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REAL THRIFT

Every year at this time, the week which begins on Benjamin Franklin's birthday, January 17th, is celebrated as National Thrift Week. We think this is a pretty good idea, and that this year, 1932, is a particularly good year in which to do a little hinking

An immense amount of the trouble which this country experienced in 1931, and to a lesser degree in 1930, came about because a large number of people forgot about thrift in the boom years from 1928 to 1929. There was always a chance to get a better tob at more money, so why worry about laying anything aside for a rainy day? But there were a lot of velope into a savings bank or a building and loan association or a piece of property or something else of permanent value. Those people who were thrifty are the ones who are not complaining of distress in these hard times.

money away where it does nobody was not ready to announce that it Hoover was about to engage in any any good. It is thrift to buy or build was "trembling on the verge." a home, or to put a little money away every pay day for a life insur- coln despaired of it. Many presentday fectively in campaigns. ance or old age fund. Running into debt is not always thriftless, provided the debt is for something of actual value and the regular payments



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comes. The people who are in the worst trouble today are the ones who household utility which promises notion that their incomes were ne- tremendous sale.

Benjamin Franklin was right when

BANKS AND BANKERS

financial distress is due to the fact living. hearings at Washington on international banking that more than six hundred million dollars of bonds ispaid the interest when due and that there is an excellent chance that not get their money back.

These loans were made on the inritation of New York concerns which tal than gold supply, or raw matercall themselves investment bankers. The bonds were sold at high prices tion with the past, a spirit of continto individuals and to small banks uous improvement. throughout the country. And these are far from being the only so-called investments on which the public and the small bankers have been stung.

Real bankers do not advise or en- tremble on the verge. courage their customers to invest in doubtful securities, or buy them with their depositors' money. People are orone to think that bankers are speculators. That is very far from being the truth. The vast majority of bankers have a very deep sense of redisplayed by the White House in the more cautious about making loans olas Longworth of the House of Rethan if it was their own money they presentatives. were lending. To be sure, even the Meanwhile the President has been sometimes make mistakes, but we lems that are facing the country. have observed that the banks which are in the soundest condition today importance, not because of anything are the ones which did not buy high- that was actually accomplished, but ly speculative securities while the because it resulted in a thorough boom was on, and who are not them- understanding between the two counselves in the business of selling and purposes.

TREMBLING ON THE VERGE By Bruce Barton

trembler. There has never been a ther country. That statement dispos-Thrift does not mean hoarding time in its history when some one ed of any possible criticism that Mr.

prophets assure us that it passed ov- The greatest good accomplished er the peak in 1929, and is now defin- diplomats here believe, was the clear itely on the way down.

have enjoyed some interesting ex- land's example and forsake the gold piences. I have attended the annual standard. That was France's greatsales conventions of a number of ma- est anxiety and to prevent such acjor industries. Their business, when I tion was understood to be Premier visited them, was terrible. But what Laval's main object in coming here. took place at the conventions?

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on principal and interest are not too dustry, the head of the research de- cal in desiring to keep international eign minister in their countries. neavy to be borne out of fixed in- partment revealed plans for a new finance on an even keel and that they Nobody in the United States has banish one disagreeable feature of any major disturbances. went into debt in boom times on the housework. It is certain to have a

In a furniture company, the "planning department" displayed a whole Mr. Hoover or Mr. Laval could keep new line of improved floor coverings. In a third, an opitcal concern, the of them too deeply interested in the he said, "A penny saved is a penny scientists told us of work now going subject to avoid some remarks, but, pean nation must be left as the best on which may give all of us better

Everywhere I found men's backs turned upon present discouragements. and minds busy with better goods, It looks to us as if a good deal of better methods, better ideas, better

I spoke to the head of one company about it. He said he had recently been holding a meeting of their English representatives. He told them casualbankers while the big money boom ly that the company had hired an was on. It was brought out in the engineer and assigned him the task of making a world survey of their sources of raw materials for the

One of the Englishment exclaimed: sued by different South American "Confound you Yankees! What Enggovernments are in default. That lish company would ever think of neans these governments haven't hiring a man to look ahead twenty-

Coming to the end of all these meetings, I concluded that it is a people who bought these bonds will waste of time to worry about the future of American business.

We have an asset more fundamenials, or electric power, or climate.

As long as we are inspired by that spirit I believe that our future is secure. We shall not go down to des-

No matter how often we may

This Week In Washington

January 28-More activity has been sponsibility in the handling of other past few weeks than in many months. people's money. They regard them- Congress will meet a month from elves as trustees, and they natural now and the spotlight will shift to y feel that they have to be much Capitol Hill, especially over the choice of successor to Speaker Nich-

most careful and honest bankers grappling with the immediate prob-Premier Laval's visit here is generally conceded to have been of first tries regarding their individual aims

Before even the leaders of the governments of France and the United States clasped hands a definite statement was issued that nothing that might be done or said was to be ta-The United States is a famous ken as having a binding effect on eiof the "entangling foreign alliance" Washington despaired of it. Lin- that political spellbinders use so ef-

enunciation on the part of the United Yet within the past few months I States that it would not follow Eng-It was agreed at the conference that In one of them, an electrical in- the aim of both countries was identi-

After We Serve

household utility which promises to would work in harmony to prevent any false notions about Borah's im-

While statements were issued that politics was not discussed at the conference, nobody believes that either off the subject entirely. They are both whatever they said, it was not dis-

Senator Borah did not overlook the chance to grab the political limelight, however, and his interview granted to the French newspapermen, startnimself and not for anybody with real authority. Borah is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the post equivalent to the post of for- lem.

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portance and his demands for a reshaping of the boundaries of Hungary and revision of the lines of the Polish Corridor were not taken by any of the French delegation as being of any importance. The only thing Borah said that the President backed was his declaration that every Burojudges of its own security.

Both the President and M. Laval agreed any action on disarmament must be held up until the international conference is held next year to discuss that subject. They also agreed led the world until later assurances that the present costs of arming from the White House made it clear the rival nations has grown to such that Borah was speaking only for an extent that the burden is to great to be borne and that good times cannot be expected to return until Senate, and Europeans consider that some solution is found of this prob-

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