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pathy with the Russians and confidence that in the end Russia will win through and escape disintegration as a nation.

Hope is a big factor toward effort. Imagine the position of some young Slav in the Russian army who feels he could gather round him a number of his men and fellows who would continue to fight against Germany if they had a chance. Think of the amount of heart and hope that is taken out of such a man by hearing and reading repeatedly that the military representatives of the Allies have stated that there was no more fight left in the Russians. What the Allies say does not matter so much if it is said at home, for the reason that German propaganda sees to it that the spokesmen of the Allies are so utterly misrepresented in Russia. What the representatives of the Allies who are on the ground say is a very different matter. The men who could talk to the Russian soldier and talk effectively are the men who have been in uniform and fought on their own fronts—and perhaps been wounded there.

I had good evidence of this in Vladivostok. A Y.M.C.A. representative there wore a khaki uniform and very unwisely obtained permission to wear it with insignia of rank as an officer. He came to one of the officers among the Allied representatives in Vladivostok and said, "You know the men of a certain