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# WARS ARE CAUSED BY INJUSTICE

It has been said that nothing has been settled permanently until it has been settled justly.

It has also been said that all our troubles are caused by unjust distribution of wealth.

There are two periods in every one's life that we are dependent, infancy and old age. Otherwise and barring accident we are supposed to work and provide for our own needs.

Labor applied to the natural resources, land, produces all wealth. There are three factors in the production of wealth. No more. Land, labor and capital.

Land without people has no value, but value increases with population, and the rental value of land created by the people should be collected into the public treasury (about 5 percent of assessed value excepting improvements) to pay the public expense of the city. Then the people who create the land value would receive the value they create by sharing the public services. Then land would be held for use and not for profit.

Capital is entitled to the interest it will bring in the free open competitive market. Now that land and capital have received their fair, just reward. The remainder belongs to labor. And as each factor has received what it will bring in a free competitive market, there has been a fair, just distribution of wealth.

There are two forms of law. Natural law, the law of God, and man made law. Man has been trying to surpass or, annul natural law from the beginning of time at the expense that all of us are paying in sweat, blood money and taxes.

Free competition is the basis of free enterprise system of government, each enjoying the full fruit of his toil. It is ethical, it conforms to natural law and is the only form of government that will bring justice and peace to a war-worn, immoral, suffering world.

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