

BRITISH MADE GREAT ADVANCE ON EIGHT MILE FRONT

Famous German Salient of Thiepval Combles Utterly Annihilated--Three Towns and 2,300 Prisoners Taken From the Foe--First Use of the Wonderful New Armored Cars by British in the Offensive

BULGARIAN LINE PIERCED AT THREE SEPERATE POINTS

Serbs, French and Italo-British Forces All Penetrate Defences of Bulgars and Teutons

London, Sept. 16.—The allied offensive in Macedonia continues in full swing.

The Bulgar-German first line defences have been penetrated on the right by the Serbs, in the centre by the French, and on the left by the Italo-British forces. The most notable success during the last 24 hours was scored by the reorganized Serbian army.

After a three-day battle in which the Serbian first-appearing Prince Alexander gave the opening signal by personally firing the first gunshot, the Serbs have routed the conquerors of their country all along the front, driving them back upon the town of Gornjevo in an embittered dash at the point of the bayonet, and gained a firm foothold on the crest of Malkandze mountain, northwest of Ostrovo Lake. In their pursuit of the Bulgars they took the village of Ekslau, driving the defenders back 12 miles. Twenty-five cannon and prisoners, as yet unaccounted, fell into Serbian hands. The Bulgars fell back about twelve miles.

British and French Advance Simultaneously the allied right wing, formed by the British on the Struma River, took by storm the town of Makukovo and two points to the north, immediately entrenching themselves. They took 100 prisoners and ten machine guns.

Meanwhile the French, in the centre, between the Vardar and Lake Doiran, also pushed their lines forward. They scored an advance half a mile deep on a front of about a mile. The German war office admitted yesterday the capture of Malkandze by the Serbs, "after violent fighting," but asserted that the British east of the Vardar were driven out of German trenches in which they had gained a foothold.

DAILY COURIER GIVING AWAY ONE FIVE PASSENGER TOURING CAR AND TEN OTHER BIG PRIZES

The Largest Contest Ever Put on by Any Newspaper in Brantford or Surrounding Country--Your One Great Chance to Win a Small Fortune For a Little of Your Spare Time--Get Busy To-day and Nominate Yourself or Some Friend

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- Two Set Rings and two Seal Rings.
- Ten per cent. to all who fail to win one of these prizes that are active until the close of the contest.

The contest begins to-day. It will close at 8 p.m., Saturday, November 25, 1916. A full page advertisement on Page 17 of to-day's Daily Courier contains the rules and regulations of the popularity contest, together with a detailed description of the various prizes. Read carefully and if you want to win an automobile, act immediately. There's a coupon for 1,000 votes in the display advertisement. That will insure you a good start. The rest depends upon your popularity, upon your ability to hustle and upon your stick-to-itiveness.

Start Working Now.

If you intend to enter the contest DO IT NOW. Delay will be dangerous and may result in your ultimate defeat. The real hustlers will be out and working before noon, Monday, and they won't stop until the last hour of the contest. Everybody who enters at once is placed upon an even footing with the rest. His or her work is securing subscriptions to The Daily Courier which will count in the end.

This is the biggest contest ever staged by a newspaper in this part of Ontario. It is sure to bring out the best that is in the hustlers who strive for the magnificent prizes.

Two Districts.

The Daily Courier contest is "different." Any man, woman or child in this territory is eligible. The territory has been divided into two districts, thus giving the person in the rural community a good chance to win the five-passenger touring car, or any of the other prizes, as the person who resides in the heart of Brantford. The rural contestant, in fact, should have a slightly better chance than his city cousin as there are sure to be more contestants to the square inch in Brantford than in the smaller towns or in the rural communities.

Following are the two districts:
District One, the City of Brantford.
District Two, all towns and rural routes outside of Brantford.

The ability to solicit subscribers is not everything. Popularity counts almost as much. Each day, in The Daily Courier will be published a "daily vote." These votes, clipped out and brought or mailed to the contest manager will But, of course, the special ballots which go with new or renewed subscriptions are going to count the most in the long run.

The Daily Courier has earned and kept its title of "Western Ontario's Best Newspaper," since its start, and the contestant will have no difficulty in introducing his or her business to the public. Those who are already subscribers to The Daily Courier are certain to want to renew. Those who are not subscribers are certain to be open for convincing arguments on your part. Work and popularity will win. Consider your chances and start the ball rolling.

Read the page advertisement in this issue and get busy at once. If you do not thoroughly understand the proposition, either call or write the Contest Manager, Daily Courier, Brantford, Ontario.

CANADIAN TROOPS SHARED IN THE BIG BRITISH VICTORY

Advanced Distance of 1500 Yards After Fierce Fighting--Took Large Number of Prisoners and Quantity of Enemy's Stores

London, Sept. 16.—Information reached us last night that there was nothing for the Canadian infantry to do but wait forward. The position which faced them was strongly fortified both above and underground. Even when the artillery ceased and the infantry went forward it was certain there were many of the enemy still lying and waiting with machine guns to give the Canadian assault a fierce reception. However, our infantry went forward steadily. I may perhaps be allowed to state that in the cluod among them were certain battalions who suffered pretty severely in heavy encounters. They were all right in their movements this time, though advancing steadily and maintaining their driving force even when the casualties began to look large. Germans were found hiding with machine guns in pretty well constructed

emplacements, but gradually they were killed or taken prisoner. There were prisoners, indeed, by the score. Many of them surrendered in batches, while the trenches captured were filled with German dead. The Canadians secured roughly an advance of fifteen hundred yards, and maintained all the gains. A large quantity of enemy stores, especially machine guns, were also secured.

The foregoing despatch from the correspondent of the Canadian Associated Press, evidently has been cut by the censor. The reference to "certain battalions who suffered pretty severely in heavy encounters," which was recently reported to have been moved from Ypres to the Somme. No doubt they took part in the British advance between Combles and the Pozieres-Bapaume road.

U.S. ENQUIRES RE BLOCKADE ORDER

Do Not Wish Neutral Trade Cut Off by Great Britain.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The state department to-day sought to learn through diplomatic channels precisely what commodities are included in Great Britain's latest blockade order restricting shipments from the United States to Holland and the Scandinavian countries. If the action is found to shut off any great quantity of American trade with these neutral countries, it doubtless will be regarded seriously by the government.

Interest in the effect of the order is enhanced at this time because President Wilson was granted authority by recent legislation to retaliate against countries interfering unduly with American commerce.

The state department also is interested in ascertaining whether the reported arrangement between Great Britain and France for exchange of commodities whose importation from other countries is forbidden, does not violate the British-American commercial treaty of 1915.

THE HUN ATTACKS FAILED.

Paris, Sept. 16, noon—German counter-attacks were made on the French lines both north and south of the Somme last night. They were unsuccessful, the War Office announced to-day. The assaults were delivered to the east of Clerly on the north bank of the river and east of Berny to the south of the stream, below Peronne.

During yesterday's fighting to-day's bulletin states the French took 400 prisoners. In a single trench the bodies of 86 dead Germans were picked up.

BRITISH HOLD THREE VILLAGES.

London, Sept. 16, 1.55 p.m.—As a result of their offensive north of the Somme, begun yesterday morning along the six mile front from north of Combles to beyond the Pozieres-Bapaume road, the British hold in their entirety the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich and Flers, the War Office announced this afternoon.

REPORT OF THE CANADIAN EYE-WITNESS AT THE FRONT

Ottawa, Ont., Sept. 16.—Canadian headquarters in France, via London Sept. 15.—The ordinary activities of trench warfare, with which the Canadians are now so well acquainted, continued to occupy their attention during the past week. The steady training of specialists, which had been proceeding for several months, is bearing fruit. Our snipers showed their skill and ingenuity and were able each day to claim a number of the enemy.

Sniper Dillon of a Winnipeg battalion, lay 25 yards in front of our

For Twelve Hours the Battle Endured Steadily--Prisoners and Supplies Fall Into the Hands of the British in Large Numbers and Quantities; Excellent Work of Armored Motor Cars

London, Sept. 16.—The now famous German salient line, Thiepval-Combles, is no longer.

The British tore it wide open yesterday. In a twelve-hour battle on the eight-mile front from Thiepval to east of the Kaiser's most powerful guns—150 to a mile—they stormed, pierced, shattered and then occupied that stretch of the German front north of the Somme which hitherto had acted as a defiant block to their advance on Combles and Bapaume. The barrier broken down Sir Douglas Haig's troops pushed considerably beyond it, in the face of twelve hundred men of the Somme drive almost as ominously close to Bapaume as it is to Combles and Peronne.

"Wunder Werk" Taken by Storm The end of the fighting last night saw the British in possession of practically all the high ground between Combles and the Albert-Pozieres-Bapaume highway. Three towns, Flers, Martinpuich and Courcellette, and High Wood were completely captured, as was the greater part of Bois-leux Wood. The powerful German redoubt called "Wunder Werk" (Wonder Work) because of its supposed impregnability, was taken by storm in the turning of the salient's tip near Thiepval.

More than 2,300 prisoners were taken, including sixty-five officers. All this was achieved within a few hours after the German War Office in its regular daily statement early yesterday afternoon had announced: "An attempt by considerable British forces to recapture by an encircling movement our salient line south of Thiepval met with failure."

Most Successful Day The day was the most successful for the British since the initial phase of the Somme battle. For three days their infantry had enjoyed comparative rest, while the artillery worked hard way for yesterday's new crush.

The French, though not launching an attack on a large front, worked hand-in-hand with the British in

drawing the ring around Combles still closer. The French War Office announced last night that General Foch's troops took a system of German trenches 500 metres deep north of Le Preiz Farm, which fell into their hands on Thursday. Last night the French took by storm a group of miles from Peronne. South of the Somme they captured three Teutish trenches near the village of Berny-en-Sauterre, taking 200 prisoners.

Aviators Share in Victory Apart from the results scored yesterday's resumption of the British part in the Somme drive was remarkable for two features. Never before has an attack been marked by such close and successful co-operation by the "eyes of the army," the aviators. The clash of the infantry legions on the blood-soaked ground was accompanied by a battle royal in the air. The British flyers were met by a column of Teuton aviators, the two air fleets vying with one another in daring, tenacity and skill. The British, according to the night report from headquarters, proved their superiority. Thirteen German machines were destroyed; nine others were brought down in a damaged condition. The British lost four.

Aviators' Valuable Work The official statement emphasizes the efficient work rendered by the aviators in furnishing "frequent and accurate reports," and with their machine guns engaging the German infantry and artillery in addition to spreading confusion behind the Teuton lines by shelling the railway stations and aerodromes.

The second spectacular feature of the battle was the introduction by the British for the first time of a new type of armored motor car which powerful traction enabled it to get trenches and shell craters as it goes over rough ground. A number of these new "wonder machines" whirled into battle with the infantry yesterday and in the night. Of the hall of shell the men cheered as they charged.

Further Details of British Victory--The Germans Completely Surprised

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Sept. 16.—The British push was largely down hill. They put behind them the high ground whose slopes gave them shelter from their guns, and whose crest gives them observation for their artillery fire. Evidently the Germans did not expect the attack, considering that the offensive was over and that the British would settle down for the winter in their new and advantageous positions.

Before sun-up, only an hour before the time set for the British attack, the Germans, who had no idea the British were coming, were surprised in another big push, made a small attack in the neighborhood of Moquet Farm. They took a section of trenches and were holding it at the moment when that wave of British, six miles long, began to move. The British reserves in that area swept over the Germans and their own men who were struggling with the Germans, on to the objective set for three days work.

A chill autumn morning sun hid the actual attack, which the British officers think was the most skillful the British army has ever made. The

British were putting behind them not only the ridge, but the old second line as well as the first line trenches, which they struggled so hard to cross and were going against the new third line which the Germans had been building under unceasing British shell fire.

With the infantry went those new motor cars, across trenches and shell holes. So ludicrous are they in appearance that the British soldiers laughed at them in the midst of their charge. They cheered them as they played their streams of machine gun bullets. Like some prehistoric monsters they must have seemed to the Germans, who had to seek dugouts or flight, or else they surrendered. "In one case one hundred Germans surrendered in a body to one of the armored motors. Again an aeroplane reported that one of the planes was moving up a street of the village of Flers, while wildly yelling British infantry followed it.

Aeroplanes descended very low during the battle and never were there more fights or more vicious than those yesterday, while the new armored cars were participating in the infantry charges. Altogether the British brought down 13 German planes.

BULGARS RETREAT TOWARD MONASTIR

By Courier Leased Wire. Saloniki, via London, Sept. 16.—3.10 a.m.—The Bulgarians are falling back in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by the victorious Serbians, according to an official statement issued at Serbian headquarters. The text of the statement follows: "After two days' artillery preparations and the occupation of the enemy's advance post, our troops carried out a decisive attack on the principal Bulgarian positions, in the direction of Florina, which was crowned with complete success. The captured guns are now in our hands, and Malakrekte's army is retreating in disorder toward Monastir, pursued by our victorious troops. We made a large number of pris-

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