

let no disciple, supporter or defender of Capital and its rule, dare to lift voice in protest. The rule of Capital is the rule of the sword. That is the court of last resort. Against whatever atrocities war may practice in its triumphal march there is no appeal. War, with all of its awful atrocities is the final and supreme message of capitalism to the world. When Capital so orders—to kill, to maim, to destroy—becomes the noblest calling and the supreme duty of every man, christian, heathen or heretic.

Let us have no more silly twaddle about, “this will be the last war,” and the “letting up on naval and military armaments.” We have had a surfeit of that sort of rot. The present system of slavery, just like its predecessors, is absolutely unthinkable without a powerful military establishment; first to hold the slaves in subjection, and secondly, to gain and hold markets on behalf of contending bands (nations) of slave masters. So long as capitalist property remains, so long will the military establishment be with us and the world’s policy be that of “blood and iron;” and that, too, in spite of the sickly sentiment and sloppy platitudes of prayerful hypocrites, shallow-pated oratorical acrobats and penny-a-liners.

“Blood and iron.” That’s the policy. In a slave society nothing else goes. Do you get that?