

British Success in Palestine and Macedonia.

British Make Prisoners of 18000 Turks, and Capture 120 Guns. Bulgarians Suffering Heavy Losses. Haig's Men Smash German Line at Four Points.

WAR REVIEW.

With the violence of the operations on the Western front in France considerably diminished in intensity, the operations in Palestine and the Bulgarians against their Allies in Macedonia are being put to the test, but nowhere thus far have they been able to hold back the British. In Palestine the British have been in process of being crushed. In Macedonia the British forces are driving sharp wedges considerable distances into the enemy fronts. In France and Flanders there has been a fighting rising in importance above patrol engagements. The British, French and American troops have kept the upper hand and advanced their respective lines. Of transcendent interest for the moment at least are the operations of the British General Allenby's forces in Palestine. Here in less than ten days the British have swept forward in the centre across the River Jordan and taken the famous city of Amman, while their wings closed in and in a swift enveloping movement, and nipped within the jaws of the great pincer all the Ottoman forces in the coastal sector, the plain of Hama, the hill region in the centre and along the western Jordan Valley, while to the northeast the British Arab forces of the King of Hedjaz have cut all railway communications in front of the fleeing Turks and are standing a barrier to their escape by way of the eastern coast. More than 18,000 Turks have been made prisoners by the British, and in excess of 120 had been captured when the last reports from General Allenby were received. In addition great quantities of war material had been captured and still more had not been counted owing to the rapidity of the movement. It is improbable that within the bag of strings of which have been drawn thousands of Turks are smashed. Many of these already made prisoners fleeing in disorder, literally fell into the hands of the British, knowing their line of retreat had been cut off. Although the Turks at these points offered considerable resistance to the British, at no point were they able to stay the advance on the famous field of Armageddon which the British cavalry swept across and occupied Nazareth to the east. In the operation of sewing the net within the sack, the British are playing an important role, vigorously driving the retreating Turks and inflicting enormous casualties on them. Losses of General Allenby are deemed as slight in comparison with the importance of the movement carried out. In Macedonia the Italians joined the fray with the British, Serb, Serbian and Greek troops, and have had after the Bulgarians and allies, who are being driven toward southern Serbia. From the Cerna and Vardar Rivers, the Bulgarians and Germans are sending up reinforcements, the British troops have continued their advance. The Serbians west of the Prithva River have crossed the Prithva road at Kavardar, which constitutes an advance of more than 100 miles into their once-held territory. The Italian operations in the famous region of Monastir the Italians began operations in the famous bend and have taken several towns, while between the Cerna and Vardar, the French also have had success.

captured the town of Benay, and made progress north of that place, says today's war office announcement. Castres, where the French are but slightly more than two miles from St. Quentin, a German counter attack was repulsed.

PROGRESS ON FLANDERS FRONT.

LONDON, Sept. 21. Further steps forward have been made by the British on the Flanders front. Field Marshal Haig's statement to-day announces the improvement of the British positions west of Messines to the south of Ypres, where a strong point was captured. North-east of St. Quentin the British continued their progress through the main Hindenburg line, advancing their front northwest of Bellengise. North of Gauche Wood, west of Villers Guislain, the British have been pressed back slightly. A British detachment of seven men was surrounded and believed to have been captured when the Germans took Mouevres. Their post was in the northern part of the village and they held it for two days during the German occupation, inflicting losses on the enemy. When the village was retaken the entire party rejoined its unit without loss.

ATTACK RESUMED.

LONDON, Sept. 21. (Official.)—The British attack against the Hindenburg line northwest of St. Quentin, was resumed this morning east of Epehy, says the official report from Field Marshal Haig to-day.

SMASHING THE GERMAN LINE.

LONDON, Sept. 22. Field Marshal Haig's troops last night smashed into the German line at four distinct points. On the battle-front near Gavre north of the Scarpe, the British advanced on a two mile front. East of Epehy the British captured several organized points of resistance, according to to-day's British official statement. North of Epehy Haig's men pushed forward in the sector south of Villers Guislain. They also repulsed a German attack on Mouevres and then improved their positions there. This morning the Germans attacked the positions of the British northwest of LaBasse in Flanders. Fighting is still in progress.

FRENCH LINER TORPEDOED.

PARIS, Sept. 20. The French line steamship Admiral Charner, bound from Bizerta to Malta, has been torpedoed with the loss of six lives, according to an official statement. The passengers and crew numbered 174. An unseen submarine fired three torpedoes, two of which struck the ship but the vessel remained afloat three hours.

BRITISH MONITOR SUNK.

LONDON, Sept. 21. A British monitor was sunk on Monday, as she was lying in the harbor, the Admiralty announced to-day. One officer and 19 men were killed and 57 men are missing and are presumed to have been killed.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

LONDON, Sept. 21. British casualties for the week ending to-day, follows: Officers, killed or died of wounds, 487, men, 3,153; officers wounded or missing, 1,916; men, 17,206.

AIR WORK.

LONDON, Sept. 20. The achievements of the British air forces in the past week have been among the most remarkable of the war. From information supplied by the Air Ministry the Associated Press has learned that sixty tons of bombs were dropped in German territory in five days by the British machines. This exceeds the record for any previous fortnight. These long distance raids have been directed chiefly against poison gas and airplane factories at Mannheim, the chemical works at Stuttgart, the railway station at Frankfurt and the docks and sidings at Karlsruhe. Their destructive effect is shown by photographs. Aerial assaults over the battle areas



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WESTERN THEATRE, Sept. 19. Despite the vigorous resistance of the enemy rearguards, the offensive against the Cerna and Vardar Rivers has reached progress to-day. Allied forces have reached the region of Drenna. Serbian forces have gained a foothold on the left bank of the Cerna in the region of Dnyve. The Serbs have succeeded in accumulating progress in the direction of Konopce where they have traversed particularly difficult ground on the range between the Belashnitza River and Boshava. French and Greek forces have taken the village of Tushk and have gained a foothold on the left bank of the Drenna. Because of difficult conditions over the vast amount of ground covered in the operation, it is possible as yet to estimate the number of prisoners taken, but it is estimated that 5,000 prisoners and 80 guns have been captured. The operations of the Greeks and British in the Lake Doiran region which has been marked by furious battles are progressing. Violent counterattacks have been made in vain by the Bulgarian forces.

BENAY CAPTURED.

PARIS, Sept. 21. The drive for the outflanking of the Hindenburg line, the French last night

have been numerous acting in conjunction with the Franco-American offensive. Thirty-five separate raids were made between Sept. 13 and 18 against enemy airdromes and vital railway junctions. Thirteen of them were against the Metz Sablonz railroad. Altogether British airmen have dropped 120 tons of bombs upon the western battle front in the course of a week exclusive of the explosives dropped in Germany. Ninety tons were dropped on Bruges, Ostend and other German coastal defences in air fighting, during which twelve enemy machines were destroyed and nine disabled while five British planes were lost. The number of German machines destroyed altogether in the week was 101 while 37 were disabled. The British losses totalled fifty.

Express Passengers.

The following passengers are on the incoming express, due this p.m.: Major Kennedy, Mrs. Kennedy, Lieut. Mews, N. B. Stewart, A. Goodridge, L. E. Emerson, A. B. Smith, E. and Mrs. Myrick, H. M. O'Brige, N. Morine, J. Kennedy, E. and Mrs. Yetman, Miss Yetman, Miss M. Pourvier, J. Kehoe, Miss E. Kennedy, Miss A. Curtin, D. Curtin.

Decoration Presented.

At Saturday afternoon's Reception at Government House, the Governor presented two decorations. To Mr. Arthur Mews, Deputy Colonial Secretary, the insignia of the Companionship of the Most Distinguished Order of St. Michael and St. George, and to Capt. Wm. Bartlett, Rigus, the Military Cross won by his son, Capt. Rupert Bartlett, of the Newfoundland Regiment.

Mr. Mews, who was granted the dignity on 1st of last January, was presented to the Governor by Mr. Robert Watson. It also was Capt. Bartlett.

Church Parades.

The C. C. C. under command of Lt. Col. Conroy and Capt. Perez held a church parade yesterday morning, attending last Mass at the Cathedral. Rev. Dr. Green celebrated Mass, the preacher being Rev. Fr. Conway who delivered an eloquent sermon. About 120 lads assisted in the turn out.

HIGHLANDERS.

The Newfoundland Highlanders under command of Lieut. W. Herder, held a church parade yesterday morning, attending Divine Service at St. Andrew's Church. Rev. Gordon Dickie, M.A., officiated and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon. Following service the battalion headed by the pipes returned to Headquarters via Queen's Road and Rawlins' Green. Quite a number of ex-members retired from active service, took part in the parade.

Wrecked at St Lawrence.

Deputy Minister of Customs, Le Mesurier received the following message Saturday from the Sub-Collector at St. Lawrence:—"Schooner Adriatic, 93 tons, Francis Pine, master, went ashore last night on the east side of the entrance to this harbour, and is a total wreck. Vessel was bound to Hr. Grace in ballast. Crew safe."

Shower of Gifts.

Miss Armored Harris is in receipt of the following letter from Her Majesty the Queen: Buckingham Palace, July, 1918. Her Majesty the Queen desires to convey to all the Branches of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and to all who have in any way contributed to the "Shower of Gifts," the expression of her grateful thanks for the way in which they have seen fit to mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of her wedding day. It is a source of peculiar gratification to Her Majesty that they should have made her silver wedding the occasion of special effort on behalf of the sick and wounded. No expression of loyalty towards her could take a form more pleasing to Her Majesty than this mark of sympathy with the sufferers in this terrible war—sympathy in which she shares to the full. The Shower of Gifts has come from every corner of the globe, and from every quarter of the King's far-flung Dominions, and is of a volume and variety truly wonderful. The Queen hopes that all who have contributed thereto will realize that Her Majesty is deeply touched by this manifestation of loyalty and good will.

From Labrador.

The following message from Capt. G. Barbour, of the Wren, was received Saturday by Minister of Marine Stone, from Makovic, via Fogo: "Made another trip to Ryan's Bay and found eight schooners there, the highest with 400 qts. Schooners have from 100 to 200, and they average from Farmyards to Ryan's Bay about 250. The good weather of late has helped the fishery considerably. No wrecks or loss of life for the season. Quite a number of schooners on the way south."

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Circuit Court Returns.

Mr. Justice Kent and the members who attended on the Northern Circuit Court returned to town by the D. P. Ingraham Saturday afternoon. The Court was absent three weeks and visited settlements from Trinity to Conche on the N. E. Coast. A number of exemption cases were considered by the Court, however not nearly as many as anticipated. A bigamy case was heard at Little Bay, the accused being Mrs. Rhoda May. She pleaded guilty and gave as her defence that she believed her first husband dead, he having been absent for some years. She was sentenced to one year's imprisonment. At Trov-town a case of atrocious assault was heard. The principals were a man of more than 60 years and a girl of tender age. Accused was proven not guilty. P. T. Halley was Crown Prosecutor in both cases and A. B. Morine defended the accused in the latter case.

Personal.

Mr. Harold Tessier, who was down north on business, returned to the city by yesterday's express. Mr. A. J. Bayly, Secretary of the Agricultural Board, who was visiting points in Bonnavista Bay, arrived in the city yesterday. Mr. A. L. Barrett, Editor of the Western Star, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett, arrived from Curling by express yesterday and are staying at Balsam Place. Major Kennedy, R.A.F., who lectures on "Aviation" to-morrow night at the Methodist College Hall, is a passenger by the incoming express. His wife accompanies him.



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