

# GERMANS SELL TO ZIONISTS.

## Give Up Palestine Settlement of Saronia at a Sacrifice.

The sale by the "Templar" colonists of Saronia, one of the largest German settlements in Palestine, which lies between Jaffa and Petach Tikwah, of all their land and improvements to the Zionists at a price far below its actual value, is considered a significant indication that these colonists realize that the British conquest is to be permanent. It is a source of great satisfaction to the Jewish colonists, to whom Saronia has been a formidable obstacle in the development of the environments of Jaffa.

This colony was the particular pride of German colonizing ambition in Palestine. The Templars are good farmers, and in the early stages of the Jewish settlement, their superiority, compared to the inexperience of the Jews, was marked. In the last few years, especially after the sons of the original colonists began their exodus from the Orient, the status was reversed, and the Templars have latterly been compelled to have recourse to the scientific skill of the Jewish farmers.

Several times during the last ten years, the Jews have attempted to buy up Saronia, but heretofore their overtures had been rejected. The sale, at this time, is held to be significant of the probable early sale of the other Templar colonies, Wilhelma and Bir Salem, both in the neighborhood of Jaffa, and Bethlehem, and Um el Amed, near Nazareth.

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