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WOMAN SUFFRAGE BULKING LARGE IN ELECTIONS TODAY

In Number of States Question Will Be One of Most Important Considered

BATTLE WITH VIGOR IN EVERY CAMPAIGN

Antis As Much in Earnest As Those Who Favor Enfranchisement; Leaders of Both Sides Express Optimism; Tammany Hall Called Neutral by Charles F. Murphy

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Nov. 1.—Whether women shall be permitted to vote in the forthcoming election is the question that will 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 the 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. The speaking campaign ended tonight with a 24-hour suffrage meeting at Times Square, but the suffragists' work is not done. More than six thousand women will work as watchers at the polls tomorrow, and tonight to rise shortly after 4 o'clock tomorrow morning and be at the polls at 5:30 o'clock. Women to Watch at Polls. A few minutes after Mrs. Harriot Stanton Blatch, president of the Women's Political League, announced tonight that she was retiring early to arise with the watchers tomorrow, word came from Mrs. Arthur B. Dodge and Mrs. Allen Hill Chittenden, president of the National Association Opposed to Suffrage, and the New York State Anti-Suffrage Association, that they were going to the theatre. (Continued on page three.)

GROWING BUSINESS SHOWN IN REPORT JUST MADE PUBLIC

Federal Reserve Publication for November Paints Fine Conditions in Fifth District

MARKED IMPROVEMENT IS BEING EXPERIENCED

Reduced Cotton Acreage Results in Higher Prices for Staple and Demonstration of Value of Diversification; Cotton Moving Freely Permitting Generous Liquidation

By H. E. C. BRYANT. Washington Staff Correspondent. (Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, November 1.—The Federal Reserve Bulletin for November, describing conditions in October, issued today makes a fine showing for the Fifth, or Richmond district, in which North Carolina is located. The statement 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. Diversification Value Shows. "While cotton is largely responsible, it can fairly be said that the improvement is attributable to the fact that intelligent and very general curtailment of acreage, while naturally having a direct bearing upon the immediate price of the staple, accomplished much both immediately and it is hoped prospectively, in that the value of diversification has been clearly demonstrated. If the principle can be adhered to and the idea further developed in the future, landowners in the cotton states will soon insist, not only with themselves, but with their tenants, that better average results will be had in diversification than in devoting their entire supply of energy to the cultivation of a single crop. It, therefore, is true that while the change in price has resulted in higher prices for a comparatively small crop of cotton, it also is the fact that the average withdrawal from cotton has yielded tobacco and grains of generous value, with the result that the farmers will reap the proceeds from a variety of crops. Cotton Moves Freely. "Cotton has been moving freely, permitting generous liquidation. The change in price has resulted in higher prices for a comparatively small crop of cotton, it also is the fact that the average withdrawal from cotton has yielded tobacco and grains of generous value, with the result that the farmers will reap the proceeds from a variety of crops. (Continued on page two.)

A SCENE FROM THE OPERATIONS OF WAR IN THE DARDANELLES



* DESPATCH CARRIERS OF ROYAL ENGINEERS ON GALLIOLI PENINSULA.

"Of all the wars I ever followed," writes a correspondent in one of his most recent accounts from the Dardanelles, "this campaign in Gallipoli is the most instructive and interesting and is the fullest in strange contrasts and anomalies. The reason is found in the strange and most unusual character of the struggle and also in the constant co-operation between the army and the navy. Both the soldier and the sailor have been worked at times almost to a standstill in this most arduous campaign—the soldier in fighting and dig-

SERBIAN ARMIES IN GRAVE POSITION BATTLE FIERCELY

Germans, Austrians, and Bulgarians Closing in on All Sides; Nearing Capital

ARSENAL TOWN TAKEN BY GERMAN FORCES

Heavy Losses Inflicted By Troops of Slav Nation on Von Mackensen's Forces; Teutons Try New Route to Riga and Dvinsk; Little Change in Situation in France

(By the Associated Press.) London, Nov. 2.—A despatch to the Times from Bucharest says: "It is reported in naval quarters here that Russian troops were landed at Varna, in Bulgaria, on the Black Sea Friday." London, Nov. 1.—The Germans have occupied Kragujevatz, the general town of Serbia, while their Bulgarian allies are pushing their way through the mountains to Nish, Serbia's war capital. From all sides the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians are slowly closing in on the Serbian armies, the position of which grows graver daily. They are fighting fiercely, however, to save their country and have inflicted such losses on Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces that he has been compelled to send for reinforcements and leave the more serious work of invading the coast and southern part of the country to the Bulgarians, who have had more experience in mountain warfare, such as the Serbians are waging. From the junction of the Danube and Timok rivers, in the northeast, to Uskup, in the south, the Bulgarians are moving westward, driving the Serbians out of the towns into the mountains, but from Uskup southward they have been checked, as the Serbians in that territory have been reinforced by the French and British with modern guns and with gunners who gained valuable experience in France and Gallipoli. Allies Give Little Aid. Beyond the town of Uskup, at Saloni which German estimates placed at 70,000 men there is no news of further assistance being sent by the allies to Serbia. Russian transports have been reported off Varna but the report lacks confirmation. There is, however, evidence in 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 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 Tukums and have, according to their reports, reached a point west of Suhlok. This is a very slight advance, and much low ground, over which it is difficult to move, lies between them and their objective. (Continued on page three.)

REIDSVILLE FACTORY IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

Reidsville, Nov. 1.—Fire broke out early this morning in the new brick room of the F. B. Pann branch of the American Tobacco Company's big tobacco factory and did considerable damage before being extinguished. The fire was discovered about 3 o'clock in the morning, and although it had gained pretty good headway before the alarm was given. The flames were confined principally to the one room in which had recently been installed thousands of dollars worth of cotton machinery, although they broke through in an adjoining room and room above, necessitating the flooding of the two floors with water, which did considerable damage. The automatic sprinklers in an adjoining room also injured a great deal of tobacco. The price room in which the fire originated did not have the automatic sprinkler completed, otherwise the flames would have been kept but little headway. By hard work the big plant was saved from destruction. About one thousand pounds of plug were damaged by water and smoke. This will have to be reopened and dried out. The total damage has been variously estimated at from \$30,000 to \$50,000, but the precise amount will not be known until the survey is made. The fire will cause a shutdown of only a part of the plant for a few days.

PRESIDENT WILL WED LATE IN DECEMBER

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 1.—It was formally announced today at the White House that the marriage of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt will take place "near the close of December" and that it will be private at Mrs. Galt's home. This statement was issued by Secretary Tumulty. "In order to quiet speculation, President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt today authorized the announcement that their marriage will take place near the close of December. Their plans are for a very simple ceremony. It will be quietly performed at Mrs. Galt's residence. No invitations will be issued and it is expected that the only guests will be the members of the two families."

ONE KILLED AND NINE HURT IN AUTO SMASH

Salmon, Va., Nov. 1.—One Zorogova, a Greek, twenty-three years old, was instantly killed, and nine others seriously injured here tonight when an automobile in which they were riding collided with a horse and buggy. A. J. Basse, the driver of the buggy, sustained a broken leg and the horse received fatal injuries. The automobile contained eleven Greek waiters from a Bonaville restaurant. The driver, James Peter, admitted he was not on his best behavior and that he was going at a low rate of speed. Peter and his companions were placed in jail.

HERMAN RIDDER IS CALLED BY DEATH

Well-Known Editor and Publisher Dies Suddenly at Home in New York

ILL ABOUT TEN MONTHS

Condition Critical for Past Two Weeks; At One Time President of American Publishers' Association and Had Held High Offices in Associated Press; Prominent in Politics

(By the Associated Press.) 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 sixty-fifth year. Members of his family were with him when he died. Among a large number of prominent German-American citizens of the United States Herman Ridder was one of the most conspicuous figures in the 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. He was talked of at the 1903 National Democratic Convention at Denver at a possible nominee for Vice President on the ticket with Bryan, whom, however, Mr. Ridder opposed at that time. 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 contributed \$17,000, the largest sum. (Continued on page three.)

CONDITIONS SHOW INCREASING GAINS

Showing Made in Federal Reserve Reports Regarded the Best in Many Months

GREAT ACTIVITY RECORDED

From Every Quarter of the Country Come Tidings of Advancing Tide of Prosperity; Retail Trade Expanding With Better Collections, Merchants' Sales Doubled

(By the Associated Press.) Philadelphia, Nov. 1.—Business conditions throughout the country improved considerably during October according to reports from Federal reserve 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 there has been considerable improvement in commercial activities and that reports coming into that city from the different lines of trade are not only cheerful, but decidedly optimistic for the future. Industrial activity in the New York district, the report shows, increased during the month and wholesale and retail trade expanded with better collections. Philadelphia says that improved conditions were reported from every quarter of the country. (Continued on page two.)

VILLA AT GATES OF AGUA PRIETA

Rebel Leader Delivers Long Expected Attack on Carranza Garrison

ONE AMERICAN WOUNDED

Mexican Commanders Warned To Change Direction of Fire and Comply; Attackers' Line in Mile of Trenches Around City; May Rush Place at Daybreak This Morning

(By the Associated Press.) 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 guns, bullets and shell fragments showered over American territory, seriously wounding Louis F. Taylor, a restaurant waiter, and endangering scores of American soldiers in trenches two miles south of Douglas. What appeared to be a general advance began at 5:30 o'clock tonight when the Villa forces opened a heavy fire from all sides of the line. It, however, ceased when the Villa troops had reached the wire entanglements on the east side of Agua Prieta and began to dig themselves in. Meanwhile the Carranza garrison was sweeping all approaches with rifle and machine gun volleys guided by searchlights. Although it is believed the volleys went over the heads of the Villa forces, cheers rang out in the Carranza trenches as every volley was fired. Taylor was shot down in front of the United States custom house, where more than seventy machine gun bullets sped among a throng of soldiers and Mexican women and children who were coming across the line. Gen. Thomas F. Davis, commanding the 4th American troops on duty at the border, promptly warned Villa to change direction of fire and comply. (Continued on page three.)

CLOTURE COMMENT NOTED BY OVERMAN

He Is Against Rule Which Might Deny Majority Its Rights

OPPOSED TO FILIBUSTERS

Senator Overman Will Support President in Defense Program if Necessity for Such Legislation Shown; Page Concerned, However, As To Funds

(By H. E. C. BRYANT.) Washington Staff Correspondent. (Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Nov. 1.—Senator Overman, Mrs. Overman and Miss Grace Overman arrived here today and opened up their winter home at 1719 Rhode Island avenue. Miss Kathryn Overman, who is now visiting in Eastern North Carolina, will join them later. Senator Overman will begin the preparation of his report on the revision of the laws regulating Federal court officers and procedure. Representative Page and sister, Miss Emma Page, are here. Mr. Page came to testify before the committee investigating district of Columbia affairs, and Miss Page is here to have her eyes examined. Interested in Cloture Talk. Senator Overman is very much interested in the talk about cloture for the Senate. He is opposed to any rule that would give the majority a means of depriving the minority of its rights under the constitution. He may vote for a proposition to enable the party in control to stop a deliberate filibuster and bring to a vote a pending question. Both Senator Overman and Representative Page will support the President in his recommendations for a national defense program if it is shown that there is necessity for such legislation. They will not state their views. (Continued on page two.)

KING GEORGE, INJURED IN FALL, BACK IN LONDON

London, Nov. 1.—King George, who was injured last week by being thrown from his horse while reviewing troops in the field, returned to London this evening.

PLAN NEW OFFENSIVE AGAINST SUEZ CANAL

Rome, via Paris, Nov. 1.—The Austro-Germans are preparing a new offensive against the Suez Canal, according to an Athens dispatch to the Tribune, which adds that the British have made gigantic preparations to meet such an eventuality. Among other things they have flooded the land along the canal, leaving the fortification just standing out of the water, the defenders being supplied with provisions by gunboats.

SEVEN INJURED WHEN AUTO GOES DOWN BANK

Ashville, Nov. 1.—Seven persons were injured, three of them being pinned beneath the car when a big automobile, driven by J. N. Braxton, failed to take a sharp turn on a mountain road about twelve miles from Asheville yesterday afternoon, plunging down a steep bank. The car was overturned and the passengers were thrown clear. The car was severely damaged.

OFFICERS TAKE STILL; NEGRO SERIOUSLY SHOT

Fayetteville, Nov. 1.—Revenue Officers Smith and Tomlinson and Deputy Sheriff Monaghan this afternoon raided a moonshine still near Spout Springs, north of Fayetteville. Several men about the plant ran off. One negro advanced on Tomlinson and was in the act of branding him with a large lighted torch when another officer shot the negro in his right side, inflicting a wound from which he may die. Officers captured the still of one hundred gallons capacity and three gallons of whiskey. They brought the still and negro to Fayetteville. The negro was placed in a hospital.

KITCHIN WRITES HE WILL CONFER WITH PRESIDENT

Washington, Nov. 1.—Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, majority leader of the House, in a letter to President Wilson today said he would come to Washington November 5 and would be glad to confer with the President on the subject of national preparedness. The letter was in response to one from the President asking Mr. Kitchin to talk with him regarding the proposed army and navy appropriation bills.

BULGARIAN REGIMENT IS ALMOST DESTROYED

Rome, Nov. 1.—via Paris.—The fighting between Serbians and Bulgarians in the Timok Valley has been desperate. A Bucharest despatch to the Corriere Della Sera of Milan says the third Bulgarian regiment of infantry was almost destroyed, only 100 men surviving. Public buildings and barracks at Vidin, Bulgaria, are filled with wounded men.

War Summary

Kragujevatz, in the central portion of North Serbia and Serbia's chief arsenal, is in the hands of the Germans, marching south from Belgrade, while from the northwest, the west and east the Austro-German and Bulgarian armies are methodically pushing their way into the Balkan kingdom and drawing tighter the ring about King Peter's soldiers. Another step toward the capture of Nish, the key to the railway lines running east to Constantinople and south to Salonica, is made by the Bulgarians in the capture of Bela Palanka, which lies almost midway between Pincet and Nish. In the south near the Greek-Serbian border, where the French and British troops are holding the Serbs, there have been intermittent counterattacks and outpost engagements on various occasions, but no fighting of great importance has occurred. On the heights

KEY TO SOUTHWEST NOW IN HANDS OF PRESIDENT

Washington, Nov. 1.—Senator Fletcher, President of the Southern Commercial Congress and Dr. C. J. Overton, its secretary, presented to President Wilson today the gold key which citizens of Muskogee, Oklahoma, where the congress was held last year, had made specially to commemorate the occasion. Reported on the key was the inscription: "The key to the hearts of the people of the Southwest."

WILLIAM J. BRYAN WILL SPEAK AT KINSTON FAIR

Kinston, Nov. 1.—Final arrangements have been completed whereby the Kinston fair management has secured the consent of Hon. William Jennings Bryan to speak at the coming ten-county fair here. Mr. Bryan will share the honors with Lieut.-Gov. E. L. Daughtrike on Tuesday, November 9. It had been hoped to have the great pacifist for a day later in the week, but it was discovered that the 9th was his only open date. Mr. Bryan will spend almost 48 hours in Goldsboro and Kinston together, making two addresses in the former town on the eighth. F. Clyde Dunn, president of the fair association, will formally open the fair before the speeches by Messrs. Daughtrike and Bryan.

MEMORIAL TO R. C. HOOD

Greensboro, Nov. 1.—Messrs. A. W. McAllister, R. G. Vaughn and A. M. Seales, of companies in which the late R. C. Hood was interested, and personal friends of the deceased, have contributed \$10,000 toward a fund to erect a memorial to Mr. Hood. This amount will be taken as a nucleus and under the terms of the offer the Y. W. C. A. will within the next three weeks raise enough money to make a total of not less than \$50,000 to be used in purchasing a lot and erecting a building. Members of the association are enthusiastic over the outlook for a building and the association will have been made for a start. Mr. Hood, before his tragic death, was a member of the advisory board of the Y. W. C. A., which now has rented rooms, and had interested himself in the work for a building.

LENCHBURG MAN'S BODY IS FOUND IN PETERSBURG

Petersburg, Va., Nov. 1.—The body of J. P. Garland, 45 years old, an attorney of Lynchburg, was found in the harbor here today. An inquest will be held. Garland was unmarried. He was a son of the late Rev. Dr. J. Powell Garland, prominent in the Methodist Church in Virginia.

WASH. OUT OF RECEIVERSHIP

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 1.—The Webaah railroad today passed into the control of the newly incorporated company of Indiana, the receivers relinquishing the property. Edward F. Kearney, president of the new company and J. L. Minnie, general solicitor, came here today to obtain a Missouri license. A statement said the company had property in Missouri worth \$38,699,000. A fee of \$15,871 will be charged for the license.

BRAND MAY REMOVE CENSORSHIP

Paris, Nov. 1.—The Temps publishes a report that Premier Briand intends to remove the censorship on newspaper publications of a political nature.