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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

GREATEST IN THE KINGDOM.
 Whosoever therefore shall humble him-
 self as this little child, the same is
 greatest in the kingdom of heaven.
 —Matthew 18: 4.

**MORTGAGE DEBT ON OWNED
 HOMES AND FARMS**

A report has just been issued
 by the Census Bureau giving
 the amount and percentages of
 mortgages on owned homes and
 farms in the United States in
 1920 compared with 1890, a pe-
 riod of thirty years.

This report shows that the es-
 timated debt on owned farms in
 1890 was \$1,086,000 and the total
 value of these farms were esti-
 mated at \$3,055,000,000, the ratio
 of debt to value being 35.6 per
 cent.

The mortgage debt on similar
 farms in 1920 was \$5,001,000,000
 and the total estimated value of
 these farms was given as \$17,609-
 000,000 the ratio of debt to value
 being 28.4 per cent. The value
 of the farms during the thirty
 year period showed an increase
 of 473.4 per cent while the mort-
 gaged debt increased only 360.5
 per cent, which shows a fairly
 healthy condition generally with
 respect to farm ownership.

We have no available up-to-
 date figures for North Carolina
 or this county, but the depres-
 sion of the past two years has
 served to place many an addi-
 tional mortgage upon the farms
 in this section and the South
 which it will take many years to
 liquidate. It is a regrettable con-
 dition, for when there is a mort-
 gage on the farm the interest on
 this mortgage, at least, must be
 earned before there is any profit
 to the owner. Farming on heav-
 ily mortgaged land is an up-hill
 undertaking and the obligation
 should never be incurred except
 under the direst necessity.

**RUSSIA ANXIOUS TO RE-
 ESTABLISH ITSELF**

Russia has agreed to admit
 and assume war and prewar
 debts and abandon counter claims
 provided they are granted ade-
 quate financial help in their ef-
 fort to rehabilitate the country
 and put it again on a firm finan-
 cial basis.

Although the American gov-
 ernment did not see fit to par-
 ticipate in the present economic
 conference, yet all eyes are turned
 to this country for it is recog-
 nized that effective relief in a
 financial way cannot be accorded
 Russia without the help of
 this country.

If Russia had been granted
 this consideration many months
 ago there probably never would
 have been such a close association
 with Germany and the treaty
 which is causing so much discus-
 sion probably never would have
 been drawn nor ratified. What

ever may now be done for Rus-
 sia, and aid must be given them
 in their effort to reestablish a
 stable government and again take
 its place among the great nations
 of the world, the same will mean
 the strengthening of the union
 of interests of Germany and Rus-
 sia and jointly make them a more
 powerful combination in the
 moulding of world affairs.
 Whether it will be for good or
 evil only time can tell, but the
 past history of the German na-
 tion has been all for self inter-
 est with no thought of another,
 and we can only judge the fu-
 ture by the past. Russia left
 alone, however is a continuous
 menace to world stability and

peace. It is a situation fraught
 with wonderful and tragic pos-
 sibilities and only the wisdom of
 the greatest minds of the world
 can solve the problem and work
 out the solution.

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