

### SMITH DECLARES DEATH OF WOMAN WAS AN ACCIDENT

Aged Man Who Killed Mrs. Frances  
Campbell Tells Different Story  
from That of the Dead  
Woman.

### SAYS FRIEND OF THE GIRL'S

Had Loaned Her Money and She Had  
Told Him Husband Was Dead  
—Was There to Collect.

### SMITH IS SIXTY-NINE YEARS OLD

R. M. Smith, 614 Summit avenue,  
East St. Louis, who shot and killed  
Mrs. Frances Campbell at the resi-  
dence of Mrs. Ella Widener, 220  
North Nineteenth street, Sunday af-  
ternoon, related the incidents lead-  
ing up to the shooting at police head-  
quarters yesterday morning.

"Mrs. Campbell was formerly  
Frances Mitchell of Carrierville,  
Marion county, Illinois. I had known  
her family before she was born, and  
when she moved to St. Louis, where  
I lived, I met her, and as an old  
friend she came to me many times  
with her troubles. I am married and  
am 69 years of age. I was colonel  
of the Fourth regiment of the Illi-  
nois National guard for fifteen years,  
and during the civil war fought with  
Eighty-fifth and Thirty-third regiments.

Were Only Friends.  
"Our relations were merely that of  
friendship—nothing more. Frances had  
trouble with her husband for last  
five years. He did not work steadily she  
said, and beat and abused besides pro-  
viding nothing for her support at times.  
Frances always came to me in these  
troubles and I advanced her money to  
tide her over. I believe they separated  
fully twenty times since they were mar-  
ried. I never saw him until yesterday...  
On September 23 she phoned me that  
her husband had died in Chicago as the  
result of an accident while working on  
the railroad. She told me he fell between  
two cars, his feet were severed, and, from  
the shock, he died. Further that he had  
a policy with the Railroad Protective  
association for \$2,000, but he had bor-  
rowed on it, was back with his dues, and  
she was afraid that she would be unable  
to collect. I loaned her the money to pay  
a lawyer and advised her to see one at  
once. When that is settled and I get  
the money I'll give you \$1,000," she said.  
I replied that all I wanted was the money  
I had loaned her, which amounted to \$1,000,  
to about \$200. She then lived at 1815 Le-  
gion street, but after telling me her hus-  
band was dead, she moved to the Prince-  
swood hotel. I was to meet her at ten  
o'clock a few days ago, when she said  
she had collected the insurance and would  
pay me what she owed me. I kept the  
appointment, but she did not show up.  
I then went to the hotel and learned  
that she had come to Omaha. Her hus-  
band had been here about a year. I un-  
derstand.

Found Through Baggage Check.  
"Through her duplicate baggage checks  
in St. Louis, I was able to learn in  
Omaha where the trunk had been de-  
livered. I arrived here Sunday morning  
about eleven o'clock and went to the  
house, I told Mrs. Widener, the land-  
lady, that I wished to transact some  
business with Mrs. Campbell, and was  
taken to her room. She seemed greatly  
taken back at seeing me, and when I  
told her I had come for my money she  
asserted that her lawyer had the money  
in trust, and she had left everything in  
his hands, together with some work in  
connection with an estate of \$2,000 left  
her by her grandfather. She agreed to  
give me power of attorney to collect what  
was due me, and I was well satisfied.  
We chatted a bit, and I left.

Man Left Room.  
"It seemed to me that as I entered her  
room a tall, thin man, but half clad, left  
by another door. As I walked away  
from the house, north, this same fellow,  
fully dressed, came out of the place and  
left in the opposite direction. I thought  
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### SUFFRAGE LEADERS IN STATES WHERE VOTE IS UP TODAY—These states are New York, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. Mrs. M. Roessing of Pittsburgh is the Pennsylvania State Suffrage association president. Raymond Brown of New York City is the president of the New York State association and Mrs. Alice Stone Blackwell of Boston is the head of the Massachusetts association.



### E. L. PRETORIUS COMMITTS SUICIDE

Prominent St. Louis Newspaper  
Owner Kills Self Because of  
Long Continued Illness.

### HEAD OF TWO LARGE PAPERS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 1.—Edward  
L. Preterorius, publisher of the St.  
Louis Times, committed suicide this  
morning.

### Stephen F. Gilman Dies of Pneumonia While Out Hunting

Stephen F. Gilman of Neligh, Neb.,  
one of the best known men in the north-  
west part of the state, where he operated  
three flour mills, at Pierce, Neligh and  
Valentine, died after several days' ill-  
ness yesterday of pneumonia while on a  
hunting trip with M. C. Peters and a  
body of hunters, near Cody, Neb.

### Lady Aberdeen Will Preside at Women's Congress

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 1.—The  
Marchioness of Aberdeen, who with  
Lord Aberdeen, arrived here yesterday,  
was to preside today at the opening ses-  
sions of the International Congress of  
Women. Several scores of women from  
all parts of the United States and from  
several foreign countries were here to  
take part in the deliberations of the  
congress.

### GLASS WORKERS RESUME WORK AT HIGHER PAY

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 1.—Approximately  
6,000 workmen in the hand window glass  
factories of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana,  
Kansas and Oklahoma started work to-  
day, after the usual mid-year shutdown  
at an advance of 5 per cent. Orders were  
said by manufacturers to be abundant,  
and while export business was developing  
slowly it was expected to increase steady-  
ly because of the large number of Belgian  
factories that have made no glass since  
the beginning of the war.

### WILSON WEDDING LATE IN DECEMBER

Formal Announcement Says Cer-  
emony Will Be Near Last of the  
Month at Mrs. Galt's Home.

### EXACT DAY IS NOT GIVEN

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 pri-  
vate at Mrs. Galt's home here.

### Rear Admiral Little Pleads Not Guilty to Neglect Charge

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—Rear Admiral William  
N. Little, retired, pleaded not guilty to-  
day before a naval court-martial today to  
charges of neglect and carelessness while  
on duty as an inspection officer during  
the construction of the submarine, K-2, at  
the Fore River Shipbuilding company's  
yard at Quincy two years ago.

### Army Aeroplanes to Try Long Flight

HILLSBORO, Tex., Nov. 1.—A squad-  
ron of six army aeroplanes will make a  
flight from Fort Hill, Okla., to Fort Sam  
Houston, Tex., sometime between No-  
vember 20 and December 1. This became  
known here today when the mayor of  
Hillsboro granted permission for the aeroplane  
to land near the city limits for a  
stay of one night. The flight will be  
the first of its kind undertaken by the  
United States army.

### BULGARIAN REGIMENT IS NEARLY DESTROYED

ROME, Nov. 1.—(Via, Paris.)—The  
fighting between Serbians and Bulgarians  
in the Timok valley has been desperate.  
A Bucharest dispatch to the Corriere  
della Sera of Milan says the Third  
Bulgarian regiment of infantry was al-  
most destroyed, only fifty men surviv-  
ing. Public buildings and barracks at  
Vidin, Bulgaria, are filled with wounded  
men.

### CHINA REJECTS PROPOSAL OF JAPAN

Mikado Informed Plan of Changin'  
Form of Government Will Not  
Be Postponed.

### MATTER IS UP TO THE PEOPLE

PEKING, Nov. 1.—The Chinese  
government today rejected the propo-  
sals of Japan, Great Britain and  
Russia for postponement of the de-  
cision whether a monarchical form of  
government is to be re-established.

### Oil Strikes Cause Boom at Greybull

GREYBULL, Wyo., Nov. 1.—(Special.)  
"Coal Oil Johnny" had nothing on  
numerous residents of Greybull in the  
matter of suddenly acquired wealth from  
oil, and indications are that many more  
Greybullites will be in the same class  
within a short time. Every well sunk on  
the townsite to date is an oil strike and  
owners of lots which a few months ago  
were virtually worthless bid fair to join  
the millionaire income class.

### Aged Gibbon Woman Goes to New York to Get Aid on Mortgage

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—(Special Tele-  
gram.)—Mrs. Frances E. Studevant, 81  
years old, of Gibbon, Neb., called on  
Police Commissioner Woods today to report  
that an idea she had gained from reading  
in this city paper to assist the unfortu-  
nate had been about dissipated.

### Cotton Prices Take Another Big Drop

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Heavy and gen-  
eral selling by the south carried prices  
in the local cotton market off fully 15 to  
a bale today and made new low records  
for the present decline. During the first  
hour January sold as low as 11.90 and  
March, 12 cents, representing a drop of  
27 to 31 points under the close of Satur-  
day.

### ATTACK STARTS ON AGUA PRIETA; AMERICAN SHOT

Taylor Receives a Bullet in the Back  
As Machine Guns Pepper the  
United States Custom  
House.

### HEAVY FIRING TOWARD EVENING

Villa's Attacking Forces Exchange  
Shots with Carranza Men in  
Garrison.

### GENERAL ATTACK IS UNDER WAY

BULLETIN.  
DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Nov. 1.—The  
general attack of General Villa on  
Agua Prieta began at 6:30 p. m.  
The firing was very heavy.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Nov. 1.—L. F.  
Taylor, an American, was shot  
through the back by a Mexican ma-  
chine gun bullet, at the United  
States custom house at the time.  
Taylor was taken to the American  
trenches facing the custom house.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Nov. 1.—At 1:30 p. m.  
the battle of Agua Prieta began.  
"The guns of thearrison of Agua  
Prieta opened up at that hour on the  
rapidly advancing Villa forces near the  
slaughter ranch house. The Villa forces  
halted and began to entrench.

"We expect to take Agua Prieta  
within two hours," said First Captain  
Jose Herrera at 1:35 p. m.

"The Villa skirmishers continued to ad-  
vance steadily and at 1:35 p. m. were  
within rifle shot of the Agua Prieta de-  
fenses.

Refugees immediately began pouring  
over the American line. General Calles  
moved a three-inch gun mounted on a  
flat car to a point on the west side of  
town within a few feet of the United  
States custom house. It was after this  
that the Villa shell struck that vicinity.

About a mile back of them a dozen field  
guns had been posted and preparations  
made to commence the bombardment  
when foot soldiers and cavalry got within  
striking distance.

One Villa shell burst in Agua Prieta  
within sixty yards of the United States  
custom house at 2:15 p. m.

The Villa shells began to burst in Agua  
Prieta shortly before 2 o'clock. A dose  
of shells on the west side of the town went  
to dust and a number were killed and  
wounded.

Shells hospitals in trench dugouts in  
the west side of town appeared busy.  
Stretcher bearers were seen moving  
through communicating trenches. Despite  
warning advice of United States military  
officers the roofs of Douglas houses and  
the streets opening on the border line  
were thronged.

Two shells, apparently from the Calles  
forces, passed over Company I, Eight-  
eenth infantry, on the American side near  
the line east of Douglas.

These shots were apparently aimed at  
the Villa reserve, stationed half a mile  
east of the Slaughter ranch house.

The Villa guns were about 300 yards  
from the American line. They ceased fir-  
ing after a few rounds, the gunners evi-  
dently realizing that they were drawing  
the fire of the cannon too close to the  
American line.

A conspicuous example of "oil pro-  
perty" is Gus Scholz, night foreman of  
the Burlington roundhouse. Scholz owns  
the lots on which the Midwest company  
made its strike. Prior to this week his  
income was \$100 a month, now it is more  
than \$1,000 a month. The Midwest com-  
pany is paying \$21 \$3 a day royalty.

The income of Judge Metz and his as-  
sociates from the well which they  
brought in is between \$500 and \$50 a  
day.

### Mourners Throng French Cemeteries

PARIS, Nov. 1.—All Saints and All  
Souls Days will be observed in Paris and  
throughout France today and tomorrow  
by pilgrimages of woe-bearing throngs  
of mourners to the cemeteries, in most  
of which are buried soldiers who have  
fallen on the field of battle.

### NOTED GERMAN-AMERICAN, ONCE HOST TO PRINCE HENRY, DEAD.

HERMAN RIDDER,  
Editor New York Staats-Zeitung.

### BRITISH TROOPS ON FIRING LINE IN THE BALKANS



Anglo-Saxons Are Helping French  
and Serbians in Their Attempt  
to Capture the City of  
Strumitza.

### BULGARS CONTINUE ADVANCE

Line of Communication with Hun-  
gary Up Danube Valley is Be-  
ing Widened.

### ACTIVITY IN THE DARDANELLES

BULLETIN.  
BERLIN (Via Amsterdam and  
London), Nov. 1.—The Serbian town  
of Kragujevatz, at which is located  
the great Serbian arsenal, has been  
taken by the Germans.

### RIDDER TAKEN BY UNEXPECTED DEATH

Famous Publisher Dies Suddenly at  
Home in New York, Aged Sixty-  
Four Years.

### LEADER IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Herman  
Ridder, treasurer of the democratic  
national committee and publisher of  
the New York Staats Zeitung, died  
suddenly late today at his home in  
this city.

Herman Ridder was a native of  
New York City and has lived here  
all his life. He was born of Ger-  
man parents on March 5, 1851, at  
400 Greenwich street. At the age  
of 11 he went to work in a hat store  
and soon after secured a position  
with a Wall street firm, where he  
remained until his thirteenth year,  
when he entered the employ of the  
Traders' Fire Insurance com-  
pany. His connection with that com-  
pany lasted for fourteen years, the  
last seven of which he spent as an  
agent.

In 1878 he left the insurance business  
to take up newspaper work and founded  
the Katholischer Volksblatt. In 1886 he  
established the Catholic News, which in  
a short time was recognized as the lead-  
ing Catholic paper of the country.

Mr. Ridder became a stockholder in the  
New York Staats-Zeitung in 1890, and  
was elected a director and the treasurer  
and manager. These offices he filled  
until he became the president of the cor-  
poration, which office held at the time of  
his death.

Active in Public Affairs.  
Mr. Ridder took an active part in  
politics as an independent democrat, and  
he had long been an ardent advocate of  
tariff reform. He was a prominent par-  
ticipant in the Cleveland campaign and  
in the various reform movements in New  
York City. He was treasurer of the  
democratic national committee during  
the 1896 campaign.

He is trustee of the Emigrant Indus-  
trial Savings bank, the Mutual Life In-  
surance company, the German hospital  
and the Catholic Protective, and a mem-  
ber of the New York City Publishers' as-  
sociation. He was a director of the As-  
sociated Press and the president of the  
American Newspaper Publishers' as-  
sociation.

Mr. Ridder was a member of the Cham-  
ber of Commerce and of the Manhattan,  
Lederkrans, Arion, Catholic, Reform,  
Democratic, City, New York Press, Ger-  
man Press and Hardware clubs, and also  
of the Deutscher Verein.

Much Charitable Work.  
Much time had been devoted by Mr.  
Ridder to charitable work. He was a  
member of the Charity Organization so-  
ciety, the Isabella Helmholtz, the German  
society, the St. Vincent de Paul society,  
the Legal Aid society and a number of  
similar organizations.

He was a member of the American Nat-  
ural History society and of the Metro-  
politan Museum of Art and was con-  
nected with other societies of like char-  
acter.

Mr. Ridder was presiding vice president  
of the Hudson-Fulton Celebration com-  
mission and as such he took a very ac-  
tive part in that great celebration.

### The Day's War News

BULGARIAN WAR OFFICE reported  
today a continuation of the pres-  
sures of the Serbians along the  
whole front. Considerable pro-  
gress has been made in the direc-  
tion of Nish. Repulse of a Serbian  
cavalry attack in the upper Mo-  
rava region is claimed.

BULGARIAN TROOPS attacked a  
French advance post on the Var-  
dar near Krivolak, in southern  
Serbia, but were obliged to retire  
after sustaining heavy losses, a  
bulletin dispatch states.

ATHENS DISPATCH to a Paris news  
agency says the recapture of  
Velea, in southern Serbia, by the  
Bulgarians has been officially  
confirmed.

TURKISH RESERVISTS who have  
been engaged on the Gallipoli pen-  
insula have been sent to Bul-  
garian Thrace, according to a re-  
port from Constantinople.

MILAN NEWSPAPER has received  
word from Bucharest that two-  
thirds of the generals on the Hun-  
garian headquarters staff, at a  
meeting for discussion of the coun-  
try's military policy, declared in  
favor of entering the war on the  
side of the entente allies.

### Series of Earth Shocks Recorded at Washington

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—A series  
of severe earth shocks were recorded by  
the Georgetown university's seismograph  
here early today which lasted for about  
three hours.

The first shock was felt at 2:48 a. m.  
The main phase of all the shocks was  
felt at 3:24 o'clock, the tremors dying  
away at 5:21. The disturbance is roughly  
estimated to have been about 4,000 miles  
from Washington.

The record indicated that the earth-  
quake was an exceptionally severe one.  
The Rev. Francis A. Tondorf, the seismol-  
ogical observer, said the shocks must  
have been disastrous, judging from the  
indications on the peculiar record. He  
thought the earthquake probably was  
centered in northeastern Siberia or Japan,  
where shocks of varying intensity are  
of almost daily occurrence.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—The seismological  
observatory of Scotland recorded at 7  
o'clock this morning a heavy earthquake  
in or near Japan.

### THE WANT-AD WAY

GUESS I'LL  
HAVE TO BUY  
A STOVE

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When the frost is on the pumpkin  
And the nights are getting cold,  
You will no doubt sit and shiver  
If your stove, last spring, you sold.

Well, the nights will get much colder  
And you'd better get some heat,  
Look at the Want Ads "Stoves for  
Sale."

You'll find bargains that can't be beat.  
Perhaps your stove may be for sale—  
This method will work both ways—  
Just put your Want Ad in The Bee,  
For a Want Ad always pays.

If you wish to purchase a good,  
second-hand stove or, in fact, any  
furnishings of any kind, you will  
be well repaid for your time if you will  
glance over the Want Ad pages of  
this paper.

Or if you have any furniture for  
sale, call Tyler 1099 now and put a  
Want Ad in.

THE OMAHA BEE.

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity  
—Fair, cooler.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:  
Hour, Deg.  
8 a. m. 53  
9 a. m. 50  
10 a. m. 50  
11 a. m. 50  
12 m. 50  
1 p. m. 50  
2 p. m. 50  
3 p. m. 50  
4 p. m. 50  
5 p. m. 50  
6 p. m. 50  
7 p. m. 50

Comparative Local Record:  
1915, 1914, 1913, 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909, 1908, 1907, 1906, 1905, 1904, 1903, 1902, 1901, 1900, 1899, 1898, 1897, 1896, 1895, 1894, 1893, 1892, 1891, 1890, 1889, 1888, 1887, 1886, 1885, 1884, 1883, 1882, 1881, 1880, 1879, 1878, 1877, 1876, 1875, 1874, 1873, 1872, 1871, 1870, 1869, 1868, 1867, 1866, 1865, 1864, 1863, 1862, 1861, 1860, 1859, 1858, 1857, 1856, 1855, 1854, 1853, 1852, 1851, 1850, 1849, 1848, 1847, 1846, 1845, 1844, 1843, 1842, 1841, 1840, 1839, 1838, 1837, 1836, 1835, 1834, 1833, 1832, 1831, 1830, 1829, 1828, 1827, 1826, 1825, 1824, 1823, 1822, 1821, 1820, 1819, 1818, 1817, 1816, 1815, 1814, 1813, 1812, 1811, 1810, 1809, 1808, 1807, 1806, 1805, 1804, 1803, 1802, 1801, 1800, 1799, 1798, 1797, 1796, 1795, 1794, 1793, 1792, 1791, 1790, 1789, 1788, 1787, 1786, 1785, 1784, 1783, 1782, 1781, 1780, 1779, 1778, 1777, 1776, 1775, 1774, 1773, 1772, 1771, 1770, 1769, 1768, 1767, 1766, 1765, 1764, 1763, 1762, 1761, 1760, 1759, 1758, 1757, 1756, 1755, 1754, 1753, 1752, 1751, 1750, 1749, 1748, 1747, 1746, 1745, 1744, 1743, 1742, 1741, 1740, 1739, 1738, 1737, 1736, 1735, 1734, 1733, 1732, 1731, 1730, 1729, 1728, 1727, 1726, 1725, 1724, 1723, 1722, 1721, 1720, 1719, 1718, 1717, 1716, 1715, 1714, 1713, 1712, 1711, 1710, 1709, 1708, 1707, 1706, 1705, 1704, 1703, 1702, 1701, 1700, 1699, 1698, 1697, 1696, 1695, 1694, 1693, 1692, 1691, 1690, 1689, 1688, 1687, 1686, 1685, 1684, 1683, 1682, 1681, 1680, 1679, 1678, 1677, 1676, 1675, 1674, 1673, 1672, 1671, 1670, 1669, 1668, 1667, 1666, 1665, 1664, 1663, 1662, 1661, 1660, 1659, 1658, 1657, 1656, 1655, 1654, 1653, 1652, 1651, 1650, 1649, 1648, 1647, 1646, 1645, 1644, 1643, 1642, 1641, 1640, 1639, 1638, 1637, 1636, 1635, 1634, 1633, 1632, 1631, 1630, 1629, 1628, 1627, 1626, 1625, 1624, 1623, 1622, 1621, 1620, 1619, 1618, 1617, 1616, 1615, 1614, 1613, 1612, 1611, 1610, 1609, 1608, 1607, 1606, 1605, 1604, 1603, 1602, 1601, 1600, 1599, 1598, 1597, 1596, 1595, 1594, 1593, 1592, 1591, 1590, 1589, 1588, 1587, 1586, 1585, 1584, 1583, 1582, 1581, 1580, 1579, 1578, 1577, 1576, 1575, 1574, 1573, 1572, 1571, 1570, 1569, 1568, 1567, 1566, 1565, 1564, 1563, 1562, 1561, 1560, 1559, 1558, 1557, 1556, 1555, 1554, 1553, 1552, 1551, 1550, 1549, 1548, 1547, 1546, 1545, 1544, 1543, 1542, 1541, 1540, 1539, 1538, 1537, 1536, 1535, 1534, 1533, 1532, 1531, 1530, 1529, 1528, 1527, 1526, 1525, 1524, 1523, 1522, 1521, 1520, 1519, 1518, 1517, 1516, 1515, 1514, 1513, 1512, 1511, 1510, 1509, 1508, 1507, 1506, 1505, 1504, 1503, 1502, 1501, 1500, 1499, 1498, 1497, 1496, 1495, 1494, 1493, 1492, 1491, 1490, 1489, 1488, 1487, 1486, 1485, 1484, 1483, 1482, 1481, 1480, 1479, 1478, 1477, 1476, 1475, 1474, 1473, 1472, 1471, 1470, 1469, 1468, 1467, 1466, 1465, 1464, 1463, 1462, 1461, 1460, 1459, 1458, 1457, 1456, 1455, 1454, 1453, 1452, 1451, 1450, 1449, 1448, 1447, 1446, 1445, 1444,