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AMERICANS ADVANCE SEVEN MILES TAKE 12 TOWNS AND 5000 PRISONERS

French Co-operate and Gain Four Miles on 20-Mile Front, While in Champagne They Recapture Servon After Four Years---British Troops Have Invaded Bulgaria, and Also Have Advanced Near St. Quentin on Western Front.

FRENCH TROOPS RETAKE TOWN HELD BY GERMANS SINCE 1914

Bitter Struggle Expected New Offensive in Champagne Will Mean Hard Fighting on Both Sides.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The new allied offensive in the Champagne was begun three years almost to a day after the first offensive of the French on the same front on September 25, 1915. The French fourth army is conducting the attack in conjunction with American forces and the front extends to the east and west of the Argonne Forest.

Gen. Petain Personally Directs Operation Resulting in Capture of Servon in the Champagne.

With the French Army on the Champagne front, Sept. 26, the French troops attacked the German positions in the Champagne from Auberive to the Main Massiges this morning about five o'clock and carried their first objectives without much opposition, except on the left, where rather stiff fighting was required.

FIRST AMERICAN ARMY GAINS ON 20-MILE FRONT AT VERDUN

WITH BOMBS AND BAYONETS BRITISH CAPTURE A TRENCH

Take Section of Somewhat Formidable Line and Fight Way Thru to Neighborhood of Chateau Wood.

BRITISH Headquarters in France, Sept. 26.—Last evening after a sharp bout at bombing and bayoneting, the British took a trench of some length—a section of a somewhat formidable line. By sundown they had worked thru Selency to the neighborhood of Chateau Wood.

French Troops on Both Sides of the Argonne Are Co-operating Satisfactorily, and Have Advanced Nearly Four Miles.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Attacking this morning over a front of twenty miles west of Verdun, in co-operation with the French, the American first army advanced to an average depth of seven miles and captured twelve towns and more than 5000 prisoners.

British Horse Enters Bulgarian Territory

Italians Cut Off One Army of Enemy---Serbians Advance on Uskub, Chief Centre of Communications.

London, Sept. 26.—The reports received today emphasized the demoralization of the Bulgarians, who are retreating in confusion, leaving behind an enormous amount of material and probably many thousands of prisoners, as the allied troops strain every effort to get to Uskub and thereby make the victory complete.

British Clear Shores Of Lake of Tiberias

After Occupying Amman, Gen. Allenby's Cavalry Drives Turks Up Hedjaz Railway Into Arms of Arabs.

London, Sept. 26.—In Palestine, the southern and western shores of the Lake of Tiberias are generally in British hands. The Turkish garrisons retreated stiffly but were overcome. Our cavalry occupied Amman and are now driving the enemy up the Hedjaz railway into the arms of the Arabs.

FRENCH LOSSES REPORTED LOW

Germans Sacrificed Thousands of Men to Hold Lost Positions.

With the French Army on the Champagne front, Sept. 26.—Troops of the French army, operating in conjunction with the Americans in a new battle along the Champagne front, have today conquered positions which the Germans have been fortifying for four years, positions that have sacrificed thousands of men to hold. The French losses have been remarkably light, in spite of the fact that the German resistance stiffened this afternoon.

TIBERIAS OCCUPIED IN BRITISH ADVANCE

Other Towns Taken on Shores of Sea of Galilee.

London, Sept. 26.—British troops operating in Palestine are extending their occupation about the Sea of Galilee. They have occupied Tiberias and Semakh, on the borders of that sea, and Es-Samra, it was officially announced today.

BRITISH TAKE STRONG POINTS

Capture Trenches Near St. Quentin With Fifteen Hundred Prisoners.

London, Sept. 26.—Two British divisions have captured in the last few days a German system of trenches and strong points northwest of St. Quentin, with 1500 prisoners, according to the war office tonight. There were only minor encounters today. The text of the statement reads: "Except for encounters between raiding parties and patrols on different parts of the front, in the course of which we captured a few prisoners, there is nothing of special interest to report."

NO SUBMARINE RUNS IN THE TORONTO BAY

Much Curiosity Aroused Over Strange Craft Employed by Royal Air Force.

Much curiosity has been aroused lately by what was apparently a submarine running around the bay and out towards the western gap. The boat is at the dock at the York street wharf. It lies low in the water, is painted grey and is covered with armor plate. A tall top like a periscope is all that can be seen above the water when the boat is moving. It belongs to the Royal Air Force, and is used by the School of Aerial Gunnery at Beamsville for target practice, but is at present undergoing some repairs at the dock of the Canadian Beaver Company.

CANADIANS TAKE FURTHER GROUND

Ontario Troops in Front, Manitobans on Flank, Make Advance.

Ottawa, Sept. 26.—Fred James, official correspondent with the Canadian armies in the field in France, writes as follows: "Yesterday Ontario troops, by the application of clever tactics, outmanoeuvred a substantial force of Huns in front of Vis-en-Artois and Cherey. They applied the pincer method. One party attacked on a flank and another to the front in a strong trench system and pinched off a nose of enemy territory that promised to be a source of nuisance. This morning they hit out again, while Manitoba troops on the left charged ahead and captured another 1,500 yards. When the pincers closed a useful strip of ground, with a considerable number of machine guns, was in our hands with over 400 prisoners. In one strongly fortified position the entire garrison was wiped out."

BOLSHEVIK ABANDON REIGN OF TERROR RULE

Central Soviets Committee Rescinds Previous Policy.

Amsterdam, Sept. 26.—The Russian Bolshevik Government has issued a decree rescinding its reign of terror, according to The Mf of Moscow. The question was discussed at a meeting of the central committee of the soviet, the newspaper says, and when Premier Lenin expressed an earnest desire to return to orderly methods of government, a majority of those present supported him.

ONE HALF MILLION MEN FOR BOLSHEVIK ARMY

Soviets Plan Fifty-one Divisions on Volga Front Against Czech Force.

London, Sept. 26.—The plans for the Bolshevik army on the Volga front, which seriously endangers the Czech army in that region of Russia, call for 51 divisions, or a half million men. The army is constantly being reinforced by Germans and to a great extent it is led and instructed by Germans. The reports indicate that while some of the Bolshevik personnel of this army have improved in value, a majority of the soldiers are comparatively worthless.

SWISS MEDAL FOR WILSON

Geneva, Sept. 26.—The National Swiss subscription for the purpose of presenting to President Wilson a gold medal as a thank offering for the protection of Switzerland when in economic straits, is receiving the heartiest support.

SERBIANS TAKE VELES

London, Sept. 26, 7.30 p.m.—Veles, 25 miles southeast of Uskub in Macedonia, has been captured by the Serbians.

CITY HALL TAFFY WILL NOT MEET THE CASE.

Hok: Would you mind, mister, coming over the fence and meet me? I want to ask you something. Confetti Tommy: About what? Hok: About how workmen of Ward One and Tomorden are to get to the new national railway yards and shops at Leaside. Tom: I'm taking that up with the civic heads, and I'm getting a lot of sawdust ready for the situation. Hok: But they and the workmen all along the upper part of the town want to get there, too, not hand-shakes. Tom: Well, I could give them the glad assurances with a shower of city hall confetti. Hok: But that won't do. The government will have work for a thousand men with families in their shops and yards in a short time, and how are they to get there? And, now that Toronto is to be headquarters for the national railways, and, maybe, a little later, the headquarters of the Grand Trunk, is the city to make a move to meet the situation and opportunities that impend? Or will Montreal get it? Tommy: Well, give me a chance to consider the heads of departments, and— Hok: You'd better. There may be a man out for mayor who'll catch the votes of the workmen and the veterans. Tommy: Give me a chance. But don't throw too much of a scare into me, Hok. In the meantime have a packet of city hall confetti for any of the dear workmen and vets that you meet on the road. Hok: Not for me, mister. Action is what they want, not city hall taffy.

