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ALLIES VICTORIOUS UPON THREE FRONTS

HUNS, TURKS AND BULGARS FORCED BACK

In Palestine, Macedonia and France Entente Allied Offensives Progressing favorably — Allenby's Forces Follow Up Route of Sultan's Troops With Additional Gains and Serbs, Greeks, French and British Drive Further Into Macedonia.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, Sept. 24.—In Palestine, Macedonia and France, the entente allied offensives progress successfully.

General Allenby's forces in Palestine have followed up their rout of the Turkish forces with additional gains. In central Macedonia the allies are pressing vigorously the advantages won and the difficulties of the Germans and Bulgarians are increasing. Field Marshal Haig has taken a new step in his investment of St. Quentin and is fighting toward its northern outskirts from east of Verdun.

On the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, British cavalry has occupied the ports of Haifa and Acre, marking an advance of more than sixty miles since the present operations began.

Route of the Turks
The rout of the Turks west of the Jordan has compelled the Turks east of the river to retreat. They are being pursued closely by allied forces and the king of the Hedjaz. Es-Salt has been reached and the allies are pushing north rapidly along the Hedjaz railway. General Allenby reports that the number of enemy troops taken captive will largely exceed 25,000.

German and Bulgarian troops in Macedonia, their communication lines almost entirely severed, are retreating on a hundred mile front. The allies have reached the Vardar northeast of Monastir on a front of more than ten miles and Serbian forces have crossed the river to the east of the river in pursuit of the Bulgarians. On the left of the allied line Italian and Serbian forces are closing in on Prilep. Along the entire front the enemy is burning villages and war material.

Threaten Bulgarian Rear
By crossing the Vardar on a wide front south of Gradski, forty miles southeast of Uskub, the Serbians threaten the rear of the Bulgarians facing the British and Greeks around lake Doiran. The Bulgarians there are reported to be retreating northeast toward Strumitza, in Bulgarian Macedonia, evidently with the hope of escaping before the Serbians can cut off their retreat northward. Around Prilep, the forces of the central powers are in a serious position, as they may be cut off completely if the allies can press northward along the Vardar to Veles and Uskub.

Fighting on the western front is not on as large scale as last week. In addition to the thrust against the German defenses east of Verdun, Field Marshal Haig is improving his line at points farther northward and has repulsed a German attack west of LaCatelet. Northeast of Arras, the British have broken up a great

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HORVATH TOLD TO JOIN ALLIES OR QUIT

HARBIN, Manchuria, Friday, Sept. 20.—(By Associated Press.) The Siberian government is reported to have served an ultimatum on the troops commanded by General Horvath to disband or join the forces of General Semenov, the anti-Bolshevik leader in trans-Baikal.

The Siberian government referred to probably is that at Omsk, which recently declared war on Germany.

BRITISH FIGHT FOR CANAL GAP AT ST. QUENTIN

Stubborn Fighting of Vital Positions Which Have Defended the Main Hindenburg Line Continues With Advantages With Haig's Forces—Artillery Activity on Allied Fronts.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE, Sept. 24.—10 a. m. (By the Associated Press.)—The fighting for the vital positions which have defended the main Hindenburg line east of Epehy and Ronsoy continued yesterday and last night. No marked change in the situation resulted, but the advantage lay with the British. A vigorous local engagement is taking place today on the front nearly west of St. Quentin, between Holnon and Fresnoy. Main interest, however, is centering in the Epehy-Ronsoy sector.

The pressure which the British have established here is obvious from a glance at the detailed maps. The great St. Quentin canal forms a strong natural defense for the enemy for a great distance in this section, but just east of Ronsoy it runs underground for about three miles. Thus there is a gap in the waterway defense and it is this which the Germans have been defending so desperately.

In front of the canal, along this gap, the Hindenburg line has been made especially strong to protect the possible gateway. The British divisions which have been doing such magnificent work here have in front of them as opponents not only the famous German Alpine corps but four more fresh divisions, which the enemy has thrown in.

British Official Report
LONDON, Sept. 24.—British forces are pressing in on St. Quentin directly from the west, Field Marshal Haig reported today. British progress in the region east of Verdun is announced.

On the front to the west of Cambrai, in the region north of Moeuvres, the British positions have been improved.

In the Arras-Lens sector the Germans tried to drive the British from the new positions the latter had won southeast of Gavrelle. The enemy was completely repulsed, the British retaining their line intact.

On the French Front
PARIS, Sept. 24.—The artillery was active last night on the French front below St. Quentin and between the Ailette and the Aisne but no infantry action is reported in today's war office statement.

"In the course of the night there was marked activity by the artillery in the region of St. Quentin and between the Ailette and the Aisne."

"In the Champagne two raids upon the German trenches in the region of Perthes and in the direction of Batte Du Mesnil resulted in the taking of 40 prisoners by the French."

DOZEN EDITORS TO VISIT WAR FRONT

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—Twelve editors have accepted the invitation of the French and British governments to visit the war zone for a first hand study of conditions, it was announced today. The editors are: Colonel Charles A. Rook, Pittsburgh Dispatch; Frank R. Kent, Baltimore Sun; Edward Barrett, Birmingham Age-Herald; A. N. McKay, Salt Lake Tribune; H. V. Jones, Minneapolis Journal; Edward B. Piper, Portland Oregonian; E. Lansing Hay, St. Louis Globe-Democrat; La Fayette Young, Des Moines Capital; Frank L. Glass, Birmingham News; Edward H. Butler, Buffalo News; Wright A. Patterson, Western Newspaper Union; and Edward H. O'Hara, Syracuse Herald.

BRITISH REACH HAIFA AND ACRE PURSUING TURKS

East of Jordan, Sultan's Army Withdrawing Toward Amman With Australian and Jewish Troops Close Behind—Total of Captures Will Far Exceed 25,000.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—British cavalry, pushing up the Mediterranean coast of Palestine, have occupied Haifa and Acre, it is officially announced today.

East of the Jordan, the Turks are withdrawing toward Amman, on the Hedjaz railway, Australian, New Zealand, Jewish and other troops are pursuing the enemy and have reached Es-Salt, 15 miles northwest of Amman.

The total number of Turks taken prisoner will exceed largely the 25,000 already reported, the official statement announces.

The text of the statement reads: "East of the Jordan, the enemy is withdrawing toward Amman on the Hedjaz railway, pursued by Australian, New Zealand, West Indian and Jewish troops, which have reached Es-Salt, capturing guns and prisoners."

"In the north cavalry have occupied Haifa and Acre after slight opposition."

"The number of prisoners is increasing and the total will exceed largely the 25,000 already mentioned."

"Arab forces of King Hussein, have occupied Ma'an and are harassing bodies of the enemy retreating northward toward Amman, along the Hedjaz railway."

Turks Exceeded 100,000

LONDON, Monday, Sept. 23.—General Allenby's remarkable success in Palestine was achieved against a total enemy strength of 100,000 Turks, say unofficial dispatches. The Turkish forces held positions of exceptional strength, with three lines of well-dug trenches and abundant artillery and machine gun protection.

The Turks were completely surprised, according to Reuters' correspondent in Palestine. The mobility of the allied forces and the boldness of General Allenby's plan of hitting at the strongest point in the Turkish defenses added to the success. The rush of the British cavalry completed the enemy's discomfiture.

German Chief Escapes
The Turkish reserves consisted of troops which recently arrived from the Caucasus. Field Marshal Liman von Sanders, commander of the Turkish forces, and his staff escaped capture by only six hours.

Not the least remarkable feature of General Allenby's success lies in the reorganization he effected in his forces since the German offensive on the western front last March necessitated the withdrawal to France of a part of his army.

STEEL TRUST ADOPTS EIGHT HOUR DAY

NEW YORK, Sept. 24.—The United States Steel corporation has adopted the eight hour basic day for its employees. Chairman Elbert H. Gary, announced today that this step had been approved by the finance committee of the corporation upon recommendation of heads of the corporation and of subsidiary companies.

He added that the open shop plan heretofore in force throughout the works would be continued.

PRESIDENT WILSON VOTES NEW JERSEY PRIMARIES

PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 24.—President Wilson arrived here this afternoon to cast his vote in the New Jersey primaries. The president was greeted at the station by a large crowd of students and devotees from the aviation school.



Region where British and French are stubbornly fighting way forward to bastion of Hindenburg line.

LONE BANDIT ROBS REGISTERED MAIL TRAIN NEAR SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Sept. 24.—Seattle and nearby cities were combed today by officers searching for a lone bandit who last night held up a southbound Great Northern passenger train between here and Everett, Wash., and escaped with registered mail matter said to be valued at several thousand dollars.

The bandit climbed over the engine tender shortly after the train passed Mukilteo, a few miles south of Everett and, with the aid of a revolver, forced the engineer to stop. The holdup man then compelled the crew to uncouple mail and baggage cars and pull them to Meadowdale, Wash., where he escaped into the woods with a suitcase full of registered mail.

While the train was being uncoupled the fireman, R. N. Rayburn, threw a hammer at the bandit, who turned and fired on Rayburn. Two shots were also sent toward H. L. Chapman, mail clerk, when he appeared at his car door. None of the shots took effect. Shots were fired by the bandit in the direction of the passenger cars when their occupants opened the windows to look out. Police believe the bandit came to Seattle after the robbery.

TRAIN BANDIT KILLED BY POLICE AT KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 24.—A score of policemen this afternoon after a revolver battle lasting about an hour, captured Roy Lancaster, alias "Kansas City Mac" and Harry Lancaster, a brother, both of whom the authorities declare are members of the Lewis gang, several members of which were arrested in Colorado, two weeks ago.

Roy Lancaster died soon after being taken to the hospital. On the way to the hospital, he admitted his identity. Harry Lancaster was captured as he attempted to escape from a barricaded building, where the men fought with the police.

Two policemen were slightly wounded during the skirmish. Roy Lancaster admitted, according to the authorities that he was a member of the Lewis band which engaged in the running revolver fights in Colorado two weeks ago. Following the arrest of Frank Lewis and Roy Sherrill, Lancaster asserted that he returned to Kansas City with Dale Jones, one of the alleged members of the band. Two women accompanied them. He declared Jones was still in Kansas City.

BRITISH PRAISES AMERICAN RATIONING

LONDON, Sept. 24.—American food savers, here's a high compliment for you, from Dr. J. Stuart Holden of St. Paul's, who has just returned from the states, where he was sent by the British government to lecture. "The voluntary rationing in America," he says, "is quite as drastic as the compulsory rationing in this country."

FRANCE GIVES FINE SOUVENIRS TO U. S. SENATE

Ambassador Jusserand in Tendering Token of Appreciation of Reception of Joffre Says Allies Moving Toward Evening of "Der Tag" Despite Enemy's Babbling for Peace.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24.—Ambassador Jusserand, of France, in presenting to the senate today on behalf of his government two handsome vases in appreciation of the reception by that body of former Premier Viviani and Marshal Joffre, when they came to welcome America to the ranks of the defenders of liberty, said the nations fighting Germany now feel that they are "moving toward the evening of 'der tag,'" when Germany's power for evil will have been crushed.

Although now "babbling of peace," the enemy, the ambassador said, understands no argument except that of force and the allies and their associates mean to "use no other."

Friendship Pledged
In accepting the vases for the senate Vice President Marshall assured Ambassador Jusserand of the devotion of America to France and of America's determination to fight on with the French until "justice wipes away all their tears and fears and avenges, though it cannot obliterate, all the scars of all their wrongs."

Ambassador Jusserand appeared before the senate by special invitation of that body, which had set aside today for that purpose. The vases came from the national factory at Sevres, near Paris, and stand about six feet high. Similar vases have been given by France to the house, and a day soon will be set aside for their formal acceptance.

Ambassador Jusserand told the senate that in planning the war the Germans forgot one indispensable item—sentiment, the force behind the guns that will win the day for justice and liberty. "They also," the ambassador said, had concluded that when they struck, Belgium would be found benumbed with fright. France in Germany, England in indifference and America in business.

"The answer," said Mr. Jusserand, "was Liege, Marnes, Ypres and St. Mihiel."

End of Der Tag Near

"We are at one of the grandest periods in the history of the world," continued the ambassador. "We see sights never to be seen again; not only scenes of horror, but scenes of splendor. To those latter scenes, American contribution is one of which your descendants may well be proud, for ever. Seeking to use the terms of your president, no conquest, no dominion, no indemnities, no material compensation, acting as 'one of the champions of the rights of mankind,' your nation has stood the severest tests and offered an admirable example."

"What is now the time of day? Is 'der tag' nearly spent? Forth, Haig, Pershing and their peers will tell us when they think fit. All we need to know is that we are in, all of us, 'until the last gun is fired.' And why are we in? We are in, as I take it, in order to give its proper value to a document about as sacred to us

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WAR PRISONERS' CONFERENCE MEETS

BERNE, Sunday, Sept. 22.—American and German delegates to the prisoners of war conference will meet tomorrow under the chairmanship of President Calander. The Austro-Italian war prisoners conference has just closed after a month's session. It concluded a convention dealing with the different questions relative to the treatment of prisoners, the exchange of sick captives and the repatriation of interned civilians.

LOCAL AVIATOR KILLED IN ACTION ON AUGUST 11

Family Officially Notified That Lieutenant Newell Barber, Aged 20, Who Fell in Disabled Airplane Behind German Lines Was Killed—One of Most Popular Medford Boys.

There is no longer any doubt as to the fate of Lieutenant Newell Barber, the young Medford soldier and aviator who during an air battle in France on August 11th, was seen to fall in his disabled aeroplane behind the German lines.

He died a hero's death, being the second Medford boy so far reported to lose his life in action for his country. The other was Lester Jacobs of the marine corps.

Official Notification
Dr. and Mrs. M. C. Barber, parents of Lieutenant Barber, received a telegram this afternoon from Washington signed by Acting Adjutant General Harris, as follows:

"Deeply regret to report that Lieutenant Newell Barber of the air service is officially reported as killed in action on August 11th." No other information was given in the telegram.

It was about two weeks ago that the first inkling of Lieutenant Barber's death reached the United States and Medford when his parents received a letter from a lieutenant in Barber's squadron relating that on August 11th, while a detail of American air men were in combat with a superior number of German aeroplanes the Medford soldier's plane was disabled and he was seen descending behind the German lines, from which time nothing had been heard of him up to the time of writing.

Since the arrival of the letter no word had been received by Dr. and Mrs. Barber or the war department as to Newell's fate until the telegram arrived this afternoon.

Parents Prostrated
Altho in a way prepared for the worst Dr. and Mrs. Barber were almost prostrated by this afternoon's sad news, as the longer time went by without any official news from the war department the more they believed that their son had landed safely and was a prisoner. Mrs. Barber took part in the Mothers day parade last Saturday night firm in her conviction that Newell was alive and a prisoner.

Newell Barber was 20 years old. In the spring of 1917 along with other high school boys he quit school and enlisted in the aviation service. He was trained at the San Diego aviation field and the aviation school at Berkeley, and soon showed such aptitude for the service and proficiency, that a brilliant military career with a commission and rapid advancement were predicted for him. He was commissioned lieutenant last January and a short time later sailed for France.

REMAINS OF CZAR BURIED BY TROOPS OF PEOPLE'S ARMY

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 24.—Solemn ceremonies over the body of Nicholas Romanoff, former emperor of Russia, have been held at Yekaterinburg by troops of the "people's army," according to Izvestia of Moscow. The body has been buried in a wood near where the emperor was executed. The work of exhumation was done in the presence of many representatives of the supreme ecclesiastical authorities of western Siberia, as well as delegates of the "people's army," Cossacks and Czechoslovakians. The body was placed in a zinc coffin encoined in Siberian cedar and placed in the cathedral at Yekaterinburg under a guard of honor. It will be buried in a special sarcophagus at Omsk.

SERB VICTORY GROWING IN MAGNITUDE

Pursuing Forces in Dorian Region Effect Junction With Those From Monastir and Continue Chase of Fleeing Bulgarians on 100 Mile Front—Villages and Stores Being Burned by Fleeing Troops Who Suffer Immense Losses in Flight.

SOFIA, Sept. 22.—"As a result of our front giving way in the angle between the Cerna and the Vardar," says the Bulgarian war office statement today, "our adjacent units were withdrawn to new positions to the south of Prilep and to the north of Doiran."

Germans in Command
LONDON, Sept. 24.—French newspapers emphasize that it is the German high command which has been beaten in Palestine and Macedonia. Field Marshal von Sanders commanded the Turks in Palestine, while the Balkan front was under the direction of General Scholtz and one of the defeated Bulgarian armies was commanded by General von Steinben.

Juncture Effected
LONDON, Sept. 24.—The Anglo-Greek forces in the Doiran region have effected a juncture with the Franco-Greek forces to the west and continue to pursue the retreating Bulgarians, says the British official statement on Macedonian operations. The Anglo-Greeks have reached Smokvitz, marking an advance of ten miles up the Vardar and are at Bazarli, three miles north of Lake Doiran.

"The pursuit of the retreating Bulgarians on the Monastir and Doiran fronts continues. The Anglo-Greeks have reached the line Bazarli-Purka-Smokvitz, where they are in touch with the Franco-Greek forces."

Bulgarians Deserting
PARIS, Sept. 24.—(Havas.)—Many Bulgarian troops are deserting, according to advices from the Macedonian front. It is reported that 560 men from one regiment have been executed at the command of German officers.

Astonishing Achievement
LONDON, Sept. 24.—The London newspapers comment on the Balkan advance as an astonishing achievement and a more surprising one than General Allenby's operation in Palestine. The Bulgarian front had proved itself impenetrable so often that the first news of the attack aroused no eager expectation. The topographical difficulties had been so repeatedly explained—mountain ranges twisting and doubling up on each other in bewildering fashion; the lack of roads and the existence of innumerable deep ravines—that the people had come to regard the post-

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INSPECTS DAMAGE DONE TO METZ

PARIS, Sunday, Sept. 22.—The governor of Alsace-Lorraine visited Metz Thursday "to inspect the damage caused by the long distance bombardment," says a Havas dispatch from Basel today. The governor's purpose also was to visit the injured in the hospitals, the message says.

Dispatches from the American front to the Associated Press Saturday night emphasized the fact that there had been no bombardment of Metz, although the forts around it have been under fire and a shell occasionally has fallen in the vicinity of the city.