

question of extending the Italian occupation but merely with the object of making these islands a part of the Corfu defensive system. The occupation of Paxos and Antipaxos by the Italians was reported soon after the occupation of Corfu, it would therefore appear that the Italians have seized further territory to complete the ring around Corfu.

London, Sept. 5th.—Yorkshire won the county cricket championship for 1923 with a percentage of 85.80, this being the second year in succession that the team has been victorious in the county cricket championships matches. Last year Yorkshires percentage was 83.89. Nottinghamshire was again second this year, with a percentage of 68.00, having been runnerup with a percentage of 71.53. Lancashire was third this year with a percentage of 60.00. In fifth place last year Lancshires percentage then was 56.42. Surrey last year was third with 66.95, but was fourth this year with 58.26. Kent 55.35 was fifth, Sussex 52.66 sixth, Hampshire 45.22 seventh and Middlesex 40.90 eighth.

London, Sept. 7th.—With communication between the devastated earthquake district of Tokio and the Southern Japanese ports of Kobe and Osaka partially restored by aeroplanes and road transport along the Takaido route and with the pick of Japans well trained army divisions, which have been converging on the ruined capital since Sunday, exerting discipline to restore order among the hundreds of thousands of homeless, news from Japan begins to give some definite idea of the loss of foreign life. There are approximately 100 dead or reported missing, half of whom are British, but the Japanese Government representatives here are still uninformed as to the number of Japanese who perished through the earthquake, fire and deluge. The Foreign Office tonight issued the first official list of the British killed and injured, the names having been cabled by the Consul at Kobe. The list comprises thirty British subjects who are reported on good authority to have lost their lives. Most of them were killed in Yokohama, which reports continue to indicate suffered more than Kobe. The Kobe Consul explained that the list of casualties was incomplete. Besides the dead, it contains the names of a score of British missing and also names of four members of the British Embassy and Consular staff, whose whereabouts are unknown. All foreigners are believed to be out of the vicinity of Yokohama, but hundreds still are isolated in Tokio, Makura, Nikko and other inland cities. Their condition is not known. Several American and British warships are rushing provisions and medicine to Japan. Some already are in Yokohama. The Oriental hotel at Kobe is the headquarters for the international relief. Splendid work is being done. The foreigners are arriving by ships and the natives overland. It is ex-

pected that within a week Osaka and Kobe will have a population of 100,000.

Shanghai, Sept. 7th.—The British Vice Consul at Yokohama was killed in the earthquake, says a British naval wireless received here. The wife of Surgeon Commander Hingston, who was in charge of the Yokohama naval hospital, also was killed, but the remainder of his staff and their families escaped. The Swiss Minister and the personnel of the Legation are safe. The German Consul General and his family are also reported to have escaped.

Osaka, Sept. 7th.—The Japanese Government has proclaimed a thirty day moratorium for payments falling due from September 1st to September 30th. The moratorium is inapplicable outside the zone of the disaster. Persons profiteering in essential commodities are liable to imprisonment for three years, or a fine of 3,000 yen, while anyone found guilty of spreading rumours with the object of encouraging rioting, damaging property, or disturbing the peace, may be imprisoned for ten years or fined 3,000 yen. The promulgation of the moratorium, as well as the edicts against profiteering and the circulation of false rumours, are made public in the form of emergency imperial decrees.

Geneva, Sept. 8th.—If Italy accepts yesterday's decision of the Inter-Ambassadors Council of Ambassadors, Greece will view her dispute with the Italian Government as settled and will not push her request to the League of Nations to investigate the crisis. M. Politis, the Greek spokesman, told the correspondent today. M. Politis added, however, that acceptance by Greece was contingent upon whether the programme of settlement reached at Paris included arrangements for the Italian evacuation of Corfu and the other Greek islands seized by the naval forces of the Rome Government.

Santa Barbara, Cal., Sept. 9th.—Seven United States navy destroyers and the Pacific mail liner "Cuba" were wrecked yesterday morning and last night. The navy vessels crashed on the rocks in a dense fog off Arguello Light, 75 miles north of Santa Barbara and the passenger steamer on a reef off the south end of San Miguel Island, 25 miles off this port. Twentyfive enlisted men of the destroyers lost their lives in the naval disaster and all the destroyers were reported as total losses. The liner "Cuba" was reported to have sunk during the night, but all passengers and members of her crew either were landed at Los Angeles by the destroyer Reno, or are on their way to San Francisco on board the Standard Oil tanker W. S. Miller, with the exception of Captain J. C. Holland, the purser, steward and eight seamen who remained on board to guard a shipment of \$2,500,000 silver bullion. Dense fog was the cause of both disasters. The destroyers Chauncey, Woodbury, Huller, Slee, Nicholas, Young, and Del-

phy were all beached within a few minutes of one another, according to naval officers. The flotilla, of which the wrecked craft formed a part, was in command of Captain Edwards, Commanding Officer of the Delphy and was on a practice cruise. The dead were all trapped in bunks on the "Young" when that vessel struck and were drowned when the craft capsized within two minutes after striking. More than 500 men were rescued from the wrecked destroyers which tonight are reported to be pounding to pieces on the rocks, all total losses. Of the survivors 15 of the seriously injured were brought to the Santa Barbara county hospital here. One hundred others were cut and bruised in their swim to safety over the jagged rocks. The destroyers were travelling in formation at 20 knots an hour in a heavy sea and dense fog when the leading vessel crashed. Carried ahead by a strong tide, the others piled on the beach in succession. The boats tonight lay in line along the shore at intervals of 250 feet one of them, the Chauncey was resting high on the rocks.

Washington, Sept. 9th.—An earthquake of moderate intensity was recorded between 5.23 and 6.40 today on the seismograph, at Georgetown University. Father Tondorf, seismographist said it was difficult from the record to determine the distance of the disturbance, but he estimated it centered 2,300 or 2,400 miles from Washington. It had two periods of maximum intensity at 6 and at 6.15 o'clock.

Athens, Sept. 9th.—Greece has replied to the note of the Council of Ambassadors announcing her readiness to conform with the decision of the Ambassadors with regard to Italy's demands in connection with the killing of the Italian members of the Greco-Albanian boundary commission.

Paris, Sept. 9th.—Greece's acceptance of the terms of the Council of Ambassadors in connection with the Italo-Greek controversy was received officially at the Foreign Office today. The acceptance lays prominent insistence on the evacuation of Corfu by the Italians at the soonest possible moment.

Berlin, Sept. 9th.—The end of the Ruhr occupation problem is in sight, in diplomatic circles the statement was made yesterday that negotiations are under way which will probably clear up the German-French difficulties within 80 days. Optimism is expressed, but it is declared that should negotiations fail the result will be a crash of the Stressemann Cabinet and probably the worst revolution since the war.

London, Sept. 10th.—A severe earthquake shock was experienced in Calcutta at 3.58 o'clock this morning, says an Exchange Telegraph despatch from that City. The inhabitants hurried from the buildings in night attire. No property damage was reported.