French Activities at Verdun and at Monastir.



FRENCH COLONIAL TROOPS, INCLUDING ALGERIANS, HALTED AT A POINT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO MONASTIR. In the operations which led up to the capture of Monastir by the French and Serbians the Algerian and colonial troops greatly distinguished themselves by their courage and keenness under fire, sticking to their task in a steadfast manner until the objective was gained.



EXPERT FRENCH GUNNERS ENGAGED IN DEFENDING THE VERDUN FRONT FROM THE WANING ATTACKS OF THE GERMANS AFTER GENERAL NIVELLE'S NOTEWORTHY RECAPTURE OF LOST TERRITORY IN THIS REGION. It is cannon of this calibre that have ensured the security of Verdun from the terrible German onslaughts, the huge sacrifices made by the Huns to capture this stronghold having proved futile against the accurate and devastating fire of the modern French artillery and the mitrailleuses.



SERBIAN INFANTRY CONCEALED IN HASTILY PREPARED AMBUSHES NEAR MONASTIR. The Serbian Army, which was reorganised after its unavoidable retreat during the German invasion, has since taken a valuable part in assisting the Allies at Monastir and at Salonika. The section of Serbians shown are impatiently waiting on the slope of the road for the approach of the enemy, and have their rifles loaded in readiness for their deadly mission.

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