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### Militarism.

The rapidly growing sentiment among the common people against militarism is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. True it is that this sentiment is not in evidence among the "better classes," but there is a reason for this that is not difficult to understand, once it is pointed out. It is our purpose to point it out as best we may.

What is a soldier, anyway? He is an armed assassin, duly authorized to kill his fellowman at the command of his superiors, who are merely chief assassins or directors of assassination, set over him in order to make sure that his murderous proclivities be given the most effective scope. The ordinary murderer, he who kills without sanction of the law, rarely, if ever, does so except in satisfaction of some grudge against his victim, or to effect a robbery, the proceeds of which are to accrue to himself. Not so with the soldier. At word of command he kills men, and even women and children, against whom he holds no grudge, who never did him an injury, and, as is frequently the case, who are bound to him by social, racial and religious ties. All these considerations go for naught at the word of command, and this uniformed assassin proudly engages in the bloody business from which he obtains neither the satisfaction of revenge nor the proceeds of robbery. All that he receives is the paltry little pittance which constitutes his pay as a soldier—his price for doing a deed which, if done under other circumstances, would be called murder.

The military establishment today, as always, is the instrument of the ruling class. Its sole purpose is to maintain the ruling class in its right to rule. The right to rule is the right to rob. This right can only be maintained by armed authority. The armed force to maintain it can be recruited only from the enslaved working class, the class that is robbed. The members of the ruling class are too few in number to do the job, even if so inclined; and, thanks to the ignorance of a sufficient number of workers, it is unnecessary. As the purpose of the military is to perpetuate slavery by protecting the ruling class in its economic mastery of labor, it is easy to be seen that only the most ignorant among the workers could be induced to don the uniform. It is only ignorant working people who would allow their children to be enrolled in "Boy Scout," "Militia of Christ," "Church Lad Brigades" and similar schemes that can only tend to brutalize the youths by their teaching of blind obedience to authority. If anyone doubts the ignorance of the adult type that can be recruited to the military, let them size up the next uniformed assassin, or bunch of them; he comes across. He

will discover that they compare beautifully with the policeman type that is known the world over as the acme of ignorance and brutality.

What qualification other than ignorance is requisite to the making of a good soldier? The good soldier obeys the orders of his officers. He requires no reasoning faculties. If told to shoot he must obey, no matter if father or brother or friend fall dead as a result. It is only ignorance the most profound that constitutes the necessary ingredient to the making of a soldier. Such ignorance is the only means of enabling the ruling class to cultivate and utilize the brutality that is necessary to hold the slaves in subjection and perpetuate their exploitation. Just as the working class develops its intelligence by acquiring a knowledge and understanding of things pertaining to social and industrial life, its reverence and respect for the military and police establishments of the ruling class is turned to loathing and disgust. By refusing to enlist as soldiers, the workers at last strip from the master class the sole means whereby that class maintains its mastery of industry and enslavement of labor. In the last analysis class rule depends upon the club and gun. When the workers refuse to longer wield them in behalf of their masters, the death knell of slavery will be sounded. Appeals to workers to join the military or the naval force to defend their country should fall upon deaf ears. The worker has no country to defend. He has not even a job of his own, much less a country. The job he has, even for the moment, belongs to his employer, who can legally take it from him. If, at any moment, he were foolish enough to assert title to "his job," he would be beaten by the police or shot by the soldiers. If he should assert title to "his country," "God knows" what would be done to him, as Taft would probably say.

If it ever becomes necessary for the working class to take up arms in order to free itself from the chains of slavery, it will be justified in so doing. If the slaves will refuse to join the police and military establishment of the master class, it will not be necessary to resort to arms to break the rule of capital. Without slaves to wield the club and gun and man the battleships, the capitalist class of this and all other countries would be helpless. The walls of the capitalist Jericho are built of working class ignorance; but the awakening intelligence of the workers is wearing them away. Keep out of the military. Expend your time and effort in acquiring such knowledge and understanding as will make for human progress and uplift and end forever the long night of horror that has cursed the earth ever since the birth of the slave and the soldier.—Western Clarion.

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