

during the year. "Unemployment is less in world totals that at any time since the armis-"International commerce is increas- ties of the sounds and streams and the

tive leaders and prophets are ready to NEW YORK, Dec. 31.-(By the As-bet on that. And there will be some sociated Press.)-Col. George Harvey, additions to the program, like the development of fish and oyster possibili- tain who called himself a messenger boy, returned home today on the storm

ing crop and exceedingly low prices.

"South-Throughout the cotton belt. the nature of pusiness depends upon the size of the cotton crop in each particular locality as the prices are Nineteen, or one-third of those put to death, the report continued, were It is understood the board of direcunusually high, which means prosper-ity to those who own cotton. The cotton is practically all ginned and has largely passed out of the hands of charged with assault or attempted as- tors, together with the officers of the against those burned to death were of his criticisms, in order that the bank the farmers and planters. Long-standmight meet same. murder, 2; assault, 4. ing obligations are being settled by While nothing definite has The offense charged against the the latter to a very great extent and learned; yet it is believed by many perwhites were: there is more buying in the south gen-Murder, 2; fighting, 1; charges not sons, that the examiner and officers eported, 3. The offenses charged against the ne- today, on a mutually satisfactory basis erally than for two years past. Buyeported, 3. however. Broadly speaking the entire groes were: Murder, 9; murderous as- and that the institution will open again south offers the promise of very good sault, 4; assault, 14; attempted assault, in a few days. business during the winter and spring. It was learned from authoritative 5; killing officer of the law, 3; killing "Middle West-All - the industries man in altercation, 1; striking man in source yesterday that all books in the Mail addressed to the governor origiother than agriculture are well em-ployed. At this time there prevails quarrel, 1; robbing and striking a bank are in absolute balance, and that woman, 1; cattle stealing, 1; using in- clerical, work, together with routine proyed. At this time there prevails advancing prices on the important farm products such as corn and wheat, ma-terially fair prices on hogs and sheep and generally low prices on cattle. The dairy industry is a very present help in time of trouble. woman, 1; cattle stealing, 1, using in-sulting language, 1; for being a strike-duties, are in excellent shape. Although Lieut. Gov. W. B. Cooper, breaker, 1; mistaken identity, 2; indecent exposure of person and frighten-ing women and children, 1; intimida-visiting his family, preparatory to going to Raleigh today, it is said that he The report further stated that there did not hold any conference concerntion of officer of the law, 1. were 58 instances in which officers of ing the bank. He said that the clos-"West-In that part of the country west of a line drawn north and south the law prevented lynchings. Fourteen ing of the bank came as a shock to from the center of the state of Kan-sas to the Rocky mountains there are of these instances were in northern h Wade H. Cooper, of Washington, D. states and 44 were in southern states. not so many good spots, rather more poor ones, although fair conditions are president Continental Trust com-In 54 of the cases, the prisoners were removed or the guards were augmented pany, was also in Wilmington yesterremoved or the guards were augmented pany, was also in wilmington yester- men and oncers who are encamped at or other precautions taken. In the four other instances, armed forces he declined last night to make any by the state. It is said the military were used to repel the would-be statement concerning his mission fund now available will not be sum-here. in the ascendant. Much of the trouble comes from the distance of this part of the country from the primary kets where the greater part of the here. lynchers. agricultural products are sold. Freight In 10 instances, the report added, ROYAL GUARDS MUTINY rates are a very serious handleap. "Pacific Coast-California is in fi convictions carrying penitentiary sen-tences were secured against alleged ROME, Dec. 31 .- The decision arfin shape, owing to the influx of visitors and of new residents, the fairly good crop yields with fairly good prices guard, today was the cause of a mu-tiny among the guards at Turin. The lynchers. MONITOR SURVIVOR DEAD MERIDIAN, Conn., Dec. 31.—Charles disturbers were quickly suppressed Burr, 78, believed to be the last sur-and disarmed. An investigation and the large amount of building going on. The Pacific slope sections of Oregon and Washington are better burr, is, believed to be the last sur- and unsarmed. An investigation defeated the Confederate ship, Merri- provocative agents who will be courtthan the eastern portions because of activity in lumber, in dairy interests defeated the Confederate ship, merris protocative agents who will be could mac, on March 6, 1862, died at his home here early today. and commerce on the sea." home here early today. France Rejects German Proposal French Tiger Likes For Non-War Pact Between Them Florida Grape Fruit

a list of those to be charged. Two con-fessions involving 25 persons were also

There are many department of justice men in this territory. Just how but v has not been disclos

ing. "The world is now pretty generally purchasing its commodities by the normal exchange of services and goods, a fact which in itself marks an enormous step in recovery from the strained movements of credit and gold which

followed the war." Economic wounds of Asia, Africa, Latin America and Australia, coming from the war, Mr. Hoover said, were more the sympathetic reaction from, slump in the combatant states than from direct injury and they thus are recovering quickly. Their commerce, his reports showed, has reached levels about pre-war days and their produc-tion has grown apace. The enforced isolation, he believed strengthened the economic fibre of Latin America and Asia by increasing the variety of their production. This, Mr. Hoover said, has contributed vitally to their effective recovery.

"The continued mainteance of armies on a greater than pre-war basis in the old allied states," Mr. Hoover con-tinued, "maintains political uncertainty, lowers productivity and retards the balancing of budgets with consequent cessation of direct, or indirect infla-tion. Disarmament and the constructive settlement of German reparations and the economic relations of states and the economic relations of states in southeastern Europe are, the out-standing problems of Europe. Their adjustment to some degree will affect the progress of the rest of the world. The more general realization during the past vest of the generation the past year of the growing menace of these situations and the fundamenals that underlie their solution is in itself some step toward progress. Their solution would mark the end of the most acutely destructive forces in the economic life of the world which still survive the war."

secretary said. England with all neu-tral nations was making steady pro-unemployment. He reported that prounemployment. He reported that some gress in production and is diminishing of the combatant states, while slower in recovery, "have shown progress all along the line in commercial, indus-trial and agricultural fields," although the harvests suffered in some spots. Some of those nations, he said, men-tioning Italy. Balation the Baltic tioning Italy, Belgium, the Baltic states. Poland, 'Czechoslovakia and Hungary, show increasing political and social stability and improvement in their governmental finances.

As for Germany and some of the minor states in southeastern Europe.

A statistical problems of their government in problems of the control overwholm the comment of all classes of American officers of the country for the enrichment of the statement and the country of the country to the statement and the statement and the country of the country to the statement and the statement and the country to the statement and the statemen

state-owned ship lines and other pro- tossed liner Berengaria, to report to posals, some of which are in the demo- Washington on information he was cratic party platform, that now seem asked to get from London. "I will not and cannot grant an incertain to go through.

When it comes to forecasts, however, terview," he said, as he met newspaas to what the legislature will do with per men in the cabinet of the ship, the proposal to unmask the Ku Klux "but I will talk a bit informally with Klan, abolish capital punishment or you,"

make an appropriation for serving free I it was while he was talking inform-coffee to tourists passing through the ally that he said there was no question state which one enterprising legisla- of England paying her debts to the for has proposed-there is no way of United States, and added that he had telling. The fate of the klan may de- come home to bring information on pend on the humor of the solons when that subject to President Harding the issue comes up or on the number "I am merely coming home to report of them who belong to the hooded or- to my editor-in-chief and my managder. The abolition of capital punish- ing editor," he said, "and am really ment has been up many times before nothing but a messenger boy. I can and it usually has died without a say this, however, the present English struggle. The legislator's proposal for government plans to settle, and to pay the free service of coffee may seem too its debt to America. But it is a delifar ahead of the times in the way of cate job. It will require very careful legislative generosity to gain the favor handling. of the solons.

f the solons. But a guess on these three is easy mission and those named on the Britas compared to the possible frame of ish mission, which is now en route mind of the law-making body concern- here will report a decision if any one ing numbers of other proposals, such can. They face the biggest financial as co-operating marketing and antico-operative marketing, a workmen's but they face it as the best men that compensation act, prison reform, more could possibly handle it. "Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the banking laws, now laws, concerning government operations, new automoexchequer, who heads the mission, is a bile and traffic laws, more judicial dis-tricts, the repeal of the primary, re-vision of tax laws, many and varied in British public life. Monsag Norman, departmental recommendations, measgovernor of the Bank of England, while that many associations and fedof retiring disposition, is a man of ability and power." That was all Colonel Harvey would erations will seek to have passed, the

proposal for a state educational builday about affairs of state. He declared he was a good sailor and ng, the proposal for a state chamber of commerce and countless other propenjoyed the trip although the Berenositions and suggestions concerning garia encountered heavy weather althe state and its general welfare. he state and its general wenter. Legislation necessary to carry on the most all the way. He had made 44 ork of state development now under-ork of state development now under-or will include the additional \$15,000,-worst of his experience.

work of state development now underway will include the additional \$15,000,-"Now what else can I tell about." he said. Some one suggested speeches. He

states educational and chartened in turned that off by saying he had made stitutions, an extra tax on gasoline for road maintenance, the further ex-for road maintenance, the further ex-tension of normal schools, legislation I got it was influenza in Manchester." turned that off by saying he had made that will aid the furtherance of the he added with a smile. The colonel with a small Christmas state educational campaign through the building of more high schools and (Continued From Page One.) tree in his suite and the remains of a (Continued on Page Two.)

HAMBURG, Dec. 31.-(By the Associated Press.)-The Franco-German non-war pact, proposed by Germany to France through the mediation of a neutral power, has been rejected by Premier Poincare. This statement was made by the German chancellor, Wilhelm Cuno, in the course of a sig-nificant speech before the Hamburg bourse today. The chancellor's revelation was

the first official admission that cently undertaken serious steps to the German government had re-placate French war apprehensions and incidentally dispose of the re-current French accusations that Germany was arming for a new war.

war. The German new year's non-war pact was proposed to France through the medium of an un-named power, probably either Switzerland of Holland, and prowided for a solemn pledge by all the pwers interested in the Rhine

the pwers interested in the Knine that none of them should wage war on others for a generation, without active authorization of their people as expressed through a popular referendum in all the countries involved. The German government stipu-

lated that a world power which was not interested in the Rhine should be guardian or trustee of this pledge. Such an obligation, Chancellor Cuno stated. would commit each nation which was a party to the pact to a peace policy and would afford the most secure guarantee conceivable.

"To my regret," said the chancellor. "France has seen fit to reject our proposal."

The major part of the chancellor's speech was devoted to a discussion of reparations and their effect on the national and international situation. He gave the bar-est outlines of the new German proposals, declaring that the govproposals, declaring that the gov-ernment has decided to name a definite sum, which it believed it would be able to pay off through the aid of a system of domestic and foreign loans. He expressed strong approval of the sentiments voiced by the American secretary of state at New Haven, and be-lieved that Mr. Hughe's views closely tallied with those enter-tained by the Germans. tained by the Germans.

number has been placed by some o servers as between 50 and 100. The detailing of these men was believed to have been the result of the visit of Jovernor Parker to Washington in N rember, when he sought federal aid in

nandling the case. The governor considered the affair came under federal jurisdiction, in that he charged citizens of Mississippi and Arkansas were members of the August meb and also that mail and telegrams have been tampered with in Morehouse nating in the Mer Rouge territory had been opened before reaching its destination.

It has been, unofficially stated the state was satisfied with the co-operation it had received from Washington Morehouse and Louisiana must pay the expense of the investigations and troops and the trials. The hurden falling on the parish will only be the court costs for the open hearing and the trials. The expense of the kidnaped men and officers who are encamped at

must borrow money to return after the legislature meets in 1924. Governor Parker is known to have drawn heavrived at last week to abolish the Royal ily on his private funds to pay for pre-

liminary investigations. The governor, who has personally directed the investigations, is a man of wealth, some considering him a millionaire. He has extensive interests in cotton and sugar, but upon assuming the office of governor he announced he had retired from active business. His affairs are being conducted by his

three sons. Although an American Protestant, he has bitterly opposed Ku Kluxism since its spread into Louisiana several years ago. He has flayed the order from one end of the state to the other. He has often intimated that klansmen were responsible for the Mer Rouge out, rages.

Today he stands as the leader of the anti-klan forces. He is being groomed by many as a vice-presidential candidate on the Democratic national ticket in 1924.

The governor is no novice at national politics, entering the race as a mate to Poosevelt on the Bull Moose ticket in 1916.

That he has national aspirations if he remains in politics is seen here in his announcement that he would not be a candidate for the United States senate at the expiration of his term as governor.

BALTIMORE. Dec. 31,-Gov. Albert Ritchle. of this state, has set next Wedneeday at.1 p. m. for a hearing on the requisition for the return to Louis'ans of Dr. B. M. McKoin, ar-rested here Tuesday in connection with the murders and kidneping at Mer Rouge last August. This was announced tonight by the sovernor, after a conference with Spe-cial Deputy Sheriff Calhoun, of More-house parish, and Chief of Detectives James F. Glinn, of New Orienns. The Louis'ana officers arrived here late to-night with a warrant charging the doctor with Hurder, and armed with necessary extradiling papers.

Wheeler Pleads for Co-Operation In Enforcing Prohibition Statutes

close of the season, according to an order received by a local citrus fruit concern from its New York office. The Tiger instructed that one box be shipped to him every two weeks. Federal Agents Await

Coming of Bergdoll

ORLANDO, Fia., Dec. 31.-Georges Clemenceau, of France, fell so in love with Florida grapefruit, while in this

country recently, that he arranged for regular shipments to Paris until the

PENSACOLA, Fin, Dec, 31.-The German steamer Jupiter, aboard which Grover Clevelind Bergdoli is reported to be attempting to en-ter the United States incognitio, and which is now overdme at Pen-sacola, falled to arrive today. Heavy weather on the Atlantic during the last week is believed to be responsible for her delay. A close watch is being keys by part and department of justice officials and arrangements have been made to board the Justice officials after she crosses the three-sile limit. The time of her arrival is uncertain.