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## GERMANS NOW OCCUPY HERMAN RIDDER KRAGUYEVATT; BULGAR ARMY ON WAY TO NISH

Faces Charge of Neglect and

Careless Methods

COURT MARTIAL TRIAL

marine K-2 From Builders When

Vessel Was in Defective Con-

diton-Testimony.

guilty before a naval court martial to-

day to charges of neglect and careless

marine K-2 at the Fore River Ship

Building Company's yard at Quincy,

two years ago. Rear Admiral Brad-

court martial and Lieutenant Com-

mander Alfred W. Johnson as judge

der James L. Latimer represented

Lieutenant Radford Moses stated that

the K-2 and subsequently was her com-

contractors, Lieutenent Moses stated,

objected to making any change in the

when attention was called to the con-

Wrote Supplemental Letter.

of the Navy Bureau of Steam Engin-

Rear Admiral Little stating that there

has been trouble with a number of

The witness said considerable lati-

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TEXTILE SHOW OPENS

Men Will Attend

Greenville, S. C., is Big Problem.

Textile Organizations to

Hold Sessions.

Greenville, S. C., Nov. 1. - Practical-

and from there during the week.

various functions have been arranged.

and the Textile Exhibition.

Rear Admiral Robert S. Griffin, chief

talked the matter over with him. The position in the European war.

and they usually did not report trou- ed a leading position in its field. He

Rear Admiral Little,

battery cells.

battery cells.

Circle Around Serbian Armies With Heavy Losses.

RUMANIANS DISTURBED

Pressure Being Brought on the King and Cabinet to Enter War With the Allies.

Russians Begin Offensive in Charged by Navy With Accepting Sub-Dvinsk Sector.

London, Nov. 1. - The Germans have occupied Kraguyevatz, the William N. Little, retired, pleaded not arsenal town of Serbia, while their Bulgarian allies are pushing their methods while on duty as an inspection way through the mountains to officer during the construction of sub-Nish, Serbia's war capital. From all sides the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians are slowly closing ley A. Piske was president of the in on the Serbian armies, the position of which grows graver daily. advocate, opened the proceedings by They are fighting filercely, how- reading the list of charges. Commanever, to save their country and have inflicted such losses on Field Marshal Von Mackensen's force he was one of the inspection officers that he has been compelled to send for reinforcements and leave the manding officer. He said he called the eastern and southern part of the the battery ceils. He did not report was particularly conspicuous recently country to the Bulgarians, who have had more experience in such mountain warfare as the Serbians

are waging. limok rivers, in the northeast, to Us- in writing through Lieutenant Child. der began earning his own living when kup, in the south, the Bulgarians are He was certain he saw his notes re- 11 years old as an errand boy. moving westward, driving the Serbians garding the submarine on the admiral's stages he served in a Wall Street brokout of the towns into the montains, but from Uskup southward they have been Admiral Little ordered an examination ance company and then as an insurchecked, as the Serbians in that territory have been reinforced by the dition of the batteries. French and British with modern guns and with gunners who gained valuable experience in France and Gallipoli. Beyond the forces landed at Saloniki, eering, testified that on the recommen-

which German estimates place at 70,000 dation of Rear Admiral Little submamen, there is no news of further assistance being sent by the Allies to

Russian transports have been reported off Varna, but the report lacks conin despatches from Bucharest that the people of Rumania at least desire intervention and that pressure is being brought on the king and cabinet to induce them to join with the Allies and permit a Russian force to pass through Rumanian territory to attack Bulgaria from the east. Greece continues her

friendly neutrality. The Germans, having failed in two months of almost incessant attacks to reach Riga and Dvinsk by various routes, are now trying along the railway which skirts the shores of the Gulf of Riga from-Tukum, and have, according to their reports, reached a point west of Schlok. This is a very slight advance and much low ground, over which it is difficult to move, lies between them and their objective. Russians Begin Offensive.

In the Dvinsk sector both to the west and southwest, of that city, the Russians have begun an offensive, apparently in anticipation of renewed attacks by the Germans, and they are also on the move in the lake district east of the Dvinsk-Vilna railway and Volhynia and Galicia. The result of these various battles has not been disclosed, if, indeed, they are concluded. Those at the southern end of the line are doubtless designed to prevent the ly all of the principal machinery houses Germans and Austrians from sending of the north and east are represented were one hundred or more delegates

captured from the French, is still in crowds of strangers upon the streets today to conclude its work tomorrow. progress, without changing the po-sitions of the two armies. There has are noticeable. Prominent among the Committees were announced today, a American residents American troops been some fighting at other points in visitors are the big cotton mill men of luncheon served, with stirring speeches without further reference to Washingthe west. What the attacks on this the South and North, and the exhibit given this evening and a session to- ton, are to shell that faction which is sued by Field Marshal Sir John French as well as the meetings of the Southtonight. He says that the published ern Textile Association, will, without good of the order. lists of the German casualties disclose doubt, exceed the most ardent expec- special speakers were State Treasurer that seven German battalions which took part in the Loos fighting-presumably a German counter attacklost 80 per cent. of their strength.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH GERMANY ARE TO BE RESUMED TODAY.

Count Bernstorff Will Call Upon Secretary Lansing.

Washington, Nov. 1 .- Negotiations between Germany and the United States regarding the sinking of the liner Lusitania and other questions be resumed tomorrow when Count von For the amusement of the visitors, Bernstorff, the German ambassador, will call upon Secretary Lansing at the will be dances in Cleveland hall. Wed-state Department. The question of in-state Department. The question of in-state Department in the demnity for Americans lost in the leaders for all to get together for team and Presbyterian College play football. sinking of the Arabic, still is unsetiled, and probably will be taken up.
The belief prevailed among State
Department officials that Secretary
Lansing would officially reals and Secretary
Lansing would officially reals are secretary.

Lansing would officially make known to the German ambassador the result | Petersburg, Va., Nov. 1.—The body of the examination of the steel frag- of J. P. Garland, 45 years old, an atment picked up on the Allan liner Hes, torney of Lynchburg, was found in the perian which naval experts believe was harbor here today. An inquest will be

Dies Suddenly After an Illness of Ten Months.

PROMINENT PUBLISHER

Was Also Conspicuous in Politics, a One Time Being Treasurer of Democratic National Committee. German Descent.

New York, Nov. 1 .- Herman Ridder, former treasurer of the Democratic National Committee and publisher of the New York Staats Zeitung, died suddenly late today at his home in this city. The cause of Mr. Ridder's death was kidney trouble in an acute form. He had been ill about ten months and for two weeks past his condition had been critical. He was in his 65th year. Members of his family were with him Boston, Mass., Nov. 1.—Rear Admiral

when he died. Among a large number of prominent German-American citizens of the United States, Herman Ridder was one of newspaper publishing business and in politics. He at one time was president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association and for many years he held high offices in the Associated Press as treasurer and a director.

Mentioned for Vice President. He was talked of at the 1908 Naional Democratic convention at Denver as a possible nominee for vice president on the ticket with Bryan, whom, however, Mr. Ridder opposed at that

Following the nomination of Bryan at the 1908 convention, Mr. Ridder was chosen as treasurer of the Democratic National committee, and in his own name and those of his brothers he conat Fore river during the building of tributed \$37,000, the largest single contribution to the Bryan campaign. Mr. Ridder was owner and editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, one of attention of Lieutenant Childs, another the foremost German inspection officer, to certain defects in the United States, and through this he the defects to Rear Admiral Little but in his ardent defense of the German

Self-Made Man.

Mr. Ridder was one of the so-called self-made men. And a New Yorker On cross examination Lieutenant from birth until bis death. He was Moses said Rear Admiral Little did born March 5, 1851. His German par-Angle-French Reinforce Serbs. not encourage him to talk about the ents were not far removed from pov-From the junction of the Danube and K-2, and that all reports were made erty—so near, in fact, that young Riddesk. Lieutenant Moses admitted that er's office, as employe of a fire insurance agent. At 18 he had become in terested in politics and before he cast his first vote he stumped the whole lower East Side of New York City and won for his favorite a nomination and election for district judge. He enterrine K-2 was given a preliminary ac- was 27 years old by establishing the ceptance. No mention was made of any first Roman Catholic newspaper in New defects, at the time of the recommen- York City in German and afterward dation, he said, but later a letter of a started the Catholic News in English, supplemental nature was received from which soon became recognized as a leading Catholic paper of the country. In 1890 Mr. Ridder became a stockholder in the Daily Staats Zeitung and was elected treasurer and manager tude was given to inspection officers Under his direction that paper assum-

### (Continued On Page Eight) LABOR CONVENTION IN TODAY; IS BIG AFFAIR RALEIGH HAS FULL DAY

Northern and Southern Mill Lacy, Shipman and Britton are Speakers at Luncheon.

Hotel Accommodations for Visitors at A Hundred or More Delegates Attending Annual Meeting of North Carolina Federation-Com-

mittees Announced.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Raleigh, N .C., N. C., Nov. 1 .- There In France the battle for the Butte here in the Southern Textile Exhibit, here for the North Carolina Federation side of the line-would be effective in de Tanhure, which the Germans re- which opens tomorrow morning and the of Labor, convened in annual session the present situation at Douglas.

> tations of the promoters of the scheme. B. R. Lacy, Commissioner of Labor At present, the biggest problem is and Printing M. L. Shipman and Editor the housing of the visitors. All hotel E. E. Britton, of the News and Obspace is sold for the week and in ad- server. The special burden of all three dition the Chick Springs Hotel, with a speeches was co-operation and thorcapacity of 400 guests, opened last ough organization. State Treasurer night. This hotel is 12 miles from the city, but the Piedmont & Northern electric lines will operate special trains to hatter conditions and together for here from Board of Governors of the Association

> > TEN BURNED TO DEATH.

ornment, in a note, has denied that the Hesperian was torpedoed by a German was torpedoed by a G

Mexicans Cease Firing Across Border Upon Warning of American Commander.

VILLA BEGINS ATTACK

Damages Defenses of the Town of Agua Prieta.

Douglas, Ariz., Nov. 1 .- General Villa delivered his long expected attack on the Carranza garrison of Agua Prieta late today and within two hours after the first gun was fired, machine gun bullets and shell fragments showered over American territory, seriously the most conspicuous figures in the wounding Louis F. Taylor, a restaurant waiter, and endangering scores of American soldiers in trenches south two miles from Douglas. Taylor was shot down in front of the United States custom house, where more than 70 machine gun bullets sped among throngs of soldiers and Mexican women and children who were coming across the

the border, promptly warned the comchange the direction of their fire, and endangered thereafter. Villa Forces Open Fire.

What appeared to be a general adfiring, however, ceased when the Villa troops had reached the wire entangleand began to dig themselves in

Meanwhile the Carrana garrison was sweeping all approaches with rifle and machine guns, guided by searchlights. Although it is believed the volleys went over the heads of the Villa forces, cheers rang out in the Carrana trenches as every volley was fired.

On the Mexican side losses could not be definitely ascertained up to nightfall, which brought a lull in the combat, but Villa artillery, firing sucessive salvos, played on the defenses of the Mexican town with the apparent intention of shattering the barbed wire entanglements and destroying the trenches preparatory to a rush on the garrison of General Calles.

Three houses on the west side Agua Prieta were blown up by shells and, according to Carranza reports, one man was killed and eight other persons wounded, including one wo-

Villa Mile from Town. One of Villa's wounded was brought to Douglas for treatment. Two others were seen to fall when a shrapnel shell burst over them. A shell burst on one of his field pieces putting the gun out of action. The Villa line was late today a mile from the Agua Prieta trenches. It is believed tonight it was moving up with cannon and infantry for a rush on the town at day-break

General Calles began exploding mines to the eastward at 8 o'clock to-

Calles reported his losses today as eight killed and twenty-four wounded. He claimed the dash of the Ville troops to the Agua Prieta barbed wire entanglements had been repulsed with a loss of at least 200 to the Villa troops. With four shells and a brief discharge of rapid firers, Villa forces drew a hot fusillade from the Carranza trenches at 10 o'clock tonight.

GEN. FUNSTON TO COMMAND.

Americans Will Return Fire if Shots Across Border Continue, Washington, Nov. 1 .- After consultation today between the White House War Department, it was decided that the orders given to American troops on the border last May-to return any fire from Mexican territory that endangered lives on the American

Should bullets continuously fall into Arizona and jeopardize the safety of

Major General Funston was en route to Douglas tonight to take personal command of the situation.

CARRANZA FORCES DEFEATED. Obregon Attacked by Large Villa Force

at San Carlos, is Report. El Paso, Texas, Oct. shrdlu cmfwypg Commissioner Shipman pledged his best Obregon's Carranza forces by a much essary figures and statistics. the Southern Textile Association, the effort and the support of his depart- smaller Villa force at San Carlos, on wounded soldiers.

to many millions, has been confiscated, derstood. according to these arrivals. It was The bill providing for the organiza-

MONTH OF OCTOBER SHOWS GREAT CHANGE FOR BETTER

BUSINESS REVIEW FOR THE

Cotton Acreage Curtailment Shown by Reserve Board's Reand Diversification Factors.

Firing From His Artillery LIQUIDATION GENEROUS BEST IN MANY MONTHS Governors Are to be Elected

Wonderful Improvement All Along the Atlanta Reports Merchants' Sales Dou-Line in Richmond District, Says Federal Reserve Board-Manufacturing Prosperous.

(Special Star Telegram.)

Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—Business conditions all along the line have improved wonderfully during the last month, especially in the Richmond district, according to the monthly bulletin just issued by the Federal Reserve Board. The report says: "After watching the slow and at

times halting development of business during several months, it is now possible to report that this district is experiencing much improvement. "While cotton is largely responsible,

it can fairly be said that the improvement is attributable to the fact that Gen. Thomas F. Davis, commanding intelligent and very general curtailthe 6,000 American troops on duty at ment of acreage, while naturally having a direct bearing upon the immemanders of both Mexican factions to diate price of the staple, accomplished much both immediately and, it is hopcitiens on the American side were not ed, prospectively, in that the value of diversification has been clearly demonstrated. If the principle can be advance began at 6:30 c'clock tonight oped in the future, land owners in the with themselves but with their ten- of increased sales by ments on the east side of Agua Prieta voting their entire supply of energy ly with the consumer. While domes- State anti-suffrage association, that withdrawn from cotton has yielded to- acute. bacco and grains of generous values, with the result that the farmers will

> Liquidation Generous. "Cotton has been moving freely, debts are now apparently disposed to four months at least. store and hold part of their crop for prices which they hope to see even better than those prevailing at the moment. The liquidation noted can creased confidence of the general busibe observed all along the line, from a local bank or merchant to the more or less distant bank, jobber or manufacturer.

Tobacco has been of excellent qual-(Continued On Page Eight.)

# WILL ASK \$10,000,000

ditional Equipment.

Senator Chamberlin Has Arranged to Were Put on Unbalanced Diet for De-Begin Drafting Bills to Go Be-Appropriation.

Washington, Nov. 1.-Arrangements were made today by Chairman Cham- victs at the Rankin state farm, seven berlain, of the Senate military affairs of whom were serving life sentences committee, to begin drafting imme- were pardoned by Governor Brewer diately the series of bills which will today as a reward for having risked be introduced at the opening of Con- their lives in what is said by public gress to carry out the army's part of health officers to have been a successgramme. The senator had a conference pellagra. Dr. Joseph Goldberger, of for a third term by the Democrats, with Secretary Garrison, who promised the United States Public Health Ser- tonight summed up his campaign in that officials of the War Department vice, said today that the tests had these words: "I am going to be rewould give every, possible aid in pre- proved the correctness of his theory

affairs committee, is expected to join Senator Chamberlain later and identical bills carrying out the programme was promised a pardon if he would probably will be introduced simul- strictly follow the diet Dr. Goldberger taneously in both houses. The form El Paso, Texas, Nov. 1 .- Arrivals of the measures will be determined by Torreon brought news of Senator Chamberlin and Representative better conditions for the laboring men. the defeat of about 3,000 of General Hay, the War Department supply nec-

Congress will be asked, it was learnment of the State government for the Saturday on the line to Durango. Ac- ed today, to appropriate \$10,000,000 betterment of the condition of the la- cording to the account, Obregon sent this year for the organized militia of boring people. Editor Britton compar- his men to clear out what he believed the country, or just about double the ed the effective co-operation that Ger- to be a small force of Villa soldiers. average amount asked by the War De- ed ration, Governor Brewer having many is enjoying with the disorganiza- It was said they ran into a force of partment for this purpose during the Wednesday and Friday nights there tion that characterized the countries of about 6,000 men. The Carranza force last few years. She money will go be nursed back to health. the Allies as an object lesson to labor returned, it was said, with 22 cars of into equipment for the guardsmen, particularly for the especial service corps The Madero family property in Car-anza controlled territory, amounting tion, engineers and the like, it is un-Several Are Injured When

Fire Destroys Three-Story Tenement in Brooklyn.

New York, Nov. 1.—Ten persons were burned to death in a fire which were burned to death in a fire which refused, appealing to the British embe worked out by the two members of mobile in which they were riding colreferendum only, municipal officers
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the three-story tenement bassy at Washington.

ble Those for Same Period Last Year-Reports From Each Reserve District.

port for October

Washington, Nov. 1 .- Business condi tions throughout most of the country improved considerably during October, according to reports from Federal Reserve Board agents, made public tonight by the Federal Reserve Board. As a whole the picture of conditions is regarded by officials as the most favorable received by the board in many months.

For the Boston district it is said that there has been considerable improve- The speaking campaign ended tonight ment in commercial activities and that with a 24 hour suffrage meeting at reports coming into that city from the Times Square, but the suffragists work different lines of trade are not only is not done. More than 6,000 women cheerful but decidedly optimistic for who will work as watchers at the

during the month and wholesale and 5:3 00 clock. retail trade expanded with better col-

Philadelphia says that improved be had in diversification than in de- cery and other concerns dealing directton, it also is the fact that the acreage however, and is daily becoming more

Unprecedented conditions in the steel trade continue to be a big factor in in- mism regarding the result of the elecremember the present year as one of nuencing business in the Cleveland tion. district. There was a decrease in idle railroad cars of 100,000 in September. permitting generous liquidation. The development, Richmond says that it is movement is allowing local jobbers and now possible to report the district is merchants to replenish, with confi- experiencing much improvement. Cotdence, stocks which have been carried ton has been the principal factor. at low water mark, thus materially Other crops are in good shape and preshelping manufacturing lines. Many ent indications are sad to justify a planters who have sold sufficient cot- belief that the situation will be comton to enable them to pay outstanding fortable and promising for three or

Merchants' Sales Doubled. Events of the month, Atlanta re ports, have not only sustained but inness public throughout the district. Commercial travelers report merchants' sales double those of last year in the same period.

Chicago says that the large centers (Continued on Page Eight.)

## RISK THEIR LIVES IN FOR NATIONAL GUARD PELLAGRA EXPERIMENT

Money Would be Used for Ad- Twelve Mississippi Convicts Are Given Freedom.

> termining Cause of Pellagra-Six Contract Disease, the Phy-

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 1.-Twelve con-

administration's defense pro- ful experiment to learn the cause of that the disease is caused by an unbalanced diet and that he is convinced Chairman Hay, of the House military it can be cured by a balanced ration. The experiment was begun February 15 with 12 prisoners, each of whom prescribed. The diet excluded milk, fresh lean meat, eggs, peas and beans. A diagnosis today by Dr. Goldberger and four Jackson physicians showed, it was said, that six of the prisoners

> ONE GREEK IS KILLED Collides With Buggy.

had developed pellagra in a pronounc-

ed form and that two others showed

symptoms of the disease. They will be

placed under treatment with a balanc-

urged them to remain at the prison to

Woman Suffrage is Overshadowing Question in Massachusetts and New York.

PROHIBITION IN ОНЮ

in Massachusetts, Maryland and Kentucky.

New York, Nov. 1 .- Whether women shall be permitted to vote is the overshadowing question to be decided at the New York State election tomorrow. A revised constitution, drawn by a convention, with Elihu Root as its president, at Albany last summer, also is to be voted on, and three congressmen, a full assembly, eleven supreme court justices and some county and city officials are to be elected.

The battle of the women campaigners for and against their enfranchisement has made the campaign picturesque. polls tomorrow agreed tonight to rise Industrial activity in the New York shortly after 4 o'clock tomorrow district, the report shows, increased morrow morning and be at the polls at

A few minutes after Mrs. Hariot Stanton Blatch, president of the women's political league, announced tohered to, and the idea further devel- business conditions are reported from night that she was retiring early to nearly all parts of the district. A arise with the watchers tomorrow, ants, that better average results will stores, retail clothing, dry goods, gro- idents of the National Association opposed to suffrage, and the New York to the cultivation of a single crop. It, tic trade is still below normal, there they were going to the theatre. No therefore, is true that while the change is a distinct betterment. Scarcity of anti-suffrage watchers will be at the in policy has resulted in high prices dyestuffs in the district is sad to be polls. The antis say that women don't for a comparatively short crop of cot- a serious detriment to some industries, belong at the polls and that they are confident of a "square deal" from the men in charge of the booths anyhow. Leaders of both sides expressed opti-

VOTE WILL BE HEAVY

Massachusetts Voters Aroused Over the Suffrage Amendment.

Boston, Nov. 1 .- Overshadowing in popular interest the election of a governor and legislature is the issue also row of whether Massachusetts will enfranchise it sone million women citizens of voting age. Credit for the aroused public sentiment is due to two sets of women who have conducted one of the most remarkable campaigns ever waged in the state.

Usually the vote on amendments falls far below that cast for the head of the ticket, but on the matter of woman suffrage, it is generally agreed that the vote will be a heavy one, for he women have seen to it that the men were enlightened on every phase of the subject and tonight there was who had not been stood up and counted and made to wear, figuratively at least, red rose of the antis.

Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, president of the Massachusetts Woman Suffrage Association said tonight that the suffragists expected a very large vote. but declined to give figures on the victory they expect. Mrs. Katherine T. Belch, president of the Massachusetts association opposed to woman suffrage, predicted a majority of 100,000 against the amendment.

Only the Progressive and Prohibition parties have endorsed woman suffrage, and as the vote will not follow party lines, forecasts generally have been made with caution and usually in harmony with the admitted personal leanings of the maker.

CLOSE CONTEST EXPECTED Both Democrats and Republicans Confi-

dent in Massachusetts. Boston, Mass., Nov. 1 .- The closest contest for the governorship since the schism in the Republican National party at Chicago, in 1912, gave birth to the progressive party, is expected at

elected governor of Massachusetts tomorrow by a plurality which I confidently expect will approximate 35,000 Former Congressman Samuel W. Mc-

Call, who was defeated by Governor Walsh by 12,000 votes a year ago and again heads the Republican ticket, gave this as his final word tonight: "I shall receive the largest vote cast for any candidate for governor in the last eight years and shal lbe elected tomorrow by a very substantial majority."

OHIO VOTES ON PROHIBITION

"Drys" Assert Bryan's Campaign Will Increase Their Strength. Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 1 .- With the issues of state-wide prohibition in the forefront, the campaign in Ohio closed tonight with rallies and mass meetings in many cities and towns. Fair weather for election day was promised and prediction was generally made that a normal vote will be polled to-Salem, va., Noc. 1.—Gus Zoragovas, morrow despite the fact that no state

in addition to the constitutional emendments and laws subjected to

"Dry" leaders assert that the cam-(Continued on Page Eight.)