Governor Walton Intimates
That He May Extend Martial Law to Include All of Muskogee County.

STATE FAIRS WILL NOT BE OPENED

Dates Changed Because of

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Oklahoma City, Sept. 18 (By the Associated Press).—Extension of absolutemartial law to Muskogee County, one of the most important sections in the eastern half of Oklahoma looms as Governor Walton's next maneuver against the Ku Klux Klan.

"It is regrettable," said the Governor in a telegram to the Muskogee Phoeniz, "if, as my secret agents have reported, your community is dominated and controlled by an organization that would usurp all the powers of the civil authorities and courts in lieu of which citizens both innocent and guilty are seized upon, maimed, beaten, and we believe in some cases murdered by hooded masked mobs. I am afraid that in order to clean up your stiuation we will have to take your county under complete martial law."

In the same meksage Governor Walton declared it would be necessary to postpone the annual state fairs at Muskogee and Oklahoma City in order to properly enforce military rule.

Ralph Hemphill, secretary of the local fair association said financial losses amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars would result from postponement of the fair.

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The military court of inquiry today began investigation of masked activities, here and in other parts of the state which is expected in some quarters to lead to a demand for records and other data at the Ku Klux Klan state headquarters here. Governor Walton in his declaration of statewide martial law declaration was in Oklahoma City and that in order to stamp out the organization was in Oklahoma City and that in order to stamp out the organization "it is necessary to stamp out its source."

A report today said records of the Klan had been spirited out of the state. State officials of the order have maintained silence since martial law was proclaimed.

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Meanwhile the troops of the Oklahoma
National Guard continued to command
affaire although the civil authorities and
courts are not being interfered with.

Regulations commanding all traffic
and pedestrians to be off the streets between midnight and 5 a. m. and guards
at the state capital here are the only
sings of military occupation.

Machine guns which were trained on
the city, hall and county court house
were removed yesterday when military
returned jurisdiction to police.

Strict censorship of all news concerning troops movements has been ordered
here by the commanding officer.

Clash Immlent.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 18.—Clash between members of the State Legislature
and Governor's C. Walton over martial
law was imminent today. Despite the
Governor's warning he will jail any Legislators that attempt to convene themselves in extraordinary session, the movement and out and out test of the execu-

Charges That Much Is Due Board From the Bethlehem Ship Building Corpora-

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 18.—Failing to reach settlement by negotiations, the shipping board has instructed its legal department to prepare suits against the Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation for recovery of about \$2,500,000, alleged to have been overpaid under the firm's way

contract.

If sustained in the court, the point raised by the board may throw open for legal review scores of war contracts involving hundreds of millions of dollars. In brief the issue is said to be whether the government cannot limit the amount of profits to be taken by a corporation or individual in return for emergency services.

Treasury Issue Oversubscribed.
Washington, Sept. 17.—Subscribtions
to the recently announced issue of 4 1-2
per cent treasury certificates of indebtess dated September 15, amounted edness dated September 15, amounted to \$555,678,500. The treasury will accept \$249,750,500, Secretary Mellon said today. The issue was set at \$200,000,000 or thereabout with the understanding that all certificates maturing September 15 which were offered in exchange would be accepted.

May Be Missing Babe.

Morgantown, W. Va., Sept. 17.—A. description of Lillian McKenzie, missing New York baby, received by telegraph today, tallies in every particular with baby of a four-months-old girl, who died from malnutrition Saturday night in a Morgantown hospital, according to police officials. The baby was left at the hospital Saturday by a couple who were traveling in an "automobile home" bearing a New York Heense plate.

Plumed Ponies Stage Rare Runaway With a Callope.

Kinston, Sept. 17.—Six plumed popies drawing a steam calliope staged a spectacular runaway here today. The team holted from a circus parade and raced through a crowded street. Spectators fled. An infant was resemed from a baby carriage a second before the ponies crashed into the perambulator. The rinaways were stopped after a dash of a block and a half.

TO KILL "HOODERS"

Such Orders Have Been Issued in Lewiston, Following Raid by Masked Men on Home of Negro Woman.

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JAPANESE RELIEF FUND.

Previously acknowledged \$208.75 C. M. Powell 10.00

AUTOS WILL PAY OFF BOND ISSUES OF STATE

Money From Licenses and Gasoline Is Enough to Take Care of Bonds.
(By the Associated Press.)
Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 18.—North Carolina will pay off its bond issues with proceeds from automobile license and gas taxes, declared Secretary of State W. N. Everett here today.

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Mr. Everett asserted that the people
should co-operate more with the officials
in the enforcement of the auto license
laws. Every cent realized from the licensing of automobiles, said the official,
saves that much in taxes to the people
and leaves that much more for the further conduct of the good roads program.
If tax-payers who have come up and paid
their license taxes would only report
those who have not done so, then they
would help themselves for there would
then be this additional money for road
building. The taxpayer who laughs at
the law breaker who is operating his car
without proper license is in reality laughing at himself, asserted Mr. Everett in
effect.

There will be no advalorem tax to retire cur road bunds continued the offi-

There will be no ad-valorem tax to retried our road bonds, continued the official in his discussion of the subject. Many, he said, when the program was inaugurated, declared it would fail and that ultimately a tax on the land would be necessary to retire the new indebtedness of the state. The collections from the auto tax and the gas tax is continually refuting this argument. To date this license year there has been collected more than four millions in license taxes, more than had been collected for the entire last license year.

HEAVY DAMAGE FROM BOLL WEEVIL REPORTED

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Report Says Greatest Destruction in History Has Occurred in This State in the Past Few Weeks.

"By the Associated Press."
Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 18.—"Extremely heavy weevil damage" to cotton is reported throughout the southeast during the past fortnight, according to a bulletin issued here today by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"In North Carolina the greatest destruction has occurred in the past few weeks that the state has experienced," the bulletin rends. "There is no late crop. The boll weevil has been attacking the grown bolls and for this reason the outcome of the crop is still problematical in the northern part of the belt."

Cotton picking has progressed rapidly during the past ten days, it is stated.

The tobacco crop is good except in the eastern wet area of North Carolina and vortions of Tennessee, according to the bulletin, Late corn continues to introve, it continues, in most sections, but it is in "critical shape" in Alabama.

STRIKE OF PRESSMEN IS FELT IN NEW YORK NOW

Monday Night.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 18.—Publishers of newspapers here affected by the strike presumen decided to pool their re-

o'clock, Leading New York dailies, "morning and evening," wer compelled today to suspend operations because of the strik of 2,500 members of the web pressmen' union last night.

Ourham, N. C., Sept. 18.—There were 94 births and 34 deaths in Durham county during the month of August, acording to the monthly report of the county vital statistician.

Call For Bank Statements

(By the Associated Press.)
Washington, Sept. 18.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call
for the condition of all national banks
at the close of business on Friday, September 14th.

THIRD ANNUAL SAFETY
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School Pupils to Be Trained in Habits of
Highway Safety as Part of Campaign,
36,500 to Be Given in Three Prizes.
Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—Renewil of its annual safety contests, in
which 6,500 will be given away in prizes,
was announced today by the Highway
Education Board.

Training children in habits of highway
safety is the principal task of the 1923
safety campaign, it is said, but through
the children it is hoped that the princiness of traffic regulation and safety eduation will be impressed upon adults,
both pedestrians and drivers alike.
The third annual safety campaign
akes the form of two contests, one
imong elementary school teachers.
Approximately five hundred state and
actional sprizes are to be given for the
pest essays and lemons written. The
prizes offered are the gifts of the Natonal Automobile Chamber of Commerce,
which is desirons of reducing the number
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In the two previous years approximately 400,000 pupils and 50,000 teachers ave participated each autumn. It is selieved by Board officials that the cumulative effect of these contests, and the increasing attention given to safety education will result in even a greater number of participants this year.

The subject of the essays which children are invited to write is "Highway Habits 18 should Learn." Essays, as last year, are not too exceed five hundred words in length. Those eligible are pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades, who are not more than fourteen years of age. The contest opens with the beginning of school, and closes December 4, 1923.

Teachers are requested to submit safety lessons on the subject "Training Children in Habits of Safety on the Highways." The limit suggested is between 1,000 and 3,000 words. All elementary school teachers in the eighth and lower grades are eligible to submit lessons.

In the teachers' contest the first national award is five hundred dollars and a trip to Washington with all expenses paid. The second national award is three hundred dollars, while the third that are the second national prizes are ach gold watches, one of slightly greater value than the other.

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Four hundred and seventy-eight state prizes are offered pupils. The first state prize is a gold medal and a check for fifteen dollars. The second state prize is a silver medal and ten dollars. Third prizes, which vary in proportion to the elementary school population off the state, are bronze medals and checks for five dollars.

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thre dollars.

The Board abnounces that the contests will be conducted with the co-operation of state departments of education, women's clubs, civic organizations, safety ouncils, automobile clubs, and kindred organizations that may wish to assist.

Complete details will be furnished upon application to the Highway Education Board, Willard Building, Washington,

Smuggling in Immigrants.

New York, Sept. 18.—Much has been heard during the last few years of the business of smuggling contraband liquor into the United States, but not so well known to the public is the business of smuggling unwanted immigrants into America, although huge fortunes are being made in the traffic. The business is controlled by powerful people, who have a swarm of agents in every country. These agents are to be found even among ships' crews, and they arrange for the concealment and passage of the human contrabrand.

The smuggling of Chinese into the country has been carried on more or less for many years, but nowadays the Chinese are not the only nationality concerned in the trade. Not long ago a plot was discovered on the Chyde for smuggling unemployed men from Britain into the United States. No fewer than sixteen men were found hidden away on a liner just before her departure for New York. Each had pdid \$25 to the smuggling agents, who had arranged with members of the crew for their secret passage. A regular traffic in illegal passages was found to have existed for a long time. a number of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result. The summer of important industries will be attracted to the South as a result.

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seyes is satisfactory he will be appointed manager of the team, according to reliable reports in sporting circles here. Sister has declared that his vision is improving gradually. This has been noticeable in his preparation for opening the 1924 season in his regular position. Sister's enforced retirement, which was one of the big disappointments of the season, is believed to be responsible for the unfavorable standing of the Browns as campared with last year, when they fought the New York Yankees a hot battle for the pennant. His absence is believed by many fans to have had a demoralizing effect on the playing of the Browns early in the season. Jimmy Austin, coach and utility player, has been named pilot of the team, but probably with the understanding that should Sister be in condition next year, he would be appointed manager with Austin assistant manager.

Long Cabinet Meeting.

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Washington, Sept. 18.—Practically all of today's cabinet meeting, the longest leid since President Coolidge entered the White House, was devoted to a discussion of the agricultural situation.

Japan itself is about three times the size of New York State, and with all her colonies and dependencies is about one-fourth larger than France.

Counter Revolution in Spain is Reared Now in Some Quarters

But For the Moment People Are Too Stupefied With Recent Rapid Events to Formulate Any Definite Plans or Hopes For the Future.—Workers in Madrid Have Remained Quiet.

Port Vendrez, Spanish Frontier, Sept. 17.—(By the Associated Press).—It is feared in many quarters that a counter revolution in Spain will occur sooner or later, but for the moment the people and the political leads is seem stupefied by the rapid turn of events of the last few days, and unable to formulate their ideas. Party chiefe who have heard rumors that many are to be expelled from Spain are greatly perturbed. These reports are apparently well founded and various prominent persons are making preparations to leave before they are conducted to the frontier.

Some surprise followed the announcement of the steps taken at last Saturday night's conference of military directors, which instead of appointing ministers decided to act us dictatorial body, leaving the work of the administration to be done by officials in the various departments.

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ANTHRACITE MEN READY FOR TASKS

Throughout Coal Region in Pennsylvania They Will Return to Work Tomorrow Following Recent Walkout

(Hy the Associated "Tess.)

Scranton. Pa., Sept. 18.—Anthracite miners throughout the Pennsylvania hard coal fields were preparing today to return to work tomorrow morning, after a lay-off since August 31, when the 1922 wage contract between the United Mine Workers and the coal operators expired, and the union orders to stop work became effective.

Resumption of operations was assured by the action yesterday of representatives of local unions for the three United Mine Workers districts of the anthracite field in ratifying the wage agreement drafted in Harrisburg by union officials and representatives of the operators. The delegates followed this immediately by voting to return to the mines tomorrow.

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Textile Men Report Remarkable Up-grade Tendency Within Recent Weeks in State.

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Cotton mill men report a remarkable upgrade tendency within the last six or eight weeks. Two months ago mills that had made their contracts considered themselves most fortunate and the ones that had stocks to put on the market were uncertain as to the future. Rises in cotton prices were followed by a big demand for cotton goods. Now the mills that were seeking a market are the lucky ones for they are contracting at increased prices and the ones selling the year's output in the early summer are wishing for today's greater profits.

The United States Industrial Employment bulletin for August, lust made

The United States Industrial Employment bulletin for August, just underpublic finds, "industrial activities-throughed the state are on normal basis and very little unemployment is reported from any section. Cotton mills registered an appreciable gain is employment during August, while the lumber mills showed only a very slight decrease. Farm labor is very much in demand with a supply that is hard to procure in some sections. Building programs, together with municipal and state road activities, continue to employ large numbers of skilled and common labor." Demand for workers is reported in practically every city of the state.

THE COTTON MARKET

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New York, Sept. 18.—The cotton market showed continued activity and excite ket showed continued activity and excitement during today's early trading. The political news from the Near East had rather an unsettling effect on the sentiment, and an opening advance of 10 to 35 points attracted havy tealizing. There was also increased Southern hedge selling, but the heavy offerings were absorbed by a further broadening of general trade and commission house demand which soon sent the wires of October up. Sorbed by a further broadening or sorbed broadening or sor survey, it is of interest to note that the survey last year was conducted on August 12th, a month earlier than this year. Notwithstanding this fact, and the further fact that the response this year were far general, the estimated yield for the state was placed at 553, 264 bales on August 12, 1922. The government figures show the yield was 530,000 bales.

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SEVERE EARTH SHOCKS
FELT IN OLD COUNTRY

In Malta the Shocks Were Felt For Several Seconds, and Inhabitants Were Thrown Into Panie.

Malta, Sept. 18 (By the Associated Press).—A severe earth shock of several seconds duration occurred here at 7:35 this morning.

The churches were filled with worshippers attending mass when the shock came, Large numbers, seized with panie, rush-large numbers should rush panie, rush-large numbers should

and Leo Little, all of Wilmington. Lynnhurst Cemetery Company, Asheille, with authorized caital stock \$100,000, of which \$80,000 has

subscribed by J. L. Humphreys and C B. Ryan, of Knoxville, Tenn., P. D Moore and Charles F. Byrd, of Ashe

pers attending mass when the shock came. Large numbers, seized with panic, rushed from their homes into the streets. Large cracks were noticeable in many buildings, including several churches, and the people were in some danger from falling stones.

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Cragmont and Euclid Avenue District Laid Bare by Fire Which Burned for Several

DAMAGE WILL BE \$10,000,000 CERTAIN

Not Known Whether Any One Was Killed, But It is **Feared That Two Students** Lost Their Lives.

Berkeley, Calif., Sept. 18.—(By the Associated Press).—Fire sweeping over the hills east of Berkeley yesterday laid waist the Cragmont and Euclid Avenne districts, destroying at least 600 residences within the area estimated at 60 blocks in one of the choicest residential sections of the city with dagame estimated at \$10,000,000 and rendering homeless approximately 2,400 persons.

No lives are known to have been lost, although two students were seen to plunge into a vortex of fire when the roof of a house on which they had climbed collapsed.

apsed.

Hundreds of frenzied residents fled from the burning area as the fire swept down the slope of the hills, burned its way through closely settled and exclusive listrict, and eventually died down to a smoldering ring of flames encompassing the entire area which it had devastated

The prosperous residential section was a smoky waste.

The advance of the fire, which brokes out in brush in Contra Costa county was heralded by ugly gray clouds of smoke which swept over the brow of the hill, and blanketed Berkeley throughout the day.

brush and grass fires fanned with strong northwest winds, and fed by undergrowth baked to a tinder by the prolonged sum-

baked to a tinder by the prolonged summer, which raged in nearly every county of northern California yesterday.

Several resorts and small towns were damaged or desthoyst, by the flames which sprang into being in several instances almost without warning and quickly spread beyond the control of the national foresters, state fire wardens and hundreds of volunteer fighters.

Eldorado, a small town in Eldorado county, was virtually destroyed and the 160 persons residing there were forced to flee. The inhabitants of Colfax in Placer County also appeared to flee when their town was threatened.

In the southern part of the state, For-

police officer. Berkeley and the rest of the East Bay district were obscured by a privy pile of smoke which converted the sun into a glowing ball of fire today. More than 2,500 homeless persons are facing the task of reconstruction. Latest estimates place the monetary loss between \$3,000,000 and \$50,000.001. These are two configured res \$5,000,00. There are no confirmed reports of persons killed.

With Our Advertisers.

Fall suits in the latest patterns and lesigns are on sale now at the Browns-Cannon Co.

The East Corbin Street Gin can gin our cotton without delay, says ad. to-law.

ful.
Scarboro's is having a special sale of Gordon hose. New ad. gives particulars. Schoble hats for fall wear at Hoover's. See change of ad. today.
The Ritchie Hardware Company has a beautiful line of football goods. See ad. for particulars.
The Quaker Furnace is sold here by the Concord Furniture Company. Call 347 for prices and terms.

Hickory Gets General Offices of the