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TURKS IN FLIGHT EAST OF JORDAN RIVER ARE BEING PURSUED BY THE ALLIES

MUST BE NO STOPPING NOW THAT THE ALLIES HAVE THE UPPER HAND

Duke of Aosta, Commander of Third Italian Army, Urges That Fight Be Continued to Utmost—Vivid Description of How Austrian Offensive Along Piave Was Stopped.

PARIS, Sept. 24.—How the Austrian offensive along the Piave river was stopped was described today by the Duke of Aosta, commander of the 3rd Italian Army, which was located south of the Montello plateau during the fighting. In an interview with the foreign editor of the *Matin*, he said:

"We had to deal with an enemy who had prepared everything minutely, but we were forewarned. I did not have a moment's uneasiness."

"I let him advance across the Piave along certain fronts as far as Monasterio and then when he was just where I wanted him, my batteries opened a concentric fire. What butchery! The Austrians will long remember it. The next day I viewed the battlefield. God knows I saw massacres during the three years I fought on the terrible Carso plateau, but my eyes never before gazed on such a spectacle."

Plenty of Reserves.
Discussing the war situation as a whole the duke said:

"What the Allied troops are doing against the German army fills me with admiration and wonder. I freely admit that I never believed this vast offensive would be possible before next spring. That it could be launched this

year in the middle of the German attack and lead to such victories is a marvel, and also is proof that for Marshal Foch the problem of reserves has ceased to be a care."

"Reserves? The whole question lies there. If one is certain of being able to reinforce and relieve the troops engaged while the action is proceeding, one can boldly embark on no matter what operation."

Urges No Let Up.
"But," continued the duke, "now that we have the upper hand there must be no stopping. We owe it to ourselves. On our front also the enemy has revealed himself to be inspired by savage barbarity. The air attacks on our open towns, the slavery imposed upon the population of the invaded territory and a hundred other revelations of his infamy have awakened in all Italian hearts the ancestral hate for the oppressor of our race. For my part, I cannot imagine a peace giving the Germans and the Austrians the right to come peacefully to trade and travel in our country."

"But let us leave politics. I am a soldier and that is all I want to be—a soldier like the youngest of them here. These around me know that, and I think they return it in devotion and affection. Go and see them. You will behold heroes—those who have repelled the enemy, those of Venice who have occupied the delta of the Piave. They are fighting the fight under such conditions that one must bow before them. Thanks to them Venice breathes freely, awaiting the day of revenge."

OTTOMAN ARMY FACING ALLENBY TOTALED 100,000

British Troops Put Enemy to Flight by a Brilliant Stroke.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Gen. Allenby's remarkable success in Palestine, achieved against a total enemy strength of 100,000 troops, according to unofficial dispatches reaching London. Figures as to the number of men in the Turkish army in the Holy Land have hitherto referred mostly to the strength of 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 Gen. Allenby's plan of hitting the strongest point in the Turkish defenses, added to the success. The rush of the British cavalry completed the enemy's discomfiture.

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 Gen. Allenby's success lies in the reorganization he effected in his forces since the German offensive on the western front last night. The Turkish withdrawal to France of a part of his army.

WASHINGTON HOTEL FIRE RESULTS IN LOSS OF \$100,000

Blaze of Unknown Origin in the New Willard.

Washington, Sept. 24.—Police and fire officials today were investigating the origin of a fire early this morning in the New Willard Hotel, which caused damage estimated at \$100,000 and sent hundreds of guests, many of them national prominence, scurrying through the smoke-filled corridors to the lobby and safety. Some of the women guests became hysterical, several fainted, and one attempted to jump from a third-story window, but was prevented by a hotel attendant.

Vice-President Marshall, senators, representatives and cabinet members, with their families, were among the scantily-clad guests who quickly reached the lobby by means of the elevator and stairways. The vice-president, aroused from sleep by Mrs. Marshall, made his way with her, their adopted baby and nurse, down three flights of stairs. "I wish I had brought a gas mask to the hotel with me tonight," said he. "I have one in my office that I have been threatening for a long time to use in the Senate."

KAISER HANDS OUT 400 MORE IRON CROSSES

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Emperor William visited Brieg, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. He distributed 400 iron crosses, inspected field hospitals, and spoke to German, Austrian, French and British wounded in the respective languages. Later he addressed Austrian officers.

"You may fight our battles as good comrades, and in return for our help, which we have often given you, and for your strong, free and common future."

SERBIAN VICTORY EQUALED BREAKING OF THE WOTAN LINE

London Press Regards Balkan Advance as One of History's Greatest Military Feats.

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The London newspapers comment on the Balkan advance as an astonishing achievement and a more surprising one than Gen. Allenby's operation in Palestine.

"The whole line is in rapid movement on a front of a hundred miles," says the *Daily Telegraph*, "while the wedge separating the two Bulgarian armies threatens their destruction."

The Serbian advance is one of the most wonderful feats in military history, a deed comparable to the breaking of the Wotan line," says the *Daily Mail*. "They have stormed positions which many of the allied experts regarded impregnable."

SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING
A map showing the front lines in the Balkans, with various towns and positions marked. The map includes locations such as Belgrade, Zemun, Novi Sad, and other strategic points in the region.

Vital sector around St. Quentin, where the British and French are gradually breaking down the enemy's resistance.

BULGARIANS DESERTING BY HUNDREDS

Over 500 From One Regiment Executed by German Officers.

Paris, Sept. 24.—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.

LONE BANDIT HOLDS UP MAIL TRAIN ON GREAT NORTHERN

Forced Crew to Uncouple the Engine to Allow Him to Escape.

Seattle, Sept. 24.—Great Northern train en route from Vancouver, B. C., to Seattle, was held up last night by a bandit near Mukilteo, according to reports reaching here. The bandit, who carried the mail car of some registered mail pouches, forced the train crew to uncouple the engine and then carry him to Meadowdale, where he escaped.

ROBBER STILL AT LARGE.
Seattle, Sept. 24.—Several thousand dollars in registered mail was obtained, postal officials said today, by the bandit who last night single-handedly held up a passenger train on the Great Northern Railroad near Mukilteo.

An all-night search failed to reveal any clue to the robber. Bloodhounds were sent out on the scene and a track leading into the woods was taken up. The robber appeared with a drawn gun before the engine crew and forced them to stop the train. He then compelled the uncoupling of the mail and baggage cars during which he took two shots at the fireman, who had thrown a hammer at him. After going through the mail sacks he fled to the woods.

REFUSAL OF PEACE NOTE IS JUSTIFIED, SAYS FOE PAPER

Rhenisch Westphalian Gazette Regards Allied War Cry as Sincere.

Geneva, Sept. 23.—Deploping the fallacy of the Austrian peace proposals, the Rhenisch Westphalian Gazette says:

"The motives for the note from Austria are multiple, but the refusal is unanimous. The allied war cry is not one of boasting or bluff, but comes from the heart. We must recognize this fact, and also that it is justified, as the enemy must know our serious position, while all offers of peace come from us."

Killed By Motor After Three Years In the Trenches
Canadian Soldier On Leave Meets Death On Chicago Street.

Chicago, Sept. 24.—After spending three years in the trenches with the Canadian expeditionary forces, Sergeant Joseph H. Stokes, on leave from the Canadian army, was killed by an automobile here last night.



Advertiser Illustration.
Emperor Wilhelm—Donnerwetter! I thought that house was closed.—Philadelphia Record.

WORRYING ABOUT THE FUTURE

LONDON, Sept. 24.—The allied successes in France, Macedonia and Palestine have led the *Cologne Gazette* to anxious consideration regarding future military developments.

"We must do Foch the justice to say he is apparently beginning to obtain on a big scale that strategic unity he has already obtained on French soil," says this leading German newspaper, and after reviewing the situation in the various theatres of war it concedes that the prosecution from all sides of an offensive against the alliance of the central powers would be a master stroke. Having mentioned the unity of command and the superiority of the allies in men and material as conditions favoring them, it continues:

"We have already pointed out the enviable secrecy observed in the manufacture of armored tanks and the training of their crews, which now number not thousands but tens of thousands. To these must be added the increase in the number of guns, mine throwers, flame projectors, machine guns, gas and fog ammunition and airplanes of all kinds. No proof is necessary that German industry is unable to accomplish this in similar quantities. Especially as regards the armored tanks, there is no doubt that the numerical superiority is on the side of the enemy, and that he is bound to utilize it to the utmost."

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED BY U.S. TROOPS

Attack by Enemy On American Outposts Near Archangel Is Repulsed.

Archangel, Wednesday, Sept. 18.—In an attack against the American outposts south of Archangel yesterday the Bolsheviks sustained considerable losses. Eight dead were found in one heap in front of an advanced position, and three other bodies were found in a forest. Most of the Bolshevik dead were left.

The Bolshevik artillery bombarded the American positions with shrapnel, but did no harm. A wounded Bolshevik soldier declared that a shell from a Russo-American train had killed twenty men on a Bolshevik train. The fighting on this area is a combination of trench and Indian warfare. The trenches are along the railroad, but in the forests hemming the tracks the Russian railway employees are loyal to the Allies. They are operating trains under shrapnel fire, and even repair tracks in the open, unperturbed by bursting shells.

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THE WEATHER
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 64; lowest, 44.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 57; lowest, 47.
TOMORROW—LOCAL SHOWERS.
Toronto, Sept. 24—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Moderate winds; continued cool, and for the most part fair today and on Wednesday; local showers.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria..... 62 44 Clear
Calgary..... 56 32 Cloudy
Winnipeg..... 56 32 Fair
Port Arthur..... 54 34 Clear
Sarnia..... 54 38 Clear
Buffalo..... 60 52 Fair
Toronto..... 63 50 Cloudy
Kingston..... 60 50 Cloudy
Ottawa..... 59 42 Fair
Montreal..... 58 45 Cloudy
Quebec..... 54 38 Cloudy
Father Point..... 48 38 Cloudy
Weather Notes.
The barometer is highest over the Great Lakes, and there is an important disturbance just west of the Mississippi Valley.
The weather is cool and unsettled throughout the Dominion.

BRITISH OCCUPY HAIFA AND ACRE IN ADVANCE THROUGH THE HOLY LAND; TURKS ARE IN FULL FLIGHT

URGES U.S. TO DECLARE WAR ON THE TURKS AND BULGARS

American Newspaper Wants To See Yankees On the Eastern Battle Line.

New York, Sept. 24.—The British victory in Palestine is the leading feature in the morning newspapers. It is generally characterized as a brilliant feat of arms. The *Sun* editorially says the victory marks the end of the elaborately planned Baghdad route to India and the east.

The *Tribune* declares that the American public is jubilant at the inspiring news which has been coming from the British and Turkish fronts.

It again urges a declaration of war by the U. S. against Turkey and Bulgaria so that Americans may get into the eastern battle line. The world says the British success is one of the decisive victories of the war.

The *Times* describes General Allenby's victory as "brilliant, admirable, complete," and concludes that with the Allied fleets controlling the sea, a sudden surprise landing near Aleppo would complete the ruin of the Turkish forces in Syria.

CONDUCTOR JAMMED BETWEEN TRAIN AND CAR FERRY SLIP

Charles Cline Injured at Port Burwell Early Today.

[Special to the Advertiser.]
DUNDAS, Sept. 24.—Charles Cline of West Toronto, a C. P. R. conductor, was injured at Port Burwell early this morning when he was caught between his train and the opening to the car ferry. He was badly jammed, his leg being broken, and severe bruises inflicted. He was placed in a caboose and rushed to Ingersoll, being taken immediately on his arrival to Alexandra Hospital. His injuries, however, are said not to be as serious as was at first supposed.

THE WAR SITUATION
New York, Sept. 24.—The Associated Press this morning issued the following:
In Palestine, Macedonia and France the 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 his army step by step toward the north. The investment of St. Quentin and is fighting toward the northern outskirts of that German strong point from east of Verdun.

On the Mediterranean coast of Palestine British cavalry has occupied the ports of Haifa and Acre, marking an advance from north of Jaffa of more than sixty miles since the present operations began. Acre has been famous in history for the sieges it has undergone and Napoleon met with a serious repulse there in 1799.

The rout of the Turks in the area west of the Jordan has compelled the Turkish east of the Jordan to retreat. They are being pursued closely by Allenby's army. The investment of St. Quentin and is fighting toward the northern outskirts of that German strong point from east of Verdun.

East of the Jordan River the Enemy Is Withdrawing Towards Amman, Allied Troops In Pursuit Have Reached Es-Salt---Haig Advancing On St. Quentin.

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 towards 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 town of Ma'an, southeast of the Dead Sea, on the Hedjaz railway, has been occupied by Allied forces. Other Arabs are attacking parties of Turks retreating towards Amman along this railway. The text of the statement reads:

"East of the Jordan the enemy is withdrawing towards 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 northwards towards Amman along the Hedjaz railway."

BRITISH FORCES ARE GRADUALLY CLOSING IN ON ST. QUENTIN

London, Sept. 24.—British forces are pressing in on St. Quentin directly from the west, today's report from Field Marshal Haig shows. He reports fighting taking place to the British advantage and announces progress by the attacking forces in the region east of Verdun.

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.

In Flanders British troops succeeded in pushing forward and occupying a portion of the old British front line southeast of Voormezele, below Ypres.

The text of the statement reads:
"Fighting is taking place to our advantage in the sector east of Verdun, where we are reported to be making progress."

"A local attack made by the enemy yesterday north of the Little Priel Farm (opposite Le Catelet) was successfully repulsed, leaving prisoners in our hands."

"During the night the enemy attacked our new positions southeast of Gavrelle, supporting the assault with a heavy artillery barrage. The attack was completely repulsed, our line remaining intact."

"We improved our position slightly north of Moeuvres, and by a successful minor operation carried out during the night regained a portion of the old British front line southeast of Voormezele. Hostile raiding parties were driven off last night west of Bellenglise (north of St. Quentin) and east of Neuve Chapelle. The enemy raided one of our posts south of the Scarpe river."

GREAT ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

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.

The text of the statement reads:
"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 the Butte Du Mesnil resulted in the taking of forty prisoners by the French."

YANKEES REPULSE ENEMY RAID FOLLOWING GAS BOMBARDMENT
With the American Army on the Lorraine Front, Sept. 24.—Artillery fire prevented a German raid from materializing on this front yesterday. Warning of the enemy's intention was given by the start of a German barrage over the American lines at an early hour. As it shifted from the front lines to the back areas the American fire opened so effectively that any attempt of the German infantry to attack was out of the question. Isolated sectors were submitted to a harassing bombardment during the morning. This fire, however, did no damage. The enemy is still busy, continued on Page Three.