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### Russians in a Big Offensive On the Dobrudja Front

**Advanced Detachments of Von Mackenzen's Forces Are Driven Back and Some Progress Made---German Attack on the Somme Repulsed by the French.**

PETROGRAD, Nov. 9.—Continuing their offensive in Dobrudja, Russian troops have driven back advanced detachments of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's forces and progressed southward, the War Office announced today. In Transylvania the Roumanians have pushed back the Germans in the region of Buzeu Valley, the announcement also says.

PARIS, Nov. 9.—A German attack on Sailly-Saillisel, on the Somme front last night, was repulsed after a brief hand-to-hand encounter, the War Office announced today. There was artillery activity all night.

BERLIN, Nov. 9 (via London).—Prince Henry of Bavaria, nephew of King Louis, is reported from Munich to have died of wounds received on a reconnoitering trip on November 7th. Prince Henry was 32 years old and a major in the Bavarian Guard. He was reported to have been wounded on the battle field last June. The Prince was unmarried.

CHRISTIANIA, via London, Nov. 9.—The Norwegian note replying to the German protest against the U-boat ordinance of Oct. 13 was today delivered to the German ambassador here.

#### THE SUBMARINE ISSUE WITH GERMANY WILL NOW HAVE TO BE GRAPPLED WITH IN EARNEST

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—With the elections over, it now seems probable that the United States in a few days will awaken to the fact that the submarine issue with Germany has reached its most acute and perhaps final stage.

The State Department has received information indicating that the Germans have inaugurated a change in their submarine policy and have decided to adhere no longer to the rules of international warfare in the conduct of their submarines, regardless of promises to the United States.

#### THE DISMISSAL OF VON BERNSTORF AND THE RECALL OF AMBASSADOR GERARD MAY COME NEXT

From a high authority it is learned that the President has made up his mind not to send any more notes to Germany on the submarine issue, and that if it should develop that recent cases such as the torpedoing of the Arabia without warning are in violation of the laws of cruiser warfare and of the German promise to this country, the next step will be the dismissal from Washington of Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and the formal recall of Mr. Gerard, American Ambassador to Berlin. There is a feeling among Democrats close to the White House that Wilson will act with less hesitation in dealing with Germany or any other foreign power if he is re-elected to office than he has previously.

#### GERMAN OFFICIAL REPORT.

BERLIN, Nov. 9 (by wireless to Sayville).—The German official statement relating to the fighting on the western front issued today follows: "British and French attempts to attack between LeSars and Bouchavesnes, as well as to the south of the Somme, near Pressoire, were almost without exception stifled by our curtain of fire at their inception."

#### ROUMANIANS MAKE GAINS.

BUCHAREST, Nov. 9.—The War Office today announced that Roumanian troops had re-occupied the town of Hirsova, in Dobrudja, on the Danube, forty-five miles north of Tchernavoda.

### MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Nov. 9.—Casualties among Maritime men at the front are reported as follows:

Infantry.  
Wounded.  
M. Marshall, Fairville, St. John.  
Corp. J. Allaby, St. John.  
A. L. Sergt. W. M. Collins, St. John.  
R. P. Jackson, St. John, N. B.  
Sergt. Harris S. Chalmers, Bathurst,

N. B.  
Fred Fish, St. John.  
William Peters, Cornhill, N. B.  
Mounted Rifles.  
Killed in Action.  
J. A. Richardson, Halifax.  
Artillery.  
Wounded.  
Lieut. E. B. McLatchey, Campbellton, N. B.

### ITALIANS STILL GAIN- ING GROUND

London, Nov. 9.—A special correspondent of the Times at Italian Army headquarters telegraphs as follows:

"Friday's operations in the drive on Trieste, though less spectacular than those of the previous two days, were of tactical importance because of the occupation of the lower hills between the Wippach and the northern rampart of the Carso Plateau.

"The advance of the Eleventh corps was extended to cover a front of more than three miles and the key position of Falti Heyb was strengthened from counter attacks.

"When Falti Heyb was taken the Austrian colonel taken prisoner in the September offensive said nothing mattered so long as Falti Heyb was held. Its loss was certainly serious. The position dominates Castagnievizza, on the Carso, and its network of roads, and the main road from Ransian to the Carso positions.

"Possibilities even more important than the actual achievement suggest themselves at this intensely interesting moment.

"Meanwhile, however, the weather has broken and rain is falling heavily."

#### Death at Burton.

Charles F. Street passed away yesterday at his home in Burton, aged 76 years and 9 months. The funeral will take place at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Belyea will conduct the service at the house. Cousins of the deceased are Mrs. M. J. Young, of Oromocto, Mrs. J. Howe, of St. John, Mrs. Annie Nelson, of St. John, and Mrs. Wm. Wall, of Fredericton.

### NEW HAMPSHIRE GOES INTO DEMOCRATIC COLUMN

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Henry Mergenthau, in charge of the Democratic headquarters this morning in the absence of Chairman McCormick, said that a recount of the vote would be demanded in New Hampshire. This, he said, would be done in spite of the figures received this morning showing that Wilson had a lead of 93 votes. He added that the Democratic figures show that Wilson's lead was 500 votes, and that in view of the complex situation in that state a recount would in any event be necessary. Instructions to the Democratic Committee in New Hampshire to demand the recount had already gone forward, he said.

#### Statements From Both Headquarters.

Statements were issued from both Democratic and Republican National headquarters this morning, still claiming the pivotal states for their respective parties.

"When I retired at 5 o'clock," said Chairman McCormick, in a statement telephoned from his hotel, "I knew that North Dakota was safe for Wilson, California was ours, that we had New Mexico sure, and that we are putting up a good fight in Minnesota."

#### Perkins is Hopeful for the Republicans.

George W. Perkins, at Republican headquarters, declared that New Mexico and Minnesota were both swinging towards Hughes and that North Dakota was sure. He asserted that if these three States were placed in the Hughes column the Republican candidate's election was assured without California's thirteen electoral votes.

Mr. Perkins added that all precautions were being taken to guard the ballot-boxes where the vote was running close and where a recount might be deemed necessary.

"We will take every precaution to guard against ballot box frauds," he said.

#### New Hampshire for Wilson.

New York, Nov. 9.—An eleventh hour development in the election situation came this morning from Concord, N. H., where Secretary of State Bean stated that with the New Hampshire returns completed, but only partially verified officially, Wilson led by 93 votes. Verification was in progress.

### PRESIDENT WILSON APPEARS TO HAVE SLIGHT LEAD TODAY

**Election Returns From Pivotal States Are Still Incomplete---Wilson Carries New Hampshire and is Leading in California---Returns Coming Slowly.**

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—The election passed into the second day of uncertainty with President Wilson and Charles Evans Hughes both anxiously awaiting the count in a few western states—the pivotal ones being California, with thirteen electoral votes, and Minnesota, with twelve, New Mexico with three and North Dakota with five.

Although still so close that the result could not be regarded as assured, indicative overnight returns seemed to dispose of previously doubtful states by placing West Virginia's eight votes in the Hughes column and giving the four votes of Idaho and the seven of Washington to President Wilson.

The Hughes total thus became 247, and the Wilson total 251, with 266 necessary to elect.

#### PRESIDENT WILSON CAN WIN OUT IF HE GETS

#### THE VOTES OF CALIFORNIA AND MINNESOTA

After so disposing of these previously doubtful states, from which the returns still are incomplete, the situation appeared to be as follows: President Wilson can win with either California or Minnesota, but in addition he must get either North Dakota or New Mexico.

Mr. Hughes, to win, must have both California and Minnesota, or either one and in addition both North Dakota and New Mexico.

In California President Wilson had a lead of nearly 5,000 with one-tenth of the state's precincts missing. Of the 570 missing, 143 are in the Republican stronghold and the others are in northern districts where the President's vote has been heavy. Both party managers are claiming the state.

#### HUGHES' LEAD IN MINNESOTA WAS CUT DOWN

#### EARLY THIS MORNING TO LESS THAN A THOUSAND

In Minnesota the most dramatic race of all was being run here. Hour by hour during yesterday, President Wilson's lead of 10,000 slowly melted down before the Hughes vote from the rural districts, until it was wiped out. Then the Wilson votes began coming in again, only to be offset by a Hughes burst, and so the contest whipsawed all night, with first one ahead and then the other. Early this morning, with about 500 precincts unreported, Hughes was ahead with less than 1,000.

Numerous conferences were held at both headquarters and there were unconfirmed reports that Chairman William R. Wilcox of the Republican National Committee, after talking over the situation with the Hughes leaders, had been advising the National Committeemen in certain states to engage counsel in event that recount proceedings might be instituted.

#### RECOUNT PROCEEDINGS MAY BE INSTITUTED

#### IN ALL STATES WHERE THE VOTE WAS CLOSE

It was commonly reported that recount proceedings will be instituted in all doubtful states. Chairman Vance McCormick, of the Democratic National Committee, following his order to the chairman in the various doubtful states to guard the ballot boxes and protect the count, engaged special counsel to assist the National Committee in any legal steps it may desire to undertake.

Chairman McCormick did not make any charges of fraud, but said he desired to be in a position to take any legal action that might be necessary. Quo warranto proceedings looking to a recount in New Hampshire are already under way.

#### Close Run in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 9.—Returns for President from 2,576 precincts out of 3,024 in this state give Wilson 165,635; and Hughes 166,727, a plurality of 1,092 for Hughes.

#### Wilson Also Carries Montana.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 9.—President Wilson carried Montana by approximately 20,000 plurality, according to returns compiled today from nearly three-fourths of the vote. Montana has adopted prohibition by a substantial vote.