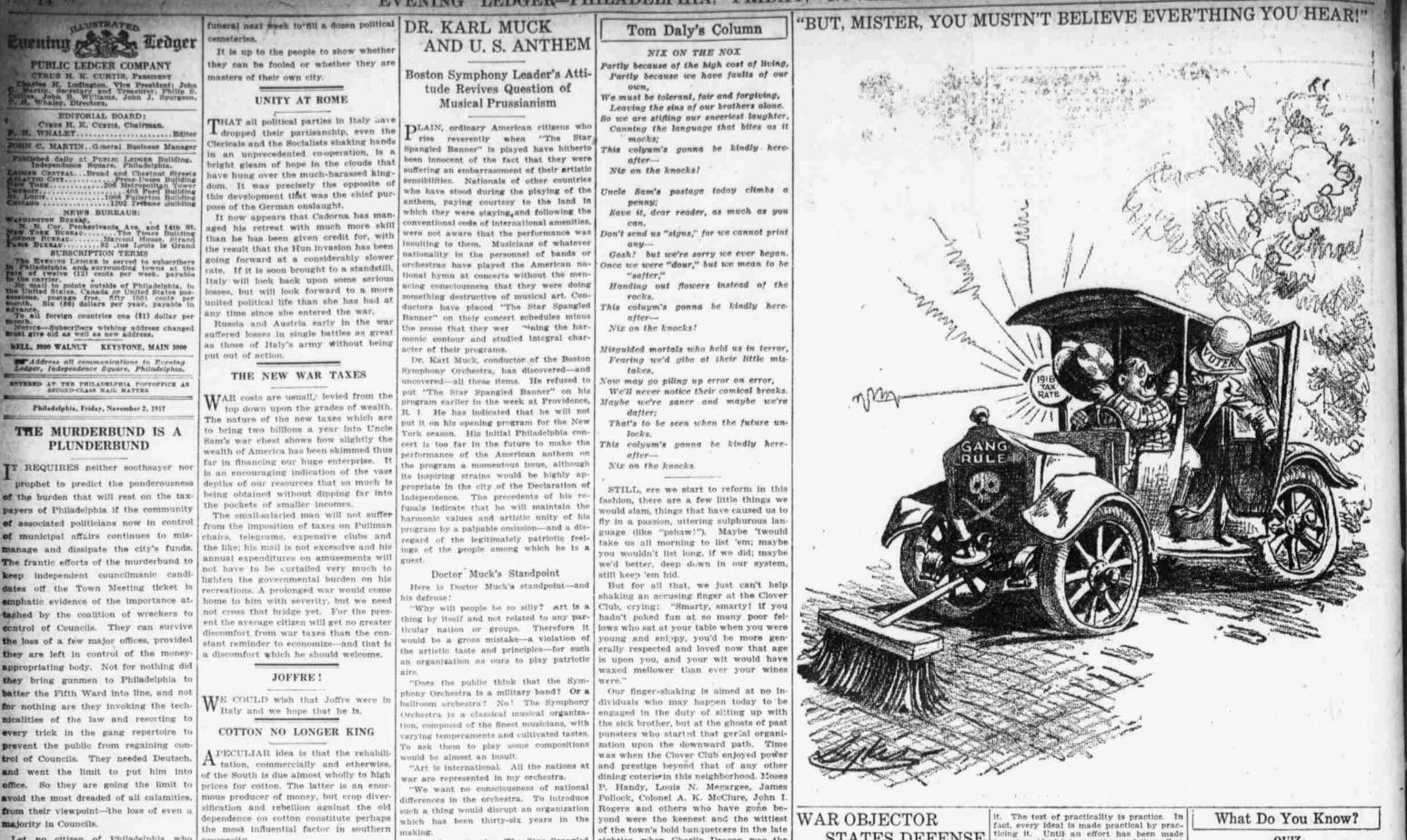
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no citizen of Philadelphia who intends to vote for decent government that he has done his duty when votes for the major candidates. The election of independent Councilmen is murderbund is after, first, last and all the time, and Councils is the immediate ource whence it comes.

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Mr. Gaffney, chairman of the Finance Committee of Councils and a man whose intentions are appreciably superior to those of most of the gentlemen with

lependence on cotton constitute perhaps the most influential factor in southern prosperity.

The value of the 1915 cotton crop, for nstance, was \$750,000,000; but the value of diversified crops, including grain, tive of the very thing the Symphony stands ugar, hay, tobacco, vegetables, fruits, for the same year was \$1,957,000,000. If to demand it." even more important. It is money the live stock is added to the total value of these other farm products, the total was \$2,850,000,000, or nearly four times the worth of the cotton crop. Approximately but 25 per cent of the agricultural income of the South now comes from

> cotton. As showing the remarkable progress of the section, Senator Ransdell, of Louisiana, who furnished the foregoing figures, points out that "in fifteen years the number of southern banks quadrupled, while their deposits increased from about three-quarters of a billion to from about three-quarters of a billion to hearly three billions. These figures show that the South new has banking re-the orchestra which he heads and his own ources as great as the entire country ind as late as 1884." "Cotton are king" and I is got it," a planter in Alabama used to boast before the Civil War, Cotton kept the South

which has been thirty-six years in the making.

"To ask us to pluy "The Star Spangled Banner' is embarrassing. It is almost an insult. Such an attempt would be destrucfor-musical art. The public has no right

In a Difficult Position

Doctor Muck's attitude and defense of it

revive the question of Prussianism in music during the period of the war. He is al-His private views he has a sympathy. right to have and hold. He is, however, a public character by virtue of his direc-tion of one of the oldest and greatest Amer-

yond were the keenest and the wittlest of the town's bold banquetcers in the late

eighties, when Charlie Deacon was the busy little secretary and George Pierle, it seems, was a mere kid, lisping the numbers of "The Darby Ram."

There was a deal of good fun at those first dinners in the cozy second-story room in the little Bellevue, a refectory not nearly so roomy as the one named for the club in the present hostelry. It was

fine to be out of the line of fire-r. cub reporter, in a borrowed dress suit, perleged to be pronouncedly pro-German in his haps-and listen to the popping of the pistols as the diners poked fun at one another., But later when invited guests

WAR OBJECTOR tleing it. STATES DEFENSE to put an ideal into practice, and that effor

Issues Must Be Thought Out, Not Fought Out, Conscientious Pacifist Urges

Feeling as I do, I cannot ald in the prose To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: cution of any war, regardless of the mo-Sir-Beyond a shadow of a doubt Germany is the worst international brigand remain a pacifist in wartime, because the world has ever seen. Today she stands justly condemned by all civilized nations; feel that in pacifism alone a true solutio of this problem is to be found. the world is almost united in its effort to Could I with clear conscience aid in defeat her by means of war. If there was ever a just war, if there was ever a war policy which I feel must tion of our bright ideals? came in for the rough house and it got prompted by high idealism and unselfish to be the fashion to expect that sort of purpose, this is such a war.

What Do You Know?

QUIZ A news item says that "Britain has been raided by an air armada." What was the Great Armada?

What was the Ku-Klux Klan? What do we mean when we say is guadrupled?

4. With what events in American history were the Conestoga wagons connected?

6. About when was the typewriter invented?

7. Of the writers of the Book of Psalms who was the most famous? 8. What is forage? C. Where is the city of Sydney?

10 "That is a sluice?

ust delay the realiza Answers to Yesterday's Quiz J. HOWARD BRANSON. The medieval method of making glass was

to put an ideal into practice, and that effort has failed, there is no justification in the charge that the ideal is unpractical. All progress is made in the face of the self-styled practical man. For my part, I feel that there is nothing so impractical as war, simply because it does not result in voluntary co-operation between contending parties.

5. We hear much of "the Italian debacis." What is the meaning of the word and from what language is it taken?

whom he hunts politically, does not think much of Controller Walton's report reyealing the dangerous condition of the city's finances. He wishes to tell the people that "neither politics nor political parties will cure their financial ills." We are confident political contractors won't. When a man gets desperate he begins to pyramid his notes.

Here is the city of great wealth on the verge of bankruptcy because political contractors demand and get a percentage of municipal expenditures each year as a private profit for themselves. "Let the avstem continue-the treasury's so sick it can't be cured, anyhow," seems to be Mr. Gaffney's argument. Who has pulled the wool over his eyes we do not know. but we more than suspect that the introduction of an ordinance fixing the tax rate for next year at \$1.25 is camouflage. pure and simple. It might just as logically be fixed at fifty cents, for the Mayor and his advisors have got the municipality into such a hole that the \$1.25 rate would be equivalent to paying dividends out of capital-a kind of 10-per-centn-week proposition. It can't be done, and nobody knows it better than Mr. Gaffney does. We doubt if he would even undertake to defend a \$1.25 rate. It is just another trick of the gang to fool the people.

At least there would be a chance of keeping taxes down under a decent admigistration, and they'd rise as fast under gang administration next year as they did last year, and faster. It is true we have been driven into the mire, but we do not intend to be lashed from there into the

quicksands.

The murderbund was going to reveal a rigantic "frame-up" in the Fifth Ward cause. The revelation has not arrived. Instand, a propaganda of lies, a campaign of further intimidation, attempted prostitution of the courts and wholesale deception have been resorted to in a desperate effort to stay the tide c' public adignation. And now the murderbund is shown to be also a plundarbund, diasirating revenues, riotously extravagant and engaged in the process of rapidly manupping the public fist. This at a when every household in the land is me the pressure of war taxes and

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poverty-stricken for years, but new prosperity is following its relegation to a proper place in the catalogue of farm products.

A MILLION MORE FOR WHAT?

WE NOTE that the Bureau of Street Cleaning wants a million more next year than it had this year. Citizens will be positively dazed by the effrontery of the proposal. It is notorious that the streets are not cleaned and that the city apparently gets little or nothing for the two millions and a quarter it is already spending. Why throw good money after had? Why split another pot of a million with the contractors? Millions for clean streets, but not one cent for tribute!

Aaron Burr left a leprous legacy to country in the form of Tammany Hall. Who founded the "Organization" in Philadelphia?

There is nothing wonderful in the discovery that crime has lessened on account of the high cost of whisky. Spell "murder" backward and you have 'red rum."

Put it down in a book that Hanniwon the victories but Rome won the war. The eagles of the Kaiser may go far, but however far they go they will eventually go back

Hoover should now turn his attention to the rising rates on peanuts. With quotations mounting more than 100 per cent, the prospects are poor for next spring's circuses. And the dye shortage is likely to make the pink iemonade founts run dry.

Mr. Redfield is the fifth Cabinet member to declare for woman suffrage But the Cabinet might as well follow the President's indorsement of the cause in a body, for it would be a wonder if even one of them was an "anti." We will never have any more anti-suffrage Cabinet members.

Frieda Hempel has agreed to learn "The Star Spangled Banner" and sing it at a concert in Providence. The German singer said she didn't know it the last time she was in the Rhode Island city. The incident recalls the saying of Mararet Futter, transcendentallat friend of erson, "I accept the universe." To ich Carlyle, when he heard "Bedud, showd batter

ican orchestras. His private views need not necessarily cleave to those of the country in which he is placed, but certainly his opinions as an individual should not contravene the public opinion of that nation, stubbornly and gratuitously. He owes opportunity for artistic expression of his unical soul The Boston Symphony chief's position is

a difficult one. Certain sedate Hub citizens awake each morning fearful that during the night he has blown up the Harvard bridge twiddled his thumbs to his nose at the Sacred Codfish. "At time of going to press the bridge still spanned the Charles River But Doctor Muck is metaphorically in the position of twiddling his thumb, though his policy is countenanced by Henry L. Higginson, founder and Maecena of the Boston Symphony, apparently it has not occurred to either that his refusal to amply with an established custom is in ulting to the American audiences for which the hand plays, that it is embarrassing to their patriotic sensibilities to patronize con erts in the consciousness that their national hymn is tabooed and that good manners and the sense of decency should surmound

personal objection, no matter how deep eated, no matter though it is cloaked in the guise of art.

Good Breeding and Good Art

Art camouflages many abuses. In this case it apparently is the last defense for a pure antipathy and a Teutonic will to domi-neer. Doctor Muck rightly says that art international. It really should be super national. Did he so regard it broadly and widely his artistic sensibilities would not be outraged by inclusion of "The Star Spangled Banner" on any program, however symphonically perfected. Despite Doctor Muck, the public has a right to demand its performance. It has a right to dictate to its artistic servants, of whom Doctor Muck is one-with the choice of returning to Berif he does not care to ablde by its wishes. There were conductors before Dec-or Muck-both broad-minded and goodnannered, and Germans at that. Even now Mr. Damrosch, of the New York Symphony Society; Mr. Stock, of the Chicago Symphony ; Mr. Stransky, of the nic-all Teutonic racially by birth Philharm or derivation manage to play the Ameri-can anthem without embarrassment to their artistic sensibilities or destruction of the c ideals of their program making Stokowski abides by a venerabl ustom, yet neither the spirit nor substance f his program has been impaired by du

spect to the patriotism of his public. The American people have no quarrel with German music; the war has not less heir appreciation or enjoyment of Bee-

a very just quarrel with Doctor Muck W. R. M.

HATE AND TRADE

With the war over and a peace agree-nent signed, Germany faces a period of oycott troubles only measured in durati by the world's capacity to hate. Even though Prussian diplomacy should hoodthough Prushan optionacy should noo-wink a spineless peace commission into al-lowing the world's great outlaw to escape the just punishment of crime, the indirect vengeance of the injured will surely provide an indefinite term of torture that may, ever an indefinite term of forture that may, even in the absence of adequate restitution, sat-isfy the demands of justice. Agreements between nations cannot guarantee the disat-pation of personal haireds. No signing of parohment can popularize the "Made-in-Germany" brand. The Kaiser's signature at the bottom of "a scrap of paper" cannot restore confidence in the hunor of Germany ar in the bonestly of the German business man. - Falitmoors Sun.

thing, it seemed to us the complexion of the club changed. The wit at first had been like the flash of sunlight upon a brandished blade. It threatened, but it never hurt. But later it needlessly presented the point and plerced and stung. This may not have been altogether to blame for the passing of the Clover Club's

olden glory, but, at any rate, it was contributory. The Five o'Clock Club. which, if we mistake not, was instituted by some who decried Clover Club methods, became touched with that same dangerous propensity to heckle its guests; Ever and that, too, is not the club it once was, Majo A later entrant into this field is the Terrapin Club, a sub-clan within the Manufacturers' Club, of which deponent knoweth little; but it has been increasing ly evident of late that the "vogue of the villainous heckler" is passee.

> ON THE OTHER HAND, there's the Kelly Street Business' Men's Association Don't while!

Of course Kelly street is a joke. It's no more than an interstice between two buildings on Tenth street above Chestnut, and there isn't a single place of business in all its short length. The members of the dining club named for it are not numerous, but most of them can sing, and singing is a better sauce for one's dinner than speech-making. Also the exercise of the singing chords seems to expand the chest and give the heart a chance. That nay be it or it may be some other causation, but this much is true-there's more heart, more fine sentiment, in Kelly street than ever we noticed among those bigger clubs-and the Kelly streeters are seasoned banqueteers, mind you.

Listen to this: 'The first of the club's members to pass out was Dory Bird, who died in 1916. Dory's last name was no nisnomer; he was a basso and a good one When he had been one year dead a score or so of his friends, who had sung with him in Kelly street, stole out quietly to his grave and held a little song service there. That's the heart stuff!

FOOD PROFITEERS are of no one ountry or time. The world is their home. In a package of century-old newspapers sent to us by W. W. Hanna there is proof of this, and curiously enough the Herbert Hoover connected with it was

one Hoover May. In the Belfast News Letter of November 17, 1807, appears this notice:

notice: POTATOES AND MEAL. Whereas some ill-disposed Persons have of Lits made a Practice of attending at the various avenues of the town, for the purpose of forestalling the Public Market. by buying up the POTATOES and MEAL.—Notice is hereby given, that any person so offending will be prosecuted with the utmost severity of the law. And all Constables are 5-reby required to pay the utmost attention, and to de-tain any MEAL or POTATOES so offered

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Bettant, Nov. 18, 1807.

Nevertheless, we have in our midst a group of men and women who absolutely refuse to ald in the prosecution of this

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger: war. It is incumbent upon this group to show cause why its members should not be regarded as a menace as serious to the nation as Germany herself. I am one of Sir-We read with interest an articl which appeared in the columns of the EVENING LEDGER entitled "Buttons Are that group, and I ask you to permit me to Going to Waste by Millions in Philadel explain why I am a pacifist and con-scientious objector in wartime and why I phia. You make a strong plea to discontinu

for buttons

Rochester, N. Y., October 31.

"A LETTER FROM HOME"

To the Editor of the Evening Ledger:

This youth of the country con

cannot ald in this war. the use of bone and horn buttons because I am not ignorant of the crimes Ger-many has committed. I neither deny them of their great value as fertilizer, which is probably a sound conclusion, in view of the conditions. But you go further and state nor see any legitimate reason for doubting the reports circulated concerning them. To attempt to defend them is absurd. I "One shudders to think how many extra thousands of acres of land could have been cultivated if all America went buthave the greatest admiration for the men who conscientiously feel that the tonless.' only way to restrain Germany is to wage It might be possible to convince the world war upon her. When I see these men who that such materials as horn and bone should ave joined the army, men who are willing o make the supreme sacrifice that an ideal be used where they will do the most good —as fertilizer. But your reform measure would undoubtedly be defeated if you en-deavored to get the world to go buttonless of world peace, freedom and democracy may be realized. I cannot but admire them. Yet I cannot join them because I feel that the method they have adopted can never

bring about the result they seek. In fact, bring about the result they seek. In fact, I think that war must indefinitely post-pone the realization of world democracy rather than usher it in. Such a world order must rest upon mutual understanding and good will. War does not create either a permanent place in our lives during understanding or good will. The problem is how can these forces be brought to bear

upon the present situation. For years the German people have been taught that the other European nations threatened their very existence, and the people doubless believe this, Strange as it seems to us, the German people think they are fighting a defensive war. Strange ing a defensive war. In this war both peoples see a justification for their belief. Our problem then is simply this-to con-vince the German people that we do not wish them ill and to convince ourselves that the German people are not fighting for the pure love of carnage. This can be done only by creating some basis for mutual understanding. There is, I think, mutual understanding. There is, I think, only one way by which such an under-standing can be created, and that is by doing something that will convince the German people of our unselfish motives. The German people will judge of our motives by our actions, not by our words. They will judge us exactly as we judge them. To wage war upon them will not convince them that we desire for them equal opportunity for national development.

We must adopt a method that will adver-tise the motives which animate us, and the the motives which animate us, and point to the ends we see. I do not now and never have advocated an active obstructionist propaganda. That is a method which I must condemn as much as I do war itself. It creates neither ander-

standing nor sympathy between the con-tending factions. Nevertheless, when I am told that now the question must be fought out, I cannot but believe that eventually the problem must be thought out, and until then it will not be solved. Serious interna-tional problems cannot be properly con-sidered in time of war. Does war ald in ilspassionate thinking on international prob-

tion. What will we do in the way of cheer and ffiendship to help this youth of our country, made plain to us wherever we go? Give them some of the home things they left behind! Let them know that we are of the same blood and that every soul in America is back of them as they set out on the greatent crusade in the bistory of the world! I believe that we can never hope for a solution of international problems except by negotiation after some bonds of sym-pathy have been found or created. These negotiations must result in the establish-ment of some degree of voluntary co-opera-tion among the nations. The very nature of war makes it ineffective in the estabthe world ! of war makes it indirective in the estab-linhment of voluntary co-operation. This sort of co-operation is a matter of will, and war is ineffective when used to operce the will. It may gain an Apparent, but not a real, victory. We must win Germany to our fields, not force her to adopt the forms in which we clothe then while rejecting the spirit which gives them life.

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WASTED BUTTONS

resulting irregolarities in the eld glass produce a more beautiful effect than that of the modern glass. Luther was the religious reformer who nalled the theses to Wittenberg efforch 400 years ago. S. Th

a counselor for the Department of State becomes Acting Secretary of State in the absence of the Secretary.

4. Emeritus: honorably discharged from serv-5. Menocal is President of Cuba.

6. Joan is officially "The Blessed Joan of

Arc.
Deconshire; on the peninsula which forms the southwest corner of England. Deven is the county next to Cornwall, which is at the tip of the peninsula.
William the Conqueror took England in 1066.

9. October 12. Columbus Day. 10. Spun gold: gold thread prepared for weav-

ENGLAND'S HOOVER

TO autocrat, in or out of Germany, could N have had a better training for a job Even to think of the possibility of doing away with that most necessary and con-venient article, the button, which has made where only a first-class dictator will save the people from the weaknesses of their own petty nature. He learned from youth the stuff that men are made of through endless, bitter war with the most intrenched

great century of development just passed, is enough to make one shudder. Furthermore, it should be understood that trades union among organized labor in Great Britain-the touchy, flery workers in buttons such as are worn and have been worn on men's and women's outer garments are not made of bone, but out of the vegethe steam-coal trade, which is the net and handmaiden of the British Navy lvory nut, a product of South bord Rhondda used to be called the Central America, which is admirably suited

Lord Rhonda used to be called the uncrowned king of the South Wales coal fields. And he ruled like an old-fashioned king, who cynically declined to put too much trust in divine rights. He preferred to make his rights prevail by mundane methods. Born in Aberdare, Glamorgan-shire, in 1856, the son of a small coal-mine owner he inherited two nits which foday That this material seems to be designed by nature for buttons is evidenced by the act that no other economic use has been cound for it during the last century, and specially because it meets ideally all the equirements of a button material-durabil-ty, finish, coloring possibilities and beauty, HENRY T. NOYES. owner, he inherited two pits, which today would be considered mean and tiny in Wales. He inherited, too, an astuteness and a stern nonconformity which so often seem to run together. His father often told the neighbors, who were also his work men, that he meant David to be a bli figure in the coal trade.

Sir-Wherever we go today we see so diers or sallors, generally young, well-buil D. A. Thomas, as he was until his barony D. A. Thomas, as he was until his barony was given two years ago, was, therefore, privately educated and went eventually to Calus College, Cambridge, and was scholaf of Jesus and Calus colleges. Then he re-turned to the pithead. It was itself some-thing during then for a Cambridge man to take to business. The example has been followed by thousands since. The two small sits in the Dheredde Vel llows, worth our looking at. It is a new sight to us Americans, these men in uni-form, and sometimes we look at them curiously, as if they must belong to a different breed. But, as a matter of fact, they are the picked youth of our country, some-thing made strikingly visible to us by the uniforms they wear.

The two small pits in the Bhondda Val-sy, one of the many which run downward the Bristol Channel through the golden cities and towns and farms at the call of the country's need. If these men were doing their ordinary work of peace time we lands of priceless steam coal, had grown and doubled. Trade, then, was to the brave and daring. "D. A." was both. He opened as his own shipper in the port of might not notice them among all the others in the crowd. But they are doing your work and mine today; they are our hope for a world of poace in the future. Youth is eager and ardent and doesn't always show its own feelings; but to the youth doing the ordinary work of peace time we all know how much a letter from home Cardiff, but soon the enormous growth of the coal trade made it better for him to confine himself to mining. To say that it fourished like the bay tree would be as dreamy as an Eastern tale. Literally, hunmeans and how much the sight of a friend-ly face in a strange place. No one can dreds of pits were sunk in a few years within forty miles of Aberdare, and it was only in keeping with his father's wish and veats ly face in a strange place. No one can tell how much his own word of cheer may do; how it may lighten a blue hour eep a man from some passing tempta-ion. What will we do in the way of cheer

his own nonconformist conscience that D. A. Thomas should be among the first to

A. Thomas should be among the first to add to his holdings. Things went on marvelously. But with industrial growth came industrial strife. South Wales has been for half a century the holted of the most advanced things in trade-unionism. "D. A." individualistic and stiff-necked, fought it more than any other man. Yst he had the name of being the best "boos" to work for in the ceal field. He fought the principle his Cambridge training taught bim was abhorrent; but he cared for his men as his father's old neigh-bors. By no single man in Great Britian were traditions of the old scheel, which be-hieved in the personal touch of working conditions, better uphold Mr. Thomas most the family life and guesto of all bis first at all thousand working - Thronto the world! What would we have done for the weary, frozen soldiers of Washington at Valley Forge? What for the battle-scarred men and boys of the Civil War? Here is our chance to do what he would have liked to do for them. The orportunity knocks at rour door: what will you do with is? RUPUER BARDENT MOLLAND.