If there is one man in the United States who more than another
believed in the invincibility of facts it is Samuel S. Dale, the editor
of the Textile World Record. Throughout a laborious life Mr. Dale
began as deffer-boy in a woolen factory, and has been in turn weaver,
superintendent, and now textile editor. His passion and joy has been
going at the bottom of the successive problems he has met in his trade.
It has never been enough for him to solve them. Putting his solutions
into clear, clean language that anybody could understand has seemed
equally important. That done, you could, in his judgment, turn loose
your facts and they would surely in the end do the work. You could no
more persuade Mr. Dale that the truth is not the surest thing in the
world than you could persuade him the earth is flat.

Although he and his facts have been busy off and on
in high legislative places for a good many years, his first general
public recognition came in 1909. In the spring of that year Senator
Dolliver of Iowa made in the U. S. Senate his brilliant and revolution-
ary speeches. They were the speeches which finally captured and
raised to the ground what Senator Aldrich called the "very citadel of
protection"—Schedule K, the wool schedule. Senator Dolliver had been
supporting that schedule for 20 years and more without understanding it.
What he did understand was its political importance to Stand Pat Republi-
canism. When he was unable any longer to follow his party he decided to
master the intricacies and iniquities of the schedule which was its
corner-stone.

The man knew how to study and to judge of evidence,
and he soon realized that the only non-partisan and authoritative facts
on the wool duties which have been published were those on the editorial