

Ideal City

Above we see every individual the pilot of his own craft. Selfishness is the power that propels him forward and the whole sea is choked with the wrecks of unfortunate humanity. Man against man. Antagonism. Chaos. Injustice, poverty and crime.

With the disappearance of our present system of struggling for material wealth, selfishness would be unknown, and war would be a barbarism of the past. Above all, poverty and crime would disappear, and their attending satellites – ignorance, sickness, and misery – would be known no more; and the latent germs of reason and truth would rise, like Phoenix, from the ruins of decaying superstition. With the absence of poverty and crime, and the anxiety, worry and care incident to our present system of competition, disease and sickness would rapidly disappear; and with equal advantages of education and freedom, genius would crop out in the mind and features of every individual, and the conscious law of right would be the guide to every action.

Above we see the ships of progress guided by the power of united intelligence. Each individual embarks on the craft where inclination leads him and combines his intelligence with others to urge the ship forward. Material equality. Combined intelligence. Justice, order, virtue, happiness.

Every nation in the world and every government of the past has been wrecked at the narrows. It now lies before the people. Have they the patriotism, unselfishness and moral courage to guide the ship of state through this channel of adversity. Failure means Anarchy! Success, Freedom!

After mature consideration, it has been decided, that economy demands the centralization of all manufacturing; that one branch of manufacture is so dependent on other branches that it will be more economical to bring all raw material to this centre rather than keep up an exchange system between widely separated points. This centre should be in the vicinity of Niagara Falls; for here we have a natural power for beyond our needs, capable of keeping in continuous operation every industry of the Company, as well as power necessary of all purposes pertaining to the maintenance of a great central city, such as would be the mature result of centralization of the manufacturing industries.

It is my firm belief that under conditions of material equality, all necessary labor could be forwarded without friction; that a system of compensation to balance supply and demand for labor, carried out on plan proposed, could be reduced to an exact science, and humanity would march along the highway of progress without any disturbing elements to check its advance. Thus the world would gain what is now an enormous waste of brain power, which would be devoted to the field of progress in science, art, and invention; and our rapid advance to a higher ideal would be in proportion to this gain. Under a perfect economical system of production and distribution, and a system combining the greatest elements of progress, there can be only one city on a continent, and possibly only one in the world – the great and only „Metropolis“.

Can you – yes, you – can you deny the possibility of the whole field of production and distribution being brought under corporate control, that corporate body being the people?

We, the people, here assembled for the purpose of remedying the evils and grievances which now exist in our social environment, believing that all such evils have their final cause in our commercial system of competition between individuals for material necessities, and, further, that united action looking toward the final consolidation of production and distribution into the hands of the people, is the only logical and possible remedy by which poverty and crime can be removed, and justice to the individual secured, propose to form a Stock Company.

I am a Corporationist. I believe in „WORLD CORPORATION“. By the people – For the people, as opposed to corporation by Individuals for Individuals. I believe in International Co-Operation with all Nations, and all Nations with each other, for the accomplishment of Universal Peace through „WORLD CORPORATION“. I believe in the corporate acquisition and final ownership of all property and control of all industry by the people. I believe in the elimination of lines of demarkation between nations and people, and the establishment of equity between individuals throughout the world on a basis of intelligence.

„WORLD CORPORATION“ is the birth of industrial science destined to combine Education, Industry, and Government throughout the world in one system, bringing all nations and all peoples into ONE CORPORATE BODY, POSSESSING ONE CORPORATE MIND.

„WORLD CORPORATION“ is a system under which the world’s people unite and co-operate, to tear down a system under which they are divided and at war with each other, and struggling for individual existence.

„WORLD CORPORATION“ invites the participation of every individual in the world, regardless of nationality, race, creed, color, age, or sex. IT RECOGNIZES DOLLARS, NOT INDIVIDUALS.

„WORLD CORPORATION“ will possess all knowledge of all men, and each individual mind will find complete expression through the great Corporate Mind.

My friends, this is not politics; it is not religion. It is hardpan common business sense. Come, you who are rich, powerful, and influential, and you who are poor, and broken from unceasing toil. Come one, come all, and join the ranks of an overwhelming United People’s Party. Let us start the ball rolling with such a boom and enthusiasm that it will draw the wealth and sinew of the nation into its vortex, - the great future city „Metropolis“.

Such a city and such a system of production and distribution would be like a living, breathing creation in the automatic working and perfect unison of its mechanism, whose soul would be the combined intelligence of man. It would be something to love, for it would always represent a perfect reflection of man’s effort to reach the ideal.

Here should be located the great central city, which would be the home of all; and to the artistic beauty, grandeur, and magnificence of this wonderful production of the combined intelligence of a united people, the whole world would contribute its wealth and treasures. Let us tear asunder the chrysalis which binds within its folds the intellect of man, and let the polar star of every thought find its light in nature’s truths. Forward! Is the cry. „Let the dead past bury it’s dead,“ and let a new era of civilization and progress shed its light of hope on the future of mankind. Our present knowledge and our present tools are all we need to build a city to accommodate all the people on this continent, that would be beyond the imagination of any mind in the world; for such a city would embody the best imaginings and ideals of millions of people working in harmony with a common purpose in view.

Such a city would draw upon all the science, art, and engineering talent of the world, and the knowledge accumulated would be sifted and refined by the Corporate Mind, adopting always the best, until the city as a whole and in every minute detail combined the most progressive ideas of man. Every building, for whatever purpose designed would be a sparkling gem set in a diadem of gems, each standing alone, separate and distinct, an exponent of architectural progress and artistic beauty. Imagine for a moment these thirty odd thousand buildings of „Metropolis,“ each standing alone, a majestic world of art, a never-ending city of beauty and cleanliness, and then compare it with our cities of filth, crime, and misery, with their illpaved and dirty thoroughfares, crowded with the struggling masses of humanity and the system of necessary traffic. And then compare the machinery of both systems, and take your choice; for I believe the only obstacle that lies in the way of the building of this great city is man.