

The War Week by Week.

By OBSERVER.

For the present the great drama of the war seems to have narrowed itself down into an act concerned wholly with Roumania and its fate, and events elsewhere appear to be subordinated to it altogether. Successes by the Allies, which at another time would be hailed as considerable and more than satisfactory, are anxiously weighed by the effect they may have in succouring Roumania. There are some features, however, about the situation there which show it to be not so desperate after all nor even quite so important as it might appear.

There is much to be said in favour of the view we have read that the double offensive of Falkenhayn and Mackensen against Roumania failed when it was first checked. Like the first onslaught of the Germans against Paris, it is argued, it needed to carry all before it without stopping in order to achieve its object, and as all hopes vanished then at the Marne, so the temporary check administered to both armies here has spelled their failure and the resumption of the drive comes too late. This may be so, but in Dobruja at least things are going badly enough to be distinctly disquieting. We hear now that the Russo-Roumanian army has retreated from Tchernavoda all the way to Hirsova. This is a long way north, but they still have the broad Danube as a defensive barrier which it will need an enormous effort to overcome. There is no confirmation, at the time of writing, of the report that the Roumanians have destroyed the bridge over the river at Tchernavoda, but the extent of their retirement would make it almost certain. Behind the river, between which and the Black Sea the whole province of Dobruja is enclosed, they should succeed in holding off the invader.

At the other, Transylvanian, side our allies seem to be offering a stout resistance to Falkenhayn, and it will grow stronger as reinforcements continue to come in from Russia. Berlin claims advances at Predel, the Vulkan Pass and elsewhere, but they are set off by successes for the Roumanian arms at other points, so that it is difficult to size up the situation. For the present it is enough to point out one feature of it which is distinctly in our favour. We may expect to see the enemy pursue his campaign with the utmost vigour, for failure now would be almost disastrous to him. Whatever the policy that dictated the first interruption of the Roumanians into Transylvania, it could hardly have affected the military situation appreciably had it succeeded, for it would have resulted in the practical benefit to the Austrians of shortening their line considerably. We can see this plainly if we consult the map and draw a line straight from, say, Kinopolung through Maros to Orsova, which would probably be the line chosen by the enemy for a stand. As it is, they are committed to the course

they have adopted without hope of recall, and are compelled to hold an immensely longer line following all the sinuosities of the Roumanian border. This is another of the factors of a situation which, if it turns against Germany, will do so with a vengeance. It looks as if the Greek trouble was at last in sight of a settlement. It is about time. Almost as valuable to Roumania in her extremity as Russia's direct support would have been a thorough-paced offensive all along the Macedonian front. This was unfortunately prevented by the attitude of Constantine and his army, which has evidently constituted a more serious impediment than has appeared at distance. But the diversion would still be of great value at the present moment, and in a few days, if the atmosphere has thoroughly cleared in Greece, we may see General Sarraill begin to deliver far more powerful blows than he has yet attempted.

Easily the outstanding feature of events on the West front has been the splendid victory of the French at Verdun. Last Tuesday, after an intense bombardment and in an attack that must have been quite unexpected, General Nivelle's troops swept forward and took trenches along a wide front and to a great depth. Their gains included Loumont and Thiaumont, and have brought them within measurable distance of taking Fort Vaux, which may be expected to fall next. When it does, the line at this point will have been restored almost to its position last February when the six-months' battle of Verdun began. Few victories could be more gratifying than this. Not merely does it mark the utter failure of that great attempt, made at the unspeakable cost in men and effort, but it reveals a condition of things in the West that gives great encouragement to us. It shows that the huge army that once faced Verdun has been greatly depleted and sent to feed the lines at the Somme and on other fronts. Thus we have the plainest proofs that reinforcements come from other parts of the German line and not to any extent from a central reserve. What this means is obvious. The fighting is still going on and the French are pressing ahead. Thus the Germans have now two great offensives to contend with. There are signs that another and very considerable effort is about to be made on the Somme front, where the atrocious weather has of late helped the enemy. The fan-like direction of the attack must be noted, spreading out instead of narrowing and thus lengthening the line as it moves ahead. From Chaulnes to Thiepval is a considerable front to defend, and our object is plainly to extend it as it advances. When it has been carried far enough, and Bapaume and Peronne are included, we shall look for a concerted attack in three directions which should at last effect the breach for which the Allies are striving.

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New Fall Dress Goods.

Take time to visit our Dress Goods Section. Get posted on what's to be worn this Fall. You will not be disappointed in variety of the assortment; you will not be disappointed with the values. Come in and look them all over; we are showing every thing desirable in Fall Dress Goods and Coatings from the Lowest to the Highest priced.

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The W. C. T. U.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held at the Seamen's Institute, Thursday afternoon. The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Vey after which the President, Mrs. Benedict, conducted the special business, which was the receiving of reports for the past year and election of officers for the ensuing year. The report of the Secretary, Mrs. Watson, showed the past year to have been most successful in the social work accomplished and in the attainment of one of the aims of the Union for moral and social betterment, i.e., Prohibition for Newfoundland. The membership of the Union had increased and the interest manifested showed a keen desire to spread the principles of the Union everywhere.

The financial report given by the Treasurer, Mrs. Milley, show a good balance on hand after all expenses incident to the Prohibition campaign had been met.

After the adoption of reports the election and appointment of officers was then proceeded with resulting as follows:—

Mrs. Vey—President, elected.
Mrs. Penman—1st V. P., re-elected.
Mrs. Fraser—2nd V. P., re-elected.
Mrs. J. Moore—3rd V. P., elected.
Mrs. G. Grimes—Cor. Sec., elected.
Mrs. A. Watson—Rec. Sec., elected.
Mrs. G. Soper, Treasurer, elected.

The following Committees were appointed:—

Poor House Committee.—Mrs. J. Moore, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Whiteway and Mrs. Miller.
Hospital Committee.—Mrs. T. Martin, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. J. Clouston and Mrs. W. Milley.

Prison Committee.—Mrs. Pippy, Mrs. Penman, Mrs. G. Soper, Mrs. G. Grimes and Mrs. H. Young.

The large attendance of members present and the interest taken in the extension of the work of the Union was an evidence that the W. C. T. U. is as much alive as ever, and sees the need for exercising that eternal vigilance necessary against the liquor traffic. All deeply regretted the resignation of Mrs. Benedict from the Presidency who for several years back has filled the office with credit to the Union and herself. Her executive ability did much in the making of the success of the Union during these years and particularly during the past year when it assisted so largely in winning the fight for Prohibition.

Mrs. Pippy, who for the last twenty years filled the office of Evangelistic Supt., was also obliged to resign owing to the want of a much needed and well deserved rest; a more faithful, loyal, active and devoted worker is not easy to find. Mrs. Vey, the newly elected President, after thanking the members for the honour conferred on her appealed for the hearty co-operation of the members to make for still greater progress in the attainment of the aims and objects of the Union. The meeting then closed with Benediction given by Mrs. Pippy.

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White Elephant Sale Surpasses All Expectations.

The White Elephant Sale which opened at 10.30 a.m. Thursday morning, finished up yesterday. Everything coming under the hammer reached a good price, and the promoters of the affair are exultant over the fact that their highest estimate has been exceeded. Judging from the manner in which some of the ladies manipulated the hammer in competition with our popular auctioneer, Mr. P. C. O'Driscoll, it would be no surprise to us to hear of some new applications being made for auctioneering licenses. When the closing hour approached everything had fallen under the hammer except the White Elephant, which was spirited away to its sacred haunts until such time as another sale in aid of the wounded soldiers is brought off. During the sale the members of the Khaki Guild served refreshments, which was greatly appreciated by those present.

DELAYS ARE DANGEROUS

—Don't delay in ordering your new suit as the price of goods is continually on the jump in the home markets, and the longer you'll wait the more you'll pay. If you want a suit, GET IT NOW and get it at SPURRELL'S, where good goods, low prices combined with style and fit predominate. SPURRELL BROS., 365 Water St.—may 4, tu, th, s, f

COLLEGE FOOTBALL. — The St. Bon's and Collegians will play this afternoon and the latter will contest with the Felidians on Tuesday next. The championship has already been won by the St. Bon's.

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