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“The only government that has a right to derive advantage from its missionaries is the government that sustains their religion at home as well as abroad. A government that ignores their religion at home, as you bourgeois Republicans pretend to, puts itself into a ridiculous light when it seeks to protect these missionaries abroad in their trade of ‘converting heathens.’”—Marcel Sembat in French Chamber of Deputies.

The charge, made by the French Socialist Deputy, above quoted, and smiting the labor-skinning class of France full in the face, might have been made here as well. It is an indictment from which our own “missionary-protectors” can not escape, at this particular juncture least of all.

Just now the Republican and Democratic papers are demanding that the Government “protect” and “avenge” the American missionaries. What gospel are these missionaries supposed to preach? The gospel of Mumbo-Jumbo? No. They are suppose to preach the gospel of Christ. And yet what is the gospel that this identical press of the labor-skinning class are preaching here in America? They are here preaching, to use their own language, “the killing of a few million Chinamen”!!!

It is not religion that the Government is asked by the Republican and Democratic papers to support in China. A market for the sale of American manufactures and a foothold for the robbing of the Chinese people by the capitalists is the object in view. The course of events proves that the missionary method alone cannot accomplish this, so the method of Bresci, but on a wholesale plan, is to be adopted. Instead of the murder of one man, the Republican and Democratic papers advocate the “killing of a few millions.”

The capitalist class is everywhere criminal and hypocritical. In France it sends war-ships to China to defend the Church it derides at home. In the United States it advocates the murder of a “few millions of Chinese” in China, under the cloak of protecting Christianity-preaching missionaries.

An ulcer on the face of the earth, the monster of Capitalism, the double-headed “Democratic Party” and “Republican Party” must be wiped out.

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