

this evasion of the Act seldom if ever occasions injustice, but in small companies it constantly does, as men who control such companies usually are the directors and can increase and do increase their own salaries, keeping equal step with the prosperity and operations of the company, so that many investors in these semi-private companies are starved out.

CLASSES MOST PROMINENT ON THE FIRING LINE.

As illustrating public opinion in Britain as to the righteousness of the cause for which the allied armies are fighting, it is both interesting and instructive to note that no element in the population has contributed more largely, in proportion to its numbers, than the professional class; the clergymen, who have emptied their homes of their young men, the lawyers and doctors of medicine, men of intelligence and thinking power above the average, able to judge of the right or wrong of a large national cause. Lists of names have been carefully collected in these three professions in England and Scotland, and, while it is not said that they are complete, yet the extent to which they prove that these professions have furnished of their very best is a remarkable testimony of the devotion to a good cause of the guiding thought of the nation.

In a considerable degree the same is true of the aristocracy and gentry, and also of the working class of Britain. To the latter their country is everything, for indeed they possess but little else to satisfy their manly pride; and the aristocracy, being so deeply rooted in the past of the United Kingdom, naturally associate with their families the glorious traditions their ancestors had done so much to create.

The great middle class may not have done comparatively as well, for reasons which do not apply to the other two, yet the middle class also has shewn itself to be not devoid of patriotism in a real sense when the very existence of the country is at stake.