

Allied Forces Begin Drive on Constantinople

London, Oct. 3.—Events of the greatest importance are moving in the Balkans. Apart from the imminent entry of Greece into the war there is indication tonight that the Russian-Romanian drive towards Constantinople is actually begun.

Berlin frankly admits that Romanian forces have crossed the Danube and are invading Bulgaria while Bucharest announces in a few words of brief import that the Teuton line is falling back before attacks in Dobruja. This is the path of the Russian-Romanian advance forecasted in newspaper stories freely published in Paris today.

British Front in France, Oct. 2. Via London.—The British forces on the front were surprised to find among the prisoners taken last night sailors from the second German naval division, which had been rushed to the Somme front. This force, was, for the first time, employed outside of Belgium, where the sailors had been kept for two years with their naval guns, which guard the coast.

Paris, Oct. 2.—Gen. Joffre under date of Sept. 29 sent the following order of the day to the armies of the north:

"The general commander-in-chief expresses great satisfaction to the troops who have been fighting unceasingly on the Somme for nearly three months. By their valor and perseverance they have given blows to the enemy from which he has difficulty in recovering.

"Verdun relieved; twenty-five villages reconquered; more than 35,000 prisoners and 150 cannon taken; successive enemy lines broken through for a depth of ten kilometers—such are the results already obtained.

Petrograd, Oct. 2, via London.—The fighting along the southwestern front has reached another of its periodic climaxes, which has turned in favor of the Russians, yielding them a large number of prisoners, and has again threatened Lemberg from two important directions—along the main railway from Brody to Lemberg and from Brestany.

Two Others Gone.

London, Oct. 3.—The steamers Hafnia and Hekia, both Norwegian, have been sunk by a German submarine, according to a Russian despatch from Vadsoe, Norway. The crews were landed in their own boats, which were towed by the submarine.

The Hafnia was of 962 tons. Three Norwegian steamers sailing under the name of Hekia, of 850 tons, 2,672 tons and 824 tons, are listed.

Obliged to Retire.

Vienna, Oct. 3, via London.—The following communication from general headquarters issued today reads:

"Romanian front: In the Orsova sector we captured some heights, and west of Petrovsky seized Mount Oboro, Romanian counter-attacks were repulsed. On the great Kukul river our advanced posts were obliged to retire to Kokoli.

"In the Carpathians there is a lull. Southwest of Brestany fighting is progressing in our favor.

"Front of Prince Leopold: On the Brody-Zlochoff road the German and Austro-Hungarian troops recaptured by counter-attacks all the ground lost Saturday. Twenty-four Russian officers and 2,000 men, together with eleven machine guns were taken. On the railway between Brody and Lemberg the Russian attack ended with the complete failure of the enemy.

"Volhynia: General Terebeny's army was exposed all day Sunday to the heaviest artillery fire since the war was resumed. Early this morning the enemy directed strong columns against our positions northwest of Svaty. He was repulsed by counter-attacks.

"Italian front: The enemy artillery developed great activity against the fire coast front. Our positions on the Carso plateau were especially violently bombarded. Fighting continued in this sector during the night.

"Balkans: Nothing of importance has occurred."

Stem Fighting Proceeds.

Sofia, via London, Oct. 2.—The war office today issued the following official communication:

"Sunday, west and east of Florina, our infantry repulsed enemy attacks north of the village of Armenio, near the village of Krushergard, and in the region of the village of Sevich. Stem fighting is proceeding for possession of the height of Kaimaktsalan.

"In the Moglicina Valley there is lively artillery fighting. Enemy attacks against the Boutschka Height failed completely.

"On the Struma front there has been lively artillery fighting, under cover of which enemy battalions advanced toward the villages of Kandikeyev and Komarits. They were repulsed by our fire. The fighting continues.

"On the Aegean coast several enemy warships violently shelled the heights north of the village of Orfano. This bombardment set fire to and destroyed the village of Langur.

"Romanian front: The situation is unchanged and calm. We felled an enemy aeroplane in the environs of the village of Iyghonner in the Koutbounor region. Both men in the machine were saved."

The Turks Victorious?

Constantinople, Sept. 30, via Berlin and Seyville, Oct. 2.—An official statement given out by the Turkish war department says:

"Russian forces in Persia, camping to the south of Sakis, thirty miles south-east of Sonbulik, were attacked and routed by the Turks. Sakis was occupied by the Turks on the night of September 26-27."

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The receipts of the St. John branch of the Patriotic Fund, for the month of September show a total of \$14,087.47 while the amount paid out is \$15,086.72. Since May the figures have been running pretty nearly the same for the month and variations being only a matter of a few dollars. It is also noticeable that this similarity extends to the number of families on the roll and to the amount paid per family.

The receipts for September were increased by the amounts made at the three patriotic fairs, held under the auspices of the Rotary Club at Hampton, Westville and Torrsburg. As a result of these outings the Rotary Club was able to hand the sum of \$6,000 to the fund. The receipts from the Military Molly Fair in St. Andrew's rink are not included in the total for September. This amount will go to swell the present month's contributions. The difference between receipts and disbursements for the month of September thus show \$101.25.

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