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FIGHT FOR POSSESSION OF BRIDGE OVER DANUBE

Mackensen's Forces and Russo-Rumanians Battle Desperately for Control of Bridge at Cernavoda—Allies Have the Better of It But Victory Not Decided—Fierce Fighting Reported at All Points Along Russian Front—Honors Easy on the Somme

London, Nov. 11.—The great battle between Russo-Rumanian forces and Mackensen's troops in the Dobrudja for possession of the bridge that crossed the Danube at Cernavoda continues. Advices today from Bucharest, Petrograd and Berlin regarding yesterday's fighting emphasize this conflict as the most important operation of the day on any of the many fronts.

Occupation of the Dunereav station, about two miles due west of Cernavoda, was claimed by Petrograd and not denied from Berlin, appears to have given the Slavonic armies at least a temporary advantage in their efforts to press back or envelop General Mackensen's left flank, which rests on the Danube. Military experts here say a Slav success at this point would change the complexion of the Dobrudja front materially, with great disadvantage to the Teutons.

Russians are reported in strong force about Cernavoda. They are reported hurriedly bringing up artillery for a final smash.

Reports of sanguinary fighting in this sector appeared to be born out by other reports to Petrograd of hundreds of dead picked up in territory from which Mackensen's forces have been hammered back.

There was still some doubt here as to the sharp fighting about Predeal. Both sides claimed the advantage. The Berlin statement admitted the Transylvania Rumanian armies adopted a strong offensive but that all attacks were repelled. Petrograd advices said the Rumanians have all but completed envelopment of the Teutonic left flank.

In the territory about Dornavatra in the Carpathian mountains, Russian troops, according to Berlin, have developed a powerful offensive. The Berlin announcement attaches much importance to their claim that terrific Austrian counter attacks have chased the Slavs from heights they took by storm in three days of fighting ending Friday. The menace a Russian victory would be to General Falkenhayn's rear at this point has led to the belief that the Teutonic armies will make a desperate stand.

General Bursifol's armies, Berlin advices said today, were subjected to a series of ferocious wave attacks north of Baranovitch, where heavy fighting is going on for possession of railway lines which connect with Minsk to the northeast and with Strumen to the southeast of Baranovitch. It was at this point that Berlin reported heroic achievements by soldiers under Major General Von Wyna and a regiment of Brandenburgers. The Russians, according to Berlin, were swept back to their second line trenches after eight assaults.

Fleet Helps Army.
Petrograd, Nov. 11.—The Russian fleet has come to the aid of the Slavonic armies which are fighting in the Dobrudja. An official announcement from the war office today said the fleet has heavily bombarded the Rumanian coast of Constantza, inflicting great damage.

Constantza is almost due east of Cernavoda, where fierce fighting is now going on between Russian and Teutonic forces for possession of the big Danube bridge. German General Von Mackensen's left wing rests on the Danube near Cernavoda. His right wing is on the Black sea near Constantza.

German Loss Heavy.
Paris, Nov. 11.—The Germans sustained serious losses when they were repulsed in attacks on French positions south of the Somme in the vicinity of Deuincourt, the war office announced today.

"We maintained all our ground," the statement said.

GERMAN PRESS PLEASED

Amsterdam, Nov. 11.—Great surprise is expressed in German newspapers received here over the re-election of President Wilson. Where there was doubt expressed in previous editions that the president again had been chosen, all now accept his re-election as a matter of fact.

CUR DOG THERE WHEN FRENCH TOOK VAUX

With the French armies at Verdun, Nov. 11.—The only German occupant of the shell-scarred, battered, but still firm Fort Vaux, when the French triumphantly entered it, was a nondescript dog and he is now being treated with all the honors of war—but out of German supplies. Such was their haste in abandoning the fort that the German left behind a million cartridges, three thousand meat rations, three thousand bottles of mineral water and large quantities of anti-tetanus serum and other drugs not obtainable outside of Germany.

GERMANS LEFT MANY SUPPLIES—SOME OF THEM MUCH NEEDED

By Henry Wood.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
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With their artillery in place, the Fort Vaux garrison now dominates the entire western plain. New lines of German entrenchments are vaguely visible several kilometers off. They are in low, marshy ground where it will be practically impossible to entrench firmly.

In the 12 hours I was in the fort, from 6 Wednesday morning until dusk, the Germans shelled it almost constantly, the big projectiles thudding down every moment with clocklike regularity. Some hit the roof, making it wobble and reverberate, but without doing damage.

The garrison was gay and watched with interest while the commandant counted the hits. Lieutenant Diot, the first French soldier to re-enter Vaux, came up and laughingly saluting, "mon capitain," said:

"The question of your observation post has been finally settled. A German shell just destroyed the one you chose, so you will have to take mine."

The first intimation to the French that Vaux had been abandoned came when the Paris wireless picked a German semi-official story to the American press out of the air. The French had then almost entirely surrounded the fort and were shelling it with 400 millimeter guns with a precision which would have made its continued tenancy by the Germans impossible.

With the news Diot and his company immediately entered and succeeded, with but few exceptions, in rendering useless the planted mines, with which the Germans had intended to blow up the fort after the French occupation. The several that did explode went off prematurely and did only a superficial damage.

One of the prizes of the French was the record book of the German commandant, containing plans for the reorganization of the fort and data on the killed and wounded in the recent fighting. The new figures lead the French to estimate the total German losses at 700,000.

At noon Wednesday the garrison heard that Hughes had been elected. The word came by wireless to General Mearns, who planned the entire re-taking operation. He spread it telephonically to all the stations along the line. The men were greatly interested.

But the dog. As I left he was in the hands of two "poules." They were feeding him as he probably had not been fed for weeks. His tail was wagging.

OFFICIAL COUNT MUST BE IN BEFORE WILCOX GIVES UP

Conditions Discussed From Every Angle, by Leaders Who Lost

SAY OFFICIAL FIGURES MAY SHOW HUGHES WON

By Perry Arnold
(United Press staff correspondent.)
New York, Nov. 11.—Charles Evans Hughes will let his telegram of congratulations to Woodrow Wilson await the official count of the votes in California, New Mexico, North Dakota, New Hampshire and possibly one or two other states.

If the official count confirms the Wilson victory apparent now, it is the republican nominee's wish—and he is the one who, being mainly concerned, has the final say—that there be no contest or close re-counting.

The reason the republicans still were unwilling to concede defeat is that in the five states whose vote is still incomplete a change of 8000 votes might mean shift in the tide of victory from Wilson to Hughes. Errors involving several thousand votes frequently are discovered in recounts. The republicans hold they very easily may have been made in the excitement of tabulating results of one of the closest elections in American political history.

In round figures, unofficial returns show Wilson's lead in California about 4,000; in New Mexico, about 3,000; in North Dakota, about 3,500; in Minnesota, Hughes' lead about 600 (with the republican vote still to be counted); while in New Hampshire there is less than 100 margin for Wilson. The electoral vote of these states where the margin is less than 8,000 votes totals 37.

Hughes now has 243 votes in the electoral college about which there is little doubt. The republicans figure Minnesota will also be his, bringing his total to 255. That is 11 less than the 266 majority required in the electoral college. If a recount should show New Hampshire republican, bringing the republican total to 259 and Hughes should gain several of California's electoral votes on a split of electors, possible at the place where North Dakota's five votes, or New Mexico's three, recounted and found republican, might put him over, instead of Wilson.

The endless conferences of republican managers still were on today. They were a few recommitments at what the victorious democrats facetiously referred to as "the walk," proceeded at the republican headquarters, but for the most part the leaders were planning reorganization of the party—beginning already to look forward to 1920. One thing that gave cause for joy was that the democratic majority in the house of representatives has been swept away. Wilson no longer has complete domination of the national legislature.

SHERIFF DELIVERS I. W. W.'S AT EVERETT

Carload Hand Cuffed Together Leave Seattle—41 Charged with Murder

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 11.—Seattle police, under Chief Breckinridge and Lieutenant Hedges accompanied the second carload of handcuffed I. W. W.'s who left last night, to prevent them against possible violence from Snohomish county citizens.

The 41 members of the organization have been formally charged with murder in connection with the gun fight in which deputies and five I. W. W.'s were killed at the Everett west front Sunday.

Forty special deputies, besides the uniformed police were in charge of the interurban special car which left Seattle with the prisoners about 7 p. m.

The word of the departure was kept secret and the prisoners were lodged in the Snohomish county jail before anyone knew they had been brought back. A deputy walked beside each pair of handcuffed prisoners.

Attorney C. H. S. Wood, of Portland, arrived in Seattle to prepare for the defense of the accused men.

The Pike Coal & Coke company, of Pittsburg, has filed notice at Dover of an increase in capital from \$1,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

THE LADY FROM MONTANA

Washington, Nov. 11.—"What the speaker call the newly elected congress woman?"
The fixed form of addressing members is "the gentleman from" whatever state the gentleman's from.

THE FIRST WOMAN CONGRESSMAN TALKS

Miss Rankin of Montana Sews As She Tells What She Intends To Do

Missoula, Mont., Nov. 11.—"I am going to Washington to represent the women an children of the west—to work for an eight hour day for women, and for laws providing that women shall be paid the same wages as men for equal amounts of work."

Miss Jeanette Rankin, newly elected republican congresswoman or "congress woman" from Montana, was sewing as she said this today. Even after entering politics she refused to forsake the old household arts, cooking and needle work. Miss Rankin failed to become excited when returns showed she was running ahead of the republican ticket in Montana, and later that she was elected.

"I'm glad of this chance," was her comment when cheering friends "broke the news."

"Of course," said Miss Rankin today, "I know I'll be the first woman member of congress, but I won't be the last, and I believe I'll be received with courtesy and as an equal by those eastern congressmen, even though they are enemies of suffrage. While working for suffrage in the east, I found that no matter how strenuously my opponents fought us, they were always ready to hear our side."

In addition to her eight hour day and equal wage laws, Miss Rankin intends to fight for woman suffrage from the moment she gets into the capital. Her suffrage bill, she says will be one of the first introduced at the next session. She also declares her intention of seeking extension of the child labor laws, mother's pensions and universal education.

As a fighter, Miss Rankin's friends believe she will make some of the oldest battles in the house break ground. Not so long ago she tramped through deep snow potting bear and wolves just for a pasture. Her father came to Montana when it was an empty wilderness, and his four daughters endured all the hardships of pioneers.

Miss Rankin showed the Montana republican organization some of her fighting qualities in the last few days of the campaign. Opposed by the G. O. P. leaders in many towns, she went ahead with the Montana Good Government league backing, kept her own republican banner waving, and made speeches in every city and hamlet in Montana.

In addition, she organized a telephone round-up. On election day her friends called every telephone number in the state, and asked whoever answered if a vote had been cast for Miss Rankin yet.

Washington, Nov. 11.—Jeanette's the best stump speaker in Montana; can dance like a boarding school girl and, believe me, she'll lead the men's section of congress a merry little trolley.

This is Jessie Hardy Stubbs, a prominent suffragist, and teammate of Miss Rankin, elected by Montana to be the first congress-woman in the United States. Suffrage workers are happy over the Montana happening.

"How is Jeanette running?" was the question with which they bombarded the United Press all through the hours of Tuesday night until Friday night.

"She's a good fellow," Miss Stubbs said; "just a normal American girl, who sat beside her brothers at college and studied the same sociology and economics. She spoke often at street meetings here."

LATEST RETURNS FROM STATES THAT ARE CLOSE

New Hampshire On Face of Returns for Hughes by 226, But Clerks Admit Two Errors That Would Increase Wilson's Vote by 425—Minnesota for Hughes by 647, with Soldier Vote To Be Counted—Wilson's Lead in California 3,621 and in North Dakota 1,115

In New Hampshire.
Concord, N. H., Nov. 11.—Complete returns from the state, with five towns missing, give Hughes a count of 43,422 and Wilson 43,098 today, but it is declared Wilson will take the lead by at least 70 when errors by the town clerks in Ward Two, Dover, and Ward Two, Keene, are corrected. In these two places no votes were given Wilson, but the clerks now admit mistakes and unofficially credit Wilson with 289 in Dover and 135 in Keene.

Although the republicans are not saying much about several private concessions have been made. The final vote is expected before noon.

Concord, N. H., Nov. 11.—Late official returns obtained today with all districts in, were Hughes 43,724, Wilson 43,498. This gives Hughes a plurality of 226. No democratic vote from Ward Two Dover.

In California.
San Francisco, Nov. 11.—With all but 13 California precincts heard from, Wilson was leading Hughes 3,621 votes, on the face of returns at the United Press at 11:30 a. m. The totals were: Wilson, 465,887, and Hughes, 462,266.

Los Angeles, Nov. 11.—One hundred and twenty-five Los Angeles county precincts complete, Wilson 114,112; Hughes 135,445. Amendment No. 1, yes, 187,765; noes 121,318. Amendment No. 2, yes 135,145; no, 114,112.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—Amendment No. 2, providing for partial prohibition, was defeated by 43,000 votes, according to the United California Industries figures today. The dry federation insists that complete Los Angeles results will show the measure carried.

San Francisco, Nov. 11.—The California Dry Federation this afternoon conceded the defeat of prohibition amendment No. 2.

B. M. Bandler, state superintendent of the drys, in a statement declared: "At

though the amendment received 36,000 outside the city of San Francisco, this was not enough to overcome the big vote polled against it in San Francisco."

Minnesota's Latest.
St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 11.—The Minnesota voting commissioners with 2,156 ballots cast Tuesday by Minnesota guardsmen on the Texas border reached St. Paul at 10:05 a. m. They were rushed to the state house where the packages were delivered to Secretary of State Schmalz.

These packages were at once despatched—unopened—to the county auditors throughout the state. Soldier votes were cast by guardsmen from 63 of the 86 counties of the state.

St. Paul, Nov. 11.—With 31 precincts missing at 1 p. m., Hughes was leading in Minnesota by 647. This does not include any of the soldier votes which arrived today and was immediately sent to county auditors to be tallied.

In New Mexico.
Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 11.—At an early hour this morning returns from 631 of the 838 precincts in the state gave Hughes 38,880; Wilson, 31,161.

The election of a democratic senator and representative to succeed two republicans from New Mexico is practically assured by late returns. Jones (democrat) for senator leads Kubbell (republican) by over 3,000 plurality and Walton (democrat) for representative, is leading Hernandez (republican) by 2,500 votes.

In North Dakota.
Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 11.—With 15 precincts missing the North Dakota vote stands at 1 p. m. today:
Wilson, 54,279; Hughes, 53,164. Majority for Wilson, 1,115.

The 15 missing precincts are small and will somewhat increase Wilson's lead.

HUGHES' LEAD OUT

St. Louis, Minn., Nov. 11.—A re-check of the Ramsey county (St. Paul) and St. Louis county (Duluth) cut deep into Hughes' slender lead. Without counting the soldier vote, his score at 3:30 this afternoon with all but 20 precincts in, stands: Wilson, 178,114; Hughes, 178,352, a lead for Hughes of 239.

The soldier vote as far as counted favors Wilson.

\$2,750,000 Deal Made in Portland Sawmill Interests Since Election

Simultaneous with the announcement yesterday that a new company with an authorized capital of \$750,000 had been organized to take over the property of the old Monarch Mills on the Peninsula, adjoining the Union Meat company plant, came the news that contracts are about to be closed on a gigantic timber deal involving the expenditure of nearly \$2,000,000 in making timber accessible and calling for the use of at least 4,000,000,000 feet of timber over a 20-year period.

The new company, to be called the Monarch Mills, was organized by Lester W. David and a number of other prominent Portland men, who are to control the company. The officers are: George F. Heuser, president; Lester W. David, vice-president; Russell J. Hubbard, treasurer; and Chester A. Sheppard, secretary and general counsel.

CHAIRMAN WILCOX CONCEDES NOTHING

Many Charges of Fraud Made Mostly Anonymous—Awaits Official Count

New York, Nov. 11.—National Republican Chairman Wilcox still "stood pat" today on his statement of yesterday yielding nothing to the democrats. "We are getting a number of charges and suggestions of fraud," he added.

"These have come in letters and telegrams, mostly anonymously. We have followed the plan of turning them over to state chairmen for investigation. The national committee itself is making no investigation—we are simply waiting for final returns."

Wilcox pointed out with particular emphasis the possibility of mistakes in the count rather than laying any stress on fraud charges. He cited the fact that four years ago the democrats claimed California by 300, whereas official returns showed a split vote there.

The chairman will have a conference with Hughes late this afternoon. The republican nominee took a long automobile ride during the morning.

HE WON EVERYTHING

Marysville, Cal., Nov. 11.—Fred Parks won his own funeral expenses, 35 \$5 hats, 10 \$30 suits, an automobile and many boxes of cigars on election day that Wilson would carry San Francisco.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Sunday fair, continued cold; gentle northerly winds.



Abe Martin