

The War Week by Week.

By OBSERVER.

The strange absence of any important events that preceded Roumania's action seems to have been merely the hush before the storm, which has now broken with redoubled force. Henceforth we may count on unremittent activity in every theatre of war, for the policy of the Allies demands it, and it is the Allies who now dictate the course, if not the result, of the fighting. The struggle on the Somme goes on with even greater fury, Russia is on the move again in Galicia, Italy keeps up the pressure in the Trentino and on the Isonzo, while the near East bids fair to be the scene of a more desperate conflict than has yet been witnessed anywhere. Or, if not more desperate, at any rate attended with far more vital consequences.

Last week saw two of the greatest victories achieved by the French arms since the opening of the Somme battle. Under the eyes of Hindenburg himself, the picked troops of Prussia were hurled back by the French bayonets in a sanguinary hand to hand encounter at Le Forest and Clercy which has had a twofold effect. It has first of all advanced the Allies' line so that Comblès is virtually surrounded, as was Guillemont, and its reduction only a question of time; and, secondly, it has demonstrated as certain the superiority of the French soldier over the German in the open and on equal terms—a very comforting augury for the future. The operation seems to have been brilliant in the extreme, and its value will very soon be apparent.

At the same time General Foch has carried out with equal success a very considerable movement south of the Somme. This has as its primary object the envelopment of Peronne, but it also effects a great extension of the offensive which will combine with the drain on Germany's man-power to the East to add to the difficulties of the problem with which she is faced. Very large forces have evidently been engaged. If this sort of thing continues it is certain to have speedy and important results. Nothing could more convincingly demonstrate the completeness, not to say superiority, of the Allies' artillery preparation and equipment. For this is essentially a combat of big guns, and that the French should be able to force home an attack over so great an area while engaged as they are north of the

Somme and at Verdun is as encouraging to us as it must be disquieting to the Germans. So fierce has been the fighting from Barleux to Chaulnes that it seems to rival the terrible tug-of-war around Comblès and Thiepval. This new direction of the attack may simply be the next step, as we have said, towards Peronne, but it may also be inspired by the knowledge that the German lines are becoming thinned, in which case we may possibly see the fighting extended still further or even break out at other points far removed. The British have followed up the capture of Guillemont by that of Ginchy, a fitting climax to one of the best weeks on this front since the drive began.

The struggle in the East is for the moment following a rather peculiar course. Roumania and Russia are clearly acting in concert, pressing Austria hard from two directions, while Bulgaria, assisted by German troops and under German leadership, has made a considerable drive into southeastern Roumania in what may be a sound strategic counter-stroke, or may be mere desperation. The Russians have taken a long step forward towards a decisive victory in Galicia. The Austrians appear to be on the point of abandoning Halicz; if they do the siege of Lemberg will begin in earnest, and it can only end in one way. At the same time the fighting for the Carpathian passes is proceeding fiercely, for it is of premier importance.

The Austrians are clearly falling back before the Roumanian advance to a shorter and firmer line of defence in Transylvania; but once the Russians force their way through the Carpathians they will seriously threaten the flank of this line, which would need to be very strong indeed to hold back both armies. The Galician campaign thus becomes a more vital one than ever to Austria, for success to the Russians there will be the avenue to this twofold invasion of Hungary which she dreads so much.

With the status quo little changed on the Macedonian front, Bulgaria has found time for a diversion which amounts to a serious threat to the Allied operations, unless it has been foreseen and permitted. Her troops have seized the important Roumanian fortress of Turtukal, taking the entire garrison prisoners, and claim in addition to have taken Silistria, some

distance eastward. Both places are on the Danube, and well inside the Roumanian border. The chief significance that we can see in this movement for the present is the evident apprehension of the Central Powers of the Russo-Roumanian invasion of Bulgaria, and through it of Turkey, which this success may do much to anticipate and impede. It is extremely unlikely that Bucharest can be aimed at, though it is not far distant. The advance seems to be essentially defensive, but it will not do to let it go too far. It is here, in southeastern Roumania, that we may look for heavy fighting very soon. Meanwhile, violent artillery engagements on the Struma and Vardar fronts seem at last to herald the great advance by General Sarrail's army, or groups of armies, which is to begin in earnest the redemption of Serbia and the eventual settlement of the whole Balkan question in the only way in which it can be settled, by force of arms.

Here and There.

Fresh Irish Hams and Bacon at ELLIS'.

EAGLE BACK.—The S.S. Eagle arrived back from Sydney Saturday evening with a coal cargo.

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CAME WITH PATIENT.—By the Portia last night Sergt. Gardner arrived with a patient for the Lunatic Asylum.

VESSELS DUE.—The vessels Attila and Helen Stewart are 45 and 52 days, respectively, out from Bahia to this port.

LEFT NEW YORK.—The S.S. Stephano left New York on Saturday for Halifax and this port, and is due on Thursday next.

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KILLED IN ACTION.—The name of Christopher Hawco, of St. John's, Nfld., is mentioned in a recent Ottawa Casualty List as killed in action.

GOVERNOR AT PAPER TOWN.—His Excellency the Governor and Lady Davidson arrived back at Botwood on Saturday from the Labrador and then left for Grand Falls.

NOTABLE ANNIVERSARY.—This date twelve months ago the First Nfld. Regiment left Alexandria for Mudra en route to Suria Bay on Gallipoli, where landing occurred under fire of the Turks.

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SAD COINCIDENCE.—A sad coincidence in connection with Saturday night's terrible automobile accident is that two years ago the same little boy, James Byrne, received a kick from a horse and narrowly escaped being killed. He was seriously injured at the time, but recovered.

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DEDICATION ANNIVERSARY.—Yesterday was the anniversary of the dedication of the R. C. Cathedral. In honor of the occasion flags in profusion were flown from the towers of the church and the surroundings generally and at noon the joy bells rang out a merry peal.

OUTPORT MAN MEETS ACCIDENT.—Thomas Mallowney, of Bay Bulls, fell near the railway station here on Saturday evening and broke his ankle. He was attended to by Dr. Mitchell at the police station where he was brought by officers Furlong and Stamp. Later he was conveyed to the hospital for treatment.

T. A. & B. SOCIETY.—Yesterday afternoon the quarterly meeting of the T. A. & B. Society was held. President Ellis occupied the chair. Reports of the different branches of the Society were submitted and a committee appointed to discuss the holding of a celebration in the nature of an "At Home" in honor of Fr. Matthew's anniversary on Nov. 10th next.

CONVEYED TO HOSPITAL.—The ambulance was called to Cook's Street on Saturday night and conveyed to the General Hospital a resident named John Tizzard, aged 60, who was suffering from appears to be an incurable malady. Some few years ago he was on one of our local steamers engaged running in the fruit trade in South America and contracted a dangerous fever caused by insect heat. He has since been in our hospital for a term, but a cure could not be made of him.

Street Car Breaks Loose Coming Down Theatre Hill

Smashes Through Soper & Moore's Window.

What might have been one of the worst accidents in the history of the West End was only averted by the act of Providence, when at 1.30 p.m. yesterday street car No. 2, bound west over Theatre Hill, got beyond control of Motorman Edward Cooper and dashed at lightning speed down the steep incline to the foot of Adelaide Street, where on striking the curve it jumped the rails, cut off a telephone pole as if it were a slender reed, crashed through the two front windows of Soper & Moore's grocery store, and entered the next building occupied by Mrs. Carrigan and Yee Lee's Chinese laundry on the corner of Holdsworth Street. Owing to the big downpour of rain, the rails were in a slippery condition, making it difficult for the brakes to act, and despite the efforts of the motorman who did his best to check the onrushing car, it was seen in an instant that an accident could not be avoided. Cooper remained at his post and shouted at the top of his voice to people passing, expecting at the next moment to be dashed to death, but fortunately escaped with several cuts on his head, as the result of falling glass. There were seven passengers in the car at the time, who escaped serious injury, as also did Conductor Squires. Added to the small party was the danger of live wires which snapped when the pole was cut off and lay along the ground. Child-like, a little 10-year-old boy named James Mason, grasped the end of a broken wire and was badly burned. Dr. Campbell, who arrived on the scene, attended to the lad's injuries and also dressed the wounds of Motorman Cooper. Soper & Moore's store was badly wrecked, the contents of the shelves were scattered all over the store, while part of the goods stored in the west window were forced into the next building, which was moved about eighteen inches. A Mrs. Walsh of Adelaide Street, in company with her daughter, a young woman, was visiting Mrs. Carrigan and was sitting in the front room at the time of the accident. The young woman received a nasty cut on the forehead from flying splinters of glass, while her mother became unconscious, and was removed from the building by Messrs. J. T. Meaney, Pike, Dormady and others, who had to force an entrance on the ground floor. Dr. Walsh, who arrived early on the scene, attended to the two women. Mrs. Carrigan, who was ill in bed, received a severe shock but otherwise escaped injury. A Mrs. Pittman, who was sitting in the same room as Mrs. Walsh, also had a narrow escape. Had the car struck the house first a more serious accident might have occurred. The damage done amounts to several hundred dollars, part of which is covered by insurance. This corner is now becoming famous, for accidents of a similar nature have occurred there about six times since the street car service was inaugurated in the city. Many are of opinion that the track should be extended to Queen Street before turning to Water Street; in any case something must be done to prevent the recurrence of a similar accident.

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