

white and breaking through her heroically held lines, they stimulated France to a great new offensive elsewhere, in conjunction with her British Allies, and themselves have been gradually, surely beaten back, yard by yard, to what is almost the line they held before the beginning of their savage onslaught, with its wholly unparalleled concentrations of guns and munitions, and its wholly unprecedented and quite reckless sacrifices of their own deluded and herded troops.

And still, not alone among the Boches (who, of course, are too far gone in their slavery to the obsession to find cure this side of utter defeat), but also among the writers and so-called experts of other lands, many may be found to pronounce this war "a war of mechanism pure and simple," and one in which mechanism only can give victory. A few French and English writers have been betrayed into the same fundamental error, by lack of first-hand knowledge. A well-known English writer quite recently made this blunder, and based a clever though entirely fallacious argument upon conclusions drawn from this initial mistake. The Boche has based all his calculations upon the same short-sighted assumption, which, had it only been correct, would have brought him victory before the end of 1914, in place of the defeat which actually was his