

INTRODUCTION

There are some things in this little book I do not like. There are some things which you will not like. Draw a line through all of these things, and that which is left will give you pause.

In the minds of all students, thinkers, and workers, the conviction is deepening that "all is not right with the world." That something is wrong is seen and confessed by banker, by merchant, by manufacturer, and by the toiler in factory and field.

Theorists infatuated with their theories, cunning men enamored of selfish schemes, and impatient men worn out with waiting and hope deferred, each have proposed a remedy. The first sort is academic, the second is at best but palliative, while the third is one of violence.

Mr. Flacy shows in this book that he is not beguiled by visions, nor blinded by selfishness nor inflamed with destructive madness.

The master idea of the author is that natural laws underlie and control the business relations of the human world. Our present system ignores these laws, violates these laws, contravenes and

flaunts these laws, and the result is the inevitable turmoil, inequity and confusion prevalent today.

This book is not an hysterical arraignment of capitalism, nor a mad denunciation of the banking system, nor a frenzied fulmination at Wall Street. Neither is it a feverish and pathetic appeal to those suffering under the present system. It is logical, calm and sustained. The style is so simple and the reasoning so clear that the workers can understand it. The book is short that the busy man can find time to read it, while the principles set forth are so fundamental that the profoundest thinker cannot refute them. If a few million of our people read this little book, the dawn of a new and better day is at hand.

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