

WEATHER TODAY:

Probably Local Rains.

FIFTH YEAR

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LD TORNADO AVES PATH OF ATHANDRUIN

WYN DEAD IN TORM THAT NEWCASTLE

Demolished; 2,000
Property Loss
ch \$1,000,000.

EVELS BLOCK LOCK OF HOUSES

and Homeless
ardsmen Order
the Scene.

(By Associated Press)
March 12.—With
steadily ahead the
yesterday's cyclone
ed to twenty today.
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erty at \$1,000,000. Fully
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ings all in southern
were damaged.

ns numbered among
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jury hurt. The injured
y in hospitals today.
y was under military
approaching martial
ere closed while
but down and the
put to work clearing
Mechanics began re-
structures.

er Report
March 12.—The
tornado which
esterday afternoon
early today and
d man, believed to

still digging in the
victims. A score or
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John Haller,
W. T. Razor,
on Day, eight, June
y E. Williams, Mrs.
and Earl Water-
Watersman, William
betons twenty-four,
minutes sworn in by
controlled the streets
racked homes until
Indiana guardsmen
here by Governor

SIXTEEN AIRSHIPS PURCHASED BY NAVY

The Approximate Cost Is \$649,
250 and Four Companies
Will Construct Them.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Purchase
of sixteen non-rigid airships for coast
and harbor patrol work at a total cost
of \$649,250 was announced today by
the navy department.

The Curtis Aeroplane Company was
awarded three for \$122,250, the Con-
necticut Aircraft Company two for
\$54,000; the Goodyear Tire and Rub-
ber Company nine for \$360,000 and the
R. F. Goodrich Company two for \$83,
000. Deliveries will begin within 120
days.

SEC. DANIELS SPEEDS UP NAVAL CONSTRUCTION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Secretary
Daniels today continued conferences
with ship builders and manufacturers
in his efforts to speed up naval con-
struction to the maximum capacity
of the American ship yards.

Gompers Issued Call To Organized Labor



Mr. Gompers has issued a call to labor leaders to meet in Washington to formulate the demands of organized labor in the preparedness program.

LABOR LEADERS IN SESSION AT CAPITAL

More Than 100 Respond to Call
To Define Labor's Atti-
tude to National Defense.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—More than
100 representatives of organized labor
to define labor's attitude toward the
national defense movement. When the
meeting convened, the executive
counsel of the federation presented a
tentative draft of a statement ad-
vocating in general terms measures
of preparedness and the delegates pre-
pared to make this a basis for discus-
sion for the next day or two.

This was the first conference ever
held by labor interests to consider
uniting in a common stand on national
defense issues.

SENATE ENTERS UPON SECOND WEEK OF SESSION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—The senate
today entered upon its second and
probably the final week of its session.
Both houses of congress will meet in
special session on April 16 and many
senators are known to be anxious to
spend as much of the intervening time
as possible at home.

Adjournment of the special session
is looked for after the senate consid-
ers a number of nominations, includ-
ing that of Dr. Carey T. Grayson, na-
val aide to President Wilson, to be
medical director and rear admiral in
the navy. No serious objections are
expected.

An effort will be made to ratify the
\$15,000,000 Colombian treaty.

Senate in Brief Session.
(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—The senate
had a brief session today, but trans-
acted no important business, adjourn-
ing to 12:35 p. m. until noon Tues-
day.

WILL AGAIN CALL UP COLOMBIAN TREATY

Senate Informed by Senator
Martin That the Bill Will Be
Called at Present Session.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Senator
Martin the majority floor leader an-
nounced at the Democratic caucus to-
day that an effort would be made to
get a vote at the present special ses-
sion of the senate on the treaty with
Colombia providing a payment of \$15,-
000,000 for the partition of Panama.
Senator Martin conferred with Presi-
dent Wilson and it was understood
the announcement reflected the Presi-
dent's wishes.

No attempt was made in the caucus
today to bind Democrats to support
the treaty.

The Republican conference develop-
ed strong opposition to the treaty and,
although no attempt was made to bind
senators, leaders expressed confidence
of its defeat.

FRESH SOURCES OF FOOD SUPPLY HAVE BEEN OPENED

(By Associated Press)
New York, March 12.—A statement issued by Joseph Hartigan, com-
missioner of weights and measures who has been leading the local fight
against high food prices shows that as a result of his inquiries among the
food and agricultural departments of thirty-two states new sources of sup-
ply have been opened for the retailers in New York city. Local potato
dealers in the past have depended to large measure upon Maine, New Jer-
sey, New York and Virginia but potatoes are coming now from a number
of Western and Southern states.

TURKS ARE FORCED OUT OF BAGDAD

British, Under General Maude,
Capture Mohammedan
Stronghold.

PRESTIGE IS RESTORED

England's Victory Shatters
Long-Standing Dream of
the Germans.

(By Associated Press)
London, March 12.—After announc-
ing the fall of Bagdad in the house
of commons today, Andrew Bonar
Law chancellor of the exchequer, said
there was every reason to believe
that two thirds of the Turks' artillery
had fallen into the hands of the British
or had been thrown into the Tigris.

POLITICAL IMPORTANCE OF OCCUPATION OF BAGDAD

London, March 12.—The fall of
Bagdad in the opinion of the London
press is of even greater significance
for the effect it is said to have on
German aims than for its value in re-
storing British prestige in the eyes of
the Mohammedan world and the east
generally. While it is generally rec-
ognized the British misfortunes in
Mesopotamia have had a serious in-
fluence on the prestige of the ruling
power in India and Egypt, and while
it is claimed that the capture of Bag-
dad will restore the balance, the chief
gratification expressed is that the suc-
cess of General Maude's expedition
"has shattered the dream that Ger-
mans have indulged in for more than
twenty years."

As one typical comment puts it:
"The Germans proud of an eastern
empire is dissipated before their
eyes, the German route to the east
is blocked and the affecting terminus
of Berlin to Bagdad railway has passed
into British hands. To orientals
it will seem to sound the knell of
German aspirations."

It is also contended that Turkey's
value as an ally of Germany now is
weakened and that the fall of Bagdad
crowns the disasters which have al-
ready befallen Ottoman arms in other
Asiatic theatres of the war.

It is pointed out that Bagdad will
be a difficult city to hold under as-
sault as it has neither natural nor
artificial defenses and lies in an open
plain. It is believed however, that
the Turks are so thoroughly routed that
there is no present cause for anxiety
also it is admitted that they have
shown in Armenia and elsewhere a
considerable gift for bringing a vic-
torious enemy to an eventually halt.
Further developments are believed to
depend upon the speed and effective-
ness with which Anglo-Russian co-
operation can be established.

PARIS PAPERS COMMENT ON THE FALL OF BAGDAD

Paris, March 12.—The morning pa-
pers comment at length upon the fall
of Bagdad and dwell upon the politi-
cal downfall of the British success.
The Matin, says:
"Perhaps after all the effect will be
deeply felt in Germany. Hamburg's
Bagdad line, the last of the dreams
cherished by German megalomania,
must remain a dream in the face of
the realities. It is certain that hopes
of fulfillment were fostered by the
government and contributed largely to
keeping up the spirits of the public."
The Petit Parisien says:
"The Turks were thrown into the
war forcibly by the committee of
union and progress, which only main-
tained itself in power by terrorism.
Will its prestige survive, the Meso-
potamian disaster?"

Von Bernstorff Leaves Christians- burg

(By Associated Press)
Christiansburg, March 11 (via Lon-
don, March 12).—The steamship Fred-
erick VIII. left for Copenhagen today
with Count von Bernstorff and his party.

Mary Pickford Is Sued For \$163,750



Mary Pickford is the defendant in a
supreme court action which is lik-
ely to make her feel more than ever
in touch with the woes of her cur-
rent character, "The Poor Little Rich
Girl." "Little Mary" whose receipts
from screen productions but her in the
royal class as regards income, was
legally requested to hand over \$163,-
750 to Mrs. Cora C. Wilkerson, agent
for authors and actors. Mrs. Wilkerson
wants just about ten weeks of the
"Little Mary" salary because she set
forth in her complaint, for the past
three years she was employed by Miss
Pickford as general manager and per-
sonal representative. She declares she
was retained on a commission basis.

ARMED FRENCH SHIP PERMITTED TO SAIL

The Rochambau Clears New
York for Foreign Port With
American Sanction.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Permis-
sion for clearance of the French liner
Rochambau from New York for the first
belligerent merchantman to arrive in
an American harbor with guns mount-
ed fore as well as aft, was today
granted by the state department
which ruled that the Rochambau as a
passenger-carrying vessel plying us-
ual routes, was a peaceable merchant-
man, entitled to take adequate pre-
cautions against illegal attack.

RULING WILL LEAD TO GENERAL FEDERAL POLICY

Undoubtedly the Rochambau rul-
ing will lead to a general policy of
arming vessels to the fore. It was
thought she was sent into port largely
as a test of this government's policy,
and now that a wide acquiescence is al-
lowed, it is assumed that other enter-
prise merchantmen will follow suit.

WAR SUMMARY

(By Associated Press)
While great political importance is
attached to the capture of Bagdad by
the British the military results of the
notable event are of even greater im-
portance, pointing to the possibility of
a comparative speedy linking up of the
British and Russian movements
against the Turks in this far away
field of war.

The conditions which General Maude
found upon entering the city of Cal-
pha and the status of his supply ar-
rangements must, in great measure
affect any plans for a further advance.
Given the assurance of adequate sup-
plies and replenishments it seems
probable that he will not rest con-
tent with holding Bagdad, but will
attempt a further move up the Tigris.
This river is navigable for small
steamers northward on its course as
far as Mosul nearly 250 miles away, fa-
voring the transport arrangements of
the British forces. The measure of
Turkish resistance along this line will
be affected in no small measure by
the rate of progress of the Russian col-
umns moving toward Mesopotamia
from Persia.

These columns, operating from Ham-
adan and Sakkiz are still far short of
the points where they stood last spring,
when the British were halted at Kut-
El-Amara by General Townsends sur-
render. Bagdad however, is reported
to be the point from which the Tur-
kish defense in Persia was supplied
and its capture may weaken the Otto-
man resistance and facilitate the Rus-
sian advance.

Linking up the Russian and the
British forces therefore at a point con-
siderably north of Bagdad does not
seem an impossibility. The recupera-
tive power of the Turks repeatedly
shown in this war, has to be taken in
to consideration in this connection.

Enver Pasha the Turkish minister
of war is quoted as describing the
Turkish retrograde movement in Mes-
opotamia as a strategic retreat and de-
claring that military reasons are like-
wise inducing a drawing in of the
Turkish front in Persia towards Ker-
manshab.

FORMAL NOTICE GIVEN FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

TEXT OF NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Washington, March 12.—Follow-
ing is the text of the communica-
tion as made public by the state
department:

"I view of the announcement of
the Imperial German government
on January 31, 1917, that all ships,
those of neutrals included, met
within certain zones of the high
seas would be sunk without any
precaution being taken for the safe-
ty of the persons on board and
without the exercise of visit and
search, the government of the
United States has determined to place
upon all American merchant vessels
sailing thru the barred areas an
armed guard for the protection of
the vessels and the lives for the
persons on board."

APPROVES CHINESE BREAK WITH BERLIN

Chinese House of Representa-
tives in Secret Session Sec-
onds Federal Policy.

(By Associated Press)
London, March 12.—A Pekin dis-
patch to Reuter's says that the house
of representatives at a secret session
approved the government's diplomatic
policy including a rupture with Ger-
many.

The Chinese foreign office announc-
ed on February 9 that it would sever
diplomatic relations with Germany if
the unrestricted submarine warfare
decree was put into effect. On March
four the Chinese cabinet agreed that
relations should be broken, but Presi-
dent Yuan Sheng refused to accept
the decision of the ministers and
Premier Tuan Chi-fu resigned. Three
days later, however, the premier re-
sumed office after President Li Yuan-
heng had agreed to give the cabinet
full power to frame the country's
foreign policy and also on condition
that parliament should vote on the
question of a breach with Germany.

There have been reports from num-
erous sources that China was contem-
plating not merely the severance of
relations, but an actual alliance with
the entente. A dispatch from Pekin
on March eighth, stated that the Chi-
nese foreign minister was sounding
the ministers of the entente as to the
conditions under which the allies
would be willing to accept China as a
partner.

AMERICAN VESSELS WILL BE ARMED FOR SELF-PROTECTION

All Embassies and Legations at
Washington Are So
Notified.

STATE DEPARTMENT MAKES NOTICE PUBLIC

Communication Says U. S. Ac-
tion Is Prompted by German
Order of Ruthlessness.

(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Formal
notice that American ships traversing
the German submarine zone are to
carry "armed guard for their protec-
tion of the vessel and persons on
board," was sent by the state depart-
ment today to embassies and legations
in Washington to all foreign govern-
ments.

The notification, it is said, will be
sent to Germany by the Swiss lega-
tion here.

Whether other neutral govern-
ments will admit American armed
ships to their ports is a question for
them to decide, but it is not expected
here that objections will be made. Hol-
land is the only neutral known to
have barred armed merchantmen.

State department officials did not
wish to make it clear whether it was
mandatory for all American vessels
to have arms or whether they might
sail without them if they so desired.
Previously the navy department un-
der its policy of silence as to such
questions, had also refused a ruling.

The navy department's position is
that it will equip with arms all ships
whose owners apply to it.

FRENCH PUSH OFFENSIVE IN CHAMPAGNE REGION

Germans Are Successfully Hold-
ing Their Ground, Say
Berlin Reports.

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, March 12.—via Sayville.—
French troops this morning attacked
the German positions south of Ripont
in the Champagne district but were
repulsed, says an official statement
issued today by the German army head-
quarters staff. In the Aisne sector
and in several districts along the
River Aisne and in Champagne yester-
day there was especially strong ar-
tillery firing.

Continue Offensive.
Paris, March 12.—The French con-
tinued their offensive operations in
the Champagne last night. Further
gains in the region of Maisons de
Champagne are reported in today's of-
ficial announcement. Prisoners were
taken in raids and patrol encounters
at different points on the front.

"Between Soissons and Rheims a
surprise attack directed by the enemy
against one of our trenches in the
region of Poissy was repulsed promp-
tly by our fire. The enemy suffered
losses and left prisoners in our hands."
"Near Maisons de Champagne we
made further progress last night by
grenade attacks. Patrol encounters
occurred in the sector of Auberville.
The number of machine guns which
we have captured in the region of
Maisons de Champagne has been in-
creased to twelve."

"In the Woivreux we made a success-
ful incursion into German trenches
north of Seicheprey. In the Lograine
there were patrol engagements. We
took prisoners near St. Martin, north-
west of Badonvillers."
"Elsewhere the night passed in
quiet."

"Big Bill" Edwards Nominated.
(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—President
Wilson today nominated William H.
("Big Bill") Edwards to be collector
of internal revenue for the second dis-
trict of New York.

PRESIDENT WILSON HAS
RECOVERED FROM COLD
(By Associated Press)
Washington, March 12.—Presi-
dent Wilson had completely re-
covered today from the cold
which kept him in bed most of
last week and this morning held
two conferences, one with Sen-
ator Martin, the new Democrat-
ic leader, and the other with
Secretary Lansing.