

British Net Closing Around The Turks.

Allenby's Victory in Palestine Brilliant and Complete. More than 40,000 Prisoners With 265 Guns Captured in Macedonia. Enemy Armies Sent in Train. Drawing the Lines About St. Quentin.

WAR REVIEW.

The Teutonic Allied forces in Macedonia and Turkey still are in sight before the armies of the Entente, while on the highly important St. Quentin sector in France the British and French armies, after hard fighting, have drawn more closely their lines in the investment of the town on the northwest, west and south. The stubborn resistance of the Germans in defense and in counter attacks has been unavailing except to impede the progress of the men of the armies of Field Marshal Haig and General Debeney. In Macedonia the Bulgarians and German troops are still faced with disaster. In Palestine the remaining Turks seem to have scarcely a chance for escaping from the British forces and friendly tribesmen who are closing in upon them east of the River Jordan. More than 40,000 prisoners and 265 guns have been taken by the British, and yet General Allenby's appetite for further movements for his hard campaign has not been satisfied. Gauged by the swiftness of the strokes Allenby is delivering, it is his purpose absolutely to overwhelm the Ottomans, and the fulfillment of his plans seems appreciably near. In a less critical situation are the Germans and Bulgarians in the Macedonia theatre. Here, except immediately on the Bulgarian frontier where the mountainous country gives them ground for strong resistance to the invasion of Bulgarian territory through the passes, the Bulgarians and Germans everywhere are in rapid retreat before the Italians, Serbians, Greeks and British. Rent in twain at several points, the enemy forces are bewildered and operating as separate units respectively on the western and eastern flanks. The Italians, Greeks and British are fast throwing forward their lines in endeavors to envelop the enemy, while in the center where the Serbians have driven their sharp wedge toward

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IN MACEDONIA.

PARIS, Sept. 25. Preparations for the present great operation in Macedonia began in August, telegraphs the correspondent of the Petit Parisien on the Salonika front. Various circumstances prevented General Franquet Desperre, the Allied Commander, from beginning his preparations earlier, and quick work was imperative, for if the sum-

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JAPANESE TAKE POSSESSION OF BLAGOVIESCHE.

LONDON, Sept. 25. (By the A.P.) Japanese troops took possession of Blagoviesche, the capital of the Amur Province, the capture of which was reported on Sept. 12. After the Bolshevik elements had left the town three Japanese gunboats, accompanied the Japanese transports on their journey up the river. The Russians in the district were very friendly and facilitated the progress of the Japanese squadron.

SUCCESSFUL RAID.

LONDON, Sept. 25. In Flanders last night a successful raid was carried out by the British in the neighborhood of Wolvorghen and in this and other encounters prisoners were taken, Field Marshal Haig's official report to-day announces.

PRISONERS AND GUNS TAKEN.

LONDON, Sept. 25. More than 40,000 prisoners and 265 guns have been taken by the British in their successful offensive in Palestine, it is officially announced this afternoon. The British forces operating east of the Jordan apparently are in a favorable position to cut off the Turks retreating north along the Hedjaz railway. The British are now approaching Amman, on that railway. Arab forces are pressing the retreating enemy northward from Mattan.

BRAZIL AND AUSTRIA AT WAR.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Sept. 25. A state of war now exists between Brazil and Austria, though so far there has been no formal declaration of the fact. By instruction from his Government, the Brazilian Minister at Vienna has closed his Legation, and

departed for Brazil, and it is understood that the Austrian Minister at Rio de Janeiro is returning to his country shortly.

RESUMED WORK.

CARDIFF, Sept. 25. At a meeting here to-day, 3,000 railway men decided unanimously to resume work at once.

THE TRAIN STRIKE.

LONDON, Sept. 25. While the train service on the main line of the Great Western Railroad was somewhat improved to-day, service on the other railroads was discontinued by the striking engineers, firemen and engine crews who have been on strike for several days. Parts of the South Western and Great Eastern main lines were affected, and local and submarine districts were without adequate train service, compelling munition workers to walk along the railway lines to reach their work. Other city workers besieged the tramways and busses at an early hour. Freight trains generally were at a standstill during the night, and the consequent congestion in the yards was very great. The Northern London railway resumed passenger service early to-day.

ARCHBISHOP IRELAND DEAD.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 25. Archbishop John Ireland of the St. Paul Diocese, Roman Catholic Church, died at 3:55 o'clock this morning after a long illness of heart disease and stomach trouble. He was 80 years old.

COMPLETE VICTORY.

LONDON, Sept. 24. Detailed reports of operations in Palestine lag considerably behind events there. The latest reports from the Associated British correspondents sent from Nabulus on Monday emphasize the thoroughness of the destruction of the 7th and 8th Turkish armies. Remnants of these forces which succeeded in crossing Jordan river, are isolated, and are almost entirely without war materials. "There has been no more complete victory in history," the correspondent says. "Groups of men have been found sitting under white flags awaiting the acceptance of their surrender." Aside from more than 260 guns captured, vast quantities of ammunition are lying everywhere, some munition depots covering acres of ground. It is reported that if the Turks try to raise new armies to replace those destroyed, they must call on Germany to supply every gun and every instrument of war, as the Turks manufacture only small arm ammunition. The correspondent describes a remarkable spectacle around Balata. This area was strewn with wreckage of the retreat. Here alone the British captured 87 cannon, a thousand of horse-drawn vehicles, hundreds of motor lorries and field kitchens, water carts and masses of other implements. This material mingled with thousands of bodies of Turks, Germans and horses block the roads. Much of the destruction was wrought by airplanes which swooped down upon the retreating columns and dropped bombs from a low altitude until whole columns became vast broken masses of men. Those who escaped wounds or death fled to the hills abandoning everything. Many of these were captured by cavalry while others sought refuge in the British lines.

AIR RAIDS ON GERMAN TOWNS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 25. Forty-seven air raids were made on German towns during the month of August, according to an official statement issued at Berlin. This statement says that 79 persons were killed and 113 injured during the raids.

THE HYPOCRITES.

LONDON, Sept. 25. Expressing confidence in Field Marshal Von Hindenburg and General Ludendorff Chancellor Von Hertling in the German Reichstag yesterday said they would be equal to the situation and that the Allies "premature cries of victory" will soon die away. He continued "certainly the pure enthusiasm which characterized Aug. 1914 could not last but the firm resolve to hold out till the end will, despite all vacillations and vicissitudes, continue. The people at home will not leave the army in the lurch just when everything is at stake. From the first day we waged the war as a war of defence, only to defend ourselves did we invade Belgium.

GERMAN ATTACK ENTIRE FAILURE.

PARIS, Sept. 25. German troops last night made an effort to regain some valuable ground recently won from them by the French near the Western end of the Chemin des Dames. They attacked in the region of the Moisy farm in this area, but according to to-day's War Office statement the effort was an entire failure.

MAINTAINS HER READINESS.

AMSTERDAM, Sept. 25. Germany maintains her readiness for peace despite repeated rejections of peace offers from the Central Powers, stated Admiral Von Hintze, the German Foreign Secretary, in addressing the Reichstag's main committee. Speaking on the recent Austrian peace proposal the Foreign Secretary

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