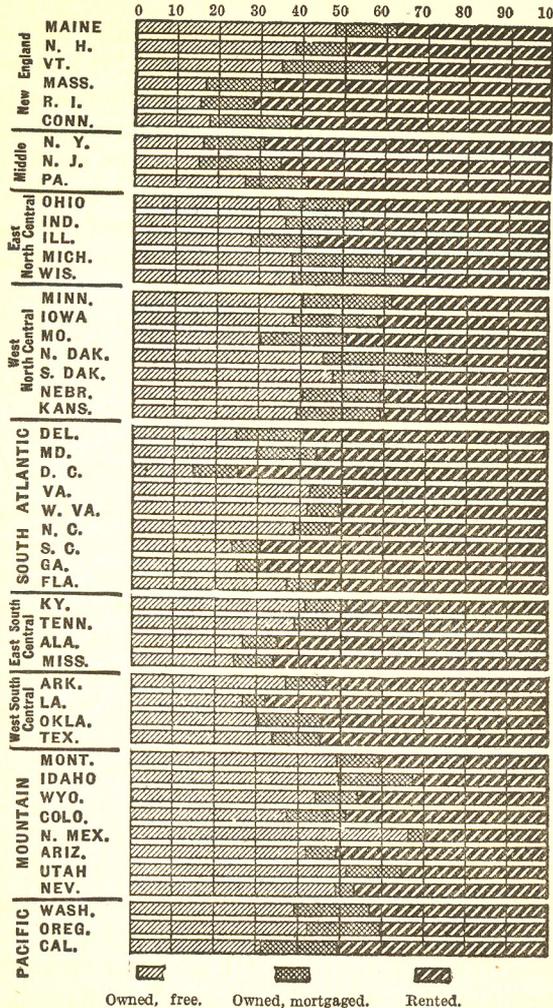


## THE REMEDY

PER CENT



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SHOWING PROPORTION OF RENTED, MORTGAGED AND FREE OWNED HOMES IN EACH STATE.

Owned, free. Owned, mortgaged. Rented.

of tenants to owners is exceptionally large; but it is alluded to here to say that it has become so common to read of the increase in crimes, suicides, insanity, tenantry and divorces that it is being accepted as natural and as something to be lamented but that cannot be avoided. We do not realize the tremendous import of it and of the coming disaster it foreshadows.

In treating a physical disease, we first look at the effect produced on the body by the disease, then we search for the cause, and finding that, we look for the remedy.

## A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FACTS

Briefly stated, we find ourselves in the following condition: Wealth is centering rapidly in the possession of a few. Fifty years ago, here in the United States, and the same is true in the other principal nations, we rarely found a citizen worth more than \$100,000. Twenty years ago we had millionaires; and now we have billionaires—so rapid has been the concentration of wealth, all within the lifetime of men now living. Where the few own so much, the average ownership of the many is lessened, as represented by what they possess, minus the debts they owe. In this we should include those who are worth nothing and the unemployed, and their number has increased until it is startling.