

people shivering and perishing in hovels or buildings not fit for a hog-sty. There would be no person requiring to say to any other man, woman or child, "Please give me something to keep me and my children from starving." Why? Because the Government provides for every legitimate need of all its subjects, as it should do.

The shelves of stores groan under the load of goods stacked on them; the warehouses and barns are full of grain and food; the banks are overcrowded with money—then, why should people be starving and perishing for the need of these commodities? Because trade and commerce are unorganized and uncontrolled by the proper authorities, and private speculation has driven the money and goods into the hands of personal ownership, and no one may have either without paying the price demanded by *selfish greed*, carrying on business under the euphonious name of *Legitimate Speculation*.

No Injustice to the Rich.

The nationalization and co-operation of all industries would do no injustice to the people who are called rich, because in exchange for their money or property, or both, which they would be required to deposit in trust with the Federal Government, to be used for the general and mutual good of all citizens, they would receive the Government's guarantee, backed by its millions of subjects, to supply their every requirement as a citizen, and that of their succeeding posterity. For example, suppose a man is a millionaire, all he can personally use of that large sum of money is what he can wear in the way of clothing, and what he can eat and drink in the way of food, together with an education and time for recreation. This is all that can be realized from wealth of any kind, no matter how great, if we except, as we certainly *ought*, the purely selfish advantage it confers under the present state of things, of exemption from performing a fair individual share of the work and become one of the community. Our supposed millionaire has many good reasons to suspect that there is a possibility that his money might not remain to the same advantage with the person succeeding in possession of it. There are thousands upon thousands of instances where money and valuable property has been willed and transferred to sons and daughters who have squandered it broadcast in bad investments or prodigality, debauchery and drunkenness, in a very few years after coming into possession of it, and have become outcasts and inmates of poorhouses and prisons. Had this money and property been transferred to the Government, as provided by this plan, the parent would have received all the benefits from it that he could possibly have done as a personal owner, and his children and succeeding posterity would also receive the same benefit from it as he did before them.

In Canada, the United States, or Great Britain.

Suppose in Canada, with her population of five millions, or in the United States with her population of seventy millions, or in Great Britain with her population of forty millions, that one of these Governments should guarantee to supply the legitimate needs of any citizen and his succeeding posterity, would not that guarantee, backed up by the millions of subjects, be worth more to a man and his posterity than any amount of money and property could possibly be? Under personal ownership it