

—and they would come to a sad end some day, he thought.

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After three or four years, class cleavage in Dry Lake City became quite marked. It was not unusual for one man to own ten shovels, whence he derived one-fourth the wage of ten laborers, or \$3,750. A few owned ten times as many shovels and enjoyed incomes of \$37,000. This gave them a higher rank in luxury—important to them because luxury was the social barometer.

Of the \$12,000,000 going into the camp each year in wages, a little more than half was retained by those who did the work, while the remainder was split among tax collectors, shovel owners, investors and corporations, probably a thousand persons getting the chief benefit. This thousand, with their wives and families, constituted what would be known in some localities as "the Idle Rich," or, "the Upper Ten."

A division of profits and incomes on this basis left out in the cold, or partly in and partly out, the six thousand able-bodied workmen who were only partially employed, or not employed at all.