

BANK ROBBER PROVES TO BE GOOD PROMOTER

Purchases Leading Hotel, and Marries the Belle of the Village

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 13. (UN)—Steve Williams, who is held in jail here following the robbery of a bank in Plummerville Wednesday confessed to detectives this afternoon that he is the same man who three months ago literally took Truma, Ark., by storm.

Williams dropped into Truman and introduced himself as Captain Frank Williams of the merchant marine, and represented himself as wealthy. He immediately bought the leading hotel and cafe and shortly married the daughter of a leading family.

For a month things went smoothly. Then bills began to come in and one morning when Truman citizens awoke "Captain Williams" was gone. He was not heard of until the bank robbery Wednesday.

Williams' bank robbing methods are unique. Wednesday he entered the bank after a fire alarm, locked the cashier who had remained behind, in the vault and made away with \$5,000. He was captured after a few minutes.

Visiting With Mrs. John Dagherty—

Mrs. R. D. Harris of Omaha, Neb., is visiting in this city at the home of her old friend Mrs. John Dagherty on Mountain Avenue.

Here's Winner of \$25,000 Swimming Event



George Young, 17-year-old Toronto, Canada, youth, wins \$25,000 for finishing the Catalina Channel swim sponsored by William Wrigley. This NEA telephoto picture shows him on a stretcher just after he completed the swim in 15 hours 45 minutes, the only contestant to finish.

turns on lands rented by the Federal Land Bank had been very satisfactory. The income being from 4 to 23 per cent with an average of 8.2-16 per cent. Another indication of financial prosperity for this section was found in the fact that a few years ago small country banks carrying agricultural obligations had been compelled to solicit aid to carry on their burden, while during the past year they had been unable to utilize their surplus in their own territory and were compelled to seek outside channels for investment.

These outstanding facts should engender confidence in our own people for the coming year. Taking 1926 as a foundation upon which to build, the immediate future should hold the brightest prospects for even a better record than that of the past year. A brief survey from a national standpoint is even more impressive from the viewpoint of big business. According to the report of Mr. B. C. Forbes, America has done more business in 1926 than it ever did in any other peace year. It has been a banner year for the railroads. It has been, on the whole, a good year for industry. It has been the best year Public Utilities have ever enjoyed, having testified decided progress in the employment of employees and customer ownership of securities in the Public Utility field. It has been a moderately good year for retail merchants. It has been the most profitable year labor has ever experienced, thanks to employment far above normal at the best real wages in this or any other country's history. There was a moderate increase in our foreign trade with heavy lending of American capital, about one billion five hundred million, to foreign governments and corporate borrowers. The year has raised the nation's savings deposits to a new maximum of twenty four billion dol-

lars. The year has been noteworthy for the abundance of money available for new investment, for expansion, and for stock market operations, a condition which promises to continue. Building activities has been unusually active and the average quotation for bonds on the New York stock exchange rose to the highest point ever reached.

The greatest achievement of the business and industrial world during the past year was the development of greater unity and a more sympathetic understanding of labor towards managerial and corporate organizations.

Throughout the Northwest our major products have brought fair returns. The marketing problem is our outstanding problem to be solved, particularly in the lumber and fruit industry. A keen realization of this fact has induced comprehensive studies along this line and the immediate future should hold promising developments. National legislation in behalf of agricultural pursuits are expected from this year's session of Congress, with marketing and transportation relief in sight.

A study of agricultural conditions as observed by the directors of the Federal Land Bank shows that where diversified farming has been practiced, results have been generally satisfactory. On the other hand where one com-

modity has been depended upon through specialized effort results have not always been satisfactory. Experience, confidence and industrious effort in practically all lines of endeavor have reaped a fair reward, while inexperience and backward endeavor have encountered many reverses.

It is the opinion generally expressed that the Northwest is the section designated for immediate development. Success will far outstrip previous and will adequate and sustained support. Unquestioned natural opportunities and resources, we should not hesitate to build for an ever greater tomorrow. As the

pieces of yesterday biased the way to a land of undeveloped possibilities, we must likewise bias the way to man-made achievements in the industrial awakening of today. Older minds of sound and conservative viewpoint must associate with young blood of keener initiative. United effort and community spirit logically and scientifically directed will insure progress in any Northwestern community, and to the individual let me say that a single voice in the wilderness hears only its own echo but joined to the answering call of the multitude it finds itself in tune with the infinite progress of the years.

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eral activities but business and industrial organizations as well. It is with the view of presenting facts and figures showing the substantial conditions that prevailed throughout 1926 which should engender in every mind an attitude of supreme confidence and optimism for the immediate future, that I would answer the query as

Northwest. On a recent visit to the financial centers of the country, Mr. Jewett stated that he was everywhere hailed as a financial ambassador of the most prosperous section of our United States. The Northwest being looked upon as being substantially the greater section of the nation. In investigating the basis for this optimistic viewpoint regarding the Northwest, Mr. Jewett found the following conditions relative to the Federal Land Bank at Spokane, which

embraces the Northwestern states, to fully justify the highly satisfactory viewpoint regarding conditions in our own section of the country.

The collections of the Federal Land Bank at Spokane during the past few years on the obligations it had carried averaged 84.2 per cent. For the past year collections on obligations had averaged from 82 to 87 per cent, Oregon being at the peak, the collections for this state averaging 87 per cent. Furthermore the rental re-

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Still, every day one sees tragedies enacted before one's own eyes. A sudden death leaves a family deprived of its mainstay and prop; and it is discovered that, believer in insurance though he was; procrastination or neglect left his family unprotected. A fire leaves a family without worldly goods or possessions, and no wherewithal to regain them.

Common sense alone urges the necessity of protection, and thrift and economy further

motivate it. In the case of life insurance, not only is protection afforded at small cost, but the insurance itself is actual saving. Furthermore, money invested in insurance earns interest as does any other form of investment. The small cost of other forms of insurance is negligible when compared with the possible losses which they nullify.

"Never leave that to tomorrow which you can do today," is another wise precept culled from Poor Richard's store. If you have neglected or put off securing insurance, make Thrift Week the occasion for its inception. Any one of the individuals or firms listed below can advise you on one or all of the forms of insurance available.

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