

## BACK TO SANITY

MANSFIELD, Jan. 21.—Allow me to congratulate you on your recent splendid editorials. They have done more toward bringing about a saner state of mind to that panic, frenzied, unthinking people than you perhaps realize. Your frank statement of facts and your clear presentation of the results of such unthinking selfishness and to what greater lengths a continuance of such actions will inevitably lead, unless folks will "right about face" and in so far as possible, retrieve their awful blunder, you have faithfully and forcibly put, in language all can understand.

I am proud of the reactionary results they have produced and of how nobly and loyally business men, professors, teachers, leaders of organizations, ministers, students and thousands in every walk of life have responded to the appeals to unified, beneficial action, and are cooperating to help awaken the panic-stricken public to a sense of the tragedy they so heedlessly and thoughtlessly precipitated on every business institution of Urbana and Champaign, as well as upon every citizen there. Showing them the injustice and even the crime of causing a solvent institution to close its doors after over 50 years of faithful service to the public. Your faith in and loyalty to Mr. N. M. Harris and his board of directors, and your cooperation, are beautiful and touching and well grounded, showing real bigness of the best business men of Champaign-Urbana. A step every loyal American citizen should copy.

The concerted action of the Urbana Mayor and his loyal constituency in proclaiming and maintaining a four-day holiday in business is most laudable, a master stroke of diplomacy. This will show folks that they are in a very real sense "their brother's keeper" and "cannot live to themselves alone," but owe much to each other and necessary to each other's well being. "If ye love not your brother whom ye have seen, how can ye love God, whom ye have not seen." "He that would save his life must lose it" in a very real sense if he meet's God's and his fellow-man's approval. I believe that out of this chaotic condition will arise a broader charity, a greater faith; a

better understanding, a deeper consideration and confidence and a quietness and assurance than has existed for some time past.

I believe also that out of this will evolve a system of greater stabilization with less peril to our enterprising, good men who hazard so much for a too often thankless public, being many times misjudged, misrepresented and maligned while carrying weights little dreamed of by this same public. A better understanding will result, doubtless.

Again I congratulate you on your part in these desirable results just on the eve of attainment. I am sure these are the sentiments also of the citizens of this little town.

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