

Objective: To examine the causes of the Great Depression USHC 6.3

Do Now: How did an increase in wages help cause an economic boom?



Causes of the Great Depression

I. Stock Market Crash

- On Tuesday, October 29, 1929, stock prices plummeted.
- This became known as Black Tuesday.

Weather
Continued Rain

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Decatur, Illinois, TUESDAY EVENING October 29, 1929

THREE CENTS

WALL STREET IN NEW PANIC

LAKE FREIGHTER SINKS CLAIMING LIVES OF EIGHT

Coast Guardsmen Fight Waves to Save 66 From Drowning

2D DISASTER IN WEEK

Captain of 40 Years Old Steamer Goes Down as Ship Flounders

KENOSHA, Wis., Oct. 29—

The second big shipwreck on Lake Michigan within a week claimed eight lives Tuesday while coast guardsmen fought their way through mountainous waves to save 66 others from the 60 years old steamer Wisconsin after it had floundered in a storm 12 miles off the coast.

SENATOR BURTON, LONG LEADER OF OHIO POLITICS AND FRIEND OF PRESIDENT HOOVER IS DEAD

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Senator Theodore E. Burton, of Ohio, for years a Republican leader and close personal friend of President Hoover, died at his home here Monday night. He was 78 years old and had been in poor health for the past year. Although confined to his home for weeks he maintained his usual interest in legislative matters and kept in close touch with his office until only a few days before his death.

He suffered a seemingly mild attack of influenza about a month ago but, in his weakened condition, was unable to combat it and suffered a serious relapse last Wednesday. Bishop William T. MacDowell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, was to officiate at formal funeral services at the Senate chamber at 2:30 p. m. President Hoover will attend the rites. The body will be taken to Cleveland for burial. The Senate adjourned Tuesday out of respect for Burton, whose death was called to the attention of the Senate by Senator Fox of Ohio, when that body convened. Fox presented a resolution expressing the Senate's regret at the

OHIO SENATOR DEAD



FEAR SAFETY OF AIR LINER WITH FIVE ON BOARD

Southwest Joins in Second Great Search in Three Months

NEAR T. A. T. DISASTER

(By United Press.)
LOS ANGELES, Oct. 29.—The Southwest's second great air hunt within three months started at dawn Tuesday when planes took the air from Los Angeles and Albuquerque, N. M., to search for the Western Air Express passenger liner feared lost near the rugged Arizona-New Mexico state line. Two passengers and a crew of three were aboard the plane when it took off from Kingman, Ariz., at 7:24 a. m. Monday after retuning on its flight from Los Angeles to Albuquerque.

JOHN ROACH STRATON, NOTED FUNDAMENTALIST AND PASTOR OF CALVARY CHURCH IS DEAD

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Dr. John Roach Straton, noted fundamentalist minister, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., according to word received at his residence here Tuesday. Heart disease was given as the cause of death. Straton, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church here, had been ill for some time. His wife was at the bedside.

Supported Bryan
The rise of Straton in the ministry was sensational and rapid. Born in Evansville, Ind., in 1875, he attended Marcy University, and later took a professorship at Baylor University. He accepted a call to a Chicago pulpit and from there came to the Calvary Baptist church, regarded by clergymen as the most influential fundamentalist pulpit in the denomination.

FUNDAMENTALIST DIES



Bankers Finally Bring Selling to Halt Three Minutes Before Closing

Additional Staggering Losses Marked Against Even Strongest Issues at Close of Greatest Trading Day in History

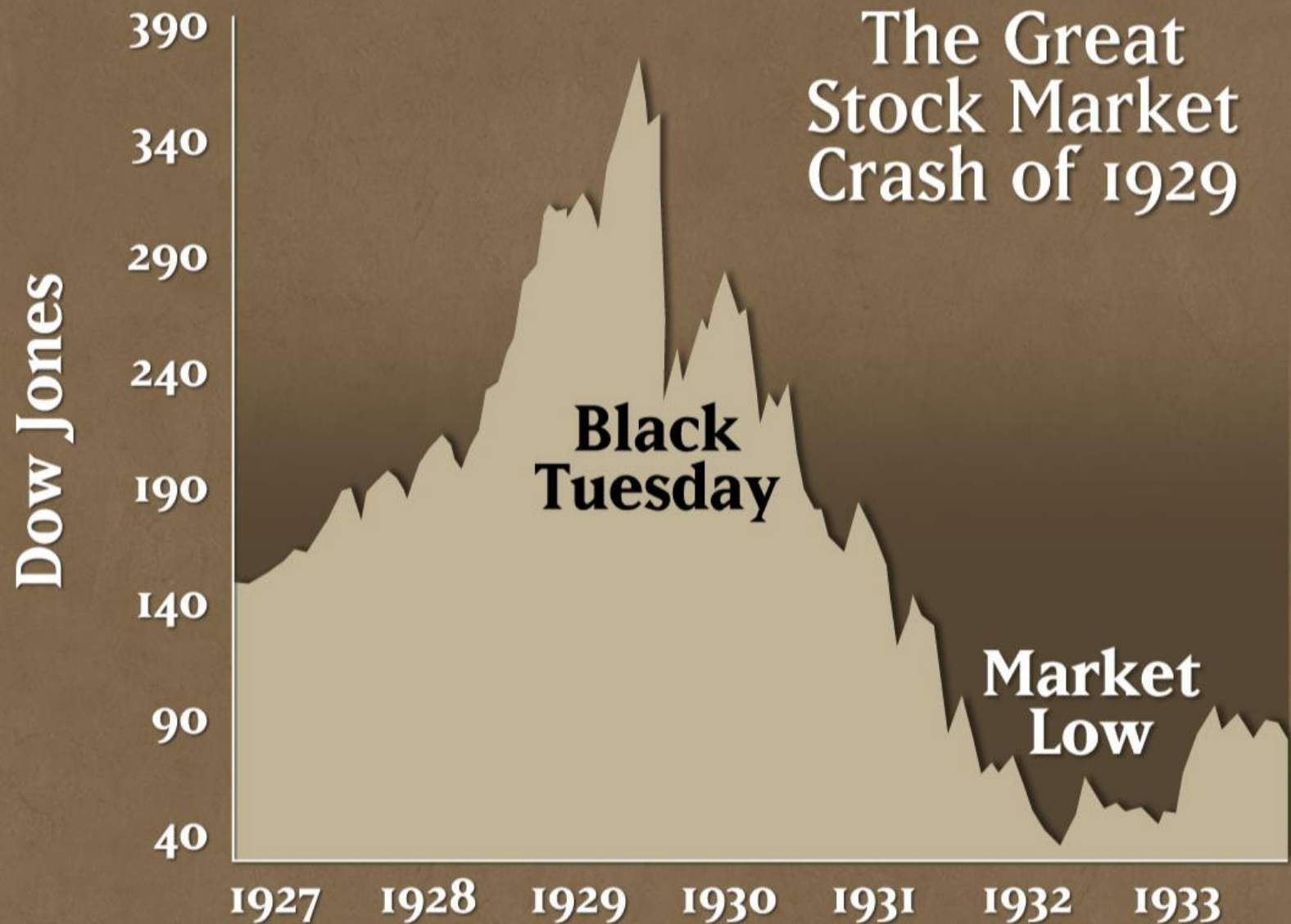
(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 29—Millions of dollars in backing from bankers, and statements of confidence from financiers, applied brakes to the stock market at the close Tuesday and prices swung upward in the last three minutes of trading.

But the rally was ended by the gong which closed the greatest day in the market's history and the books were closed with additional staggering losses marked against even the strongest.

Sidelights

(By United Press.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 29.—The Curb Exchange Tuesday announced sus-

Stock Market before and after Black Tuesday





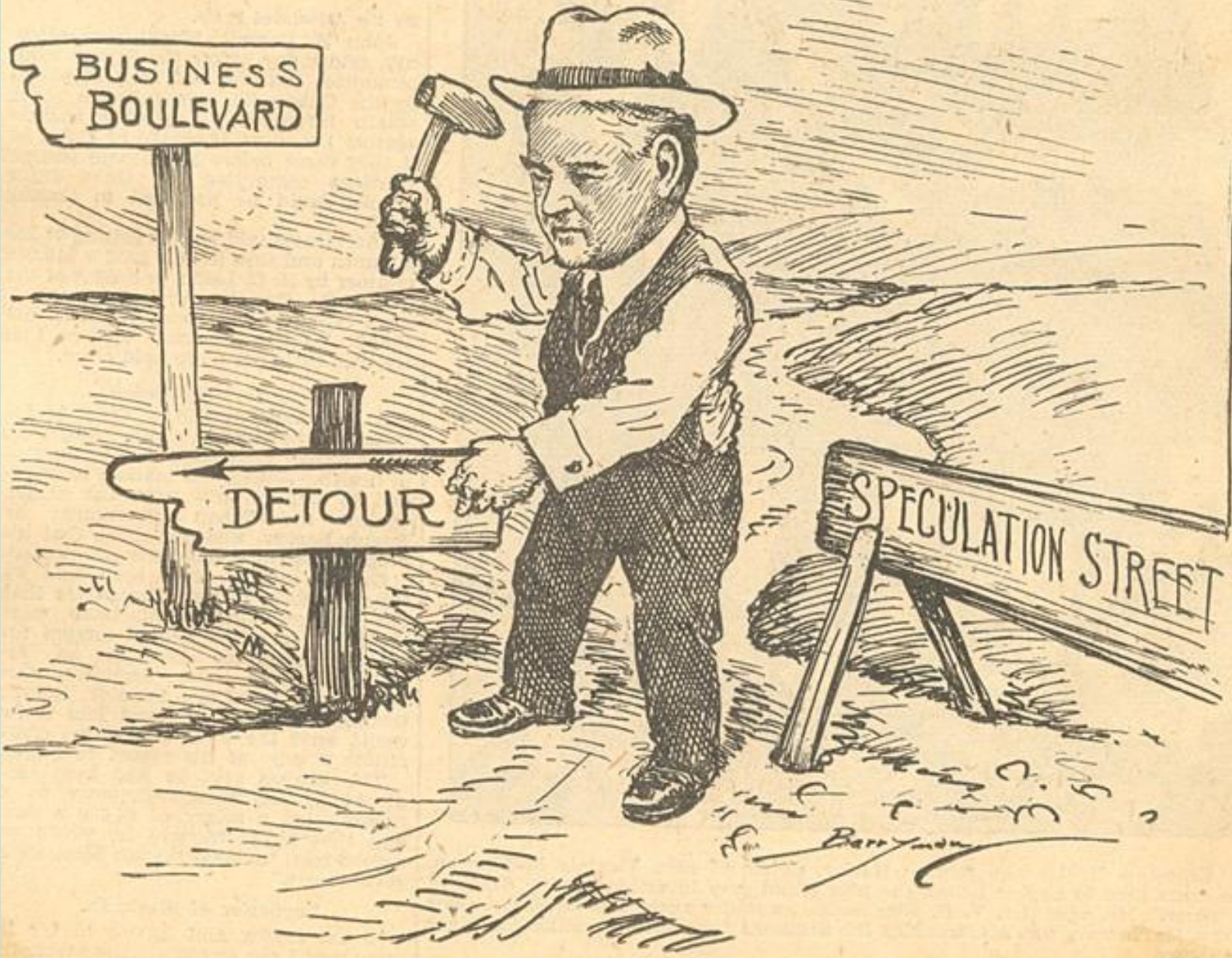
The Philanthropist

by, Herb Block (Dec. 5, 1930)

During the Great Depression approximately 25% of the workforce was unemployed. People who lost their jobs began selling five-cent apples on the streets of American cities, providing a symbol of the economic hardships of the era.

- People that had invested their savings in stocks had little or nothing left.
- People that bought stocks on margin (credit) could not repay their debts.

BUSINESS BOULEVARD



DETOUR

SPECULATION STREET

Barryman

"I'm In The Market For You"

by, George Olsen

vocal by Fred MacMurray

Date: February 9, 1930

I'll have to see my broker
Find out what he can do.
'Cause I'm in the market for you.

There won't be any joker,
With margin I'm all through.
'Cause I want you outright it's true.

You're going up, up ,up in my estimation.
I want a thousand shares of your caresses too.

We'll count the hugs and kisses,
When dividends are due,
'Cause I'm in the market for you

II. Overproduction / Reduction in Purchasing

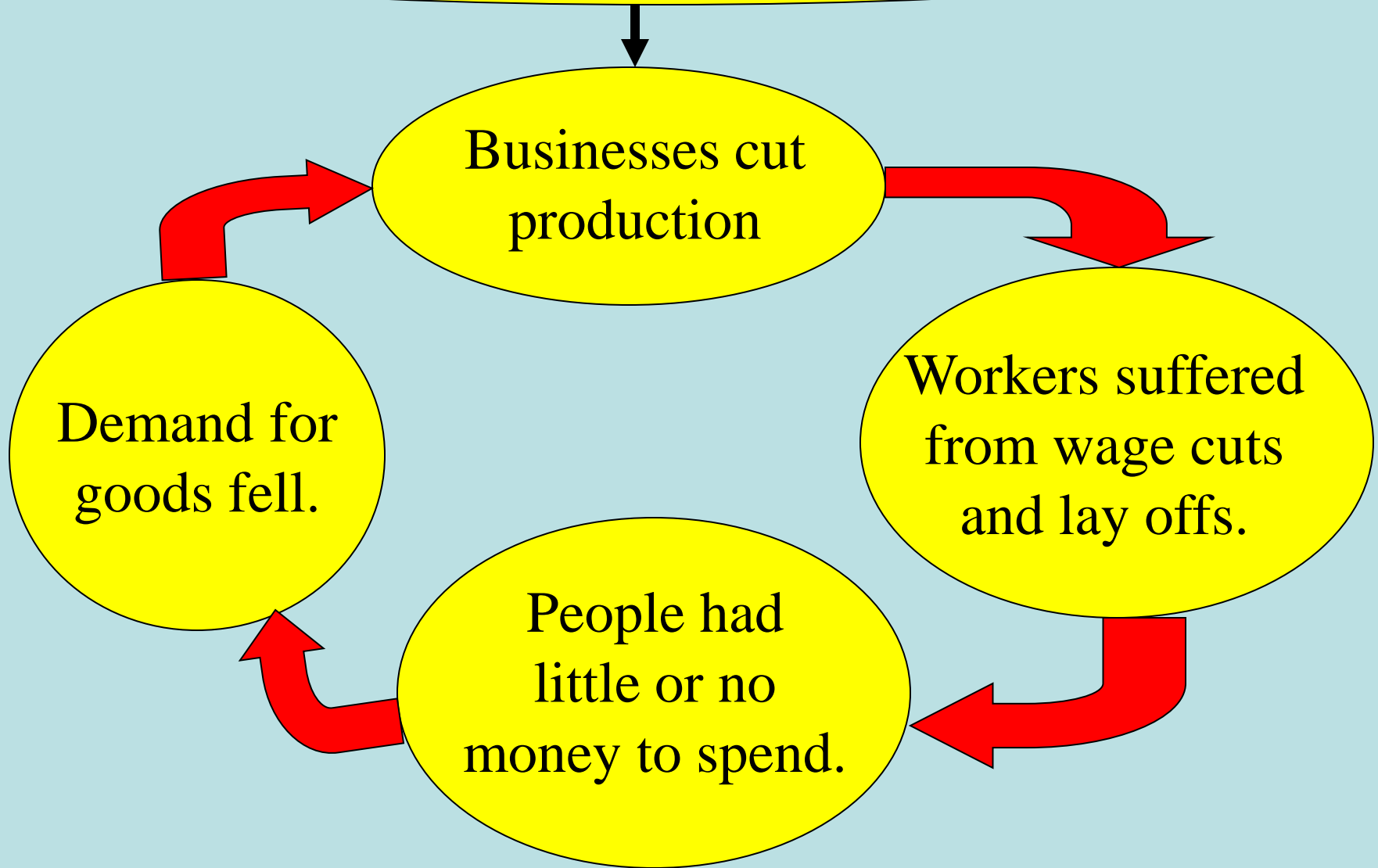
Farms and factories overproduced beyond the demand.

Businesses cut production

Demand for goods fell.

Workers suffered from wage cuts and lay offs.

People had little or no money to spend.





A farm is being sold at a foreclosure sale in Iowa. Military police were on hand to keep farmers from disrupting the auction. ca. 1935.

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STOUT AIRLINES

Over
105,000 Passengers

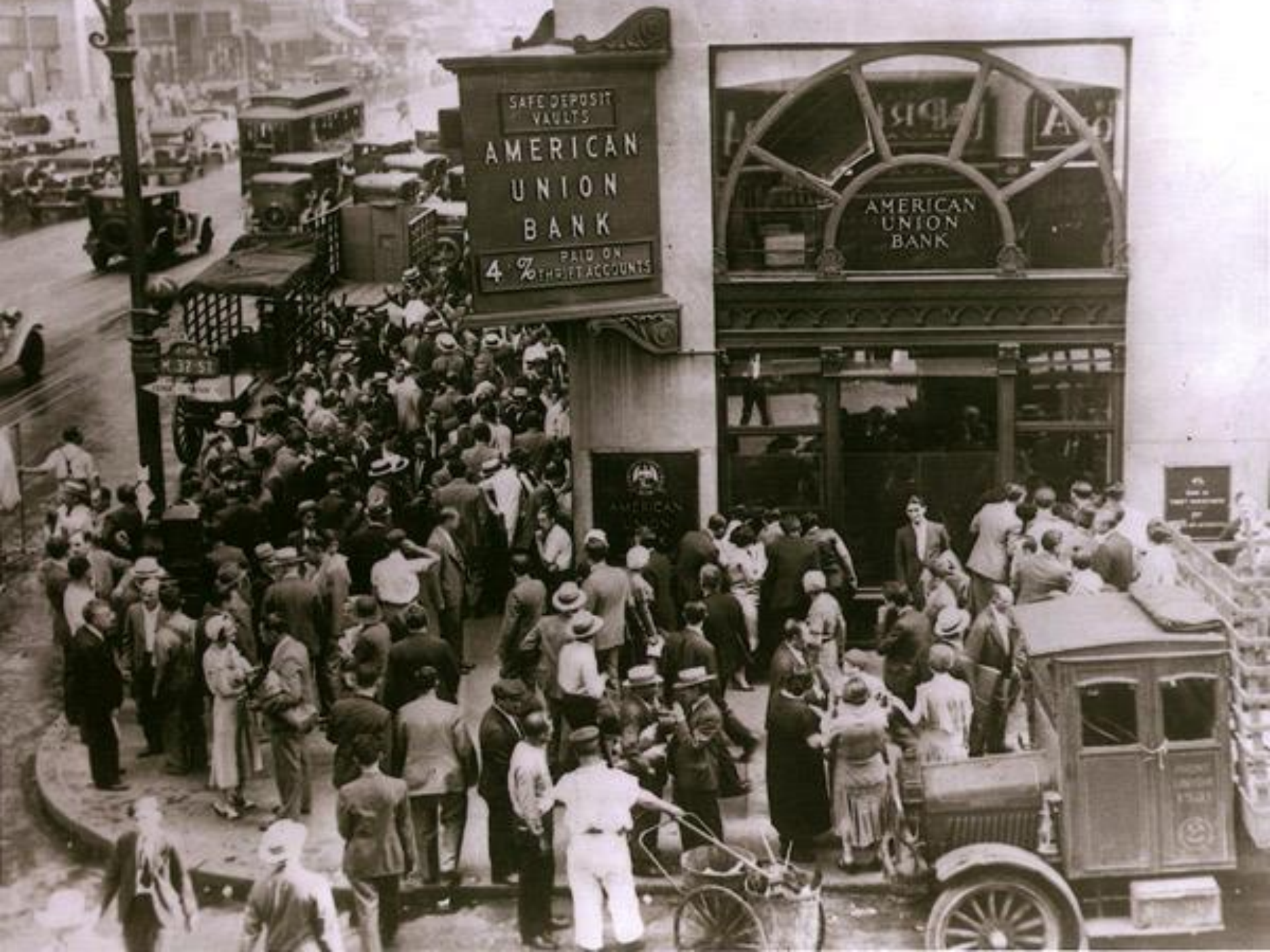
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Your Reserve
AIR TRAVEL
Just around the
Corner CAD

W H O ?
WILL HELP ME
GET A JOB
I DO NOT WANT
CHARITY

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III . Bank Failures

- When the stock market crashed, people could not repay their loans to the bank.
- Therefore, banks couldn't give depositors their money and banks closed.
- Many people lost their life savings.



SAFE DEPOSIT
VAULTS
AMERICAN
UNION
BANK
4% PAID ON
THE SAVING ACCOUNTS

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"How Can A Poor Man Stand Such Times And Live?"

written and played by Blind Alfred Reed, Dec. 4, 1929, New York City

There once was a time when everything was cheap,
But now prices nearly puts a man to sleep.
When we pay our grocery bill,
We just feel like making our will --
I remember when dry goods were cheap as dirt,
We could take two bits and buy a dandy shirt.
Now we pay three bucks or more,
Maybe get a shirt that another man wore --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Well, I used to trade with a man by the name of Gray,
Flour was fifty cents for a twenty-four pound bag.
Now it's a dollar and a half beside,
Just like a-skinning off a flea for the hide --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Oh, the schools we have today ain't worth a cent,
But they see to it that every child is sent.
If we don't send everyday,
We have a heavy fine to pay --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Prohibition's good if 'tis conducted right,
There's no sense in shooting a man 'til he shows flight.
Officers kill without a cause,
They complain about funny laws --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Most all preachers preach for gold and not for souls,
That's what keeps a poor man always in a hole.
We can hardly get our breath,
Taxed and schooled and preached to death --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Oh, it's time for every man to be awake,
We pay fifty cents a pound when we ask for steak.
When we get our package home,
A little wad of paper with gristle and a bone --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?

Well, the doctor comes around with a face all bright,
And he says in a little while you'll be all right.
All he gives is a humbug pill,
A dose of dope and a great big bill --
Tell me how can a poor man stand such times and live?