

of world & to make economist no reason why labor should
 be paid a particular sum, any more than matter of status
 & this has been hastened by disappearance of idea
 of status. We all assume that every body has a
 right to as much as he can get etc. Here again
 the old idea has not absolutely faded away from
 non-economic opinion, especially among the work-
 ing classes. It has recently made its appearance
 in a distinct shape in a demand for a living
wage. This phrase was heard two or 3 years
 ago in Eng for 1st time in a popular agitate
 & became got cry in a coal miners strike. They
 struck for a living wage. When examined on it
 they did not mean a bare subsistence wage. They
 didn't deny that on their wages they led lives as
 well as unskilled laborers. On other hand they
 didn't demand wages which would enable them
 to live like mill-toll shop keepers or profes-
 sors. They had before them the ideal suggested by
 the actual life of coal miners in prosperous times
 when wages were good. - Essentially it was a
 communitarian idea, as a class man that they
 preached. - In one sense of word democratic not
 very democratic for they despised unskilled labor.
 It was essentially an idea of class status.
 This may be said to be the idea natural to
 the average workman until he has been in-
 fluenced by socialist propaganda.