little, innocent children who have suffered so deeply through the hours, weeks, months and years of darkness and despair that the gods of greed and inhumanity had visited upon them. The home-coming of these heroes—these big-hearted representatives of the biggest-hearted nation on earth—will be hailed with patriotic pride by every true citizen of this country. Also their coming will effectually smother all seditious sentiment that may have gained a foothold in the United States during their absence; for it will be realized that this mighty army of patriots will be in no temper to tolerate trouble-breeders in their country after what they have been through and witnessed away from home. It will be just as well for certain elements in this western part of the country to bear that in mind.

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SHALL OUR WOMEN BECOME PEASANTS?

THE San Francisco Examiner urges the increase of wealth production by increasing the industrial army of women.

It meets the impending labor famine with the slogan: "The woman-power of the country must replace the man-power."

The only way it can think of to stimulate production and earnings and increase of crops is to set more women to work.

To apply more capital and labor to the land and increase production of raw materials and crops to feed the world, work more women.

We have the land and the transportation systems but all we need is laborers on farms and in factories, so have more women work.