Childhood Lost Primary Source Set

Vera Hill, 5 years old picks 25 pounds a day. See 4580. Location: Comanche County, Oklahoma / Lewis W. Hine. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs

One of Dallas' little newsboys. Location: Dallas, Texas. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs

Four-year-old Mary Kosco, Shucks oysters at Dunbar. (See photo 2050). Location: Dunbar, Louisiana. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs

Boy Working at the Saw, N. Y. Dimension Supply Co., Evansville, Ind. Location: Evansville, Indiana. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs

5 year old Helen and her stepsisters "hulling" strawberries at Johnson's Hulling Station, Seaford, Del. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs


Little spinner in Bibb Mill No. 1, Macon, Ga. She was so small she had to climb up on to the spinning frame to mend broken threads. See also photo 488. Jan. 19, 1909. Location: Macon, Georgia. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs

Trapper Boy, Turkey Knob Mine, Macdonald, W. Va. Boy had to stoop on account of low roof, photo taken more than a mile inside the mine. Witness E. N. Clopper. Location: MacDonal, West Virginia. Library of Congress/Prints and Photographs
Exhibit Panel.
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The road to dividends
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Newspaper comments on new child labor law in Penn. Location: Pennsylvania.
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A clipping. See also label 1931. Location: Chauncy, Pennsylvania.
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[Printed page of text with photo illustration: "Declaration of Dependence by the Children of America in Mines and Factories and Workshops Assembled"].
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A CHILD LABOR REVOLUTION

NEWSPAPERS IN THE MINING REGION TELL OF THE NEW LAW'S RESULTS

From Philadelphia

THE SCRANTON REPUBLICAN, TUESDAY

New Child Labor Law Sends Many Youths Back to School

CHILD LABOR LAW

Growing Some... School Houses

MINING Accidents

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Dunmore School Board Forced to Act by Increased Attendance Made by Working Out of New Labor Law

Children Between Thirteen and Sixteen Are Taking Part in School Life.
LAD FELL TO DEATH IN BIG COAL CHUTE

Dennis McKee Dead and Arthur Allbecker Had Leg Burned In the Lee Mines.

Falling into a chute at the Chauncey colliery of the George S. Lee Coal Company at Avondale, this afternoon, Dennis McKee, aged 14, of West Nanticoke, was smothered to death and Arthur Allbecker, aged 15, had both of his legs burned and injured. Dr. Bieb, of Plymouth, was summoned and dressed the burns of the injured boy.

He was removed to his home at Avondale.

Both boys were employed as breaker boys, and going too close to the chutes fell in. Fellow workmen rushed to their assistance and soon had them out of the chutes. When taken out McKee was found to be dead. His remains were removed to his home at West Nanticoke. Allbecker will recover.
MADE IN ALABAMA
PRODUCTS WE BOAST
LUMBER, COTTON GOODS, IRON & STEEL AND OTHERS
$145,000,000 A Year
PRODUCTS WE IGNORE
THESE YOUNG WORKERS

USHER
DEPT STORE GIRL
WAGON BOY
SODA FOUNTAIN

COTTON MILL WORKERS

OYSTER SHUCKING

ERRAND BOY

ILLEQUIPPED SCHOOL

OLD AGE AT 47

ILLITERATE FAMILY

SUCH INDUSTRIAL MORTGAGES
BRING EARLY FORECLOSURE
DECLARATION OF DEPENDENCE
by the Children of America
in Mines and Factories and Workshops Assembled

WHEREAS, We, Children of America, are declared to have been born free and equal, and

WHEREAS, We are yet in bondage in this land of the free; are forced to toil the long
day or the long night, with no control over the conditions of labor, as to health or safety or
hours or wages, and with no right to the rewards of our service, therefore be it

Resolved, I - That childhood is endowed with certain inherent and inalienable rights,
among which are freedom from toil for daily bread; the right to play and to dream; the right
to the normal sleep of the night season; the right to an education, that we may have equality
of opportunity for developing all that there is in us of mind and heart.

Resolved, II - That we declare ourselves to be helpless and dependent; that we are
and of right ought to be dependent, and that we hereby present the appeal of our helplessness
that we may be protected in the enjoyment of the rights of childhood.

Resolved, III - That we demand the restoration of our rights by the abolition of
child labor in America.

A. J. McKelway.
Hymn for the Working Children*

[Tune, “Autumn,” or Austrian National Hymn.]

There's a voice that now is calling,
Loudly calling, day by day;
'Tis the voice of right and justice,
And its tones we must obey.

We must hasten to the rescue
Of the children young and frail,
Who are weary of their burdens,
And too soon their strength will fail.

In our stores and shops we find them,
'Mid the bloom of early spring;
But the Lord is watching o'er them,
And their calls to Him we bring,
Though their parents bid them labor
And deny their needed rest;
Yet our faith believes the promise,
That their wrongs will be redressed.

Men of rank and high position,
Men who guard our native land,
In the name of our Redeemer,
Come and lend a helping hand.
Come at once; the plea is urgent,
And the hours are waning still;
Make these children glad and happy,
And the law of love fulfill.

FANNY J. CROSBY.

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*This hymn was especially written for the National Child Labor Committee by Fanny J. Crosby, the blind hymn writer, 92 years old. In sending it, Mrs. Crosby wrote: “I never was asked to write a hymn that I have more cheerfully written than this.”
No longer they idly listen
    to a warbler's futile song.
No longer their idle laughter
    rings out the whole day long.
No longer they roam the meadows
    like idle gypsy bands,
For the world is growing richer
    by the work of their pinny hands.
And the man who found them idling
    among the feathered blooms
And brought them to watch their lives
    away beside his clattering looms.
He talks of the goodly riches
    that his enterprise has won.
With the toil of the sad-faced children
    and boasts of the thing he's done.

by James E. Montague,
New Orleans, La., Jan. 27th, 1914

Mrs. Martha Gould,

Dear Madam:

We have never found any trouble whatsoever in complying with the regulations in regard to the employment of messenger boys, nor have we experienced any difficulty in securing intelligent employees.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Manager.