

TAKING STOCK OF WAR DURING PAST YEAR

GERMAN DREAM OF WORLD EMPIRE WELL SHATTERED

Independence of Western Europe Is Assured and, as Regards Main Issue, German Defeated

REGARDING THE BALKANS

The Perplexing Problem in the East Remains Unsolved and May So Remain at War's End.

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THE beginning of a new calendar year is a logical and inevitable time for taking an account of stock in that business which is now the main occupation of the world, the business of war. With what prospects do we begin the new twelve months, with what profits and had debts carried forward from the year that has ended?

No man who had lived through the last year could fail to realize that there had been a marked change in the feeling of all the peoples at war. The desire for peace has grown since the time last year, when the allied nations were flatly declining those German peace proposals which were designed to give Germany a victorious peace while she was yet in a position to realize of her profits.

The year just closed has seen the postponement, if not the final banishment, of many hopes of German hopes quite much as they were from the calendar. The allied nations, still unaware that the old regime in Russia had betrayed them and that the revolution had broken down the old Russian empire, could look forward to 1917 as a victory year. The Germans, knowing the Russian situation, could expect that the coming Russian collapse would leave the western world free to make a disadvantageous peace.

The Russian Collapse

The Russian collapse came, and with it the allied hopes of a decision in 1917. But before the elimination of Russia was clear to the world, before Germany could capitalize the moral and military consequences of the passing of the Russian empire, the Russian collapse was a moral influence which quite dissipated the effects of Russian desertion and was bound, in due course of time, to provide a military contribution which would replace the Russian share in allied warfare.

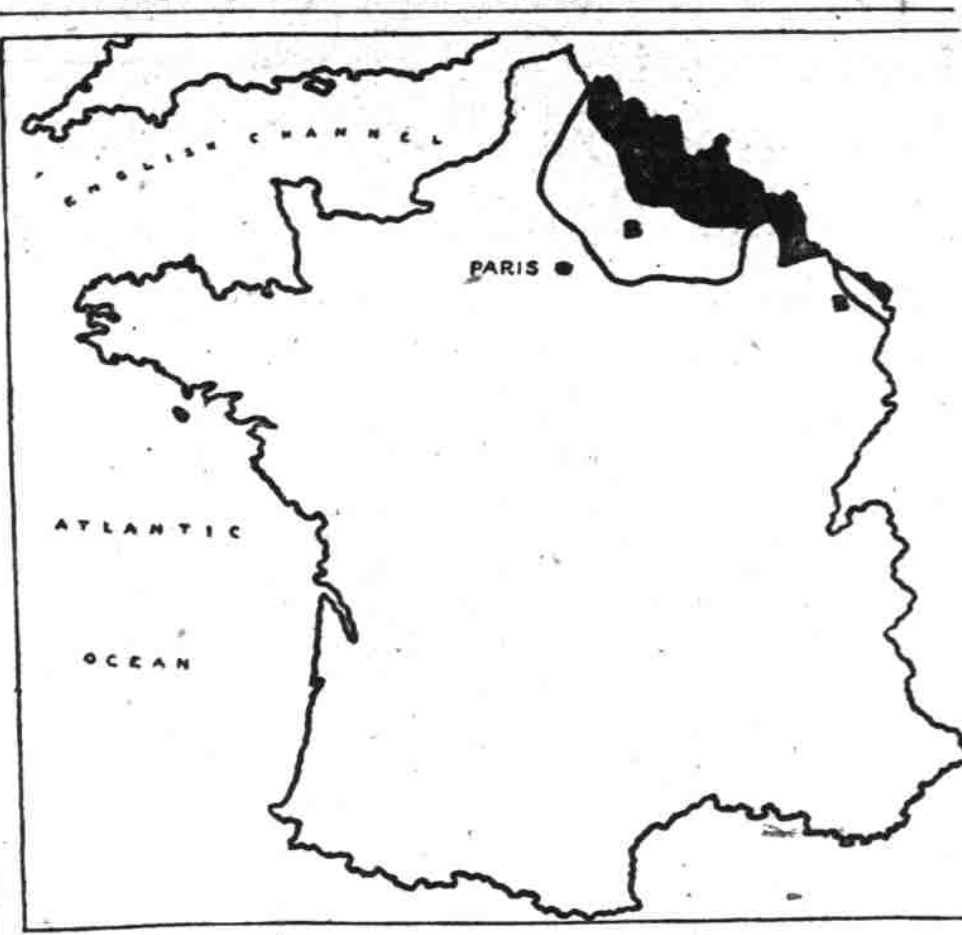
And so the allies, who still trusting Russia, had hoped to win, and the Germans, who had hoped to win, knowing Russia, were equally disappointed. Both sides were compelled to recognize that no decision could be had, and both sides are bound to realize now, as the New Year opens, that the chance of victory in 1918 is small, because America can't make any decisive contribution to the campaign of the coming year, and her contribution is essential to an allied victory. The Germans, on their side, are bound to recognize, presently, that they have not left the resources necessary to obtain that decision in the west which escaped them at the Marne and at Verdun. They must perceive, too, that the allies, knowing that the United States is coming up, will hold on with new energy and fresh determination.

Submarine Falls

One other balance there is to be struck. The German has been to find in the submarine a weapon to force the allies to make a negotiated peace in 1917; the weapon failed and despite its past ravages and present promise is no longer regarded by the Germans as likely to win the war. By contrast, the allies, when they began to recognize the extent of Russian collapse, sought in the submarine a weapon to shorten their lines and evacuate most of Western France before the coming year, and their contribution to the Eastern front in sufficient numbers to stay the British attack. By an inconceivable margin, but by a safe margin, the Germans have failed. The British thrust failed, the chance of clearing Northern France has gone, perhaps until the day when a million American troops restore the advantage of numbers to the forces of Germany.

Striking a Balance

And this, after all, is the statement of the year of war. The main hopes of both sides have failed. In France the British and French have won victories and the Germans have lost vast territories. In the East, Baghdad and Jerusalem, Mesopotamia and Palestine



Unconquered France. Dark portion shows French territory still held by Germany. Areas marked B were occupied by the Germans and have been reconquered. As it now stands, Germany holds about 7000 square miles of the 207,000 which were included in the French frontiers before the war.

have fallen to British arms and German East Africa, the last of Germany's colonial possessions, has passed to the control of Britain. As against this Germany has won a great success in Italy, and the very safety of Italy has been imperiled and remains in peril. The allied hope that Italy would be able to complete the exhaustion of Austria has not been realized, and Austria is not likely now to be a victim of Italian military power. Here is another very considerable allied hope gone glimmering.

Put laying aside these balancing claims of profit and loss, we are bound to see that the year has closed with a larger question of the effect of the events of the past year upon the major ambitions and aspirations of the two contestants. Such an examination of facts, however, inevitably leads to the realization that the events of 1917 have sensibly, materially and perhaps permanently changed the situation of both groups of powers. The year has closed with a light, seems unlikely to end in quite the fashion either group of belligerents hoped and expected one year ago, much less as they hoped to months ago when the conflict was opening.

Germany's Ambition Crushed

Looking backward for the moment, let us recall the ambitions and aspirations of the first year of the war, the year of planning and organizing, burst upon the world in August, 1914, with a matured program of conquest. She was to conquer the world, to drive the British from Russia, and thereafter, master of the Continent as Napoleon had been, organize it for a final struggle with her real enemy, Great Britain. Belgium and Northern France were to be her base, and the French empire was to be reduced to the position with reference to Germany Prussia had held toward the great Napoleon after Jena. World power was the driving ambition of the German, who saw first Europe, then Asia and Africa at his feet, the British empire shaken by internal revolt, and Egypt and India menaced by Turkish armies, German-led.

The French victory at the Marne and the French stand before Verdun put a final term to the major hope of Germany. Thanks to the French valor and military genius, France was not destroyed while Britain remained unready. Kaiser loses Colonies.

And now, after nearly three years and a half of war, the situation as between Germany and her British foe remains unchanged. Germany has not been able to hold all of Germany's colonies, save for small portions occupied by her allies. She has banished the German flag from the seas, she has brought about the ruin of the whole commercial empire of Germany within his own empire. And the necessity of getting at Britain has been with the German since the beginning of the campaign, with the United States and with the various other nations. The whole commercial machine of Germany is wrecked, in South America as well as Asia. If the war were to end today on basis of the war map, no one could deny that, as Tiplitz truthfully said recently, he has brought about the ruin of Germany and that for the future, crippled Germany would face a strengthened British commercial rival.

Further than this, Germany had hoped to annex Belgium and much of Northern France, including Alsace and Boulogne. No rational German now expects such a result. What ever else remains

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RUSSIA AT RHEIMS ENDURING MONUMENT TO STUPIDITY

Before the War Cathedral Belonged to France, Now It Is the Whole World's.

MONUMENT TO STUPIDITY

Scars on Ancient Shrine Ever Will Bear Witness Against German Barbarism.

By Dana Burnett

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Paris—The cathedral of Rheims, its present state is, I suppose, the finest monument to frightfulness that even frightfulness could wish. As indecent and undignified as the worst of the East, it is a monument to the most heinous of crimes. Such being the case, Britain is bound to insist upon the restoration of Serbia, and the United States and the French are bound to support this course, because every moral and national consideration entitles the Serbs to liberty; and, if their liberty be sacrificed, if the old Balkan chaos subsist after the war, we shall sooner or later have new troubles growing out of fresh virus coming from this festering sore and poisoning the whole world system as it has in the past.

Serbs Entitled to Liberty

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