

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. No change in temperature.

British Threaten to Bombard Turks; Americans Arrive

MASSACRES MUST STOP, TURKS ARE TOLD BY BRITISH

2,000 Christians Were Massacred By Turkish Firing in Asia Minor, it is Charged.

(By Associated Press) London, Sept. 15.—The admiral commanding the British squadron at Smyrna has warned the Turkish authorities in the city that if the massacres are continued the British headquarters will be bombarded, says an exchange telegraph dispatch from Athens.

American Destroyers Arrive. London, Sept. 15.—An American destroyer has arrived at Piræus, Greece. Turks have entered the British consulate at Smyrna and murdered an official who was assembling the archives, says a Reuter dispatch from Athens today.

Postmaster Wilkinson is said to have been murdered as well as other Englishmen. Sir Harry Lamb, consul, is believed to have escaped on a warship.

Hundreds of Bodies. Malta, Sept. 15.—Hundreds of bodies of the victims of the Turkish massacres in Smyrna were lying in the streets of the city when the British hospital ship left there with more than 400 refugees on board, according to a statement made by a correspondent who arrived today.

2,000 Massacred. London, Sept. 15.—From 1,000 to 2,000 Christians were massacred in Smyrna by the Turks before the fire, which swept the Armenian and other quarters of the Asia Minor seaport, it is charged in semi-official and other Greek messages from Athens which were received here today.

Among the outrages, carrying off of students in the American college in Smyrna, it is alleged. The Greeks believe that fire was set to the quarters by Turks to conceal trades of their misdeeds.

Considerable property has been lost in the fire, it being estimated at one billion francs (about 75,000,000 at the present rate of exchange for the franc franc), held upon American firms.

TURKEY MAKING A GRAVE SITUATION LOOKING GRAVER

(By William Philip Simms) Washington, Sept. 15.—Too many of us are inclined to give the Greeks the laugh for having received a drubbing at the hands of the Turks in Asia Minor, then forget the thing.

Nothing could be a bigger mistake. The Greeks looked for trouble, certainly, and they found it. King Tino asked for a licking, and he got it. In all of which we concur, but—

The Turkish victory is not the end of a perfect day but only the beginning of an unpleasant one—rather the continuation of one—just one more episode in the European tragedy now going on. The episode, however, may have stupendous repercussions later on.

Mustapha Kemal is friendly with Soviet Russia. Russia is now virtually the ally of Germany. Let us not forget that, nor that the Turkish victory over the Greeks will not go unnoticed anywhere in the Muslim world.

Europe is still a bubbling cauldron of opposing interests, of conflicting ambitions. Hatreds are still at the boiling point. Poverty and hunger are the driving forces of certain of the nations, and almost daily we are hearing open threats of this country making common cause with that country in the event another country attempts this and so.

The military "comeback" of Turkey in Asia Minor has set Constantinople mad with joy, according to the cables.

Will Turkey long keep to herself the dissatisfaction she so keenly feels over her situation in Europe? England has opposed Turkey—Turkey has opposed England and India—what view will London now take of the matter?

France has been friendly with Turkey. What will Paris say? Turkey can make trouble for England in India and Egypt. Will she make demands on Great Britain? Poetic justice maybe, but assuredly there is nothing to laugh over in the Greek debacle. The re-entry into the arena of a powerful fighting force—and no one save those who have never come in contact with the Turks deny that can be a powerful fighting force—merely serves to render an already grave situation more critical still.

AMERICAN QUEEN.



The former Mrs. William B. Leeds, widow of the American tinplate king, now the wife of Prince Christopher of Greece, may become queen of Greece. King Constantine, unpopular because of the Greek defeat by the Turks, may be forced to abdicate in favor of Prince Christopher, his brother.

HELD FOR MURDER AFTER SIX YEARS

Will Johnson, Alias John Oglesby, Arrested at Cleveland, This County, Yesterday.

Arrested for one of the highest crimes in the category of criminal offenses—murder—after being at large more than six years was the fate yesterday of Will Johnson alias John Oglesby, negro, who was taken into custody at Cleveland by Sheriff Kridler and Deputy John Gaither and who is now lodged safely in the Guilford county jail at Greensboro.

Johnson, or Oglesby, in 1916, killed another negro, Bennie Moore, in Greensboro and made his escape and although the Guilford authorities made every effort at the time to locate him he succeeded in keeping his whereabouts unknown and although he has been only a short distance away the greater part of the time he appeared to be safe from the law.

However, the process of the law, although slow at times, is sure and certain and officers never forget a criminal wanted for a capital offense and the hunt for Johnson or Oglesby, although not pressed with as great vigor as at first, was kept up and the negro was located at Cleveland, this county, this week and the arrest made by Rowan officers. He was brought to Salisbury yesterday afternoon and lodged in jail and Deputy Sheriff I. G. Seamore, of Guilford, came to Salisbury this morning on an early train and left on No. 36 with his man, and he will be tried at the next term of Guilford county superior court.

Since coming to Cleveland Johnson alias Oglesby married a woman of that community and they have two children. She knew nothing of his being a fugitive from justice at the time of the marriage and so far as the officers know was unaware of the fact that he was wanted for murder in another county. He had been living at Cleveland the greater part of the six years elapsing since the murder charged to him was committed and evidently thought that time had erased the memory of the killing and that the hunt for him had been long ago abandoned.

RUM RUNNERS TAKEN. (By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 15.—The dry navy today captured two alleged rum running schooners with cargoes worth \$150,000 and \$40,000 in gold aboard near the entrance to New York Harbor, as well as an unnamed launch which sank while being towed to port. Another schooner and swift power boat escaped.

\$100,000 DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST GOV. OF MISS. MONDAY

Former Secretary to Governor Sues for Breach of Promise; Inspired, Russell Says.

(By Associated Press) Jackson, Miss., Sept. 15.—Another chapter in the administration of Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi, is expected to be written at the term of the Hinds county circuit court, which opens Monday with the hearing of a suit for \$100,000 damages filed by Miss Frances Cleveland Birkhead, of New Orleans, La., stenographer and former secretary to Mr. Russell, charging the governor with seduction, breach of promise and responsibility for a criminal operation.

The charges made by Miss Birkhead thus far have resulted in a legislative investigation of allegations made by Mr. Russell that the suit was inspired by agents of what he termed "outlawed" fire insurance concerns; transfer of the suit from the federal court here in which it originally was filed to the state courts when attorneys for Governor Russell challenged the state courts when attorneys for Governor Russell challenged the jurisdiction of that federal court, and a recent re-filing of the suit in the United States district court at Oxford, the governor's home.

As the case now stands it is pending on the dockets of both the Hinds county court here and the federal court for the northern district of Mississippi at Oxford.

Miss Birkhead charges in her complaint that she was betrayed while acting as a stenographer at the state capitol, assigned to the office of Mr. Russell then lieutenant-governor; that she was promised that Mr. Russell would obtain a divorce and marry her and that subsequently she went to Memphis at his instigation and that an operation performed there had resulted in a permanent injury.

Governor Russell has vigorously denied all the allegations made by Miss Birkhead; charged that an attempt had been made to "black-mail" him; declared that the suit was fostered by outside influences and that the complaint was filed at the particular time it was, early this year, in an effort to discredit him before the legislature, then in session.

The legislative inquiry, which also investigated charges made by the governor that certain fire insurance interests were maintaining a "pernicious" lobby in Jackson in the interest of pending legislation, resulting in a committee finding which declared the governor's allegations not proven. The committee was named by the lower branch of the state assembly in response to a request made by Mr. Russell after a proposal to cite him before the bar of the senate in impeachment proceedings—based on the allegations made by Miss Birkhead—had been voted down. Governor Russell did not appear before the committee but submitted in writing his charges and outlined circumstances on which, he explained, he based the allegations.

A request that he be permitted to have a representative present at the hearings to cross-examine witnesses was denied by the committee.

Governor Russell has charged that alleged animus against him on the part of certain fire insurance concerns was due to the filing of anti-trust proceedings asking penalties aggregating more than \$6,000,000. A wholesale withdrawal of "foreign" companies from Mississippi followed a chancery court ruling in favor of the state revenue agent who brought the suit. The case now is awaiting a decision by the state supreme court.

Dismissal of Miss Birkhead's original petition in the federal court for the Jackson district was merely the official residence of the governor, and that such proceedings should have been brought at Oxford, in another federal court district where Mr. Russell maintains his permanent residence. Immediately after this ruling, the suit was transferred to the state court but was refiled last month in the federal court at Oxford and service obtained on the governor when he went there to vote in the democratic senatorial primary August 15.

Hearing of the suit in the Oxford federal court has been tentatively set for the December term.

JUDICIARY BODY TO CONSIDER CHARGES AGAINST DAUGHERTY

(By Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 15.—Impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty as a result of his petition for an injunction in the case of the striking railroad employes, as presented to the house Monday by Representative Keller, will be considered by the judiciary committee at a meeting tomorrow at which time Mr. Keller will be heard.

ROAD SENTENCES IN LIQUOR CASES

Superior Court Winding Up Criminal Docket; Several Minor Cases Disposed of.

Judge T. B. Finley, presiding over the September term of Rowan superior court, yesterday afternoon pronounced judgment in the case of Jake Brown and Dug Dunham, well known white men, in the case in which they had earlier in the week been convicted of violation of the prohibition law, transporting liquor. Brown was given twelve months on the roads and Dunham six months. Notice of appeal was lodged by each defendant and the bond of the former was fixed at \$1,000 and of the latter at \$500, both of which were immediately furnished. This case had gone up on appeal from the county court, where Judge T. G. Furr had also imposed a prison sentence.

The case against Charlie Clark and Russell McCall, charged with forgery and which consumed considerable time of the court, resulted in Russell entering a plea of forcible trespass and judgment was suspended on payment of the costs. Judgment was suspended as to Clark and the defendant was discharged.

Carl Whirlow, convicted of having liquor for sale, was fined \$300 and costs and given 12 months on the roads, capias to issue on motion of Whirlow any time in the year.

Will Davis was convicted of carrying a concealed weapon, sentenced to 90 days on roads.

Tommy Turner, under indictment on a charge of larceny of automobile was found guilty and judgment was two and a half years on the roads.

In the case of Lizzie Rosebro and Robert Rosebro, Cleveland negroes convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of Columbus Nicolson, another negro, on May 22, and in which the jury recommended mercy as to Robert Rosebro, he was sentenced to 12 months on the roads and the woman was given three years in the penitentiary.

There were one or two minor criminal cases to come up today, these winding up the criminal docket was taken up. Court will be in session again next week, with Judge Finley continuing on the bench, for the hearing of these cases.

FIRE IN SMYRNA HAS RENDERED THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE HOMELESS

Smyrna, Sept. 15.—Fire which started in the Armenian quarter of Smyrna early yesterday afternoon had spread early this morning to the Turkish section of the city and was making rapid headway. The entire European settlement was in ashes and countless thousands were homeless. Hundreds of casualties were inflicted among those who were caught in the section where the flames spread with the greatest rapidity.

Fourteen naturalized Americans are missing but all of the American born are accounted for. Ten of them are in the suburbs with the American and Turkish guards.

May Be at International College. London, Sept. 15.—It is believed here that 14 naturalized Americans reported missing in Smyrna may be members of the American international college which comprises the bulk of the American population in Smyrna.

MEET IN COUNTY

Another meeting of the Kiwanis club in the county will be held Friday, September 27 at Woodleaf. The Kiwanians will leave Salisbury at five o'clock.

TWO DIE IN CHAIR FOR AN ATTACK ON FLORIDA TOURISTS

Angus Murphy and Joseph Thomas Pay Penalty at Raleigh; Murphy Makes Confession.

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, Sept. 15.—Angus Murphy and Joseph Thomas, negroes, convicted of charges growing out of an attack upon Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Ketchen, of Miami, Fla., near Southern Pines, several weeks ago, were electrocuted this morning in the state penitentiary here.

Murphy was the first to be executed, being placed in the electric chair at 10:30 and pronounced dead after three shocks of brief duration had been sent through his body. Thomas quickly followed Murphy to the death chamber, only two shocks being required to produce death.

Murphy this morning made a complete confession to his spiritual advisor of his participation in the attack on the Ketchens. He declared that Thomas had nothing to do with the actual attack but that the latter did receive a part of the jewelry and other valuables taken from the couple.

Both negroes walked calmly from their cells to the death chamber. Thomas hesitated at the cells of other men in "death row," telling them good-bye.

Four women were among the few spectators permitted to witness both electrocutions. They did not show the slightest emotion while the lives of the two men were being snuffed out.

2 MORE COMMUNITY FAIRS ARE FORMED IN ROWAN COUNTY

Organization of two more Community fairs in Rowan county has been effected during the past week, according to an announcement made this morning by Miss Adna Edwards, Home Demonstration Agent. Woodleaf and Gold Hill have been added to the list.

This makes four Community fairs scheduled for the latter part of October in Rowan county. They are Woodleaf, and Gold Knob, just recently formed; Mill Bridge and China Grove. Officers for the organization at Woodleaf are: Mrs. E. L. Fisher, president; Glenn Culbertson, vice president. Gold Knob; T. J. A. Barger, president and A. B. Fisher secretary.

The Woodleaf organization includes the following townships: Cleveland, Scotch Irish, and Unity. Gold Knob includes: Providence township.

RUSSIA READY TO WELCOME AMERICAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press) Moscow, Sept. 15.—A note which is considered reply to the unofficial inquiry of the United States as to whether an American Technical commission would be welcome in Russia, states that soviet Russia is "ready to consider and open preliminary negotiations for the purpose of the re-establishment of official relations with America."

REV. LORINE GATES OF U. S. MISSION IN INDIA, IS MURDERED

Bombay, India, Sept. 15.—The Rev. Lorine S. Gates, 77, of the American Mission, was murdered at Bijapur on September 6. Police have arrested a Mohammedian charged with the crime.

CONFERENCE CONSIDER LIMITING COAL PRICES

(By Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 15.—Consideration of a program for voluntary action limiting coal prices and to effect the most advantageous distribution of fuel supplies was the purpose of a conference in which nearly half a hundred representatives of business, industry, railroads, public utilities and the government met today at the department of commerce.

Invitations for the conference were issued by Secretary Hoover on behalf of the president's fuel commission and at the request of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States with a view to considering such measures of co-operation as will insure a speedy return of the coal situation to normal.

CHILD INJURED

The small child of Mrs. E. H. Wade was badly injured about 2 o'clock this afternoon when it fell out of a window just at the rear of the Peoples National bank building.

DIRIGIBLE C2 LEAVES AKRON

Akron, O., Sept. 15.—The dirigible C-2 left Wainfoot Lake aviation station near here at 9:52 o'clock for Dayton, O.

Scope of Rail Peace Plan; Some Roads Reject Flatly; Clerk Strike Avoided On Pa.

TO MAKE WORLD SMALL FOR CROOKS

New System Would Register Crooks of the World for Long Distance Identification.

(By Dudley Suddall) New York, Sept. 15.—Three Danes, one a young woman, have come to New York to tell the national police conference how the world can be shrunk into a smaller space for professional crooks. They are here at Police Commissioner Enright's special invitation to demonstrate a newly invented "long distance identification system," and to urge its international adoption.

"The greatest aid to police identification since the Bertillon system," says Mrs. Mary Hamilton, noted New York policewoman and student of finger printing.

After eight years, Haken Jorgensen, assistant commissioner of the Copenhagen police, has perfected a method of translating the loops and whorls of finger prints, as well as the facial and physical characteristics, into numerals.

How Method Works. You don't have to be an identification expert to see what that means. Suppose you were convicted of a crime. Your finger prints and Bertillon measurements would be taken in the regulation way. Then, by the Jorgensen system, the results could be reduced to a series of about 20 numerals. You would be the only person in the world who would exactly match those figures; and, inversely, the figures would be the only ones which would exactly match you.

Your name and numbers could be listed in a crook's directory, copies of which could be kept in every police station on earth. No alias, no change in appearance, no passing of the years, would enable you to conceal your identity from any police department which found it necessary to check your finger prints and measurements against your numerical rating, or vice versa.

A telegram from the interested department would quickly bring your complete criminal record from a central bureau.

Miss Ingeborg Charlotte Hellner-Nielsen is the young woman who made the journey across the Atlantic with Commissioner Jorgensen and Military Judge Erik Schaffer. Her work is to classify finger prints and Bertillon measurements into the "long distance system." Both at the Hotel Pennsylvania, where the party is stopping, and at police headquarters Miss Hellner-Nielsen has successfully met every rigorous test that internationally celebrated identification experts could devise. It takes her but a few moments literally "to get a criminal's number."

CAPTAIN THOMPSON, OF HIGH POINT BASEBALL CLUB, BADLY STABBED

High Point, Sept. 15.—A. W. (Gus) Thompson, captain of the High Point baseball club, is in a local hospital suffering from a severe cut across the abdomen, the result of an affray here last night.

Physicians say Thompson will be unable to play in the championship series with Durham next week.

Up to noon today the police were unable to learn who was involved in the affray with Thompson.

FORD PLANTS TO CLOSE TOMORROW AS PLANNED

Detroit, Sept. 15.—In response to questions concerning conflicting rumors as to the closing of the motor plants here tomorrow, E. G. Liebold, personal secretary to Henry Ford, today issued the following statement:

"Mr. Ford's statement of several weeks ago that all plants would close September 16 still stands I believe. He has made no statement to the contrary and if he has any new plans he surely will issue a new statement."

ROBBERS HAUL SAFE AWAY IN TRUCK AND TAKE \$155 IN CASH

(By Associated Press) High Point, Sept. 15.—A small safe in a gasoline filling station, owned by D. O. Cecil, on the outskirts of the city, was carried away by robbers last night to a point five miles from here on the Winston-Salem road.

The safe was broken open at this place with a heavy tool or sledge hammer and robbed of \$155 in cash.

Police say robbers loaded the safe on a truck.

No arrests were made.

BIG MILL COMPANY FILES PETITION OF BANKRUPTCY

(By Associated Press) New York, Sept. 15.—Alleging liabilities of \$1,000,000 an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in federal court today against Gatti McQuade, manufacturer of mill products with plants in New Jersey and the eastern district of New York. Assets were listed at \$500,000.

CONFESSIONS TO MURDER UNKNOWN TO OFFICERS

(By Associated Press) Augusta, Ga., Sept. 15.—Chief of Police Grubbs today received a telegram from Sheriff R. E. Lewis, of Robeson county, North Carolina, ordering him to release Frank Summers, 35 years old, who yesterday confessed to the killing, February 19, 1921, at Marietta, N. C., of Manning Ford.

According to Sheriff Lewis' message there is no record of such a murder and the authorities have failed to find anybody in the vicinity in which the alleged crime was committed.

Chief Grubbs has wired the attorney general of North Carolina for further instructions. Summers will be held in jail here until a reply is received.

ARCHIE NASH IMPROVING AT JOHNS HOPKINS

Word from the bedside of Mr. Archie Nash, former deputy sheriff, who was shot in the head while making an investigation as to an alleged attempted robbery in East Spencer some nights ago, and who is in Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, is that he is getting along very well and there are strong hopes that he may recover.

An x-ray taken at the Baltimore institution sustains the location of the split bullet as made by the x-ray at the Salisbury hospital, that it split after entering the head at the right ear and part of it found lodgment in the base of brain, the other part taking another course. An operation has not yet been performed.

MRS. HARDING IMPROVES; PRESIDENT AT OFFICES

(By Associated Press) Washington, Sept. 15.—President Harding, due to the steady improvement in the condition of Mrs. Harding, was able to go to his office today for the first time in a week.

The Friday cabinet meeting was the president's only engagement for the day, his semi-weekly conference with newspaper correspondents being called off in order to permit him to spend the afternoon near Mrs. Harding's bedside.

Continued improvement in Mrs. Harding's condition was reported today by Brig. Gen. C. E. Sawyer, her physician, who in response to inquiries replied: "All's well."

Cotton Market

New York, Sept. 15.—The cotton market opened steady at a decline of 3 to 9 points net lower. This was attributed to overnight selling orders from the south and also scattered liquidation due to more favorable weather reports than expected and continued reports that the south was selling cotton as rapidly as it can be ginned.

Opening Steady. New York, Sept. 15.—Cotton futures opened steady: October 21.48 December 21.75 January 21.61 March 21.63 May 21.58

Concord Cotton. Concord, Sept. 15.—Cotton sold for 21 1-2 cents a pound here today. Salisbury Cotton. Local cotton sold for 21 3-4 cents a pound.

UNWILLING ROADS RECONSIDERATION ASKED BY UNIONS

Clerks Freight Handlers Strike is Temporarily Averted on Pa., By Brotherhoods.

(By Associated Press) Chicago, Sept. 15.—Refusal by a number of the country's biggest railroads to enter into the Warfield-Willard dual plan for ending the shopmen's strike on a basis for a separate and individual agreement, developed an element of considerable uncertainty today over the scope and effect of the peace program.

While some of the larger systems had flatly rejected the plan, others, notably, Chicago and Northwestern, and Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, had virtually agreed for the arrest and settlement of the strike and favoring restoration to strikers of their former jobs under terms of the separate settlement plan.

Strike leaders are said to be addressing communications to some of the unwilling roads asking them to reconsider their rejections.

No obstacle will be placed in the way of the shopmen returning to work on railroads parties to the separate settlement plan, B. M. Jewell, head of the Railway Employees Department of the American Federation of Labor, said today in denying statements by Fred W. Rauch, union leader, at Topeka, Kansas.

Rauch said last night that a letter signed by B. M. Jewell directed that no man return to work until all of the roads had signed an agreement. Such a letter might have been sent out before a settlement was reached, Mr. Jewell said, "but it does not apply now."

WALKOUT THREATENED

Washington, Sept. 15.—Representatives of the Brotherhood of Clerks, freight handlers and ticket sellers of the Pennsylvania railroad decided at a conference today with Acting Secretary of Labor Henning and other government officials to use their influence at a meeting tonight at Newark, N. J., of union workers to prevent a walkout involving 6,000 men employed on the Eastern division of the Pennsylvania system.

Averting Another Strike. Washington, Sept. 15.—A hurried conference between officials of the department of labor and the general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, Freight Handlers, Ticket Sellers and other labor leaders was held at the department of labor today in an effort to avert a strike among shop employees on the Pennsylvania system.

Official Statement by Pa.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 15.—Officials of the Pennsylvania system issued a statement this afternoon stating that they were in conference here with representatives of the conductors and trainmen. "The conference is with reference to the present agreement," the statement said.

Sign Agreement. New York, Sept. 15.—The entire New York Central railroad system today signed an agreement with the conductors and trainmen covering working conditions, wages and rules for a period of one year, beginning September 30.

A statement issued by the New York Central railroad system said that they would provide immediately for the withdrawal of all controversy now pending before the United States Labor board.

HIGHTOWER-MASSEY CASE BEGINS AT RALEIGH

(By Associated Press) Raleigh, Sept. 15.—The trial of J. H. Hightower and H. A. Massey, former president and cashier respectively of the defunct Central Bank & Trust Company of this city, charged with receiving deposits knowing the bank to be insolvent, was started in Wake superior court here today.

Massey and Hightower are also charged with embezzlement in connection with the failure of the bank but this case was continued until the next term of court.

DIRIGIBLE AT DAYTON (By Associated Press) Dayton, Ohio, Sept. 15.—The army dirigible C-2 arrived at Wilbur Wright field near Dayton at 1:45 p. m. today.