

# BANKER, \$800,000 SHORT, COMES BACK A REAL LIVE HERO

Blair, Neb., Turns Out to Cheer Frederick Claridge Who Was a Fugitive.

HE HAD HELPED MANY.

Went Hungry in New York and Finally Made Up His Mind to Surrender.

BLAIR, Neb., Aug. 30.—Frederick M. Claridge is the hero of the town to-day. Yesterday he was a fugitive from justice, charged with wrecking the local bank, of which he was the president, to the tune of \$800,000 in cold cash.

Frederick's come back made the occasion of a great public demonstration, such as William Jennings Bryan, when he lived in Nebraska, used to call a populist uprising.

Claridge's return was unexpected. Just before noon a Blair business man in a racing car, out for a spin, met an automobile in which Claridge, his attorney, his wife and sister were riding toward the town. The man recognized Claridge and, turning his car, raced toward Blair and through the streets yelling at every one he saw, "Fred is back!" And everybody knew who "Fred" was.

In five minutes every store and office in town was empty and closed. The streets were crowded. The band came out.

When the automobile arrived Claridge bowed to right and left and the people cheered. When he descended at the Court House steps, men threw their arms around him and wept.

"Who is he?" asked a stranger. "Why, that's President Fred Claridge," was the answer. "He was short \$800,000 in his accounts, and his bank, the Castetter Bank, which had been in business fifty years, failed. Claridge ran away and has just returned." Claridge made a speech from the Court House steps.

"I came back as soon as I could secure enough money to get back on," he said. "I have \$75, and want to start life anew."

Then he told of his wanderings since he left Blair. "I found myself in New York alone and penniless," he said. "I was hungry. I slept in a park one night. I secured work and for several months was a janitor in a public school. I was ill and I kept getting worse. I quit the janitor's job and secured employment at the office of the Literary Digest, addressing envelopes. I was paid \$15 a week."

Later, Claridge said he had become so ill he could not work, so he left New York and went to Cleveland, where he got in touch with a sister-in-law and remained until his decision to come on back to Blair.

"I love you people so I couldn't leave you," he said. Then Claridge was taken before County Judge De Hal and pleaded not guilty to four indictments which were returned against him last March, after his disappearance.

appearance. His bond was set at \$500 on each case.

"Who is your bondsman?" asked the court.

A hundred hands were raised in the court room. "Let me go his bond!" was shouted from all over the room.

Attorney General C. A. Davis has ordered an assistant to come to Blair to-morrow and file additional charges against Claridge and to place him under arrest on these charges.

The Castetter Bank was the oldest bank in Northeastern Nebraska. Claridge came to Blair a young man, worked his way upward and married a daughter of the President of the

bank. After thirty years in the institution he was made President after the death of the founder.

During hard times Claridge kept many business men, as well as farmers, from going to the wall. That accounts probably for his reputation.

The other State banks in Nebraska paid the loss.

Patent Jump to Death at Bellevue. August Schattman, sixty-five of No. 734 Jackson Avenue, Bronx, a pneumonia patient at Bellevue Hospital, committed suicide by jumping from a window on the fifth floor to the courtyard today. He was admitted Aug. 6 and was rapidly recovering.

Charge purchases made the remainder of this month will appear on bill rendered October 1st

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## Women's Smart Fall Footwear \$12.75

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In this leather there are three good styles which we are presenting for Autumn wear, an oxford, a one strap pump and a two strap model.

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### The Materials

Canton crepe, crepe de Chine, Georgette crepe, taffeta, satin, Pussy Willow satin.

### The Colors

Navy blue and brown predominate. But there are other shades, sand, grey, henna, old blue, green, as well as pale tints for evening frocks.

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## Your Holiday Supply of Glove Silk Underwear

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