

**WEATHER**  
Cloudy and somewhat warmer tonight. Saturday fair. Fresh south and southwest winds.

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## Expects To Render Great Service In Movie World

**Will Hays Persuaded, Say His Friends, That Unusual Opportunity Is His If He Accepts Offer To Become Judge Landis For Film Business**

Washington, Jan. 12.—Will Hays probably will resign as postmaster general and accept the offer to become an adviser extraordinary to the moving picture industry—a sort of Judge Landis for the film business.

Those friends with whom Mr. Hays has discussed the matter say he is persuaded by the fascinating opportunities of the new position rather than its \$150,000 a year, for when he was considering the position in the cabinet it was admitted that his earning power in the law business was at least that figure.

Mr. Hays' inclination toward the new job is based, therefore, on his belief that he can render a big service, possibly even greater than in the re-organization of the mails. The Postoffice Department is after all a big business institution with set ways and regulations more or less determined by Congress. The chance for individual work is hardly as great as in an entirely new enterprise like the supervision of the moving pictures of the nation. And Mr. Hays loves novelty and organizing tasks. When he leaves the postal service it will be because he believes the new position offers even more congenial work than he has had. Mr. Hays is a deacon in the Presbyterian church. He knows what the right-thinking folks of the country believe ought to be the limits on the screen. The moving picture leaders themselves know it. What they fear is that without regulation some of their own number may overstep the bounds of propriety and here and there involuntarily start the machinery of censorship with momentum enough eventually to bring about national prohibition or censorship. What they want of Will Hays is to take hold of the whole thing and regulate the movie producers as well as handle the public relations of the industry. Mr. Hays would be expected to deal with legislatures and legislative committees everywhere and present the better side of the moving picture business.

But if it were a task of prevention of censorship alone, Mr. Hays would not be interested. He is persuaded that the moving picture has educational opportunities which have hardly been touched thus far and that a greater chance for moral uplift lies on the screen than in any other medium of thought communication today. His enthusiasm for the new work is typical. He has from the beginning been tempted to loose his energies on it.

And when Mr. Hays resigns, who shall take his place in the cabinet? The first man who comes to mind is Senator Harry New, of Indiana. He could have had a cabinet portfolio when Mr. Harding was in Florida but he declined then as he probably would now. Mr. New is fitted for postmaster general because he is thoroughly trained in national politics and is himself an organizer of experience, having once been Republican national chairman. But it is an open secret that he has no intention of entering the cabinet and will continue his fight for re-election in Indiana next fall. President Harding thinks a great deal of Harry New and undoubtedly would pick him at once for postmaster general if Mr. New would consent. On the other hand Mr. Harding is not at all anxious to make it easier for former Senator Beveridge to come back from Indiana to the national capital. So in more ways than one the President has shown his interest in Senator New's candidacy and plans to show it even more definitely later on. That would seem to dispose of the rumor that Harry New would succeed Will Hays.

Another report that can be brushed aside is that there will be a transferring of cabinet officers. The President is loath to lose Will Hays but if he shifted the cabinet it would mean training men in two positions instead of one. If the plans for re-organization of the government which are being worked out by Walter F. Brown, of Ohio, were completed, it might be that Mr. Harding would shift Secretary Denby to the Postoffice Department from the Navy and put Secretary Weeks in charge of the new Department of National Defense, which would have jurisdiction over both the Army and Navy. This would mean that Assistant Secretary Theodore Roosevelt who has

## PEOPLE ONCE MORE RESPOND TO CALL

**All Of The Seventeen Opportunities Taken—Small Cook Stove Needed For Family Burned Out Recently**

(By The Publicity Committee)  
We Elizabeth City folks may have our faults—we do not claim to be angels—yet, but there is one fault we are certainly not guilty of, and that is hardness of heart to those in need. The people of Elizabeth City are to be highly commended for the most generous response that was made to the recent list of 17 opportunities published in this paper. In but a few days every opportunity was taken and each case completely cared for.

Special mention should possibly be made regarding the response given the last appeal for the family whose home was burned. Practically every necessity for a small home has been given and the family can now begin housekeeping again as soon as a small cook stove can be supplied. If any reader of this article can give a cook stove please let Mrs. Lewis know or else phone the Chamber of Commerce your name that Mrs. Lewis may get in touch with you.

This hearty response is not only most creditable to the great heart of Elizabeth City but shows to our most efficient welfare officer that the people are truly behind her in her great and good work. This gives her renewed courage and happiness in her work and to us an opportunity for service and showing again that the heart of Elizabeth City is good.

## SOVIET FEEDS PROFESSORS

Moscow, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Aiming to get more efficient work from professors and scientists, the Soviet has placed seven thousand of them on full government rations in Moscow and hopes to inspire work calculated to lead to improved economic situation.

## FORD CONFERS WITH WEEKS AGAIN TODAY

Washington, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Henry Ford will confer late today with Secretary Weeks over his offer for the government's nitrate and waterpower projects at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

## MINE CAVES IN NUMBER KILLED

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Several are reported killed in the cave-in of a mine in South Scranton which affected a surface area of five blocks.

## GERMANY GRANTED PROVISIONAL DELAY

Cannes, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Allied Reparations Commission has decided to grant Germany a provisional delay on her reparations account.

shown an amazing aptitude for his job would be in virtual charge of the Navy under Mr. Weeks. The re-organization plan, however, requires the approval of Congress and is so interwoven in other governmental changes which are likely to become matters of controversy that an early consolidation of departments can hardly be expected.

If Mr. Harding has given any thought to who the successor of Will Hays will be, he has not communicated his ideas to anyone else. The belief is that until Mr. Hays definitely resigns, Mr. Harding will decline to discuss the subject even with his intimate friends. The resignation, however, is expected to be decided one way or the other in a few days. Close friends of Mr. Hays in the government circle are authority for the prediction that the chances are four out of five in favor of his accepting the position offered him by the motion picture industry.

## OTHER PRISONER NOT JOHN LOWRY

**Chief Holmes Identifies William Fulton As Fulton Lowry, But Other Unknown**

"The man under arrest at Tarboro under the name of William Fulton is positively Fulton Lowry," stated Chief of Police Holmes Friday morning, after his return from an identification trip to Tarboro, "but the other arrested as E. E. Moore, is not John Lowry."

Fulton Lowry and E. E. Moore will be tried at Tarboro on Monday, January 23, in Superior Court before Judge J. Lloyd Horton, on charges of the theft of an automobile at Tarboro, and of burglary at Elizabeth City. The latter charge is the result of the finding of valuables on the men which were taken from the home of Dr. A. L. Pendleton, at this city, on Christmas night. According to Chief Holmes, the solicitor at Tarboro hopes to get at least ten years for Lowry on the auto theft charge, and possibly a life sentence on the Pendleton burglary.

"Fulton Lowry," says Chief Holmes, "denies his identity, and asserts that he has never been to Elizabeth City in his life. He declares that his home is in New York City, and that he has a wife living there. Questioned as to the street and number, he has said that he cannot recollect them. With reference to the property stolen from Dr. Pendleton's home, he contends that it was given to him by one 'Slim' Jenkins, whereabouts unknown, who gave it away because he didn't want it."

Lowry and Moore were captured at Hamlet on the night of December 30, in the act of taking the tires off the automobile of the chief of police there. They put up a fight, and were subdued only after Lowry had been knocked out with a blackjack. Chief Holmes says that Lowry still bears a bruise on his chin as a result of the encounter. After their arrest at Hamlet, it was learned that they had gone there in a car stolen at Tarboro, and they were taken to the latter city for trial on that charge. Suspicion that they had been implicated in recent robberies in Norfolk resulted in investigations by the Norfolk and Elizabeth City police which resulted in the discovery that "Fulton" was none other than Fulton Lowry.

The man giving his name as E. E. Moore, according to Holmes, is desperately afraid of Lowry, who is his cell-mate in the Tarboro jail. Lowry, he says, is well-kept, and appears to have enjoyed good pickings since his escape from the State penitentiary in the summer of 1918, shortly after he was sent there to serve a 25 year sentence for burglary. His brother, John Lowry, whose whereabouts are still unknown, was sentenced at the same time to 15 years on a similar charge.

## DECLARE NEWBERRY HAS BEEN VINDICATED

Detroit, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Political leaders associated with Senator Newberry in the 1918 election joined today in declaring that the vote of the Senate giving Newberry his seat was a vindication of the charges of corruption brought against him.

## Liquor Making Outfit Captured In Currituck

Two gasoline-drum stills set up and ready for operation, and two others partly built, along with 1,500 gallons of "mash," five empty barrels used as fermenters, and enough bottles, jugs and kegs to contain a hundred gallons of whiskey, were destroyed by a raiding party from this city Thursday afternoon at three o'clock in the Tulls Creek section of Currituck County, on the main road to Norfolk, some twenty-five miles from Elizabeth City.

The unusually large moonshine plant was about a mile and a half north of Tulls Creek bridge, and the stills were located close enough to the road for the smoke to be readily visible when they were in operation. No arrests were made in connection with the raid. The plant was in a piece of woodland on a farm owned by Griff Walker, who lives on Second street, in this city. The raiding party included Prohibition Officer T. C. Babb and J. W. Wood, United States Deputy Marshal J. R. Williams and Officer George Twiddy, of the local police force.

## UNDESIRABLES GET AWAY FROM MEXIA

Mexia, Texas, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Martial law has resulted in the exodus of undesirables from here, according to National Guard officers.

## Council Would Not Double Sewer Rate

**President Crook Will Ask Corporation Commission To Grant Requested Increase**

A request by Howard E. Crook, president of the city light, water and sewer companies, that the present sewer rate of one dollar a month be raised to two dollars was flatly turned down by the City Council at a meeting held Thursday afternoon at three o'clock at the city hall. Mr. Crook immediately announced that he would take the matter before the North Carolina Corporation Commission in an effort to get the requested raise, and Councilman P. H. Williams, speaking for the Council, replied that the latter would send City Attorney Leigh right along to fight the proposition.

Before adjournment, the Council passed a resolution permitting a maximum sewer rate of a dollar a month for twelve months beginning January 1, 1922, thereby continuing in force the special rate allowed in September for a period of three months, pending a careful investigation into the actual cost of operation of the sewer plant per customer. Special meters were then installed in order that the amount of water required for the city's sewerage might be determined.

Mr. Crook read to the Council a series of tabulated figures to show the expense of furnishing the city with sewerage facilities, and on the basis of these he declared that this cost, allowing five per cent for depreciation, and six per cent interest on the money invested, totaled \$23.90 a year for each customer. He then asked that the rate be raised accordingly. Upon the refusal of the Council to make the proposed increase he declared that he did not consider that he had been fairly treated in September, when the sewer rate of fifty cents a month was doubled on a trial basis.

"Gentlemen," he said, addressing the Council, "since you were disposed to play with this matter, I do not think that you acted fairly in having me install special meters at a cost of \$300 to \$400 in order that the expense of operating the sewer plant might be accurately computed. If you do not think that I am square with you in the figures I have presented, the company's books are open to the inspection of your auditors. If you believe that I am giving you correct expense figures, I think it is up to you to grant the increased rate."

Members of the Council are of the opinion that a sewer rate of two dollars a month is entirely too high, and that the people of the city as a whole cannot afford to pay it. Repeal proceedings were hinted at when Mr. Crook came out flatly with the statement that if the Corporation Commission refuses to grant the requested increase, he will promptly close down the sewer plant.

It is strongly indicated that the city water rate will next come up for consideration by the Council. The present rate is sixty cents for the first spigot in a household, and thirty cents for each additional one. With reference to a dam across Knobbs Creek, Mr. Crook stated that such a dam would cost \$10,000 to build, an investment, he said, that is out of the question with the present gross income of the plant. One astonishing statement made by Mr. Crook was to the effect that the company had lost over \$125,000 on the sewer plant since it was first installed.

## Agreements To Become Operative

Cannes, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The Supreme Council after examining the situation created by the departure of the French ruled that decisions on which complete agreement had been reached should become operative, especially the Genoa conference decisions.

## FIRST HAIR CUT AND SHAVE IN SIX YEARS

For the first time in six years, Paul Williams, a young white man who lives with his mother on South-ern avenue, had a haircut and a shave Thursday afternoon, after he had been forcibly dragged from a room which he had not left since 1916 by Traffic Officer George Smith, Williams, who has been sentenced for a number of years, was truly a wild-looking creature when he was extracted from his room.

The haircut and shave were administered at McPherson's barber shop at the instance of City Health Officer C. B. Williams, and the change in the man's appearance is described as startling. Officer Smith has been instructed to take him out for a daily stroll until he is back to normal. Williams made no effort to resist the officer after he was taken from his room.

## Woodville Road To Enter City By Ehringhaus Street

**Chairman Page Writes Mayor Goodwin That State Hardsurfaced Highway Will Be Thousand Feet Longer That Way Than If Church Street Route Were Selected**

## TEAMS OUT AFTER LOT NEW MEMBERS

**Chamber Of Commerce Membership Drive Going Good—Captains And Crews Behind Those Who Haven't Signed**

With the four team captains and their crews out working full blast, the Chamber of Commerce membership drive, launched Monday in an intensive campaign which will continue through Tuesday of next week. Early reports Friday indicated splendid progress, and not a team captain had met a single citizen who was not appreciative of the valuable work done by the Chamber of Commerce here.

The first report of results obtained by the teams will be posted in the Community Building second-story windows at eight o'clock Friday night. Each member signed up Friday will count 500 points for the team securing him, and by a system of graduation every additional membership gained during the four-day drive will count a given number of points down to 100 on Tuesday, the last day.

The following teams were selected under Dr. William Peters, the director of the campaign:

First team, Camden Blades, captain: S. B. Parker, M. L. Clark, L. R. Foreman, A. B. Moutz, M. P. Gallop, H. G. Kramer, M. G. Morrisette, W. O. Saunders, Dr. William Parker and Calvin H. Twiddy.

Second team, J. T. Stallings, captain: A. R. Nicholson, M. E. Dennis, C. H. Brock, J. M. Nelson, C. W. Melick, H. B. Sedberry, L. E. Skinner, C. D. Gallop, H. C. Bright, Ira B. Parker.

Third team, Buxton White, captain: C. O. Robinson, G. P. Hood, W. P. Wood, Taylor Grandy, G. F. Seyffert, M. L. Sheep, M. H. Jones, N. Howard Smith, R. M. Cotter.

Fourth team, C. W. Gaither, captain: E. C. Conger, W. G. Gaither, W. P. Duff, E. F. Spencer, W. C. Sawyer, O. F. Gilbert, W. A. Brock, S. H. Johnson, J. T. McCabe and D. B. Dudley.

## IN FRIDAY COURT

Jim Spruill and Bessie Mountain, both colored, were tried in recorder's court Friday morning on a charge of prostitution. Spruill was sentenced to thirty days on the roads, but the sentence was afterward reduced to a \$20 fine. The woman was fined \$10 and costs. The two noted appeals, and were placed under bonds of \$50 and \$25 respectively.

Sarah Sutton and her daughter, Queen Palfin, were found guilty of operating a house of ill fame. The Sutton woman was sentenced to 30 days in jail, and entered notice of an appeal. The other was let off with the costs of the case.

## WEEKS & SAWYER STAGE BIG REALIZATION SALE

In Thursday's paper Weeks & Sawyer announced their \$25,000 Realization Sale to begin Saturday. This firm seldom puts on a sale, but it has a reputation for putting a sale over in fine form when it does undertake a bargain-giving event.

Honest values, an advertising policy strictly on the square and a reputation for quality merchandise that has made the name of the firm a household word in Elizabeth City make a combination hard to beat—a combination that has put every sale ever advertised by Weeks & Sawyer over with a bang. This Realization Sale features some of the most remarkable bargains that even the firm of Weeks & Sawyer has ever offered; for instance, two dollar shirts at 75 cents. Large crowds are expected to storm Weeks & Sawyer's store Saturday in an effort to get the pick of the really remarkable values offered.

## SARRAUT TO CONTINUE DELEGATION'S HEAD

Washington, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—President Millerand today directed M. Sarraut, head of the French arms delegation, to continue in that capacity until the end of the conference.

The State hardsurfaced road from Woodville to Elizabeth City will enter this city by way of Ehringhaus street, according to a letter received Thursday by Mayor W. Ben Goodwin from Frank Page, chairman of the State Highway Commission, provided the city paves Ehringhaus street to the city limits.

Chairman Page writes that about 1,000 feet more paving is required of the State by the Ehringhaus street route than by the other route surveyed via Church street, but that the Commission considers this extra expense justifiable in view of the considerable property development along Ehringhaus street, extended.

There is already upon the minute book of the Council a resolution recommending the paving of Ehringhaus street to the city limits, provided the Woodville road shall enter the city by that street; and a copy of that resolution will be forwarded to Chairman Page in the next few days.

## TREATY READY FOR COMMITTEE SATURDAY

Washington, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Although the arms delegates had given up hope of putting the naval treaty in final shape for announcement at the plenary session this week, it appeared probable when the Big Five resumed their discussion today that the completed treaty would be ready for the full naval committee tomorrow or Monday.

## URGES OHIO COAL

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Governor Davis today issued a proclamation urging the people to use Ohio mined coal in the effort to alleviate suffering. Idle miners are described as facing extreme destitution this winter.

## DECREASE NEARLY BILLION IN AMERICA'S TRADE BALANCE

Washington, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—A decrease of nearly one billion dollars in the favorable trade balance of the United States during 1921 is indicated in foreign trade statistics for December issued by the Commerce Department. The report attributed much of the reduction to the material decline of prices on commodities which made up the bulk of the country's foreign trade.

## COMPLETE CABINET TODAY

Paris, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—The impression prevails that Raymond Poincare will complete the cabinet and submit it to the president for approval today.

## Made Wife Swallow 3 Poison Tablets

Paris, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Thomas Stewart Ryan was arrested today charged with forcing his wife, Mrs. Audrey Creighton Ryan, California violinist, to swallow three poison tablets. The woman is reported dying. Ryan later stabbed himself but not seriously. Ryan denied the charges.

## MARCH 8TH TENTATIVE DATE FOR GENOA MEET

Cannes, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Invitations to the economic conference at Genoa have been forwarded to various nations. The United States and other more important nations have been asked to send a minimum of three delegates and a maximum of five. March 8 is the date tentatively fixed for the meeting.

## FORD MAY BUY ALL FRENCH NAVY

Washington, Jan. 13 (By The Associated Press)—Henry Ford said that the French government had asked if he would consider the purchase of French battleships and that he replied that unless he could buy the entire French navy he would not be interested. He said no answer had been received.

The McAdams meeting will be held tonight at the usual hour. Mrs. McAdams' subject will be "What a Fellow Will Do For Money."