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## TERRIFIC BATTLE FOR GREAT ANUBE BRIDGE

### Claim Made by Petrograd That It Has Reached Critical Stage and That Mackensen's Left Flank Has Been Partly Turned—Result May Depend On Dash of Russo-Rumanians Against General Falkenhayn—German Torpedo Boats Bombarded Finnish Coast

London, Nov. 13.—Russians, Rumanians and Franco-Serbians are continuing their hammering against the lines of the central powers on every eastern and south-eastern front today. At some points Germans and Austrians are attacking fiercely, but according to advices at all the capitals, the larger successes are being won by the arms of the entente allies. French troops are today co-ordinating the trenches and positions they wrested from the Germans yesterday at Saily-Saillisel in the west front, at which point sporadic German attempts to recapture the positions are going on with increasing intensity. A comparative lull obtains on other sections of the western front.

The fighting about Cernavoda for possession of the great Danube span that forms the biggest bridge in Europe and where for days the Russian right wing is reported from Petrograd to have partly succeeded in turning Mackensen's left flank, apparently has reached its most critical stage.

Since the dispatches which told of Cernavoda in flames and of Constanza, where the German-Bulgarian extreme right has had its base on the Black sea, fired, only meager details have reached here regarding the Dobrudja clash.

Military experts believe the result at Cernavoda will depend partly on the fifty mile forward dash of Russo-Rumanians against General Falkenhayn's armies in Transylvania far below the Bukowinian border, where defensive movements have been succeeded by a sledgehammer offensive. Any measureable successes in this region the experts believe must weaken the Cernavoda-Constanza front of Mackensen.

Bulgars, reinforced after Friday's Sebros-French successes on the Cerna front, apparently have failed to stem the advances, for King Peter's headquarters last night reported further material progress, including advancement of the allied lines and taking of considerable booty.

### Do Not Confirm Reports.

Berlin, Nov. 13.—German troops still hold the eastern edge of the Saily-Saillisel position, according to today's war office announcement of fighting on the western front.

The official account of the struggle for this 11 mile span across the two great arms of the Danube and over the wide marshy area in between stated:

"In the Balkan war theatre, Field Marshal von Mackensen's army, groups of hostile detachments, feeling their way along the Danube against the left wing of our position in the northern Dobrudja, were chased.

"Cernavoda was shelled without success from the left bank of the Danube."

There has been no mention made in Berlin of the report from Petrograd saying Cernavoda was in flames and that Constanza on Mackensen's extreme right had been fired by a Russian sea bombardment.

"Between the Anere and the Somme," the statement said, "there were temporary, but strong artillery fighting. Our fire dispersed hostile infantry that had advanced to terrain before our positions south of Marleucourt and it was likewise effective against English trenches west of Eaucourt and Landage."

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**Rumanians Forced Back.**

Bucharest, Nov. 13.—On the right of the Al valley, the Rumanians have been forced to yield ground in the region of Saraciliste, the war office announced today. Enemy attacks on the left were repulsed.

"In the Cerna valley two enemy attacks were repulsed," the announcement said. "We also maintained our positions after a battle that lasted throughout the day."

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**Teuton-Bulgars Retreating.**

Paris, Nov. 13.—A most violent battle is raging with continued success for the Greek-Serbo forces in the region about the big bend in the Cerna river, Salonika headquarters reported to the war office today. Fighting has been going on two days and nights.

The war office announcement confirmed the report from Serbian headquarters saying Teuton-Bulgar forces were driven from the village of Uven and the French official statement added that the retreating armies are falling back in disorder.

The Serbian pursuit continues despite severe counterattacks. The enemy losses were serious, the statement added.

Somewhat to the west the Serbians have further progressed north of Vellon. Since September 12 the enemy has lost 6,000 prisoners, 72 guns and 50 machine guns.

## CONTROL OF HOUSE IS STILL IN DOUBT

### It All Depends On Which Side Those of Neither Party Take Up With

Washington, Nov. 13.—On the face of the returns as tabulated unofficially in Washington today, the republicans will have 218 votes for organization purposes in the next house of representatives, the democrats 216, and one, Meyer London, socialist, unattached.

This aligns Schall, elected in Minnesota as a progressive, with the republicans. It counts with the democrats Fuller from Massachusetts, elected as an independent against a republican; Randall of California, as a prohibitionist, though with the democratic organization support, and Whittmarin, progressive protectionist of Louisiana.

The house lineup by states on the present returns, follow:

Republicans—California, 6; Colorado, 1; Connecticut, 4; Idaho 2; Illinois 21; Indiana 9; Iowa 11; Kansas 3; Kentucky 2; Maine 4; Maryland 2; Massachusetts 11; Michigan 13; Minnesota 9; Missouri 2; Montana 1; Nebraska 3; Nevada 1; New Hampshire 2; New Jersey 10; New York 26; North Carolina 12; North Dakota 3; Ohio 9; Oklahoma 2; Oregon 3; Pennsylvania 24; Rhode Island 2; South Dakota 2; Tennessee 2; Vermont 2; Virginia 1; Washington 4; West Virginia 4; Wisconsin 11; Wyoming 1. Total 217.

Democrats—Alabama 10; Arizona 1; Arkansas 7; California 4; Colorado 3; Connecticut 1; Delaware 1; Florida 4; Georgia 12; Illinois 6; Indiana 4; Kansas 5; Kentucky 9; Louisiana 7; Maryland 4; Massachusetts 4; Michigan 11; Minnesota 1; Mississippi 3; Missouri 1; Montana 1; Nebraska 3; New Jersey 2; New Mexico 1; New York 16; North Carolina 9; Ohio 13; Oklahoma 6; Pennsylvania 8; Rhode Island 1; South Carolina 2; South Dakota 1; Tennessee 8; Texas 18; Utah 2; Virginia 8; Washington 1; West Virginia 2. Total 213.

The lineup in the senate will be as follows:

Alabama 2 (d).  
Arizona 2 (d).  
Arkansas 2 (d).  
California 1 (d); 1 (r).  
Colorado 2 (d).  
Connecticut 2 (r).  
Delaware 2 (d).

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## ASTORIA RATE CASE REOPENED

Washington, Nov. 13.—The interstate commerce commission today authorized the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company to maintain higher rates from Seattle to inland Empire points than from Astoria, Oregon, to the same points.

The order revokes a previous order of the commission, effective November 1, and is a further adjustment in the Astoria rate case, involving freight rates to the northwest.

## DEAD MAN DROVE HIS AUTO STAGE INTO OPEN DRAW

### Plunged Fourteen Passengers Into Icy Waters of Fraser River

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 13.—That a dead man drove possibly 11 people, tonight nine, to their death on Saturday night when George Smith sent the crowded Ladder motor stage through the open draw of the North Arm bridge and plunged car and freight into the icy waters of the Fraser river is the startling theory suggested today by acquaintances of the chauffeur. Smith, it is reported, suffered from heart disease, and that his pulse had suddenly ceased is probably the only rational explanation that will ever be given of his act in rushing his vehicle onto the bridge with the warning red lights shining clear against him. Smith knew the road and the bridge perfectly and was accounted a very safe and careful driver. His car was apparently under control and it is incredible that, if still alive and conscious he should have failed to pull up when he saw the signals.

The stage was making its evening trip toward Vancouver when the accident occurred. At first it was reported that it carried 12 passengers but today the number is placed at 15. When the stage reached the bridge at 7 p. m. the draw was open to let a tug through and the barricade, made of steel bars and stout wire netting, was closed and padlocked. Regardless of the red lights on the barricade the stage moved rapidly forward, broke through and dived straight into the river below. Of the passengers a little girl, Muriel Evans, and two men were rescued alive, seven bodies, including those of little Muriel's mother and sister, have since been recovered and one, possibly three, are still in the river.

**The Dead.**

Mrs. A. W. Evans, 741 Third avenue west, North Vancouver.  
Her daughter, Laura Evans, aged 12, (recovered Saturday night).  
W. H. Walker, 1450 Third avenue east, Vancouver; engineer Pacific Milk company, Ladner. Married, leaves wife and four children.  
George Smith, 833 River Road, South Vancouver, driver of stage. Married, leaves wife and five children.  
John Marshall, North Vernon, Wash.; employed at Ladner, single.  
Frank Keene, commercial traveler, Vancouver.  
Kenneth Ritchie, Ladner, single.  
Unidentified Chinese.

**Wheat Is Above \$1.93 and Corn at 99 Cents**

Chicago, Nov. 13.—Wheat opened higher when foreign advices that bad seedling weather existed in Europe caused a rush to buy. Profit taking sales caused some of the advance to be lost later. December was down 3-4 cents under today's opening at \$1.90 1-4; May down 3-8 at \$1.93 3-8; July up 1-2 cent at \$1.60 1-2.

Corn made new high records because of a rush to buy. Reports on snow throughout the corn belt, which will delay marketing. Later realizing sales checked the advances. May was up 99 1-8, a new high record this season. December was up 2 cents at 98 cents; May up 1-4 cent at 99.

Oats were firm. December was up 3-4 cent at 58 1-4; May up half at 52 1-4 cents.

Provisions were steady with a downward tendency.

## Mrs. Boissevain Is In Critical Condition

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 13.—Rushed across the continent as fast as trains could move, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Millholland of New York, parents of Mrs. Inez Millholland Boissevain, suffrage leader, who is critically ill here, were halted at the door of their daughter's sick room in the Good Samaritan hospital today owing to Mrs. Boissevain's weakened condition.

Surgeons told Mr. and Mrs. Millholland the sight of them might cause a fatal relapse for their noted daughter.

Millholland explained that when first word was received of his daughter's collapse, due to strenuous campaigning for suffrage, there was no intimation of the seriousness of Mrs. Boissevain's condition and it was until the night of election day that they received word to rush west and that the noted woman leader was sinking rapidly.

Surgeons reported her condition slightly improved today, adding that there is hope for her recovery.

## ALL ARE WAITING FOR CALIFORNIA'S OFFICIAL COUNT

### May Be Week Before Result Is Known—Suffrage Loses in South Dakota

## LITTLE GIRL AND TWO MEN ARE RESCUED ALIVE

### Driver Had Heart Disease and Belief Is He Died As He Drove On Bridge

San Francisco, Nov. 13.—All California stood expectant today when the official count of votes in this state for president began in each of the 58 counties. On the result will hinge the final decision whether Charles E. Hughes' presidential hopes may be revived or have been definitely blasted.

With the unofficial returns showing a plurality for Wilson of 3,621, it is pointed out by republican leaders that a change of one vote per precinct in favor of Hughes would give him the state by 2,245 plurality—provided no votes were changed in Wilson's favor.

Obliging instructions of the republican and democratic national and state committees, attorneys and checkers representing both parties were on hand to keep a close watch on the official count. Republican leaders, refusing to abandon hope of getting California, will make their most careful watch in San Francisco and other strongly democratic counties. The democrats, on the other hand will cheer most closely in Los Angeles and Alameda counties, where Hughes polled his largest vote.

On account of the vital importance of this count to the whole nation, extraordinary care is being exercised and it is estimated that it will be more than a week before the work can be completed.

Excepting in San Francisco and Los Angeles counties, the count is being made before the board of supervisors of each county. These officials will compile the returns from the tally sheets and certify them to the secretary of state. In San Francisco and Los Angeles counties the election commissioners will canvass the returns.

## Hughes Lead in Minnesota

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 13.—A big error in Fairbault, discovered on official count, with small, but constant gains for Wilson in other official figures, including votes by mail and the soldier vote from 13 counties, cut Hughes' lead in Minnesota at noon to 202.

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## Fifteen Cent Bread Say Tacoma Bakers

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## MOSER MAY LEAD THE STATE SENATE

### President W. Lair Thompson Has Been Defeated for Re-election

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 13.—The 15 cent loaf of bread made its appearance in Tacoma today, and at the same time the popular five cent loaf has gone to that bourn from which it will never return, bakers say. Housewives hereafter will have to pay ten cents for a loaf but slightly larger than the displaced fifty cent portion.

Beginning today also buns and rolls are boosted five cents a dozen, to 15 cents.

These advances were agreed upon by local bakers Sunday. The reasons assigned for the higher prices is the general raise in the materials used, especially lard and flour.

State returns are sufficiently complete to indicate the complexion of the next legislature. W. Lair Thompson, who was president of the senate in the 1915 session, has been defeated by a democrat, George T. Baldwin. Local conditions entered into the defeat of Thompson, who has been a political power in his section. Thompson began last spring before the primaries to make a campaign for president of the senate in the 1917 session.

G. C. Moser, of Multnomah, is a candidate for president, with the chances now in his favor. L. E. Bean and Robert Stanfield are two active candidates for speaker of the house.

## Germany's Great System of Underground Forts Is Pronounced Impregnable

Although in approaching the front we encountered seventeen lines of trenches and wire entanglements, the Somme battle is no longer being defended from the trenches, but with buried artillery.

For miles as we walked we passed holes in the ground large enough for men to crawl into.

Chain of Buried Forts

These were entrenched to thousands of underground forts which the Germans have built in an endless chain. The underground defenses vary in depth from a few feet to as much as sixty feet.

No cannon yet invented can penetrate them. And this is the reason, German officers explain, why the English cannot destroy the defense. Not a house, a barn or a whole tree is standing in Aehietterpit. Our automobile was halted on route by soldiers cleaning the road of debris from the recent bombardment. After passing through, this village was again shelled. The bombardment was so terrific as to be indescribable. The whistling of shells was continuous and the uncountable explosions shattered every one's nerves.

Our auto increased its speed, and others whizzed by, one carrying the remains of the French aeroplanes.

We stopped at a ploughed field, walked to a hole in the ground and entered an underground battery. Above ground, in some spots, so many shells had exploded it was impossible to count the shell craters. But underground not a cannon was scratched. Officers and artillerymen were living with many of the comforts of home.

**Paving the Roads**

Further on we passed hundreds of French civilians and soldiers paving one of the chief lines. Laborers were

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Washington, which seldom has been so thrilled by a mystery in its own midst, is waiting for Wednesday's preliminary hearing with great anticipation. Revelations concerning the secret service methods of the European governments are particularly awaited, since it became known today that Count Von Bernstorff had notified his government that a sealed package directed to him by the foreign office had been broken open and part of its contents stolen. Whether the ambassador has in mind the letters taken by justice department agents from the Washington hotel safe, where Dr. Graves had deposited them, is not known.

Graves himself hints these letters are of the highest importance to the German government, that they were letters which he expected to sell to the ambassador, not the letters addressed to Countess Von Bernstorff. As for the letters, he and the embassy are one in saying they contain nothing calculated to "embarrass" the countess personally. The embassy has declared Graves thought they would have this effect and that he demanded money for them on that ground. Graves has made two statements in answer to this. One is that the letters, from a prominent German woman to the countess, contain hidden meanings and form an important communication from the home government to the ambassador. The other is that he knew they were exhibiting them to Prince Hatfeldt as proof he had obtained possession of other mail for which the embassy would be willing to pay.

**BIG CORPORATION DISSOLVED**

New York, Nov. 13.—Final decree in the Cor-Frugis dissolution suit brought by the federal government was issued today by Judge Hand in the United States district court, ordering attorneys for the corporation to prepare plans for dissolution and present them for the court's approval within 120 days.

**THE WEATHER**

## THIS STOVE FEELS GOOD

Oregon: Too night and Tuesday; fairly calm; cold; easterly wind.



Jeff Mapes died at th' poorhouse 'day. He was raised on a farm, but never practiced. Marriages are made in heaven, an' a lot o' them are an awful long ways from th' factory.