

Allenby "Mops Up" Turks In Holy Land While Allies Progress In Other Fields

AMERICAN SHELLS SMASHING INTO METZ

City Which Germany Stole From France in 1870 Likely To Fall.

FORMIDABLE HUN FORTS ALREADY UNDER FIRE

Civilians Have Been Injured in the City Although Present Attack Is Strictly Limited To Fortifications.

By Wilbur Forrest. (Special Cable to the Tribune and Standard, Copyright, 1918, by New York Tribune, Inc.)

With the American Army in Lorraine, Sept. 23.—The Americans are occasionally shelling the fortifications of the German stronghold of Metz. From a high observation post I have been able to look along the Moselle River in the Valley of Moselle, as it winds and curves from France into Germany. Distinctly in the distance lies Metz with its great single-spired cathedral projecting into the sky while by its shimmering light could be seen the chimneys with tumble buildings sitting beneath them in the river valley. On the right and left of the city great hills which climb almost abruptly from the suburbs told where the formidable German forts of Metz sit in guard of the city which was stolen from France in 1870. The bursts of late afternoon sunshine through the shifting clouds brought out the small white houses on the hillside and equally discernible were the forbidding black gun positions of these hill fortresses.

Port Wagner was nearest our observation post and it was this fort the Americans shelled. The heavy crash of cannons behind us, the scream of missile over our heads, then the faint black smoke burst on the fort and we were told by the watch that from France to Germany it took something like thirty-seven seconds.

CLERGYMAN IS ARRESTED AS A DRAFT EVADER

Windsor, Ontario, Has a Sensation in the Arrest of Prominent Methodist Divine.

Windsor, Ont., Sept. 23.—Rev. George Kersey, pastor of the Howard Avenue Methodist Church, was turned over to the military officers, to be sent to London, this afternoon, as a defaulter, under the M. S. A. He was arrested Saturday, but freed temporarily to take charge of his services Sunday. He registered under the national registration act and had been categorized "A" by a medical board, but had failed to comply with the provisions of the Military Service Act. He is single, but is said to be above the age limit of the class for service thus far. It is claimed that he failed to comply through ignorance.

CONSERVATIVES AVOID A WAR-TIME ELECTION

Woodstock, Ont., Sept. 23.—Nominations were held this afternoon for the North Oxford vacancy in the Ontario Legislature. John A. Calder, the Liberal nominee, was the only candidate proposed, and was declared duly elected for the seat by the deputy returning officer, E. L. Sutherland.

APPALLING CONDITION IN RUSSIA

Stories of Wholesale Slaughter of Former Officers "Dangerous To Soviet" Told By Refugees.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Stories of wholesale slaughter of responsible people and former officers because they are "dangerous to the Soviet," are told in further accounts reaching the state department today of the reign of terror in Russian cities against which the American government has called upon all civilized nations to protest. All persons coming out of Russia are said to bring reports of the existence of appalling conditions. One detail is that the former officers are shot at night in the collars, the guns being muffled with silencers. One Peter, head of the Bolshevik extraordinary commission against counter-revolutions, is said to sign death warrants without reading the papers. The latest reports indicate that the British and French consul generals in Moscow are under arrest in their houses. American Consul General Poole is at liberty and permitted to visit his colleagues. Mr. Poole, today's report says, is being generally praised for his courageous and vigorous action.

FRENCH ARMY NOW ON LEFT BANK OF THE OISE

German Evacuated Vendeuil and General Debeney's Men Completed Conquest of That Sector.

With the French Army in France, Sept. 23.—(2:30 p.m. by the Associated Press)—The French now hold the left bank of the Oise for more than half the distance from Laferre to Moy.

General Debeney's troops captured the woods north of Ly-Pontaine last evening, and his patrols went through Vendeuil to the Oise. The Germans had evacuated Vendeuil under menace of being cornered there with their backs to the river by the French advancing toward the river in the region of Ly-Pontaine. The French about the same time reached the quarries just north of Travecy, which completed the conquest of the west bank of the Oise in that region.

MINERS KILLED IN MINE EXPLOSION

Two Dead As Result of Explosion in Quebec Zinc Mine.

Quebec, Sept. 23.—Coroner G. W. ed word from Notre Dame, Portneuf county, to the effect that two miners, whose names are not yet available, had been killed today at that place in an explosion in a zinc mine. The coroner will leave for the scene of the explosion tomorrow morning.

Canada Adopts Allied War Loaf

Twenty Per Cent of Substitutes Must Be Used With Wheat Flour — Food Board Issues Memorandum.

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Canada has adopted the Allied war loaf. Twenty per cent. of substitutes must be used with wheat flour. Announcing this policy, an official memorandum says: "The Canada Food Board, after full consideration of the matter, has adopted the policy of the Allied food controllers' resolution, as far as wheat products are concerned, and will use the Allied loaf. This means that twenty per cent. of substitutes must be used with wheat flour. The government heartily approves this policy. While the crops in Europe and the United States have been, considering everything, excellent, this year, and while there is a sufficiency of food in sight to meet our requirements for the next twelve months, nevertheless there is the greatest need for conservation, particularly in flour and wheat, for the purpose of creating a reserve sufficient against widespread unfavorable harvests or other unfavorable food conditions next year. The government, therefore, hopes the people of Canada will heartily and loyally assist to this end by using in their households, the amount of substitutes required under the regulations."

ALLENBY'S FORCES MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP OF TURKS

Victory in Palestine Most Complete of Any Reported Since Outbreak of War.

THE HOLY LAND FREE OF THE "UNBELIEVER"

Wonderful Success Comes To British — 25,000 Prisoners Already Counted and It Is Believed Whole Turkish Army Will Be Wiped Out.

By Arthur S. Draper. (Special cable to the New York Tribune and the St. John Standard.) (Copyright, 1918, New York Tribune, Inc.)

London, Sept. 23.—The news from the minor fronts is exceptionally fine. With today's reports the story of the destruction of the Turkish seventh and eighth armies in Palestine is almost complete. Allenby has shorted the Turkish army and has already gathered in 25,000 of the 43,000 Turks south of Nazareth and west of the Jordan. Allowing for the killed and wounded, who are not included in the 25,000, it is plain that the British general has made a clean sweep.

Guns numbering 260, and stores of ammunition, clothing, food and transport vehicles have been captured. It is possible that the haul of prisoners eventually may number more than 35,000. Falkenhayn, whose headquarters are at Aleppo, has suffered a grave defeat. No enemy army before has been so humbled in this war. With the capture of Jisr Damieh, the Turks' last exit is closed. From the Balkan front the news is almost equally as good. The first Bulgarian army now faces possible disaster. Its communication with the forces based on Dolran has been cut by the Serbo-French forces. Unless it can make a wide detour and cross the Vardar some twenty miles above Demirkap, which the Allies hold, the Bulgarian first army is threatened with destruction.

Though the Germans were helping the Bulgars, they were unable to stem the advance, and Saturday the Uskub Railway was cut. Another line from Gradsko to Prilep has been cut. In six days the Serbs have advanced forty miles.

QUEBEC DID WELL IN K. OF C. DRIVE

Quebec, Sept. 23.—The Knights of Columbus in this city announced tonight that Quebec district has subscribed to the Canadian Army Hut Fund, roughly speaking, \$76,000. Private subscriptions in this city amounted to \$25,000; the Quebec city council, \$5,000; Quebec provincial government, \$25,000; Three Rivers, over \$7,000; La Tuque, \$2,500. The town of Lewis has not yet been heard from nor the rural districts but the committee state that excellent results are looked for over night.

BRITISH MADE GAINS IN SUNDAY FIGHTING

SERBS CUT RAILWAY TO SALONIKI

Splendid Work By Our Heroic Allies in Macedonia.

BULGARIANS LOSE IMPORTANT LINES

In One Week Serbian Army Has Made Such Gains That Victory Approaching That in Palestine May Develop.

SERBIANS TAKE 10,000 PRISONERS

London, Sept. 23.—(5:20 p.m. Macedonia)—The Serbians have captured between nine thousand and one hundred and twenty guns, the Evening Standard says it learns.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Serbian forces in Macedonia reached the Vardar River last Saturday and besides cutting the railroad line to Saloniki there they also crossed the Cerina River and cut the road at Deonville, Gradsko and Prilep, the principal communications with the German army.

Constantinople Is Heavily Bombed By British Airmen

London, Sept. 23.—Constantinople was bombed by the British Royal Air Force Friday and Saturday of last week, according to an official communication issued by the Admiralty tonight. The statement says: "The Greeks co-operated in the bombing of Constantinople on Sept. 20 and 21, and dropped thousands of leaflets into Stamboul. A balloon shot down in the European operations in flames, set fire to three hangars, which were burned out."

JAPS TAKE SIBERIAN CITY AND 2,000 AUSTRO-GERMANS

First Notable Success of Allied Campaign in Siberia.

London, Sept. 23.—(By The Associated Press)—Blagoviestchensk, capital of the Siberian province of Amur and Alexievsk has been occupied by Japanese cavalry, according to information received by the Japanese embassy. Two thousand Austro-Germans were taken prisoner. They laid down their arms at Kokka.

WAR SUMMARY BY THE A. P.

New York, Sept. 23.—The Associated Press tonight issued the following: Hard days are everywhere upon the Teutonic allies. In Palestine the Turks are all but absolutely crushed; in Macedonia the Entente forces are harrying their foes and threatening them with similar disaster; in France the British and French troops slowly, but surely, are eating their way into the vitals of the German defensive positions, the collapse of which would result in important changes all along the western battle-front and in Eastern Siberia the Japanese have made additional strides forward in the process of reclaiming that territory for the Russians.

BELGIAN ARMY AGAIN ON DECK

Belgians on Yser Resisting German Attack With the Energy of 1914.

Paris, Sept. 23.—The Belgian official statement issued tonight says: "During the last two nights the enemy artillery was very active along the whole region north of the Yser, where he carried out harassing fires and shelled our batteries and communications. Our artillery replied energetically."

A vigorous attack attempted against one of our outposts on the night of September 21-22 completely failed our fire. The same night several of our cantonnements were bombed by airplanes."

Captured Point Northeast of Epehy Which Has Resisted Several Days.

SQUEEZING THE PINNERS TIGHTER ON ST. QUENTIN

Enemy Strongholds Have Also Been Cleared Out on Line To Cambrai in Successful Local Actions.

London, Sept. 23.—The British have captured a German strong point northeast of Epehy, which has resisted for several days, according to Field Marshal Haig's report from headquarters tonight.

The statement says: "By a successful local operation this morning northeast of Epehy we captured a German strong point which had been stubbornly defended for the past three days."

"North of this locality a hostile counter-attack in the morning succeeded in entering our positions at one point, where a party of the enemy is still holding out. Elsewhere the attack was repulsed."

The British have also captured some ground southeast of Villers-Guislain, on the front southwest of Cambrai, and have cleared out several enemy strongholds northeast of Ronsoy after hard fighting which lasted the greater part of Sunday night.

The Germans last evening delivered a counter-attack at Berthaucourt, near Fontenay, supported by heavy artillery fire. A sharp infantry engagement followed in which the Germans pushed forward into some of the British defences. An immediate counter-attack, however, completely restored the situation.

Aviators Active.

London, Sept. 23.—The British official communication dealing with aerial operations on the western front, issued tonight says: "Sunday night four bombs were dropped on Valenciennes aerodrome."

"Eight enemy planes were destroyed. Four of ours are missing."

"Sunday night four bombs were dropped on the Valenciennes aerodrome."

With the British Army in France, Sept. 23.—The continuous efforts of the enemy to dislodge the British from their positions about Epehy, which gravely threaten the Hindenburg line, have resulted in hard local fighting with the odds in favor of the British. The British troops have clung tenaciously to their new defences, while the weary and weakened Germans keep desperately hammering at them. The engagements reported along the remainder of the front have been of little consequence.

LABOR KING RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE

High Honor For Samuel Gompers, President of American Federation of Labor.

London, Sept. 23.—King George today received Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and the other members of the American mission. Mr. Gompers, who was first received alone, had a chat with the king on the subject of labor problems and the mission of the American labor leader to England. Subsequently the king saw all the members of the mission together. Queen Mary joined them later.

Their Majesties engaged in conversation with the members of the mission for more than an hour both expressing high appreciation of the attitude of labor toward the war and wishing the visitors a safe return home.

END OF DAYLIGHT TIME FOR SEASON OF 1918

Ottawa, Sept. 23.—Canada will resume ordinary time at 3 a.m. Sunday, October 27. All clocks will, at that hour, be put back sixty minutes.