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By the way, just when, this winter, was the mercury below zero in Sylva?

It is supreme irony that the Place de la Concorde should be the scene of bloody rioting of an enraged people.

We would all like to cash in on the silver with which the depression has replanted our golden locks.

If that groundhog will hold this cool weather long enough to give a good fruit crop, we will all be for him.

Washington Has Key to Cuban Situation," says a headline. Yes, but what's the use of locking the stable door after the horse is gone?

If we, in this country, had followed the policy of the French, and started rioting and a revolution every time a big bank busted, where would we be today?

Judging from the heavy payoffs to their lobbyists, the aviation companies were somewhat responsible for keeping us all up in the air during the Hoover Administration.

A municipal swimming pool, financed by CWA funds, would be an asset to Sylva, both materially and from sanitary standpoint, and would be self-liquidating.

We can't just exactly figure out what they mean by "mixed dancing hat, judging from the now-paper accounts, they have been having quite a time about it up at Western Carolina.

The rebuilding of the court house steps, and the beautification of public grounds, all financed by CWA, and giving employment people, will prove an asset to a county, which has a most unique situation for its public buildings.

All that we need say concerning the proposed North Carolina Parkway to Park road route is that, if the government wants to build a scenic route, it should build a scenic road, and that the one we offer is one in which there is none than which.

We are heartily in accord with the North Carolina Federated Women's Club in their "Better English Week" aspirations; but we wish that they would not confine their activities to school children. It would be well to also include newspaper reporters, news agencies, headline writers, and a whole flock of public speakers.

Before we know it, Sylva will be almost in the great park, and we will be overwhelmed with visitors. A chamber of commerce or something is needed to make plans for meeting the situation, and getting our home in order so that Sylva will get its share of the benefits of the park. We have slept long enough. It's time to wake up.

The German Nazis think that a place for a woman is at home, and have accordingly cut the number of girls allowed to attend university this year to 10 per cent of the total. This is arbitrary, dictatorial and we Americans object to almost everything that is done; but, when think about some other countries, begin to put a valuation on our freedom.

Paris Duke is always afraid of being kidnaped, and has a body guard with her wherever she goes. Our guess is that if she would leave home and live just like any of the North Carolina girls, she would be that far lifted from her and would lead a normal life. There are wealthy people in North Carolina, women included, who do that very thing, and they enjoy life, just like the rest of us North Carolinians.

Congress has placed a ban on private lending of money in this country to nations that are in default on payments on their war debts to our government. Sort of a credit association plan of not extending credit to a firm that owes somebody else and won't pay. The truth of the whole matter probably is that the war debts would have all been on the way to settlement if it not for the large amounts that the same nations are owing to private banking interests in America and the agitation that they have in mind favoring cancellation, so that their own lendings will be in the nature of preferred claims.

A good sign is the fact that the circulation of books from public libraries has greatly increased during the depression. People have been reading more. The more they read the more they think, and the more they think the quicker we will emerge from this economic and spiritual morass, unless they are reading trash, for the conscious or unconscious purpose of doing out their minds to keep them from thinking, as is quite frequently done.

There is, after all, such a thing as quick retribution. Out in California, a man listened all night to radio music, and finally, when he began singing "There's A Riv' Around the Moon," he grabbed his knife, went up to the broadcasting station, killed one singer and wounded another. They say he's crazy. Sure he is, or he wouldn't have listened to the crooners and jazz music all night; or if he did listen that long he would be bound to go crazy before it was over.

Every plan for relief has ramifications that are not apparent on the surface. Mrs. Roosevelt, looking over the "stress of the people in the coal mining district of West Virginia, followed the plan of establishing a furniture factory, with federal funds, to give the people employment. Congressmen understand then wanted to know what was the sense in building another furniture factory in West Virginia while there are many furniture workers in North Carolina still out of employment, because there is not sufficient market for their products. And there you are!

A lot of folks are clamoring for federal aid for education; and, in a few years, when the federal government begins to set down rules and snafus for the schools to follow, in order to continue getting such aid, the same folks will be raising objections to centralization of power in Washington. Reminds us of those telegrams going to Raleigh, last winter, calling upon legislators to support an eight months school with local autonomy. Of course, when State or federal governments pay the school bills, these same governments are going to dictate policies. The only way to have local self-government, along any line, is to control it at home, and the only way to control it at home is for the home folks to foot the bills, out of local tax monies.

North Carolina, second in payment of all taxes to the federal government, now takes first place in the payment of processing taxes to be paid out in the form of bonuses to the farmers. Of course it is the cotton and tobacco mills that put North Carolina in this new first place. As to the second place in payment of federal taxes, North Carolina really does not pay it. We are but a tax-gatherer for Uncle Sam, collecting the tobacco tax from all quarters of the earth, and paying it into the federal treasury. However, it sounds mighty big for us to be placed second only to New York in financial support to the United States of America. Turn the record over and listen to the other side of it and hear how far down the scale we are in individual incomes, and it does not sound so well. The problem here, as elsewhere is to bring about a better distribution so that we ordinary folks will have decent incomes, decent living conditions, and a decent chance in life. That is what Roosevelt is trying to bring about.

Hats off to Dr. Billy Potent! Doctors can now hang up his lantern and go to bed. Dr. Billy, appointed by Governor Ehringhaus as one of the two-part time utilities commissioners, when the time came to be sworn in, and finding that the oath prescribed that he was not the owner of any stock in corporate utilities, steamboats, or such, refused to take it. Nobody in North Carolina would have doubted the integrity of any decision that Dr. Potent would have made; but the oath was there, and he wouldn't take it or dodge. He just declined to subscribe his name to it, though the probability is that nobody would have been any the wiser, and North Carolina would have had the benefit of a great public servant. This fine sense of honesty and discrimination should be emulated by all public officials. If it were, the people would have the greatest confidence in their government, and we would begin to move toward a new day, and a real new day would be tossed upon the table.

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**THE WORLD AROUND**

When you think about this old world and its present condition, you get the jitters. Take it all in all, it's in a mess. France is in a turmoil, a crisis precipitated by the failure of a bank in Bayona, and rioting and street fighting in Paris are the order of the day, and night. Cuba is on a revolution after another. Austria is jumping from crisis to crisis and keeping a weather eye toward Fascist Germany. Two South American countries are in death grips over a big swamp. Japan continues to swallow whole chunks of China. Russia and Japan are growling at each other like two bulldogs, and so it goes.

A glance at the headlines of the daily papers gives the story: Bloodshed and fire follow wild battle in heart of Paris. Daladier sees danger of civil war. Justice agents study records of mail probe. Major scandal seen in Washington. Tense Vienna hails Dollfuss. United States enters world money markets.

Russia informs world that she is well armed. Japanese Ambassador to Washington argues peace with America. Detroit Bank ready policy loans to 43 judges, books show. \$950,000,000 aid bill passes house with single dissenting vote. Bankers are urged to loosen credit. Former Hoover aide is arrested in air mail contract quiz. Daladier and his cabinet resign, a menacing mob forms in the street of Paris. And thus goes the story, the work around. The people's nerves, after these years of battling with the big bad wolf are on edge. They sense that they have been gypped by the money powers and governments, and they are angry. What the outcome will be, only the Lord knows. The only thing that can stem the tide is a restored confidence among the people in their governments, in the men who are in public office, in their financial institutions, and those who are in charge of them. In this country that confidence has been largely restored since Roosevelt took the helm.

**THE BOOK**  
the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures  
by **BRUCE BARTON**  
PROVERBS, POEMS AND PROPHETS

TEN fairly representative people were asked, "What do you know about Solomon?" Four of the ten answered, "Nothing." Other answers were: He had two thousand wives; he was the husband of the Queen of Sheba; he built Solomon's Temple; he was the wisest man that ever lived.



Bruce Barton

The statistics regarding Solomon's marriages as given in the Book of Kings are "seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines." The Queen of Sheba was not officially among this distinguished company. A monarch in her own right, she was so impressed by the stories of Solomon's splendor and wisdom that she made a long journey to visit him and after a series of receptions and banquets returned to her home. The present kings of Abyssinia claim their descent from Solomon and this queen. If they are justified in their proud boast her visit was not wholly Platonic. It may have been true of her, as she said of Solomon that "the half has not been told." All that we know certainly is that she never appears in the Bible again. Solomon did build the temple and it remained the pride and glory of Jerusalem until its destruction by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The monuments left by this great ruler were in words—The Proverbs, a rich mine of wisdom wherein every nugget is solid gold. One can only marvel after reading them how a man so wise in other ways could have been so unwise about women. He made a fine start as king. The Lord appeared one night in a dream, asking him to name his heart's desire, and Solomon answered:

Thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.  
Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad: for who is able to judge this thy so great a people?  
To which the Lord replied:  
I have chosen this man in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked long life; but hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee king.  
Wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give thee riches, and wealth, and honour, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee, neither shall any after thee have the like.  
Without this wise choice on the part of Solomon we probably never should have had the Proverbs; but something more than inspired knowledge went into them. They bear evidence of comprehensive experience with every phase of human nature and conduct. Some of them, as might be imagined from Solomon's own record, contain warnings against the unrighteous woman.

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