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## EDITORIAL

### A Question.

Why do the rich and powerful, who wish to do something for their less fortunate and weaker brethren, persist in using a magnifying glass when looking at their own acts of charity, and smoked glasses when examining others' claims to justice?

S. C.



### Where Justice Is Not Desired.

While the European war goes on it would be well for American partisans of this or that belligerent, who scent injustice to their particular favorite in every remark, to bear in mind the story of the prisoner who was assured that he would get justice. "That is what I am afraid of," answered the prisoner. With the possible exceptions of Serbia and Belgium, every one of the belligerents has more cause to fear justice than to desire it.

S. D.



### A Rulers' War.

The European war was needed to furnish apparent justification for maintenance of big armaments. Constantly increasing expenditures for armies and navies had caused murmurings. People were beginning to question the existence of a possible foreign foe—and this was beginning to be embarrassing. It would not do to admit the truth—that the armies were principally needed to suppress discontent at home. In the meantime Socialism and other democratic movements were growing. There was no telling what the next elections might bring forth. Something had to be done to divert popular attention from domestic evils. That this state of affairs drove the various rulers to decide on war can not be proven. But it is certainly the most plausible explanation.



Universal, compulsory military service, which prevails in Austria, Russia, Germany and France, deprived the people of any voice in the matter. It