

the result is inevitable. Have we yet sufficient data on which a prediction of this result can be based, or sufficient knowledge or intelligence to predict it truly if we have these data available? Can we detach ourselves enough from the immediate horror to be able to judge dispassionately of the ultimate accomplishment? Have we the necessary insight into human psychology to foresee the breaking point of human determination? What is the meaning of Russia, of Belgium, of Armenia, of the United States, of China?

And, above all, is it worth while? Can there possibly be any truth in the mouths of them that say that nothing can justify the abominations of this war, that it would be better to let the Hohenzollerns take Belgium and Northern France, better to accept the destruction of Serbia and Rumania, better to agree to Armenian extermination, than to suffer what they who oppose the will of the drivers of the Prussian Juggernaut must undergo? Can there be any moral justification sufficient to warrant the physical outrage incident to resistance?

When all is said and done, the answer to these questions must depend upon the relative importance of the individual and of the race. If progress be a purpose rather than an accident, if mankind be an evolution rather than a