

WEATHER FORECAST

North Carolina: Fair tonight and Wednesday, little change in temperature. South Carolina: Fair tonight with heavy frost; Wednesday fair.

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VARIOUS CITIES AND STATES ARE TODAY HOLDING ELECTION

War Questions Dominate Campaigns in a Number of Cities.

GREATEST INTEREST IS IN NEW YORK

All Four Candidates for Mayor of New York Claim Election—Prohibition and Suffrage Issues.

(By The Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 6.—New York is holding its general municipal election today with predictions that the incumbent vote would be polled by 400,000 voters registered, and that 675,000 would cast their ballots. The polls opened at 6 o'clock and close at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

It was the result of a mayoral election here was known within a few hours after the closing of the polls. An element of doubt existed as to the result of the year-long election, the delay that will be caused by the votes of thousands of soldiers and sailors in military camps. Many believe the result will be decided upon this vote. The selection of the mayor has been estimated at \$1,000,000 and it will be about \$1,000,000 if it is known how these men will vote.

Among the managers of the four parties, the fusion party predicted that the election would be decided by a vote of 50,000. Tammany claimed that County Judge Hyman, Democrat, would be elected by 70,000 plurality; ex-State Senator William M. Bennett, the Republican nominee who defeated Mayor Smith at the primaries, asserted he would net 275,000 votes, and Morris Hillquit, the wealthy candidate of the Socialist party, was certain that he would poll 230,000 votes.

Extraordinary measures were taken to guard against illegal practices at the polls. Police protection was greater at polling places than ever before. While volunteer watchers exceeded the police by many thousands, included among the workers were many prominent society women.

The police department has applied for hundreds of warrants for false and irregular registration and they have been issued by Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

While the main interest in the election was centered in the mayoralty, the contest of granting suffrage to women attracted unusual attention. The suffragists have made a vigorous State-wide campaign for their cause and are confident of victory.

Four women, all Socialists, are candidates for seats in the lower house of the State. A New York State, an attorney general, two associate judges of the Court of Appeals, full membership in the Assembly and other minor offices are to be elected.

It was developed on the East side during the forenoon. A woman who had been in line not to vote and was waiting. Other women interfered and the police reserves were summoned. These other women were arrested and charged with assaulting a policeman.

In front of several East side polls a woman threw a snash at the caption "Have Mercy on Your Family. Vote the Straight Ticket." Another woman held the man and asked them to vote for Hillquit. One of the women carried babies. The police removed them from the zone in which the law forbids smoking.

Best Fight in Indianapolis. Indianapolis, Nov. 6.—Interest in the municipal election in Indianapolis is the highest since the campaign of Mayor "Lex" Shank, one of the mayor of the city and former member of the legislature, who defeated in the 1916 primary last March. Because the candidate of a home rule party, the city council members are all in favor of the city.

GERMAN BUSINESS BECOMING ALARMED

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BABY CHOKED TO DEATH IN RALEIGH HOME BY BURGLAR

Four Months Old Infant of J. Kemp Plummer Found Dead.

CRIME COMMITTED DURING LAST NIGHT

Believed Intruder Alarmed by Baby's Cries Killed It to Prevent Discovery—Burglar Was Heard.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 6.—Luey Henderson Plummer, four months old infant daughter of Mr. J. Kemp Plummer, assistant State chemist, was found choked to death in her crib shortly before 9 o'clock today, the crime having been committed by a burglar who was heard in the Plummer home early this morning. The theory of the police is that the baby cried out when the intruder was in the house and fearing it would arouse the household seized the child by the throat and nose and choked it to death.

About 2 o'clock this morning Mrs. Plummer heard rattling of dishes in the dining room and she telephoned the police department. The policeman discovered that a burglar had entered the house by the back door and inescapable left articles in the yard taken from the house. The infant was unusually fretful last night and did not get to sleep until 1 o'clock and when Mrs. Plummer returned after the visit of the policeman she did not disturb the child, thinking it was asleep.

A MODIFICATION OF COAL PRICES

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Modification of coal prices not to exceed for run of mine \$2.40; prepared sizes, \$2.55, and for slack of screenings, \$2.15, were announced today by the fuel administration for coal mined in Virginia, near St. Charles, Lee county, by the Darby Coal Mining Company, Black Mountain Mining Company, Virginia Lee Company, Old Virginia Coal Company, United Colliers Company and the Benedict Coal Corporation.

NO HIGH PRICES FOR SEED PEAS

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Speculative prices for seed peas for planting farmers' crops will not be permitted by the Food Administration. "The Food Administration," it was announced today, "has now very complete records of stocks in the hands of holders, including speculators, and is in a position to deal with the question should any attempt be made to advance prices unduly."

COMING TO CONFER WITH HERBERT HOOVER

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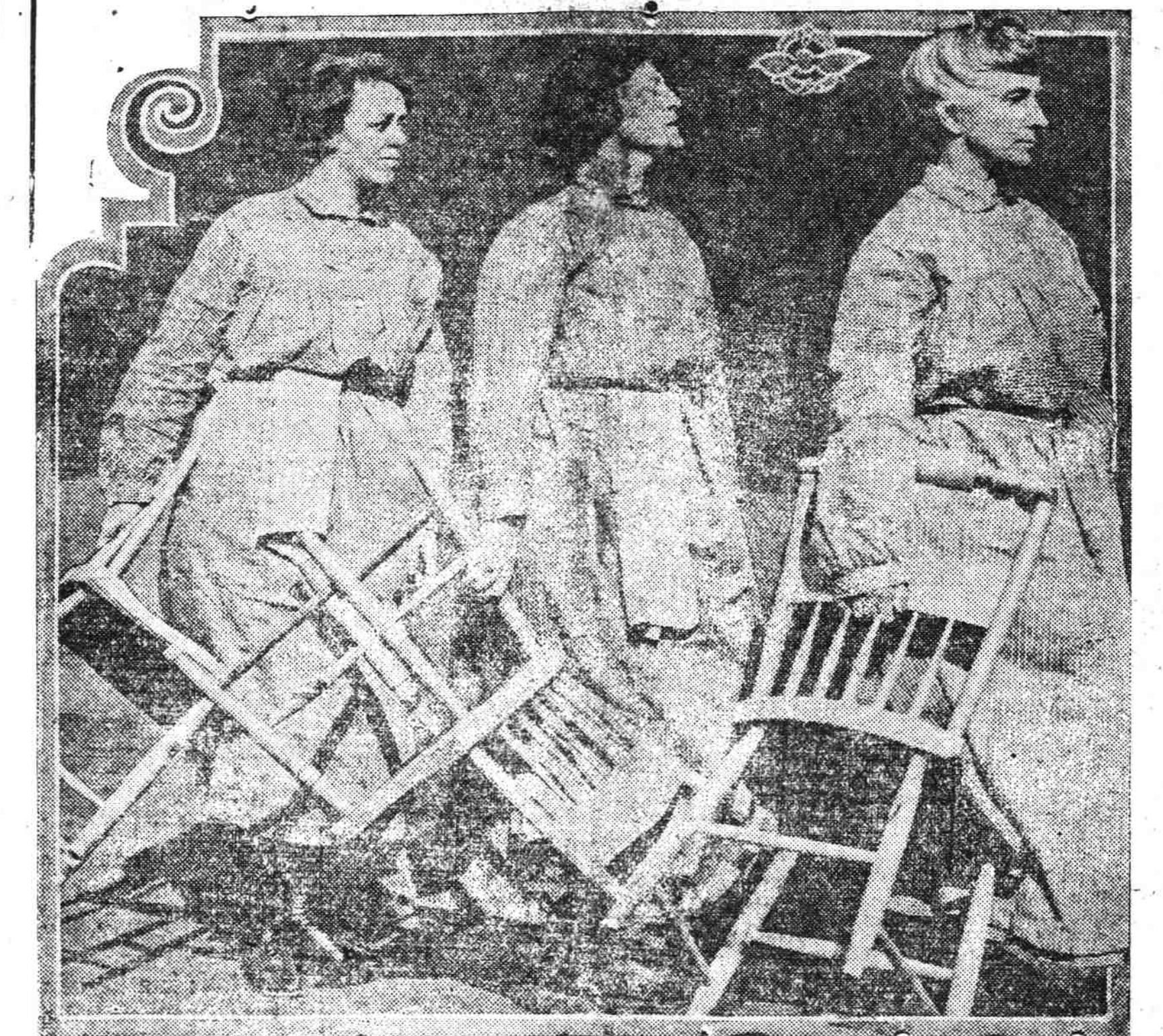
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ANOTHER BRITISH ATTACK

(By Associated Press.) London, Nov. 6.—The British attacked this morning on the Flanders front in the neighborhood of Paschendaele. The war office reports that satisfactory progress is being made. "The statement followed at 6 o'clock this morning against the enemy's positions in the neighborhood of Paschendaele. Our troops are reported to be making satisfactory progress. "Yesterday evening Lincolnshire troops raided German trenches in the neighborhood of Hulluch and brought back a few prisoners."

PROMINENT SUFFRAGE PICKETS IN THEIR OCCOQUAN, VA., PRISON GARB.



Left to right: Mrs. Doris Stevens, secretary of the National Woman's Party; Mrs. J. A. H. Hopkins, New Jersey State chairman, and Mrs. John A. Winter, chairman. These women were among the most prominent suffrage pickets who were arrested for their activities in Washington and were sentenced to 30 days in prison. They are shown in the plain prison garb of checked cotton and old milt shoes, which they wore during the prison term.

CHARLIE WALKER ESCAPES CHAIR

Governor Commutes Death Sentence of Caldwell County Man

(Special to the Dispatch.) Raleigh, Nov. 6.—Governor Bickett yesterday commuted the death sentence of Charlie Walker, murderer of his sweetheart, Florence Sulphin, in Caldwell county, in October of last year. Governor Bickett was moved to clemency against public sentiment, which, while strongly divided, had weight against Walker. Ten jurors sought it after convicting him, and while the men seemed to favor execution, women do not, husbands and wives often appearing on opposite side of the petition. The Governor was persuaded to give the life sentence by the youth of the boy, who was 19 years of age when he killed his sweetheart, who had promised to marry him, but suddenly had changed her mind and threw him into despondency that resulted in the murder. The Governor writes fully 2,000 words in explanation of the commutation of the sentence to all the important points in and around Petrograd. The afternoon papers interpret this action as an attempt by the Maximalists to seize political power. The papers believe, however, that the government has decided to combat vigorously any such attempt.

MAXIMALISTS NOW TAKING A HAND

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Nov. 6.—Leon Trotzky, president of the Central Executive committee of the Petrograd Council of Soldiers' and Workmen's Delegates, today sent a request to the Petrograd garrison not to execute any military orders except those approved and signed by the Soldiers' and Workmen's revolutionary military committee. Simultaneously the committee sent military commissioners to all the important points in and around Petrograd. The afternoon papers interpret this action as an attempt by the Maximalists to seize political power. The papers believe, however, that the government has decided to combat vigorously any such attempt.

APPEAL TO WILSON FOR WAGE INCREASE

(By Associated Press.) San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 6.—The San Francisco Iron Trades Council announced today that it would appeal to President Wilson to effect an increase in the minimum wage scales for Pacific coast yards by the Federal shipbuilding labor adjustment board. A strike of Pacific coast ship crafts is not likely, according to W. R. Burton, president of the council, who said that the union would be asked to require their members to remain at work pending the outcome of the appeal to the President.

Another No Closed.

(By The Associated Press.) Pine Bluff, Ark., Nov. 6.—The Pine Bluff city council today ordered the restricted district of this city closed. This action was taken at the request of the War Department because of the proximity of Pine Bluff to Little Rock where Camp Pike is located.

CONTESTANTS WORKING FOR BIG RESERVE VOTE

Rules That Will Govern Close of Contest Published Today—Intense Rivalry Among Contestants—Five More Days to Work—Miss Mary Jordan Makes Spectacular Jump

(By Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 6.—As the result of the many fires along the Brooklyn water front and also in other coast cities, an order declaring all territory within 100 miles of the coast line of the U. S. A. barred zone is expected by local Federal officials to be issued within a few days. Such an order would force Germans out of Atlantic coast States and would affect thousands of Germans who have lived in big German centers like New York for years, but failed to forswear the Fatherland, and failed to advance to the front. It is estimated that more than 600,000 enemy aliens would be affected. At a conference here yesterday at which the attorney general was represented, local Federal officers emphasized the necessity to safeguard the water front of New York vicinity. The gravity of the situation, it was said, led the officials to decide upon a broad course of action, which is expected to result in the barring of alien Germans from all coast cities.

TODAY'S LEADERS.

- Mary Jordan 125,260
Bernice Martin 125,091
Mollie Gordon 124,850
Pauline Underwood 124,080
Bertha Allbrook 123,390
Ruth Teachey 123,242
Eloise Daniel 123,085
Mrs. A. C. Sessoms 122,723

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FRENCH BROKE INTO THE GERMAN LINES

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Nov. 5.—The French broke into the German lines at several points last night and took prisoners, the war office announces. A German attack near Carnillet, on the Champagne front, was repulsed. The communication follows: "We carried out several surprise attacks against the German lines, especially west of Aubrieville and south of St. Quentin. A German attack on our small posts west of Carnillet was repulsed. "On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the artillery fighting was rather vigorous in some sectors. "In Belgium there were patrol encounters. Elsewhere the night was calm."

President Wilson Votes.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—President Wilson left today for Princeton, N. J., to vote in the local election, planning to return here immediately afterward.

ITALIAN ARMIES ARE AGAIN MENSCEG BY TEUTONIC HORDES

MAY ORDER ALL GERMANS FROM ATLANTIC COAST

Government Is Considering Making Barred Zone 100 Miles from Coast.

TCO MANY FIRES IN COAST CITIES

Consider Ways and Means of Putting a More Effective Check to Operations of German Residents.

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NO ORDER ISSUED YET.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Attorney General Gregory declared today that no orders had been given to remove enemy aliens 100 miles from the coast line where they could not occupy observation posts, but indicated that the government was seriously considering what steps should be taken to see that they are in no position to gather information of value to the enemy. The attention of the secret service arm of the government has been directed for some time to the fact that Germans and German sympathizers near the coast with practically no restrictions on their activities other than actual internment were in position to observe the government's war activities to a great degree and might do much harm by communicating them to the enemy.

PEACE RUMORS ARE AGAIN CIRCULATED

(By Associated Press.) London, Nov. 6.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company cables that wild peace rumors were current on the Bourse there yesterday. It being reported that the Central powers would make offers of peace before December 1 in the shape of a proposal for a preparatory conference at Berne. According to these rumors, each belligerent will be asked to send two delegates, Germany selecting Prince von Euelow, former Chancellor, and Dr. Karl Helfferich, Vice Chancellor.

CARPENTERS' STRIKE AT NEWPORT NEWS

(By Associated Press.) Newport News, Va., Nov. 6.—Unless union carpenters were to work on government cantonments at this port, Camp Stuart and Camp Hill will be struck this morning with prospect of several hundred more quitting before the day is over. The men are being paid 50 cents per hour and are demanding 62 1/2 cents per hour. A Federal mediator here last week returned to Washington to put the matter before the arbitration board with the understanding that union carpenters were to have a reply by Saturday, but they say they have had no word from the mediator. Contractors deny any knowledge of the existence of a strike. The government engineer in charge said he had been approached by the union representative.

INCREASED IMPORT OF CHEMICAL PULP

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 6.—Imports of chemical pulp for the manufacture of paper during the first eight months of the present year show a substantial increase over the same period of 1916. Figures announced today by the Federal Trade Commission show that 293,951 tons have been imported this year, as compared with 242,930 tons imported during the first eight months of last year. Exports of book paper decreased from 35,953 tons to 31,375 tons. The total stocks of book paper on hand at American mills increased during October from 43,872 tons to 44,788 tons.

Crossing of the Tagliamento River May Force Another Serious Retreat.

CADORNA'S FINAL STAND NOT KNOWN

May Fight on Tagliamento or May Withdraw to Another Position—More Political Trouble in Russia.

TAGLIAMENTO LINE EVACUATED.

(By Associated Press.) Berlin, Nov. 6.—(Via London). The Italian line on the Tagliamento to river has been evacuated by Austro-Germans, it was officially announced today by the German general staff. The Italians have evacuated the entire line along the river to the Adriatic coast.

Italy's armies along the Tagliamento are menaced by another Austro-German stroke similar to the one which caused the great retreat from the Isonzo line. The river has been crossed and an advance in force by the invaders from Pinzano would place the Italian army along the Tagliamento in almost the same position from which it retreated on the Isonzo.

There are indications that the crossing, which was made where the river narrows between hills, was not in great force and the Austro-Germans have not yet been able to advance greatly from the river bank. The crossing of the Tagliamento, however, breaks the Italian mastery of the western bank, unless General Cadorna's men can drive the Teutons back again.

West of the Tagliamento around Pinzano the ground is not cut up by many small streams and canals as it is further south, and the aim of the German staff may be to drive a wedge from Pinzano southwest toward the river Livenza in the hope of cutting off the Italian right wing. A strong Italian blow, however, might crush the force which has crossed and eliminate its possible danger.

General Cadorna has not announced officially that the line on the Tagliamento would make a strong attempt to save Venice, and dispatches from his headquarters reports its eventual crossing was foreseen and probably prepared against. The river Piave, 25 miles west of the Tagliamento, would seem to be as strong, naturally, as the Tagliamento.

The Piave flows south and then southwest from the Carnic Alps to Belluno, a few miles below which it makes a wide curve and then goes in a southeasterly direction into the Adriatic. It is the last strong natural defense before Venice. The Piave and Tagliamento rise within a few miles of each other, the one flowing south and the other east, so that retirement along the southern Tagliamento might not affect seriously the defenses of the mountain region.

The morale of the Italian soldiers is reported to be improving. The food supplies have been replenished. Indications are that the resisting power of the Italians is rising, the soldiers having been rested by the Austro-German failure to cross the Tagliamento as soon as it was reached.

The Bolshevik element is attempting to seize the political power in Russia. Reports from Petrograd say the radicals are in control of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates and have ordered the garrison in the capital to execute no military orders except those issued by the council's military committee. Petrograd newspapers believe that the provisional government will take vigorous action against the radicals.