the planet[71]. It is our destiny to witness "the transformation of the earth into an organized unity growing to be ever more uniformly governable by man, and, with the improvement of communication, shrinking in size - until it comes to resemble a kind of domesticated world metropolis, should this development continue in a logic way. According to the trend in technics, we are living in the epoch of world domestication however little domestic its effect may have been until now"[72].

71) Ibid., p.305 ff., p.382 ff., and passim.

72) Ibid., p.8. Alfred Weber's panorama of world history corresponds in many decisive points with the interpretation of history offered by P.Gordon Walker, An Outline of Man's History, London 1939. This agreement is the more valuable since Walker does not know Alfred Weber's studies, but bases his conception upon the theories of Marx, Toynbee, and to a lesser degree, upon those of Max Weber and Spengler. Further, a remarkable similarity exists between Alfred Weber's system and the conception of history underlying Wright's Study of War, 2 Vols., Chicago 1942, although the resemblance is less outspoken as Wright to a great extent follows Toynbee. Cf. Wright's Table 2, "Origin, Stages, and Termination of the Historic Civilizations" (Ibid., Vol.1, p.463) where he groups all previous Civilizations into Primary, Secondary, and Tertiary Civilizations. Our own Civilization since 1500 he considers as a new quarternary Civilization (Ibid., Vol.1, p.166 ff. and passim).