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*Der Evangelische Arbeiterbote* (publication of the Central Union of the Protestant Workmen's Association of Germany), quoted in the *Arbeiter Zeitung* of February 18. A gunner at the front replies to the letter of his 13-year old sister. The girl had said: "Be quick and make cold clay of those old Russians, we want a victory to cheer us up again here". The brother answers thus: "Your letter shows that you have no sense of what this terrible war really means. You were not thinking at all when you spoke like that. But that's just it. You ought to think. 'Make cold clay of those old Russians'—you did not see them lying there, as I did, these poor dead, with the strange solemn faces, in the stormed trenches. You saw nothing of the horrible fight which preceded, nor the terrible wounds received by many a one of my comrades while they 'made cold clay' as you call it.

You forget that *those also have parents, sisters and brothers who loved them.* You did not see the gruesome destruction of villages and towns, nor the poor hunted people in their terror, all that they called their own burnt down. You would shudder, had you to walk in broad daylight through the villages here, and you do not know how happy you all are that you have not got the war at home. And neither do we fight here in order to 'cheer you up.' It is many months now that we have been day and night in the open, and we bear privations and wounds, not that you may get a school holiday, or feel in better humour when you sit at the beer table, but to save you from the terrible misery of war and that Germany may flourish and become strong in future." The twaddlers in the Hinterland may learn a lesson from this soldier. adds the editor.

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