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JAPANESE GAIN IN SIBERIA where Are the Teutonic Allies Able to Do More Than Stand On the Defensive and On Certain Fronts Have Made Sorry Efforts in This Respect—Serbs Capture Upwards of 10,000 Prisoners and 120 Guns.

(By the Associated Press.) Disaster has overtaken the armies of the Teutonic allies on all fronts. 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 hearts of the German defensive positions, the collapse of which would result in important changes all along the western battlefield, and in eastern Siberia the Japanese have made additional strides forward in the process of reclaiming that territory for the Russians.

In all the theatres of the war the entente allies have the initiative in their hands and are pressing their advantage vigorously. The Germans and their allies nowhere are able to do more than stand on the defensive. In Palestine and Macedonia, their forces in this respect have proved themselves. In north of Jerusalem to the Sea of Galilee, in the territory lying between the river Jordan and the Mediterranean sea, the Ottoman forces have been caught by the swift drive of the British and French armies and virtually annihilated. The heavy casualties suffered by the Turks, hordes of them made prisoner and many more wandering, bewildered, without shelter in the hills, eventually to be sent to swell the great total. At least 25,000 of the German soldiers and 260 guns and quantities of war stores were in the hands of the British.

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EPIDEMIC OF INFLUENZA BREAKS OUT AT ORPHANAGE Salem, Va., Sept. 23.—What is termed by attending physicians Spanish influenza has developed in the Baptist orphanage here. Thirty-five cases have appeared. Patients are reported to be very sick, but none of them in immediate danger. The institution is under quarantine.

Leonard Bests Lewis. Newark, N. J., Sept. 23.—Benny Leonard, the light weight champion, had a shade the better of Ted "Kid" Lewis, welter weight champion, at the end of their eight-round bout here tonight. No decision was given by the referee.

400 TEUTONS LAY DOWN THEIR ARMS IN SIBERIA. GAINS ARE SCORED BY ANGLO-FRENCH. British Capture Enemy Strong Point Near Epehy. French Hold Left Bank of the Oise For More Than Half the Distance From LaFere to Moy—Other Gains Are Made.

London, Sept. 23. (8 p. m.)—Blagovestchensk, capital of the Siberian province of Amur, and Alexievsk have been occupied by Japanese cavalry, according to information received by the Japanese embassy. Two thousand Austro-Germans were taken prisoners. The information, which was given by the Japanese military attaché, had the effect that Blagovestchensk and Alexievsk were occupied by Japanese cavalry September 18. Troops of the Amur river reached Blagovestchensk the next day. The Austro-Germans in the region of the Amur, opposite Blagovestchensk, were driven to the upper reaches of the Amur river.

FIRST STEPS ARE TAKEN FOR FIXING PRICES OF COTTON

Committee Named to Investigate and Another to Control Distribution.

MANY ARE SOUTHERNERS Committee on Control Will Buy For the Government at a Fixed Price.

Washington, Sept. 23.—First steps looking toward the fixing of prices for standard grades of raw cotton were taken today by the government in the naming of two committees, one to investigate the entire cotton situation and the other to control, during the period of this inquiry, the distribution of cotton by purchasing all of the staple needed by the United States and the allies at prices to be approved by the president.

Washing, Sept. 23.—Troops in the United States now are being paid within five days or less after the first of each month and voluntary allotments are being sent to relations with only slight delay.

Before the war industries board made public the personnel of the committees, senators and representatives from the cotton growing states met with members of the cotton states marketing board to discuss the proposed price-fixing.

URGES PRISONER LABOR IN WINNING THE WAR IN PRISONER LABOR. Warden Francis of Western Penitentiary Wants Convicts Given Chance to Assist Loyalty.

Pittsburgh, Sept. 23.—Prison labor as a factor in winning the war is being urged by Warden John Francis of the Western Penitentiary, who is a recognized authority on the management of penal institutions, and reclaiming recreation manhood. Mr. Francis has taken up the subject with the chamber of commerce of Pittsburgh, which body has called upon congress to enact legislation which will permit 50,000 inmates of prisons in the country to engage in war work.

REGARDING SUPPLIES FOR THE ARMY TO BE OBTAINED ABROAD. General Wood and General Pershing's officers are negotiating for 1,000,000 uniforms, 1,500,000 flannel shirts, 600,000 overseas caps, 3,000,000 pairs of leggings and 3,000,000 pairs of socks. He reported that none of the contracts had been closed to his knowledge.

AMERICANS DEFEAT AN ENEMY COMBAT PARTY. Pershing's Men Inflict Heavy Casualties Upon Germans Who Try to Locate American Lines.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Defeat of an enemy combat party sent out to locate American front lines southeast of Champ-Fontaine farm on September 20 is described by General Pershing today in a supplement to the communique for Sunday which follows:

"Section E.—The following details have been reported of repulse of one of the enemy raids reported in the communique of September 20: "At 5 o'clock, morning, September 20th, an enemy combat party of two officers and 100 men, armed with six heavy and two light machine guns and preceded by 15 minutes' artillery preparation came from Dampitoux to the cross roads, southeast of Champ-Fontaine farm, to establish an outpost, locate our front line and identify our troops. Our artillery barrage, quickly regulated to a concentration fire, scattered the enemy and inflicted casualties. Our infantry captured three prisoners and one heavy machine gun. Our only casualty was one officer wounded.

Austrian Foreign Minister Says He Is Not Surprised At Rejection of Peace Note

Amsterdam, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—In an interview with Theodore Wolfe in the Berlin Tageblatt, Baron Burian, Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, said he was not surprised at the rejection of his peace note; naturally he did not suppose that the entente would straightway declare readiness to enter into peace negotiations.

Washington, Sept. 23.—All terms of the fourth Liberty loan except the size and the maturity were announced today by the treasury. The amount, probably near 6,000,000,000, was decided upon but an announcement was withheld.

TROOPS OVERSEAS WELL CARED FOR. Gorgas Finds Sick Rate Low and the Wounded Treated Excellently.

Tours, France, Sept. 23.—(By The Associated Press.)—Major General William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army, who is making a complete inspection of the medical corps of the American expeditionary forces, said today:

"I am very much pleased with the care and the health of the troops. Their sanitary condition is good; the sick rate is low, and the wounded are excellently cared for. A large bulk of these men are getting very much better professional care here than they would have had."

DANIELS TO MARCH INTO BERLIN WITH MARINES. Secretary Has Engagement With Marine Band. He Tells Workers at Eddystone Plant.

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London, Sept. 23.—(8 p. m.)—Between the Vardar river and Lake Doiran, on the eastern end of the Macedonian front, British troops have reached the line of Kara, Oghular and Hamzali, and are advancing on Mrzentzi, on the west bank of the river Vardar, according to an official statement issued this evening by the British war office.

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Dark Tobacco at \$30. Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 23.—The top price of the season on the Clarksville loose tobacco floors was reached today when one lot sold at \$26 per hundred. This is the highest price, so far as is known, paid for work tobacco since 1866.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN MAY BE FOR ABOUT SIX BILLION

Exact Amount Is Decided Upon, But Announcement Of It Is Withheld.

BEARS 4-1-4 PER CENT. Terms of the Loan, Except Size and Maturity, Are Made Public.

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UNFURL SERVICE FLAG AT REUNION. Will Link Men of Confederacy With Those Fighting In Present War.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 23.—A flag of honor linking the men who fought in the Confederate army with the present war in Europe will be unfurled tomorrow at the opening of the 28th reunion of the United Confederate Veterans and the Sons of Veterans. It will be a mammoth service flag containing 167,000 stars, each representing one son of the southland who is at present in active service.

ADVANCE SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR OVER MILLION DOLLARS WORTH. New York, Sept. 23.—Advanced subscriptions for nearly \$1,250,000 worth of fourth liberty bonds were received at the opening of the annual fall auction of furs here today. About \$730,000 worth of raw furs were sold, including \$30,000 worth of German-owned furs for the account of A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property Custodian.

QUITTING GOVERNMENT JOB. Washington, Sept. 23.—Frank E. Ferguson today resigned assistant director of the government bureau of engraving and printing to accept private employment. Secretary McAdoo appointed James M. Fisher, for 23 years in charge of personal work in the bureau, to succeed him.

PORTO RICAN LABORERS ARRIVE. Washington, Sept. 23.—Twelve hundred Porto Rican laborers mobilized by the department of labor's employment service to aid in relieving a labor shortage in the United States, arrived in New Orleans today on an army transport, the department announced.

MEN SLAUGHTERED BY THE WHOLESALE. Further Reports of Bolshevik Reign of Terror.

Former Officers Shot in Cellars at Night With Muffled Guns—Allied Com-sun at Moscow Held in Their Homes.

Washington, Sept. 23.—Stories of wholesale slaughter of representative 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 cellars, the guns being muffled with silencers. One Peters, 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 homes. 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 courage and vigorous action.