

Hastily Brought Up Reinforcements Made To Retire By Serbians

Advancing at Rate of 40 Miles a Day Salient Driven Into Bulgar Lines at Sokol is Widened Until Front Reaches 50 Miles—Many Prisoners Are Captured and Much War Material—Bulgarians Around Lake Dorian and Germans Near Prilep Are in Bad Positions.

(By the Associated Press)

Serbian and Allied troops in central Macedonia have beaten the German and Bulgarian combination lines that expected to bring about a complete readjustment of the positions in Macedonian theatre of operations. The important railway lines from Uskub to Saloniki and from Gradsko to Prilep have been severed and the enemy forces around Lake Dorian and north of Monastir are indications of outflanks.

German and Bulgarian reinforcements have been sent to check the Serbian advance toward Uskub. The Serbian advance toward Uskub has been forced to join in the retreat of their comrades by the impetuous Serbs who now have advanced 40 miles since Sept. 19. Prisoners captured are being added to as the progress northward continues and the quantity of war material also is increasing.

The salient drive into the Bulgarian lines at Sokol has been widened until now the allies are advancing on a front of nearly 50 miles stretching from east of Monastir to the Vardar. When they reached the Vardar the Serbians were about to cut the railway running south toward Saloniki and the only communication line of the Bulgarians in the region of Lake Dorian. In the western flank the Serbs have pushed to the highest point of the mountain region in the upper part of the Cerna bend and cut the railway from Gradsko, southeast of Uskub to Prilep, the base of the German army operating north and northeast of Monastir. Cutting the railroads places two large enemy forces in great peril. The Bulgarians around Dorian might retire northward over the mountains in Bulgaria or north along the Vardar. British and Greek troops are opposing them on the south. The Serbs, could, however, by crossing in force to the east of the Vardar, cut off the best means of retreat.

Apparently the Germans around Prilep are in a worse position than the Bulgarians at Dorian. To retire northward will be moreover virtual cow paths toward Uskub.

London, Sept. 23.—Serbian troops have cut the main railway between Uskub and Saloniki and are west on the western border of the river, says the Serbian official statement of Sunday. Serbian infantry units now are in the mountainous regions and advanced twenty-five miles.

TWIN SUBMARINES ARE CHRISTENED TODAY AT LAUNCHING AT LAKE'S

Bottles of Champagne Broken on Bows of the R-22 and R-27 in Presence of Large Gathering of Distinguished Guests—Launching Entirely Successful.

Two more nails were driven in the coffin of William "the Last," today when a double launching at the Lake Torpedo Boat Company's yards added the R-22 and the R-27, two of the largest submarines ever built, to the fighting forces of Democracy.

The huge undersea boats slid down the ways amid the wild cheering of thousands of officials and employes, bands blared patriotic music, and every factory whistle and ship and automobile siren in the vicinity roared in a manner that could be heard for miles.

Long before one o'clock, the hour scheduled for the first of the twins to slide down the ways, the guests began to arrive and promptly at zero hour Mrs. E. A. Fekund, wife of the general superintendent, broke a bottle of champagne over the bows of R-22. Gradually the fighting craft gathered way and in a few seconds was in her element and being towed to her dock for completion.

Shortly after R-22 had taken the water the guests were conducted to the platform built around the bows of R-27 which was christened and sent on her errand of righteousness by Miss Mary Louise Foster, daughter of Judge Carl Foster. This event, like the first, was entirely successful and the sister ship was brought into her berth at the fitting dock.

The launching was a private affair, the general public not being admitted, but the employees of the yard were given invitation tickets for their friends and a large number of officials from shipbuilding yards in other parts of the country were present as the guests of the Lake company.

Never has a local yard seen the enthusiasm displayed at this big event, for the two boats just launched represented the united efforts of 3,000 men who have worked night and day despite adverse weather conditions to complete the boats which are bound to play a prominent part in the future history of the United States Navy.

Among the guests were Mayor and Mrs. Clifford B. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Edgar, J. A. Turner, F. E. Bartholomew, Furman South, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mercer D. Blondell, patent attorney for the Lake company; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Miller, Lieutenant Commander D. C. Linn, U. S. N., and Mrs. Linn, Lieutenant Commander F. W. Scanlan, U. S. N., and Mrs. Scanlan, Naval Constructor E. R. Norton, U. S. N., Lieutenant E. R. Morrissey, U. S. N., Lieutenant Joseph E. Austen, commander of the O-12, Lieutenant C. Lovelace, U. S. N., Lieutenant John H. Jack, U. S. N., Paymaster Edward B. Charbonnet, U. S. N., Ensign Hugh O'Reilly, paymaster paymaster U. S. N., C. N. Pinko,

ARCHBISHOP'S CONDITION GRAVE St. Paul, Sept. 23.—Despite two sinking spells throughout the night, Archbishop John Ireland still clung to life this morning. After each attack he rallied somewhat, but physicians hold no hope for his living throughout the day.

ALLENBY TAKES 25,000 TURKS IN PALESTINE

Has Also Captured 260 Guns According to Official Statement to London.

LAST AVENUE OF ESCAPE SEIZED

Reports 40,000 Moslems Trapped by Taking of Crossing of River.

London, Sept. 23.—Twenty-five thousand Turkish prisoners and 260 guns had been counted up to yesterday evening by General Allenby's forces pushing northward through Palestine, according to an official statement issued today by the war office.

Seizure by the British of the crossings of the Jordan at Jaram-d-Damer on Sunday morning shut the last avenue of escape to the Turks west on the Jordan.

Reports from the Palestine front this afternoon indicate that none of the Turkish force of at least 40,000 men trapped by the British through the seizure of the last of the passages of the Jordan can possibly get away.

The statement reads: "Having seized the passages of the Jordan at Jaram-d-Damer on the morning of Sept. 23, the last avenue of escape open to the enemy west of the river was closed by our troops."

"The seventh and eighth Turkish armies have virtually ceased to exist. Their entire transport is in our hands. By 8 p. m. on the 22nd 68,000 prisoners had been counted."

Allenby's troops have progressed to the north Venetian and Kavadar and reached the Vardar in the direction of Negotin and Demirkapou.

"The enemy has destroyed much property near Gradsko and in the region of the Vardar and Lake Dorian where he has burned railway stations, depots, munition parks and aviation supplies. The number of prisoners and cannon captured has been augmented. Serbian troops have taken one group of mountain artillery complete and one battery of 10's."

"Aviation forces continue to harass the retreating columns of the enemy. On the eastern side of the Cerna bend region the enemy has begun to retire and allied troops have taken Chaniste and Orle."

"In the region north and northeast of the Daena massif French and Greek troops continue to progress with the Serbian armies."

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 23.—Major Buckley, director of the draft, said today that registrants desiring to enroll in students' training corps or at other military training centers, ought not to apply to their local draft board officials, but should communicate with the proper authorities at the training center.

Acceptance of such applications lies solely with the commandant, he says. He is competent to issue orders to the applicant's draft board to induct the men for special service.

Draft boards have no authority to act without proper orders," said the major.

Major Buckley said he had learned that a number of colleges where students' training corps had been established had been sending out instructions of their own to prospective applicants. This he characterized as improper and misleading.

REPORT OF FUNDS FOR SOLDIERS TO SPEND JULY 4TH

Hartford Sept. 21—Some 5,000 members of the American Expeditionary Forces who either live in Connecticut or enlisted in this state received Fourth of July spending money from the Pershing Fourth of July Fund raised in Connecticut last June by the United Spanish War Veterans with the approval of the Connecticut State Council of Defense.

The state contributed \$20,522.28 to this fund, of which \$12,960 was cashed overseas on June 25. Expenses incidental to the raising of the fund totalled \$463.63, leaving a balance on hand of \$8,118.65.

New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford each subscribed to the Pershing Fourth of July Fund more than \$10,000, which was the sum originally hoped for from the entire state. New Haven led the cities with a contribution of \$17,635.27. Bridgeport and Hartford respectively contributed \$10,478.65 and \$10,908.28.

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DOHERTY HELD FOR DEATH OF FRED S. MILLS

Parrel in Stratfield Results in Fatal Injuries—Coroner to Investigate.

Monday, Sept. 23

Joseph Doherty, of 50 Whitney avenue, senior member of the firm of Joseph Doherty and Brothers was arrested before the city court today on the charge of manslaughter.

His case was continued to Sept. 29, pending the outcome of the investigation being conducted by Coroner John J. Phelan.

Doherty, who is out on bonds of \$5,000, is charged with the killing of Frederick S. Mills, 50 years of age, and one of the well known citizens of Fairfield, who died yesterday in St. Vincent's hospital from the effects of injuries he received during a dispute in the cafe of the Hotel Stratfield Saturday night.

Mills and Doherty were engaged in an argument in the cafe and Doherty is alleged to have struck Mills in the face with a bottle.

Beside his mother, who is an invalid, Mills is survived by his wife, who lives in Fairfield, two brothers, George A. and John G. Mills, both of Fairfield and a sister Mrs. Sarah Hartshorn, who resides in Canada.

Doherty was arrested a few minutes after the affair Saturday night, but was not locked up as friends came to his assistance immediately and furnished a cash bond of \$1,000. The charge of assault was first made as it was not thought Mills' injuries were serious. When the police learned of the man's death, they immediately arrested Doherty and again his friends came to the rescue and furnished bonds to the amount of \$5,000.

Doherty is well known in Bridgeport, where he has been engaged in business for the last ten years. He is head of the firm of Joseph Doherty and Brothers, contractors who have large sand interests. It is said he owns a garage on the East Side and has large real estate holdings.

Coroner John J. Phelan has postponed the hearing on the death of Frederick S. Mills until tomorrow morning on account of the inability of some of the witnesses to appear this morning.

PEOPLES' ARMY BURIES FORMER CZAR NICHOLAS

Solemn Services Held For Unfortunate Emperor of All of the Russias.

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Solemn ceremonies over the body of Nicholas Romanoff, former Emperor of Russia, have been held at Yekaterinburg by troops of the "People's Army," according to Izvestia of Moscow.

The body has been buried in a wood near where the Emperor was executed and was located through information provided by persons acquainted with circumstances of the execution.

The work of exhumation was done in the presence of many representatives of the Supreme ecclesiastical authorities of Western Siberia, as well as delegates of the "People's Party," Cossacks and Czech-Slovaks. The body was placed in a zinc coffin encased in Siberian cedar and placed in the cathedral at Yekaterinburg under a guard of honor composed of the commanders of the "People's Army." It will be buried in a special sarcophagus at Omsk.

This is the second time that funeral services over the body of Nicholas Romanoff have been reported. A telegram from St. Petersburg to the United States Employment Service, will shortly announce the most drastic instructions ever issued in this country to all community labor boards, which will be required to prepare and publish in every city in the country lists of non-essential positions now held by men that could be filled by women.

The result will be that men failing or refusing to get out of such positions of their own accord and take up essential work will be looked upon as slackers. The order is intended to force the hand of both non-essential labor and employers thereof.

Lists will include clerks and office help, ticket sellers of all kinds, attendants and similar occupations. This is in line, according to the advice from Washington, with the "work or fight" order of Provost Marshal General Crowder, with instructions already issued for the placing of women in industry, with the order of the War Industries Boards stopping unnecessary construction, with the action limiting bank loans and with the taking of raw materials from non-essential industries.

Mr. Smyth's order it is understood, may ultimately become the most drastic of all, for community labor boards will insist that no man shall occupy a position which a woman can fill. The government emphatically decrees that this nation must work or fight and advises any that the forthcoming order is made necessary because employers of non-essential labor have in many cases failed to meet the issue squarely.

Norwalk, Sept. 23.—The case of Chester S. Selleck, former cashier of the Fairfield County National bank and treasurer of the First Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, was brought before Judge Nehemiah Candee this morning. Selleck's bond was raised from \$7,500 to \$10,000 and his case was continued until Monday, Sept. 29.

As treasurer of the First district, he was bonded by the Royal Indemnity Company of New York, for \$12,000. Later the Aetna Company of Hartford had bonded the man. Judge James T. Hubbell has been elected to fill the vacancy as treasurer and his bond of office was raised to \$25,000.

MACHINES DROP 16 TONS OF BOMBS London, Sept. 23.—Machines of the British independent air force dropped nearly sixteen tons of bombs on German aerodromes and on blast furnaces in the Metz region on Saturday night, it was officially said today.

The blast furnaces attacked were those at Hagendingen and Rombach. Four enemy aerodromes were bombed by the raiders.

HOW IT FEELS TO BE SHELLED AND BOMBED Somewhere in France, Sept. 23.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—"What does it feel like to be shelled or bombed?" is a question which many people at home ask of American soldiers in their letters.

Bombing has one marked difference from shell-fire. When a bomb has exploded, a soldier can be fairly sure that the worst is over, whereas when a shell explodes, the first shell presages many successors. Shells, like troubles, never come singly.

The soldiers try to pretend that they like shelling or even that they are indifferent to it. Many of them are different to it. Many of them are nervous when a heavy shell-fire. They may try to appear apathetic—they generally light a cigarette—but it is altogether a poor performance.

The absurd part of it is that the slightest cover makes the soldier quite himself again. It is the instinct of the cetic. It is almost humorous to see that sheltering man will run to if a shell comes their way. Long grass even creates the illusion of safety.

FIRST INFLUENZA DEATH Hartford, Conn., Sept. 23.—The first death from Spanish influenza in this city was reported today. The victim was Miss Jennie Mahner, 24 years old of No. 213 Bellevue St. She was ill four days. Twenty additional cases of the disease had been reported to the health board up to noon bringing the number reported in Hartford up to 125.

TEN PER CENT. OF 4TH LIBERTY LOAN ON APPLICATION

Raise of Five Per Cent. Over Past Loans Has Been Announced.

INITIAL AMOUNT DUE OCTOBER 19

Setting of Last Installment in January Postpones Fifth Loan.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Ten per cent. of the fourth liberty loan subscriptions will be required on application, instead of five per cent., as for past loans, the Treasury announced. Twenty per cent. will be due Nov. 31, 20 per cent. Dec. 29, 20 per cent. January 18, and 20 per cent. January 30.

This is the first time that more than three installments are made in addition to the payment on application for any Liberty loan. The initial payment was increased as a means of discouraging the practice of some persons in the past of subscribing without carrying out the installments.

The setting of the last installment of 20 per cent. as late as January 30 was interpreted as assurance that the fifth liberty loan would not be floated before late in February or possibly March.

The initial payment, although due at the time of pledging, need not be paid until October 19, the end of the subscription period and loan campaign.

The installment dates will not interfere with the practice by which many subscribers have bought bonds through banks or other agencies and paid ten per cent. a month for approximately ten months.

EVERY MAN IN COUNTRY MUST BECOME USEFUL

Drastic Measures Contemplated by Government to Promote War Efficiency.

Hartford, Sept. 23.—To force every man in the country into industry essential to the prosecution of the war, the government is soon to take drastic measures not only with men now engaged in non-essential work but also with their employers. This information has been received from official sources by the Connecticut State Council of Defense.

Labor shortage of 1,500,000 men in both skilled and unskilled war industries, with an increased army coming has compelled the government to take this action. Nathan A. Smyth, assistant director general of the United States Employment Service, will shortly announce the most drastic instructions ever issued in this country to all community labor boards, which will be required to prepare and publish in every city in the country lists of non-essential positions now held by men that could be filled by women.

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Englis Capture Strong German Positions Close In Fast On St. Quentin

French Assisting in Rapid Encirclement of St. Quentin—Seriously Menace Huns by Capture of Vendeuil—In Attacks in Arras Sector British Advance Lines for Depth of 600 Yards—Get Hundred More Prisoners—St. Quentin Attacked on Three Sides.

On the western front the British and French are progressing successfully in their encirclement of St. Quentin. The French have seriously menaced the Germans by the capture of Vendeuil a few miles from St. Quentin.

Vendeuil is nine miles north-northwest of St. Quentin and on the Scheldt canal two miles west of Le Catelet. Northwest and southwest of the town the British have captured German strong points and rapidly are closing in on it from three directions.

Further north Field Marshal Haig's men have carried out a successful attack west of Villes-Guislain, taking one hundred prisoners. In a small attack east of Gavrelle, in the Arras sector British troops advanced their lines for a depth of 600 yards along a front of 1100 yards.

British forces last night attacked the German lines between St. Quentin and Cambrai, opposite Le Catelet, making progress in the vicinity of Tombois farm and capturing a group of trenches and strong points on the ridge northwest of Vendeuil. Field Marshal Haig announced in his official statement.

London, Sept. 23.—German troops late yesterday counter attacked in the vicinity of Gilemont farm on the front between Cambrai and St. Quentin, to the west of Le Catelet. The enemy was repulsed with heavy losses.

On the front between Arras and Lens there was a continuation of the advance movement in the neighborhood of Gavelle. Southeast of that village English troops made progress on a front of three quarters of a mile. The statement reads:

"Successful minor operations were carried out by our troops yesterday and during the night at several points. In the afternoon English troops captured a German strong point in the neighborhood of the Ronsoy-Bony road, which held out stubbornly, taking many prisoners. Later in the afternoon a hostile counter attack from the direction of Gilemont farm was repulsed with heavy loss by our forces."

"During the night other English troops made progress in the direction of Tombois farm after several hours' hard fighting and farther north captured a group of strongly held trenches and strong points on the spur northwest of Vendeuil taking a number of prisoners."

"Early last night the enemy attacked Berthaucourt under cover of a heavy artillery barrage and penetrated our line at one point. An immediate counter attack by our troops completely established the positions."

A system of communicating trenches has been dug to permit the bringing up of supplies.

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German forces in this region do not hesitate for preparing traps for the unwary foe.

Paris, Sept. 23.—French troops yesterday and last night made great progress in their drive for the encirclement of St. Quentin. They pushed in from the south and captured the village and fort of Vendeuil, close to the I08c, nine miles northeast of St. Quentin, says today's war office announcement.

From Vendeuil the French pushed on to the river.

"In the region of St. Quentin the French troops continued their advance last night. They penetrated the wood north of Les-Fontaines, captured the fort and village of Vendeuil and pushed on to the I08c."

"French reconnoitering parties took prisoners north of the Aisne and in the Champsagns sector in the direction of the Butte-du-Messin. German ridges north of the Vesle and in the Vooges failed."

With the French Army in France Sunday, Sept. 22.—(By The Associated Press)—General Debeney's troops continued to advance toward the La-Fere road, south of St. Quentin today. They reached Landay, the Cappons and Le Molins farms and the Vendeuil forest which is only 1,600 yards from the road and about a mile from the Oise river.

As the French draw nearer the Hindenburg line around St. Quentin the Germans multiply their defenses. North of the Somme they appear to be reorganizing a defensive system on the line of heights which parallel the enemy's to Hill 123, south of Holnon, and thence through Hill 158, east of Saywood to Dallon height, on the road from Ham to St. Quentin. This line is being feverishly fortified against tanks with mine fields. All the eastern slopes of these heights are utilized to shelter troops which appear to be quite dense there.

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Washington, Sept. 23.—A poster issued by the Imperial German government in an effort to belittle the U. S.'s contribution to the war and bolster the falling spirits of its people has been reproduced by the Liberty Loan Publicity Bureau and two million copies will be distributed in this country during the fourth Liberty Loan campaign which opens shortly.

"Can America's entry make a decision in the war?" is the poster's title.

And with diagrams showing a small American army and a small merchant marine, the pamphlet inferentially answers "NO."

"Russia's army of millions could not down Germany," argues the poster. "America threatens to send transports of one-half million men but it cannot ship them."

These words are inscribed on a scroll being held by a cadaverous looking Uncle Sam, alongside a Russian soldier appearing immense in comparison.

At the time the poster was displayed throughout Germany last July more than one million American fighting men already were in France and this number soon will be doubled.

In hundreds of communities today the Liberty Loan campaign started in an effort to gain momentum for the opening day Saturday when subscriptions will be received.

APPOINTED FOOD ADMINISTRATOR New Haven, Sept. 23.—M. S. Jenkins, director of the Connecticut agriculture experiment station at New Haven, was appointed local administrator for New Haven, by Federal food administrator Robert Scovill, today. He succeeds Thomas W. Farman, who resigned to accept a commission with the Red Cross.

EXPLOSION IN AUSTRIA Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—Three hundred and eighty-two persons have been killed and many others injured in an explosion in an ammunition factory at Woellerdorf, a town near the Austrian capital, according to the Vienna newspapers.

Fire broke out in the powder room, and the terrific heat quickly overcame those in the flame-wrapped building. The victims were mostly girls.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE OPENS New London, Sept. 23.—With the opening of Connecticut College for Women today enrollment for the fourth year is completed. The registration is 326 with a Freshman class of about 80. The changes in the faculty have been many.

The first class from this college will be graduated in June and its present membership is 1,276.

REFUSED TO WAIVE RIGHTS Jim Bilinsky, 29, of 559 LaHaye street refused to waive his rights today when arraigned before the city court on a charge of drunkenness and breach of the peace, whereupon Judge Wilder fined him the sum of one dollar and costs and gave him a jail sentence of 60 days. He was arrested yesterday by Patrolman Quinn.