

"Henry Ford's Own Story"

"Fifty-two years ago a few farmers' families near Greenfield, Michigan, heard that there was another baby at the Fords—a boy. Mother and son were doing well. They were going to name the boy Henry.

"Twenty-six years later a little neighborhood on the edge of Detroit was amused to hear that the man Ford who had just built the little white house on the corner had a notion that he could invent something. He was always pattering away in the old shed back of the house. Sometimes he worked all night there. The neighbors saw the light burning through the cracks.

"Twelve years ago half a dozen men in Detroit were actually driving the Ford automobile about the streets. Ford had started a small factory, with a dozen mechanics, and was buying material. It was freely predicted that the venture would never come to much.

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America was startled by the announcement from the Ford factory that ten million dollars would be divided among the eighteen thousand employees as their share of the company's profits. Henry Ford was

a multimillionaire and America rewarded him with awe."

The above is an extract from the foreword of a notable book, entitled "Henry Ford's Own Story," by Rose Wilder Lane. In these few words the author sketches a brief outline of the remarkable career of a remarkable man. Henry Ford's life, from farmer boy to the world's largest automobile manufacturer, is a story of hard knocks, indomitable will, dramatic situations and startling achievements. The author has succeeded admirably in adapting the book to the subject, and, instead of writing an ordinary biography, has skillfully woven the facts, incidents, trials, tribulations and triumphs of a busy life into an intensely interesting and thrilling tale. The result is a book that grips the attention of the reader from beginning to end like a fascinating novel.

The story of Henry Ford's life is not a story of the sordid accumulation of money at the expense of his fellow men. The author has not failed to give a true insight into the character and motives of the man who, by his ideals and methods, has done so much to revolutionize the industrial standards of the nation. He has accomplished the almost unprecedented feat of accumulating a tremendous fortune and at the same time endearing himself to the great

mass of his fellow citizens by his unflinching interest in the problems and work of the masses of the common people.

Henry Ford's work in creating within his immense organization new standards of efficiency and living among his employees will have its influence in bettering conditions of workers everywhere. He has made a practical demonstration that the human unit is the vital factor in business, and that the conservation of human energy pays big dividends.

During his life Henry Ford has found time to interest himself in the larger concerns of his fellow men. His work in behalf of the peace movement will not be forgotten, although the old world was in no mood to listen to the voice from the west. The author has done full justice to the life of this genius, and readers will not fail to find in this book the message of inspiration that it contains. It is a story full of human interest and will appeal to every red-blooded American.

The Commoner will be glad to supply copies of this book to any readers who may desire it. The price is \$1.10 postpaid. The book may also be procured in connection with The Commoner under the terms of a special clubbing offer advertised in another part of this paper.

THE TEARS AND THE VOTE

Woman's first vote in the American congress was bathed in tears.

And almost suggestive of a peculiar coincidence, or a decree of Fate, it was cast upon the one issue most near the maternal heart of woman: The issue of war or peace!

Men furnish the money for war; but women, the sons who do the fighting and the dying!

Naturally, then—quite naturally—it is the woman's heart that is touched closest by war.

And when Miss Rankin's name was called in the house voting in the small hours of Friday morning, the "lady from Montana," put to the fire of casting her maiden vote in congress, arose in her place and said through sobs:

"I want to stand by my country, but I can not vote for war!"

Of course, Miss Rankin cried. And why shouldn't she have done so!

The fact that she shed tears when she cast her first vote as the first woman who ever sat in congress, with the eyes of the whole house and the whole republic upon her, at the end of an extraordinarily long and strenuous sitting, a nerve-racking ordeal, and such a stupendous question at issue—the fact that she wept does not prove her weak.

Indeed, the ordeal was enough to make a strong man weep. It simply proved her womanly!

After all, behind those tears was a woman's heart!

Back of them was the sacred maternal instinct; the womanly sentiment; the inherent feminine love of peace, tranquility and the devotion to the fireside.

Some good day, somewhere, somehow, the very sentiment back of those tears and which prompted them is going to control the world! And when it does, there will be an end to war; there will be no more bloodshed on the battlefield; no more calling of mothers' sons to go down into blood-soaked trenches and engage in the death grapple with other mothers' sons!

Unfortunately, up to this time the world—civilization—has not reached that stage—but it is coming, and the

women are going to help bring it about.

The tears that moved Miss Rankin will some day move the women of all the world—at a time when they will demand that they be consulted before their "war lords" tear their sons from their bosoms.

And when that day comes there will be no war.—Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Woman. By Vance Thompson, author of "Eat and Grow Thin," etc. E. P. Dutton & Company, 681 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$1.25 net.

The Basis of Durable Peace. Written at the invitation of the New York Times. By Cosmos. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

Success Preparedness. By M. P. Oliver. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, publishers, New York.

The Mighty War God and the Angel Love. A Poetic Drama in Five Acts. By John T. Williams. The Stratford Co., Boston, Mass.

A League to Enforce Peace. By Robert Goldsmith. The Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$1.50.

Out Where the West Begins. And Other Western Verses. By Arthur Chapman. Houghton Mifflin Company, 4 Park St., Boston, Mass. Price \$1.25 net.

The Man in Court. By Frederic DeWitt Wells, Justice Municipal Court of New York City. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. Price \$1.50 net.

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