

COUNTY HEALTH PROGRAM IS DISCUSSED TODAY

Optimistic Report Is Issued On Business Conditions

W. B. GRAY IS RECALLED BY GOVERNOR

GRAY BROUGHT BACK FOR AN EXAMINATION

Governor Has Mebane Man
Taken Off Train While He
Was on Way To Ky.

MORRISON HAD HONORED GRAY'S EXTRADITION

Changed His Attitude in Mat-
ter To Enable Gray To Fight
Extradition Proceedings

RALEIGH, Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press)—After honoring the resignation of the Governor of Kentucky for the return of W. B. Gray, of Mebane, to answer to a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, Governor Cameron Morrison last night ordered Stateville officers to take Gray from a train and bring him back to Raleigh in order to give him a hearing.

Governor Morrison said this afternoon that he took this step after Col. Louis Preston Gray, head of Mebane School, had appealed to him to give his son a chance to fight extradition. Gray will be given a hearing before the Governor either tonight or tomorrow.

Statesville, N. C., Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press)—William B. Gray of Mebane in charge of a deputy sheriff of Hart county, Kentucky, was taken from a train here last night by officers on instructions from Governor Morrison. Gray was being taken to Kentucky for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Gray left for Raleigh this morning in custody of an officer. He is charged in Mumfordsville, Ky., with obtaining money from men of the town in payment for the tuition of their sons at his father's school at Mebane. He is alleged to have obtained about \$3,000. The Mumfordsville men claimed that Young Gray misrepresented the school to them, and that it is inadequate for educational purposes.

"I simply solicited for Bingham Military School for the summer of 1922; the school itself receiving all payments," declared Gray this morning. "While at Bingham the boys seemed to be well pleased with the school."

DEBT ALLEVIATION IS PURPOSE OF BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 29.—"If I am successful in persuading the United States government to come to permanent settlement terms for the repayment of our debt of \$33,000,000,000, through the funding and obtaining of an easier rate of interest, I hope that America will also take kindly to a much more important mission which Premier Bonar Law has shortly to undertake for a final reparations settlement."

These were the significant parting words of Chancellor of the Exchequer Stanley Baldwin, discussing the objects of his mission to the United States, just before boarding the Majestic for America today.

He undoubtedly meant that he is hoping for America's support of the attitude of the British Premier at the Paris conference of premiers next Tuesday.

Another important admission by the Chancellor was to the effect that he has full powers not only to settle the debt question, but to take up the question of calling an economic conference, which naturally as a Britisher, he said he would welcome.

He further declared that he would see the President as soon as he can after his arrival at Washington, adding:

"It is of supreme importance to Europe that America should have a say in the many perplexing matters now engaging the attention of statesmen."

The Chancellor, like all British publicists, strongly favors Senator Borah's idea of a world economic conference, to be held at Washington or elsewhere.

Counterfeit twenties are in circulation. Examine closely the small change a bootlegger gives you.

Here's A Real "League of Nations" Family.



St. Paul, Minn., lays claim to having the most unique family in the world, consisting of all girls, sisters and two guardians. Fifteen years ago the Reiff sisters, Misses Miina and Henriette, had a spacious and comfortable home that they did not know what to do with. They adopted a little German orphan girl, and found the experiment so interesting that they adopted three little Scotch girls. After that, one by one other orphans found a home with the Reiff sisters, until now the little family numbers nine girls, representing Germany, France, Scotland, Finland, Bohemia and Canada, and of course, the U. S.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN MOVEMENT OF BRITISH FLEET

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Dec. 29.—The hasty return of the British fleet to Constantinople from Malta attracts wide attention here. Nothing is forthcoming from official sources to explain the movement, but the obvious presumption that it is connected with the uncompromising attitude of the Turks at Lausanne is everywhere accepted.

There are still many foreigners in Constantinople and the dispatch of warships is regarded as a necessary precaution in the event that there is a break-down in the Lausanne negotiations.

Blind Boy Hopeful of Seeing Through Transfer of Pig Eye

New York, Dec. 29.—What would be your reaction to life in the future if for nine years your nights had been a succession of hideous nightmares of burning buildings?

And what would be your state of mind if there finally came to you some hope that the horrible dreams to be dispelled by a surgical operation which at the same time would restore the sight that had been gone for nine years?

There are answers to these questions. They have been given to the New York American by one who has had these dreadful experiences and has come to hope they are nearing their end.

He is Alfred Lemanowicz, eighteen, of No. 31 Marion avenue, Lyndhurst, N. J. He is preparing to sue that township for \$100,000 because of which at the same time would restore the sight that had been gone for nine years?

"My left eye is gone, you can see. And my right is without vision. It happened nine years ago in a boyish prank."

"Next May I am to be operated on by Dr. Edward Morgan. He is seventy-one and lives in Paterson. All the other doctors have given up my case as hopeless. They say I will never see again. Dr. Morgan says he will give me sight in the right eye."

"He is going to graft on my eyeball one-half of a pig's eye. And he says that my nightmares will disappear. The operation will take only half an hour, and will require four assistant doctors."

"Nine years ago with boyish enthusiasm I watched the township's fireworks celebration on the Fourth

of July. When some of the city employees became drunk and left behind a pile of skyrockets some of us took the rockets home. I didn't take any, it happened."

"On July 19 one of the boys brought a rocket from his house. It was lighted, but the fuse sputtered and the rocket didn't go off. I bent over it to see what was the matter. There was a terrific flash, then darkness. The boys ran away. A woman picked me up. I came to in a hospital days later."

"My left eye was so badly hurt it was removed. I couldn't see from the right. Since then I have lived the tortures of hell. Night after night I dreamed of flames. Scores of times I have awakened my family with shrieks. In my sleep I could see the house afire. They would find me, still asleep, groping for the door or window while I screamed for help."

"All these years life has been discouraging, even though kind friends have aided me. I have learned to help myself."

"I am an expert at caning chairs and at turning pianos."

"I can typewrite."

"I have learned to read as many blind people read."

"It's an unusual operation that I am to undergo, but I have nothing to lose and everything to gain. I am sure that some day soon I will be able to see again and find life once more the rosy prospect it was before that terrible day nine years ago."

Our idea of an optimist is any man who will assert his claim to succeed Sultan Mohammed VI., of Turkey.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD FOR 1923 REPORT SHOWS

Department Commerce Gives
Out Statistics Relative To
Economic Situation

FINE PROGRESS BEEN MADE IN PAST YEAR

Spirit of Optimism Appears To
Prevail In Business Circles
of the Nation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Stock taking of the nation's domestic business for the last year gives "a feeling of satisfaction" as to the progress made, the Department of Commerce declared today in an end-of-the-year statement and from today's position, it added, "there are no serious obstacles in sight which should hinder further advances" in the early New Year.

Optimism born of the accomplishments of the past month which many officials of the government regard as a remarkable strengthening of the economic fabric, is evident throughout the statistics and details of the statement which noted that the production of manufactured commodities averaged 50 per cent larger than in 1921. The farmer received approximately 17 per cent more for his products than in 1921 and the total value of agricultural products was worth a much greater sum than was that of a year ago.

"The unsettled conditions in foreign countries," particularly in Europe, however, the statement continued, "are still depressing our trade and to some extent, have no doubt kept the prices of agricultural products below the level of other commodities. But within the past two months this latter condition has been relieved to some extent."

While dealing only briefly with foreign trade the review said, that American exports had dropped 16 per cent as compared with last year, but the comparison was on the basis of 11 months and, in addition, represented a "long climb" from a poor start, according to officials. Imports to September 22, when the new tariff law was effective, were slightly above last year and indications are, it was stated unofficially, that the year's total may exceed last year's imports by a small margin.

PURE BRED HOGS BEING RAISED

K. E. Tilton Joins Ranks of
Farmers Who Are Trying
To Raise Better Hogs

Another step in Craven county's progress toward more extensive hog raising was taken this week when K. E. Tilton, of Havelock, purchased a pure-bred Poland-China sow, which in 1921, was Grand Champion of North Carolina. Mr. Tilton is planning to purchase other pure-bred animals in the near future. He already has received many offers for pigs of the sow.

FAYETTEVILLE MAN DIED ON PULLMAN

PETERSBURG, Va., Dec. 29.—(By Associated Press)—Harris Mersoles of Fayetteville, N. C., died suddenly today in a drawing room which he occupied with his son and daughter on Atlantic Coast Line train, No. 82, northbound.

Naturally, a hen-pecked man feels like a worm.

The king of Spain banished garlic from his kitchen, so the king of Spain's neighbors are tickled.

A New York boy lived three weeks in a water tank and all the other boys will sympathize with him.

BUDGET OF \$18,000 IS SUBMITTED FOR HEALTH WORK IN CRAVEN CO.

Joint Session of the County Commissioners And
Board of Aldermen Was Held This After-
noon at the Court House.

\$7800 WILL BE PAID LOCALLY

Red Cross And State And Federal Departments
Will Make Up the Balance of the Fund
Needed For the Work.

The county commissioners and board of Aldermen this afternoon agreed to a budget of \$18,000 for carrying on public health work in New Bern and Craven county during the forthcoming year.

At a joint session of the county commissioners and board of aldermen this afternoon at the court house steps were taken for providing ways and means for putting into effect a county health program, more far-reaching in its scope than any ever attempted by any county in this section of the state.

Members of the commissioners and aldermen thoroughly discussed the matter in all its phases and the views of other citizens also were submitted.

THEATRE OWNERS TO ERECT AUDITORIUM

GREENSBORO, N. C., Dec. 29.—A special committee was named by the Motion Picture Theatre Owners Association of North Carolina to devise ways and means of erecting an auditorium at either the Stonewall Jackson Training School, near Concord, or the Orthopaedic Hospital at Gastonia at the final session of the anti-winter meeting here in August. The movement is started, it was explained, purely from a humanitarian standpoint.

Resolutions adopted included one condemning the "graft and robbing" of the music tax and the "privilege tax," as well as the endorsement of the Better Music Association.

The association will hold its regular annual session at White Haven, Beach next summer.

NEW YORK DETECTIVES SEEK SLAYER OF GIRL; PLAYMATE

New York, Dec. 29.—Brooklyn's keenest detectives, puzzled for a solution of the mysterious shooting of Theresa McCarthy, 16-year-old girl, in her home Tuesday, took note of the slightly upward course of the .22 calibre bullet that pierced her heart, disclosed by the autopsy, and today incited more to the theory that another child of similar age was responsible for the tragedy.

The deduction was that the bullet's course would have been downward, rather than upward, had an older and taller person fired the shot, and in this belief the search was continued for one of Theresa's playmates, frightened into silence by the tragic consequences.

HILL'S TO HAVE A SPECIAL SALE

Big Merchandising Event Announced In Today's Issue. Special Prices Offered.

Hill's Clothiers, today announce the start of their January Clearance Sale, in which big reductions are made in the price of suits and overcoats. Mr. Hill stated today that his stock of winter wearing apparel would be offered at this sale at a great sacrifice. In a full page advertisement appearing in today's issue he calls attention to the splendid values being offered.

compared to what might follow unless an efficient corps of health officials was at work here.

step in your face. Get on your ear and someone will