

MARVIN L. RITCH HELD UNDER BOND OF \$2,500

Charlotte, Sept. 18.—Marvin L. Ritch, attorney and organizer for textile workers unions in this section, was arrested at 2 o'clock this morning by Policeman Ed Black and J. E. Hunter on a warrant brought by a deputy sheriff from Albemarle charging him with inciting the riot at that place. Ritch was released under bond of \$2,500, which was signed by an employee of the Southern railroad named Howell.

He will be given a preliminary hearing before the recorder at Albemarle Monday morning, it was stated. Ritch is alleged to have harangued crowds of textile workers Monday shortly before the trouble started, though it was not known whether he was in Albemarle at the time of the trouble or not.

The deputy from Albemarle arrived in Charlotte late last night and after conferring with police authorities he and Policemen Black and Hunter went to the home of Ritch and served the warrant. He was brought to police headquarters, where the bond was arranged.

Ritch has been active in organization work among textile operators in this section for several months. He was first employed as attorney for some Charlotte mill operatives when they went on strike last spring following a falling out over the wage scale. Ritch was said to have been instrumental in bringing organizers here who formed the unions in Charlotte, and from this city, it was said, the work of organizing the textile operatives of this section was directed.

Since entering this work Ritch has been active in union organizations, and was one of the speakers at the labor meeting in Raleigh, his speech causing considerable comment among the papers of the state.

LENOIR DID NOT FACE FIRING SQUAD TODAY

Paris, Sept. 19.—Announcement was made at 8:45 this morning of the postponement of the execution of Pierre Lenoir, who was charged with Senator Lambert and others of furnishing military intelligence to the enemy, and who was to have faced the firing squad at dawn today.

The neighborhood of Vincennes woods where the execution was to take place was put under a strong guard of soldiers at 5:30 this morning. A short time afterwards Major Gromier, commander of the troops at Ft. Vincennes, and M. Raux, prefect of police, arrived and a firing squad took up its position. At 6:10 a. m. two automobiles left the fort and drove rapidly in the direction of the execution grounds and men and women going to work, seeing the soldiers, remarked: "It is all over for Lenoir," but at 6:45 o'clock it was learned that the execution was delayed for a short time.

The military justice a party of lawyers and a chaplain went to Lenoir's cell at 6:20 o'clock finding the condemned man very calm.

"My father taught me not to fear death," he said, "and I shall die courageously. I love France and never betrayed my country."

Asked if he had any communication to make to the party Lenoir replied:

"At the moment of death I repeat what I have always vainly asked: 'To be confronted with Jose Caillaux.'"

(Jose Caillaux, former premier of France, is now under arrest in a hospital near Paris under a similar charge to those upon which Lenoir was convicted.)

Lenoir then argued that the action of the court had shown that his case and that of M. Caillaux was connected. Lenoir's lawyers then demanded that his request to be confronted with M. Caillaux be communicated to the under secretary of military justice. This was done and the order to postpone the execution was received two hours later.

When he heard the news this morning, Lenoir said, "Before man and God I swear I am no traitor."

ALL HOUSES ON ISLAND DESTROYED BY STORM

Miami, Sept. 21.—A tale of suffering, hardship and privation surpassed by any growing out of the tropical hurricane which passed over the southern end of Florida and Cuba recently and did so much damage at Corpus Christi and other Texas towns, has been brought here from North Elbow Cay by submarine chaser 335. Waves swept entirely over the island, which is 40 feet high, destroyed all houses except the lighthouse, and filled the inhabitant's cisterns with sea water. The islanders were without water 11 days and food almost as long.

Wind and wave struck the islet with such force that large pieces of rock were torn away and swept into the sea. Not a vestige of human habitation was left, save only the lighthouse in which the 12 survivors huddled and awaited the arrival of the help they prayed for.

North Elbow Cay is in the straits of Florida about half way between the Florida peninsula and Cuba. It is visited once in three months by a Cuban government vessel with supplies and mail.

Two goats of the comparatively large flock on the island were left by the storm, and these were eaten. All other food supplies were washed away.

Sepulchers in which bodies of former residents were buried were torn open by the giant waves and the coffins carried away by the waves.

A Cuban gunboat searching for the missing Spanish steamship Valbanera was signalled on the 16th, but was unable to furnish the water requested. A wireless message from the gunboat to Nassau, Bahamas, and relayed to Key West and Miami caused the submarine chaser 335 stationed here, to be sent to the rescue with water and food.

APPEAL FOR NEEDY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 20.—Mayor Gordon Boone and Roy Miller, chairman of the local relief committee, have requested The Associated Press to make public the following statement:

"The situation so far as food supplies are concerned is well in hand. Donations received from various cities added to the subsistence furnished by federal and state authorities here have for the present at least, solved the food problem.

"Our immediate needs are clothing and financial aid. Hundreds in fact, thousands—were compelled to leave their dwelling on brief notice scantily clad and leaving all their worldly goods behind. In the storm area contiguous to Corpus Christi at least 4,000 are homeless and dependent upon the generosity of the people of Texas and other states not only for food and raiment but for a new start in life.

"We, therefore, urge the public to continue to send their gifts of clothing and money. We are hopeful that these gifts, especially of a financial nature, will be large enough to help these destitute people to repair some of the damage suffered. All contributions should be sent to Clark Pease, chairman of the financial committee, Corpus Christi, Texas.

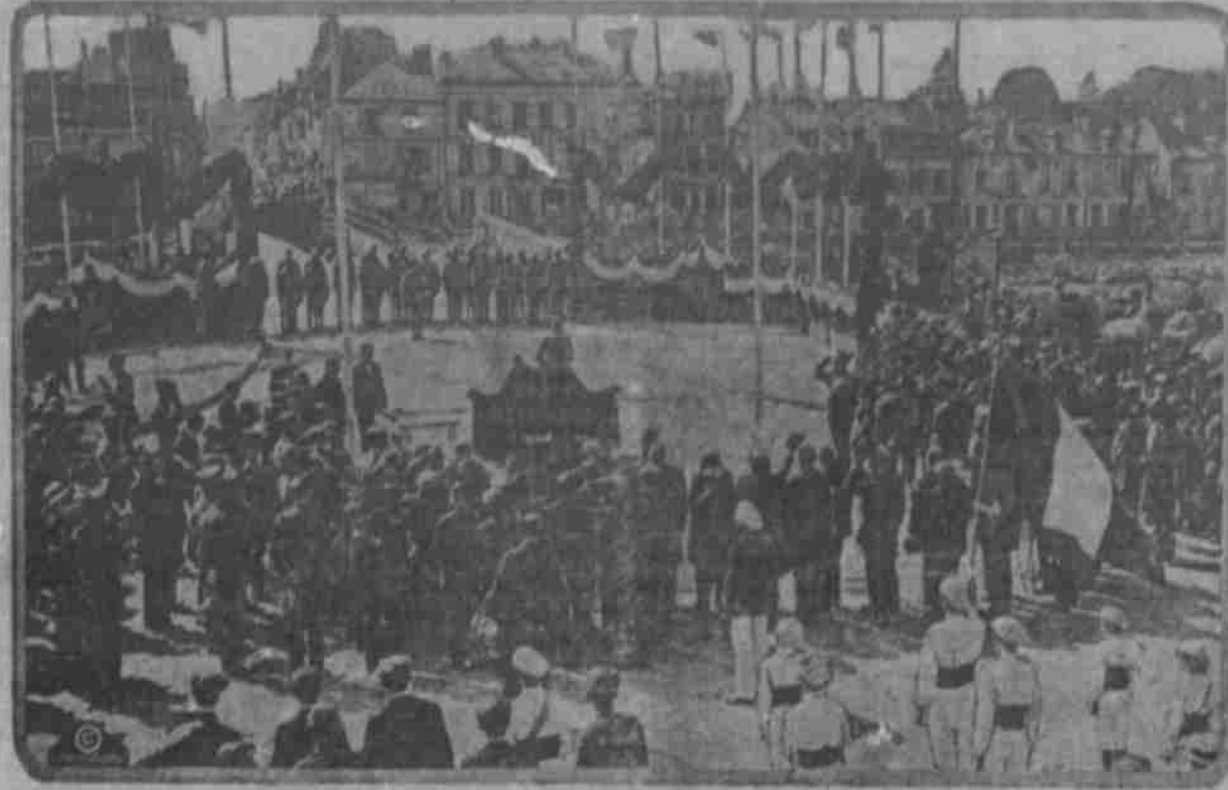
ROCK HILL MAN IS TAKEN TO FEDERAL PEN

Greenville, S. C., Sept. 20.—R. L. Kerr, formerly a prominent banker of Rock Hill and member of the draft board, convicted at Rock Hill on charges of forgery in connection with soldiers' allotments, will be taken to the federal penitentiary at Atlanta today to begin a five-year sentence.

In imposing sentence on Kerr, Judge Watson said that he could have been convicted on all of the 21 counts, sentenced to the federal prison for a term of 315 years and fined \$150,000.

The charges on which Kerr was found guilty, Mr. Watson said, were for forging the names of soldiers to the United States checks sent them as bonuses and receiving the money on them.

CHATEAU THIERRY HONORS OUR FALLEN HEROES



A general view of the ceremonies in Chateau Thierry at the laying of the corner stone of the monument to be erected to the dead heroes of the Third Division. A. L. F. Major General Bourne, commander of the Third, is shown addressing the assemblage.

GREAT HARDSHIP FOR SHIPWRECK SURVIVORS

Tampa, Sept. 21.—After drifting six days in an open boat, Chief Officer A. H. Moodie and 10 other survivors on the 11,900-ton steamship Bayronto, sunk September 11 off the Tortugas, were brought into Tampa by the local fishing smack Ida, which picked them up 80 miles south-west of Egmont Key. Another lifeboat with 24 men from the Bayronto has not been heard from. Fifteen men, including Capt. T. Eversett and most of the officers, were lost on the ship because the other lifeboats were smashed, but it is reported that they were taken off by the schooner Fannie and Fay, Tampa to Havana. The 11 men brought to Tampa are Chief Officer Moodie, V. Cole, wireless operator; W. Saunders, carpenter; E. Abbot, lamp trimmer; Boatswain Bridle and Firemen T. Brett, A. Sheerin, Edmunds, Dunovan, Griffith and W. Denley.

The Bayronto foundered in heavy seas without running aground. When the ship listed 60 degrees, the remaining two boats were launched. Moodie and his 10 men had five gallons of water and 100 biscuits. Two days later, running short of water, they spread their oiled coats and caught half a bucket of rain water. Tuesday they caught a few fish and ate them raw. At 3 a. m. September 12 they sighted a big two-masted steamer and sent up distress rockets, but Moodie says the ship paid no attention except to turn and run off in the opposite direction.

The men were almost naked. They poured salt water over their bodies to cool them, and the sun blistered the skin. Many of them have boils and abscesses formed by the exposure. Peter Taylor, English vice-consul, is looking after their welfare.

The 11,000-ton steamship Bayronto, with 7,000 tons of wheat was bound from Galveston to Marseilles via Norfolk. It is owned by the Bay Steamship company, London. It was torpedoed in July 1918, and had been laid up for repairs until it sailed from Southampton last month on this trip. Chief officer Moodie states that he was on the steamship Baynyaasa in July, 1917, which sank a U-boat then, and he was afterwards decorated by King George with the D. S. C., the captain getting the D. S. O. Moodie also has the victory medal, the merchant service medal, the 1914 medal and on his sleeve three gold torpedoes and five yearly service chevrons.

One survivor of the wrecked steamship Lake Linona, a Porto Rican negro, was brought in with the Bayronto sailors. It is reported that 15 of the Winona crew were afloat in an open boat when a wave washed away all but the negro and an Italian. The latter died later and the negro threw the body overboard.

SHOOTING OF ED. PITTS NEAR KERNERSVILLE

Kernersville, Sept. 20.—It appears that the report current that Will Heath, who on Monday evening last shot and killed Ed Pitts, his father-in-law, tried to escape following the homicide, is erroneous. The fact seems to be that he was very cool in the face of the situation and telephoned the sheriff himself from the home of a neighbor. It is reported that he telephoned the doctor, also, to come to attend the wounded man.

A report is current also to the effect that Pitts was armed and fired the first shot. That also has been denied by neighbors who were first on the scene. It appears that the small boy Wiley Farrington, aged 12, son of the Pitts family, who was thrown from the run-away wagon which passed over the boy's leg and body was able to return to the Heath home and was the first person to reach Mr. Pitts. The wounded man had doubtless passed away by the time he reached him.

It is alleged that Mrs. Heath tried to take the second gun from the hands of her husband, and that Pitts did not turn to run until he saw his son-in-law loading the second weapon. It is reported that as the shot struck him he half turned and said, "Oh, Lord," the only word he is known to have uttered before he sank to the ground and died. The shot took effect near the neck and ranged downward, striking vital parts.

The immediate quarrel is reported to have been concerning a mail box, but it was the outgrowth of bad feeling concerning the cropping during the spring and summer.

The funeral services of Mr. Pitts were held at Bunker Hill Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. I. O. Gray. The crowds in attendance overflowed the church. The interment took place in the Bunker Hill burying ground. The widow, a son, Elmore Pitts of Colfax; a daughter, Mrs. Marion, of Norfolk, Va. and Mrs. Heath, survive.

Both Mrs. Pitts and Mrs. Heath are said to have been prostrated by the tragedy.

386 BODIES OF VICTIMS ARE FOUND ON COAST

Corpus Christi, Tex., Sept. 20.—With known dead near the 400 mark and steadily increasing, residents of Corpus Christi and other nearby Texas coast towns today resumed their search for bodies of additional persons who lost their lives thru last Sunday's hurricane and tidal wave.

The number of known dead today was 386.

In Corpus Christi proper conditions were becoming more nearly normal today altho electric lights and street car service may not be restored for some time.

BLINDED AMERICAN SOLDIERS IN TRAINING

Washington Sept. 19.—Latest reports give the number of the A. E. F. blinded in the war to be 180. Reeducation means much for this class of men, and about one-third of these blinded soldiers are now availing themselves of the opportunities for training under the direction of the federal board for vocational education.

Poultry raising has been tested and proved to be a lucrative vocation for blind men. With the assistance of members of their families these blinded soldiers are making good at it. Osteopathy and massage are attracting others as occupations desirable for the blind.

The policy of the board in building upon the past experiences of disabled soldiers in fitting them for future employment is adhered to in its dealings with the blinded. In following this policy, an insurance man and a druggist are training in their old lines of work, learning to "carry on" in the old way in spite of their handicaps. These men have lost their sight, but they still retain their ambitions and their grit.

CONCORD CHILD KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Concord, Sept. 20.—Walter Lambert, a jitney driver of this city, was today held under bonds of \$1,000 for his appearance before the recorder's court here September 29, on the charge of causing the death of seven year old Irene Ragan.

The child was struck by an automobile operated by Lambert at the intersection of Corbin and Phoenix streets, while Lambert was carrying passengers from the center of the city to the depot.

Following the accident, Lambert stopped his car immediately and carried the child to a nearby house, and later to the hospital, where she died.

Lambert surrendered to the police after taking the little girl to the hospital.

MANY WOMEN TRIED TO KISS GEN. PERSHING

Washington, Sept. 20.—One fair war worker faces the loss of \$100 as a result of a wager that she would kiss General Pershing before he left Washington.

As the expeditionary commander was leaving a hotel last night, where he had attended a function in his honor, a comely young woman who had edged her way to the front of the crowd surrounding the entrance made a rush for him. Members of the general's staff grabbed her, but not until she had an arm around General Pershing's neck was struggling to kiss him. Her act was a signal for a grand rush on the part of other feminine members of the crowd and General Pershing literally had to dive into his waiting car.

In the meantime, the young woman apparently thinking an explanation of her precipitate act was due, explained that she had wagered \$100 that she would kiss General Pershing before he left Washington.

THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN DELIBERATELY MISLED

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 18.—President Wilson told an audience here that the people had been "singularly and I sometimes fear deliberately misled" as to the contents of the peace treaty.

In an address interrupted many times by cheers, he said that any man who discussed the treaty on the basis of small and technical objections would in the end be "overwhelmed" by public opinion.

Mr. Wilson spoke before a crowd which jammed the auditorium here with its seating capacity of 15,000. Many others stood in the aisles and in the rear of the galleries.

For the first time during his trip the President was introduced by a woman, Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt, president of Mills college, of Oakland, presenting him as one to whom the international affairs of the country might be safely entrusted. When he arose to speak some one shouted "Are we with him?" and many shouted in chorus, "Yes!"

This was the first treaty, said Mr. Wilson, whose purpose was not to serve governments, but to "serve peoples." All the peoples of the world, he declared, at last had seen a vision of liberty and had drawn up a treaty.

PERSHING KISSES JUST LIKE DADDY

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—"I know what I want to say, but I just can't say it" is the way Miss Marie B. Weiser expressed her feelings on being kissed by General Pershing. The latter showed his appreciation of the gift of a silk American flag presented to him by Miss Weiser on behalf of the girl scouts of Gimbel Bros. Store.

Miss Weiser was one of three girls on whom the kissing honor was bestowed. The other two, nine-year-old girls, were made equally proud when they presented the general with a bouquet of more than 100 pink Columbia roses. Both of these little girls speak in hushed tones of the occasion. Like Marie, they feel it in their hearts, they say, but "it just won't come out."

These girls are Miss Marie Audede, and Miss Hazel Matthews.

It was meant, though, Marie Weiser thought, to ask her whom she preferred to be kissed by—her "daddy" or General Pershing.

"Gee," she said, as a puzzled expression came over her round face, "that's a funny question! My daddy is very dear to me and I like to be kissed by him, but—to have been kissed by General Pershing is something I had never dreamed of."

FOOD PRICES DECLINE MORE THAN 10 PER CENT

Washington, Sept. 18.—Reports to the department of justice from 12 states indicate there has been a decline of 10 to 15 per cent in food prices since the time the fair price committees began their work.

From four states have come reports on wholesale prices, indicating a decline of two to five per cent. Virtually no reduction in clothing prices have been noted.

The reports on retail food prices were said to have been from cities and counties well distributed throughout the country, and the information is believed by officials here to be a fair indication of what is going on everywhere. They think that results now becoming evident will be cumulative as the season advances, now declines in wholesale prices being reflected in retail prices, and additional reductions coming from the campaign against hoarding and profiteering.

Paris, Sept. 21.—(Havas.)—The Dutch minister in Paris has been advised, according to the Libre Belgique of Brussels, that Holland within two weeks will receive a demand for the extradition of former Emperor William on behalf of the allies.

STRIKERS ASSERT THEY WILL CONTINUE STRIKE

Albemarle, Sept. 20.—Will the members of the union go back to work Monday when the whistles blow, as was announced yesterday by Mayor Groves, or will the strikers again block the way of those non-union men and women as they did last Monday morning? Is the spirit of unionism broken and crushed here as has been generally talked of or will the strikers still hold out for formal recognition as they have done for the past several weeks before again returning to their work? These are some of the questions that are being discussed here today on every street corner, in stores and homes.

The strikers say they will not return to work Monday when the whistles blow, but further they say not. The Wiscasset and Efrid mills will blow their whistles at the usual hour Monday, and if any want to work everything will go off as usual.

The day passed of without any excitement in connection with rioting of last Monday, except that three or four additional defendants were put under bonds in the sum of \$2,500 for their appearance before Judge Ingram Monday morning at 10 o'clock. This makes the total number of defendants under bond for appearance Monday aggregate 28 and includes as defendants H. M. Barbee, the president of the local union; J. A. Lee, vice-president, also Marvin Ritch, a Charlotte lawyer. That Monday will see a hot legal battle in Judge Ingram's court goes without saying, as every member of the local bar, except A. C. Honeycutt, is retained by the mills to prosecute the defendants. Mr. Honeycutt has refused to be retained on either side so far. There will be able counsel sent here to represent the defendants. In the meantime the disinterested long suffering public of Albemarle and Stanly county is looking forward to the time when the mills will invite all desiring to come to work by blowing their whistles and having everything in readiness.

Frank P. Kennedy, an attorney of Charlotte, was in Albemarle today to investigate the evidence to be produced in the cases against alleged rioters, to be heard in the county court here Monday. It is generally supposed that Mr. Kenney represents Marvin Ritch, one of the defendants, but this supposition has not been confirmed as yet.

BADIN PHYSICIAN HELD FOR CAPITAL OFFENSE

Albemarle, Sept. 18.—Charged with committing criminal assault on Mrs. Thomas Coggin, prominent young woman of Badin, Dr. B. T. Atkins, one of the best known of the Badin physicians is being guarded outside the county jail today until bail can be arranged if the courts can be induced to mitigate the offense.

The physician was arrested late Wednesday night and brought here today. The charge against him is that he attended Mrs. Coggin and had taken her to Charlotte to put her in a hospital for treatment. It was while they were in Charlotte that Mrs. Coggin alleges that Dr. Atkins gave her an anesthetic and made the assault. She made no outcry, but wrote her husband some days later, it is said, and the arrest was made Wednesday.

The offense is not bailable but attorneys for Dr. Atkins, believe that the charge will be reduced in gravity, are having their client saved the humiliation of jail as long as possible. Should the committing magistrate not reduce the charges, Attorneys G. D. B. Reynolds and W. L. Hann will seek release of the physician by habeas corpus proceedings. Dr. Atkins spent the day in Mr. Mann's office and was guarded by an officer. The prisoner is about 45 years old and has three children.