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## ORD'S FEAT IN

The recovery of the Ford Motor Company from the depression of the early year and its remarkable assembling of cash without a loan to meet its obligations is considered by bankers familiar with Mr. Ford's business to be one of the most remarkable recoveries in modern business. None of them had ever talked for publication in connection with the Ford financing, but privately they did not hesitate to express the opinion that their very profer of aid, under the terms of their own making, of course, placed Mr. Ford on his mettle and added to his determination to pull through the year without the aid of Wall Street, for which he has evidenced dislike and distrust.

Outside of his recital of facts and figures in liquidating his inventory of raw material and finished product, there is considerable unwritten history of Mr. Ford's financial activities in 1921 of which Wall Street is aware and which now is being passed around as gossip in the financial district. Henry Ford, bankthem thus.

The recovery of the Ford Motor Com-

(New York Times.)

Bankers of Wall Street who early in the year carried the proffer of financial aid to Henry Ford in Detroit, only to have it coldly refused, said yesterday that Mr. Ford, through shrewd financial ility, through forced liquidation and ringh ruthless pressure of the output his factory on his dealers, had peranced a feat that probably would go down in the annals of financial history as one of the most remarkable achievements of post-war liquidation.

They do not doubt, they say, any of the statements of his past and present financial conditions as outlined by Mr. Ford in his interview in The New York Times yesterday morning. And they say that the Ford Motor Company evidently has turned the corner of liquidation and depression in excellent shape. Instead of one huge financial operation, Mr. Ford succeeded in getting his dealers to finance his requirements, each dealer in his own territory.

The bankers who went to see Mr. Ford in January and who offered him financial aid again yesterday declined to make a public statement of any sort about their negotiations with the manufacturer. They take the position that it would be extremely bad faith as well as bad taste for them to make any statement about conversations or negotiations which have been held in their official cambridge.

cars.

In other cities and towns the dealers went to their banks and borrowed on the cars. Shipments averaged about one-tenth of a year's business. The unloading plan was a success, because is was economically sound and ruthlessly applied. Agents were bluntly told that they were indebted to the Ford Company and that to prosper in the future they must assist now. Those who accepted are today the strongest proponents of the Ford method.

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Almost overnight the public began buying Ford cars. Opening the year with

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to the business world. Mark my words, Mr. Ford will take the little railroad he has purchased, throw out all of the antiquated systems now in use on this, as well as on other railroads in the country, and give railroad executives within the next year an example of efficiency and economy which will make them fairly gasp for breath."

PLANS FOR 1922 AT **OBERAMMERGAU** 

ARE SHAPING UP Thirty performances of the Passion Play have been scheduled for 1922 by the committee of twenty-one which is directing the spectacle, but this number will be increased if the attendance de-

It will require an outlay of 1,500,000 narks to stage the Oberammergan olay, and the villagers are extremely inxious about the German political ituation, lest conditions keep foreign-

ers away. The 360 burghers who constitute the lescendants of the original peasants no made the vow to produce the play lecennially personally assume the rethe failure to attract sufficient visitors to meet the cost would result in the bankruptcy of practically the entire village, as the Oberammergau folk have slight resources. Most of the burghers are wood caryers, potters, painters, sculptors, farmers, merchants and small shopkeepers. Only the descendants of

pleague in 1633 take part in the Passion Play and assume responsibility for its next October will be a fateful month, for then the names of the villagers who are to have the leading roles in the spectacle will be announced. To be selected to enact the role of Jesus Christ or one of the Apostles, is a far greater honor to an Oberammergau man than election to the presidency of Germany or any other office within the gift of the entire German people. And any woman of Oberammergau would far rather be chosen to play the role of Mary, or Martha, or Mary Magdalene than to be in the position of Frau Ebert as mistress of the

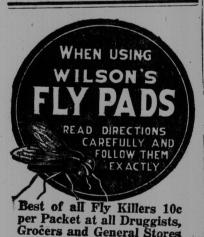
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to play the role of Mary, or Martha, or Mary Magdalene than to be in the position of Frau Ebert as mistress of the president's palace in Berlin.

Many of the actors in the Passion Play next year will doubtless be the same as those in the cast when the play was last produced, in 1910. Anton Lang, who enacted the hole of Jesus Christ in 1900 and 1910, will probably be chosen for the part again, as he is still young enough to undertake the arduous task and looks the part so well that younger aspirants are not likely to displace him.

Ottile Zwink, who played the role of Mary in 1910, has married since that time. No married woman can play a role. Consequently, all the young women of Oberammergau with ability and experience as a ctors are eagerly trying to qualify for the highly important part. Paula Rondi, daughter of Peter Rendi, the sculptor, who was Joseph of Arimathea in the play of 1910 and enacted the role of St. John twenty-one years ago, is one of the most promising the policy of the last production will oble actors of the last production will oble actors of the last production will be during the war, and many of the older actors of the last production will oble actors of the last pr





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