

little. But the employer's duty to his employees is a binding obligation. To satisfy 'greed for gold' at the costly price of violating all those principles which man owes his fellow man and to society, is a wrong that will, in time, bring its own revenge. The individual, therefore, who abets and allies himself against the worker, the capitalist whose purpose it is to sacrifice the public good to gain his own ends commits a public crime, and such a movement as a strike is nothing more than organized labour against selfishness, against tyranny and against immorality. Let it be taken for granted then, that work-man and employer should as a rule, and in particular, agree freely as to wages; nevertheless, there underlies a dictate of nature more imperious and more ancient than any bargain between man and man, namely, that the remuneration must be sufficient to support the wage-earner in reasonable and frugal comfort. With this comfort assured strikes are unnecessary; without, they are perfectly justifiable.

In conclusion I can only ask a word for the working man; his weight, when placed in the balance against combined capital, is scarcely perceptible; his children barely subsisting, he can but make a feeble effort for better conditions. That effort is derided by the public, scoffed at or ignored by the press, and often condemned by the courts. This is unjust, uncharitable. Do not take this privilege of striking from him. It is his by every right as regards man and his common well-being; it is, I do not hesitate to say it, his right in the eyes of his Creator.

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THE NEGATIVE.

MR. CHAIRMAN — You have heard, many arguments for and against the justice of strikes; you have heard the strike defined and have been told its relation to social economics; you have been told that strikes, though often carried to extremes and regrettable excesses, are a necessary and just arm of defence in the hand of the oppressed workman against his merciless employer. Our worthy opponents have attempted to prove to you that with the world's present