

Situation in Oklahoma Shows No Improvement

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 martial law. Military officers continue inquiry concerning Klan.

Oklahoma City, Sept. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Extension of absolute martial 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 Phoenix, "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."

Regulations in order to clean up your situation will have to take your county under complete martial law.

In the same message 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.

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.

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

Shipping Board Seeks To Recover \$2,500,000. Charges That Much Is Due Board From the Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation.

Washington, Sept. 17.—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 war contract.

Plumed Ponies Stage Rare Runaway With a Collapse. Kinston, Sept. 17.—Six plumed ponies drawing a steam rattle staged a spectacular runaway here today.

The largest tree in the world lies broken and petrified at the end of a debris in northwestern Nevada. It is said to be 906 feet long.

POLICE ORDERED TO KILL "HOODERS"

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

Lewiston, Sept. 18.—The Lewiston city council has ordered the chief of police and his men to "shoot and shoot to kill" any persons wearing hoods, garbs hiding their identity when found invading the homes or molesting citizens in case they resist the officers.

Japanese Relief Fund. Previously acknowledged \$208.75. C. M. Powell 10.00. Cash 2.00.

AUTOS WILL PAY OFF BOND ISSUES OF STATE. Money from Licenses and Gasoline Is Enough to Take Care of Bonds.

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.

Heavy Damage from Boll Weevil Reported. Report Says Greatest Destruction in History Has Occurred in This State in the Past Few Weeks.

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.

Strike of Pressmen Is Felt in New York Now. More Than 2,000 Members of Web Pressmen's Union Went on Strike Monday Night.

Durham's Birth Rate. Durham, N. C., Sept. 18.—There were 94 births and 34 deaths in Durham county during the month of August, according to the monthly report of the county vital statistician.

Call For Bank Statements. 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.

Barracks Flooded During Storm. Yokohama, Sept. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The temporary army barracks here were flooded during a terrific storm Saturday and 5,000 persons are missing.

THIRD ANNUAL SAFETY CONTEST IS ANNOUNCED

School Pupils to Be Trained in Habits of Highway Safety as Part of Campaign, \$6,000 to Be Given in Prizes.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18.—Renewal of its annual safety contests, in which 6,500 will be given away in prizes, is announced today by the Highway Education Board.

In the two previous years approximately 400,000 pupils and 50,000 teachers have participated each autumn. It is believed 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.

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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.

Slisler's Eyesight Better; Hopes to Play Next Year. St. Louis, Sept. 18.—George Slisler star first baseman for the St. Louis Americans, who has been unable to appear in the lineup this year on account of eye trouble, hopes to be able to play again next year.

"William Taylor's" Strange Story Becomes Ditto Stranger. Lacrosse, Wis., Sept. 17.—The strange story of "William Taylor" the woman who for years lived the life of a man, was capped today by a still stranger story of the woman who spent two score years as "William Taylor's" wife.

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Port Veadra, 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 leaders seem stupefied by the rapid turn of events of the last few days, and unable to formulate their ideas.

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 as a dictatorial body, leaving the work of the administration to be done by officials in the various departments.

Workers in the suburbs of Madrid remain quiet, but gather in taverns in evening to discuss the situation. Few soldiers are seen in the capital, although patrols occasionally appear in thoroughfares.

Attending the exposition are men from all over the country interested in all branches of chemical and mineral industries. The Southern's exhibit gives them a comprehensive view of the great variety of raw materials to be found in the South and the opportunities for the location of a wide range of industries.

But Deterioration Has Been Indicated in Recent Weeks, Which Will Affect Figures. South Carolina Cotton Yield Shows Increase.

Salisbury, Sept. 17.—Claiming that what he said in the Greensboro Record of last Thursday about Judge B. F. Long tacking a 60-day additional sentence on Roy Caudle because he had appealed from a sentence in the lower court, was editorial opinion and not a pre-arranged editorial, Judge Long, Superior court judge, today disclaimed any knowledge of Ray Caudle or his hotel, the terminal, or any first hand knowledge of the cases that were disposed of before Judge Long last week.

Severe Earth Shocks Were Felt For Several Seconds, and Inhabitants Were Thrown Into Panic. In Malta the Shocks Were Felt For Several Seconds, and Inhabitants Were Thrown Into Panic.

Forty Football Candidates at Lenoir. Hickory, N. C., Sept. 18.—Forty candidates reported for early season football practice at Lenoir college this week.

Six Hundred Homes Burned In Berkeley

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 waste the Cragmont and Euclid Avenue districts, destroying at least 600 residences within the area estimated at 60 blocks in one of the choicest residential sections of the city with damage estimated at \$10,000,000 and rendering homeless approximately 2,400 persons.

Booming Business In Cotton Mill Industry. Textile Men Report Remarkable Upgrade Tendency Within Recent Weeks in State.

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.

Searching For Bodies. Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 18.—A search for bodies among the charred ruins of the Cragmont section of Berkeley laid waste by yesterday's disastrous fire, is being conducted today, so far without results.

Charters Issued. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 18.—Secretary of State W. N. Everett has issued charters to the following corporations: High Point Country Club, incorporated with authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

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New Notaries of Public. Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 18.—Notary of the public licenses have been granted at the office of Governor Cameron Morrison to the following persons: