

BULGARIAN FORCES IN FULL FLIGHT, PURSUED BY SERBS

Burning Villages and Supplies in Retreat—Serbs, French, Greeks and British in Strong Attacks Carry Important Positions.

A despatch from London says: News from the Macedonian front shows that the allied successes are extending beyond all expectations. British and Greek troops are now officially reported to have gained enemy first positions on a wide front, while the Serbian and French operations continue to develop amazingly. A Reuter's despatch says that the Serbians have completely broken the Bulgarian front. Other Serbian cavalry are advancing upon the important junction of Prilep. The front is now twenty-five miles wide, and is regarded as a most important success. It looks likely that the allies will clear the whole of this area.

The late French official report, under date of September 18, reads as follows:

"On September 17 and 18 the allied armies in the East greatly extended the successes of the two preceding days. The Bulgarian divisions engaged on the front of the attack retreated in disorder on the Cerna. Our troops in their pursuit, however, had the Cerna on one part of its course and have occupied in the mountainous zone Guyrov, Kamen and Chazerna, have crossed the Belashitso River, and gone beyond the region of Roden, as well as the Blatets massif.

"The enemy left behind prisoners and considerable material, which have not yet been enumerated.

"In the region of Lake Doiran British and Greek troops likewise have carried forward an attack and gained a foothold in the enemy first positions, notwithstanding stubborn resistance. A great number of prisoners have already fallen into our hands. The attack continues."

The Bulgarians are in flight in Macedonia, and are burning stores

and villages, according to a Serbian official statement received here. The allied troops now have advanced more than 12 miles, and their progress is so rapid that they have not been able to count the prisoners and war material taken. New regiments thrown in by the Bulgarians have been forced to retreat with the others.

The Bulgarians have been defeated completely, and the Serbian troops are pursuing them day and night. The Serbian and French troops have taken the towns of Topolitsa, Pishishtia, Reshishta, Melynite, Vitolshtia and Rasimbye. They have also taken the height of Kuchkov Kamen.

A later despatch says:—In Macedonia both the French-Serbian and British-Greek detachments have gained important victories over the Bulgarians. The Serbians have extended their front westward to the Cerna River, and it is now 25 miles wide.

The total depth of the advance is 15 to 17 miles. All the Bulgarian trench systems on the Serbian front have been penetrated. Allied cavalry has taken up the pursuit, and one cavalry unit has crossed the Cerna 20 miles north of the Sokol positions. Another force of horsemen has moved the same distance north-east.

The capture of several villages and 5,000 prisoners are reported in the Serbian official statement made public on Friday.

"Continuing our advance," the statement says, "we crossed the left bank of the Cerna River. The enemy burned his depots and camps."

"We have taken more than 5,000 prisoners and captured ten additional guns, mostly heavy pieces. Several villages have fallen into our hands."

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.24½; No. 2 Northern, \$2.21½; No. 3 Northern, \$2.17½; No. 4 wheat, \$2.11½, in store; Fort William, not including tax, \$2.11½; No. 2 C.W., 87c; extra No. 1 feed, 83c; No. 1 feed, 82c; No. 1 feed, 81½c, in store; Fort William, American corn—No. 3 yellow, kiln dried, nominal; No. 4 yellow, kiln dried, nominal.

Ontario Oats, New Crop—No. 2

white, 76 to 78c; No. 3 white, 75 to 77c, according to freight outside; Ontario wheat—No. 2, winter, per car lot, \$2.31; No. 3, winter, \$2.27; No. 2 spring, \$2.26; No. 3 spring, \$2.22, basis in store Montreal.

Peas—No. 2, nominal; Barley—Malting, new crop, \$1.04 to \$1.06.

Buckwheat—Nominal; Rye—No. 2, nominal; Peas—Nominal.

Manitoba flour—Old crop, war quality, \$11.35, Toronto.

Ontario flour—War quality, old crop, \$10.85, in bags, Montreal and Toronto, prompt shipment.

Milled—Grain lots, delivered; Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, \$36.40 per ton; shorts, \$41.40 per ton; Hay—No. 1, \$19 to \$20 per ton, track Toronto; mixed, \$17 to \$18 per ton, track.

Straw—Car lots, \$9 to \$9.50.

Country Produce—Wholesale

Eggs, No. 1, candled, 48 to 49c; selected, new laid, 52 to 54c; cartons, 54 to 55c.

Butter—Creamery, solids, 45½ to 46c; do fresh made, 47 to 48c; choice dairy prints, 41 to 42c; ordinary dairy prints, 38 to 40c; baker's 36 to 38c.

Oleomargarine (best grade), 32 to 34c.

Cheese—New, large, 23½ to 24c; twins, 23c to 24c; spring-made, large, 25½ to 26c; twins, 25 to 26c.

Beans—Canadian, prime, bushel, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Foreign, hand-picked, bushel, \$6.75 to \$7.

Comb Honey—Choice, 10 oz, \$5 to \$5.50 per dozen; 12 oz, \$3.50 to \$4 per dozen; seconds and dark comb, \$2.50 to \$2.75; bulk, 25 to 26c, per lb.

Maple Syrup—Imperial gallons, \$2.25; 5-gallon tins, \$2.10 per gallon. Maple sugar, per pound, 24 to 25c.

Provisions—Wholesale

Barrelled Meats—Pickled pork, \$48; mess pork, \$47.

Green Meats—Out of pickle, i.e., less than smoked.

Shank meat—Rolls, 32 to 33c; hams, medium, 38 to 39c; hams, 30 to 31c; cooked hams, 53 to 54c; backs, plain, 44 to 45c; backs, boneless, 48 to 50c.

Breakfast bacon, 42 to 44c; Cottage rolls, 35 to 36c.

Dry Salted Meats—Long clears, in tons, 30c; in cases, 30½c; clear bellies, 28 to 28½c; fat backs, 25c.

Lard—Pure, tierces, 30½ to 31c; tubs, 30½ to 31½c; pails, 31 to 31½c; prints, 32 to 32½c. Shortening, tierces 25½ to 26c; tubs, 26 to 26½c; pails, 26½ to 26¾c; 1-lb. prints, 27 to 27½c.

Montreal Markets

Montreal, Sept. 24.—Oats—Canadian Western, No. 2, \$1.01 to \$1.02; extra No. 1 feed, 97c.

Flour—New standard grade, \$11.35 to \$11.45; Rolled oats—Bays, 90 lbs, \$5.25 to \$5.30.

Bran \$37.00. Shorts, \$42.00. Mouille, \$67.00 to \$68.00. Hay—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$16.00.

Cheese—Finest cheddar, 22½ to 23c; Butter—Choice creamery, 45½ to 46c.

Eggs—Selected, 53 to 54c; No. 1 stock, 49c; No. 2 stock, 45 to 46c.

Potatoes—Per bag, car lots, \$1.90 to \$2.00. Dressed hogs—Abattoir killed, \$28.50.

Lard—Pure, wood pails, 20 lbs net, 31½ to 32c.

Live Stock Markets

Toronto, Sept. 24.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$15.50 to \$16.00; choice heavy steers, \$14.50 to \$15.00; butchers' cattle, choice, \$12.75 to \$13.50; do, good, \$11.50 to \$12.25; do, medium, \$10.85 to \$10.75; do, common, \$8.75 to \$9.25; butchers' bulls, choice, \$11.00 to \$11.25; do, medium bulls, \$10.25 to \$10.60; do, rough bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.50; butchers' cows, choice, \$10.25 to \$11.00; do, good, \$9.25 to \$9.50; do, medium, \$7.75 to \$8.50; do, common, \$7.25 to \$7.50; stockers, \$8.00 to \$10.50; feeders, \$10.50 to \$11.00; canners and cutters, \$5.50 to \$6.75; milkers, good to choice, \$9.00 to \$10.50; do, com. and med., \$6.50 to \$7.50; springers, \$9.00 to \$10.00; light ewes, \$12.00 to \$14.00; yearlings, \$15.00 to \$16.00; spring lambs, 17 to 17½c; calves, good to choice, \$14.00 to \$17.75; hogs, fed and watered, \$19.50 to \$19.75; do, weighed off cars, \$19.75 to \$20.00.

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Fresh products mean half the canning battle won.



Winter Travel in Murman Land—Yukon huskies should be useful there this winter or some of the dog sleds used by the boys in Manitoba.

ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY IN STRUGGLE FOR ST. QUENTIN

Allies Take 10,000 Prisoners and More Than 60 Big Guns—Enemy Counter-Attack Everywhere Repulsed.

A despatch from London says:—The prisoners taken by the British in the operations begun Wednesday northwest of St. Quentin now exceed Haig's report on Thursday night. More than sixty big guns were taken, and further ground was captured. Most of the fighting was around Gouzenourt and to the east of Epehy.

After a violent bombardment Wednesday afternoon the Germans launched a series of desperate attacks to regain their lost positions. They were everywhere beaten off. "Great numbers of German dead are lying before our positions on the whole front of the enemy attack," says Gen. Haig.

The important town of Contescourt, southwest of St. Quentin, and Castres, near it, are both in the hands of the French, operating on the right of the British. Our allies have also reached Benay.

A despatch from the British Army in France says:—Despite the serious menace which the British established over the Hindenburg line by their capture of ridges northwest of St. Quentin, the Germans Thursday morning continued to nurse their grievances without renewing on a large scale their costly counter-attacks of Wednesday evening.

Fighting still proceeded, particularly on the extreme flank of the battlefield, where the British were cleaning out strong points and strengthening their line, but the initiative remained entirely with them.

That the situation created by the British seizure of the long Hindenburg outpost line and the dominating heights in front of it could not remain stationary for long seemed a foregone conclusion. Whether the enemy would essay further heavy counter-attacks depended entirely on the badly-drained resources of his command, for the next move undoubtedly belonged to the Germans, since they must push the British back or continue to live with the naked sword hanging over them in this vital sector.

The enemy losses Thursday were extremely heavy, both in the early fighting and in the numerous counter-attacks which were thrown in toward night, in a desperate attempt to regain part of the lost ground. The whole zone of the long battlefield today was strewn with dead in field-grey uniforms.

LOCAL FIGHTING IMPROVES LINE

Scottish Troops Complete Capture of Moeuvres—British Steadily Press Forward.

A despatch from the British Army in the field says: The Hindenburg fortress line north-west of St. Quentin has not yielded any fresh counter-offensives since its tenants, the German 2nd and 18th armies, were thrown back with a loss of three ridges, ten villages, 10,000 men taken prisoners and between 60 and 70 guns. We hold nearly all the best ground from the neighborhood of Gouzenourt to the slopes in front of St. Quentin.

Immediately in front of the armies of Gen. Byng and Rawlinson the enemy is clinging to a series of fortified farms, small bits of woodland and ravines, but these are not a strong, continuous defensive system. We have complete observation over a vast stretch of German-held territory which is being made very uncomfortable for troops waiting over there.

Our victory on Thursday is bearing fruit. English, Scottish and Australian troops continued to improve their positions. At various points hard local fighting in the night yielded fragments of German infantry.

Machine-gun positions and several strong redoubts fell on Thursday.

A despatch from London says: Scottish troops Friday morning finally overcame the resistance of the Germans still in the village of Moeuvres, west of Cambrai, where there has been much violent fighting recently, and completely captured the village, according to Field Marshal Haig's communication on Friday night.

British Shell Blast Furnaces in Rhine Factories

London, Sept. 22.—The Entente allied independent air force on Friday dropped bombs on the German towns of Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Boulay, Freycaty and Morhange, according to an official statement issued this evening by the British Government.

Explosives were dropped on the Lanz Works at Mannheim, on wharves and factories at Karlsruhe, on blast furnaces at the Bierbach Works and on airfields at Boulay, Freycaty and Morhange.

One German machine was brought down. One allied machine is missing.

BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR PAST WEEK

London, Sept. 22.—British casualties for the last week follow: Officers killed or died of wounds, 487; men, 3,153.

Officers wounded or missing, 1,916; men, 17,206.

ALLIES MAKE PROGRESS IN BREAKING DOWN DEFENCES OF ST. QUENTIN

British Smashed in German Lines at Four Distinct Points—Laon Shelled by French—St. Quentin in Flames.

London, Sept. 22.—Field Marshal Haig's troops last night smashed into the German lines at four distinct points on the battlefield. Near Gavrelle, north of the Scarpe, the British advanced on a two-mile front. East of Epehy the British captured several organized points of resistance. The gains were made after stubborn fighting.

North of Epehy Haig's men pushed forward in the sector south of Villers-Guislain. They also repulsed a German attack on Moeuvres and then improved their positions there.

This morning the Germans attacked the British positions north-west of La Bassee, in Flanders, but the attack was not pressed.

London, Sept. 22.—Allied troops are progressing satisfactorily in breaking down the defences of St. Quentin. On the north the British are fighting in the Hindenburg positions and pressing toward the canal between St. Quentin and Cambrai, while on the south the French are moving forward steadily.

For a stretch of more than 10 miles north of St. Quentin the British now hold the dominating hills.

English troops attacked the German lines midway between Cambrai and St. Quentin Saturday on a front of from 2½ to three miles.

Field Marshal Haig's thrust was made towards the strip of high ground in front of the Hindenburg defences which cover the Scheldt Canal. Progress was made east of Epehy and near Hargicourt.

St. Quentin, as a result of the week's operations, is in a more serious position from the enemy viewpoint than probably at any time since the beginning of the war. A further push eastward by the British from their newly won height positions on the north-west will virtually place the allies on three sides of the town.

St. Quentin is an important outpost of Laon, perhaps the most important enemy base in Northern France. The French on the south are 10 miles from Laon and are hammering it with their big guns.

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