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THE WEATHER
Cloudy today; Saturday
probably fair. Details on
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POPE, IN MESSAGE TO WILSON, URGES EUROPEAN PEACE

Cardinal Gibbons Spends Hour
With President After De-
livering Note

GERMANY'S ATTITUDE AIDS CAUSE GREATLY

Details of Papal Communica-
tion Not Made Public, But It
Is Intimated Plans Will Em-
body Neutral Powers' Join-
ing Vatican To End Great
War of Nations

GERMANY OFFERS TO REFER U-BOAT CONFAB TO HAGUE

Berlin, Sept. 2.—Germany, ac-
cording to Count Bernstorff's in-
structions, offers to submit the
claims for compensation arising out
of the Lusitania and Arabic cases
to the Hague.

Washington, Sept. 2.—Germany
is desirous of having the claims for
compensation arising out of the
sinking of the Lusitania and Arabic
submitted to the Hague. The in-
structions issued to Count Bernstorff,
the German Ambassador at Wash-
ington, according to a Berlin dis-
patch, authorize him to make this
offer to the American govern-
ment. At the same time immunity
from attack without warning by
passenger steamers is provided for.
Official circles in Berlin are re-
ported to be optimistic with re-
ference to the successful issue of
the negotiations between Germany
and the United States respecting
the German submarine policy.

ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR NAVY RESERVE

Acting Secretary Roosevelt
Makes Public Program For
National Defense

Washington, Sept. 2.—A plan for
building an adequate national naval
reserve in addition to the existing State
militia and the regular reserve created
by the last Congress was made
public today by Acting Secretary
Roosevelt of the Navy Department.
It contemplates mobilization of
yachtsmen and power boat owners
and their craft with navy reserve
ships in a training squadron, follow-
ing the idea of the army camp at
Plattsburg, N. Y.

MORE BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY GERMANS

Berlin, Sept. 2.—(By wireless to
Tuckerton.)—The Overseas Agency
says:

According to an official report the
following British steamers have been
sunk by submarines during the last
few days:

"The Paros, the Shrikby, the Glen-
by, the Queen, the Trafalgar and one
fishing steamer."

PAGE TO ASK DATA ON BRITISH COUNCIL ORDER

Washington, Sept. 2.—Ambassador
Page was instructed today to secure
detailed information as to the ex-
pected relaxations in enforcements of
the British order in council against
American commerce.

The State Department wants to
know just what character of ship-
ments will be allowed to pass and
through what channels application
may be made to secure release of
American cargoes now detained. The
ambassador was directed to inquire
whether Great Britain would "facili-
tate matters" by allowing all informal
negotiations to be conducted with the
British embassy here through the
State Department's foreign trade
advisers.

ADMIRAL VON TIRPITZ OFFERS TO RESIGN

London, Sept. 2.—A London dis-
patch to the Exchange Telegraph
Company says it is reported that Ad-
miral Von Tirpitz, the German minis-
ter of marine, will resign and will
be succeeded by Admiral Von Pohl, now
chief of the admiralty staff and com-
mander of the German battle fleet.

FALLS 200 FEET, AIRMAN IS PICKED UP UNHURT

Los Angeles, Sept. 2.—Silvian Pic-
turo, an aviator, fell from a height of
200 feet into San Francisco Bay to-
day while giving an exhibition flight
from the Panama-Pacific Exposition.
He was picked up by a tug and it was
found that, except for the shock he
was uninjured.

"INTO THE JAWS OF DEATH"



This British sailor on a submarine, plunging in a heavy sea in the Dardanelles, was taken while the vessel was in the field of floating mines. She plunged along on the surface almost regardless of them. It would have been impossible for the man at the wheel to see clear enough from the periscope to avoid the mines which the Germans have let loose in the upper straits. It was necessary to place a lookout for that purpose.

TAFT ADVOCATE OF STRONG DEFENSES

Ex-President Speaks On Pre-
paredness at "Taft Day" Ex-
ercises at Exposition

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—William H.
Taft advocated preparedness for war
and detailed means for its accom-
plishment in an address today at the
Panama-Pacific exposition, delivered
at "Taft Day" exercises.
In ceremonies preceding the ad-
dress Mr. Taft, using the silver spade
with which, while president, he broke
ground for the exposition four years
ago, planted a California redwood tree
in "Taft Circle."

He also reviewed portions of the
United States coast artillery at the
Presidio of San Francisco. A silver
loving cup, inscribed, "In grateful re-
membrance of his unflinching friend-
ship and the occasion of his con-
fidence that 'San Francisco knows
how,'" was presented to him by the
exposition officials.

Lauds Wilson's Stand.
In beginning his address Mr. Taft
declared Germany's acquiescence to
the United States' contention for the
rights of non-combatants on com-
mercial liners "should be the cause of
profound rejoicing by every patriotic
American and the occasion for con-
gratulation to the President."

"It must relieve the strain between
Germany and Austria, according
to Berlin and Vienna, are contin-
uing their progress from northwestern
Russia through eastern Galicia to
the northern sections of this line the
Russians seemingly are falling back
everywhere except in the region of
Riga."

ANOTHER BIG STORM MOVING TOWARD GULF

Washington, Sept. 2.—A tropical
storm now in the vicinity of the Isle
of Pines, is increasing in intensity as
it moves northwest toward the gulf
of Mexico, the weather bureau an-
nounced tonight. South Atlantic
and gulf ports were warned and wireless
stations notified ships at sea.
Another storm is reported off Ber-
muda.

FIRE FOUND IN HOLD OF STEAMER ROTTERDAM

London, Sept. 2.—A Lloyd's dis-
patch from Rotterdam says the Hol-
land-American line steamer Rotterdam
arrived there from New York with
fire in her afterhold, which contained
mail, cotton and other cargo. Much
water has been pumped into the hold,
the message says, and the fire now
apparently is extinguished.

IMPORTERS' EXCHANGE PROFITS NOT TO BE SHARED WITH BUYER

Man Who Purchases Goods Over Counter Will Not Reap Bene-
fits of Depression In Foreign Bills; Prices Across Atlantic
Also Take Same Jump Upward

New York, Sept. 2.—The man who
buys his goods over the counter will
reap none of the big profits accruing
to importers, through the prevailing
depression in foreign exchange rates,
it was said here today. In many in-
stances profits that would otherwise
have accrued to the importers them-
selves have been greatly reduced by
corresponding advance in price on the
other side of the Atlantic.
Because of low exchange rates, it
has been possible for importers here
to pay their bills ahead at discount
ranging from 5 to 7 per cent on goods
bought in England to as much as 25
per cent on goods purchased in Italy.
A great many importers, it was said,
had seized that opportunity.
Although the French franc was de-
pressed from 15 to 15 per cent, it
was said today, French manufac-
turers forewarn the situation, and re-
instated it in many cases by raising
prices to a point where the depression
in France was exactly offset. French
manufacturers of lace, it was said,
realizing that exchange rates would
be against them, held a meeting more
than a month ago and agreed to ad-
vance prices ten per cent.
When francs reach par, or a figure
near par, it was said, the former
prices will be restored. Importers
of champagne are making money, it
was said, due to the exchange rate,
and are sharing their profits with jobbers
and wholesale merchants.
The same situation holds true, it
was said, with respect to imports
from Italy, chiefly fancy groceries,
cheese, macaroni, wines, and olive
oil. The American jobber, one big
firm said, is getting his goods 5 to
15 per cent cheaper than when rates
are normal, but he and other middle-
men divide the profit.
One reason why retail prices will
not be cheaper, it was said, was be-
cause of the tremendous advance in
ocean freight and insurance rates.
The former have increased 500 per
cent in many instances, and the latter
also have soared because of war risks.

TRADE BALANCES WILL BE PLACED ON A STABLE BASIS

French and British Commis-
sioners En Route To N. Y. To
Discuss Finances

STERLING JUMPS UP ON NEWS OF MEETING

English Silver Advances 8 1-4
Cents Above Wednesday's
Decline; Foreign Bankers,
Traveling In Secrecy, Are To
Give America First Hand
Data On Allies' Resources

London, Sept. 2.—Plans for putting
on a stable basis the entire machinery
of settling trade balances between
America and Europe, will be clarified
within a few days, on the arrival in
New York of the French and British
financial committees.
Both committees are on their way.
The French commissioners sailed from
Boulogne last Saturday. Authorities
have requested that no details re-
garding the British commission be
published until the delegates are well
outside the danger zone.

It is known that the commissions
are in position to correct some re-
ported misapprehensions concerning
British, French, and Russian depen-
dence on America. One of the best
informed authorities said today:
"Are Not Begging."
"The idea seems to prevail in New
York that we are on our knees and
begging America to come to our
assistance. The situation is exactly
the reverse. America wants to sell Eu-
rope its goods, and if Americans hope
to continue to sell they must find
a means of giving the usual
credits and stabilizing exchange."
The British commissioners are
fully conversant with the attitude of
the government, which views the situ-
ation hopefully. Their main success
in floating the gigantic war loan has
renewed confidence here that the
largest financial problems can be
readily surmounted.

The commission will point out that
two distinct classes of credits are
being issued. The first class consists
of credits issued by the allied govern-
ments, the second from private
banks. Not the slightest question
has been raised regarding the ability
of the government to pay as fast as
required on its purchases. This is
likely, it is pointed out, to be en-
sured by the readiness of British
authorities to pay in American gold
notes if any question exists regarding
the exchange rate on the pound. As
to ordinary sales between private
buyers and sellers, the usual adjust-
ment, however, the government is interested in.

War Summary

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ing to Berlin and Vienna, are contin-
uing their progress from northwestern
Russia through eastern Galicia to
the northern sections of this line the
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everywhere except in the region of
Riga.

ARMENIANS KILLED BY TURKISH FORCES

London, Sept. 2.—An Exchange
Telegraph dispatch from Athens says:
"Travelers arriving from Constan-
tinople announce that on Friday last
Turks burned the town of Imdid and
massacred a large number of the
Armenian inhabitants."

INTERNAL TROUBLES FEARED BY GERMANY

London, Sept. 2.—An Exchange
Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam
says:
"Telegrams received here from Ber-
lin express fears that the German gov-
ernment's decision to relax its sub-
marine campaign will cause most
serious internal troubles, as the chan-
celler's action conflicts with the op-
inion of all the maritime chiefs."

CHAMP CLARK RIDES TO RESCUE NEGRO FROM MOB

Bowling Green, Mo., Sept. 2.—
Champ Clark, Speaker of the National
House of Representatives, today hur-
ried to the Pike county jail when he
learned that a mob had formed to
lynch Harrison Ross, a negro charged
with the murder of Dudley David-
son, a farmer. He intended to ad-
dress the crowd but the men had
dispersed when he arrived.

SLAYERS SAY WIFE PAID \$5,000 FOR MURDER OF HER HUSBAND

Rhode Island Woman Held In \$10,000 Bail After Confession of
Three Negroes Charged With Killing Wealthy Providence
Physician; She Denies Accusation

Providence, R. I., Sept. 2.—Mrs.
Elizabeth T. B. Mohr, arrested today
as a result of the confession by three
negroes that she had hired them for
\$5,000 to kill her husband, C. Frank-
lin Mohr, a wealthy physician of this
city and Newport, was released in
\$10,000 bail tonight.
In view of the serious charge that
she had "solicited, conspired and hired"
the three men to kill Dr. Mohr, who
was shot down at the time his sec-
retary, Miss Emily G. Burger, was
seriously wounded at in their stalled
automobile in a dark spot on Nayatt
road, Tuesday night, Assistant Dis-
trict Attorney Claude Beach asked
that bail be fixed at \$25,000.
Judge Brown of Superior Court
held, however, that \$10,000 was suffi-
cient. The amount was furnished by
Jas. M. Pinn, a retired business man;
Robert Jones, an undertaker; Mr. and
Mrs. Eugene F. Gifford, neighbors of
Mrs. Mohr, and Arthur Cushing, one
of Mrs. Mohr's counsel.
Mrs. Mohr maintained her com-
posure throughout the proceed-
ings, was driven soon afterward to
the house where she boarded with her
three children, near the late home of
her husband.
The only statement obtained from
Mrs. Mohr during the day was a de-
nial of the charges against her. When
confronted with Cecil Brown, the for-
mer hostler on the Mohr estate whose
confession "set the crime in motion,"
she said:
"It is not so. You know you came up
to my house and said that you were
going to get square with the doctor,
because he did not pay you what he
owed you. I told you not to be fool-
ish."
Brown, with his two alleged accom-
plices, Henry Spellman, his half
brother, and George W. Heals, the
doctor's chauffeur, were locked up
tonight in the Bristol County jail. All
three are charged with murder.
At the Rhode Island Hospital where
Miss Burger is kept in seclusion, it
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THE GERMAN WHO TOOK WARSAW



Prince Leopold of Bavaria, the German general who took Warsaw. His army was the first within the city taken from the Russians. This photograph shows him within the city the day his troops entered.

CLUES, BUT THAT'S ALL IN FRANK CASE

Grand Jury Reports It's Sorry
It Can't Indict Anybody
For Lynching

Marletta, Ga., Sept. 2.—The Cobb
county grand jury investigating the
lynching of Leo M. Frank reported
late today that:
"We have found several clues, but
we have been unable to find anyone
who could identify any party. We
have done our best, under our oath,
and we regret to state that we have
been unable to find enough evidence
to indict anyone for this crime. The
report says the jury had the active
co-operation of Governor Nat E.
Harris, the State attorney-general;
Solicitor Herbert Clay, and other of-
ficials of Cobb county, and add:
"Nobody identified."
"We have been unable to connect
anybody with the perpetration of this
crime, or to identify anyone who
was connected with it, although we
have investigated the information
furnished us by officers and other
parties, and have followed up letters,
signed and unsigned, and to this end
we have subpoenaed and examined
many witnesses in an effort to dis-

2 AMERICANS SHOT BY MEXICAN BAND

Brownville, Sept. 2.—The bullet-
riddled bodies of two Americans who
were kidnapped early today by
Mexican bandits twelve miles north
of here, were found tonight in the
bed of a dried lake.
They were Earl Donaldson, a farm-
er, and an engineer named Smith,
engaged in concrete construction work
on an irrigation canal.

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OFFER CHARLOTTE FIRM \$4,000,000 WAR ORDER

Charlotte, Sept. 2.—Agents of the
British government here last night, today
were held responsible for the kidnap-
ing of Donaldson and Smith and a
third American, and the burning of
Dodson, managed to escape.
At the Fresno Irrigation Canal,
the bandits yesterday fired probably
a score of shots at Perry Clark, an
American land clearing contractor,
but none took effect.

BUSSIANS LEAVE CITIES AND VILLAGES BURNING

Vienna, Sept. 2.—Further advances
of 15 Russo-Bulgarian front lines
claimed in an official communication
issued today. It says the Austrian
forces have crossed the Styria near
Lutsk on a wide front; have entered
Brody, on the border, and are ad-
vancing eastward from that place
across the frontier; have driven the
Russians across the lower Strava; are
pursuing the enemy on the roads
from Zborov, Zalosse and Tarnopol;
and "gradually are riving the enemy
back" northeast of Brest Litovsk.
"Behind the Russian position on the
Bessarabia frontier," the announce-
ment adds, "numerous villages are
burning."

ARABIC PASSENGERS ARRIVE

New York, Sept. 2.—Thirty-five
Arabic survivors arrived today on the
American liner St. Paul from Liver-
pool. Dr. Aubrey Bruce, who was
cabin mate of Dr. Edmund F. Woods,
one of the Americans lost, was among
the arrivals. He was met by Dr.
Woods' wife who sought a brief
story of her husband's last hour.
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GRODNO FORTRESS SMASHED BY GUNS OF TEUTON ARMY

Defenses of Great Russian
Stronghold, Are Battered By
German Cannon

TROOPS RETIRE TO BANK OF NIEMEN

Kaiser's Forces Continue Of-
fensive Against Moscovites
Along Entire Line Except In
Region of Riga Where Czar's
Troops Present Solid Front.
Activity at Dardanelles

BRITISH U-BOATS SINK TURK SHIPS

Paria, Sept. 2.—Four Turkish
transporters have been torpedoed by
British submarines.
"A transport was sunk on the
20th of August by one of our avia-
tors in the anchorage at Achab-
Hissar," says an official announce-
ment today. "It is necessary to add
four transporters were torpedoed by
British submarines; two of them
at the same point and two others
between Gallipoli and Nagara."

BRITISH U-BOATS SINK TURK SHIPS

Petrograd, Sept. 2.—A Russian
war office communication tonight
announces evacuation by the Rus-
sians of the fortress of Grodno and
the retirement of the troops to
the right bank of the Niemen S.
river.

ALLEGED WIFE SLAYER THREATENED BY MOB

Anheville, Sept. 2.—Charged with
having killed his wife several days
ago, J. O. Southers was brought here
from Rutherford County today and
lodged in the Buncombe County Jail
for safe keeping because of the re-
ports to the effect that a mob was
being organized in that county to take
him from the jail.
The prisoner was removed following
the granting of an order by Judge
W. F. Harding permitting the Sheriff
of Rutherford County to bring Southers
to Asheville. It is reported that after
the killing Southers, who is a man
about 60 years old, attempted suicide.
Feeling against the prisoner ran high
and Sheriff Tanner deemed it wise
to protect his charge by removing him
from the county until feeling sub-
sided.

NEW YORK BANKERS BACK WILSON BONDS

New York, Sept. 2.—The United
States Mortgage and Trust Company,
of 15 Cedar street in this city, an-
nounced today to the bankers, brok-
ers and investors of New York, Phil-
adelphia and Boston by official cir-
cular that they would guarantee the
new issue of the town of Wilson (N.
C.) bonds, \$75,000, for gas circulation
of \$1,000 each at 5 per cent, maturing
in installments from 1925 to 1955.
According to schedule bids are to
be opened the evening of September
20. This guarantee will encourag-
ably stimulate the bidding from the
North and encourage a higher pre-
mium at the sale.