

THE "CROSSROAD" TO BE FACED

In the foregoing we mentioned shortly the big historical events that changed the ways of the entire world.

Think it over well before you start for the old country,—make up your mind as to whether it would be advisable to make your home in the country which you left, or whether *it would be better to bring your family over to this country*, that harbored you in the past and will harbor you in the future, if you make your home here.

Think it over whether:

1. Your "home" is over the seas, where only ruins remain, left by the most devilish tools invented by human brains,—poverty and hunger,—the economic and spiritual slavery,—the near future full of want and useless struggles, and the air full of dissatisfaction and revolutionary spirit?—there, where millions of prospective beggars will be compelled by guns and sabers to bow their heads into the yoke of the idle rich?—there where an emperor or king, "By Divine Right", so called, is the only ruler of millions of human beings?

Or:

2. Whether your "home" is here in the U. S. of America, the most blessed country in the world;—here, where men have remained men in heart and soul;—here, where cities and enterprises grow in plain sight;—here in this land, which will give to millions of honest workingmen an opportunity to earn honest and satisfactory wages for many generations to come; here, *where millions of acres of land are waiting for the plough* and which will amply repay the work of industrious hands;—here, *where you will not be forced to struggle with hunger*, and where there will always be peace and plenty, satisfaction and good will among men;—here, where happy citizens of a mighty land toil together to develop the human race toward the height to which it was destined by the Almighty God, the creator of the world; here in this land, where the elect of the entire people is the servant of the nation, and whose duty it is to keep in mind

and with sacredness the interests and will of the millions who placed their confidence in him.

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From the facts stated above and from those written below, *make up your mind dear reader.*

Still your emotions.

Make your decision by calm and concentrated reasoning.

Do not think of that, which you perhaps would desire *now*,—*but think of what will be good for yourself and your family*, that, which will give you enduring peace of mind.

Bear in mind that your and your family's future happiness is at stake; the happiness of your family which, by the suffering of yesterday, redeemed its right to the entire happiness of tomorrow.

Decide whether:—

I. *You want yourself and your family to be the slave and work horse of a selected class?*

OR:

II. *You want to be the free and worthy citizen of a God-blessed country*, that gives you freedom and happiness and your family a future of brightest hopes?

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The aim of this pamphlet is to aid you in making up your mind.

We intend to teach you to make your judgment right, as we want to keep a man worthy of a better fate from taking a wrong step,—a step that may cause his unhappiness for the remainder of his life.

Read the contents carefully and with confidence, and after you have fully realized the truth contained therein, make your decision with a mind free from thoughts of emotion as you must consider the future happiness of yourself and your family, when you decide the question:—

WHERE SHALL I MAKE MY "HOME"
IN THE FUTURE?

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WHY DID YOU COME TO AMERICA?

If you judge impartially, you must, before all, know and understand one fundamental thing, that: *one and one makes two* and that *taking two from two leaves nothing*.

This is an axiom.

If you, dear reader, conceive this great truth, you will also understand that as much as sometimes one would like to, no human power is capable of changing it

We do not intend to make you hate the land where you first saw the light of day.

God forbid!

We intend to show you the truth, and although you may not acknowledge it as such, you will be forced to do so by the power of the truth itself.

There is no use in fooling yourself!

The truth is this:

The land where your forefathers lived for good and bad, *was not able to give you and your family the piece of bread to which you were entitled* by your endless drudging and plugging.

You were the slave of the inherited soil; you rose from your bed before sunrise, and you worked and sweat till late in the night.

For whom?

For yourself?

No!

For the "state" and for the privileged class, who owns the "state".

You worked to earn money for taxes, on the income of which lived thousands and thousands of idle dukes, counts, barons and other titled beings, who all in all, did nothing but hold the whip ready to force you to work like a brute, and keep the tax-collector ready to take the bread from the mouths of your children and the pillows from under your tired head.

Their "highnesses", the counts and barons, who have tens of thousands of acres of land, paid in taxes only about three or four crowns per acre, while you with your five to ten acres had to pay twenty-eight to forty-three crowns per acre.

*You were a born slave, who toiled for the idle.
This is the pure, but bitter truth.*

This you must understand, and if you are a man worthy of confessing the truth, you must confess this.

There is no use in fooling yourself!

If it had not been thus, you would not be now in America.

You must admit that, industrious as you were in the old country, your work did not seem to show any gain.

Your gain was eaten up by the "state ideas" of the "privileged class", which needed millions of soldiers, military police and sheriffs to force you into the yoke of slavery, with the help of the money which they took from you and which left your purse empty.

Schools were not made for your sake, as it was always the red tape in the politics of these governments, that "the peasant is good only so long as he is poor, ignorant, timid and submissive".

This is the truth!

It has also forced you into the hands of the loan sharks and of the banks which have been established for this purpose.

"They have done good work."

When you were about to "buy a new piece of land" or to repair your house, you had "only" to sign a note and the money for this purpose was given to you.

After that,—bad crops,—big interests,—still bigger taxes,—court proceedings,—lawyers,—sleepless nights,— and.... the only way you had left was to ask many of your good friends to indorse another note so that you could obtain another loan sufficient to cover your traveling expenses to America.

America,—the land without counts, barons and many other idle beings;—the land created by God, where the industrious man can make his living by thrifty and honest labor without being deprived and despoiled of everything he has been able to make.

This is your story and the story of many

hundreds of thousands of immigrants, who were seeking liberty and freedom.

In the old country the one half of your earnings were taken by the state, county and township as taxes, and the other half you spent for the maintenance of your family and the paying of interest.

This is why you were not able to save anything.

This is the truth!

You came to the land where there are no dreams and vain worship, but where there is appreciation of honest work and sound justice, as God decreed it to be.

You came to the country where there is plenty of work, and plenty of opportunities, to assure you the comfort in your declining years that you deserve.

This is true!

In the U. S. you are not heavily taxed; you have a chance to deposit about one-half of your earnings in a bank which pays *you* interest; or you may invest it in safe and sound enterprises. You can easily do this, as the cost of living in normal times does not require more than one half of what you earn. In this way, after some time, you have a few thousand dollars which as far as money goes, gives you happiness and the satisfaction that you and your family are assured against "rainy days".

This is the truth, dear reader!

Shortly and precisely: — *in the old country*, out of two pennies you earned, one was taken by the state, the other by the cost of living, and you were compelled to seek happiness elsewhere or starve; whereas *in America*, you lay the one penny beside the other and after a few years you realize that you have a few thousand.

Do you realize this truth, dear reader?

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This was true before the war let loose its fury over Europe.

But what will the conditions be after peace has been concluded?

What will you do, dear reader?

Where will be your "home"?

In the old country which has been submerged in debt?

Or: —

In this country, which is the banker of the entire world and which produces all needed industrial products?

Will your "home" be there, where life will be many times harder than it was before the war?

Or: —

Will it here, where life will be many times more worthwhile than it was before the war?

Reason with a clear mind: Do you want yourself and your family to be the work horses of the selected class?

Or: —

Do you want to be a free and worthy citizen of a blessed country, which gives you freedom and happiness and your family a future of the brightest hopes?

It is up to you to make your choice.

You *must* make your choice:

WHERE WILL YOUR "HOME" BE IN THE FUTURE?

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