Might of Bankers' Overdraft

If one or two deaths are caused by some poison, there is an outcry to have that poison made more difficult of access by the public. The sale and possession of firearms is licensed and controlled. There has been talk of attempts to make coal gas less lethal. Devices have been installed in tube railways, and at certain places in the country, including prisons, to make more difficult the task of some unhappy person attempting to escape the financial worries of the world.

A banker touches a button, and one hundred thousand tons of stone a hundred miles away come tumbling down. A banker lifts a pen and writes figures in a ledger, and as a result many human lives are snuffed out perhaps hundreds of miles away. So great is the awe and dread of a bank overdraft in the minds of the majority of people, that mental worry often results in an attempt to escape by way of death. A recent instance was the death of the rector of Holton St. Mary, near Ipswich. The Rev. Howard received a letter. It referred to a bank overdraft. He exclaimed "How awful!" Half-an-hour later he shot himself in bed. Here is an instance of a priest of the Christian Church losing his life to the black magic of a bankers' practice.

There should be an insistent demand that licences be necessary before such enormous powers can be wielded by bankers. Make banking less lethal.

ROOSEVELT THE DANGEROUS

Leading Straight to War

"The most dangerous man at the present time," said Major Douglas in answer to a question at Liverpool in 1936, "is the man who wants to get everyone back to work, for he perverts means into ends, and is leading straight to the next war—which will provide plenty of work for everyone."

What a Politician Said

"We in America . . . seek . . . continuous employment," said President F. D. Roosevelt during his radio talk on June 24, 1938, and he added, "I . . . insist on . . . sincere respect for the need of ALL AT THE BOTTOM to get work . . ."

BARTER

Germany—Mexico

"Germany is to send Mexico tinplate in exchange for 50,000 tons of sugar and 5,000,000 gallons of alcohol and molasses. Mexico usually purchased her tinplate in the United States."—Daily Express.