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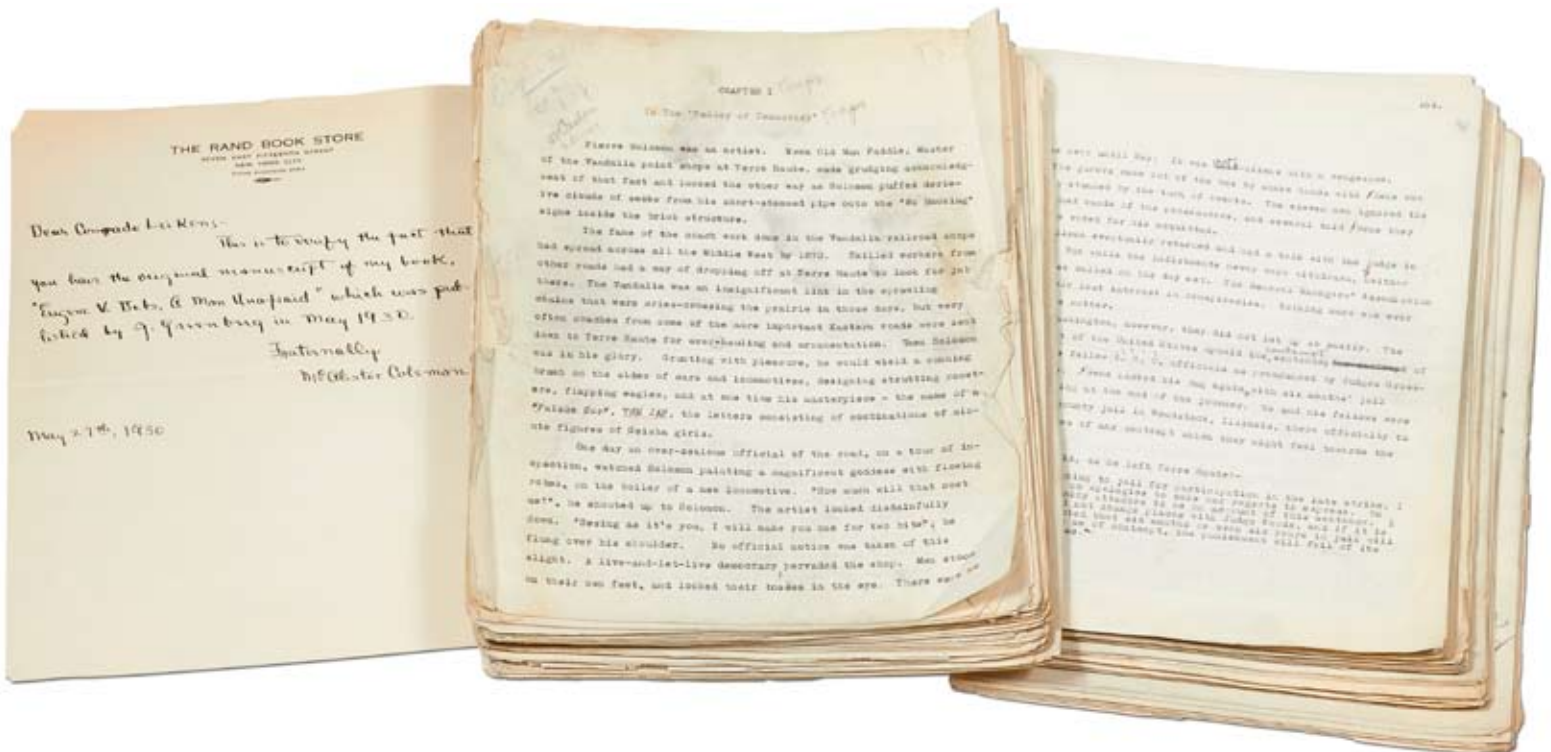
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[Manuscript]: *Eugene V. Debs: A Man Unafraid*

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Manuscript. Typed manuscript. 332 leaves, typed rectos only. Some edgewear to various of the leaves, last two leaves tattered but otherwise overall very good or better. Accompanied by an Autograph Letter Signed from the author on The Rand Book Store of New York stationery, dated 27 May 1930 to a "Comrade Leiken" in order to "verify the fact that you have the original manuscript of my book, "Eugene V. Debs, A Man Unafraid" which was published by G. Greenberg in May 1930." The manuscript has extensive corrections and amendations in the hand of the author throughout. The manuscript of the first full-length biography of Debs. The published version of this biography is *Egbert 150*; McAlister's 1936 book *Red Neck*, co-authored with Stephen Rauschenbush, is a *Rideout* novel.

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M. Alister Coleman

May 27th, 1930

shadows of unemployed workers falling across the men at the benches. And there were always the fat and unclaimed lands of the prairies to be seen from the dirty shop-windows.

It was a ^{on a soft} Spring day ~~of 1870~~ ^{May} when Solomon came marching into the paint shop with a tall, tow-headed, blue-eyed youngster at his heels. Him he introduced to Old Man Peddle as "Gene Debs, the son of Jean Daniel Debs, "the friend of mine who keeps the grocery store on Eleventh Street". Would Monsieur Peddle give him a job?

CHAPTER V

The Fight for Status

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"Benevolence, Sobriety, Industry". The ^{words of their motto} ~~slogan~~ hung on a large banner before the eyes of the firemen assembled at the ~~Fourth Annual~~ ^{Convention} of the Brotherhood in Indianapolis in September, 1877. The ~~twenty-five~~ members of Vigo Lodge, No. 16, had picked Gene for their delegate. He was a bit nervous when he rose to make his first speech at a ^{l.c.} Labor Convention on the subject of the strikes whose ^{effects} ~~repercussions~~ ran round the ~~Convention Hall~~. Said Gene:

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"The continual reduction of the price of labor was the direct cause of the recent strikes which terrified the entire nation. A strike at the present time signifies anarchy and revolution, and the one of but a few days ago will never be blotted from the records of memory. The question has often been asked, "Does the Brotherhood en-

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principles of minority leaders who had opposed war from 1812 on. Then he ^{a passage from} quoted Wilson's "New Freedom", wherein the President said that the government had fallen into the hands of "special interests". And he denounced alike Kaiserism abroad, and the exploitation of the workers in this country. ^{He concluded:} "If I believed in the war", ^{he concluded}, "I could not be kept out of the first-line trenches. I would not be patriotic at long range. I would be honest enough, if I believed in bloodshed, to shed my own. But I do not believe that the shedding of blood bears any actual testimony to patriot-