

ANOTHER LIE NAILED

— Skygac. —

All beggars are liars. Professional beggars of course become more expert at the game, (or is it an art) of lying than the mere amateur and there are no professional beggars so expert at either begging or lying than the organized beggars masquerading under the guise of some denomination of church. Now that all the denominations of the Babelists have gone into the Interchurch World Movement, a sort of syndicated church movement, and gone into begging on a larger scale than ever before attempted—one would expect some clever lying. They are telling lies enough—(yes gentle reader—I know I'm using the short and ugly word—but let us call a spade a spade and then there will be no misunderstanding. The I. W. M. is spreading broadcast a fabric of lies—some of them fancy ones and most of them just the plain or garden variety of lies. Now whether or not the responsible parties back of the advertising campaign know they are lying—is of no particular moment. We will nail the lies—some of them and you can judge for yourself.

In one of the advertisements of the Interchurch World Movement we find it headed "A World Rebuilt" "by the golden rule not by the rule of gold"—but it's gold they're begging for! Asking the question "What are the most precious elements in American Life?" it answers it by more questions and answers. The first question-answer is, "Respect for the home!" "Jesus found woman slaves. He made them companions. Down through the ages His church has BEEN THE CHAMPION OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND ASPIRATIONS." What a monstrous lie! Down thru the ages His church, the church, ANY church, tenaciously clung to the doctrine voiced by that crusty old bachelor Paul, who told woman to keep her mouth shut in church and if she wished to know anything to go home and ask her husband. "Ask your pastor—HE KNOWS."

"Through the ages His church has been the champion of women's rights." What a lie! By authority of the first chapter of Genesis man has always claimed superiority. The inferiority of women has been preached from practically every pulpit through the ages. The Creator of the universe was a male and man was made in his image, hence he is the supreme and natural ruler of the world, to question which were ranker heresy. As for woman she should be content as all "good" women have been content thus to be the companion and servant (mostly servant) of this favored of the Gods. Woman exists not for herself but for man's comfort and convenience. That was the burden of thought which was taught by the church and which has crashed woman throughout the centuries—especially the ages dominated by Christian thought.

Hearken to what the AUTHORITY accepted by ALL "His Churches"—the Bible says concerning women. First Corinthians, chapter 14 verses 34 and 35 says, "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be UNDER OBEEDIENCE, as also saith the law. And if they will learn anything let them ask their husbands at home: for it IS A SHAME FOR WOMEN TO SPEAK IN YE CHURCH." Chapter eleven of First Timothy verses 11 and 12—"Let the women learn in silence WITH ALL SUBJECTION. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence."

Columns more could be written but this is enough to prove the Interchurch World movement LIE.

WHEREFORE, YE WORKERS?

Men of America, wherefore plough For the lords who lay ye low? Wherefore weave with toil and care The rich robes your tyrants wear?

Wherefore feed and clothe and save, From the cradle to the grave, For these ungrateful drones who would Drain your sweat—nay, drink your blood!

Wherefore, Bees of America, forge Many a weapon, chain, and scourge, That these stingless drones may spoil The forced produce of your toil?

Have ye leisure, comfort, calm, Shelter, food love's gentle balm? Or wast is it ye buy so dear With your pain and with your fear?

The seed ye sow another reaps; The wealth ye find another keeps; The robes ye weave another wears; The arms ye forge another bears.

Sow seed,—but let no tyrant reap; Find wealth, let no impostor keep; Weave robes,—let not the idle wear; Forge arms, in your defence to bear!

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CHURCH AND CAPITALISM

We read that John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has started a campaign for the Interchurch World Movement. Personally, I do not pay much attention to it. I realized, a long time ago, that the master-class, whenever it found itself in danger, called upon the aid of the churches and their clergymen. Rockefeller intimated that we have charged, (he means us socialists) that the capitalists class is desperately using the churches to keep the workmen contented so that they will be satisfied with their lot, and not try to better their conditions on this earth, by promising them Heaven beyond the clouds, etc. He said that this is not the truth. Well now, let us see. What did we read about the attitude of the church during and after the war?

Dr. Joseph Kyle, President of Xenia, Ohio Theological Seminary, speaking at Chicago, Feb. 6, 1918, at the conference of 'World Evangelism and Vital Christianity' at the Moody Bible Institute declared that a hero's death in battle was not necessarily a passport to Heaven. "Salvation," said Dr. Kyle, "is thru Jesus Christ alone. It would be pleasant to believe that the spirits of soldiers who died in battle go straight to Heaven." Furthermore we read, "Christ seeks recruits—Soldiers of the Cross, to get in the fight." "Fighting is the business of the world," declared Dr. W. W. Bustard in his sermon in the Euclid Ave. Baptist Church, 18th St., Cleveland, O. "It would be as easy to be Christian soldiers as United States soldiers," he said,—"this despite the slogan of the church for nearly two thousands years, 'Thou shalt not kill.'"

Again, we read: "Cleveland, Dec. 16, 1918: Churches Great Aid To War." The charge that the church had failed in the world-war was denied yesterday morning by Dean H. P. Almon Abbot of the Trinity Cathedral who asserted that the churches have given their sons by the thousands and thousands to the armies and navies. These men have gone forth to fight the battles of God. We also read these statements: "Churches plan to fight the spread of Bolshevism," and, "Conference speakers call on clergymen to change their attitude toward the disoriented." The part of the churches must take in Americanization work, thus combating the spread of Bolshevism, was to be one of the principal topics Wednesday at the Sectional Conference in connection with the Interchurch World Movement of North America in session at Hotel Cleveland. This was said by Rev. D. D. Vaughn and E. A. Wright, Secretary of the Federated Churches of Cleveland. Here also we prove that the churches are consciously or unconsciously against the workingman. We read as follows: "Start campaign to keep foreign labor here after peace has been declared, Pittsburg, Oct. 18, 1928." "A nation-wide movement which has for its object the retention of foreign labor in this country after the war has been launched here by Rev. A. Kazinsky, pastor of St. Michael church at Braddock, Pa. The clergyman pointed out that after the war 35 to 40% of the foreign laboring class may seek to return to Europe unless some method is devised to keep them here. Probably the priest became alarmed thinking of the loss in money and in members should these people leave the country. Capitalistic industry might also be short of men. But now listen to what we read after the war was over and the people realized that the war was fought for capitalistic interests and not to make the world "safe for democracy."

The Detroit Free Press on Nov. 9, 1919, urges the United States to deport foreign slackers. In a sermon, Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, pastor of Woodward Ave., Presbyterian Church, told his Sunday evening congregation, "We are in an inflamed state of mind toward the foreigners, enemy and snacker aliens who have aroused us to a fierce anger and now we are fighting the plottings of the Revolutionary illions. It there any reason why such aliens should not be deported?" Our answer to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., is that the master-class for thousands of years has been using the church for their own purposes. History tells us that Thomas D. Torquemada, inquisitor of Spain, from 1482 to 1498, tortured, killed and burned 10,000 poor heretics on account of their convictions. Similar methods prevail today against those who do not agree with the master-class. Torquemada failed and you will fail also. We today have Nikolai Lenin and Eugene V. Debs and others who concern themselves about the welfare of the masses, and we do not need the aid of the masters and your brother clergymen.

When the time comes we will have a new and more brotherly world to live in where everybody will enjoy a better and happier life. At the present time, we are willing to trade our interests in the Heaven beyond the grave for only one day of your income.

A. Socialist.

A supply of literature goes forward to the new book store which comrades at Cincinnati have installed.

HEALING THE WOUNDS

— By Anise. —

Along the Rhine
The MILITARISTS of France
Are starting the fighting
All over again.
As if they didn't know how
To QUIT;
And the FINANCIERS
Of the world
Still DICKER
Over a bankrupt Europe
Coming to no conclusion;
The League of Nations
Still goes on
"FIDDLING
While Rome burns";—
But the WORKERS of France
Who suffered MOST
In the war
Have Started
HEALING the WOUNDS!
They have taxed themselves
One franc apiece
Through their labor unions,
Two and a half million francs
To relieve
Their "comrade enemies"
In Austria!
And the workers
In other nations
Are doing the same.

The unionists of Holland
Have voted a half day's pay
For the BABIES
That starve in Vienna,
And forty cars of food
Were sent
By the International Federation
Of Labor Unions.
Italian Socialists are feeding
Ten thousand Austrian children,
And the unions of Denmark
Have LOANED
To the German unions
Funds from their special reserve
At low rates of interests.
The miners of England
Have sent large sums of money
For the saving of LIFE
In Central Europe,
It is the WORKERS
Who know without argument
That the hurt of ONE
Is the hurt of ALL;
And the hunger of one
Is the hunger of all!
Only WE
The workers of America
Have not yet joined
Our fellow-workers in Europe
In healing
The wounds of the WORLD!

Ruminations of a Rebel

— By Tom Clifford —

How evanescent is fame! Less than two years ago President Wilson was loudly acclaimed by press and pulpit the super-evangel of world democracy and universal peace. "How have the mighty fallen!" The erstwhile eulogist that once appeared in the daily press are conspicuous by their absence. It now seems probable that when the President leaves this vale of tears his passing will excite but brief comment. He had an opportunity that comes to but few men to place his name alongside that of Lincoln in the hall of fame. Had he considered social service above personal ambition he would now be receiving the plaudits of the multitude instead of almost universal condemnation. The contrast between his career and that of Eugene V. Debs stands out in conspicuous relief. Although Wilson still occupies the highest office within the gift of the people of this nation, his personality excites practically no interest, and he is fated to go to his grave "unwept, unknown and unangued." Gene Debs is an inmate of a federal prison—a convict—yet his personality is enshrined in the hearts of millions and his name will go down to posterity as one who loved—and loving, served—his fellow men. Debs will live in history. Wilson is already practically forgotten.

Herbert Hoover, the much touted candidate for President, is a typical bourgeois. In harmony with his class interests he is doing his bit in denouncing Russia's Soviet government. With publishing effrontery he shamelessly repeats the lying tales of anarchy and bloodshed in Russia, which have been refuted by scores of reputable witnesses and which every well informed person knows to be false. Hoover is just a common bourgeois liar when he says that the Soviet government has "wrecked itself on the rock of production." To Hoover—as to all the bourgeois—the wish is father to thought. "A Socialist government spells economic disaster to his class. His denunciation of the dictatorship of the proletariat is his desire to perpetuate the dictatorship of the bourgeoisie. Economic determinism prompts him and all of his class to denounce the one and glorify the other. Hoover has special reasons for bitterness toward the new regime in Russia. At the breaking out of the war he held valuable mining concessions in that country of which he has been dispossessed, and no bourgeois is inclined to tolerate such interference with his interests with equanimity. If the Soviet government survives the storm and stress incidental to a social change, Hoover and his fellow adventurers will be shut out of that prolific field of exploitation. A further source of worry to this gang of robbers is the alarming possibility of the spread of Socialism throughout the world should the Russian "experiment" prove a success, in which event these gentlemen of leisure would have to get off the backs of the workers and earn their own living. The prospect is not at all alluring. No wonder Hoover is peeved.

The white and colored races are soon to be pitted against each other in a world war if we are to accept the deductions of Lothrop Stoddard, a biological historian, in a book just published—"The Rising Tide of Color." Being always suspicious of the honesty of these literary fellows, I am inclined to believe that the author's chief purpose is to keep alive race prejudice, which has always been a notable factor in preventing solidarity among the workers. The religious dope doesn't work as effectively as it used to. Leave it to the bourgeoisie to invent new methods of sidetracking the minds of the workers from a consideration of the one and only question that means anything—their economic emancipation. So long as they refrain from giving this matter attention the master class feel safe.

The intelligent observer of current history has ample reason to be amused over the inanity of the American bourgeoisie. Their lack of vision renders them unfit to cope with the astuteness of the exploiters in Europe. The fact is now revealed that the English government, during the entire war period, spared enough time from the task of "making the world safe for democracy" to "cinch" control of the European oil fields. Wise guys, those Britishers. This will insure the English bourgeoisie commercial supremacy. That is what they were fighting for. Pity the gullibility of the American "mutts" who childishly thought otherwise. While the were sacrificing millions of treasure and thousands of human lives England was "bringing home the bacon." Score another installment of perfidy for "Perfidious Albion."

NEW YORK—The immediate release of the seventy-nine conscientious objectors still imprisoned by the War Department is urged upon President Wilson in petition from thirty-seven states bearing 20,834 signatures, just forwarded through the American Civil Liberties Union, New York. The petitions were transmitted with a letter signed by Professor Harry F. Ward, chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union, and by Norman Thomas and John Haynes Holmes of the Union's committee on conscientious objectors. The letter read, in part, "The petitions represent a body of opinion growing out of the centuries of struggle for religious and political freedom. They are just one expression of the increasing resistance throughout the country to the principle of conscription, alien to the traditions and professions of American liberty."

PARIS—"Art for art's sake" came against a real snag in the L'Ambigu theater here, when the director contracted for the production of 'Noniére's "Life is Good". The well known actor Carpentier, was asked to play the role of a member of the General Federation of Labor, who is held up to ridicule throughout the play. Carpentier refused. The actors' association, which is affiliated with the General Federation of Labor, backed Carpentier up. 'Noniére refused to rewrite the play. The management could not produce it without actors, so was forced to cancel the contract.

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Maxim Gorky Addresses the Monarchists

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In question did not deserve it. That is where the whole horror and tragedy lies.

Madam! Are you still fully convinced that you have a right to demand humane treatment, when you yourself have all your life been merciless to your fellow-creature, not considering him a human being, your equal? You are writing letters. You are educated. You have probably read books, in which the life of the peasant is described. What can you expect from the peasants, when you knowing their lives, did not anything to alleviate their suffering? Now you are the unfortunate one and you are writing with a hand trembling with fear, writing to a man who—as you might have known—can neither take away your fear, nor alleviate suffering. No, indeed! No! Such are the ways of the world; hearts are placed for compassion.

But life in a country, where the people were being beaten up by whips and knouts; in a country where ribs were broken and where people were being crippled for the sake of amusement; in a country where oppression had no bounds, where violence was assuming such forms that one could and shame of it—in such a country compassion cannot be found. The people go out of one's mind with the horror

ple, brought up on beatings and violence, on the fist and the knout—such a people cannot be softened. The people, on whose bodies the policemen tread, can tread on the bodies of other people. In a country where inequality has so long reigned, it is difficult for the people to introduce the reign of justice.

We cannot demand that the man who never saw justice should be just. Everything is clear in this world, in which you Madam and your social set have permitted the reign of violence without even a protest. These people feel a slap more keenly than it was felt fifty years ago by the valet of your father.

The people have developed. In the process of their development, self-respect has grown. Nevertheless, they were still treated as slaves and looked upon as cattle.

Madam! Do not demand from the people that which you did not give them. You have no right to claim the mercy of the people. This people was oppressed. It is being oppressed even now by those who retained some sort of power over them. Now, when Capitalism and capitalism brought the country to revolution, all the dark forces of the people came into play. All that which was buried for centuries exploded, and vengeance setles on all sides. Nevertheless the country has another force, a bright force lit up by the great thought, inspired by the radiant dream of justice, liberty and beauty, but, Madam, why should I describe in words the beauty and the greatness of the sea for the person who has no eyes to see it.