his power for good is lost. He then becomes merely another bel-ligerent.

The one outstanding problem before the world today, as men and women assuming some measure of social sanity and looking to the future, is to see that justice is assured before the situations become so bad that we are called on to remedy injustice. Any system of ex post facto remedies, of locking the stable after the horse is stolen, is a pitiful exhibition of inefficiency and impotency. What is the purpose of government in this latter time if it is not to set the house in order, to anticipate conflicts of the classes, to establish a form of oversight that will maintain continuous investigations into the relations of opposed interests and to remove the injustices and dangers? Shall we nurture the seeds of selfishness and not expect to reap the harvest? Must the contestants make war on society that grievances may be heard? Is the old Anglo-Saxon remedy by petition dead amongst us? Are there no prophylactics in politics? Are we still children playing with public affairs? After twenty centuries, have we not yet learned the lesson of the foolish virgins?

I trust that the American Association for Agricultural Legislation will have a long and fruitful history.

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