

## ENVOY

Only after the Meuse has been wrested from the Germans—then, and then only will you be able to contemplate speaking of "the beginning of the end"!

Whether you will ever get beyond the Rhine I seriously doubt; in fact, if I must be honest, I think it will prove an impossibility, unless Holland comes in, which is not very likely.

You may as well recognize, first and last, that this is primarily an *Anglo-German* war. Remember that as time goes on your Allies will grow weaker in the same ratio as Germany does, neither more nor *less*.

*But for England Germany would have been victorious on all fronts*; but for England the Germans would be the masters of Europe to-day, and . . . they know it. Russia will find that she will have her hands full in holding her Eastern front intact. While the Germans may not continue the advance started last year, I doubt whether the Russians have as yet the organization to deliver a decisive defeat. I use "organization" advisedly. They have the men and they have the ammunition. It is Organization they are up against, and theirs is inferior to Germany's. Austria will always be child's play for Russia. She has hammered that country many times before, and will do so many times again. But defeating the Austrians will not affect the German lines in Russia very considerably. On the other hand, if the Austrians retreat too far, the Russian lines of communication through Galicia will be seriously endangered by German flank attacks. RUSSIA'S IDEA IS THAT SHE WILL DEAL WITH AUSTRIA AND TURKEY, BUT THAT THE WESTERN ALLIES WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE LION'S SHARE IN DEFEATING GERMANY. *That is what Russia expects from the Allies.*

The Russian march to Berlin is a dream that will—at least in this war—never be realized. No, it is England, and England again and again, that will have to settle Germany. The Russians alone cannot drive the Germans out of their country. The English will have to do it for them—at the Western front.