

"THE DESERT SHALL REJOICE."

THE SALT RIVER IRRIGATION PROJECT.

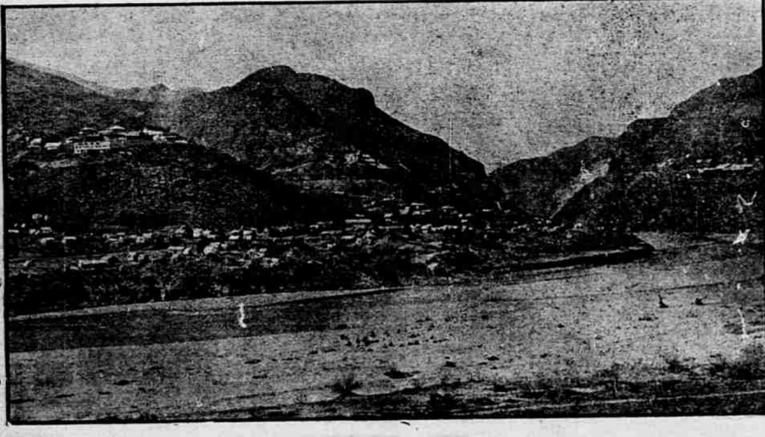
The Most Stupendous Reclamation Work Yet Undertaken by the Bureau—More Taken 200,000 Acres to Be Irrigated at a Cost of \$6,500,000—Work Done on Lines Laid Down by Prehistoric Races—Extraordinary Fruitfulness of the Irrigated Land.

The talk about destroying Roosevelt, a prosperous town in Arizona, shows how readily the casual reader may be misled by getting only a fragment of the truth.

wonderful oasis has risen, its vivid green standing out in marked contrast with the dusty plain and the distant purple hills.

The Wonderful Salt River Valley.

The Salt River Valley, which Mr. Blanchard grows so enthusiastic over,



VIEW OF ROOSEVELT.

Water will cover all the space occupied by the lower buildings and will reach up to the cement works, seen in the center of picture against the mountain.

Little more importance than the destruction of a village of shanties of railroad laborers when the work is completed and the construction gang moves on to another point.

has for its center the city of Phoenix, the Capital of the Territory of Arizona.

to take advantage of the provisions of the reclamation act passed in 1902, when the owners of the land, mostly in small tracts, formed themselves into an association known as the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association.

The Salt River Project.

Nothing in the great work of the United States Reclamation Bureau has excited so much world-wide interest as the Salt River project.

Integrating frosts and wild storms of winter did their destructive work upon the Rocky Mountains, the debris was washed down into this flood and filled it up to the present level with silt of the highest possible fertility.

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"Let us go in fancy to the land of mystery, of lost races and hoary ruins, a land whose civilization was old when Rome was in the glory of its youth—Arizona.

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"Sweep with a wall o'er the plains of the dead, A ruin, ancient, beyond all knowing, Hears its head.

They were the first American irrigators, and their works evidence no small skill in engineering.

Good arguments could be made for this. There is no reason why the present generation should bear the burden of the construction of the canal.

"Antiquity is associated so seldom with things American that most of us confess to an extraordinary interest in the prehistoric on this continent.

They had done all that was possible to do in the distribution of Government funds among National banks.

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"No National work under the Reclamation act has attracted more general interest and none has been more widely advertised by the press than the Salt River project.

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"The well-defined limits of the valley, which were the original gorge, show a width from 15 to 20 miles, and the length of the portion to be brought under irrigation is about 40 miles long. Altogether there will be something like

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MAP OF THE SALT RIVER COUNTRY.

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PANAMA BONDS AND TREASURY CERTIFICATES.

HEROIC TREATMENT OF THE FINANCIAL STRINGENCY.

The Government Will Throw Something Like \$100,000,000 Into Circulation—Attempt to Bring Out the Money Which People Are Hoarding—Greatest Financial Effort of Any Administration Since the War.

The physician has prescribed heroic treatment. President Roosevelt, who does nothing except in a dramatic way, has undertaken to choke out the forces of panic and restore business confidence to the country.

In the meantime the Secretary had been busy on the long-distance telephone. When the Secretary finds himself "up against it" he consults with men whose judgment he regards as sound and practicable.

The idea is to flood the country with money and literally drown out the stringency. It may succeed. If it does President Roosevelt will have made the most successful stroke of his entire Administration.

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Napoleonic Decision.

The secrecy with which the proceeding is carried on was quite remarkable. It was after the Cabinet meeting Friday that President Roosevelt kept Secretaries Root and Cortelyou and Postmaster-General Meyer for a few minutes to talk over things.

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A Coy Old Maid.

age of two weeks' wages ahead. Lack of employment comes hard on them, and distress is soonest felt in such quarters.

national banks and used by the banks for loans at the prevailing rate of interest.

A Herculean Effort.

It was in the face of such gloomy foreboding that the President and Secretary Cortelyou decided to make a Herculean effort to check the panic's course.

All to Keep Money in Circulation.

It is all done, of course, to keep money in circulation, and therefore to check the money stringency and to prevent the industrial panic.

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Figured Down to a Rock Basis.

When the transaction is figured down to a rock basis the Government, at a time when it has a tremendous surplus.

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All Thoughts of Other Legislation Abandoned.

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The Congressional Offices Building.

Two Magnificent Structures Approaching Completion—Questions of Arranging Their Occupancy—Senator Foraker Sees the President.

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