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But this continuously accelerated rush of inventions and discoveries, this unprecedented daily growth of the productivity of human labor, will in the long run cause a conflict by which our present capitalist economy must perish. On the one side unfathomable wealth and a superabundance of products which the purchasers cannot find use for. On the other side, the great mass of society, proletarianized, turned into wage-workers, and thereby made unable to acquire that superabundance of products. The cleavage of society into a small, extremely rich class, and a great non-possessing class of wage-workers, causes this society to suffocate from its own superabundance, whereas the great majority of its members are hardly, or not at all, protected against extreme want.

Such a state becomes every day more absurd and unnecessary. It *must* be removed, it *can* be removed. A new order of society is possible in which the present class differences will be a matter of the past and where—perhaps after a short, not quite satisfactory, but morally very useful transition period—by means of designed utilisation and further improvement of the then existing vast productive power of *all* members of society, with equal obligation to work, will be given, in equal degree and in constantly growing abundance, the means to live and to enjoy life, to develop and exercise all physical and intellectual capacities. And that the workingmen are more than ever determined to