

EFFECT ON THE STRUCTURE OF SOCIETY

of his spoken word, to cross the world in a moment.

These three factors, power, mechanical appliances, and the instantaneous transmission of news, are the dominant forces in determining the material basis of man's life; the structure of his society and his government; the character of his opportunities and his problems. We now have, for the first time in human history, all the material resources and the human skill needed to provide both the necessities and the comforts of life to the whole of the world's population; to support indeed a population several times as great at standards very much higher than any hitherto known; and to give to every man not only material wealth but the leisure and opportunity which he needs to realize the full potentialities of his nature and enjoy the full heritage of the civilization in which he lives.

Yes, we have the material resources. But that is only half, perhaps the easier half, of what we need in order to attain the result. Ordered human progress depends upon two factors, requires two kinds of quality, two kinds of activity. Man must *make*; and for this he requires power over nature, knowledge, industry, and skill; he must learn to use tools and machines and organize productive organizations in which he can work