

EIGHT STATES MIX IN BALLOT BATTLE TODAY

Woman Suffrage and Prohibition Principal Issues at Stake.

FOUR GOVERNORS TO BE ELECTED

Campaigns Closed Last Night, Both Sides Claiming Success.

EIGHT states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio and Mississippi, will hold elections today. In four of these states, Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi, governors are to be elected; in six states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Kentucky and Missouri, the state legislatures, in whole or in part, are to be elected and in five states, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland and Pennsylvania and Ohio, important constitutional issues are to be decided.

Republicans Confident.
 PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 1.—Although somewhat overshadowed by the keenly contested majority campaign in this city and by fights for local offices in some other sections of the state, much interest has been aroused throughout Pennsylvania in the vote on woman suffrage amendment to the state constitution at tomorrow's election. The suffragists have conducted a spectacular campaign, including a tour of every one of the 67 counties with a replica of the Liberty Bell. Women opposed to the suffrage amendment also have conducted a campaign and their leaders tonight predicted the defeat of the measure by 25,000. Leaders of the suffrage cause, while hopeful of victory, refuse to make any predictions as to the vote.

The Republican leaders expressed confidence that their ticket, headed by Thomas R. Smith, will be successful with from 100,000 to 125,000 majority, while Independent leaders declare Porter will win by 25,000.

Prohibition at Stake.
 COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 1.—With the issue of statewide prohibition in the forefront the campaign in Ohio closed tonight with rallies and mass meetings in many cities and towns. Both weather and prohibition were promised and prediction was generally made that a normal vote will be polled tomorrow despite the fact that no state ticket is to be elected.

Both Sides Confident.
 BALTIMORE, Nov. 1.—The legislature to be chosen at tomorrow's election in Maryland will be asked to pass upon statewide prohibition. The Anti-Saloon league, led by Dr. Thomas M. Hale, believes that the vigorous campaign for temperance just closed will secure enough votes to insure the enactment of the measure, which suffered defeat in the two preceding general assemblies. It provides for the submission of the question to the electorate. Woman suffrage also was an issue although not aggressively pushed and the next legislature will be asked to submit the question to the voters.

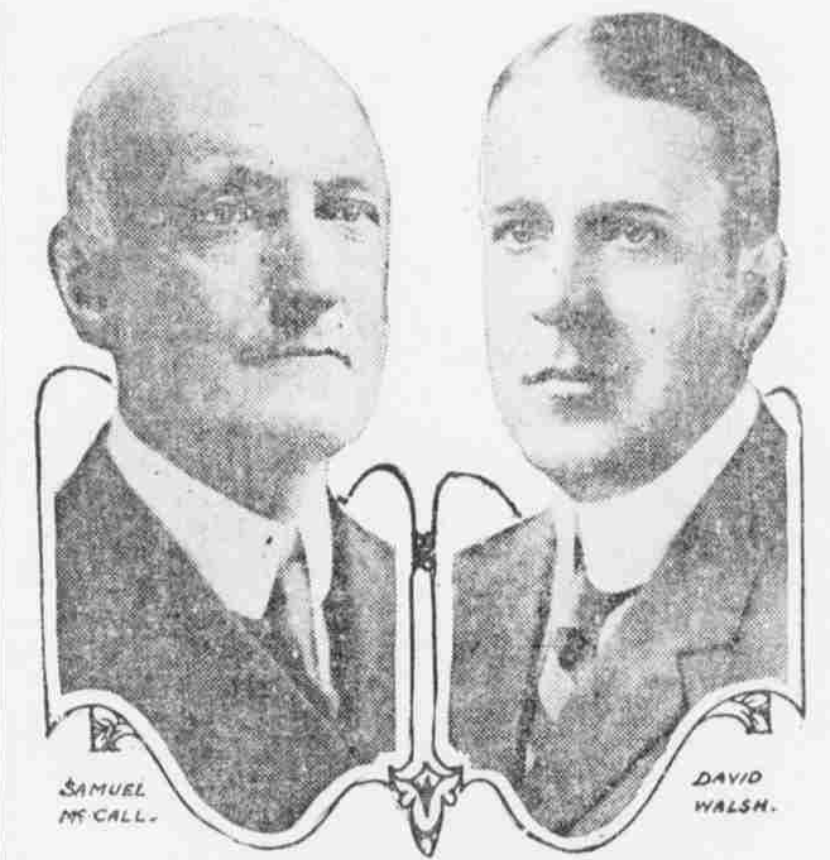
Indications point to a heavy vote tomorrow and many political wisemen predict a close election. The Democrats are claiming the election of Emerson C. Harrington, their candidate for governor, and the entire state ticket and a good working majority in the legislature. The Republicans express confidence in the election of Ovington E. Weller as governor and look for an increased representation of their party in the legislature.

Woman Suffrage.
 BOSTON, Nov. 1.—Overshadowing in popular interest the election of a governor and legislature, is the issue also to be determined at the polls tomorrow of whether Massachusetts will enfranchise its one million women citizens of voting age.

Credit for the aroused public sentiment is due to two sets of women who have conducted the most remarkable campaigns ever waged in the state for or against a constitutional amendment. Usually the vote on amendments falls far below that cast for the head of the ticket because of indifference or the failure of many voters to grasp the import of the question voted. On the matter of woman suffrage, however, it is generally agreed that the vote will be a heavy one for the women have seen to it that the women were enlightened on every phase of the subject.

Leaders of both sides await the outcome with serenity. The suffragists declined tonight to give figures on the victory they expect. The opposition claimed a majority of one hundred thousand.

Two of Men Who Are Fighting for Governorship in Eastern State Today



In four of the eight states holding elections today, governors will be elected. These four states are Massachusetts, Maryland, Kentucky and Mississippi. The contests in Maryland and Massachusetts promise to be close. In the latter state Governor David L. Walsh is up for reelection, running against Samuel W. McCall, the Republican candidate; Nelson H. Clark, Progressive; William Shaw, Prohibitionist; Walter S. Hutchins, Socialist; and Peter O'Rourke, Socialist-Labor.

Ovington E. Queller is the Republican candidate to succeed Governor Goldsborough, Republican, and Emerson C. Harrington is running to the Democratic ticket.

RIDDER, PROMINENT POLITICIAN, DIES

Acute Kidney Trouble Caused Sudden Death at His New York Home.

WAS GERMAN EDITOR
 Once Mentioned for Vice-Presidency; Publisher of Catholic News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Herman Ridder, treasurer of the Democratic national committee and publisher of the New Yorker Staats Zeitung, died suddenly late today at his home in this city. Ridder's death was kidney trouble in an acute form. He had been ill about ten months and for two weeks just his condition had been critical. He was in his sixty-fifth year. Members of his family were summoned to the bedside late today when it was seen that he could last but little longer.

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. His associates in the publishing business had honored him at one time with the presidency of the American Newspaper Association and for many years he held high offices in the Associated Press as treasurer.

THACKER SUCCEEDS LATE JUDGE BROWN
 Governor Williams Names Successor From Same Town; Thacker's Successor Is Not Known.

Special to The World.
 OKLAHOMA CITY, Nov. 1.—Governor Williams this evening announced the appointment of Judge C. H. Thacker of Mangum to succeed the late Justice G. A. Brown, of the supreme court. Justice Brown died on Monday of last week suddenly in his office. Judge Thacker has for some months been a member of the supreme court commission. It has been connected by his friends for several days that Judge Thacker would be appointed to the place. Both Judges Brown and Thacker lived at Mangum. Governor Williams has not said who would succeed Judge Thacker of the supreme court commission.

14,323
 was the daily average circulation of The World for last month, the fastest growing newspaper in Oklahoma.

AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS
 WHO GUARANTEE OUR STATEMENTS.

MARCH ON NISH NOW UNDERWAY BY BULGARIANS

German Yesterday Occupied Kragujevatz, Arsenal Town of Serbia.

SERBS INFLICT BIG LOSSES ON TEUTONS

Rumania Is Becoming Restless and Talk of Intervention Is Heard.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—(19 p. m.)—The Germans have occupied Kragujevatz, the arsenal town of Serbia, and their Bulgarian allies are marching 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 force that he has been compelled to send for reinforcements and leave the most serious work of invading the eastern and southern part of the country to the Bulgarians who have more experience in mountain warfare.

Rumania Restless.
 Beyond the fortress of Salona, which German estimates place at seventy thousand men, there is no news of further resistance being sent by the allies to Serbia. Russian transports have been reported to leave the report lacks confirmation. There is, however, evidence in dispatches from Bucharest that the people of Rumania desire intervention and that pressure is being brought on the king and cabinet to permit them to join the allies against a Russian force to pass through Rumanian territory and 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 Riga. This is a very slight advance and much low ground over which it is difficult to move, lies between them and their objective.

Russians on Offensive.
 In the Dvinsk sector both to the west and southwest of that city the Russians have been making 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 in Volynia and Galicia. The result of the battle for the point is disclosed, if indeed they are concluded. Those at the southern end of the line are doubtless designed to prevent the Germans and Austrians from sending reinforcements to Slobodsk.

Feared For Their Lives.
 This Mexican was arrested by soldiers with another on the information of a third Mexican. They were encountered on the road by soldiers who

DETROIT MAY BUY STREET RAILWAY
 Vote on Municipal Ownership of Transportation Lines; Purchase Price Not Named.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 1.—Detroit voters will decide tomorrow whether the city shall immediately take over the ownership and operation of its street railway system. The citizens have voted in favor of municipal ownership are now to vote on a purchase plan agreed upon by the Detroit Railway, which controls all city lines, and by the city street railway commission. The plan provides that the purchase price shall be determined by the six circuit judges of this county after the election is held, and that the price named shall be paid to the company out of the earnings of the lines during a certain number of years. There has been much concerted opposition to the proposal on the ground that it is a "blank check" proposition, while the element favoring it has argued that it is not only a good business arrangement but provides a way to end a municipal ownership controversy which has raged in Detroit for years.

On Promise of Pardon 12 Convicts Diet to Test Theory of Origin of Pellagra; Now Are All Victims of Dreaded Disease

Mississippi State Board of Health Establishes Cause of Plague; Unbalanced Ration Is Blamed; Those Who Took Test Were Not Allowed Milk, Meat or Eggs.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 1.—The Mississippi state board of health today announced the result of experiments with a pellagra squad conducted at the Hankins state convalescent farm by Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the United States public health service. The board stated that Doctor Goldberger by the experiments, has demonstrated the correctness of his theory, previously announced, that pellagra is produced by unbalanced ration.

The experiment was begun February 15, 1915, with 12 prisoners, each of whom was provided a ration if he would strictly follow the diet Doctor Goldberger prescribed. The diet excluded milk, fresh lean meat, eggs, pens and butter. A diagnosis was conducted today by Doctor Goldberger and four Jackson physicians, showed, it was said, that six of the prisoners in the squad have pellagra in a pronounced form and that two others show symptoms suggestive of the disease. The prisoners who have developed pellagra immediately will be placed under curative treatment with a balanced ration.

Governor Brewer today issued pardons to 11 members of the pellagra squad, the twelfth man having been released a few months ago owing to a physical breakdown. In issuing the pardons, the governor told the prisoners they were free to leave the convalescent farm if they desired, but he urged them to remain several weeks and be cured back to health. Of the 11 convicts who won their freedom by submitting to Doctor Goldberger's test, seven were serving life sentences—six for murder and one for criminal assault—one had ten years yet to serve for manslaughter and two others about five years each for embezzlement.

AMERICAN SHIP IS SEIZED BY BRITISH

Steamer Hocking Taken Into Halifax and Detained as a Prize.

PROTEST IS FILED
 State Department Will Start an Investigation; Crew All American.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—A protest against the seizure of the American steamer Hocking by a British man of war which carried her with a prize crew aboard into Halifax, was lodged today with Secretary of state Lansing by Richard G. Wagner, president of the American Trans-Atlantic Steamship company, the Hocking's owners.

IMPORTANT SPEECH BY ASQUITH TODAY
 Public May Be Let in on Inside Today; Premier's Political Future Depends on His Action.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—(6:30 p. m.)—There has been a noticeable decrease in the political discussions and the attacks on the government in the past few days. Equally noticeable has been the growth of optimism regarding the success of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme.

Election Bulletins Tonight
 Elections will be held today in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi and New Jersey, to elect members of the legislature and governors, and vote on prohibition and suffrage. The results will be watched with keen interest on account of their bearing on the coming national election.

The World has arranged to receive detailed returns from all of the states mentioned, over its Associated Press leased wire. The bulletins will be megaphoned from The World building on Fourth street as fast as they are received. This service will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the public is cordially invited to be present.

AMERICAN SHOT WHEN BULLETS COME INTO U. S.

First Day's Battle at Agua Prieta Sends Volleys Across Border.

BUT U. S. SOLDIERS DID NOT OPEN FIRE

Villistas Reach Wire Entanglement; Fighting Stopped at Dark.

AGUA PRIETA, Ariz., Nov. 1.—What appeared to be a general attack on Agua Prieta began at 5:30 o'clock tonight when the Villa forces began a heavy firing from all sides and advanced on the town.

The firing 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 from all sides of the town 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.

One Seriously Wounded.
 Within two hours after the first firing began machine gun bullets and shell fragments showered over American territory, seriously wounding Louis F. Taylor, a restaurant waiter, and endangering scores of American soldiers in trenches south of the United States army camp, two miles east of Douglas.

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. The bullet struck him in the middle of the back as he turned to run to cover, and his spine was seriously injured, paralyzing him almost completely. Shells and fragments of shells fell near the Douglas slaughter house of the city.

Losses Not Heavy.
 Three houses on the west side of Agua Prieta were blown up by shells and, according to Carranza reports, one man was killed and eight other persons wounded, including one woman.

Sold As Slave
Ardmore Fire Fatal to Him
 Special to The World.
 ARDMORE, Nov. 1.—J. Milton Turner of St. Louis, formerly United States minister to Liberia, died here this morning from injuries received in the oil tank explosion a month ago. Turner, 76 years old, was the first Negro to enter the diplomatic corps of the United States, being appointed to the Liberian post in 1879. He was born on a plantation in St. Charles county, Missouri, and when a boy was sold on the courthouse steps in St. Louis for \$50.

ST. LOUIS AFTER CONVENTIONS
 Committee of 100 Named to Get Busy; Campaign for \$200,000.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 1.—A committee of 100 was appointed here today to conduct the campaign to secure one or both of the great national conventions for St. Louis next year. This committee will canvass the business firms of the city in an effort to complete a fund of \$200,000 by November 15. Half of this fund is to be offered for the Republican convention and half for the Democratic.