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HENRY BLAIR.

The War Week by Week.

By OBSERVER.

The past week will be forever memorable as witnessing the proposals of Germany and Austria for peace, the official expression of the wish that has plainly for some time dwelt within their borders. History will hold no less memorable their flat rejection by the Allies, the repudiation not merely of the proffered terms but of the very idea of peace at this time. At the moment of writing these actual terms have not been made known, but their tenor has been fairly accurately foreseen for some time by the Allies. It is certain that they cannot possibly contain two at least of the conditions formulated by Mr. Asquith in 1914—the restoration and indemnity of Belgium and the abnegation of Prussian rule. All discussion is vain and purposeless and very little is likely to be made, but the fact of the offer is not a little important. By all the Allies, and most of the outside world, it will be interpreted as a confession of weakness, and the confidence of the Entente will be accordingly increased.

Meantime there has been little fighting of note except in Roumania, where we merely know generally that the victorious advance of the Teutonic forces continues with unabated vigour and rapidity. Paucity of information and lack of details leave us ignorant of the exact position. Since Bucharest fell the invaders have pressed on steadily northward and from Ploesti eastward, compelling the Roumanians into a retreat heading generally to the northeast. At the same time, it has been announced that a Bulgarian army has crossed the Danube near Silistria, with the obvious purpose of turning the Roumanian left flank. This part of the operations is certain to gain in importance as the retreat proceeds. It seems as if the Russians and Roumanians are still in possession of the western end of the Tchernavoda bridge and we know that they hold Dobruja north of it. The main army will probably make a stand on the Buzeu river; the Germans are already reported to be across the Jablonitza river. This line they may hold; if not, they will have to fall back upon that pivoted upon Galatz. This is a shorter line and well adapted to defence. At some point, at any rate, a final stand will be made, when we may look for a struggle for command of the Black Sea coast. At present it is difficult to prophesy. The Roumanians seem to be utterly demoralised and incapable of opposing any resistance worth while, but every mile brings them to shorter communications with Russia and nearer the Russian bases of supply. Most military critics seem to think that the line we have indicated will mark the limit of the German advance. The number of prisoners they have taken is an important element in the situation. Though we may dismiss as extravagant Berlin's statement that the Roumanians have suffered losses up to 300,000, it is most likely that their casualties have been very heavy.

This morning, after many weeks of inactivity, we hear of another great French victory at Verdun. It has followed the line of the last advance there and pushed it well forward. The French claim to have taken Haubourdin and Leuvenmont, the latter of which is so far north of Verdun as to show how complete the recovery has been made. Berlin admitted that gains had been made on both sides of the Meuse, which would seem to show that the old familiar Cumples and Le Mort Homme have also been the scene of fighting. Even the meagre details we have so far received seem to point out the victory as a brilliant one. It is certainly one of a most gratifying kind, involving the capture of a large number of the enemy with small losses to our side. In this respect it resembles the late British gains on the Aisne which the bad weather has put a long pause to. Though not to be compared with the

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