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Mourn not your captive comrades who must dwell,
Too strong to strive,
Within each steel-bound coffin of a cell,
Buried alive.

But rather mourn the apathetic throng—
The cowed and meek—
Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong
And dare not speak!

—Ralph Chaplin.

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FOREWORD.

In the early part of the year 1776, while Western civilization was suffering under the iron rule of autocratic feudalistic tyranny, a new hope was born to bleeding humanity with the Declaration of Independence, which ushered in the American Republic as the future asylum of the oppressed.

The first President of "Our Country", George Washington, the man who never told a lie, proclaimed to the world that the rule of "Divine Kings" was ended, and that a new era was begun, based on the great principles of Equality, Fraternity, Liberty and Justice for all, without distinction of nationality, race or creed.

The echo of these sentiments resounded to every corner of the world. Europe, to the surprise of the master class, went wild; the people arose in France and proclaimed a Republic; the poor classes of other countries, hungering for liberty and to avoid political and religious persecutions, began in large numbers an emigration to the land of promise—the home of opportunity and the Mecca of liberty.

But as soon as the workers landed, they discovered they had come to a fool's paradise. In Europe was feudal slavery, and in America soon developed capitalist oppression. They differed only in name. The founders of the American Republic failed to make good the promises written in the Declaration of Independence, July 4th, 1776.

The American people were induced to fight against British rule by the promise of liberty. With the defeat of England they gained nothing but new chains. The only class to profit by the fruits of the Revolutionary War was the American ruling class. The new Republican government was tyrannical like the British government; the class struggle became more intense day by day.

The history of the United States is the history of a bitter class struggle between the working class and the

employing class; between the "plutes" and the slaves. The ruling class, with the help of the church and the press, has from time to time fooled the people into going to war and dying on the battle-field for its own material aggrandizement. Since the birth of the American Republic the people of the United States have fought one hundred and fourteen wars, according to the "Historical Register of the United States Army" (Vol. 2, pp. 298-300).

The Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War and the World War, were the products of the barbarous social system under which we live. They were all fought for commercial reasons. In each case the workers had nothing to gain, but all to lose. But according to the lords of life—our masters of finance and industry—every war has been waged for some great and noble cause.

During the World War ten million men in the prime of life were slaughtered on the battle-field, Europe was turned into a charnel-house, in order to "save the world for democracy" and to "end all future wars". Notwithstanding this ghastly sacrifice, twenty more wars have been waged in Europe since the signing of the Armistice in 1918. We are glad to note that America is out of the present European imbroglio, but this does not mean that we have peace in our country. The class struggle is getting more and more bitter; the American horizon is menaced with a new storm which, if not checked in time, will bring upon us a terrible calamity.

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"THIS IS OUR ONLY HOPE"

On worker, on; the die is cast!!!
Thy day is dawning, near at last,
When production's wheels you shall possess,
Then chains no longer 'll hold you fast
Within the slavery of the past.
Who then our power will dare surpress?
This is our ONLY HOPE!

Unite, Labor, for better days,
Let new stars shine where darkness sways
Arise, ye sons of toil!
Light new fires where old have burned.
Too long our hearts have vainly yearned
For the fruits of our toil.
This is our only hope.

To make the world for producers safe,
With justice for all who toil and chafe
Beneath oppression's hands;
To destroy corporate tyranny,
Thru faith of rebel hearts set free
By brave, bold workers' hands.
This is our only hope!

PART ONE.

THE BIRTH AND DEATH OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

The American nation is confronted with a grave crisis! It is the most dangerous one this country has faced since the dark days of the Civil War. The flame of liberty grows dimmer each day until it has become necessary to awaken the nation to the audacious contempt of the gathering forces of darkness not only for all human decency and justice but for the duly constituted laws of the country as well. The present enemy of American freedom is organized everywhere, from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The monster lurks like a snake in the grass; it crawls, coils, hisses and strikes, under cover of night, and plants fear in the minds of every man, woman and child.

The name of this ferocious monster is—the Ku Klux Klan. The founders of the Klan did not realize that free institutions, in a free country, could not be preserved on the basis of a partial freedom, maintained only for a class. Ignoring the United States Constitution, ignoring all laws of decency and common sense, the Klan has terrorized some sections of the country with lawless methods; tar and feathers, torture and murder. Few understand the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan. What the people feel is the fear left in their minds whenever the dreadful name of Ku Klux Klan is mentioned.

In order to tell the story of the Klan intelligently, we must go far back to the close of the Civil War. During the disorders that followed it, after the South was defeated, hatred and revenge were in nearly every Southern heart against the Northerners and Negroes.

The emancipation of the slaves was a bitter pill to be swallowed by the South. Just imagine a Negro without a master; without chains; free to educate himself and to be an equal of the white man! That was an un-

thinkable thing for the ignorant Southerners, and every obstacle possible was used to prevent the enforcement of the First and Thirteenth Constitutional Amendments.

Consequently it came to pass in 1865 the Southern ex-slave owners, to terrorize the Negroes, organized the Ku Klux Klan in Pulasky, Tennessee, under the administration of Governor Brownlow.

The Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan, as it was called, was a secret organization. Most of the members were former slave owners, who organized twice, in the year 1865 and again in 1866, for the purpose of protecting the white race and opposing the reconstructive measures of the United States Congress.

The mysterious word "Kukluk", or Ku Klux Klan, which spread terror in every Negro heart, is derived from the Greek word "circle". The title "Ku Klux Klan" has been applied to many different organizations, among which were the following: "The Knights of the White Camelia", "The White Rose", "The '76 Association", "The White Brotherhood", "The Black Cavalry", "The Pale Faces", and the "Constitutional Union Guards".

The actual object of the Ku Klux Klan was to oppose the liberal policy of the Northern government toward the millions of ex-slaves, and, in the meantime, its goal was to overthrow the government.

The professed original purpose of the Ku Klux Klan, as set forth in its Constitution, was to protect weak and innocent women from the brutal outrages of degenerate Negroes. This is according to the report made by the congressional committee investigating the Klan. Another purpose was to fight the radical Republican party and the Loyal League, a Negro political organization, formed by politicians who sought to gain control of the Negro votes.

The Klan was modeled after the Catholic hierarchy, with an Imperial Wizard (Pope) and a numerous army of parasites—Grand Dragons, Titans, and Grand Giants under command of the Imperial Wizard, General N. B. Forrest.

The Empire was divided into Realms (States), ruled by a Grand Dragon (Cardinal); Dominion (Congressional District), under a Grand Titan (Archbishop); Province (County), under the rule of a Grand Giant (Bishop); and each county was subdivided into Dens (Parishes), under the

Grand Cyclops (Priest) and the members of the Dens were called Glous (Parishioners).

The period of the old Klan's greatest success was from 1868 to 1870, after which came its decline. It carried out its dastardly plans during the night. In their nocturnal raids the members went about disguised in white robes, with masks over their faces. Night patrols consisted of parades of silent horsemen, covered with white sheets. These ghastly figures inspired fear in every Negro heart. The Negroes were, and still are, an intelligent, laborious, ambitious, but superstitious people. The Southern whites took advantage of this weakness and ruled them with blood and iron.

The Klan, with its Invisible Empire, was a criminal association which was guilty of whipping, banishing and murdering thousands of white and Negro workers in open disregard and violation of the legal processes of law.

At last the criminal activities and deprivations of the Klan came to the attention of President Grant. On March 3, 1871, he sent a special message to congress, stating that life and property were insecure in the South and asking Congress to wipe out the Invisible Empire. Congress, aggravated by so many atrocities, passed the Enforcement Act or Force Bill, intended to disband the Klan. This act was approved by President Grant on April 20, 1871, and was immediately put into effect. In a short time the strong arm of the Federal Law caused the Ku Klux Klan to give up its activities.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

The sky of America is very cloudy, a black menace is floating in the atmosphere and a violent cloud-burst may be expected at any moment, for the Klan has come back to life. The resurrection of the Invisible Empire is a real danger to the existence of the American Republic. The Klan, in regalia, is sowing religious seeds of racial discord among the workers. There is no race hatred more pernicious; no plague more dreadful; no horror more insidious; no pestilence more terrible, than that furthered by this Invisible Empire, which is now gnawing at the vitals of the American Republic.

After the failure of the loyal and patriotic American Legion to crush organized labor, the capitalist class decided

to revive and reorganize the Klan for the purpose of fighting the organized toilers and in order to spread fear, violence and hatred among the workers of different nationalities, so that a unified moneyed class might continue to hold the awakened progressive but divided toilers in check.

The capitalist class, afraid of the steady advance of the American proletariat toward class consciousness, unity of purpose, and solidarity of action, has determined to stop its march of progress. It seems to think that the best thing for it to do is to create a civil war and produce a carnage of workers to make America safe for capitalism. This is one of the great stupidities of the ruling class and, paradoxical as it may seem, the final result of such folly must be eventually the defeat of the Klan and victory for the Working class. But for the present, the Klan is victorious; it continues using the rope and the club against any worker who dares to challenge the master's right to rob the slaves. The Klan is considered indispensable to the capitalist class; it is therefore doomed to death along with capitalism.

Workers of America, awake to the great danger that confronts you! Workers, organize and arise as one man against the deadly menace of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan! Organize solidly as class-conscious workers with the watchword, "An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"!

THE TEACHER OF 100 PER CENT AMERICANISM.

The duty of the Ku Klux Klan as a teacher is to stop the workers' march toward the goal of true industrial emancipation. The teachers' duty is to combat any idea of freedom and evolution, and to poison the workers' minds with a false education.

The beast, clothed in the regalia of barbarism, stresses "Americanism", and the course of study is as follows:

I. One God, One Country, One Flag.

II. Protection of private property and respect for the church.

III. Be a loyal American and keep your mouth shut. If you should open your mouth and protest against the present rotten capitalist system, then the teacher will kidnap and give you the first lesson in 100 per cent Americanism.

IV. In case you should happen to be a member of such a group as the I. W. W. (Red Blooded Americans) and loyal

to your class, insisting upon your right of free speech, then the second lesson in 100 per cent Americanism will be a coat of tar and feathers.

V. Should you be recalcitrant against organized capital, then the final lesson concerning 100 per cent Americanism will be imparted by hanging, or burning alive.

To substantiate our charges we have but to mention the tragedy of Mer Rouge, Louisiana, where the Klan, in cold blood, killed two American citizens. This proves that the beast does not teach you to love your enemy as a friend, but to kill him. The Klan travels along the lines of barbarism. If the truth were but half known about the atrocities perpetrated by the Klan against the Southern Negroes, the workers would literally arise en masse in rebellion." Too long have they been terrorized by such acts of savagery.

This is not simply a Negro problem, but concerns every citizen, Negro, Catholic, Jew, alien or native-born American. The beast has been receiving help daily from the lackeys of the capitalist class, among which are the Chambers of Commerce, most of the churches, the American Legion, the Y. M. C. A., and the highest parasites of aristocratic society.

Many members of the Invisible Empire are people of standing and wealth, who are able to conceal their identity under white robes. They affiliate with the Klan for the pleasure of persecuting the workers. Toilers, you must arise to the peril of this new pestilence. Organize and stand together against our common foe, the Klan!

THE ORIGIN OF THE PRESENT KU KLUX KLAN.

His Highness, Imperial Grand Wizard, Bogus Colonel William Joseph Simmons, Methodist minister of Atlanta, Georgia, is the originator of the present Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Under the divine hand of omniscience and wisdom, his majesty, the Imperial Wizard, by the grace of the Lord, received the new Mosaic laws from God when he was on the top of the Georgian Mountain Stone, Thanksgiving night, 1915. Through the ignorance of the Southerners and the insight of the leaders he appointed, in a very short time he was able to build up the Klan into a powerful machine. From the beginning its growth was phenomenal and the increase of membership literally staggered the imagination.

With the increase of membership, crime also increased. Everybody in the South knows about the crimes being committed by the Klan.

The Klan is an organized Camorra against civilization. Under cover of patriotism and pretense of Americanizing the aliens, the Camorristi have made Justice a travesty, the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence a mockery. The Knights of Camorristi have become a danger to the American Republic. This menace stalks abroad in the land at night, terrorizing its victims by masks and shrouds which appear ghostly under the flaming cross.

In this crisis of our national life, let us adopt the French slogan which saved Verdun from the German Army: "They shall not pass".

The menace of the Klan must be met with the challenging cry: "They shall not pass"! The Klan can be blocked and defeated. The first onset of the Klan-storming troops must be met by the white workers and by the Negroes as well, who appear ready and eager for the tussle.

The campaign will consist in propagating the truth to the masses. We are not advocating violence against the Klan. Violence cannot help the cause of the workers. It is only education that will bring about the emancipation of the working class.

The whole burden of the educational defense must not be allowed to rest on Bill, Mike or John, but we must organize a strong opposition and defeat the nefarious object of the Klan to destroy organized labor. We must act before it is too late.

The harvest is ripe; let American laborers take vigorous action against the pernicious propaganda of the Klan, which has declared eternal war against the alien element, the Negro race, the Catholic, the Jew and the liberal.

Workers, if you are satisfied to keep your mouths closed, if you stand for injustice, if you are willing to let the capitalists continue to rob you, if you delight to see your children starve, if you are disloyal to your class; then you should not fear the Klan, because it will not molest you. But if you are loyal to the working class, if you love justice and the happiness of your children, then you must protest against the protector of capitalism, you must fight the propaganda of the Klan.

THE "PRINCIPLES" OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

The aim of the Klan is to crush organized labor in America and to "Americanize" this country by enforcing the open shop, long hours and poor wages for the workers.

<The Klan is not against Jew or Negro capitalists; it is against Jew and Negro workers.>

Yesterday, the enemy of the common people was the American Legion; to-day it is the Klan.

The Klan, in the warfare against the workers, has adopted violence as a cure-all, and fear of it spreads like an epidemic. In fact, America is under a bitter curse of murder, pillage and destruction, at the hands of the Invisible Empire. This organization, it appears, has attracted to its ranks criminals, idlers, adventurers and the outcasts of the country.

Murder is sanctified in the Klan's declaration of faith. It is a monstrous and atrocious tyrant. <The Ku Klux is inciting the American white-born against the foreign element.> The Klan appeals to the predatory instinct of the criminal class.

Throughout the length and breadth of this land there is being spread today propaganda advising and teaching lawlessness against the institutions of America. The workers should awaken to this fact and unite for their own self-preservation.

PART TWO.

THE CHURCH PROTECTRESS OF ORGANIZED MOBS.

Since so many workers still belong to various churches, it is not without regret that we have to speak of the role that the church plays in protecting the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan in the present crisis. But the Church, in fact, has always been ready and glad to help any tyrannical association whose purpose has been to keep the workers in subjection. The Church has never failed in her duty to denounce anyone who has been loyal to the workers.

This nation is excited by daily reports of masked men kidnapping and torturing people, but the Church remains silent. We do not blame the Church; why should the Church worry about the Klan menace? This new criminal organization is a safe weapon in the hands of the ruling class. The Klan favors wage slavery and child labor. It upholds mob rule against one class only—the working class.

The Church is silent when a "Christian" mob hangs a workingman, but when a mob of workers kills a scab, the Church goes into hysterics of sanctimonious rage. In this connection it is interesting to bring to the reader's attention the so-called Herrin Massacre. For several months the Church, with obstinate stupidity, has loudly lamented and shed buckets of crocodile tears over the death of the innocent scabs killed at Herrin, Ill.

"Avenge the poor boys, avenge the loyal hundred per cent Americans", has been the asinine daily cry of the Church from coast to coast. At last the Church, as a capitalist institution, has expressed a strong desire to send the miners of Williamson County to the gallows. With vile cowardice and a ruthless spirit, the Church wants the miners hanged so as to make Illinois safe for the coal barons and for their concept of Law and Order.

So, the unscrupulous yellow Church, as a handy tool of

capitalism, has been carrying on a campaign of distorted facts, hypocritical misrepresentation, vicious calumny and slander against the miners.

The Church is always on the side of the oppressors and never on the side of the oppressed.*

The Church speaks against mob rule when violence is committed by the workers; but when the masters use the same tactics, it keeps quiet.

It is of great value to bring to light the lynching of E. C. Gregor, striking employe of the Missouri and North Arkansas Railroad, who was hanged from a bridge in Harrison, Ark., Jan. 16, 1923. Gregor was hanged, according to Deputy Sheriff A. B. Holt, after he had resisted attempts on his life by a maddened mob of one thousand business men—One Hundred Per Cent Cowards. Protests against this outrage were sent to the state authorities from all over the Union, but the Church spoke not a word against the Christian mob, because this was a labor case. The working-class has suffered for many years from an epidemic of homicidal mania, carried on under veil of patriotism by organized Christian mobs.

The Church cannot speak a word against lynching, because that would be contrary to the interests of capitalism.

To the everlasting shame of the Church we print below a vivid report of mob violence, given out by the American Civil Liberties Union for the two weeks ending January 6, 1923:

MOB VIOLENCE.

1. "NORTH CAROLINA. L. H. Hall, teacher in state agricultural extension work, was taken from his home at Chadbourn on December 29 by a band of 40 masked men and severely beaten. Hall was charged with talking in favor of the Dyer anti-lynching bill.

2. OKLAHOMA. Frank Ray, farmer at Hollis, was taken from his bed on December 28, severely whipped, and ordered to leave the community by a band of masked men, who accused him of manufacturing liquor.

3. Police rescued Glenn Trimble, a young Negro, from lynching by a mob of Negroes at Muskogee on January 1 after he had been lashed for attacking his mother.

4. A dead line between the Negro and white sections of

* As we go to press news comes that the Herrin miners have been acquitted.

Sapulpa was established by armed guards on January 1 to prevent race riots following disturbances in that section, in which one policeman was killed and four injured.

5. J. E. Marsh, a teacher in Atoka County, was taken from his home and severely beaten by a mob, which accused him of teaching anarchy and "Negro-equality".

6. LOUISIANA. Leslie Leggett, a Negro accused of associating with white women, was kidnapped and lynched at Shreveport, January 4. Police had been unable to obtain evidence warranting his arrest.

7. FLORIDA. Three whites and twenty Negroes were killed in a race riot at Rosewood on January 5, believed to have started with an assault on a young white woman. Sam Carter, a Negro, was lynched by the mob near Sumner, when he admitted assisting the Negro suspect to escape.

8. GEORGIA. Andrew Jones, a 70-year-old ex-slave, was killed near Millhave on December 30 by two white men and his mutilated body thrown in a ditch because he was unable to pull their automobile out of the mud.

9. J. L. Landrum and five others are held in jail at Warrenton on a murder charge in connection with the death of A. M. Burnett, a Negro whom they had whipped on December 30, when Landrum's daughters accused him of insulting them.

10. MARYLAND. Four members of the band of masked men who tarred and feathered Walter Thompson of Baltimore and Dewey Batt of Winchester, Va., last July, were sentenced on December 27 to five to seven years in the penitentiary.

11. Fifty-seven persons, six of them whites, were lynched in the United States during 1922, according to figures compiled by Tuskegee Institute. Texas again led, with 18 lynchings; Georgia had 11, Mississippi 9, Florida 5, Arkansas 5, Alabama 2, Louisiana 3, Oklahoma 1, Tennessee 2, South Carolina 1. Thirteen of those lynched were taken from jails and seventeen taken from officers outside of prison."

We do not hear a word of protest from the Church against this mob violence; the Church is protecting the organized mob in the interests of the capitalist class.

It is worth while mentioning again the tragedy of Mer Rouge, Louisiana. The country was shocked to read in the subservient press of the killing of two American citizens by members of the Ku Klux Klan. The tragedy caused no protest from the Church. If the murder of the two Americans had been committed by members of the United Mine Workers, it is certain

that the Church would have condemned that crime and would have asked the Government to lock up thousands of union miners and to close every union hall in the country.

The Church works for the masters against the interests of the workers. So long as the Klan fights the workers, it is perfectly all right, but as soon as the Klan begins a campaign against organized capital, then the Church will be ready to ask the Government to suppress the Klan. We have no fear about that. However, this will never happen, because the Invisible Empire is anti-organized Labor.

Fellow workers, you must awake to this organized mob menace and take effective steps to check it!

The workers alone can remedy the evil of the steady growth of the Klan. Remember, comrades, that a victorious Klan will mean the total defeat of the workers and their complete enslavement to the capitalists—the industrial and financial lords of life.

PAPACY AND THE KU KLUX KLAN.

The Klan today is a new form of terrorism. When you mention it to the Negroes of the South they commence to tremble as though you had threatened to invoke some terrible power against them; yet preachers of the Gospel are helping to spread this new terrorism.

The two great enemies of the American working class today are the steadily increasing menace of the papacy and the growth of the Ku Klux Klan. Under the false pretense of fighting the Catholic Church, the Klan is organizing the anti-catholic element into a powerful machine, which in the future will be used against organized labor. On the other hand, the Catholic Church, more from jealousy than anything else, is fighting the Ku Klux Klan, because the latter has forbidden the children of the Holy Father to join it. The Catholic Church and the Klan have nothing but chains to offer to the workers. They have no quarrel between themselves, but merely a superficial misunderstanding. The Pope and the Imperial Wizard are not enemies, but friends. Tyrants do not fight among themselves, because the workers seem willing to fight and to die, for them. Popism and the Ku Klux Klan, both belong to the same class,—“The enemy of Labor”.

The barbaric method of torturing its victims originated in the Catholic Church, centuries before the Klan was ever

organized. It used the same methods adopted today by the Klan. If we look at the bloody historical pages of the Catholic Church, we feel ashamed to belong to a society of which the Catholic Church is a part. If we look through the history of the papal inquisition, we learn the "Holy Methods" of killing innocent people. If the Pope cannot practice the same things now, it is the result of the great battle between science and darkness, waged for centuries against the Church. It for years, tortured and killed countless heretics and freethinkers, but the result will be the triumph of science and the doom of religion.

> If the Holy Father ever gets another opportunity to seize temporal power, the world will again be full of bloodshed. When we speak of barbarism, of torturing and butchering human beings, we think the papal methods were among the most atrocious ever invented by any class of barbarians. If we have the patience to look through the pages of the Spanish Inquisition, we will find the story of how millions of heretics were tortured and killed by order of the Pope. Besides these many more thousands were killed for daring to challenge the divine right of the "Pontiff's Infallibility" and his supremacy as Father of the whole world.

The papacy has stood for the negation of liberty, education and happiness. It has always been against free speech, free press and liberty of conscience. The late Pope, Pius IX, issued an edict on the 22nd of June, 1862, against the progressive Austrian laws of the previous December, which established the freedom of the press and the right of education and religious tolerance. The Holy Father declared: "The abominable laws have been and shall be void, without any force whatever." In the meantime he excommunicated all persons who obeyed those laws.

> The Ku Klux Klan would likewise exile or torture all those who differ from its teachings had it the power.

Pope Pius IX considered that freedom of press was a pestiferous error and a crime to encourage progress and liberalism.

Concerning the freedom of the press, he said:

"We have been truly shocked at this most crafty device (Bible Societies) by which the very foundations of religion are undermined. We have deliberated upon the proper measures to be adopted by our pontifical authority, in order to remedy and abolish this pestilence, as far as possible, this defilement of the faith, so imminently dangerous to souls. It is evident

from experience that the Holy Scriptures, when circulated in the vulgar tongue, have through the temerity of men, produced more harm than benefit. Warn the people entrusted to your care, that they fall not into the snares prepared for their everlasting ruin. Several of our predecessors have made laws to turn aside the scourge." ("The Papal and Civil Power", p. 208-9).

Pope Pius IX, apropos heretics, said:

"Infidels are not to be tolerated. Infidelity is not to be tried or proved, but extirpated. Are heretics punished with death? St. Thomas answered: 'Yes, because forgers of money, or other disturbers of the state, are justly punished with death; therefore also heretics, who are forgers of the faith, and experience being witness, grievously disturbs the state'" (Dens, Vol. 2, No. 56, p. 89.).

What would you do if the Pope had the authority to say that to teach your child grammar is a violation of the law? Would you obey or rebel against it? Or, would you laugh at us, believing we are telling you a joke? It is not a joke at all, but a fact, according to Lagarde, who is the author of "Latin Christianity in the Middle Ages". He reproduced in his book an important document, a letter written by St. Gregory to the Bishop of Vienna, who was accused of a "monstrous crime", the teaching of grammar. St. Gregory writes: "I feel ashamed at reporting this news. Such conduct in a bishop is so execrable that the matter should be seriously explained. If the investigation shows that this rumor is false and that you are not studying the frivolous literature of the age, we shall thank God he has not let your soul be polluted" (Lagarde)

The above enables us to understand the reason why the Pope caused the killing of thousands of educators. The Pope was the arch enemy of science and progress. He did his best to destroy the last scintilla of freedom by introducing the Holy Inquisition in Spain. Since that period the people of Spain have fallen prey to ignorance, misery and spiritual darkness!

THE SPANISH INQUISITION.

The introduction of the Spanish Inquisition took place in Aragon in the Fourteenth Century, under the reign of Ferdinand and Isabella, by virtue of a decree issued by the Holy Father, Sixtus IV, in November of the year of our Lord, 1478.

The history of the Spanish Inquisition is the blackest crime of the Church; the struggle of the heretics against that tyr-

anny was one between two opposing forces; it was a life and death struggle between Darkness and Light, education and ignorance. The Catholic Church stands convicted of the greatest crime against humanity, that of slaughtering millions of people in the name of a false religion.

The Inquisition was a crime against humanity; it meant the complete negation of science, art and progress.

"The Inquisition has become infamous and hideous as the name of an executive department of the Roman Catholic Church. It calls up visions of torture, pictures of instruments that strain and break the joints and limbs; of forms wracked and writhing with pain; of visages distorted in agony; of cowed tormentors, unctuous spies, intriguing ecclesiastics, sneaking familiars, and perjured witnesses. In the unseemly word 'Inquisition', so expressive in its nerve-twisting formation, is heard the sound of all the dread machinery of the sacerdotal tribunal it denotes. Speak it and there is heard the knock at the door, the footsteps of the nocturnal visitant; the word of arrest, the tramp through the deserted streets to the prison, the sliding of bolts, the sound of shuffling feet dying away in dark passages, the audible silence of the dungeon, the summons to the chamber of torment, the question that is an accusation, the denial, the order for the application of torture, the gasp, the groan, the shriek, and then the 'confession', the lie extorted from the lips of suffering, that, while bringing no relief to the victim, sentences to the same fate the members of his own household, his relatives and friends.

"All crimes and all vices are contained in that one word 'Inquisition'—murder, robbery, arson, outrage, torture, treachery, deceit, hypocrisy, cupidity, holiness. No other word in all languages is so hateful as this one that owes its abhorrent pre-eminence to its association with the Roman Catholic Church. Beside it the word abomination is graceful and comely." ("A Short History Of the Inquisition", published by the Truth Seeker Company, pp. 35-6).

The Pope, in introducing the Papal Inquisition, gave it his blessing as a holy institution. He said regarding it:

"The Institution you may value as you choose; you are at liberty to condemn the abuses and cruelties of which it has been guilty through the violence of political passions and the character of the Spaniard; yet one cannot but acknowledge in the terrible part taken by the clergy in its trials, the

most legitimate and most natural exercise of ecclesiastical authority."

When Jean Antoine Llorente published his "Spanish Inquisition", this is what he had to say concerning the Inquisition:

"The horrid conduct of the holy office weakened the power and diminished the population of Spain, by arresting the progress of arts, science, industry and commerce, and by compelling multitudes of families to abandon the kingdom; by instigating the expulsion of the Jews and the Moors; and by immolating on the flaming shambles more than three thousand victims."

In every age the world has always had a number of fools, and La Maitre, who was a pious Christian and a strong defender of the Inquisition, in 1816, wrote his "Letters on the Spanish Inquisition". In these he said: "The Inquisition is, in its very nature, good, mild, and preservative. It has the universal, indelible character of every ecclesiastic institution; you see it in Rome and you can see it wherever the true Church has power."

In the name of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace and the son of God, myriads of intelligent, brave, courageous lovers of truth, called heretics, were slain and the most atrocious cruelties were committed against them. Men, women and children were burned on the wheel; human beings had their legs crushed and their tongues cut out, while branding with hot irons was a daily sport. The Pope turned Europe into a slaughter house. He went for his warrant to the Bible, that book from which anything may be proven, and from it he quoted:

"If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke XIV, 26).

"I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children." (Exodus XX, 5).

"Thus saith the Lord God of Israel. Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion and every man his neighbor." (Exodus XXXII, 27).

"And the Lord said unto Moses, take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the Lord against the sun,

that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel." (Numbers XXV, 4).

"The Lord is a man of war." (Exodus XV, 3).

"Blessed be the Lord, my strength, which teacheth my hands to war and my fingers to fight." (Psalms CXLIV, 1).

Not to further sicken the reader by further quotations from the Bible, in support of crime and violence, we pass on. But, one thing we are obliged to prove is that the Bible, the supposed Word of Lord, teaches not to love humanity but to destroy it.

Now, fellow workers, we will go back again to the carnage of the Inquisition. Of the many murders committed to the glory of God, during the Papal Inquisition, we must mention a few of the countless great and noble men put to torture and death for treason against the Church and for daring to seek to liberate mankind from the chains of ignorance.

Giacomo Savonarola, teacher and orator, was executed, together with his faithful disciples Fra Domenico and Fra Silvestro.

Giordano Bruno, scholar and scientist, was found guilty of preaching heresy and the Copernican theory and was lodged in a dungeon of the Castle Saint Angelo, Rome. Bruno refused to recant. He repeated his heresies, and after seven years in prison, was burned alive, February 7th, 1600.

The great astronomer and inventor, Galileo Galilei, was persecuted for many years by the Holy Father. Galileo in the year 1610 invented the telescope and the thermometer. By the aid of the telescope he saw stars that had never been seen before. He discovered Jupiter and Venus and proved that what Copernicus had to say in his book "Revolutions of the Heavenly Bodies" was true. In 1610 Galileo published his book "Sidera Medicea" in which he described the mysteries of the planets with the aid of the telescope. In 1632, he published the "Dialogue", a bitter and powerful answer to the charges made by the Church persecution which resulted from his assertion that the sun was the center of the universe and that the earth moves. For his opinions, Galileo was denounced as an atheist and infidel. The Reverend Father Melchior, in opposing the Galilean claim that the sun is in the center of the universe and that the earth has a rotary motion, said: "The opinion of the earth's motion is all heresies, the most abominable, the most pernicious, the most scandalous.

The immovability of the earth is thrice sacred. An argument against the existence of God and the immortality of the soul would be sooner tolerated than the idea that the earth moves."

All of Galileo's books were condemned and all copies found were burned in the public street. Fortunately, many copies of his books had been carried to France, England and Germany before the Pope awakened to the danger of the Galilean theory and saved to us his writings. Galileo was asked to apologize to the Pope and to sign a recantation. The Pope acted in the same manner as did Woodrow Wilson, now ex-President of the United States, toward the great rebel Eugene V Debs, after the "war to make the world safe for democracy" was over. Wilson told Debs that if he wanted his freedom he must apologize. Debs courageously refused that kind of freedom. But Galileo, many centuries earlier, being broken in health, signed such a document. However, to the surprise of the Holy Father, when Galileo arose from his knees he reaffirmed "*Eppur si Muove*". "Yet, the earth does move"!

Galileo was born the same day that Michael Angelo Buonarroti died. After long imprisonment and persecution by the Church, poor, and broken in health, he died in the same year that Sir Isaac Newton discovered the "Law of Gravity".

We have material to fill thousands of pages to prove that the Church has always been against civilization and progress.

The Catholic Church is not only against the freedom of the press but it is against the dissemination of any scientific knowledge which is contrary to the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church. The logic of the Pope is that "The snow is black and the ink is white". You know that the snow is white but to please the good Father you must affirm that it is black. To obtain the blessing of the Pope you must read the kind of books he allows you to read and if you violate his rule he will throw upon you the curse of excommunication.

The Pope in 1616 forbade the reading of the Copernican theory that the earth moves around the sun. This theory was denounced as a heresy and the books of Copernicus and Galileo were placed on the list of the forbidden books in the Index Expurgatorius.

The Pope objected to the Catholic members reading the "Divine Comedy" of Dante Alighieri and Milton's "Paradise Lost".

In 1922, Pope Pius XI, who is still living in the age of

ignorance, forbade all Catholics to read the works of the great French novelist, Anatole France.

If the Pope still had the power of his predecessors, not enough prisons could be found to jail every socialist, every radical and every liberal minded man and woman. The Catholic must not question but obey the laws of the Church.

Upton Sinclair, the fearless American writer, says in his marvelous book, "The Profits of Religion": "Obey and keep silence. That is the Catholic law. And precisely as it is with the work of nursing and alms-giving, so it is with the work of vote-getting, the elaborate system of policemen and saloon-keepers and ward heelers which the Catholic machine controls.

"This industry of vote-getting is a comparatively new one; but the Church has been handling the masses for so many centuries that she quickly learned this new way of 'democracy', and has established her supremacy over all rivals. She has schools for training the children, the confessional for controlling the women; she has the intellectual machinery, the purgatory and the code of slave ethics. She has the supreme advantage in that the rank and file of her mighty host really believe what she teaches; they do not have to listen to table rappings and to flounder through swamps of automatic writing in order to bolster their hopes of the survival of personality after death!

"The Popes, with the rest of the priests, are the greatest violators of the United States laws. From Rome comes the famous order: 'Obey me, I am the ruler of the world. Woe to ye who don't pay attention to my orders' "

The United States Constitution is violated daily by the Catholic Church, with their propaganda against the public schools of America. The Pope desires that every one should attend the parochial schools. Prof. Lores Sharp of Boston University, in an article on "The National Schools", published in Harper's Magazine, October, 1922, wrote:

"The public school is not only national, as national as the flag, it is also native, as native as the Mississippi River and the hills of Hingham. It originated here to meet an utterly new educational need.

"One of the most mistaken institutions in America is the parochial school. Why, in the fundamental process of making Americans, cannot the Catholic Church accept the historic, the established, the fundamental institution for that purpose? In withdrawing it proclaims its distrust of the American public school and of the American public, except the Catholic

portion of it. It would seem to believe in educating only the Catholic public.

"This is not true of the Catholics only. But let the Methodists do this; let the Baptists; let the Jews; let capital, let labor—let every tribe and trade, every caste and creed thus set about the building up, by the powerful means of education, its own closed mind, and our House of Democracy, founded upon the rock of mutual understanding and support, comes crashing to its fall."

It is very important to call the reader's attention to the fact that most of the Pope's rules are based on the so-called Canonical Laws. An eminent authority, Dr. G. F. von Schulte, Professor of Canonical Law at Prague, has given a correct list of these laws:

"I. All human power is from evil, and must therefore be standing under the Pope.

"II. The temporal powers must act unconditionally, in accordance with the orders of the spiritual.

"III. The Church is empowered to grant, or to take away, any temporal possession.

"IV. The Pope has the right to give countries and nations which are non-Catholic to Catholic regents, who can reduce them to slavery.

"V. The Pope can make slaves of those Christian subjects whose prince or ruling power is interdicted by the Pope.

"VI. The laws of the Church, concerning the liberty of the Church and the Papal power, are based upon divine inspiration.

"VII. The Church has the right to practice the unconditional censure of books.

"VIII. The Pope has the right to annul State laws, treaties, constitutions, etc.; to absolve from obedience thereto, as soon as they seem detrimental to the rights of the Church, or those of the clergy.

"IX. The Pope possesses the right of admonishing, and, if needs be, of punishing the temporal rulers, emperors, and kings, as well as of drawing before the spiritual forum any case in which a mortal sin occurs.

"X. Without the consent of the Pope no tax or rate of any kind can be levied upon a clergyman, or upon any church whatsoever.

"XI. The Pope has the right to absolve from oaths, and obedience to the persons and the laws of the princes whom he excommunicates.

"XII. The Pope can annul all legal relations of those in ban, especially their marriages.

"XIII. The Pope can release from every obligation, oath, vow, either before or after being made.

"XIV. The execution of Papal commands for the persecution of heretics causes remission of sins.

"XV. He who kills one that is excommunicated is no murderer in a legal sense."

These are the fundamental laws of the Catholic Church and according to them the only thing for Catholics to do is to obey. Cardinals, bishops and priests get their orders from the Holy See to agitate the masses for the temporal reign of the Pope. Members of Congress should enact laws disenfranchising all citizens who swear allegiance to a foreign potentate, Emperor, King or Pope. All Catholic institutions are a menace to America, because their loyalty and their love is not for America, where they are, but for the vatican and for the Pope.

The late Father D. S. Phelan, Editor of the Western Watchman, preached a sermon in St. Louis, June 30th, 1912. In this he probably stated what is undoubtedly the truth regarding the Catholic Church:

"And why is it that the church is strong; why is it that everybody is afraid of the Catholic Church? And the American people are more afraid of it than any other people in the world. Why are they afraid of the Catholic Church? They know what the Catholic Church means. It means all the Catholics of the world; not one country or two countries, but all countries of the world.

"And it means more than that; it means that the Catholics of the world love the Church more than anything else, that the Catholics of the world love the Church more than they do their own government, more than they do their own nation, more than they do their own people, more than they do their fortunes, more than they do their own selves.

"We of the Catholic Church are ready to go to the death for the Church. Under God she is the supreme subject of our worship. Tell us that we think more of the Church than we do of the United States; of course we do. Tell us we are Catholics first and Americans or Englishmen afterward; of course we are. Tell us in the conflict between the Church and the civil government we take the side of the Church; of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the Church and all the governments of the world were at war we would say, to hell with all governments of the world.

"They say we are Catholics first and Americans afterward. Decidedly; There is no doubt about it. We are Catholics first and we love the Church more than we love any and all governments in the world.

"Let the governments of the world steer clear of the Catholic Church; let the emperors, let the kings, and the presidents not come into conflict with the head of the Catholic Church. Because the Catholic Church is everything to all the Catholics of the world; they renounce all nationalities where there is a question of loyalty to her. And why is it that hope is so strong? Why is it in this country, where we have only seven per cent of the population, the Catholic Church is

much feared? She is loved by all her children and feared by everybody.

"Why is it that the Pope is such a tremendous power? Why, the Pope is the ruler of the world. All the emperors, all the kings, all the princes, all the presidents of the world today are as these altar boys of mine. The Pope is the ruler of the world. Why? Because he is the ruler of the Catholic World, the Catholics of all the world; and the Catholics of all the world would die for the rights of the Pope. He is the head of the Church, and they should die for the Church. And the Church is the Church of Jesus Christ, and they need not have any misgivings, on that score; there need be no misconceptions there—the Catholics of the world are Catholics first and always; they are Americans, they are Germans, they are French or they are English afterward."

This is the propaganda of the Vatican. It is not the propaganda of the Communists, but of the Holy See.

If any members of the I. W. W. should try to say: "To hell with the United States government", the prostituted press would cry: "Hang every member of the I. W. W." With the pernicious Catholic propaganda flung into their faces daily they keep silent.

The people must awaken to the growing peril of the Catholic Church. Ten years from now will be too late to check or control its civil force. The vicious threat of Catholicism is spreading rapidly through the United States.

Daily we read stories about radical plots and each day in the year some new Syndicalist Law is passed by some state of the Union for the purpose of exterminating radicalism in this country.

But we don't read about the conspiracies of the Catholic Church. The enemy of Liberty and Freedom in America is at our gates. These enemies are the Catholic Church and the Ku Klux Klan. Workers, be prepared for the conflict! Through your organizations present a solid front to protect yourselves against the Papal and Klan tyrannies.

PROTESTANTISM.

In our chapter dealing with the tyrannical Catholic Church, we probably left the impression that while we are against Catholic America we are in favor of Protestant America.

If so, we wish here to correct that impression. In denouncing Catholic tyranny, we do not mean to imply that the Protestant Church is better. We can see very little difference between the Pope and the cloth. We know that the Catholic

Church has been guilty of killing millions of workers. Like atrocities have been committed by the Protestant church.

No matter what religion you turn to, you will find the clergy using their talents against the working class. The pages of Protestant Church history are bespattered with the blood of thousands of "witches" killed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, most of whom were innocent and helpless victims.

John Wesley, in defending this outrageous crime against humanity, said: "The giving up of the witchcraft killing, is in effect the giving up of the Bible."

These words, dear readers, are by the founder of Methodism. The killing of innocent people was upheld by Luther, who, on the 31st of October, 1517, posted his ninety-five theses on the Church door at Wittenberg. Luther rebelled against the Catholic Church for business reasons. He fought against the high prices of the indulgences, but he did not fight for the abolition of them. He fought Popism for economic reasons and not to liberate the people from Catholic slavery. In defending the papal doctrines he said:

"He who speaks against and denies the truth of the Papal indulgences is liable to ignominy and damnation." In reference to witches, he said: "I would burn all of them."

Luther was a blood-thirsty viper hungering for the blood of the workers.

The peasants of Germany, in the year 1526, rose against their exploiters, the nobility of Germany, and Luther, as an act of solidarity to his class, the ruling class, wrote in furious hatred, a letter addressed to the princes, which read as follows:

"The peasants are rapacious and murderers. Inasmuch as they are evil minded and brazenly refuse to obey, and furthermore resist their masters, they have forfeited life and soul as do all faithless, perjured, mendacious, disobedient knaves and villains. Therefore it becomes the duty of all here to strangle and stab, secretly or publicly, all such, and remember that there is nothing so pernicious, injurious and fiendish as a rebellious person; just as you would kill a mad dog, if you do not strike he will strike you, and with you the whole country."

These were the words of the hypocritical Luther, one of the most lying and degenerate men produced by Germany.

The Lutheran Reformation was the greatest and most successful fraud perpetrated on the people. The "Reforma-

the corrupt press is started against the enemy country. When the war is declared, the preacher does his duty by blessing the stalwart soldiers, the murderers of the workers. In war time the preachers are not slackers, they are at all times glad and willing to serve their masters.

For example, take the conduct of the preachers during the late World War. Every Sunday they delivered sermons against the Huns, but not a word against the carnage of human beings. To the shame of the Church, to the shame of the ecclesiastical liars, the Church for the most part was silent on this significant fact. Among the Churchmen there were many good fighters. French preachers fought against German workers and German preachers fought against French workers. The French clergy offered up prayers, asking that French militarism triumph over Germany. Like conditions obtained elsewhere, in Belgium, in Bulgaria, Turkey and other countries. In Italy the Pope wanted the Italians to go to war, with the hope that, in case the Allies were defeated, it would be a good opportunity for him to seize temporal power and thereby rule Italy as in days of old.

Should the Pope realize this hope of what moment would it be if thousands of workers were killed!

During the European War the clergy did excellent work for the American plutocrats by denouncing the pacifists, and all citizens who in any manner protested against the war. The clergy in America gave their sanction to the ferocious sentences imposed upon the members of the Industrial Workers of the World. During the tragic days of the war, the Church was allied, body and soul, to capitalism. One of the most significant things that occurred, after the American Capitalist class decided to save Wall Street for democracy, was the terrific campaign directed against the Socialist Party, the I. W. W. and other working class organizations. During the mad drive of August, 1917, workers were beaten, flogged and killed, for opposing legal murder and incidentally adhering to the Lord's command: "Thou shalt not kill".

The clergy kept silent, but nothing else was expected of those servile tools of capitalism. Their silence against the crimes of war was well repaid by the government which exempted them from military service. In this way the clergy performed excellent service from the beginning of the war to the signing of the Armistice.

The entrance of America into the European conflict sealed the fate of Germany. President Wilson published his "Fourteen Points" and Germany, having faith in the American "square deal", signed the Armistice on November 11, 1918. This concluded the war and the world "went mad" over the announcement. The peoples of the world felt that the war was over, that Prussian militarism had been humbled and that civilization was saved.

They felt that henceforward there would be no more wars; that now militarism was crushed and a new era of common sense would begin. Poor ignorant slaves, they did not realize that all this talk about civilization and freedom was but a trap for the workers. The war was over, it is true, but the world was not safe for the slaves, although the masters were secure. What little semblance of democracy had been attained before the war, was destroyed in the aftermath of the war.

When the war to make the world safe for Imperialism was over, when misery was in every home, when starvation again invaded America (the land of plenty for a few parasites) the unrest increased and by the same token the civil strife also. When the war was over, the soldiers, discharged penniless from the army, realized the truth of the prophecy of the Socialists and the I. W. W. who had declared that the war was fought to save capitalism and not democracy. They said that since we never had a democracy, there was no democracy to be saved. After the war strikes spread all over the country and the class struggle assumed such proportions that it was a menace to the giant American Empire. During these strikes many radicals were caught in the trap, some of whom were sent to the bastiles of capitalism and others were deported. Their only apparent crime being to defend the right of free speech in Czarist America.

During this hysterical madness against the reds, the preachers from their pulpits did not fail to praise the stupid policy of the government. But unfortunately for the preachers, ideas cannot be killed in that manner. The more radicals were persecuted, the more their cause was advanced.

The preacher, wherever found, not only helps the master class in war time, but during peace as well. When all is quiet, the financiers and diplomats prepare for war and in their preparations they are ably assisted by the preachers, who are very active in their aid to the organization of the

Boy Scouts (the future butchers). In many churches the Boy and Girl Scouts listened to sermons of encouragement. For their services in this direction and others equally valuable the preachers are relieved of the payment of taxes. The serious objection to this practice is that the preachers do not produce anything of value to society, but live in luxury, off stolen labor.

During any class struggle, during any strike, the preacher goes among the workers and in hypocritical language says: "Brethren, why do you want to fight the rich people? Do you know that some day, after you are dead you will go to the kingdom of heaven? Why worry about money? Let the class struggle go to the devil. Be good! Be good! Come to Jesus, if you want to be saved, come to the Lord and in Him you will find love and happiness.

"The Kingdom of Heaven was made only for the poor in spirit and not for rich men. God said: 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.' Come to me, O, sinners, bring the fruits of your toil, the more you give the better."

Many workers follow, under the impression that the preacher is their friend. On the contrary, the preacher is the worst enemy that the workers have to deal with. In every way, we always find this hypocrite giving his blessing to the soldiers marching to the battle-field, with their rifles ready to visit destruction and death upon innocent workers. In every class struggle or strike, this hypocrite camouflages under the holy black cloth, ready to fight for the capitalist class. Not infrequently the crime of dishonesty or adultery in this country involves the names of some reverend hypocrites. In every jail in the United States there are found preachers who have violated the laws which they have urged others to respect.

MAMMON CHURCH.

If you wish to find criminals, fellow workers, go to the fountain of crime; go to the Church; go among the teachers of the Gospel. There you will find a great number of insidious, willful, parasitic and hypocritical law breakers. After looking over its record, the Church appears to us as the Queen of crime and dishonesty.

In murder and various kindred criminal atrocities, the Church is the most guilty and is the greatest sinner of all the

capitalistic institutions. The Church has at all times been a hindrance to progress and civilization. The Church has fought every new ideal looking to the betterment of mankind. As an enemy of scientific progress she has killed millions of men, for no greater cause than the attempt to introduce new ideas.

Read history for the verdict. Read the black pages of the Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, French, German and Netherland inquisitions. Read about the atrocities perpetrated by the Church in the name of Christianity. Read about the Crusades with its murder of millions of people, all for to glorify a God of vengeance. Read about the thousands of wars fought by the slaves for the profit of their masters. What was the Church's stand regarding war? She did her best to help the tyrants in their ambitions of conquest and plunder. Read of the crime of the Church in its attitude toward Negro slavery in America. The Church fought strenuously against the Abolitionist movement. It was the desire of the Church that the Negroes remain slaves, but it lost the battle and chattel slavery was abolished.

Today, we have another form of oppression worse than chattel slavery. This new tyranny is wage slavery. What does the Church do for the workers' emancipation? Nothing but condemning any agitator who stands for workers' rights. The agitators of today are the real Christians, because they have the manhood to fight against the injustice of industrial exploitation.

By educating the masses we will accomplish our mission to free the workers from the chains of capitalism and mammon church.

PART THREE

AMERICANISM.

The Ku Klux Klan stirred up a terrible fracas, claiming this great country belongs only to the white-born Protestant Americans, forgetting that this country was stolen from the Indians, the only genuine Americans.

The Klan considers the Catholic, the Jew, the Negro and other persons with different opinions, enemies of the Klan, and not Americans even if born in this country. One of the great modern stupidities is the venomous attack made against the Jews. The Klan claims that the Jews are a curse on the United States and have no business to be here. Several authorities claim that Columbus did not discover America, but that it was a Jew under the proud banner of Aragon and Castile, who discovered this continent, thus contributing in part to the world's democracy. We will waste no time in disputing this argument, but we must admit that the Jewish race, since the beginning of the Fifteenth Century, has contributed immensely to the development of this country. To say that the Jews have no business here is merely to proclaim narrow and ignorant prejudices.

Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in an article published in "The Dawn", mouthpiece of the Klan, speaking of the "Klan Attitude Toward the Jewish Race", said:

"Idealistic Americanism is the purpose to which members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are dedicated. Any man, whether native or alien by birth; gentile or Jewish by faith; white or black by race, who so commits himself in allegiance to his country that nothing is reserved, and in devotion to his flag that nothing remains uncommitted, is not the enemy, but the friend of the Klansmen."

This is the hypocritically patriotic language of the Imperial Wizard, and woe to any who violates his orders! He is more cruel than the Popes of the Fourteenth Century!

the interpretation of Americanism. According to his rule you must obey any tyrannical law and unquestionably uphold the United States Constitution, without hope of getting redress for any wrong. Obey the laws of the land and respect the Constitution, is the cry of the Klansmen. That sounds very good, but the trouble is that the Ku Klux Klan does not believe in obedience and respect for the laws.

Read the atrocities of the Klan and you will change your mind. The Klan first of all does not believe in the United States Constitution, because the Constitution permits every one free speech and the right to free press and peaceful assemblage. It is worth mention that the first amendment of the United States Constitution refers to the freedom of religion, of speech, and of assembly. It is as follows:

AMENDMENT I.
(Adopted 1791).

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, and of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

This is from the United States Constitution, and if the Klan loves the Constitution so much why do not its members respect it? Because a free press in the workers' hands will be a challenge to the master class. The Klan is against the Negro, forgetting that the Negro is entitled to the same rights as other American citizens. We take great pleasure in opening the United States Constitution and quoting the XIII, XIV and XV Constitutional Amendments.

AMENDMENT XIII.
(Adopted 1865)

"SECTION 1. Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for a crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

"SECTION 2. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation."

AMENDMENT XIV
(Adopted 1868).

"SECTION 1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of

This is the asinine stupidity of the Imperial Wizard in the United States wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privilege or immunities of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

AMENDMENT XV.
(Adopted 1870).

"SECTION 1. The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any states on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude."

This is what the United States Constitution has to say concerning the Negroes. And every time the Klan refused the right to vote to Negroes it violated the Constitution.

The Klan has been the worst violator of the Constitution, because it forbade Constitutional rights to the Negro, to the Jew and to the Catholic. The Klan violated the Constitution, because it does not stand for trial by jury. The Klan believed in the enforcement of the United States Constitution only in part. The Klan is the enemy of liberty in America. It speaks about the laws of America and in the meantime violates those same laws.

The Ku Klux Klan invades homes, kidnaping innocent women and torturing men to death in the name of one hundred per cent Americanism.

The Klan preaches violence and disobedience to the laws of the land, and has violated many times Section 10183, United States Statutes, entitled "Conspiracies to Injury, etc.":

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having so exercised the same, or if two or more go in disguise on the highway, or on the premises of another with the intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured, they shall be fined not more than five thousand dollars and imprisoned not more than ten years, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office, or place of honor, profit, or trust, created by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

This is the law violated by members of the Ku Klux Klan

every time they kidnap a Negro or banish a worker. With a black record of law violation to their credit they have the temerity to preach Americanism! They are a bunch of fanatics and their reasoning is not unlike that of the Pope who claims that a person believing in a different religion has no place in the Kingdom of Heaven. As Heaven is made only for the Catholics, so America is made only for Klansmen.

We are in the Twentieth Century and America, like any other Christian country, boasts about education and civilization. When we think of the Ku Klux Klan in America, and of the new white terrorism called Fascismo in Italy, we are almost ashamed of living in this world of barbarian civilization.

The American Klan and the Italian Fascisti are identical; both use mob violence against the workers.

The actual motto of the Fascisti and of the Klan is: "Rule with Violence."

We are spending millions of dollars to educate the masses with a false teaching, because the schools are controlled by the State and the Church. The only solution for the workers is to educate themselves with the philosophy of Socialism.

Workers, read not the Bible, but the works of Spencer, Karl Marx, Charles Darwin, Lester Ward, Frederick Engels, Paul Lafargue and Nicolai Lenin!

Educate yourselves in order to further your own interests. Unite, workers, the day of our emancipation is near!

WHITE RACE SUPREMACY.

The Klan is audaciously spreading a false propaganda for "America for White Americans". The Klan's aim is to have in America capitalists of the white race as the supreme rulers. We are not afraid of the Negro menace, for the supremacy of the white race in the United States is not yet challenged. If we do not look out for ourselves by organizing now against the vultures of the master class the day might come when white supremacy will be a memory of the past. Who then will be blamed for the supremacy of the dark races? Our present civilization.

Arthur Brisbane, in an editorial published in the Chicago Herald and Examiner, March 5th, 1923, speaking of American civilization, says:

"While sympathizing with Europe let us realize what kind of a civilization we have here. In our public schools four

million children are under weight, which means underfed and improperly fed. Two hundred thousand children die in infancy every year. One-half of them could be saved if the government thought it worth while to take the trouble. Twenty thousand mothers die in childbirth every year. Three-quarters of them could be saved if it seemed worth while to pay the same attention to human mothers and their children as the Agricultural Department pays to female swine and their offspring."

These are the conditions in America. We are struggling for a better and a happier humanity, but the Klan tells us that it is our duty to uphold the present rotten civilization, which breeds disease, prostitution, crime and insanity.

The complexity of modern capitalist civilization is so great that it is increasing to an alarming extent the number of criminals, degenerates and maniacs. In 1922 ten thousand murders were committed in the United States. In the same year there were twelve thousand officially recorded suicides; to get the actual number of people who were forced into taking their own lives by our glorious civilization we would at least have to double that figure. All the asylums for the insane and feeble-minded are full to repletion, and the stream of these unfortunates is growing ever wider. According to Dr. J. N. Hurty, a nationally known authority on these subjects, "Americans are fast becoming a race of morons, imbeciles and maniacs".

We are inclined not to be quite as pessimistic as Dr. Hurty. It is not that the stock of the white race is degenerating but that the damnable conditions of capitalist civilization are of such nature as to turn people into murderers, criminals and perverts.

Prostitution, crime, homicide, disease and imbecility are on the increase not only in the United States but also everywhere else on the face of the earth where the rule of the white man is supreme. They are the logical fruit of our boasted supremacy. They are the result of the white man's civilization, which is founded on the exploitation and enslavement of the toiling masses of all races—white, yellow, black or brown.

Western Christian civilization is a failure and is doomed to be thrown into the discard. For the last fifty years it has been marching steadily toward self-destruction. And when we are asked who is responsible for this awful crime and misery of the common people, when we are asked who is to blame for the terrible evils of present-day civilization, our

answer must be that it is the ruling classes of the white race who are to blame.

Look at Europe! Look at the bleeding mother of civilization! Look at the carnage of the terrible catastrophe of 1914, the World War, with more than fifty millions of workers sacrificed to the lust of gold and to the glory of Western Civilization!

The murder of human beings is not over yet, after so many millions of people have been killed; after the destruction of the arts and industries; still the people are sleeping, and while they sleep the reactionary European rulers are preparing for a new slaughter.

Imperialistic France with her army, larger than the German Army of 1914, is invading the Ruhr, disseminating violence and hatred. In the meantime England is preparing for war against the Turks. England is ready to sacrifice millions of workers for the possession of Mosul, rich in oil and coveted for its famous natural resources. While England is preparing for war, a million workers are starving in the United Kingdom.

In answer to the call of France, according to dispatches from Warsaw, the Polish government has ordered the mobilization of all classes from 1873 to 1890. This mobilization order includes reserve officers, engineers, veterinarians and physicians. Poland's move, it is feared, presages what has been suspected since the beginning of the Ruhr invasion, the extension of the conflict in the East.

While Europe is preparing for another gigantic war, let us look to Ireland, where industry has been paralyzed for the last two years. Look to Catholic Ireland where a great conflict is going on between Republicans and Free State factions. Every day citizens are flogged by soldiers. Freedom is gagged and the military authorities have the right to put any citizen against the wall and shoot him.

Criminals, soldiers of the Free State, raid shops, seize property, burn mansions, blow up bridges, wreck railway trains, throw bombs, kill citizens in the name of Catholic Democracy. Beside Ireland, all over the world, unrest and poverty prevail. This is the world today from one end to the other.

Capitalism and Christianity are the two causes for the decline of the white race. We cannot blame the yellow race or the black race for our ills. These races are progressing

and we cannot blame them for our own shortcomings. Western civilization seems bent on the destruction of the white race.

It is ridiculous when the Ku Klux Klan talks about the supremacy of the white race. To the master class it does not make any difference about white supremacy, so long as it has millions of workers willing to be exploited and willing to fight the masters' battles for commercialism.

When the Klan talks about white supremacy, it forgets about the millions of human beings who were killed during the World War. The capitalist class slaughtered the cream of youth to make the world safe for the international bankers.

If the officialdom of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan read history they will find out that for centuries war has been upheld by the Church and the State for the benefit of the exploiters of labor. The workers never gain anything from war. The capitalist class has no love for them. The talk of white race supremacy is only camouflage.

If the people of America should rise to overthrow the capitalist government, in a constitutional manner, and proclaim a Socialist government, what will the present masters do? Will they, like good citizens, give up their power to the people? Oh no! no! They will find so many excuses. They will say that gold from Soviet Russia has caused the American people to wake up, and for the good of the common people they will not give up their power; they will say that this country is good enough for Americans and no place for blood-thirsty Bolsheviki.

Take the case of Victor Berger, duly elected Congressman from the fifth district of Wisconsin. He was twice expelled from Congress, as a traitor to the organized money power. Another case to illustrate our argument is that four Socialists elected by the people to the Assembly of the State of New York were expelled for the crime of expressing an unpopular opinion about the war.

Whenever the interests of the capitalist class are threatened, the government will find ways and means to abolish the Constitution.

The rise of Black Fascismo to power in Italy, is a very good case. As soon as the Italians elected more than one hundred and fifty Socialists to the Italian Parliament, the capitalist class, afraid of losing its power, organized "I Fasci dei

Combattenti" (Legionaries) with the aim of combatting the political threat of radicalism.

The Italian capitalist class found a good leader, the renegade ex-Socialist, ex-convict and lazzarone, Benito Mussolini, who by force took the government in his hands and within a few words explained his new policy: "To hell with the Italian Constitution, I am the dictator, the new defender of the state, church and capitalist institutions."

The same will happen in this country, if there should be elected one hundred and fifty Socialists to Congress.

In case the people tire of the capitalist government and, to gain their ends, should decide to overthrow the government by direct action, the servants of the people will call the "white" youth to the army and in case of their refusal to go, the government will force the Negro soldiers to put down the rebellion, without worrying about the supremacy of the white race.

We will not blame the government for taking that course. It is the duty of any government to protect private property and the interests of the capitalist class which it represents; also to use any means whatsoever to keep the capitalists in power.

At present we have the French tragedy. After many years of war, France still wants more war, but is afraid to use native white soldiers in large numbers, for they may catch the germ of Bolshevism and start trouble in France. So Poincaré decided to use a number of colored troops in the invasion of the Ruhr. Notwithstanding this, the stupid policy of Poincaré seems to be a failure; dispatches coming from the Ruhr are reporting that the French Military Staff has ordered the withdrawal of one regiment of French soldiers on account of Communist propaganda.

Black troops have been used against white workers in Italy, Belgium, England and the United States. In the name of civilization these powers have used colored troops to murder members of the white race.

It is the duty of any capitalist government to fight for the supremacy of white commercialism and "to hell" with the supremacy of the white workers. So long as we have racial and religious discrimination, so long as the capitalist class is able to keep the workers divided, just so long the power of the ruling class will not be in danger.

PART FOUR

DIVIDED WE FALL.

The real danger to the capitalist class lies in solidarity between the white and colored workers. This is the great catastrophe of which they are in constant dread. If the workers would put aside race prejudice, they could sweep the capitalist class into the ocean.

The capitalist class does everything to keep the workers divided. It has its agents everywhere, in the church, the press and in labor unions.

In many churches the colored man is not wanted; in some, if he should try to step in, the wives of the millionaires would withdraw, in holy horror, calling: "Police, Police!"

The same thing would happen if some hobo or tramp, with greasy overalls, should try to gain admission at St. Patrick's cathedral on Fifth avenue, in New York City.

The commercialized press gives valuable service to the lying capitalist class in upholding the present system. The only way to get the truth is to build up a strong labor press.

The wily press poisons the minds of the white people regarding the colored man, promoting the idea that he is a "nigger", an inferior, dishonest, lazy, dirty and degenerate man, good for nothing but such menial tasks as washing spittoons and shining brass. In the meantime, organized capital spends a great deal of effort in stirring up the colored people against the "white trash" with a vicious propaganda of lies. The kings of industry must do everything to keep the workers divided.

TREACHEROUS FEDERATION OF SCABS.

The influence of the capitalist class is felt heavily in the unions. The American Federation of Labor, for many years

excluded colored workers from membership. Why such discrimination against the colored workers? Because Sam Gompers, the lackey and lickspittle of the master class he so faithfully serves, thinks they belong outside the Federation of Scabs. When the white slaves go on strike for better conditions, when the power of the capitalist class is menaced by the solidarity of the white workers, then the capitalist with tears in his eyes calls out for help: "Negro, come to me, you are my equal! You may work, because you are entitled to an honest living. I will give you better conditions than the white man ever had. You are welcome to my sweatshop, brother." And the Negro, for economic reasons, is driven to scab on his fellow workers.

When the strike is over the brutal ingrate master expels the scabs from his shop: "Go on, 'nigger', I have no use for you any more; but wait, wait for the next strike." The Negro waits and starves, for the exploiters do not care. In justice to the colored workers it must be said that the word "scab" is repugnant to them. Once we saw a Negro crying when we told him about the damage he was doing to his fellow workers by scabbing. We shall never forget what he said: "Why do you not speak about the damage done to my family by the American Federation of Labor? I do not want to be a scab, but I hate to see my children starve."

The American Federation of Labor for many years has barred the Negro from joining that organization. Yet today there are gunmen in the trade unions while it closes its doors to honest Negroes. What do you expect as a result of such folly? The result will be the crushing of the labor unions in America if they do not soon change their methods.

The American Federation of Labor has always faithfully played into the hands of the capitalists by fighting the masters' battles. The American Federation of Labor is the main obstacle to the workers' progress. The American Federation of Labor must fight; it must be on the alert; it must do everything to stop the workers from organizing the One Big Union. The Capitalist class controls the policy of the American Federation of Labor. The President of this Federation of Scabs, Samuel Gompers, has saved capitalism many times, and does everything in his power to secure its success by crushing organized labor.

Some locals of the American Federation of Labor you cannot join if you were born in Hong-Kong or in Malacca, China, or in Tairon (Dalny) Japan, or on the slopes of the Himalaya Mountains.

This will not surprise very many of our readers. What do you expect from Samuel Gompers, who is a member of the National Civic Federation, an association which fights in every way and every day against the interests of organized labor? What do you expect from old Sammy who is the messenger boy of Wall Street financiers? What do you expect from a corrupt man, who praises the American Legion and calls its monstrous organization the friend of labor? Nothing but class treachery! Samuel Gompers is one of the worst labor traitors we have ever had in the history of the American class struggle.

GOMPERS AND THE WORLD WAR.

It is very interesting to give a proof of Samuel Gompers' loyalty to the capitalist class by mentioning the World War.

Before America entered the World War in defense of international capitalism, before the fateful morning of April 6th, 1917, Sam Gompers opened a campaign in favor of intervention in the European tragedy, with a campaign of vicious lies against the German workers.

Everything of German origin was looked upon as dangerous to Gompers. The reading of Karl Marx was dangerous; to feed the starving people of Germany was dangerous; to speak against the war was dangerous. "German militarism must be crushed and the world made safe for civilization," said the poor idiot, Gompers. With a poisoned propaganda he fought radicalism in America. He fought against the pacifists and advocated violence against the "traitors" (Socialists and the I. W. W.) and against every anti-war agitator. He fought for his country by standing with the President and by declaring with the imbecile Stephen Decatur: "Our Country! in her intercourse with foreign nations may she always be in the right, but our Country right or wrong." Gompers did his duty toward capitalism by upholding the cause of the World War.

GOMPERS AND RUSSIA.

Gompers, to give another proof of his loyalty to the rulers of America, took his stand against Soviet Russia.

The reasons why Gompers fought the Russian government are several. The first crime of the Russian government was to make peace with Germany. For this action she was considered a traitor to the allies. The second crime of the Russian government was to abolish private property and give to the peasants the land promised. The third crime was to enforce a new worker's law: "Whosoever works not, neither shall he eat."

These were the three crimes of the Bolshevik government and for these offenses the allies decided to crush the newborn Soviet Republic by inaugurating a terrible and inhuman blockade.

Before we go further it will be best for us to take a backward glance. In March, 1917, the Russian people, after centuries of oppression, under the despotism of the Romanoff Dynasty, revolted by breaking the chains of bondage and destroyed the bloody empire of the Czar.

This bloodless revolution, the most interesting event of the Twentieth Century, caused joy in every worker's heart, all over the globe, and a new hope rose in every rebel breast, the hope of the workers' emancipation from the bondage of capitalism.

The only class of people who received the news with regret were the international bankers. The ruling class feared a social revolution and that was the reason the allies, without any diplomatic ceremonies, recognized the Provisional government, headed by the renegade Alexander Kerensky, who gladly offered the Allied governments the fraternal hand of friendship, insuring them more of the worker's blood to make the world safe for Imperialism.

The Russian people, tired of war, asked for peace, but Kerensky was deaf to their cry. The Mensheviks and the Social Revolutionaries, supported the provisional government of Kerensky, to the last battle. To the discontent of the masses, the Bolsheviks answered with the preaching of the class war, headed by two brave leaders, Nicolai Lenine and Leon Trotsky. "All power to the Soviet of Workers, Soldiers and Peasants! Peace, Bread Land!" became their motto. The Bolsheviks carried this message to the workers in the mills, in the mines and in the shops. With the weapon of the class war they fought the suicidal and stupid policy of Kerensky and in July, 1917, they led the unorganized Russian prole-

tariat to battle demanding that the Soviets take over the government.

The result of the uprising was a disastrous failure and the savage penalty was the imprisonment of the Bolshevik leaders, among them, Trotsky, Kameniew and Kollontai. Bolshevik papers were suppressed, Lenine and Zinoviev went into hiding.

Despite the persecutions of the Kerensky Government, the Soviet of Workers' Deputies gained ground and after several months of bitter conflict, on Wednesday, November 7th, 1917, the Bolsheviks secured control of the government and Kerensky ran like a coward. The Bolshevik coup d'etat was a severe blow to the allies. The New Government had Nicolai Lenine, as Premier and Leon Trotsky as Minister of foreign affairs. The first move of the Bolshevik government was to cease hostilities and make a frank declaration of their aims. The Allies refused to answer the Soviet proclamation: "No annexation, no indemnities, and the right of self-determination of people."

The second move of the government of Russia was to propose peace directly to Germany. The entente diplomats protested emphatically against this "treacherous" move. Appeals to the Soviet were sent by many servants of capitalism, among them President Wilson, asking the Soviet representatives to refuse to sign the Brest-Litovsk peace treaty.

Ignoring Wilson and the rest of the marmots, the Bolsheviks signed the peace treaty, between Germany and Soviet Russia, causing a great furor in European capitals, and the cry of revenge against Russia spread rapidly.

The Allies refused to recognize the de facto Russian government, and in violation of every human law, they declared an iron blockade against Soviet Russia. Volumes would be required to give the reader an idea of the suffering of the Russian people for the last five years. The result from the blockade was the death of thousands of children by the hand of the Christian entente. Besides the blockade, a campaign of calumnies and false charges against Soviet Russia was started by the international bankers, and America was not immune from the evil of that propaganda.

Sam Gompers, loyal to the master class, aided this campaign of falsehood. The old man implored the American government to send a big army of white guards and join the

foreign legions to crush Russia and make that country safe once more for organized capital. America, generous America, answered that appeal by violating the United States Constitution in sending tens of thousands of Yankees to Siberia without any declaration of war against Russia. So, America united herself with the autocrats of Japan and the reactionary French and English governments in their campaign for the destruction of Russia.

The Allies made a big mistake in going to Russia, since the Russian proletariat stood united behind the government. With heroic courage, Russia crushed her enemies to death.

GOMPERS AND AMERICA.

As soon as the "war to make the world safe for democracy" was over, the capitalist class of this country had another battle to fight—the class war at home. With the help of Gompers, it began a nation-wide campaign against organized labor, under the pretense of fighting the Red Menace. Thousands of workers were thrown into jail, and other thousands became victims of police brutalities, through the co-operation of Gompers with the masters of industry.

Gompers is a tool of the capitalist class and the latter frequently control the officials of the trade unions.

Workers, what do you think about old "Sammy"? Are you going to stand for that? The only way to be emancipated is by organizing on the industrial field. You must educate yourselves with the philosophy of Industrial Unionism. Cast from your mind the false idea of craft unionism. Unite, workers, do not let labor fakirs fool you forever, but remember what Lincoln said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time and some of the people all of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

WAR MADNESS.

As we write, the black and massive clouds of war are hanging ominously low. They may burst, or they may pass, but only a miracle can prevent them from provoking another World War.

The French capitalists want all the coal from the rich Ruhr basin and the English want more oil from Turkey. If they cannot accomplish their aims with diplomacy, they are willing to sacrifice millions of workers for the lust of gold.

What do the international pirates care for a few million lives, more or less?

If a war does develop it will be a war for coal and oil. These two products are going to be divided among the capitalists and not among the workers. The classes who will be benefited are the princes of industry, the preachers, the bankers and the militaristic parasites.

The trouble in Europe arises from the stupid Versailles Treaty, which has caused many small wars in Europe. It now appears that the Versailles Treaty was intended to create war in place of peace.

"Capitalism cannot dispense with robbery, with chicanery, with brigandage and with murder. There are the life blood of the system. Inflamed with the lust for profits, giddy with victory, the bourgeoisie of Allied Europe is marching into the abyss of another war in which millions of workers will be slaughtered. Unable to repay the ruins of the last catastrophe, capitalism is already preparing a new one.

"But this darkness is not without a gleam of light. Another world war, whether it comes now or later, means a fatal blow to capitalism. That criminal system of exploitation has already run its course in Europe. Its days are counted, though the days of history may be a little longer than the days of man. Already the bourgeoisie is violating without apology or pretense its own most fundamental doctrines. The Versailles Treaty is another 'scrap of paper'. The rape of the Ruhr is no less spectacular an infringement of international agreement than the rape of Belgium—though the diplomatic John Summers of England and America do not find it as shocking.

"The French capitalists have seized the mines, the banks of German capitalists. Sacred right of private property.

"The masses of Western Europe will remember this lesson in expropriation. Berlin has ordered her Ruhr workers to strike. The masses of Western Europe will remember this lesson in the use of the strike for political purposes. Meantime troops are being massed all over the continent.

"Bankrupt capitalism is seeking solvency through bloodshed; but 1917 has clearly shown that they who sow wars ultimately reap revolutions." (From an Editorial published in the Liberator, Issue of February 1922).

The atmosphere is dark and the wave of general unrest is spreading to all parts of the world. If the capitalists insist on going to war; if another butchery of workers occurs; if they insist on the present "war madness" then the inevitable result will be the social revolution and the complete destruction of the international imperialistic class.

The eyes of the world are now turned toward that Mecca

of freedom, Moscow. The proletariat of the world is advancing, inspired by Soviet Russia, the hope of the oppressed. Labor has declared the death penalty of capitalism, a penalty too long postponed. The spirit of solidarity is now beginning to prevail. White and black toilers are thinking and are coming into a consciousness of who their real enemy is. The spirit of class consciousness is threatening the structure of capitalism and its downfall is near. With the destruction of capitalism, a new age will start. It will be an age of reason, a reign of common sense and social justice. The class struggle will have ceased; economic exploitation will no longer exist; no more war with its millions killed; no more murder, bloodshed and crime; no more killing of workers and starving of women and children.

We are tired of war, we want peace, bread and liberty, we want rest and freedom. We have no quarrels with the workers of any country, we are all toilers with one common enemy, our exploiters.

If the capitalists and financiers of one country have a quarrel with those of an other country they may cut one another's throats without our assistance. War is murder and it is a crime against humanity.

Walt Whitman said concerning war: "This whole damned war business is about nine hundred and ninety parts diarrhea to one part glory. Wars are hellish business."

"War never can be in the interest of a trading nation, more than quarreling can be profitable to a man in business. But to make war with those who trade with us is like setting a bull dog upon a customer at the shop door". (Thomas Paine..

"The two last congresses have been the theme of the most licentious reprobation for printers thirsting after war, some against France and some against England. But the people wish for peace with both. They feel no incumbency upon them to become the reformers of the other hemisphere and to inculcate with fire and sword a return to moral order. When indeed peace shall become more losing than war they may owe to their interests what these Quixotes are clamoring for on false estimates of honor. The public are unmoved by these clamors, as the re-election of their legislators show and they are firm to their executive on the subject of the more recent clamors." (Thomas Jefferson.)

"Wars between capitalistic states are as a rule the consequence of their competition in the world's markets, for every

state is eager not only to preserve its market, but also to conquer new ones, principally by the subjugation of foreign nations and the confiscation of their lands.

"These wars are further engendered by the unceasing and ever increasing armaments of militarism, which is one of the principal instruments for maintaining the predominance of the Bourgeoisie class, and for the subjugating of the working class politically as well as economically.

"The breaking out of wars is further favored by national prejudices systematically cultivated in the interest of the reigning classes, in order to turn off the masses of the proletariat from the duties of their class and of international solidarity.

"Wars are, therefore, essential to capitalism; they will not cease until the capitalist system has been done away with, or until the sacrifices in men and money required by the technical development of the military system and the revolt against the armaments have become so great as to compel the nations to give up this system.

"Especially the working classes, from which the soldiers are chiefly recruited, and which have to bear the greater part of the financial burdens, are by nature opposed to war, because it is irreconcilable with their aim; the creation of a new economic system founded on a Socialistic basis, and realizing the solidarity of the nations.

"The Congress, therefore, considers it to be the duty of the working class, and especially of their parliamentary representatives, to fight with all their might against the military and naval armaments, not to grant any money for such purpose, pointing out at the same time the class character of Bourgeoisie society and the real motives for keeping up the antagonisms between nations, and further to imbue the young people of the working class with the Socialistic spirit of universal brotherhood, and with class consciousness." (From the Sub-Commission Resolution passed by the International Socialist Congress held at Stuttgart, 1907).

"Everybody takes advantage of a war, good and bad alike. They take advantage of everything. Everybody is edging up on you in this world. I have always found them that way; trying to put something over. War time is a good time to put over prohibition; a good time to put over any old scheme, under the necessities of war. A good time to raise the price of beef; a good time to put over repression of free speech; a good time to get rid of agitators and disturbers. Of course, if you can put it over under the necessity of war, then you are alright, anyhow. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty as well as a lot of other things. Men have to be everlastingly watchful or something will get away from them, if they have it." (From "War Prisoners" by Clarence Darrow, p. 19).

"Commerce and conquest have always been the main causes of war. Back of most of the slogans of strife has ever been the commercial watchword: 'Trade follows the flag'". (From an Editorial in the New York World, October 19, 1909).

"To be, materially, a great man, to be pompously violent, to reign by virtue of the sword-knot and cockade—to possess a genius for brutality—this is to be great, if you will, but it is a coarse way of being great". (Victor Hugo).

"Every war, even the briefest, with its accompaniment of ruinous expenses, destruction of harvests, thefts, plunders, murders and unchecked debauchery, with the false justifications for its necessity and justice, the glorification and praise of military exploits, of patriotism and devotion to the flag, with the pretense of care for the wounded, will, in one year demoralize incomparably more than thousands of arsons and murders committed in the course of centuries by individual men under the influence of passions." (Lyoff N. Tolstoy).

"Capitalism wants war, because, war sends up prices, of most things. War stimulates business, makes business brisk; the more blood the more business. Wars mean more investments and more profits; the more blood the more bonds, more interest; more land and more rent; more unearned income." (George R. Kirkpatrick in "War—What For?" p. 32).

Workers, we must organize, to combat with all means the next war. Respond to the call, "Down with war! Down with militarism! Down with Capitalism! Long live peace, freedom and the Workers of the World!"

ANGLO-SAXON CIVILIZATION.

Modern civilization has begun to fall in ruins and its complete destruction is near.

Modern civilization has been responsible for wars, for murders and for crime, and this is the chief cause of its death.

Herbert George Wells, reviewing Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Webb's book, "The Decay of Capitalistic Civilization", said: "I now realize the stupendous instability of the Western world. The system is breaking up. It has neither recuperative nor reconstructive power."

Mr. and Mrs. Webb in their book wrote: "Capitalism will die by violence and civilization will perish from exhaustion."

Modern civilization is a civilization of blood and rapine.

If we open the history of the Roman Empire from 395 A. D. to the fall of the Western Empire, we learn that the method adopted was the sword. The bloody pages of the Franco-Norman conquest, the Hundred Years War, the War of the Roses, those of the Teutonic Kingdom, the Persian Wars, the first and the four Crusades, the Italian Wars and the Wars of the Papacy, prove what civilization is.

The history of Anglo-Saxon civilization is a story of misery, sorrow, crimes and exploitation. And it appears, if

history is to be relied upon, that Anglo-Saxon civilization has been a curse to humanity.

For most of the atrocities perpetrated against the masses Anglo-Saxon civilization seems to be responsible. The white race appears to be under the influence of some opium or chloroform since the exploiters are able to do what they will with it. The white people, under the influence of patriotic or religious opium, seems to have their faculties blinded and their sense of values and justice perverted. The workers have been misled for centuries and have been killed for the glory of the conquest, and now, the end is near, civilization is dying.

Frederick Harrison, who died last January, said: "Every board in civilization is creaking. The British Empire is melting away, just like the Roman in the year 300, and from the same causes."

Professor Graham Wallas of London University, speaking of our decaying civilization, says: "In 1923 a problem of more than equal magnitude is before us. The material world—the world that slowly and painfully created itself upon the fragments of the Roman civilization—is falling in ruins. No one knows what is government in China; no one knows what will be the government a year hence in Russia; no one knows what will be the government in Germany, in Italy, or in Spain. Right across, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, right across the great Russian continent, the old system has fallen in ruins, and the dangers with which the world was confronted at the fall of ancient civilization."

The editor of Industrial Solidarity, commenting on the prophecy of Professor Wallas, in an article published February 24th, 1923, said: "None of the British intellectuals realize that modern society can be saved by 'its millions of industrialized and concentrated factory workers' organized into industrial unions for the purpose. They carry on production and distribution now. They need only be aroused to a consciousness of their function in society in order to continue its development despite the capitalist breakdown."

"The industrialized and concentrated factory workers', alive to their own significance, are the hope of the world.

"Instead of bemoaning the capitalist breakdown, let the workers organize industrially for the salvation of society and the freedom of the race from exploitation and war."

UNITED WE STAND.

The history of the proletariat is the history of an incessant class struggle between the oppressors and the oppressed. The ruling class has, by monopolizing the sources of wealth and by controlling production and distribution, kept the workers in subjection. By controlling the sources of knowledge and opinion, it has kept the workers in willing slavery, when not completely dominated by force.

The enemies of labor are the Church and the State. These tools of organized capital, today, are as much opposed as ever to the emancipation of Labor. The capitalist regime is not yet a thing of the past. The owners and rulers want more of the blood of the workers. They will oppose working class emancipation at any cost.

In Italy the bandit, Benito Mussolini, is representing the ruling class and keeping the Italian workers down with iron and blood.

In America, the American Legion, Popism and the Ku Klux Klan are ready to repeat the episodes of the Inquisition, if need be, to suppress labor and maintain power in the hands of the capitalist class.

But the workers are reading and thinking and are beginning to act in their own interest. They, too, have begun to learn the advantages of organization and class solidarity.

With the invention of the printing-press, the first blow to autocratic and papal rule was struck. The workers, for the first time in history now have the opportunity to educate themselves.

We must carry on an educational class struggle until complete victory and economic justice have been won for the workers.

We must unite as our enemy is united. In Union there is strength.

United we stand, divided we fall.

Workers of the world forward! Rally together around the standards of freedom and progress! Forward until the last link in our chains has been broken!

With WILLIAM LIEBKNECHT LET US PROCLAIM:
"TO OUR ENEMIES."

* * * You wish to exterminate our movement! You? Our movement, whose aims is to secure the realization of

human rights, of a human existence for the millions of toilers, trodden into the dust, sunk in the mire of degradation! Try, my masters! Here and there you may quench a flame, but behind you, on your left, on your right, ever new flames will break out; it is a subterranean fire which you cannot quench, the very ground under your feet is burning! You believe that supernatural forces are at work. Though you no longer believe in the witchcraft of your fathers, who burned witches at the stake, you believe in "plots", "secret Organizations", in a movement "artificially" created. You resemble the child who looks for his reflection behind the mirror and encounters an empty space. What you see and what you attack is but the image of your false conceptions. You wish to destroy the "plotters", the "agitators", the "agents"? Then go, my masters, and destroy every exploiter, waxing fat on the labor of his slaves! Destroy every landowner, exploiting the labor of his tenants and adding their acres to his land; destroy every machine that revolutionizes industry and agriculture, increases production and ruins the producers, enhances national wealth and leaves its creators to endure the pangs of hunger in the midst of the riches they produce! Destroy the railways, the telegraphs, the steam engine! Destroy everything and everybody, because everything is tainted with revolutionism, spreading revolutionary poison."

Workers of all races and creed get together for the emancipation of your class!

Victory and Industrial Emancipation await our united effort. We have but to reach out and take them. Labor has all power, and must become conscious of that power.

Capitalism is at the end of its rope,—utterly bankrupt.

There is only one class that can save mankind from the present industrial chaos—the working class.

Forward, workers, with Zinoviev's motto: "Let the Tyrants, let the Bourgeoisie and their White and Yellow Internationals tremble: The future belongs to us!"

Workers, lay aside all petty feuds and factional differences, and stand together for the natural rights that all real men hold dear—the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!

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