

of the modern god. Upon its altars are sacrificed daily a multitude of men, women and children in order that the sweet incense of profit may tickle the nostrils of this divine brute. And who shall dare question his title to divinity? Is not his reign sustained by the prayers, and his divine right vouched for by the devout and faithful who profess a vision and insight into the unknowable and incomprehensible that lies beyond the confines of space and the shores of time?

Under the rule of capital the world has become an armed camp, and the daily chronicle of events reads like a continuous narrative of a "Kilkenny cat fight." In every country on the globe there is either open warfare between masters and slaves, or smoldering volcano of suffering and misery that will sooner or later burst forth in a cataclysm and holocaust of vengeance and horror. Between nations there is no peace, nor can there be any so long as human society rests upon a basis of slavery and the forcing of its proceeds upon the markets. In no other manner can the proceeds of capitalist plunder and rapine be disposed of than by an ever-widening market. This compels each capitalist nation to open the way for its expansion, by the conquering of additional markets. These can, in the last analysis, be secured only by the resort to the "strong arm" or the "mailed fist."

The whole world today is being pushed to the brink of a precipice, beyond which lies war and slaughter, with all their concomitant horrors.

Italy and Turkey fight over Tripoli; the former to seize it, the latter to hold it. All the big thieves (nations) gather around the rich Chinese platter and lick their foul chops in anticipation of the juicy repast. The outbreak in the Balkans bids fair to pull the European concert of thieves into a jackpot of butchery that will once more drench the earth with the blood of fools and other victims of class rule and roguery.

Mexico has for months been an inferno, and the end is not yet. The ruthlessly exploited peasants and other workers are making a heroic stand against the brutality and recklessness of capitalist rule. Russia is seething with revolt. In the United States the coarsest brutality and the most vicious bloodthirstiness is manifested toward those sections of the work-