Number VI Taking care of her Own:

If Democracy means anything, which one sometimes doubts, it means sound local units. Whatever we do or not do must begin at home. There we make the initial experiment in economics, society, ethics, quality and from there they spread.

When you come to look over the field after this depression is over one of the most heartening figures will be the degree to which communities have taken care of themselves, everybody turned to, that is, every well-developed socialized agency, and the proof what could be done under a socialized democracy has been splendidly demonstrated. One can see on the ground certain the things in which I have always been interested are doing. I went out to visit a little town which I first knew eighteen years ago.

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Now here you have people naturally rising to the situation - the mass of people have a certain age old wisdom the inherited sense of meeting disaster - disaster is part of progress.

As to this story-put in reflection something like this:- They will never catch me again. That was what the President of the Union Supply Company told me. That is what the General Superintendent of the ~~Pulp~~ Peale mill told me. That is what you heard from big and little and the sense, all up and down the line, of reestablishing themselves. A part of their program was a revision

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for the recurring slump, the one ten years from now, the one you are getting ready for while you take advantage of the returns of the time. The one that you must drill into young and old - it is part of the world's movement.