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DREAMERS

By Ernest Crosby

I chose to be a dreamer— A dreamer whose dreams come true.

You may choose to fight if you like— To skirmish and strike— To worry and toil and build. You may count the towns you have founded.

I can see what is hidden from you— The army of man Passing on in review— The fighters and workers and all.

So I chose to be a dreamer— A dreamer whose dreams come true.

CHILD LABOR

The evil of child labor cannot be eradicated under the present system. It is part and parcel of the capitalist mode of production.

No manufacturer can hire adults to take the children's places at the machines, and successfully compete with the manufacturer who continues to work with child labor.

The alternative presented was, "work for what we offer, or we close the mills." The children were literally starved back to their ill-paid tasks.

500,000 INFANTS KILLED BY POVERTY Government statistics show that in families in which the breadwinner gets \$500 a year, 250 babies in every 1000 die before the age of one year.

IT RESTS WITH YOU

It rests with you either to palter continually with your conscience and in the end to say one fine day, "Perish humanity, provided I can have plenty of pleasures and enjoy them to the full, so long as the people are foolish enough to let me." Or, once more the inevitable alternative, to take part with the Socialists, and work with them for the complete transformation of society.

There Are Two Sides To Every Question—the wrong side and OUR side. Whose and Why? Read this paper with an open mind, and get the correct answer, BASED ON INCONTROVERTIBLE FACTS.

What Non-Socialists Vote For

Some of the evidence before the New York State Factories Commission is burdened with horror.

It has to do with the "sweat shops" of New York, and the women and children who work in those "sweat shops" and the things that are made in those "sweat shops."

It is an old story to trade unionists, district visitors and settlement workers; but it is a new story to the public. It shows a condition that ought to be done away with at once.

It is a cause in which there can be no excuse for delay. No court will cancel a legislative remedy on the ground that it takes away property "without due process of law."

Here are some of the cases brought before the commission, and they represent a condition general to the "outside" work in the tenement house districts.

There are more than 125,000 women and children doing "sweat shop" work in those tenement houses.

In one district where 182 "sweat shops" were inspected there were people in seventy-nine of those places suffering from contagious diseases.

In some of those "sweat shops" were women and children engaged in making "monogram" cigarettes for the "high-class trade."

In one two-room "apartment" nineteen men and women and children did their work, ate their food and slept when they were not working.

In the room of one tenement a mother and four children were engaged in running ribbons through corset covers. In the same room the father lay dying of tuberculosis.

In the room of another tenement a number of women and children were working on feathers. Four of those trying to work were actually suffering from typhoid fever.

A young woman was found making dolls' clothing. She had to keep at it sixteen hours a day to maintain herself in "subsistence wages."

"Suffer Little Children"

By H. C. Evans

The campaign to take the little children—the future men and women—from mill and factory, from shops, tenements and workhouses grows more determined.

"THE CRY FOR JUSTICE"

We want to draw our readers' attention to the book we are advertising "The Cry For Justice." It is a remarkable book. It is different from other Socialist books.

SPEEDED UP

A man applied for a job as a mechanic and the owner of the garage asked him if he had had any experience. "Sure thing," said the applicant.

The case of Mrs. Madilina Vitriani was put in evidence as being typical. Mrs. Vitriana lives at 79 Sullivan street, which is the West Side dock-tenement district of New York.

SHE HAD FIVE CHILDREN. THE YOUNGEST OF THEM IS AGED FIVE YEARS. THEY ALL WORK EIGHTEEN HOURS A DAY. USUALLY THEIR COMBINED LABORS BRING THEM 50 CENTS A DAY. ON RARE OCCASIONS THEY EARN 75 CENTS A DAY. ONCE THEY EARNED \$1.

THE CHILDREN IN THESE "SWEAT SHOPS" OFTEN FALL ASLEEP FROM EXHAUSTION AND ARE SOMETIMES TOO TIRED TO WORK STEADILY. WHEN THEY ARE SLEEPY THEY ARE WHIPPED TO KEEP THEM AWAKE. WHEN THEY ARE TIRED THEY ARE WHIPPED TO "SPEED THEM UP."

THE WHIPPINGS ARE NOT PUNISHMENT. THEY ARE MERELY AN INCENTIVE TO LABOR EFFICIENCY.

It seems incredible, but it happens to be true. It is true not only of the cases cited here, but of an economic condition that is general among the women and children engaged on "outside work" in the "sweat shops" of New York, and all outside work of this kind is sweat shop work.

The presentation of these facts should produce an immediate remedy. Civilization cannot afford to invoke the penalties that such a condition makes inevitable.

The instance of the women and children working in the midst of contagion at the making of "monogram" cigarettes for high-class trade is impressive. But that is because it needs no imagination to realize its meaning.

Thousands of other cases may seem more remote, but they are actually just as intimate, and there is no good reason why civilization should keep company with such industrial squalor.

GOOD MEN --- AND WHAT THEY STAND FOR

(Continued from Page 1.)

We Socialists know that the chaotic condition in which society finds itself today is brought about largely by lack of understanding, by the masses OF THE CHANGE BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE RAPID AND MARVELOUS EVOLUTION OF THE MACHINE, UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP.

You ask: "WHAT ARE YOU SOCIALISTS GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?" First we will educate, educate, and again educate, until we have gained political control of the city, county, state and nation.

We already have control of many cities. Sooner or later we will make Everett a link in the rapidly lengthening chain.

When we have gained sufficient political power, we will establish an Industrial Democracy.

Things will then be made FOR USE, not FOR PROFIT as now.

This will set the children free. It will set the human race free.

It will put men and women at work for a few hours a day, producing in abundance everything that is necessary to develop the best that is in the race.

It will put baby dolls and wagons and hobby-horses and laughter, song and music into all children's lives.

No baby ears will ever again be broken by the whirl of machinery. No baby eyes will then be prematurely

blighted pulling out basting threads or making artificial flowers under the whip of a brutal sweat-shop boss. No little lungs will ever again be filled with cotton lint or coal dust.

In that day no destitute woman will stand on the brink of the water, trying to decide whether to end it all or sell herself into prostitution.

No man will then cringingly beg some exploiter for a job,—for a chance to eke out an existence.

Compare this in your mind with the skimpy, petty, worried, hurried uncertain method of living today.

But have you heard your "good men" candidates say anything about creating this new order of society?

No, for they would not then be "good men."

They would be Socialists. They would have the Socialists' hopes and ideals.

THEY WOULD HAVE SOMETHING AT STAKE BESIDES AN OFFICE.

They would be using the press, they would be on the street-corners teaching those who do not understand, the underlying causes of poverty and its attendants—war, prostitution, insanity, hunger, disease, over-work, and no work. They would be teaching the remedy for existing evils.

But they can do none of these things.

Their only qualification is that they are "good."

GOOD FOR WHAT?

Two Famous Men on Socialism

H. G. WELLS' VIEW

Socialism is to me a very great thing indeed, the form and substance of my ideal life and all the religion I possess. I am, by a sort of predestination, a Socialist. I perceive I cannot help talking and writing about Socialism, and shaping and forwarding Socialism.

H. G. Wells, N. Y. Independent, Nov. 25, '06, Vol. 61:990.

OPINION OF GREAT NATURALIST

yet so much influenced by the individualistic teachings of Spencer, and the loudly proclaimed dogma, that without the power of individual competition men would inevitably become back into universal poverty, that I did not bestow much Socialism, having, in fact, as much literary work on my mind as I could manage.

Fred Russell Wallace, My Life, Etc., Vol. 2, p. 285.

Woman and Socialism

August Bebel was the first man to raise a voice for the complete emancipation of woman in the country of the "Hausfrau." The idea of woman's sphere, he led the battle for her right to enter every sphere of human life, and did this regardless of any objections that expediency might raise.

The Socialist party is the only one that has made the full equality of women, their liberation from every form of dependence and oppression, an integral part of its program; not for reasons of propoganda, but from necessity. For there can be no liberation of mankind without social independence and equality of the sexes.

Are you going to allow the trust magnates, the bankers and the land grabbers to retain possession of that which you must have access to in order to live or are you going to get up like men and women and take that which is necessary to your well-being? When we say TAKE we mean that you shall get control of the powers of government and LEGISLATE these natural resources into the possession of the men and women that do the useful work of society.

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has been invented through the genius of man than in all the preceding ages before. As a result, the cotton spinner and the cobbler have vanished. Their places have been taken by the machine tender. Boys and girls now turn out as many boots and shoes in a day as the cobbler used to make in several months.

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