FRANCO-SERBIAN **GAINS IMPORTANT**

Attack in Macedonia Has Won Best Part of Bulgar Front

FOLLOWING UP SUCCESS

General Maurice Expects Developments Also on Struma, Held by British

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London, Sept. 19. Our eyes have been so much fixed upon the western front and it has been so long since any event of interest has occurred in Macedonia, that a few words of explanation are necessary, if this

latest offensive is to be understood. The main section of the Allied front lies between the River Vardar and Lake Prespa, twelve miles west of Monastir. Before it was broken by the Franco-Serblan offensive, which has just developed, the front ran almost due westward from the Vardar to a point only some 4000 yards north of Monastir, and that town, which is probably the only place on the Macedonian front not already in their hands coveted by the Bulgars, has long been exposed to an at-

From the Vardar to Sokol mountain. which the Scrbians have just captured. a chain of mountains rising to over 6000 feet in height runs westward for some forty-five miles, and the Allied front trenches are now established along the southern slopes of this range. Hitherto the Bulgars have everywhere along this front been in possession of the main heights.

At Sokol mountain the range bends southward toward Ostrova lake, and this portion of it has been in the hands of the Allies. West of Sokol the front line ran down into the valley of the Cerna. which river it crossed twice before reaching the neighborhood of Monastir. The river Cerna rises well to the north of Monastir, and after passing some six miles to the east of the town makes a big loop, and, turning northward, between two parallel ranges of hills, flows into the Vardar, The whole of this main section of the front is, then, mountainous in character, with the exception of the valley of the Cerna, which about Monastir is wide and marshy.

The Franco-Serbian attack, which has just taken place, has been made at the bend of the mountain range of which the Allies have hitherto held only the por Allies have hitnerto held only the por-tion which runs southward at right angles to the front. The heights of Sokol, Drobopolje, and Vetrenisk have hitherto been a barrier to the Allied rogress down the Cerna Valley, and aggerate when it says that the most im tant part of the front in the enemy's

The Franco-Serbians have at once proceeded to widen out their front of strack both east and west, and it is twenty miles from their flank, so they have gained elbow room. have now reached the Cerna, and have the alternatives before them of advancing northwestward across the river in its northward course in the direction of Philep, which would turn the Bulgar defensese in front of Monastir, and disengage the town, or of pressing the Cerna Valley in a northerly direcion, which would turn the main range which the Bulgars have so long been

The country is difficult, very defensible and roadless, and though the Bulgar s said to be war-weary, it is quite possible that he will fight hard in defense of that part of Macedonia which he considers his by right. So it is too soon to begin looking for big results, particularly as we do not yet know whether his offensive is intended to be more than

All that can be said at present is that certain very important territory positions have passed into the hands of the Allies and that the Serbians are following up

front has the air of being a preparation for more important developments on the Allied right. Indeed, Mr. Balfour has more than hinted that this is so, and has announced that British troops are to take part. The Struma front has long been purely a British preserve and is probably one of the most unpleasant of all the unpleasant positions which the British troops have had to hold in this

Haig Smashes German Attacks

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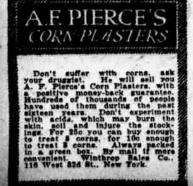
point where the Chemin-des-Dames branches off from the road leading from Soissons to Laon.

A strong counter-attack led by gren-adiers of the Prussian Guard was re-pulsed by the French, who drove the enemy back of the road leading from the plateau of Ange Gardiene to the Colombes farm. This road is less than a half mile from the Chemin-des-

This success puts the French in This success puts the French in possession of part of the important plateau of Ange Gardiene, which commands the ridge along which runs the famous "Ladies' Way" for a considerable distance. It also drives deeper the wedge south of the Hindenburg positions in the St. Gobain region and facilitates operations in the direction of Pinon, which was held by the French until the German offensive late in May.

The fighting in this region has been

The fighting in this region has been most severe during the last few days. A glimpse of the action around the Colombes farm, obtained form a point



giving a view of the Chemin-des-Dames and Fort Malmaison, as well as the plateau to the south on which the farm is situated, gave an idea of the tremendous task General Man-sin's men have undertaken. The soldiers could be seen bounding from shell hole to shell hole and from trench to trench. From the great distance between them and the observer the only means of distinguishing the fighting forces was that the French were ad-vancing eastward and northward upon the mass of rules that marks the loca-

tion of the Colombes farm.

The splendid qualities of individua initiative of the French soldiers found ample opportunity in this advance, and the French again demonstrated their mastery over the enemy. For the distant observer it looked like a battle between individuals. Harely were their more than two men seen above ground at the

U. S. SHELLS DROPPING IN CENTER OF METZ

With the Americans on the Metz, Sept. 19.—American aviators today reported shells from our heavy artillery dropping in the center of Metz. A big factory has been struck and direct hits have been scored on the fortifications.

An even week since the start of the American drive in this region finds our army thorsughly at home fifteen niles within the line which the Germans held for four years. The new line has been thoroughly consolidated, roads repaired and the country generally cleaned up. Refugees are returning to villages between the Meuse and the Moseile, which had been under shellfire since 1914.

One American patrol was reported to One American patrol was reported to have penetrated 300 yards beyond Pag-ny-sur-Moselle (two miles north of Van-dieres and just across the river from the German frontier). dieres and just acros the German frontier).

Official War Reports BRITISH

London, Sept. 19. Yesterday afternoon a violent bom-bardment from a large number of guns was opened by the enemy on the northern portion of the battlefront, between Gouzeaucourt and the Arras-Cambrai road, Telephone communi-cation with the divisions in the line was rapidly cut by the intensity of

the hostile fire. At 5 c/clock in the evening German infantry attacked in strength on a wide front from the neighborhood of wide front from the neighborhood of Trescault northward. At all points they were completely repulsed with great loss by troops of the guards of the Third and Thirty-seventh divisions. Another strong attack delivered short-ly afterward north of Moeuvres also was driven off with heavy German losses. At certain legalities bedies of osses. At certain localities bodies of the enemy succeeded in reaching and entering our trenches, whore they were overwhelmed by counter-attacks.

South of Gouzeaucourt the operations of the Fourth British Army continued successfully vesterday evening and last night. English troops pro-gressed north of Pontruct (four miles north and west of St. Quentin), reach g the outposts of the Hindenburg ne in this sector. To the left of the Fourth Army an

Australian division renewed its attack at 11 p. m. and carried the outpost po-sitions of the Hindenburg line after heavy fighting. Many prisoners and a number of machine guns were taken.
In the successful operation this division and the first Australian division now hold the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line on the whole of their spective fronts.

Further north severe fighting has taken place east of Ronssoy and Epehy. We have gained possession

of Lempire and beaten off determined nostile counter-attacks. In the Villers-Guislain sector, the division which in yesterday's advance took several hundred pirsoners recap-tured Gauche wood, which the enemy had regained by a counter-attack. Late in the afternoon it repulsed with heavy losses a strong counter-attack launched by the enemy from Villers-Guislain. At Gauche wood repeated attacks delivered by the enemy in the attacks delivered by the enemy in the afternoon and evening were repulsed.

By a successful local operation carried out yesterday morning we improved our positions south and east of Ploegsteert (Flanders) and captured a number of prisoners,

SERBIAN

London, Sept. 19. We are pursuing the completely beaten enemy day and night.

We have taken the Oates plateau the towns of Kuchkovkamen. Pelchichte, Vilclichte, Melynitsa and Rasimbey and have advanced

depth of twenty kilometers. New Bulgarian re-enfo New Bulgarian re-enforcements have been beaten and forced to retire, burning stores and villages.
Our prisoners and booty have not yet been counted.

FRENCH

Paris, Sept. 19. Our troops have penetrated Contes-court (two and three-quarter miles southwest of St. Quentin), where the enemy was stubbornly defending his positions.

North of the Aisne we maintained

all our positions.

Northeast of Courlandon (on the Vesle) a German attack was broken up before it reached our lines.

Corporal Lost on Torpedoed Ship By the United Press

Washington, Sept. 19.—Corporal Ezra J. Miller, U. S. M., was lost in the tor-pedoing of the Canadian Pacific liner Missanable, September 10, the Navy De-partment was advised today. His father lives at Tamoroa, Ill.

WHERE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN DEFEATED IN MACEDONIA TOMMY ATKINS LIKES TO ACT



Bulgarian Army

nesired. It is that the United States declare war on Bulgaria and Turkey and send a few troops to those eastern fronts to prove to our enemies in the Balkans that America is against them

Balkans that America is against them
Nothing would more quickly bring about their collapse than this conviction
"About the first question asked by Bulgaria prisoners of war is whether the United States has declared war of the United States has declared war of that country. It is the one thing they fear most I cannot understand why they should not be made to realize that fear to the full. This war is a war of conflicting principles. Bulgaria for one set of principles. Bulgaria for one set of principles. Bulgaria stands for the opposite of these, Therefore, I cannot see the wisdom of America discriminating between Germany and Austria, on the one hand and Bulgaria and Turkey on the other.

"With the collapse of Bulgaria, Tur-

with the collapse of Bulgaria. Turkey would be eliminated from the wat almost automatically and nothing would bring about the collapse of Bulgaria more quickly than a formal declaration of hostilities by the United States, supplemented by the appearance of the American uniform against Bulgarian troops in battle Furthermore, the limited States has declared itself in favor of the liberation of the Jugoslav peoples, and one indispensable preliminary to such liberation is the defeat of Bulgaria in this war."

BULGARIA ASKED AID OF BERLIN IN VAIN

By the United Press

Amsterdam, Sept. 19.—Bulgaria asked Germany and Austria to send re-enforcements into Maccdonia to aid in repulsing the present Allled offensive, a dispatch from Cologne stated today. The Central Powers replied they would consider the request, but feared they would be unable to comply at present. They informed Bulgaria, however, that negotiations are going on for the dispatch of several Turkish army corps into Macedonia.

The Preporitz, semiofficial organ of

The Preporitz, semiofficial organ of the Bulgarian Government, according to a dispatch from Sofia today, says: "The next move lies with the En-tente. Bulgaria ardently desires peace, based on principles which will render wars impossible in the future."

GERMANS HAVE 13-FOOT BOMBS

Huge Planes Used to Drop Ton of Explosives at a Time By the Associated Press

With the British Army in France, Sept. 19.-Last night German airplanes were busy bombing the St. Quentin sector, and the enemy utilized a number of new type planes of huge size. Three of these were shot down cast of Peronne. these were capable of seating eight men. The most astounding thing about them, however, was that they carried bombs thirteen feet long which contained 2000 pounds of explosives. This is by far the biggest bomb the Germans have yet produced.

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victed by Court-Martial of

London, Sept. 19. - General Souk sian imperial cabinet from 1909 to

general's wife, was acquitted. Soukhomlinoff was held to have been the most responsible person for the demoralization of the Russian army and the betrayal of Russia to Ger-

Agree on Danish Ship Treaty Washington, Sept. 19 .- Danish-American commercial and shipping agreements which have been the subject of negotiation between the War Trade Board and the special Danish commission in Washington were completed last night and signed. Similar agreements have been made with all European neutrals

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BULGARS WORSE THAN HUNS

homlinoff, Minister of War in the Rus. British soldiers, including seven officers, condition. It was apparent their sufferber 8 and shot on the same day, ac-cording to a Petrograd dispatch of Allied prisoners in Germany and printed in the newspapers of Vienna Austria. Austria.

garians would remain orientals and would never become civilized and Europeanized. He said the country was beginning to starve, owing to the exploitation of foodstuffs by Germany. In Sofia a dinner cost \$20, a pair of shoes and a suit of clothes \$200.

Throughout Bulgaria, he added, feeling against the domineering Germans was increasing.

Will Be Guest of Navv-To Meet Wilson

By the United Press

Washington, Sept. 19.—Prince Axel, head of the Danish naval commission, reached an Atlantic nort today.

He will be in this country for some days as a guest of the navy, will meet President Wilson this evening and will later dine with Secretary of the Navy Daniels.

Released British Soldiers Reach Geneva in Weakened Condition Geneva, Sept. 19. - Released from military prison in Bulgaria, eighty have arrived here in a very weakened

One of the officers, in speaking of the treatment he received, said the Bul-garians would remain orientals and

DANISH PRINCE ARRIVES

eur theatricals, and besides giving perormances on its own is extremely well and Jack Tar is never more Just Revels in Getting Shows for catered for by what is known as the "stage ship." This is a ship specially up alongside of his vessel, announced fitted up as a theatre, and possessing that a performance will take place to a stock company of actors and a stock.

the Boys at the Front Tommy Atkins is an inveterate actor. Whenever he can manage it he gets up show at the front, making the theatre. criting the play and acting the parts imself. Every day our theatrical cosmiers are bombarded with requests

Some of the recent productions just in elaborate description. This Christnas saw a new pantomine, entitled Cinderella Torn Up," written by a rifle. man; there has been an all-soldier star Shukespears revues modern comedies. and even propaganda plays receive their Only the war play I banned.

from officers and men to send then

vige, dresses, grease-paints and othe

orary theatre does Tommy delight to day the actor. He loves to do a little mitation in the trenches, too, and there is a great demand from individuals for Harry Tate moustaches. Charlie Chap-"bowlers" are also popular, not to nention Crown Prince noses, Tirpitz hiskers and George Robey eyebrows. f he cannot get anything more lifelike he makes what he can of Guy Fawkes masks, sometimes putting these up over the top of the parapet for the Germans to fire at.

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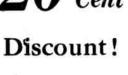
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