

alterable conviction of Britain and France that right is might—and right had conquered. Back of the blind patriotism which animated the armies of Germany was no such conviction of the justice of the cause in which they fought as lay behind the no less ardent if more reasoned loyalty of the Allied forces. Nothing could daunt the Allied nations, nothing could turn them from their purpose of freeing the world once and for all from the deadly menace of German militarism. So, in the crisis of the war, the German victories of the spring of 1918 merely roused the Allies to greater efforts. On the contrary, when disaster finally hovered over the German armies, they had not the will to continue the struggle. At last Germany was forced to realize that the imponderable qualities of spirit at which she had sneered four years before, could, in the end, triumph over the material strength upon which she had placed her whole reliance.