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ALLIED PROGRESS IN MACEDONIA

Bulgarians are Completely Beaten and in Retreat, Burning Villages and Stores as they Retire. Allies Penetrated Twelve Miles into Enemy Positions.

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Sept. 20.—In Macedonia the Allied troops are pursuing the fleeing Bulgarians who, according to a Serbian official report, are retreating completely beaten and are burning their depots and stores as well as villages in the line of their retirement. The French and Serbs, following the Bulgarians doggedly, have occupied forty-five villages and defeated the Bulgarians who fought rear-guard actions with fresh troops brought up for the purpose. The depth of penetration in the centre of the attack is now over twelve miles and this has yielded many large calibre guns which the Bulgarians can ill afford to lose. The object of the attack, the turning of the principal enemy defensive positions on the Nidze range west of the Vardar, appears to have been achieved. The Allies are now headed down hill toward the valley of the Cherna and will be able to follow it northward to Volack where the Bulgarian lines of communication can be cut well to the rear of the Vardar positions.

LATER PARTICULARS OF THE GREAT VICTORY

10,000 Prisoners and 60 Guns Taken by British who Advance on Six Mile Front, Capturing Outposts of Hindenburg Line Between Gouzeacourt and St. Quentin. Magnificent Spirit of British Shown in Their Having, After a Hard Day's Fight, Renewed the Attack and Carried the Outposts of the Hindenburg Line Which They Now Hold. A Lull Follows the Great Battle to Enable British to Bring Up Their Heavy Guns to Complete the Smashing of the Remaining German Defences.

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—A great victory was won by the British army on Wednesday and early on Thursday morning along the battle line between Gouzeacourt and St. Quentin. Not only were the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line carried and held on a front of about six miles but over 10,000 prisoners were taken and sixty guns.

Arras Cambrai road. Then German artillery opened the battle by a violent bombardment which cut out the telephonic communication between the British divisions in the line and their supports. The infantry of the enemy came on in strength and renewed their assaults. Although beaten off with heavy losses in their first attacks at some places the Germans entered the British trenches but those who did so were overwhelmed.

Grand and made additional prisoners. East of the Ailette the night was marked by violent enemy reaction. Five different German counter attacks broken up before Alemaent and east of Moisy farm. The enemy suffered very heavy losses without obtaining the least result. On our side we occupied territory west of Aizy and north of Vally. An enemy attempt to cross the Vesle at Jonechery was broken up. Our patrols penetrated the enemy lines north west of Souain Champagne, and brought back prisoners.

There was a lull in the fighting yesterday the wide stretch of ground occupied during the British advance will have to be provided with roads gun positions and ammunition dumps before the heavy artillery, with which the Hindenburg line is being hammered can be brought up to the new front. The infantry cannot go forward from day to day as in open warfare where there are only haphazard defences. A period of preparation and of very thorough preparation will be necessary before a final attack can be launched.

The British line has been re-established everywhere and great numbers of German dead are lying before the positions of Byng's men along the whole front of the attack.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY ON THE LORRAINE, Sept. 20.—Enemy forces attempted to raid the American lines on this front this morning after two bombardments. They were repulsed and did not reach the American trenches at any point.

WONDERFUL BRITISH SPIRIT

The fighting spirit of the British armies which are assailing the Hindenburg defences is indicated by a report from Sir Douglas Haig, which shows that on Wednesday night, after a hard day's fighting in the course of which they had stormed their way forward to a depth of three miles against the most obstinate resistance, the fourth Australian division renewed the attack and carried the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line along the whole length of their fronts. English troops to the south of them have also reached these outpost lines to the north of Pontreux, which is less than a mile from Bellefleur on the St. Quentin Canal. There are several very strongly fortified defensive lines still to be taken before the British can be said to be through the line but it has been badly hammered, and its defenders are no longer convinced that it is impregnable.

SOME OF THE POSITIONS CAPTURED

The French night report says the assault on the German lines south of St. Quentin was continued yesterday. Debeney's troops have completed the occupation of Contecourt, captured Casters and reached the outskirts of Benay, a village less than a mile from the main Hindenburg line and five miles south of St. Quentin.

BRITISH SUCCESSES COMPLETE

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Sept. 20.—The British have made the extraordinary successes of the past two days complete. Germans who held the outposts of the Hindenburg line in spots between Cambrai and St. Quentin have been cleared out while in other places the British have regained outpost positions temporarily recaptured by the enemy which are absolutely essential to the safety of the great defensive system.

ONE MORE ADVANCE AND THEN THROUGH THE LINE

Another such advance as that of Wednesday will carry the British troops clean through.

ENVELOPING ST. QUENTIN

Their plan of action seems to contemplate an envelopment of the city from a point well to the south rather than a direct assault. There has been hard fighting near Jouay on the Aisne front, a little to the south of Fort Malmaison, the key to the Chemin Des Dames positions. Numerous German counter attacks have been repulsed and the French hold all the ground won in the recent advance. An appreciable advance was made yesterday and one hundred prisoners captured.

BERLIN REPORT

BERLIN, Sept. 20.—Via London, Sept. 20.—After fluctuating fighting on the front between Gouzeacourt and Hargicourt yesterday, says today's war office report, the towns of Epehy and Ronsey remained in the enemy's hands.

A VIOLENT GERMAN ATTACK FAILURE

While these operations were in progress on the St. Quentin front the Germans, probably in the hope of diverting some of the British troops assisting their sorely pressed divisions south of Gouzeacourt, delivered a powerful counter thrust in the Havincourt Wood region southwest of Cambrai and northward toward the

BRITISH PENETRATED A MILE FARTHER INTO ENEMY LINE

LONDON, Sept. 20.—Field Marshal Haig's report of the battle front operations today says: Shortly before midday yesterday English troops attacked in the Lempire Epehy sector. In spite of considerable opposition and in the face of heavy artillery and machine gun fire they made valuable progress to the depth of more than a mile behind the line previously gained in this locality. A strong point known as Malassise farm midway between L'Empire and Epehy and west of Le Catelet was captured after obstinate resistance and with it a number of small woods posts and defended localities forming part of our old defensive system. On the northern part of the battle front we attacked last night and recaptured Mouvres, an important point on the Canal Du Nord opposite Cambrai. Here also the enemy's resistance was obstinate. The fighting is still continuing. A few prisoners were taken in local engagements in other parts of the battle front and also north of Hulluch. North of Lens a hostile raiding party was repulsed.

BAKU EVACUATED BY THE BRITISH

(Special to The Guardian)
PARIS, Sept. 20.—The small British force in Baku was forced to evacuate the city about Sept 1 in the face of a heavy Turkish attack and because of the failure of the Armenian local troops to co-operate in the defence. The royal Warwickshire regiment, it is stated, had to cover a Russo Armenian retirement. The British expedition has been withdrawn to northern Persia presumably by steamer southward over the Caspian sea.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC

TORONTO, Sept. 21.—Westerly winds fair and clearing.
The tide will be high this morning at 11.56, tomorrow at 12.47 and Monday at 1.37; it will be high tomorrow morning at 12.47, Monday at 1 and Tuesday at 1.26.
The sun sets this evening at 7.20 tomorrow at 7.18 and Monday at 7.16; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.05, Monday at 7.06 and Tuesday at 7.07.
The moon rises this evening at 7.54 and tomorrow at 8.09.
The moon was full Friday Sept. 20th at 8.01 a. m.
The last quarter of the moon will be on Thursday, Sept. 26th at 11.39 p. m.
The length of today will be twelve hours and seventeen minutes and tomorrow twelve hours and thirteen minutes.

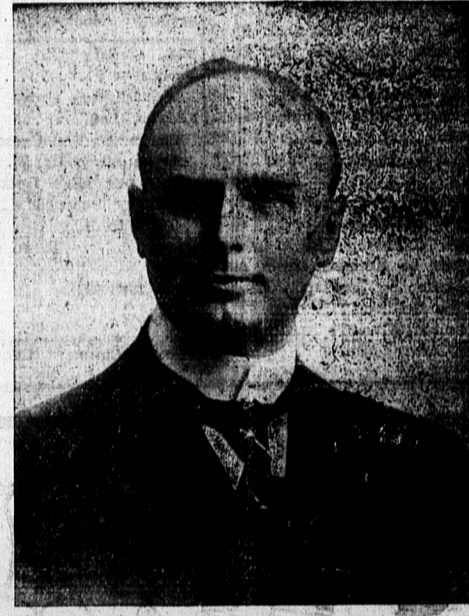
FRENCH TROOPS CAPTURE ESSIGNY

PARIS, Sept. 20.—The war office statement today says in the region of St. Quentin the French troops late last night captured Essigny Le

HOTEL VICTORIA RENOVATED AND RE-DECORATED

The Most Commodious and Finest Hotel in the Maritime Provinces has Just Been Renovated and Re-decorated at cost of Over \$3,000.

Charlottetown has the best hotel accommodation in the Maritime Provinces and the best hotel east of Montreal is undoubtedly the Hotel Victoria of which the genial and enterprising host is Ex-Mayor R. H. Sterns. Few people in the Province realize the extent of the accommodation provided by this most excellent hotel and when Mr. Sterns showed a number of leading citizens over it the other evening they were loud in their expressions of agreeable surprise and well-merited admiration. Recently the Hotel Victoria has been in the hands of the decorators, and now presents a completely renovated appearance from cellar to garret. The cost of the present work has been well over \$3,000, and altogether in the past fifteen years Mr. Sterns has spent \$78,000 on his property. It is really a palatial building and it is furnished and decorated on palatial lines. One would hardly credit that the Victoria has 119 bedrooms, 43 of which have baths attached, while there are no fewer than seven separate baths in the hotel. The rooms have the added advantage of all being on the outside and open to the "caller air" and radiant sunlight. The views from the upper windows are magnificent and unequalled in the Province. It is sheer delight to sit at one of these windows and enjoy the panorama spread before one's eyes.



The furnishing of the bedrooms is chaste and comfortable, great taste being shown in the choice of decorations and carpets, and there being a substantial brass bed in every room. Carpets are either Wilton or Brussels and of patterns restful to the eyes. The public rooms are furnished and decorated on a similar scale, excellent taste being exhibited in the selection of paper, paint, carpets and furniture. Today it would be hard to find in Canada a hotel of its class better provided for the comfort and convenience of the travelling public. The cuisine of this hotel is well-known for its excellence. No better table is provided for the money, or even twice the money anywhere in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Sterns owns his own farm and raises all the vegetables necessary for use in the hotel, and buys nothing but the best for the table. The result is that Charlottetown has in the Victoria a hotel equal to the best in a quarter of a million city and the pity is that we have not the travelling public to appreciate it as it should. But with the regular running of the car ferry there should be a continuous flow of travellers to justify to some extent the enterprise of Mr. Sterns, and in the summer months as the Island becomes better known as a health resort the hotel should be taxed to its capacity. It seems reasonable in these days of high cost of house keeping that not a few citizens would find it to their advantage to take up quarters in the Victoria in the winter months when no doubt special terms could be arranged.

Those who inspected the hotel on Thursday and expressed their appreciation of all they saw and of Mr. Sterns's enterprise were Mr. George Rogers, Mr. James Paton, M. L. A., Mr. J. O. Hyndman, Mr. J. P. Gordon, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, Col. Stewart, Mr. A. P. Prowse, Mr. E. G. Saunders, Mr. H. V. Buntain and others.

GERMAN CITIES BEING BOMBARDED

(Special to The Guardian)
AMSTERDAM, Sept. 20.—Allied airmen daily are bombarding Cologne, Coblenz and other German towns killing or injuring many persons, says the Het Volk. Many residents of the towns that are being raided are fleeing to Holland for safety.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK 58 OF CREW MISSING

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—A British armed boarding steamer was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine on Sept. 12. The British admiralty announced today. Fifty eight members of the crew are missing.

GERMAN BOYS SHOT FOR REFUSAL TO FIGHT

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—A large number of German recruits, mostly boys 18 years old refused to entrain for the front at Aix La Chapelle, according to Les Nouvelles which says that soldiers were ordered to fire on the mutineers of whom eight were killed and many wounded.

FORMING GOVERNMENT FOR RUSSIA

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—Alex. F. Kerensky, former Russian Premier, told the inter allied conference in session here today that the members of the old constituent assembly were meeting secretly in Russia and attempting to create a Government for the whole of Russia.

GERMANS DEFEATED IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

(Special to The Guardian)
LONDON, Sept. 20.—In northern Russian Karolian troops severely defeated forces led by German officers at Ukhtinskaya, says an official statement issued by the war office today. The battle took place Wednesday.

C.N.R. BOARD WILL NOT RECEIVE SALARY

(Special to The Guardian)
OTTAWA, Sept. 20.—The Evening Citizen states that the members of the new C. N. R. Board, with the exception of President Hanna and financial controller Mitchell, will not be paid salaries. The other members of the board will receive expenses and fees for attending board meetings.

LT. COLONEL A. E. INGS HOME FROM ENGLAND

In Conversation with The Guardian He Tells of the Formation and Preparing Up of the Fifth Division the Best Trained in England and the Forming of the New 104th.

Lieut. Colonel A. E. Ings who was the Officer commanding the original P. E. Island Regiment—the 105th is home from England. He arrived in Charlottetown on Thursday night and his numerous friends will be very pleased to see him once more.

Lieut. Colonel Ings, it will be remembered, went overseas second in command of the Sixth Mounted Rifles. He joined that unit in Amherst in March, 1915 and served in France during the winter of 1915-16. He returned to Canada in May, 1916, and took over the command of the 105th Battalion.

After a period of training in England the Fifth Division was formed. Many battalions were eager to be embodied in this division, said Col. Ings to a Guardian representative, but as only twelve could be taken a number of other battalions were broken up.

The 104th New Brunswick Battalion and the 105th were rivals for positions in this division. As there was not room for both a compromise was effected by which a composite battalion, known as the 104th (being the senior battalion) was formed on the basis of half officers and men being

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British Capture Russian Steamer

LONDON, Sept. 20.—British forces operating on the Archangel front in Russia have captured the enemy's largest steamer on the Dvina River. It was officially announced today.

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