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The War Week by Week.

By OBSERVER.

Not for a long time has there been so little of accomplished fact to record on all the fronts, though this is not so much for lack of the facts themselves as because we are not yet permitted to know what they are. Especially is this true of the East front, where the capture of Stanislaw by the Russians and the beginning of Von Bothmer's retreat from Tarnopol marked a decisive stage in the Russian operations which it would be idle to suppose is not being pushed further. But since they have taken Jablonitz, one of the isolated and important Carpathian passages, we have had almost complete silence from the Russian headquarters. It is impossible to say whether the simultaneous drive from Brody and Stanislaw upon Lemberg is being continued, or whether General Brussiloff is preparing for a serious and thorough invasion of Hungary through the Carpathians.

From the Isonzo, too, we hear almost nothing, though there is a very natural explanation in that case. The Italians must move on Istria along three routes, more or less parallel, from Tolmino in the north to the Carso plateau and the seaboard in the south. Just north of Gorizia the army following the middle route has to take from the Austrians a very strong mountain position, the defence of which is undoubtedly holding up all the operations. It might be easy enough to advance north and south of this point, which is marked by Mount San Gabriele, but to do so would leave a dangerous salient projecting into the middle of the Italian armies and exposing the two inside flanks to attack. We shall expect to hear of heavy fighting at Tolmino before further serious attempts are made to push forward on the Carso plateau; the Italians have a fine opportunity and are confident of success, but they have need to go slowly and methodically.

As if to compensate the standstill on these two fronts, the French and British have made further gains of importance on the Somme and fighting has begun in earnest in the Balkans, while signal success has rewarded the Grand Duke in Armenia. The British made another advance last week north of Thiepval, which seems now to be drawn into a pocket, just as Posieres was. If the British succeed in encircling it much more, it will have to share the fate of that village. The French have done much the same thing at Clercy by their brilliant capture of Maupas.

MAJOR MONTGOMERIE LEAVES.—Major A. Montgomerie, of the Newfoundland Regiment, accompanied by his mother took passage by the Florizel Saturday evening last en route to New York on a visit.

on the Somme is well illustrated in the apt comparison of the line to the teeth of a saw. Where a place, such as Thiepval, Guillemont and some others, is too strong to be taken by frontal assault, Joffre and Haig gradually push forward on either side of it, until it can be swept with the cross fire from both directions. It may be said that the British and French salients would find themselves in the same predicament, which is mostly true; but it is noticeable that the flattening out of these indentations has always been in our favour. The Germans can say what they like of our losses and claim that our advance has been stopped; the one fact that stands out as indisputable is that it has not been stopped but embraces nearly every day some important point of vantage or other.

No one will dispute for a moment that the most important front is the West one, either by reason of the size of the forces engaged or the effect that would follow a striking success for either side; but it is for the moment overshadowed in interest by events that are transpiring in the Balkans. So little that is really definite has been reported from Athens or Salonika that it is hard to see exactly what has happened, but the hostile forces are evidently engaged all along the line. While the offensive has come from the Allies, the Bulgarians have, on the flanks at least, anticipated them. On the Eastern end, at Serres and Kavala, they have assumed the aggressive to a degree that bids fair to raise a crisis in Greece with possible political effects which it is not our purpose to consider here. On the Western end they seem to have had some initial success against the Serbians, though we can afford to ignore most of the extravagant claims made by their War Office. Any progress they make in Albania will be of little use to them and will only lengthen on their already extended line. The position will become serious as soon as the great Anglo-French army begins to move north in earnest up the Vardar and Struma Valleys; the other movements are subordinate and cannot have much effect. This advance has not yet begun, and there are probably good reasons for the delay. That they are political ones, concerned with Roumania and Greece, there can be little doubt. The whole situation is doubtful and clouded, but in a very short time now the very force of circumstances may clarify it and show exactly how the land lies.

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Summer Schedule.

S. S. Stephano and S. S. Florizel.

From New York every Saturday.

From Halifax every Tuesday.

From St. John's every Saturday.

Commissioner Richards at the College Hall.

The Annual Congress of the Salvation Army is being conducted by Commissioner W. J. Richards, who is well known here. He arrived in town on Saturday's express and received a warm welcome from a large number of Army officers and the Life Saving Guards. The Congress embraces a long and interesting programme, of which the chief item was the address given by the Commissioner at the Methodist College Hall yesterday afternoon. His Excellency being absent, the Hon. J. R. Bennett presided, and with such success as to win from the Commissioner the title of the "cream of Chairmen." The audience completely filled the hall and followed every part of the address and service with the closest attention.

Mr. Bennett introduced the speaker in a short speech, in which he gave some striking figures in evidence of the great work done by the Salvation Army here. Commissioner Richards then spoke for upwards of an hour, which seemed but a few minutes to his interested listeners. He attempted no general description of the work of the Army, which would have been too great a task, but by reference and anecdote succeeded in suggesting it very powerfully. He told a number of stories, all of which touched the hearts of his audience while many of them provoked at the same time their laughter. He told of work well and unselfishly done in London slums, in the Army Island in New Zealand, among the Java lepers and the Colombo beggars, and in Africa among the ignorant and superstitious Zulus. By implication more than direct statement he showed how enormous and worldwide were the activities and influence of the Salvation Army, while in every instance he paid tribute to the spirit of devotion and self-sacrifice that animated the workers. He spoke also of the Army men at the front, numbering some 80,000, and of their influence for good in the trenches. He concluded an eloquent and effective address by reference to the Army's work in Canada and Newfoundland and some words of graceful appreciation of St. John's and its citizens.

The Mayor, Mr. Gosling, in moving a vote of thanks to the Chairman, spoke of the pleasure and privilege it had been to him to be present and hear the Commissioner's address; the vote was heartily seconded by Hon. D. Morrison and carried by acclamation. A collection taken up met with a handsome response. Last night the Commissioner preached a revival sermon, taking as his text "All are like sheep having gone astray." Brigadier Green, of Toronto, was the soloist and sang splendidly. On Thursday the Commissioner will preach at the Citadel on "The Value of a Child."

Amusements.

FRANCIS X. BUSHMAN AT THE NICKEL THEATRE.

Francis X. Bushman, the most popular leading man on the stage to-day, will appear in a feature film at the Nickel Theatre to-day and to-morrow. He plays with Ruth Stonehouse and Helen Berry, Lester Cuneo and other renowned artists. All will be anxious to see this brilliant comedy which is entitled "The Slim Princess." "The Strange Case of Mary Page" will be continued. The episode is entitled "The Slums" and there are many interesting scenes. Wednesday Lillian Walker, Darwin Karr and other popular stars will be seen in a Vitagraph Blue Ribbon feature film entitled "Hearts and the Highway."

"FROM OUT OF THE PAST."

At The Popular Crescent. "From Out of the Past," a three reel Broadway star feature is the headliner at the Crescent Picture Palace to-day produced by the Vitagraph Company featuring William Humphrey, Carolyn Birch, Bell Bruce and an all Broadway star cast. The special events and show places of Canada including Niagara Falls in winter is shown in the "Ford Canadian Monthly." The Essanay Company presents a very funny comedy, "The Merry Models." A programme of new and classy music has been arranged by Professor McCarthy for this great week opening show.

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Presentation

Rupert, son of Mr. I. C. Morris, who is with the present Company of volunteers, was the recipient of a wristlet watch on Saturday evening as a testimony of the esteem in which he was held by his fellow-workers in his father's employ. Mr. D. Willar made the presentation and some happy speeches were made by those present.

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Mr. Galsworthy Looks Forward.

Mr. John Galsworthy concludes a series of articles entitled "And—after?" in the Observer, thus:

"It will be heart-breaking if from this stupendous cataclysm no lasting good to the world and to Britain can be brought forth. Its horror, even now, few realize who are not at the front.

"One who was many months on ambulance duty in the French lines wrote thus:

"They talk of the war! Let them come close in! Let them see lying around emaciated heads with no bodies within a couple of hundred yards; let them see the bloody confusion of heads and entrails and limbs which is showered around when a trench is mined; let them see the heads with ears and noses bitten off as if by mad dogs; let them see the men driven insane by the sights and sounds of the battlefield, who turn and rend their comrades, and have to be shot down by them; let them come where hundreds of wounded men are lying on contorted ground screaming at whole night through (and not one in a million has heard a man scream!) and then talk of the war!"

What Then?

"If from this horror, fought through and endured, as we believe, for the future of our land and the future of mankind, there is to come no blessing, no advance to freedom and health and justice.

"Nothing will be easier than to take up again the peace life of Britain as it was, and worse than that it was, because coarsened by the passions of war and embittered by the strain of a greater economic stress. Nothing will be easier than to give rein to the instincts of greed, pugnacity, and rancour, now hard held in by sentiment and the common peril; to step back and walk blindly in a country where all is faction; where class shuns class and men and women are bitterly opposed; where the youth of the nation is all the time running to seed; where children go hungry and millions throughout the land are miserably housed and fed; where the access to justice is often still beyond the reach of the poor; where helplessness is not yet a guarantee against ill-usage. Once the war-effort is over, nothing will be easier than—from a resolved and united nation—to become a crowd pressing this way and that, without view and without vision, seeking purse and place, or at the best fulfilment of small, factious policies.

"No one can tell yet what will be the world-sequel of this war—whether it will bring a long peace, or other wars; the enlargement of democracy or the hardening of autocratic rule; the United States of Europe or a congeries of distrustful Powers working for another 'Day.' Only one thing we know, that in our charge will be our own national life, to make or to mar; to prepare against whatever fortune the outer world shall brew, to prepare against the subtle march of inward dissolution. Our future does not lie on the knees of the gods; it lies in our own hands, and hearts, and brains, and the use that we shall make of them.

Shall We Go That Way?

"Swift is the descent to hell, and no wings fly so fast thither as the wings of material success. Shall we go that way? Or shall we, having fixed our eyes on a goal far beyond the finish of this war, quietly, resolutely, in our conduct to the outer world and in our national life, begin at once transmuting into deeds those words: Freedom, Health, Justice for all?"

"As a man thinks and dreams, so does he act. It is time to think and dream a little of the future, while the spirit of unity is on us, the vision of our Country with us; so that when we see again the face of Peace we may continue to act in unity, having in our hearts the good of our great Land, and in our eyes the vision of Her, growing ever to truer greatness and beauty."

Rumania is Preparing For War

German Correspondent Says Gay Bucharest Has Become a Grave City. London, Aug. 23.—The King of Rumania received the German and Austrian ministers to Bucharest in private audience on Monday, according to a Cologne despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, by way of Amsterdam. The ministers were received first separately, and afterwards jointly. It was the longest audience ever granted by the Rumanian King to the Teutonic representatives.

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