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FOLLOWED CLOSE BY FRENCH FORCES

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This retirement by the German crown prince has been in prospect since the recent successful drive by General Petain southwest of Laon, which carried the French to the bank of the Oise-Aisne canal...

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The retirement might include Laon, reputed southern citadel of von Hindenburg's line last March, but if the front of the Ailette is given up, a line from St. Quentin, through La Fere, Laon and Montigny to Neuf Chateau-Aisne, along the railroad between La Fere and Neuf Chateau might offer a good halting place.

Probably the Germans have only retired across the Ailette river from Chavignon to Craonne a distance of about thirteen miles or they may have started on retreat paralleling that of last March on the Somme when they finally fell back before the Anglo-French pressure from Arras to Soissons.

Gen. Cadorna has halted on the western bank of the Tagliamento, momentarily, at least, to face the oncoming Austro-German forces. The eastern bank of the river, Berlin reports, has been cleared of Italians from the Fella valley, where the Tagliamento turns westward near Tolmezzo, to the Adriatic.

Italian guns are bombarding the invaders along the new line, but, apparently, no attempt has yet been made by the Austro-German forces to force a crossing of the river. There are no indications as to the whereabouts of Austro-German, reported to be driving through the Carnic Alps early in the week in an attempt to turn the flank of the Tagliamento.

As it appears from today's Paris office statement, the Germans are now on the north bank of the Ailette, a maximum distance of a mile back of their previous position, while the French have moved up to the south bank.

"Underground" Route Discovered. (By The Associated Press) El Paso, Nov. 3.—In the arrest of Ernest Lopendorf the government agents believe they have discovered an "underground" route by which information has been transmitted between the United States and Mexico City, for relay to Germany.

Russians Fraternize with Germans. (By The Associated Press) Petrograd, Nov. 3.—The Russian troops in the Vispneff sector yesterday fraternized with the German troops, it was announced today by the Russian war office.

Boats from New Bern to Baltimore. After months of waiting, New Bern is at last assured of a line of boats connecting that port with Baltimore and other northern seaports.

The Weather Next Week. (By The Associated Press) Washington, Nov. 3.—Fair weather, with a return to normal temperature states during the week beginning Sunday. Heavy frost is forecast for Sunday morning.

CONCORD DEFEATS SALISBURY AGAIN

The Football Game Score Yesterday Was 13 to 0.

The football team of the Concord High School yesterday afternoon on the local gridiron administered a second defeat to the team from Salisbury. One week ago these two teams tried conclusions on the Salisbury fair grounds, the result of that game being a victory to Concord by a 6 to 0 score.

The game yesterday was decidedly the fastest and swiftest game the local team has yet put up, and their dash was in some degree responsible for the fact that they had the visitors on the defensive all the way through. Almost from the very beginning, the local boys were on the offensive, and when the visitors secured the ball it was only a short time until the locals held them for down and the ball went over.

The Salisbury boys put up a good exhibition, and were no poor adversaries for Concord. Some of their playing was at times spectacular, with their double passes and fake plays, but they failed to get these through. Their forward passes were promptly broken up by the local team, who one several occasions took the ball away from Salisbury.

Beil again showed himself a consistent ground gainer through the line, his plunges almost without exception netting good gains. Sappenfield showed up well on his end runs, and made good progress with the ball. Ritchie played a consistent game as left half back. Several forward passes were executed by Concord, some of them being for nice gains.

The first touchdown was made in the first quarter, Hill, the quarterback, carrying it over on a fake play. Hill also made the other touchdown scored. The ball fell short on the first attempt at kicking goal, but the second effort sent it fairly between the uprights. When the time was up on the last quarter, the ball was in Concord's possession, and only about 15 yards were needed by them for another touchdown.

The line-up of the two teams follows: Concord. Laughlin, center; Linker, right guard; Hartsell, right tackle; Gillon, right end; Foil and Kluttz, left guard; Isehour, left tackle; Iost, left end; Hill, (captain), quarterback; Sappenfield, right half back; Ritchie, left half back; Bell, full back; Loug, Griffin, Noland, substitutes.

Salisbury. Heaver, center; Johnston and Ross, right guard; Kessler, right tackle; Koffloss; Cole, left guard; Grubb; Koblentz; Jackson (captain), left end; Atwell, quarterback; J. Gregory, right half back; Woodson, left half back; E. Gregory, full back; Evans, Arty, Brady, Monk, Correll, G. Grubb, substitutes.

Referee, C. A. Carver. Umpire, Burt Harrison. Time keeper, R. P. Gibson. Time of quarters: 15, 10, 10, 15.

KERENSKY'S STATEMENT TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY

Facts Such as to Arouse Sympathy Rather Than Suspicion.

(By The Associated Press) London, Nov. 3.—Most of the morning papers printed premier Kerensky's interview with the Associated Press correspondent conspicuously, but the comment on it is not general. The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, now in London, writes: "Premier Kerensky's statement seems to have been taken a little too seriously in some quarters. It has been taken as a hint that Russia is toying with the idea of a separate peace. This theory should not be allowed to establish itself. Probably all Kerensky wished was to indicate the facts familiar to close students of Russia for some time and they are such as to arouse sympathy, rather than suspicion."

THE COTTON MARKET.

First Prices Were 5 Points Higher to 6 Points Lower. (Special to The Tribune) New York, Nov. 3.—The cotton market had somewhat of an irregular opening, the first prices being 5 points higher to 6 points lower with the near months relatively firm. Business was comparatively quiet as the market opened slightly right after call, with December and January selling about 3 to 8 points net lower.

Cotton closed steady. December, 27.28; January, 26.99; March, 26.07; May, 25.91; July, 25.69. Cotton futures opened steady today: December, 27.50; January, 26.57; March, 26.25; May, 26.10; July, 25.94.

Mrs. Sarah Hamilton. Mooreville Enterprise. Mrs. Sarah Hamilton, aged 86 years, died at her home in No. 3 township, Cabarrus county, last night at 7 o'clock.

Destroyed by High-Powered Boat. (By The Associated Press) London, Nov. 3.—An attack was made today on a British vessel patrolling the Belgian coast by an electrically controlled, high-speed boat. The boat was destroyed.

All Salts Episcopal. Rev. S. M. Hampp, of Wadesboro, will conduct the service tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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The British Destroyers Have Thus Effected Another Clean-up of German Naval Forces in Scandinavia

(By The Associated Press) Copenhagen, Nov. 4.—The German commerce raider, Crocodile, and five trawlers have been sunk by British destroyers in Scandinavian waters. The commerce raider was disguised and the trawlers were sunk just inside the Skagerrak, an arm of the North Sea between Norway and Denmark.

The Crocodile was a new ship of nearly 1,000 tons, and carried a crew of 100 men. Wounded Sailors Landed. Elnisore, Denmark, Nov. 4.—The wounded men from a German auxiliary cruiser, sunk in the North Sea, were landed here today.

HEADLINE IN POST GIVES OFFICIALS SEVERE JOLT

Russian Secretary Hurries to Department of State to Issue Statement.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—The national capital had a newspaper national storm today over the situation in Russia which illustrates the danger of piecemeal news and the mischief of headlines. Before the day was over President Wilson and Secretary Lansing saw fit to have a statement issued on behalf of the United States government refuting the impression that Russia was about to quit the war, and the Russian ambassador issued two statements, one denying that his country was going to desert her allies and another showing that nearly 2,000,000 troops of the central powers were being kept busy by the Russians.

The whole thing—the fear that Russia had laid down on her partners—arose out of a newspaper interview in Petrograd yesterday between Premier Kerensky and an Associated Press correspondent. The premier said Russia was not as strong now as she had been at the beginning of the war, she had been fighting for three years and a half and now the allies would naturally have to bear the bigger part of the burden—a fact not very new or unappreciated since the war was overthrown, but restated emphatically by Premier Kerensky at this time to get help from England and America.

The Washington Post received only the introductory paragraph of the interview in time for publication in the early hours of the morning. It was a simple statement that Russia was worn out and would expect her allies to do the fighting from now on and added a query about the absence of the British fleet from the Baltic recently.

Over this brief story appeared a headline, "Russia Quits the War." The Washington Post is read by official folk at the breakfast table and the startling headline created a sensation. The story itself did not bar out the impression of the headline and when the text of the interview itself came a few hours later it was apparent a general survey by Premier Kerensky of conditions in Russia, stating obvious facts but revealing no departure in Russia policy or intention to relax military efforts any more than already has been compelled by the infernal situation, had given rise to the apprehensions of a new crisis.

Issues and Candidates Await Elections.

Washington, Nov. 3.—Elections will be held Tuesday in many states and cities throughout the country. Massachusetts and Virginia will elect governors and full State tickets. Pennsylvania, Maryland, Kentucky and Nebraska will elect minor State officials. Several States will elect legislatures. In point of interest the municipal campaigns in New York, Cleveland, San Francisco and some of the other large cities far exceed that of the State contests. In nearly all of these the reform question is the dominant issue. Practically all of the contests, State and municipal, are on local issues with no national question involved. For this reason particular interest will attach to the results of the special elections to be held in three congressional districts—the 28th Pennsylvania, 6th Massachusetts and 4th Connecticut—which will be the first party contest to be decided at the polls since the nation entered the war.

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HALF OF U-BOAT FLEET SUNK.

London, Nov. 2.—Between 40 and 50 per cent. of the German submarines operating in the North Sea, the Arctic and the Atlantic since the beginning of the war, have been sunk, said Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the Admiralty, in the House of Commons today.

"During the last quarter the Germans lost as many submarines as they lost in 1916," said Sir Eric.

The output of merchant shipping in the first nine months of this year, he said, was 123 per cent. higher than in the corresponding period last year. The Admiralty had decided that four new national shipbuilding yards would be necessary.

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Clothing of Child of Mr. W. V. Wiley Caught on Fire in Soap Way.

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NO CIVIL TERM.

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