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FRENCH AND SERBS PUSH BULGARS BACK RAPIDLY

Capture 5,000 Additional Prisoners and Liberate Many Villages In Forward Advance—French and British Draw Nearer to St. Quentin and Cambrai In Picardy Sector.

By the Associated Press.

Driving northward on an ever-widening front, the Serbian and French forces in northern Macedonia now menace the entire Bulgarian positions from Salonic to the Adriatic.

The cutting off of the Uskub-Salonic railway, which is only nine miles from the new Serbian line, would upset completely the Bulgarian defenses. Serbian infantry is moving rapidly from the highway between Prilep and the Vardar river, and eight miles southward paralleling the road on a front of 15 miles. As Dragojev's north of which the cavalry are advancing, the Serbs have advanced 20 miles from the Solonc salient, the capture of which precipitated the Bulgarian retirement.

The formidable salient driven into the Bulgarian line is being extended rapidly as the terrain becomes more favorable. Additional villages have been liberated and many prisoners. A large number of prisoners has been added to the 5,000 already reported.

Although the Bulgarian resistance is not very great and there is no indication of where the enemy intends to make a stand, the Serbs are approaching the Vardar river and the main railway south from Uskub. Shall they succeed in reaching the railhead the position of the Bulgarians to the south around Lake Dojlid?

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MANY LIVES LOST ON BRITISH MONITOR

By the Associated Press.

London, Sept. 21.—A British monitor was sunk Monday as she was lying in harbor, the admiral commanding today.

One officer and 10 men were killed and 17 are missing and it is feared they are drowned.

FUNERAL OF SOLDIER

The funeral of William Andrew Barb, who died at Camp Hancock, son of a person mentioned by his son, was held from Old St. Paul's Lutheran church, north of Hickory. Barb had been condemned by Rev. J. E. Barb in the presence of a large company. The young man was married last March and his wife was on a visit to him when he became ill and died in a few days. Mrs. F. M. Williams of Newton conducted the funeral, made an oration and placed flowers on the grave. She urged the young people especially to see that the grave was well cared for.

RUMANIAN CROWN PRINCE REPORTED FLED

By the Associated Press.

Copenhagen, Sept. 21.—The Rumanian crown prince has fled from Rumanian territory and arrived at Geneva according to an Ukrainian newspaper.

SPECIAL SERMON AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

At the morning service at the Methodist church tomorrow the pastor will preach a special sermon to the children. The children will occupy the front seats. At the evening hour the sermon will be on the Second Coming of Christ.

British Again Renew Fight

By the Associated Press.

London, Sept. 21.—The British attack against the Hindenburg line northeast of St. Quentin was resumed this morning east of Ephey, says Field Marshal Haig's official statement.

Further steps forward have been taken by the British on the Flanders front. Field Marshal Haig's statement announces the improvement of the British positions east of Messines.

where an advance was made.

North of Gauche wood, west of Villers-Guislain, one of the British advance posts has been pressed back slightly.

A British detachment of seven men was surrounded and are believed to have been captured when the Germans took Mouevres. Their post was in the center of the village and they held it for two days, inflicting

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AMERICAN GUNS HAMMERING METZ

By the Associated Press.

Geneva, Friday, Sept. 20.—The bombardment of Metz by American heavy artillery caused surprise but no panic," says the Metzer Zeitung. "The enemy merely copied the method of the German bombardment of Paris. The paper adds that a few persons were killed and the damage was insignificant."

It was learned from Basel, however, that the American bombardment of Metz caused sensations in Germany. It was the first time since 1870 that Metz has been under fire. The civil population is fleeing.

PREPARE COUNTY FOR LIBERTY DRIVE

By the Associated Press.

Preparatory to the fourth Liberty Loan campaign, which will begin next Saturday and end on October 19, Mr. J. D. Elliott, Catawba county chairman, has called a meeting for Newton next Monday at 1:30 o'clock to organize the county for its part in the big \$6,000,000,000 loan. Just what the county will be expected to raise has not been stated, but in any event, Catawba people will want to go over the top, and will go over, as Chairman Elliott says.

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The new edition containing re-drafts of that provision under the new manpower law is issued as a guide to all draft boards designed to facilitate their work, as well as provision to make the wider exemption allowances workable.

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Wounded severely 49

Died of wounds 6

Wounded slightly 1

Total 143

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Killed in action (including at sea) 6,038

Died of wounds 1,866

Died of disease 1,789

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Missing in action (including prisoners) 4,482

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By the Associated Press.

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Prof. J. E. Barb, the official observer, did not see any and he did not think there was much likelihood of frost with the mercury registering 40 degrees above zero. He reported an inch and six-tenths of rain since Thursday evening, but many people are prepared to believe that more than this amount fell.

The weather turned fair during the night and the morning broke fair and cool. Fires were lighted everywhere, it seems.

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BOLSHEVIKI REATE IN NORTHERN RUSSIA

By the Associated Press.

London, Sept. 24.—Entente naval units and allied troops cooperating along the Dwina in northern European Russia have sunk two enemy ships and have captured three guns, according to an official statement issued by the admiralty today.

Heavy losses were inflicted on the Bolshevik forces by the Entente allies.

ARRIVES OVERSEAS

Mrs. W. H. Barkley received a letter this morning announcing that her brother, Mr. Carl Moser, of Co. C 1st separate machine gun battalion, U. S. marine corps, had arrived safely overseas. Mrs. Barkley also received another message stating that her brother, Mr. John Moser, who enlisted in the navy some time ago, had received orders to report for duty.

ENGLISH TROOPS SERBS ADVANCE MADE ATTACK TODAY

By the Associated Press.

With the British Army in France, Sept. 21.—English troops attacked the German lines midway between Havrincourt wood and St. Quentin on a front of two miles at 5 o'clock this morning.

BRITISH LOSSES ABOUT 20,000 IN WEEK

By the Associated Press.

London, Sept. 21.—British casualties for the week are announced as follows:

Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 487; men, 3,153.

Wounded or missing: Officers 1,916; men, 17,206.

Today's Casualty List

Washington, Sept. 21.—The following casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

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Missing in action 57

Wounded severely 50

Died of accident and other causes 7

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NEW YORK COTTON

By the Associated Press.

New York, Sept. 21.—While recent statements from Washington and rumors circulating early in the week had prepared the cotton market for a reaction of some sort, reports that the government had already decided to fix the price on cotton and take control of its distribution seemed to surprise the traders here this morning. The opening was extremely excited with 75 to 130 points lower under heavy liquidation. Rallies of several points followed, covering, but liquidation continued active with January selling off to 30.75 before the end of the first hour or 118 points net lower.

The close was nervous.

Open 32.00

Close 31.35

October 30.80

December 30.96

January 31.00

March 31.00

May 31.00

Hickory cotton 32c

WEATHER FORECAST

By the Associated Press.

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