

*Cause of luxury*

This extravagance of the rich, considered in

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all its bearings, and in particular ~~at~~ what it has demanded of its

hosts of imitators, has done ~~more~~ <sup>much</sup> to enhance the cost of living

~~than any other single factor~~. It has been well and truly said

that the high cost of living is the cost of living high. But it

is also true that in so far as this is true, the many have had to

pay for the sins of the few. Wealth concentrated in the hands

of the few has helped to determine the price at which the many

are obliged to buy, and seeking to fortify itself in its strong-

holds, great wealth in the hands of the few has ~~helped to determine~~

~~the price at which the many are obliged to buy~~ sometimes sought

to restrict the avenues of commerce, and control even the supply

of food itself.

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