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## THE REAL WAR.

STUDENTS OF HISTORY have read of the Scythian hords which swept down over the great Persian empire; they have read of the Visigoths, Vandals and other Germanic tribes that came from the north, covering the whole territory of Southern Europe; they have read of the great Trojans and Grecian warriors, the terrific battle at "The Thermopylae" and Caesar's Gallic Wars. They have been thrilled with the story of Washington at Valley Forge and Sherman's March to the sea. But how many realize that, right at this moment, history, that is as important as any ever written, is being made.

As in the old days, those who are the chief actors in the great play of life scarcely realized that their part is of any consequence. But the Scythian hords of Europe are upon us. Vast numbers of Roman Catholics are landing here and there seems to be no limit to their numbers nor to America's undoing if they continue to come. To counteract this however, large numbers of most excellent citizens from the more enlightened countries of the world are coming also; therefore hope may still spring eternal in the heart of America. On the other hand the great black problem is still with us. The negro population increases very rapidly and it is still held by many that brute force is the only way to keep the black men, in a very large portion of our union, from enslaving the whites. Yet the chance to ship them all back to Africa is always here and this growing problem will be settled in some way some time.

The warriors of old with their strength and skill have gone forever and the more wonderful engines of war and explosives and airships now make the twentieth century story a thousand times more wonderful than in the times of sweet Helen and her captors.

Even Washington and his brave patriots with their flintlock rifles and rousing fife-and-drum martial music, look small and the civil war, of only fifty years ago, is to modern soldiers very crude, without telephones, auto trucks, rapid firing guns and the thousands of other wonderful inventions that have come to the world since the union boys, with their Yankee Cheese box, knocked the skippers out of the Rebels' Cheese. But better than all is the fact that the thought of war as a game of barbarians is becoming universal and that all the inventive genius, all the money, all the time and all the human lives that are invested in fighting is worse than wasted. Reason, arbitration, the great peaceful force of united civilized nations, are the weapons with which we must fight if the world is to ever become truly civilized. There are still vast hords of semi civilized men but a united civilized world will make short work of the necessity of self defensive warfare and wars will be no more.

The greatest danger is from the uncivilized ideas of the thousands in our midst, in all the so called civilized countries. The idea that "might makes right" must give way to Lincoln's idea that "right makes might." One man rule must give way to self government, aristocracy to democracy and superstition to freedom of thought.

To accomplish these great and ever blessed results, great armies of men and women must be trained to fight in the higher moral, economic and political wars of this and coming generations. Nor must we think that it takes no skill for this work nor that it requires no bravery, nor that those in the front ranks encounter no dangers. Better trained by far must be this new soldiery, a higher bravery is required. The wonderful new inventions must be used. The field of battle is extended to the whole world; and more depends on this than any war with swords and guns that ever took place or ever could take place. Victory is almost certain, for the line up is intelligence and love of mankind against ignorance and selfishness.

Students of history, the only good your knowledge can possibly do is the good that will come from investing it in the world's last great battle against the hell here on earth. Life is short. Enlist and invest now in order to more quickly establish that happy condition of equality, progress and brotherhood of which the wise and good of all ages have prophesied.

## WHICH IS BETTER?

THE INDIANS AND THE CHINAMEN put food on the graves of their dead. Our ancestors did the same and many other things which look absurd to us. Will there be changes in our customs of worship and of disposing of the bodies of our dead as radical as have already taken place? Even now we know of people whose bodies were cremated, and, at their request, the ashes scattered so as to leave no trace as to location of their remains. Will this be a universal custom sometime and what arguments are in its favor?

There is one thing most positively certain, and that is the best thing to do is to protect the living. The health question has been much discussed relative to burial and cremation and we must confess that we are favorably impressed with the latter method from that standpoint. But there is also another phase of this question which appeals to us very strongly, and that is the comparative mental effect.

At the time of death and disposal of the remains, which has the better effect on the mind, burial or cremation, and how is the mind of the public affected by each in the years which follow?

We learn by the study of psychology, that the emotions are of two kinds, painful and pleasurable. Now the least pain and the more pleasure we can have while here on earth the better. The old idea of suffering here for the purpose of being happier in a far off heaven after we die is all an old humbug priestly lie to catch and exploit their victims. The children should be kept from every bit of physical and mental pain possible, and in this respect we should all be considered children all our lives.

Cremation does away with cemeteries. Cemeteries bring up painful thoughts continually to those who pass by them and especially in the mind of what should be happy childhood; and who knows what evil this one thing may do in the mind of one child and what in the aggregate the world loses every year by this useless producer of painful emotions?

It is certain that, when love of our fellow men takes the place of barbarous selfishness, there will be many changes, and perhaps one will be the entire annihilation of the graves of our ancestors both near and remote by the purifying process of cremation and the rapid dissemination of the elements of which our bodies are composed rather than by the present day method of long and dangerous-to-the-living process of decay.

## WHO MAKES ENEMIES?

THE EDITOR OF THE SILVERTOWN JOURNAL has probably written more for the press in the last few years than any other citizen of Silvertown. In every article written he has endeavored to express his real, honest thought. Can any man do this and not have enemies? It is no wonder

we are boycotted. Most other papers avoid saying what they think, if they ever really think, and business men, who have even worse thoughts than we do, have many friends, or think they have, because they "just say nothing and saw wood". Suppose any one of these merchants had published as much of his own thoughts as we have during the last year, on the very subjects we have written about, how many friends would he have and who would trade at his store? Not many, for there are not yet many who can be your friend if you radically oppose their ideas. There are a few however who really believe in freedom of thought and who would trade with a progressive man even though he thought wrong on some subjects. Let Truth be our guide.

Why is the silent business man silent? He is afraid to speak out. He is afraid of you. He sees how you boycott Hosmer and he can't afford to ruin his business. So he soft peddles when you are around. But what a monster you are to force him to be silent. Why not let everybody be free? You'd better find out what that fellow you are patronizing thinks before boycotting the fellow who says what he thinks. You patronize many people who think worse things even about you than we do. You just don't know it that's all. Will the time come when all business men and the public press will dare express their honest thoughts on all matters of importance? The editor of The Silvertown Journal has lost thousands of dollars and practically given the greater part of his life in order to have his say on every subject that interests him and it is too late to change his method now even if he wanted to do so. So here goes you poor fault finding louse. Wake up, for this is the twentieth century and there is something doing all the time. Let's be friends and debate as friends through the public press and otherwise, but don't let's be hypocrites. Say what you think, and don't forget to think, and don't forget to keep sweet when we say what we think. You can't help being what you are and we forgive you freely, even if you don't do just what suits us at times. But let's get at the bottom of the great problems now confronting us by boldly and bravely expressing our honest opinions, even if we die for it. The time will soon come when the enemies we make by so doing can do us no harm, and the good we can do on the firing line is worth infinitely more than all the wealth and all the milk-and-water friends gained by cowardly silence.

## WE PAY FOR PRIESTS' PRAYERS.

THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE A FREE COUNTRY, but we are not all quite free when we are forced to pay for prayers which are an insult to any kind of a decent God and a criminal graft on the people. Here is a clipping that shows that a war with Mexico is of interest even to the sweet, pretending followers of him who didn't believe in war but in peace:

### Priests Offer Services.

Washington, May 21.—Seven Catholic priests today volunteered to President Wilson to serve as chaplains in the Army or Navy in the event of war with Mexico.—Oregonian.

The dear fathers wish to save the souls of our American boys who go to kill other dear Mexican boys, and perhaps even some of the Mexican Catholic boys could be saved also. Wouldn't it be glorious to see them flying about the throne and playing golden harps after we had shot them full of holes? If the government would appropriate a few hundred thousand dollars, perhaps these dear fathers might get all the fighters on both sides through purgatory. After our \$50,000 suit is over perhaps the Silvertown Journal will start a fund for that purpose if the government don't take up the matter. Mt. Angel would be a fine place to have all the hog-grunting prayers said and we suggest that one of the Saloons there would make a fine hog pen to do the grunting act in, if room can't be spared at the whole, holy Church or the thick walled monastic arsenal on the hill.

It's a shame! It's a down right, rotten shame that we can't get rid of paying these parasites for their prayers. What a disgrace, what a travesty on the religion of righteousness, what a repugnant idea to justice to send men to shoot and cut and starve and mangle each other to death and then make those left pay a lot of hypocrites to pray for their souls. O, generation of vipers flee from the wrath to come!

O, you rich devils, you sons and imps of hell who sit in high places and make laws for your own enrichment and cause wars to destroy the real progress of the people—If you will not listen, your gold will become a mill stone to your-neck. Beware of the mob before it is too late!

Awake from your self destroying selfishness and be men amongst men; for "he that trusteth in his riches shall fall; but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

## JESUITS AND MUTTEN HEADS.

MANY A MAN IN AMERICA, who would resent the idea that he is a Jesuit, has the Jesuit ideas and is every day putting them into practice. Here is a man who belongs to your lodge. Watch him and you will notice he is there for other purposes than the objects outlined in your constitution. Like a Jesuit he may black ball the very man you most need to promote your principles. A Jesuit becomes a Methodist preacher, a Unitarian preacher or a Lutheran preacher to gain a victory over the protestants in your city. Deception is their stock in trade. So it is with many a man outside of "The Society of Jesus." There are those who know nothing else. Their work is deception; their play is deception; their whole life is a deception, and they can no more comprehend open, frank and noble honesty than a blind man can conceive the beauty of a rose.

It is sad to say, but it is true, that the competitive system, under which we are trying to live, is based on deception. "Tis true that there are many who try "to live up to the rules of the game," but there are very few who succeed, and worse than that, the rules are vitally wrong themselves. The wealthiest men are those who have been most successful in deception or inherited from such a successful relative. Mr. Warehouser, Mr. Rockefeller, the Vanderbilts and Goulds and every millionaire, living or dead, never even tried to live up to the idea of simple honesty when it came to big deals, and only in little ones to deceive the people into the notion that they were honest, for such a notion under our false system has its commercial value, even though it be a lie. Some people claim that "you can't change human nature," but this thought is a deception put out by big business to prevent any change of program.

To change human nature from the deceptive Jesuit character to one of real honest manhood and womanhood is the greatest work of mankind. But it can't be done unless our deceptive, profit making system of exploitation is changed to one in which every one is a worker who gets what he produces, or in some way gets for it, its full value of what some one else has produced. This would be an honest system, a just system; and, when we get to it, it will be so easy to establish and so much better than the "dog eat dog" one we are now continually trying to patch up, that the wonder will be why the fool killer didn't capture this whole generation of mutten heads long before we got our eyes open.

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