

price of labor decided, not by law, but by an irresponsible despotic power, without the right of appeal, and to which necessity compels submission. The people, also, have to pay toll so frequent, direct and indirect, for what they receive of goods, that, in many cases, they have barely sufficient for even the necessities of life. What wonder that many deny themselves these, and seek solace in inebriation? But for these untoward conditions, how many lives might otherwise be examples of nobleness and goodness?

When we consider that wealth, sifted down to its true source, is due to the provisions of nature and the industry of the people, and then view the pyramids of wealth in the amassed fortunes due to privileged laws or conditions—pampered luxury on the one hand, and cold and nakedness on the other—we ask, how long, how long? The answer, from the history of the past, affirms that the Red Sea danger line of a retributive justice is not far distant, unless a change is made.