

are upon us,—Nihilism in Russia—Socialism in Germany—Communism in France—Transingentism in Spain—Contests between Money and Labour in this country—the rise of the great Labour party in America, which has bearded both the Republican and the Democratic factions, all indicate that the monopolies of Land and Money are on their trial. Nor let these new and appalling movements be looked upon as the mere agitation stirred up by wild and ignorant fanatics. Men such as John Ruskin and Thomas Carlyle, Bishop Berkely, Proudhon, Louis Blanc have denounced the present barbarous structure of society. In fact, no man looking on the war of classes, becoming more exasperated every day—the rich becoming more rich and the poor poorer—but must see these coming events casting their shadows before. We are shooting Niagara, and this ominous stillness is the mere “torrent’s stillness ere it dash below.”

In vain will the vast annuitant class quote scrip—mortgage deed—coupon—share warrant—“Parchments, yes, parchments are venerable, but they should at all times represent as near as they can the writings of the Rhadamanthine tables, otherwise they are not so venerable.”—CARLYLE.

Property is the creature of law—what the law gives, the law can take away.