

DESTROYER DIVISIONS ARE READY TO SAIL

(By Associated Press)
Norfolk, Va., Sept. 29.—By nightfall the two destroyer divisions which have been ordered to proceed from Hampton Roads to the Near East, will be ready to sail when the order is issued. The orders for actual departure have not been received. The loading of supplies and fueling is proceeding at high speed.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Generally fair tonight and Saturday. Moderate temperature with moderate northerly winds.

GERMAN PRE-WAR AND POST-WAR WEALTH COMPARED

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Sept. 29.—The total taxable property held by the German people amounts to 1,950 milliards paper marks, according to estimate made by Reconstruction in its current issue. Seventy per cent of the aggregate is given as personal and real property, 11 per cent as town property, 14 per cent rural, two per cent mining, and three per cent as goods, ships, metallic currency, etc.

The average of pre-war estimates on German-owned private property, the periodical states, works out at 330 milliards gold marks, from which amount the following deductions should be made: Thirty milliards gold marks in state property (belonging to the empire, individual states, and local authorities, such as railways, canals, forests, etc.) 13 milliards of property held by the poorest classes which escapes taxation, and further, a sum amounting to about 20 per cent of the total which either is especially favored by the regulations for economic reasons, or manages to evade taxation. This amounts to about 65 milliards gold marks.

Deducting these 108 milliards from the pre-war average of estimates, a balance of 222 milliards remains. From this total, however, Reconstruction states, the following sums must be deducted as a result of the war: "Twenty-five milliards in values destroyed by the war (amounting originally to 50 milliards, one half having been made good by reconstruction); 30 milliards loss on capital invested abroad; 25 milliards loss of territory, and 10 milliards surrendered to the Entente in railways, ships, etc." The sum left after taking off these 90 milliards in losses, the publication sets roundly at 130 milliards gold marks. In converting gold into paper marks, it states, the following index numbers based in the prices current in the home German market should be employed: Personal and real property, 15; town landed property, 2; rural landed property, 10; mining property, 15; and goods, ships, etc., 60.

When the various categories of property are multiplied by these figures their values in paper marks are determined. According to this calculation, the average depreciation index figure is 15, thus giving 1,950 milliards paper marks as equivalent to 130 milliards in gold.

The question then arises, says Reconstruction, "how is the gold value of this property to be maintained?" The experts who have made this calculation during the past few weeks are convinced that the gold value is continually diminishing, but an examination of this question is an important factor in any honest economic policy, whether for financial or reparation purposes.

British Commander Is To Confer With Mustapha Kemal Pasha

GREEK ARMY IN THRACE JOINS REVOLUTIONISTS

(By Associated Press)
Athens, Greece, Sept. 29.—The Greek Army in Thrace has definitely joined the revolutionary army corps in Epirus and has thrown its lot with the revolutionists.

MEETING OF FARMERS AT HALIFAX COURT HOUSE MONDAY NIGHT

N. G. BARTLETT, MANAGER OF EASTERN CAROLINA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL ADDRESS FARMERS ON SUBJECT OF DIVERSIFIED FARMING IN ORDER TO MEET BOLL WEEVIL CONDITIONS.

Next Monday night at 7:30 at the Court House at Halifax Mr. N. G. Bartlett, manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce will address the farmers of Halifax County on the subject of diversified farming under boll weevil conditions. Mr. Bartlett worked for six years in the boll weevil section of Georgia, made a success of his work of upbuilding that section, and is well qualified to talk on the subject which he has chosen. It is hoped that there will be a large number in attendance at that meeting from all parts of the county.

800 BRITISH WOUNDED STILL CONFINED TO THE HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press)
LONDON, Sept. 27.—Although it is nearly four years since fighting in the great war ceased, there are still some 800 patients in a special surgery hospital in London with wounds that refuse to heal.

Operations have been endured luckily, but without permanent success. Nearly all the cases are those of fracture of some kind or another, and a large staff of surgeons and nurses is kept busy. Many of the present patients have been at work, but they returned to the hospital for attention because pieces of shrapnel turned up in various parts of their bodies, and these have to be removed lest they cause trouble in another limb.

YOUNG TURKISH PRINCES WILL BE TAUGHT ENGLISH

(By Associated Press)
Constantinople, Sept. 28.—A special school has been instituted in the Palace of Yildiz in order to give the Imperial Princes of Turkey a special education and the benefits of modern instruction.

Professors have been engaged in France and the princess will be taught, among other things, four languages, French, German, English and Latin. Admission is confined to Princes of royal blood and the children of nobles.

BELIEVE THAT IF NO CLASHES OCCUR WITHIN NEXT TWENTY FOUR HOURS THE IMMEDIATE DANGER OF HOSTILITIES WILL HAVE PASSED.

(By Associated Press)
Constantinople, Sept. 29.—Brigadier General Harrington, commander of the British forces at the Dardanelles plans to leave for a conference with Mustapha Kemal Pasha probably at Mudania.

The British are confident that if the next twenty-four hours pass without shots being fired at Chanak or other points along the Dardanelles all immediate danger of hostilities will have been averted.

London, Sept. 29.—Grave fears of a recurrence of a general warfare as a result of the Near East crisis is occupying the minds of British officials, it is stated from authoritative quarters.

Constantinople, Sept. 29.—Mustapha Kemal Pasha, replying to General Harrington's telegram of Wednesday, sent a message yesterday declaring that his troops would not advance further and desires to see Harrington as soon as possible.

Extension Agents Promote Community Fairs

Raleigh, Sept. 29.—Despite the fact that eight premiums ranging from \$300.00 down to \$50.00 have been offered by the State Fair authorities to communities making exhibits at the State Fair this year, only three communities have entered the contest up until the present time.

According to Mr. C. R. Hudson, of the Agricultural Extension Service, the home and farm demonstration agents are promoting a large number of community fairs all through the state this year. A number of agents are now busy in assisting their farmers to prepare exhibits for these fairs and it is expected that some of them will be encouraged to send their community exhibits to the State Fair at Raleigh. Mr. Hudson states that the premiums for community exhibits at the State Fair have been greatly increased this year, both in value and in number. This, he says, should encourage local communities to first arrange their own fair and then send this exhibit to the county and state fairs later.

As to the value of these community fairs, Mr. Hudson says: "In the first place, community fairs promote community cooperation for local welfare. It often happens that though people will not work together for many important things, they will cooperate to the extent of holding a local fair. When they have seen the advantages of this cooperation, they are more easily persuaded to work together for something else which will be for the general benefit of the community as a whole."

"Community fairs promote community pride and interest, thus giving a broadening effect to the individual; they teach better methods of agriculture and home making, and they promote a higher standard of living for the individual family. They also build up community ideals."

"They result in an improvement of varieties of crops and animals and in the use of better home conveniences and comforts. Whenever prizes are awarded at a fair of this kind, the judges are expected to explain the reasons for their decisions and to give explanations whenever requested. Therefore the work of the judges is educational and beneficial."

Mr. Hudson believes that there

DEMOCRATS TO WAGE MILITANT CAMPAIGN

(By Associated Press)
Detroit, Sept. 29.—With conventions out of the way, candidates designated and issues drawn, the stage is set for the beginning of a political campaign that promises to equal in interest that of 1818, which was enlivened by the Ford-Newberry race.

Polish Rail Traffic Shows An Increase

(By Associated Press)
Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 26.—Railroad traffic in Poland is increasing. During the first six months of the present year it was 20 per cent greater than during the same period of last year.

The Polish government has purchased from the United States 7,500 freight cars of a capacity of 30 tons each, and it is negotiating for a loan of freight cars from other countries, until the Polish railway equipment factories are able to deliver the first lot of cars now being manufactured.

GRANTING OF MORATORIUM FOR PAYMENT OF FOREIGN DEBTS UP FOR DISCUSSION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Sept. 29.—The Foreign Dept Funding Commission was called by Secretary Mellon to discuss the general situation with respect to wartime obligations to this country.

Recent developments abroad and the difficulties in the Near East and moratorium on reparations payments to France were said to be up for discussion.

COTTON MARKET

TODAY'S MARKET	
October	20.80
December	21.10
January	20.94
March	20.92
May	20.91

YESTERDAY'S MARKET

October	20.31
December	20.56
January	20.42
March	20.48
May	20.48

HERBERT CLAY TO TRY FOR SEAT OF LATE SENATOR WATSON

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 29.—Herbert Clay, of Marietta, has announced his candidacy for the unexpired term of United States Senator Watson, who died Tuesday.

Clay was president of the State Senate the last two sessions. He says that he will announce his platform when the convention convenes at Macon next month.

will be a greater number of community fairs in the state this season according to the reports which he is at present receiving from the county agents, and he suggests that those communities which wish to exhibit at the State Fair should be selecting now the best material to use in such exhibits.

NEGRO WIFE BEATER HAILED BEFORE MAYOR

Wednesday night, Walter Davis, colored, became incensed with his wife, Lucy, for alleged indiscretions, and proceeded to chastise her with fist and leather strap. Lucy objected to such strenuous treatment as an insult to her dignity and made complaint to the Honorable Mayor, who had the couple hailed before court that he might decide the controversy and punish the offender at fault.

It seems that some complaints to Mayor Coleman also against her worthy (?) husband and she proceeded to unfold her tale of woe to the Mayor.

Considering the case worthy of consideration of a higher court Mayor Coleman bound Walter over to the next term of court under bond of \$100.00, which was furnished by Mr. N. E. Winslow, and put him under a peace bond of \$50.00, at the same time assuring him that if he broke the latter bond that he would make sure that for thirty days, at least, he would not beat his wife.

MICHAEL COLLINS ALWAYS FOUND TIME FOR HIS DOGS

(By Associated Press)
Belfast, Sept. 27.—It is recorded that in the midst of all his pre-occupations and anxieties of the past six years, the late Michael Collins found time to keep up his one great interest outside the establishment of the Irish nation.

This was the breeding of his beloved "Kerry Blues," a type of dog that has become very popular in the past year or two. Even when on the run and later during his bitter fight with de Valera, Collins is said to have found time occasionally to attend to his hobby.

HIGH PRICES COMPEL CLOSING OF GERMAN HOSPITALS

(By Associated Press)
Hamburg, Sept. 29.—Many German hospitals have been forced to close their doors because of the high prices and the scarcity of necessary supplies, declares a resolution adopted by the hospital doctors of Germany at a conference here. The Congress has appealed to the medical men of the world for international cooperation looking to an improvement in the situation through universal reconciliation and rehabilitation.

Adoption of this resolution followed an address in which Doctor Karl Loening, university professor of Halle, warned of the dangers threatening Germany's invalids. He traced the disastrous effects which high costs, lack of medicine and food, shortage of housing, etcetera, have produced in increased illness throughout the country, and said that similar conditions were developing in country bordering Germany.

Doctor Loening expressed the hope that the many friends of German medicine on both sides of the Atlantic, who availed themselves of German's opportunities for professional instruction in times of prosperity, would now come forward to provide the necessities for meeting the situation.

The conference was held in connection with Hamburg's Overseas Week.

MRS. STILLMAN WINS COMPLETE VICTORY OVER HUSBAND

(By Associated Press)
Carmel, N. Y., Sept. 29.—James A. Stillman, former president of the National City Bank of New York, was denied a decree in his suit for absolute divorce against Anne V. Stillman by Stillman was declared guilty in the findings of Daniel J. Gleason, referee, filed here and is a complete victory for Mrs. Hillman.

Not only was her defense upheld but she confirmed charges that Stillman miscondacted himself with Florence H. Leeds and that Mrs. Leeds had borne two children.

OPENING OF TEA ROOM INNOVATION FOR SCOTLAND NECK

Monday, October 2nd, two interesting young ladies of this community, Misses Nellie Russell and Lois Speed, will open a modern tea room on the second floor of the Boyette-Shields Company building, entrance being through the store of that firm.

They have arranged and decorated rooms for the tea room, which are most attractive, and a prize has been offered for the best name. The name will be announced Monday and the prize awarded to the successful contestant.

For the opening day they have prepared a most inviting menu, consisting of fried chicken, ham, salads, sandwiches, cakes, pies, beaten biscuits, hot rolls, tea, coffee, etc.

Anyone wishing seats reserved for the opening day, the hours for which will be from 2:00 to 10:00 p. m. should phone Miss Russell for reservation.

Practically the same good things will be served regularly, but varied from day to day. After the opening day the hours will be from 11:00 to 6:00 p. m.

These young ladies, through the tea room, will accept orders to serve special parties, bridge parties, club meetings, suppers, luncheons, afternoon teas, banquets and lunches for dances, and will take special orders for cakes.

In connection with the tea room they will conduct a gift shop, through which they will sell articles for the Episcopal Bazaar and other special offerings, charging a commission of 15 per cent. Just prior to Christmas they will have an attractive line of gift novelties.

Miss Russell is a graduate of Home Economic at Peace Institute and is qualified through special training to meet all the requirements of such an undertaking. Miss Lois Speed will prove an able assistant.

Music from a Victrola will enliven all occasions.

Thus another modern innovation has been added to the many attractions of Scotland Neck as a trading centre.

"Water" Chess Diverts Berlin

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, Sept. 28.—Water chess is the latest diversion to hit Berlin's sporting life. A game recently was played in the large pool of the Stadium, the capital's leading sports center. A board of wood underlaid with cork was used. One of the requirements of the match was that neither player leave the water except after stated intervals of two hours each.