

been considered. Had there been any pretence on Germany's part to abide by established rules of war, there would never have been a reason to consider them. Yet these means have now been found. Their crucial importance is manifest from this single consideration: had they not been discovered, the war would be over to-day and democracy would be under the heels of the Central Powers. It may be that the recently found means of squelching the submarine will turn out to be simple. Any jurist familiar with the law of patents will hold at once that this will only increase the merit of those who have invented them.

But surely, I hear it said, the English did blunder at Neuve Chappelle, at Loos and in the Dardanelles. Well, in the fall of 1914 a handful of British, who for millenniums will remain imperishable in memory, behind poorly constructed defences, held back or put out of action several, yes, many times their numbers of Germans. At Neuve Chappelle and Loos, the British were going against a substantially equal number of the enemy resting behind the best known type of well built trenches. The odds were tremendously against them. Now when one is engaged upon a venture in which the chances are strongly against success, it is easy, after the event, to point out the reason for failure, such as a shortness of ammunition here, a lack of reserves there. For all that, as the president of a great railway system once said, that man only wins great profit who takes long chances, who lays his plans to win not four times in five but three times in five. He would have sided with that wing of the Cabinet which voted for the expedition to the Dardanelles, which must now be put down as a military failure though, perhaps, the greatest political success of the war. For prior to its undertaking the one vital thing the friends of England and France had to fear was the possibility of Russia's secession. When British troops landed at the Gallipoli peninsula, that phantom was banished and the ultimate success of the Allies was thereby raised to a moral certainty. Russia could never be untrue to friends so