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The King is Dead—Long Live the King !

THE obstinate stupidity of the saloons in the old days brought about their own doom. Prohibitionists will do well to profit by their example.

Saloonkeepers, brewers and distillers formed an unholy alliance. They had political power and they thought they could do whatever their money interest dictated.

They were lawless and above the law. They disregarded every effort at public regulation. Saloons were allied with vice, gambling and sometimes with worse crime. Many saloonkeepers were honest men, but the saloon became intolerable.

Its abuses were not removed or corrected because the organized liquor interests thought they were too strong to be seriously hurt. They had many powerful political allies. The old saloonkeeper was influential in politics.

The arrogance of the liquor dealer was his own destruction. The saloon was not destroyed by fanatics or even by the Anti-Saloon League. The great body of temperate Americans finally lost patience with the saloon.

But the passing of the saloon did not end the traffic in liquor. On the contrary national prohibition stimulated drinking among many classes throughout the country.

In some ways the liquor traffic is a worse evil today than it was before the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment.

Drunkenness certainly is more respectable than it was in the days of the saloon.

Those employed in the illegal traffic are infinitely worse than their predecessors. Every man and woman involved is a violator of the law. The bootlegger escapes the penalties of the courts by bribing public

officials. He settles his controversies with others in the trade by violence and murder. No more ghastly picture of wholesale crime can be found than in the records of bootlegging and its allied business of robbery.

The illegal traffic exists because millions of otherwise good Americans believe that prohibition is an unjust and an unreasonable restraint of their liberty.

They may be mistaken but they are convinced. They provide the hundreds of millions of dollars which make possible the bootleg industry.

To say that they are themselves violators of the law gets precisely nowhere. When millions of people disregard a law, ordinary arguments do not prevail. Whole sections of the United States are in tacit rebellion against the Eighteenth Amendment. Great classes of people throughout the nation are aligned with them.

This is the condition with which President Hoover's prohibition commission must deal. No harder responsibility has ever been given a group of American citizens. By the same token no band of men and women have ever had a greater opportunity to serve their country.

Nothing that the commission may recommend and nothing that President Hoover may sponsor, however, will have the slightest chance of success if the organized prohibitionists close their minds to any reform.

Politically the Anti-Saloon League and its allies today occupy a position fairly comparable to that held by the saloon men fifteen years ago.

Then the liquor dealers thought they could not be beaten. Today the Anti-Saloon League imagines that it is invincible.

The saloon men were routed because the public would no longer endure the abuses of the old liquor trade. The prohibition group of today will be scattered just as soon as public opinion is convinced that their obstinacy is standing in the way of real reform.

The bootleg trade is entrenched in the prohibition amendment and the bootleg trade cannot permanently endure. No self-respecting people will endlessly put up with such infamy.

Those who put the welfare of their country above any partisan or sectarian consideration look to Mr. Hoover's commission for constructive and practicable suggestions. The commission cannot help, however, unless its members are free to use their eyes and their minds. No one committed by prejudice or a closed mind, either for prohibition or against it, can be useful in such an emergency.

The one goal is temperance. Actual conditions and not the dreams of some propagandist must determine our future policy.

The country expects the best intelligence and the strongest character available to be put to this work by the President. As a man accustomed to dealing with conditions and not theories, Mr. Hoover can desire no less.

We may express the hope that not only will President Hoover succeed in enlisting the services of the most competent and unprejudiced of his fellow citizens, but that also the country will suspend judgment on the work until it is completed.

At this embittered stage open-minded inquiry offers the only possible way out of a disgraceful and an intolerable situation.

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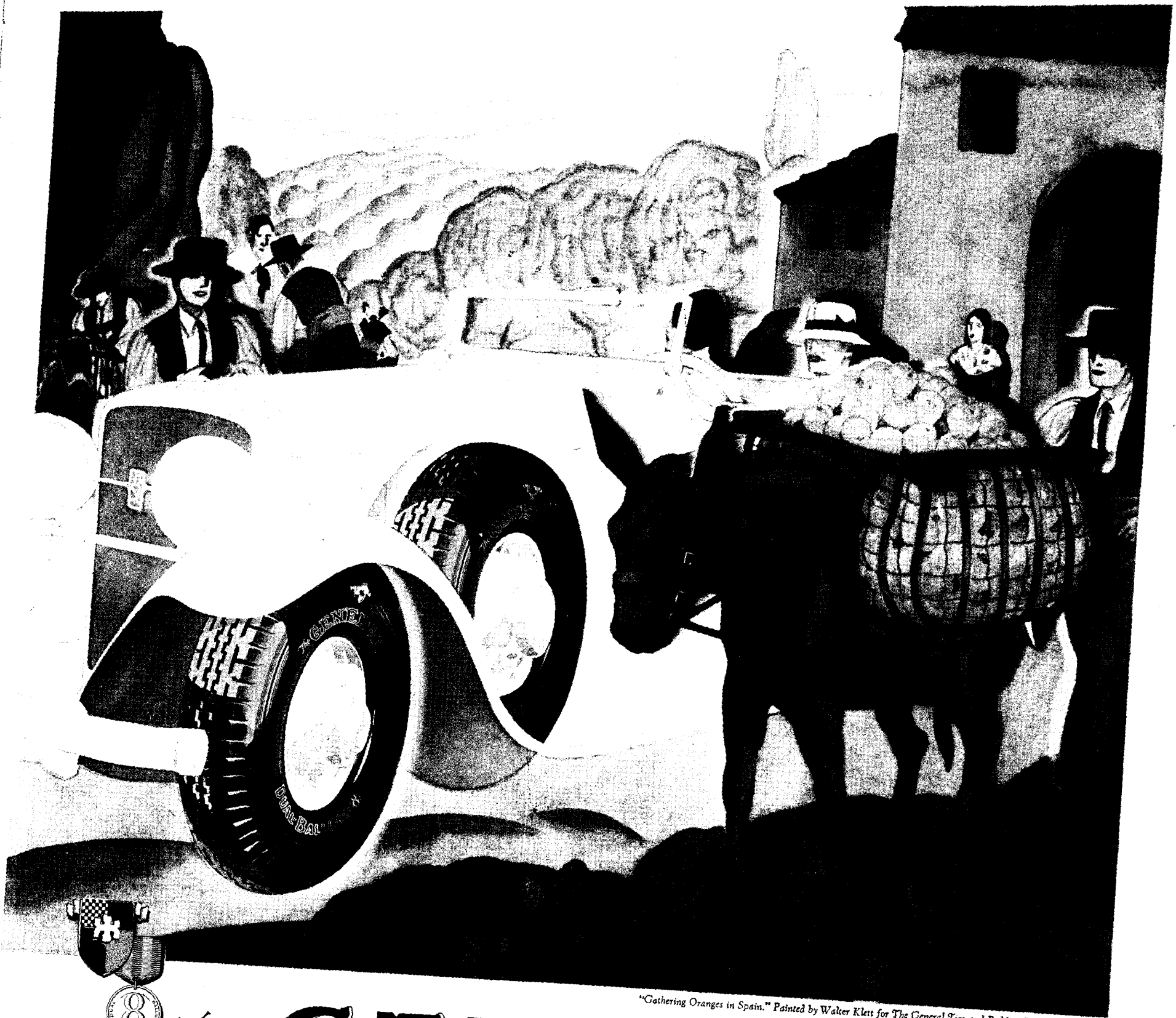
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