

Weekly War Summary

WHILE on the western front the Allied armies are continuing to work out successfully the plans of Marshal Foch, which have already been carried out so far as to secure to the Allies complete control of the initiative—that is to say, of the power to determine the future course of the conflict, and to dictate when and where the operations shall be carried on—there have also been begun new offensives in Palestine and in Macedonia, in accordance with what is known to be the basic idea of Marshal Foch's strategy, namely that while the war must be won on the western front, it must be won also on the other fronts.

The British forces in Palestine, under General Allenby, have won brilliant successes against the Turks. In an overwhelming surprise attack, their northward drive through Palestine, they completely routed the Turks, taking 18,000 prisoners and capturing 120 guns. In less than four days the British swept forward in the centre between the river Jordan and the sea, taking among other places, Nazareth, while their wings closed round in a swift enveloping movement surrounded all the Turkish forces in the coastal sector of Palestine, the plain of Sharon and the hill region in the centre, as well as the Jordan valley. Meanwhile, to the north-east the Arab forces co-operating with the British, have cut all the Turkish communications. The British cavalry, before taking Nazareth, swept across the famous field of Armageddon.

In Macedonia the Italians are co-operating with the British, French, Serbian and Greek troops, and are driving the Bulgarians and such German troops as are with them across Serbia.

On the western front the resumption of the continuous Allied offensive in greater strength than ever is to be counted upon; both the British, Canadian, French and Australian forces west of Verdun and the French and American forces east of that battered stronghold continuing their work of smashing their way towards the Rhine, and driving the Germans before them.

The best proof of the continuing success of the Allies is the manner in which Berlin has ordered Austria to start a peace offensive. This transparent move has not, however, deceived any of the Allied nations in the least. The Allied nations are more than ever determined not to be hood-winked into an abortive ending of the war, to the advantage of an unreformed and unrepentant Germany still in control of its military autocracy.

The Mail Bag

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Permit me to point out to my fellow-farmers that in case of a German invasion the bootmaker, the tailor, etc., could pick up their tools and emigrate to another country. The farmer with a half-section of land could not take his land with him. He would become the slave of the enemy, driving "his outfit" over "his half-section" for the sole benefit of his lord and master, the Hun, as the poor Roumanian's are doing today. Your can hardly expect the bootmaker and the tailor to die in defence of your half-section of land while you are enjoying the profits of war times.

While I understand that "Farmer in Class I" is anxious to do his bit, only he does not catch on to the intentions of the government, in which he may be pardoned, as the edicts of the government are not as clear as they might be. Canada has, however, a reserve of old men and maidens who can handle land if they are given the opportunity. The writer has seen young maidens of 18 summers driving self-binders, while their younger brothers are stooking, and their sisters of ten years, on horse-back, are rounding up the cows after school hours. Have no fear of the future. Young Canada is coming to the front.

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