

The Looking Glass

By JOHN A. LIVINGSTONE

Raleigh took a heavy blow on the chin without flinching. The failure of the Commercial National Bank, with four millions in deposits, was the heaviest blow dealt the Capital City in a generation. It had stood through the panic of 1893, had weathered the slump of 1907 and successfully battled with the deflation 1920. It was looked upon as the one solid local financial institution that could stand all storms.

Yet it went tottering down because of the tremendous drop in commodity prices, which made it impossible for those owing it money to meet their obligations. Eight thousand depositors, enough to constitute a small sized city, were caught. You can't hit that many people without making quite a commotion, no matter what the cause or the result. It is bound to have far spread consequences.

But Raleigh never batted an eye. It took the blow standing up. It started immediately to rebuild its fortunes upon a more substantial basis. It was the finest example of the heroic and indomitable spirit that is North Carolina of which anybody whose memory does not go back to the War-Between-The States and the trying days of Reconstruction can recall.

"Tomorrow in another day," said Suzanne.

Such is the spirit that is Raleigh and that is North Carolina.

Lots of optimistic statements will be turned loose around the New Year. The sad facts are that not much improvement can be expected in the immediate future. The reason is that the commodity prices have been cut half in two within the last two years. That means half the money in circulation that there was two years ago. It means reduced buying power.

It wouldn't make so much difference, if debts had not been contracted upon the basis of prices of two years ago. Interest remains the same. Taxes have been reduced, but not fifty per cent. For that reason most people are placed at a great disadvantage. It has caused bank failures and this has reduced the capital of many others who had not contracted debts. They are in the same predicament as if they had gone out and made debts so far as having capital is concerned. They are busted through no fault of their own.

In one respect the optimistic statements will be justified. We have become accustomed to hard times. We have learned to take our medicine without frowning. The outstanding difference between a human being and an animal is that a man can adapt himself to any circumstances or conditions. He can live at the North Pole or at the Equator. Give him a little time and he will make himself at home in either place.

So it is in these hard times. We have had them for two years and we have on our fighting clothes now. There is in fact a more hopeful spirit than there was six months ago although times have not improved. This is due to the fact that we have out on our fighting clothes. We have not given up. Each time that we have been knocked down, we have gotten up again.

The chief difference between a successful man and the defeated man is that the former never knows when he is licked. Knock him down a thousand time and he will get up each time. His face is to the front, he never knows when he's licked and if he is licked he will not stay licked. The one golden rule for success in this world is to keep on.

North Carolina is keeping on keeping on.

So far as anybody could observe Christmas was observed in these diggings with the same spirit of good will and joyfulness that it always is. If there wasn't as much money spent as usual, it was made to do more work. If presents were less expensive from a monetary standpoint, they carried as much love as if they were expensive. In fact, it seemed that there was more of the Christmas spirit than usual. Adversity makes us feel a closer relationship to our fellow man.

We must now face the future with the stern realization that it is going to be a long and hard pull to get back on our feet again. But we will do it. North Carolina has not surrendered. It has kept its face to the front despite the pessimists who for a brief while during the past year held reign over the State. They have been put out of the way.

It is naturally an unencouraging outlook when thousands of people are without the means to make a living. Perhaps the hardest hit of all are the tenant farmers, thousands of whom are without the means to make a living. Landowners are unable to borrow money, they have no money and consequently they cannot carry the tenant farmer as they have been do-

ing. The tenant farmers cannot move to the cities, where other thousands are out of work. What they will do, the Lord only knows, but we shall solve even that problem.

Half of the solution of any problem consists in realizing that there is a problem to be solved. The very fact that we are face to face with this serious problem, which has got to be solved, makes it certain that it will be solved. It is a problem for statesmen. In every crisis in American history there have been leaders to meet the problems that had to be solved. It will be the same with this unemployment problem, which is the most serious one that faces America today.

As Grover Cleveland once said, it is a condition and not a theory that confronts us. It is a situation that has got to be met. It will be met in the same courageous spirit that North Carolina has always met her problems.

While it is true that unemployment exists on a large scale, making it necessary for the more fortunate to contribute freely of their means, it is also true that there are many pan handlers abroad in the land today. It is hard to separate the sheep from the goats. Many men and women are making no honest effort to get on their feet. This makes it more difficult to deal with the problem of want. But that, too, will be met.

The first and important thing that a man knocked down has to do is to resolve to get on his feet. As the Salvation Army puts it, a man may be down but he is never out. Not as long as he is resolved to get on his feet. If he gives up, then he is done for. The pan handlers, however, are in the minority. They constitute only a small part of the population.

Out of the wreck and debris that has characterized the past year in North Carolina has come the spirit of never giving up. North Carolina faces the New Year with scenery, not because times have improved but because it has refused to be defeated. This is the greatest lesson that we have learned. Adversity has its rewards, the greatest of which is the firm determination that we may be down, but we shall never be defeated.

Mrs. D. I. Massey of Wendell, route 1, reports selling \$98.15 worth of poultry and eggs from a flock of 20 hens this year. Mr. Massey sold \$138 worth of milk from four cows since May 15.

KERR SPONSORS

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kick? If you aid the land owner to discharge his indebtedness by carrying him over this depression there would be no danger of the bond holder or the Bank ever owning the land. This is the purpose of Congressman Kerr's Bill—to keep the banks from having to foreclose and own the property. The man, the bank or the business that can pay its obligations when due always has a high credit and its bonds (especially when tax free) will always sell in our market. But they say "Federal Land Bank Bonds are only selling at 75 cents on the dollar." This may be true, but it has been caused by a lack of Statesmanship by those in power, who have refused to come to the help of the distressed land owner. It is the Plan of those who go to the Federal Farm

A BILL

For the relief of delinquent farmers and land owners who are indebted to the Federal land banks and joint-stock land banks of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of \$150,000,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Federal Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to become available and payable to the Federal Farm Loan Board, and by it to be loaned without interest to the several Federal land banks, and joint-stock land banks in the United States. The said banks having been authorized and created under and by virtue of the Federal Farm Loan Act and amendments thereto, for the purpose of covering all default payments due the said banks upon the passage of this Act, or—and which may become due within a period of three years after the passage of this Act by any farmer and—or landowner who has borrowed from said bank and whose land has been conveyed to said bank to secure said loan; and for the further purpose of allowing default borrowers to redeem the lands so conveyed and which has been foreclosed by said bank is in possession of said bank or its agent.

Sec. 2. That all sums of money advanced or loaned to the banks aforesaid by the Federal Farm Loan Board for the purpose set forth in section 1 of this Act shall be added to the principal indebtedness of the defaulting farmer and landowner and apportioned equally as near as possible to the remaining installments due, in order to discharge the full indebtedness due, as set forth in the loan contract, at maturity.

Sec. 3. That upon the discharge of the indebtedness, or any part thereof, due said Federal land banks, and—or joint-stock land banks by reason of sections 1 and 2 of this Act, it shall be the duty of said Federal land banks and—or joint-stock land banks to deposit the money so paid by the borrower under said sections 1 and 2, within the Federal Farm Loan Board to be deposited by said board in the Treasury of the United States.

Sec. 4. That the Federal Farm Loan Board is hereby directed and empowered to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effect the letter and the spirit of this Act.

Little Girl Wants A Sewing Set

Macon, N. C.

Dear Santa Claus,
I am a little girl 9 years old, I want you to bring me a sewing set, box of stationary, 2 boxes of sparkles and lots of good things to eat.
Your little Girl,
Margaret Thompson.

Dear Santa Claus,
Bring me a foot ball, that is all. Bring my little sisters a crib and a doll. From
Clement Hunter Weston,
Warrenton, N. C.

Crack Shot Lands Job As Watchman

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 21.—No sooner was Max Bnner cleared of a murder charge yesterday than he was hired by the coast town of Encinitas, near here, as its night watchman.

The shooting that had caused his arrest won him local renown as a gun fighter. Testimony at a court hearing here showed that he killed Lorenzo T. "Dad" Naples and injured R. C. Ritz in a pistol fight after they started an argument with his landlady.

Bonner formerly was a railroad detective in Georgia.

TELLS WHY HE

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fort which will be made by the selfish interests of this country to cancel our European debts, and thereby enable them to make further war preparations and eventually wreck the world. I do not think that those whom I represent in this nation subscribe to such a policy or would let it be brought about if they could help it. I shall not do it."

KEEPING OF CHRISTMAS

Are you willing to forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you; to ignore what the world owes you, and to think what you owe the world, to put your rights in the background, and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground; to see that your fellow-men are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy; to own that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give to life; to close your boog of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for seeds of happiness—are you willing to do these things even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.
VAN DYKE.

Loan Board for approval of their Bills to turn this great sum of money over to the Board to "stabilize" the bonds. Of course if this idea prevails there will be many multimillionaires who will buy up these bonds at seventy-five dollars on the hundred, pay no taxes on them and draw approximately five and a half per cent net and hold mortgages on our homes at half the value. Congressman Kerr's plan to stabilize the bonds, is to enable the land owner with this same millions to pay his indebtedness, redeem his home and the bonds will go to par or above, and may return to treasury.

Congressman Kerr's Bill is in the interest of the farm owner, and incidentally taking care of bond owners and assuring the return to the Treasury of the millions borrowed. It is a fair and a just Bill, and it is sound economically.

LUCKY BREAKS

By C. R. Miller

RECOMMENDED WORTHLESS CLERK-



A YOUNG BANK CLERK, UNINTERESTED IN FIGURES, SPENT HOURS DREAMING—TO GET RID OF HIM A BANK PRESIDENT RECOMMENDED HIM TO ROYAL DUTCH OIL COMPANY. SIR HENRY DETERDING, FORMER CLERK, IS NOW MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST OIL PRODUCING COMPANY.

SIR HENRY DETERDING

Vocational Agricultural News

By R. H. BRIGHT

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We think of the hog as an animal that will stand all cold. This is a mistake because the hog is not as well protected as other animals. The skin of the hog is thin and the hair is short and sparse. I have seen very few hog houses or even shelters for hogs in this county. I am sure that we are making a mistake. An expensive hog house is not necessary. Lumber may be bought at the present time for seven dollars per thousand. A thousand feet will build a house sufficient to care for five or six hogs. This cost added to a small cost for roofing and nails will enable you to save several dollars during this winter. Fortunately it has not been cold enough to cause the hog to lose very much weight so far this winter.

Energy is required to keep the hog warm. This energy might well be converted into flesh. The very thing the hog is being raised for. In case of young pigs is very important that the house be provided. A simple structure with a two by eight nailed around the inside about twelve inches from the ground will prevent the sow laying on the pigs and mashing them. This house should be away from the herd so as the other hogs will not have access to it. This is important for two reasons. Prevention of disease and the mashing of small pigs. Sufficient scrap lumber may be had on the average farm for the building of hog houses. In most cases this lumber is merely rotting and the hogs freezing. Look around and see if you can't locate some old scrap lumber and build your hogs a house. Build it on skids if possible so as you will be able to move it from one place to another.

INTERLUDE

By HOWARD JONES JR.

News seems to have been crippled by the depression this week. From practically every source to which the query has been shot, "What do you know," has come the reply, "Nothing in the way of news, every thing is quiet." Seems strange for things to be so quiet just a few days before Christmas, but I venture to say that things will be happening during the latter part of this week.

Louis Graves, editor of the Chapel Hill Weekly, has a fancy for words, and frequently comments in his newspaper on expressions which he likes and does not like. I wonder if he has heard the expression "squirreling." I was told that the word originated down in the Inez section, and so far as I have been able to learn, it is apropos of almost any situation, most commonly used in connection with beating or outdoing some one.

Ed Jenkins, employe of the Carolina Power & Light Co., and boarder at the home of Col. and Mrs. W. R. Baskerville where we also stay while the folks are in Washington, has the best plan that I have heard for solving the problems which are today worrying America's leading thinkers. He wants to give the country back to the Indians, or at least he says so most every morning when he is aroused from his slumber to go to work.

"Make some other heart happy with joy."

"Happiness is the reward of the kind."

"Have you the Christmas spirit? Get it."

"I'm old and I've had many troubles—most of them never happened."

A welcome to the boys and girls who are returning from the schools and colleges. They bring home a little more style, snap and appeal than when they sauntered out. With them comes life, joy and good fellowship. There is also a welcome to the older ones who gather

The commonwealth of Australia produces about one-fourth of the world's supply of wool.

Want Ads

LOOK AT THESE PRICES—Union ball bearing Roller Skates, tot's size, \$1.00; boys size, \$1.75; girls size, \$2.00. Give them skates. Skating is good exercise for them. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

FOOTBALLS AND BASKETBALLS—We invite you to inspect our stock and compare our prices. The Kids will enjoy one of these the whole year. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

A GIFT SUPREME—THE WONDERFUL copper-clad Range. See the beautiful new models. She deserves one; why not one for Christmas. Come in and let us show you why its the best range made. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

OH BOY! SEE THE MILES Special—all steel body, reinforced frame, heavy disk wheels roller bearings, rubber tires, Coaster Wagons. Regular \$5.50 value, and we are letting them go at the Special Price of \$3.95. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

GIVE THE FAMILY AN ALaddin Lamp for Christmas—A gift that will be appreciated 365 nights to the year and for many, many years. Call at our store for demonstration. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

GIFTS—WE HAVE A STORE full of gifts that are useful and give years of service. Give something that through its service you will be remembered. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

DAISY AIR RIFLES—Single shot, \$1.00 and \$1.50; 350 shot, \$2.00; 500 shot, \$2.50; 1000 shot, \$3.00. Let the boys learn to shoot early. Daisy Air Rifles are accurate. W. A. Miles Hardware Company.

LEGAL NOTICES

TRUSTEE'S LAND SALE
By virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain deed of trust executed January 1st, 1924, by Joseph Byrd Ellington and wife to the undersigned trustee, which is of record in office of Register of Deeds office of Warren County, N. C., in Bk. 119, p. 60 et seq., default having been made in payment of indebtedness therein secured, upon request of the holder thereof, I will sell at public auction for cash at courthouse door, in Warrenton, N. C., 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 23, 1932, the following lands:

Bounded on the North by the lands of G. W. Ellington and J. T. Ellington, on the East by the lands of H. P. Hilliard and W. H. Paschall on the South by the lands of N. H. Paschall, and on the West by the lands of G. W. Ellington, being situate in Nutbush Township, in Warren County, and containing ninety-five and one-fourth (95 1/4) acres, more or less, and being the same land conveyed to Joseph Byrd Ellington by G. W. Ellington by deed dated November 15th, 1923, recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Warren County in Book 117, page 109, and being a part of the land conveyed to G. W. Ellington by Mattie V. Hilliard by deed dated October 30th, 1895, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Warren County in Book 59, page 690, and this tract formerly was conveyed to Thomas D. Hilliard and Mattie Hilliard by deed dated January 1st, 1876, executed by Wm. J. Hawkins and re-

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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

May peace, joy and health be yours at this yuletide season and with the dawn of 1932 may prosperity light your way

We also take this opportunity of thanking our friends for the patronage with which they have favored us during the year 1931.

HUNTER DRUG COMPANY

Home of the Western Union



A Merry Christmas to All
We say in thanking you for your past patronage and bidding for your future work
Service Shoe Repair Shop
Next to Hunter Drug Company
Warrenton, N. C.