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# Somehow Slaughter

What is being done elsewhere I do not know, but in San Francisco the Anarchists are making sincere efforts to live up to the solemn propaganda duty which the European war imposes on us. Already they have published, in English, French, German and Italian, a large and profusely-illustrated four-page war paper entitled "The Social Revolution." This they are sending out gratuitously, and they have set on foot a series of mass meetings at which they hope to raise the funds needed for the paper's extensive distribution. Surely it is high time. Surely this is the hour for intelligence to push energetically to the front and expose that monstrous governmental delusion which bids fair to drown the world in blood. Surely this is the moment to crucity for eternity the lie that soulless governmental machines, which elevate the few to omnipotence, should be adored and venerated as the people's friends. They are not; they never have been; they never can be. They were born of force and fraud, and without the support of force and fraud they could not last a week.

The Anarchist movement exists to oppose the governmental lie. It exists, solely and exclusively, to denounce and overthrow the rule of man by man; to abolish the artificial inequalities that rule engenders; to open the doors of opportunity by forcing the hand of power to relax its clutch; to abolish social war by throwing on the scrap heap that infernal governmental machinery which works incessantly for war. It is not to be fooled with words or labels. knows that rule is rule and that orders are orders whether issued by uniformed kaisers or by those vulgar politicians whom Social Democracy has cheated the masses into multiplying. It recognizes that Socialism, the Socialists, the Socialist philosophy, have fooled the nations as they never were fooled before; that they have taught us that these hierarchies are kindly servants instead of being, as they are, our cruel masters; that they have bidden us clothe these governments with the privileges of Gods, in the simple faith that they will shower their gifts upon us. Trust God! Trust Czar and Kaiser! Trust the shyster who has climbed from the gutter into Congress! Trust the scallywags who have given away your lands, created your monopolies, and tied you hand and foot in their network of artificial laws! Trust all and any of these scoundrels, but for heaven's sake do not trust yourself! This has been the teaching, and it has set the world in flames.

Can any one suppose this war an accident? Is it possible to contemplate the enormous fighting machine which the Kaiser of Germany has built and yet fail to understand that wholesale slaughter has been plotted cold-bloodedly by men whose every thought was murder? What would be thought of private individuals who should act as they have acted? What should we do to ordinary miscreants found to be devoting all their lives to asessination on the most colossal scale? Tolstoi is emphatically right. As compared with the criminality of governmental machines the worst exceses of private citizens are white as driven snow. And this is the State at whose feet the Socialists would have us kneel. This is the Moloch into whose flaming jaws they would have us cast ourselves. It is high time, I say, that we should face these ngly facts. It is high time that we should understand the real meaning of this war, and the part Socialism and the Socialist philosophy-with their worship of Authority, their worship of centralized power, their worship of Might-have played in making it. Socialism is a reversion to bar-Toryism of the old feudal regime, my thought, the method which taught the masses to look to ping is an easy guess. their betters for all improvements in their lot. Socialism created Bismarck.

cessor, this modern war-God of a Kaiser. It created the millions of submissive Socialist voters who are his food for powder. It has been one of the most debasing and debilitating philosophies that has ever enchained the human mind, for it has mocked to scorn the doctrine of individual rights and has disciplined the mass into abandoning all thought of individual revolt

Thank God, the tide has turned. 'Thank God, in the small crucible, first, of the Mexican Revolution, and now in the gigantic cauldron of European war, all these sophistries have been tested and at the first breath from the furnace they wither into dust. In a life without principle, which twists and squirms according to the twistings and squirmings of politics, there is no strength; there never can be. In creeds which degrade the individual and bend their every energy to rob him of the spirit of revolt there is no strength; there never can be. It is all emasculating; all degeneracy unspeakable; all a lowering of that viril- so revolutionary as a free-land sysity without which the race amounts tem. On the contrary, he is reported to nothing. It produces pompous orators, inflated windbags, muddle- of more than 15,000 acres shall be headed devotees who live on catch- sold to the government, which is to words and worship at the shrines of pay for them in ten installments. The loud-mouthed leaders-all these it government in its turn will sell to the produces in appalling plenty, but it landless on terms as easy as possible. does not produce men. The average The methods used in splitting up and Socialist shelters eternally under the marketing the big Spanish estates of plea that he is the victim of condi- California will be adopted in Mexico, tions; and this plea, so natural to with the Carranza government in the him and always so ready to his role of real estate agent. It is a plan tongue, robs him habitually of moral highly beneficial to big-landowners stamina. The Socialist is instructed who wish to realize, but to the masses, continually that he must do as does who have no purchasing power, it the mass, and be true not to himself cannot by any possibility bring rebut to his party. That is one of the lief. The vital principle of the right most rotting influences a man can al- of every human being to access to the low to creep into his life.

and, therefore, the most infallible of question is left exactly where it was. tests. It brings men face to face with facts; substitutes action, of which we restrum proved equal to standing on There has been rioting in Mexico our hope.

fidence is shaken the rest is merely a question of time and test. The test has come. The failure is pronounced. unmistakable, self-evident to all the world. The future is with the individual rebel, and will be moulded by the decisive action he will take. That it will be starrlingly decisive in countless instances I, at least, have not the slightest doubt, nor do I believe that the gentlemen who have been the causes of this war will have much opportunity of dying in their beds. baric thought; a reversion to the bomenow of other time stand, to trust-in-God idea; a reversion to the my thought the method of the stop-WM. C. OWEN.

## Mexican

"Bread lines and public shelters will be one of the new government's first institutions," runs a Mexico City despatch which insists that Carranza is showing most commendable activity in grappling with the question of the poor. Unfortunately it is clear that he is treading the same worn-out paths that in the past have led invariably to Nowhere and cannot, by the very nature of things, do otherwise. Bread lines and public shelters can no more abolish poverty in Mexico than they have abolished it in the United States. Only free access to natural opportunities can accomplish that, and it is reasonable to suppose that in Mexico it would do so with great rapidity, for the people are natural agriculturists, their wants are few and simple, and those wants the rich soil and genial temperature of the country can supply with ease.

Carranza, of course, has no intention whatever of introducing anything as favoring a plan by which estates soil is ignored completely. Land is regarded as on the same footing with Thank God the tide has turned personal property—as a thing to be War is the greatest of all tragedies, bought and sold. The whole agrarian Absentees Protected.

It goes without saying that the usually can judge correctly, for talk, vested interests of foreign monopowhich usually deceives us. At the lists will be protected by the new very outset it has shown up all the government, although every one who braggadocio of Socialist talk, and ex- has given the Mexican Revolution any posed the sham as it actually is. The serious study knows well that foreign Socialists have no power, and never monopolists have been at the bottom had. The Socialists are always and of nine-tenths of the trouble. Indeed everywhere a weakening influence, the "Los Angeles Daily Times" spesince they strengthen the govern- cial correspondent, who is resident in ments which keep the masses weak. Mexico City, reports a recent con-The Socialists are not a revolution- versation with Carranze in which the ary force and never can be, since they latter said: "We have a perfect unfrown on individual revolt which is derstanding with the United States the mainspring of revolutionary move- and are working in complete accord." ments. The Socialists have been far Our readers know that this has been stronger in Germany than in any oth- our own conviction for a long time er country, and it is precisely in past, and that we have expressed our-Germany that they are the natural selves repeatedly as regarding Carranfood for powder. In Germany these | za merely as the tool of Washington Socialists, who have orated eternally and Wall Street. Meanwhile, despite against war and denounced merciless- | Villas' threatening attitude and outly every Anarchist who wished to go breaks in Mexico City and at numera step beyond orating, have put their ous other points. President Wilson hands in the Kaiser's and vowed eter- and Bryan are taking repeated occanal loyalty. Apparently no Liebknecht sion to assure the public that they rerose to the height of understanding gard the immediate future of Mexico that death as a rebel was to be pre- with extreme complacency and expect fered a thousand times to that ig- to see order restored throughout the nominious surrender. Apparently country at an early date. Well; talk none of these revolutionists of the is cheap and any one can prophesy.

his own feet and declaring himself a City and Vera Cruz, and 20,000 exman. I myself am perhaps too severe | Federals were reported to have taka critic of the Anarchist movement. en the field against the new govern-I deplore the extent to which it wal- ment, having selected the neighborlows in what I regard as unhealthy hood of Puebla as the scene of their sexualism. I regret its too frequent operations. In the Isthmian districts excursions into side issues and liter- the Federals are reported as having ary dilettantism. But I believe that refused to be mustered out, declaring few of the Anarchists I have known that they feared execution at the would have shown the submissiveness hands of their late enemies. Unthat has marked the German Social- doubtedly they recognize that there are ists. The Anarchists are individual circumstances in which the possesrebels, and in the individual rebel lies sion of a gun is worth a lot of golden promises.

Carranza undoubtedly will be a Socialism will not be able to sur- candidate for president in November vive this war. It has been decaying next, and his action toward Sir Lionel thees many years, for confidence in Carden, the British Minister to Mexits sincerity and fighting qualities ico, should endear him to American was shaken long ago, and when con- oil interests. It is confidently expected that Villa will put a candidate in the field to oppose Carranza. There has been much talk of bringing Zapata to terms. but that sturdy rebel apparently is showing no disposition to make his peace with the new power which at present occupies the throne.

> "Socialism, if it comes in England, vill probably turn out to be nothing more nor less than another of the infinte and perpetually renewed dodges of the English aristocracy." (Hilaire Beloc. Noted English and Anarchist publicist.)

"The more hopeful and probable line of development is one in which a conscious and powerful, if informal,

### Answer, Carranza!

From the Mexican Bureau of Information, New York City, we receive a bulletin, dated Aug. 22, which assures us that Carranza, now installed in the City of Mexico, will give the country that lasting peace it assuredly deserves. It deals with the land question only in connection with the soldiers of the Constitutionalist army, but as regards them it says:

"Now that the Mexican Constitutionalists are in control of almost every state in Mexico, General Carranza faces a serious problem. What shall be done with the 100,000 Constitutionalist soldiers who have been fighting for almost two years?

"If each soldier will be presented with a small sum of money, there is no question that before many days pass the money will be spent on the bare necessities of life, leaving them in a penniless condition. Armed to the teeth and penniless, they will become the easy prey of unscrupulous leaders who may use them against the best interests of their country.

"The solution, according to General Carranza's latest statement, is not difficult. In fact, General Blanco, in the state of Tamaulipas, settled the problem in an unexpected manner when he gave about 350 soldiers in his army a stretch of land to the immediate south of the Rio Grande.

"To his astonishment, they deserted the army almost immediately and settled themselves to the task of tilling the soil. This, happening as it did at the inception of the revolution, was considered disastrous, so General Carranza issued an order forbidding land distribution while the revolution was in actual progress.

"Now that the revolution is practically over, the soldiers, if given land, will go to work. They have already demonstrated that they would rather work than fight, which shows that they are not the trouble-seekers that Americans have grown accustomed to consider them to be. They want nothing more than a fair opportunity to earn an honest living. And this General Carranza will give them.

"The soldiers will be given land. They will go to work. They will be ready to take up arm again should reactionaries attempt to deprive them of the right to till the soil. And, in the end, peace and prosperity will bless Mexico. Thus will General Carranza dispose of a trying question."

The One Vital Question. That is all excellent, but we are entitled to ask if any one is going to deprive the millions who do not happen to be soldiers of their right to till the soil. We are not only entitled to ask that, we have to ask it; for this land question is the one pivot on which the entire struggle has been turning. And it will be noted that this very Carranza bulletin admits it, for in paragraph 3 of the section quoted above we are told that the 300 soldiers to whom Gen. Blanco gave land stopped fighting immediately while the succeeding paragraph states that Carranza found it necessary on that account to issue an order forbidding further distribution of land "while the revolution was in actual pro-

It is useless to send us bulletins informing us of what a good and wellmeaning gentleman Carranza is, or describing the ability with which he engineered to success his revolutionary movement. We are practical people. We want to know if the people are to get free access to their land. We know that enormous tracts of Mexican land, and those the most valuable, from which the native inhabitants were expelled by fraud and force, and claimed by foreign speculators. We want to know if Carranza's government is going to recognize and defend those so-called titles. Because, if it is, the revolutionists thus far will have been fighting in vain, and must still fight on.

The Mexican Bureau of Information is acting as Carranza's press agent. It can settled this question at once by giving a direct answer to the direct question we have asked. Then every one will know exactly where Carranza stands. As it is the daily papers have told us merely that in his address to the citizens who greeted his entry to the capital he told them that "the true purpose of the Constiutionalists was to give a government for all the people and not for a small part of them." That means exactly nothing. That is the slush every American politician has at his tongue's end.

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#### KUSOS AUGUILLUU, KEALLESLEU.

As announced in a former issue of REGENERACION, a special term of Court was obtained by the prosecution to try the rest of our comrades held prisoners in San Antonio, Tex.

On September 1st the special term of Court to try our brothers was open. Comrade Domingo R. Rosas was brought before the jury and next day found not guilty and ordered free. Of course, the prosecutors of our comrades were not pleased with such decision, for they want, according to their masters wishes, to keep our comrades from going back to their labor activities, and before comrade Rosas got too far from their reach, the hired dogs of Capitalism rearrested him on the farcical charge of assault to murder W. T. Gardner, the very same "guardian" of Law and Order that used as toilet paper his own written word of "honor" to the prisoners that he would let them go unmolested on the way to Mexico, in exchange for Buck's release, and who the day after ordered the vicious assault on our comrades, when Juan Rincon was murdered by the myrmidons, others wounded and all finally chained like wild beasts and made subject of cowardly abuse and ill treatment.

This rearresting of comrade Rosas means, as I said before, that the prosecutors of Rangel, Cline and comrades are exerting themselves to keep away from the field of Labor struggle those faithful and active comrades. The question now is, shall we allow such an outrage?

I think we muts not, and therefore that the efforts of every man and woman with at least some particles of red blood in their veins, should be redoubled to widespread everywhere the news of what happens in Texas to our imprisoned comrades Rangel, Cline, et al., and to hurry money for their defense to Victor Cravello, Room 108, Labor Temple, Los Angeles, Cal.

ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.

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