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STRETCH'D a score of straggling hovels scatter'd down the  
mountain  
side,  
Throng'd the tenants at each threshold famine-stricken, terror-  
eyed;  
Age in every shape of suffering, feebleness, decrepitude—  
Manhood fire-eyed, husky-throated,—tear-brimm'd, wan-faced  
woman-  
hood,  
Youth wild-wondering, expectant, awestruck in an unknown  
dread,—  
Infancy, eye wonder lacking in the sharper lack of bread;  
All a hamlet watching, waiting; terror-stricken, dazed, aghast;  
Such a night upon the moor-side, roofless in the winter-blast!  
All the straggling, scattered hamlet waiting, watching through the  
snow,  
For the crowning act of "justice,"—for—Rent's lawful murder-blow!

Scatter'd, huddled by the moorside, all a hamlet's chattels, cast,  
Thrust from hovel, hut and cabin, to the snow-drift and the waste  
Crouch'd around each little home-wreck, round each squalid  
household  
heap,  
Age and infancy and sickness in as squalid clusters creep;  
While a score of clanking troopers, while a score of arm'd police,  
Guard "emergencies" commiss'd in the name of law and peace,  
By a Christian queen's strict warrant, 'neath a Christian govern-  
ment,  
To unhouse, unroof a village in the sacred name of Rent!