



The Nations at War—What of the Morrow?

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We are now almost at the end of the tenth month of the war, and it is possible to "take stock". The western line of war on the Continent has changed but a few yards since Paris was saved. On the East Russian and German surge backward and forward with the latter holding at present the ascendancy. In Nov., 1914, a new partner joined the Teutons, viz., Turkey, and now the Dardanelles is the third very interesting area of conflict. Italy, so long "uncertain, coy, and hard to please", has made the plunge, and the Adriatic has become a fourth centre. Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania are "prepared", watching each other narrowly, with rankling memories of 1913. If the Allies take the Dardanelles, the whole of the Balkans may reasonably be expected to move. Italy will probably get her heart's desire, that the Adriatic become an Italian lake. Poor Serbia, the immediate occasion of the war, seems to have dropped out of sight. Is she so plague-ridden that no army can be sent against her?

On the sea the results are all in favor of the Allies. German commerce has been swept away, and the losses in the number of armed vessels and tonnage are only slightly against the Allies. In submarine warfare alone does Germany seem to occupy more of public attention, but it is quite possible that the world is not in possession of all the facts on the British side.

The causes of the war are still what they were, *racial* (Slav or Teuton), *historical* (Teuton or Frank, Alsace-Lorraine),