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DEMOCRATS CLAIM WIN IN UNITED STATES ELECTIONS

GERMANS ARE IN FULL RETREAT ON 15-MILE FRONT

Germans in Desperate Position Are Retreating on a 75-Mile Front

French Keep in Touch With German Rear Guards—Enemy on the Run Between Valenciennes and the Meuse—140 German Divisions Soundly Thrashed, Hundreds of Villages Captured and Thousands of Prisoners Taken—Kaiser's Abdication Said to be Imminent—Ghent Besieged by Allied Forces—Armistice Deputation Leaves Berlin For Western Front.

POSITION OF GERMANS NOW DESPERATE

PARIS, Nov. 6.—Enemy forces are in full retreat on a front of 75 miles from Valenciennes to the Meuse. They are being pressed hotly by the allies. British troops have crossed the Belgian front east of Valenciennes and have stormed Normal Forest, which covers Mauge, farther south French are within eight miles of the great Mons-Vervins-Lacapelle road. The main strategy of the allied army is the forward thrust in France. They are separated from it only by Nouvion forest. Two French armies are advancing on the southern side of salient. An American army has forced the retreat of the Germans and they are now only nine miles from Sedan. The Americans have carried their lines past Dun-Sur-Meuse. As the result of this last battle, in which the allies have soundly beaten 140 German divisions, hundreds of villages have been freed and thousands of prisoners have been captured. The enemy position, which was bad before, may now be said to be desperate.

Kaiser's Abdication Said to be Imminent

ZURICH, Nov. 6.—Emperor William's abdication has become imminent, according to information received from Berlin by the Munich Post. The newspapers say that serious differences have arisen between the Munich and Berlin governments and adds that the Hohenzollerns and the military party would be making a serious mistake to play with fire for the people are by no means inclined to remain passive.

ALLIED ARMISTICE CONFERENCE IN PRACTICAL ACCORD

PARIS, Nov. 6.—It developed today that inter-allied armistice conference attained accord on all points without much difficulty, with possibly exception of freedom of sea. On which general principle there was substantial agreement but terms are subject to further revision.

ARMISTICE DELEGATION LEFT BERLIN FOR WEST FRONT

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 6.—By A. P. P.—A German armistice delegation left Berlin this afternoon for the Western Front.

RETREAT OF GERMANS ALONG FRENCH FRONT CONTINUES

PARIS, Nov. 6.—(Official)—The retreat of the Germans along the whole of the French front continues. The French are in contact with the enemy rear guards. North of the Marle the French have passed beyond Voharies. Italian troops have occupied Lethuill, four miles south-east of Mont Cornet.

DEMOCRATS CLAIM TO HAVE WON IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION

But Contest Will Be Extremely Close—Republicans Made Notable Gains—Governorship of New York State Still in Doubt—Soldiers' Vote May Decide—Champ Clark in by Narrow Squeeze—Henry Ford in Second Place.

ELECTION STILL IN DOUBT

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Early today more than 24 hours after yesterday's battle began it was not apparent whether democrats or republicans would control the next congress. Party managers on both sides predicted they would receive a substantial working majority, but returns show that between 50 and 75 congressional districts are still unreported and the line-up is so close that the scales might easily be turned in favor of either party. The Governorship of New York too is surrounded with the same uncertainty. The contest between Governor Whitman and his democratic opponent, Alfred Smith was so close that it appeared that the soldier vote would have to settle it. Some well known figures in public life have close shaves by yesterday's voting prominent among them is speaker Champ Clark, Democrat.

Democrats Claim Both Houses of Congress

The Democratic national committee headquarters early today, claimed that the Senate would be Democratic and that the final returns also would show a small margin for the Democrats in the House.

Republicans Claim Majority in the Senate

Republican national headquarters this afternoon claimed majority of 5 and possibly 6 in the United States Senate.

What the Democrats Claim

Washington, Nov. 6.—Returns received by the national Democratic Committee were said to show definitely the election of 49 Democratic Senators, while in the House 215 seats were assigned to the Democrats, 204 to the Republicans and the remainder in doubt.

New York, Nov. 6.—Next house of representatives will be republican on face of latest returns. The political complexion of senate is still in doubt. In the house, are republicans apparently had been elected and 183 democrats together with one socialist and one independent.

In Other States

New York, Nov. 6.—At midnight the congressional election returns were just a little more than half in, and on the figures then at hand showed a gain of eight seats in the house and three seats in the senate for the Republicans.

Three-Quarter Million Mark Now Passed

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An American Opinion of Our Council's Action

81 Madison Ave. Jersey City, N.J., Nov. 1, 1918. Editor Ontario.

Just as we in the United States are putting forth a campaign to obtain \$120,000,000 in behalf of the splendid workers of the Y.M.C.A. Red Cross and Salvation Army, who have done such self-sacrificing service for our boys over there.

I am in receipt of a copy of your paper of Oct. 23rd containing an account of the despicable, miserly, and

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dishonest action of the Belleville Council. I could scarcely believe what I saw before me. Never have I known of such contemptible action from men responsible for a city's government. During my five years' sojourn in your beautiful city, I learned to have the highest respect for many of its city officials and citizens, including such local men as Judge Deroche, Lawyer O'Flynn, Burrows, of Belleville, Thos. Ritchie and many others and I wonder what they think now of their city's disgrace.

I hope the citizens of Belleville will arise in their might and wipe away the stain. I believe there are

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old fence-rails still around the outskirts, plenty of tar at the gas works and feathers at the market. A judicious use of which would for all time prevent that kind of action by your council.

Yours for the boys over there, Geo. L. Sturges

Mr. and Mrs. Crosier and family of Lindsay, wish to express their deep appreciation for the sympathy extended to them by the citizens of Belleville, which was a comfort to them in their hour of trial.

People of Hastings County!

Your country has asked you to lend her \$2,100,000 in her hour of need. THE VICTORY LOAN CAMPAIGN IS HALF OVER, AND HASTINGS COUNTY HAS LENT \$766,000, a little better than 35 per cent. of the amount asked.

THE LOAN WILL BE OVERSUBSCRIBED

Canada at large has responded better than was expected, some towns having already subscribed 200 p.c. of the amount asked. The Loan will be largely oversubscribed.

WHERE WILL HASTINGS STAND?

Unless every citizen of this loyal old county comes forward between NOW and NOVEMBER 16th with their last dollar and their every credit, HASTINGS COUNTY WILL GO DOWN TO DEFEAT IN THIS HOUR OF VICTORY.

CHINAMEN SUBSCRIBE 100 PER CENT.

In one establishment employing number of Chinamen every one of them bought a BOND.

Are You Less Patriotic Than Chinamen?

This is the last chance the people of Canada may have to buy Government Bonds paying 5 1-2 per cent.

DON'T LOSE THIS CHANCE!

Wake Up Hastings and Do Your Duty!

Executive Committee Hastings County:

W. B. Deacon, Chairman; Robt. Weddell, C. S. Rollins, W. H. DeBlots, Vice-Chairmen; W. B. Evans, Organizer; H. W. Ackerman, Secretary.

TODAY'S CASUALTIES

Killed in action—

Lance Corp. C. H. McInnis, Lorneville

G. A. Ryan, Westboro

Wounded—

Lt. R. I. Russell, Pembroke

F. A. Eves, Kingston

N. Vanderbilt, Peterboro

J. Webb, Trenton

S. Ford, Dundas

J. McGrogan, Peterboro

PROBS

Moderate south westerly winds; fine and a little warmer. Thursday, south east winds, fair to cloudy and mild.