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The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST for December 6th discusses the question as to whether the coal operators have been taking undue profits from the public, and presents opinions from all quart ers bearing upon the subject.

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