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## THE DEMOCRATS HAVE SUFFERED SERIOUS REVERSES IN A NATION

### DARING RAID BY GERMAN FLEET

Squadron Makes Dash to the Northeast Coast of England and Drops Mines—British Ship Escapes.

### GERMANS WITHDRAW FURTHER FROM YSER

Allied Fleet Gets Busy in the Dardanelles — Petrograd Claims Progress Except on the River San.

London, Nov. 4.—With the pressure on the Franco-Belgian sea coast relieved, interest in London has again been diverted from land operations to naval movements.

The daring dash of a German squadron to within ten miles of the northeast coast of England indicates that the prolonged inactivity of the larger units of the German fleet has been broken by a raid on the coast of England, but much satisfaction is expressed that the cruiser Huleyon, by the clever seamanship of her commander, escaped from a tight corner practically uninjured. The retiring German squadron dropped floating mines in its track, and this delayed pursuit. These tactics are exciting some criticism here, but experts realize that the mines in question were probably of a type recognized as legitimate by the Hague convention.

Another interesting naval development was the long distance bombardment of the Dardanelles by a combined allied fleet. Athens reports that shots were fired at the Turkish forts by the British ships which took a prominent part in the action. The result of the engagement is unknown, except that a huge pillar of smoke on shore indicated that some of the shells must have found their mark.

The official reports from Belgian headquarters are becoming more positive in their assertions that the enemy is preparing to withdraw from his hard won position on the southwest coast of Belgium. Nieuport has been evacuated but not before the city became an untenable ruin. The battle of the sand dunes may now be said to be history, as in London it is considered as hardly likely that the Germans again will attempt to move in that direction as the flooding of the country has made it practically worthless as a battle ground.

Elsewhere along the western battle front the usual attacks and counter attacks are reported, without any indication as to the exact point where the invaders may be expected to make their next supreme effort to cut their way to Calais.

In the east emperor Nicholas has left for the front after issuing a manifesto in which he says that Turkey's action

opens the way for Russia to accomplish her historic mission on the Black sea. The Germans have been making desperate assaults on the Russian right wing and particularly fierce fighting is reported near Suwalki, in Russian Poland. But Petrograd claims general progress everywhere except along the River San, where apparently no progress has been made by either side.

The foregoing dispatch from London makes no mention of the naval engagement off the coast of Chile late Sunday afternoon between five German warships and a British squadron composed of three cruisers and a transport in which the British vessels were badly worsted. It is therefore apparent that the British censor has permitted no reference to this to be made in England.

**French Statement.**  
Paris, Nov. 4.—The French war office gave out an official announcement today as follows:  
"On our left wing to the north, the situation shows no change. The enemy has drawn back on the right bank of the Yser. We have recaptured Lombaertzyde. The Germans occupy on the left bank of the Yser nothing more than the head of a bridge, half way between Dixmude and Nieuport. They have abandoned in addition to prisoners and wounded men, a considerable quantity of war material including artillery.

"Between Dixmude and the Ys the fighting has been continued with alternate advances and withdrawals but with the general result that the allied forces have made perceptible progress."  
"Between the Ys and the region of Arras there has been cannonading and minor engagements."  
"Between the region of Arras and Oise we have made an advance to the east of Lequesnoy-En-Santerre."

**German Statement.**  
Berlin, Nov. 4.—(By wireless.)—Information was given out to the press from official quarters as follows:

"The first encounters on the Turkish front by which Turkish soldiers meet Russian forces from the Caucasus resulted unsuccessfully for the Russians."  
"Russian transports sunk by the Turks had on board 1700 men—destined for the blockading of Turkey's waters. This fact proves the hostile intentions of the Russians."

"The Gazette de la Popolo says that the present treatment of Germans in England is policy open to question as numerous English industries are conducted by Germans who would be difficult to replace."  
"The note of Sir Edard Grey, the British foreign minister, denouncing Turkey, handed to the Italian political circles an impression unfavorable to England, as it shows England's fear of Turkey."

**Russian Ship Sunk.**  
Amsterdam, via London, Nov. 4.—The Vossische Zeitung publishes a dispatch from Sofia saying the Turkish ships have sunk the Russian battleship Sloop.

**Turks Sink Own Ships.**  
Paris, Nov. 4.—The Echo de Paris publishes a dispatch from Bellegarde, on the Swiss frontier saying that an Anglo-French fleet attacked the Turkish sunboat Dursa and the steamer Kirrol at the entrance of the Gulf of Tchesme, near Smyrna in Asiatic Turkey. The Turks themselves sunk both vessels to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy.

**Japanese Operations.**  
Tokio, Japan, Nov. 4.—A dispatch received from Tsinan, in Shantung province, China, says the Japanese forces before Tiang Tau the fortified position of the German territory of Kiao Chow, have destroyed 26 German guns and captured 800 prisoners.

The Japanese artillery is now attacking the German trenches and the wire entanglements before them.

**Consider Closing Yards.**  
Chicago, Nov. 4.—Closing of the Chicago stock yards in the fight against the foot and mouth disease which again gravely considered at a conference of state and federal authorities with cattlemen here today. It was reported that in the cattle pens and that 1,300 cattle were ordered killed immediately and their carcasses destroyed.

### MAJORITY IN HOUSE HEAVILY CUT DOWN

#### Democrats Not Likely To Have Lead of Over 25 or 30 Members.

### PROGRESSIVE PARTY MADE LITTLE SHOW

#### Democrats' Senate Majority May Not Be Reduced--85 Congress Districts Not Heard From.

Washington, Nov. 4.—Although 85 congressional districts were still unheard from at noon today, democratic leaders here were confident that the administration would retain control of congress, although the majority in the house might be cut from its present strength of 141 to as low as 25 or 30. After a conference of national democratic committee officials at the White House with President Wilson and Secretary Tumulty it was estimated the democratic majority might possibly stand at 30.

The varying reports of the senatorial contests in Nevada, California, Kansas and Colorado gave no promise of reducing the democratic plurality of ten. Reports to the national democratic committee were said to indicate the election of James D. Phelan of California to succeed Senator Perkins, a republican and the re-election of Senators Newlands and Thomas in Nevada and Colorado. In Kansas a close contest for the seat of Senator Bristow seemed to be between Representative Murdock, progressive, and former Senator Curtis, leaving Representative Neely, the democratic candidate, behind.

At noon, the 85 congressional districts missing, the elections of 185 democrats, 162 republicans and three progressives was reported. The present complexion of the house is 285 democrats, 129 republicans, fifteen progressives and six vacancies.

The noon returns showed a gain of 33 republicans. At that hour 22 districts in New York, six in Pennsylvania, 12 in Missouri, 10 in Minnesota, eight in California and others were unreported. It takes 218 for a majority in the house. To fulfill the predictions of democratic leaders of a majority of 30 it is necessary for 63 of the unreported districts to be Democratic. They are claimed by the leaders.

**New York, Nov. 4.**—The democratic party, through yesterday's elections, apparently retains control of both branches of congress although gains made by the republicans in the lower house threaten to reduce the democratic majority to a minimum. This is the outstanding feature of yesterday's general election, aside from which the most significant development was the dwindling away of the strength of the progressive party. Returns from every section of the country indicate that the progressives who cast a larger vote than the republicans in 1912, have been absorbed in large part by that party. In almost every case there was a decisive falling off in the progressive vote, with the conspicuous exception of California, which apparently has re-elected Hiram Johnson, its progressive governor.

Republican gains were made in every section of the south, and leaders of that party asserted that the tariff issue has been instrumental in bringing about that result. Some of the more optimistic of the leaders asserted early today that there was a chance that the democratic majority in the house of representatives would be overturned.

The result of state elections was less definite. In a number of cases democratic administrations were overturned, but these were offset in instances by which the reverse was the case. Republican leaders were elated, however, by the showing made in New York where Charles Whitman was elected to succeed Governor Glynn, the democratic incumbent, by what bids fair to be a record vote. As the late returns came in Mr. Whitman's plurality mounted steadily, and early today it was estimated that he would win by nearly 150,000. In Pennsylvania there was a huge increase in the republican vote.

**Democratic Senators.**  
Complete returns show the following democrats elected to the senate: Oscar W. Underwood, Alabama; Marcus A. Smith, Arizona; James P. Clarke, Arkansas; Duncan A. Fletcher, Florida; Hoke Smith, (long term) Georgia; Thomas W. Hardwick (term ends 1919) Georgia; J. C. W. Beckham (long term), Kentucky; Johnson N. Camden (term ends March 2, 1915) Kentucky; R. F. Brumard, Louisiana; William J. Stone, Missouri; Lee S. Overman, North Carolina; Thomas P. Gore Oklahoma; Ellison B. Smith, South Carolina; John Walter Smith, Maryland.

Incomplete returns indicate the election of the following democrats to the senate: Ben J. Shively, Indiana; George E. Chamberlain, Oregon; Roger C. Sullivan, Illinois.

**Republican Senators.**  
Complete returns show the election of the following republicans to the senate: Frank B. Brandegee, Connecticut; James H. Brady, Idaho; Albert B. Cummins, Iowa; Jacob H. Gallinger, New Hampshire; James W. Wadsworth, New York; Asie J. Gronna, North Dakota; Warren G. Harding, Ohio; Emis Furness, Pennsylvania; William H. Dillingham, Vermont.

**Uncertain Figures.**  
According to the latest returns the result of senatorial contests were uncertain in California, Colorado, Kansas and Nevada. In California, Representative John K. Noland, republican, and James B. Phelan, democrat, former mayor of San Francisco, and Francis J. Heney are candidates for the seat of Senator Perkins. No indication of the result has been received in the early hours of the day, although the re-election of Governor Hiram Johnson gave the progressive leaders hope that the remainder of the ticket would be elected. Latest returns from Colorado indicated a strong republican vote both for gov.

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### BRITT CLAIMS BIG MAJORITY

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The county candidates who were elected and their offices are as follows: State senate, Zebulon Weaver; representative, No. 1, Gallatin Roberts; representative, No. 2, H. L. Nettles; clerk of the Superior court, John H. Cathey; sheriff, E. M. Mitchell; registrar of deeds, J. J. Mackey; tax collector, B. A. Patton; treasurer, J. Ed. Brookshire; board of county commissioners, W. E. Johnson, chairman; Jasper H. Cole and James M. Brookshire; auditor, E. M. Lyda; board of education, Judge J. D. Murphy, T. P. Gaston, and James H. Sams; coroner, Dr. Eugene R. Morris; surveyor, Otto L. Israel.

With no opposition, Patrolman Ben M. Collins was elected constable on the democratic ticket and the following magistrates were elected: T. F. Hunter, W. H. Wyatt, N. A. Reynolds, E. B. Atkinson, C. W. Malone, D. S. Roberts, W. A. James, Jr., J. H. Brown, M. A. Cressman, F. N. Waddell, J. E. Johnson, S. P. Meers, M. Frank Reed, R. A. Stewart and J. Dermid.

The vote in the city and county of the precincts reported, which of course are subject to a few slight changes are as follows:

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For congress, Gudger, 116; Britt, 80.  
For solicitor, Swain, 137; Gudger, 59.  
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### GOOD MAJORITY FOR DEMOCRATS

County Ticket Elected Yesterday Defeating Ticket Put Out by Republican-Progressives.

### J. E. SWAIN WINNER IN SOLICITORS' RACE

Defeats Vonno Gudger by Majority of About 900—Special Effort Made to Elect Him.

With a majority ranging from 1000 to 1400 the full democratic county ticket was elected yesterday and J. E. Swain democratic nominee for solicitor over Vonno Gudger the republican-progressive candidate, Mr. Swain's Buncombe county majority being 1062 with Upper Hominy No. 1, and Ivy No. 1 to hear from at noon today. While the dual party had put out a full ticket with the exception of coroner, treasurer, constable and magistrate, the main work of the republicans and progressives was centered on electing Mr. Britt to congress and no surprise was manifested over the defeat of the county ticket, each of the defeated candidates stating before and after the election that the main idea all along was to help strengthen the race being made by Mr. Britt. Doubt was expressed yesterday and even at a late hour last night as to the result in the race for solicitor and register of deeds as special efforts were made by the fusion candidates to capture these two offices.

With all precincts heard from except Upper Hominy No. 1, which it is stated gave Mr. Britt a majority of 27 and Ivy No. 1, which gave him a majority of 19. Mr. Gudger's majority in Buncombe is 157, although the official canvass might change this slightly.

The campaign which has just closed in this county has been one of the most strenuous perhaps that was ever waged here, and for the last few weeks the "woods have been full" of candidates of the two parties, speaking in almost every nook and corner of the county.

With the fairest of weather for the election the people turned out at the polls early and the vote was heavy all through the day, crowds being in attendance at every voting precinct in the city. Each side had numerous workers at the polls.

**Solicitor's Race.**  
Second in interest to the congressional race in this city and county was the race between the solicitor candidates, J. E. Swain and Vonno Gudger. In Mr. Gudger's home precinct, the fourth, he received a large vote and Mr. Swain's vote in the Beaverdam precinct, his home, was highly interesting. The large normal republican majority of Madison county caused the democrats of this county to work hard for the election of Swain. In Leicester, where Vonno Gudger was well known he also received a very large vote, but the tireless efforts of the democrats of this county offset Mr. Gudger's vote here and the republican majority of Madison.

Headquarters of the democratic party in the Commercial building and the republican progressives in the Nat Green building and the newspaper offices were crowded last night to a late hour, while the hundreds heard the election news. Telephones were kept busy, not only from people in the city and county, but dozens of inquiries were received from those interested in the result in Buncombe from other counties and towns in the district. When it was found that their county ticket was defeated the members of the dual party turned all attention to the congressional race, if it was not already centered there, and the crowds in the offices and on Patton avenue in front of headquarters soon grew to enormous proportions. Enthusiasm ran high over the favorable reports received as to the result of the congressional race and cheer after cheer rent the air.

At democratic headquarters the joy

of the county victory was soon offset by the news which seemed to show at an early hour that Mr. Britt would be elected and not much of a celebration was held at the headquarters by the crowds who had gathered at an early hour.

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Republican Candidate for Congress in Tenth Thinks Figures Will Not Go Below 1000.

### CARRIED MOST OF COUNTIES IN DISTRICT

Mr. Gudger's Manager Does Not Concede Election of Mr. Britt—Reports Are Encouraging, He Says.

The belief expressed by Mr. Britt, that his majority will not fall much below a thousand, is generally shared by the party leaders. Their view of it is that the recrudescence of the republicans is complete, and they have been rejoicing since sundown yesterday.

Perhaps this rejoicing is somewhat tempered in the judicious and the thoughtful by the reflection that it took a great many democratic votes to render possible a happy ending of the contest for their party, and there is a realization that republicans must be on their good behavior if they are to retain any considerable number of the recruits. But just now it is hard to discern a fly in the republican ointment. They propose to rejoice while the rejoicing is good, and not concern themselves too much with the future.

Official figures will not be available before tomorrow, but republicans, who are doing most all the claiming, say Mr. Gudger's majority will not exceed 150 in this county. A telephone message today from Rutherford county gives the county to Mr. Gudger by less than a dozen votes. Henderson has given Mr. Britt 700, or thereabouts. McDowell goes about 125 for Mr. Britt; Jackson about a hundred for Mr. Gudger; Swain probably 350 for Mr. Britt; Cherokee 400 or more for Mr. Britt, while Graham, Clay and Macon have probably given the republican candidate small majorities.

Today Mr. Britt said: "I regard my election as a vindication of the position which we took on honest elections, the use of neither money nor liquor at the polls, and other kindred matters. I have carried the district by a majority of between 900 and 1,000. I am profoundly grateful to republicans, progressives, democrats and socialists who supported me. I shall make a more extended statement later on."

No justification meeting will be held by the republicans. Mr. Britt does not regard his triumph as purely a party achievement.

J. Seroop Styles, chairman of the democratic congressional executive committee, said this statement to the Gazette-News: "I have no extended statement to make now, but we do not concede the election of Mr. Britt. We are still receiving encouraging reports from different sections of the district."

Some democrats say Mr. Gudger has been elected by a majority of 19 votes. The democratic challenge to the accuracy of the republican figures, in a number of respects. For example, the democrats say they will have a majority of 150 in McDowell, instead of the republicans having that majority. They also say Mr. Britt will not have the majority in Cherokee that he is figuring on. Mr. Britt is claiming Macon, while the democrats say Congressman Gudger will have a majority in that county of 150. Both sides are also claiming Transylvania.

**Blythe Solicitor.**  
Republican headquarters here are claiming the election of Judge O. V. F. Blythe as solicitor in the district comprised of Henderson, Polk, Rutherford, and Vance counties. They also are inclined to think that Mr. Sisk has been elected in the western district.

**Prince Dies.**  
Rome, Nov. 4.—The death is announced of Mario Prince Crigi-Albani, marshal of the conclave.

Merrill, Pierre Kinsland, R. M. Riddle, W. L. Dillingham, A. J. Wallin, Mrs. Bagnell, Dock Bailey, J. L. McDowell, John B. Gray, M. L. Shuford, J. R. Reagan, C. A. Campbell, J. R. Gassett, Dan Sutton and O. N. Webster.

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