

AMERICAN AMMUNITION IN BRITISH TRENCHES

THE New York papers are printing full-page advertisements, signed by the publishers of a large number of foreign newspapers issued in the United States, appealing to the American people, industries, and workmen not to manufacture, sell, or ship powder, shrapnel, or shot of any kind or description to any of the warring nations of Europe or Japan.

The thing to me as a citizen of the United States most appalling in the attitude of my country is the failure of vision of many of my fellow-citizens, including the President. They cannot see that this war is not a conflict between nations, "a quarrel," to use Mr. Wilson's phrase, but is a struggle between two incompatible systems. The great change in the world during the last hundred and fifty years has been the growth of democratic institutions, and the present war is the last struggle of reactionary feudalism to stem this tide of democratic advance. The national ambitions and selfishnesses which have been injected into it are insignificant in compari-