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*PEOPLES OF EUROPE! CREATE FOR YOURSELF SACRED POSSESSIONS - BUILD!*

The Monte Rosa [the highest mountain in Switzerland] and its foothills is to be rebuilt. Yes, impractical and without utility! But have we become happy through utility? Always utility and utility, comfort, convenience - good food, culture - knife, fork, trains, toilets, and yet also - cannons, bombs, instruments of murder! To want only the utilitarian and comfortable without higher ideals is boredom. Boredom brings quarrel, strife, and war...

Preach the social idea... Engage the masses in a great task, which fulfills everybody, from the humblest to the foremost. Each sees in the great communality clearly the work of his own hands: each builds - in true sense.