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A MALICIOUS SLANDER.

Because Governor Whitman refused to commute the sentence or pardon of Charles Becker, his wife as a matter of revenge has had a plate made upon which is engraved the lettering "Charles Becker murdered July 30 1915 by Governor Whitman." We do not know what steps Whitman may take if any in the matter, but to us it looks like nothing else but a slanderous malicious lie. Becker was legally executed by instrumentality put in operation by the State of New York after he had had two fair and impartial trials, and in each had been found guilty. The guilt of Becker had ceased to be a question long ago with fair minded intelligent men. It was the weak sentimentalist that alone found sympathy for Becker.

We are not disposed to think that Mrs. Becker's engraved plate on the coffin of her husband can do any harm to the reputation of Governor Whitman but whether or no, if there is a law to make the woman take this slanderous lie off the coffin of Becker we hope it will be exercised. If any of the gang who were electrocuted prior to Becker who were accused of Rosenthal's murder was guilty, then we believe Becker was equal, if not more guilty.

From the early days of Charles Becker's alleged connection with Rosenthal's murder we have never had any confidence in his innocence, since the four gunners were tried in New York charged with the crime and found guilty, and his complicity established.

It is now three years since the murder was committed, and Becker has had two trials, and been found guilty at both of them. With hundreds of thousands of dollars of graft money his attorneys were able to delay justice, but the mills of the gods ground on, and Friday morning last Charles Becker was led to the electric chair, and the life taken that he had forfeited to the State of New York. We have never entertained any sympathy for Becker because we regarded him as a very bad man, and deserved all he has gotten.

This will give you an idea of where Germany is getting all the cotton she wants from. Before the war Denmark got 100 bales of southern cotton per year, since the war she has gotten 35,250 bales, before the war Holland got of Southern cotton 33,822 bales per year, since the war she has gotten 501,760 bales. Sweden got before the war 47,266 bales per year, since the war she has gotten 741,637 bales. These countries are all emptying their cotton supply in the lap of Germany and is an answer to one of the flimsy falsehoods Germany offers for torpedoing 760 sailing vessels since last fall, with a destruction of millions of dollars worth of property and thousands of lives.

Now the said Emperor William of Germany comes with a manifesto, to the German people, and declares before God and history "that his conscious is clear, that he did not will the war," to make the lie complete.

Why did he not go on and say he did nothing to precipitate the war. Why did he not say that he had not been preparing for the very conflict that he helped to hasten for 30 years. The whole statement could have gone in together and one with as much truth as the other. No, he hopes to deceive and mislead by one of the usual methods of the Germans, by telling an untruth.

The Germans say they are fighting for their very existence, that the allies have girdled the empire with a fring of fire and sword, and it is fight or be destroyed. What nation is pushing its way across Poland into Russian territory, at a sacrifice of millions of men and billions of property the Germans. What nation is it that has wilfully and maliciously over run Belgium and destroyed its integrity, and almost its national character, and in their invasion adopted the most barbarous method known to civilizations its the Germans. What nations is holding without pretence or excuse ten per cent of French territory including all her iron mines, and the greater portion of her manufacturing industries with a total value of more than 30 per cent of France's entire territory, and yet these liars and land thieves claims they are guilty of nothing, simply innocent militarist, simply a gang of fatalist, who believe in the survival of the fittest, the existence of the strongest. That might makes right, and there is no other right.

Blast the Germans from the face of the earth, they are a blighting curse to the world's existence. There is no place for them where civilization and christianity rules.

"The bandit Villa is quoted as saying that "The American Government can go to hell." That is about the kind of language we can expect of one of Bryan's friends to indulge in. A year ago Bryan had his emissary and agent over in Mexico patting Villa on the back, and telling him what a splendid villain he was, an artistic cut throat. Bryan had something up his sleeve. May be it was concessions he expected from Villa in the event his war of bridandage succeeded.

Nevertheless.

He heard the fifes at the end of the street,
He heard the marching of thousands of feet;
The rush and the murmur, the beat of the drum,
The sudden strange delirium.
He saw the gold banners and flying flags,
The rapturous faces of lads and hags;
The light romance and the gleam of it all—
The wonder, the magic, the dream of it all.

But he did not see the lonely camp-fires burning
On the distant fields; and he forgot the yearning
Of aching hearts when nights were filled with dread;
He did not see the piteous, helpless dead;

He did not think of sorrow and alarms,
The empty years that mocked his empty arms;
He did not think of many a blood-stained hill,
Yet had he thought, he would have followed still!

She heard the story—old as the years;
She waited through nights of girlhood fears
For the dream to come, as come it must,
And make a glory of the dust.

She said, "No love shall be like ours—
Life's roadway bright with eternal flowers."
She saw the beauty, the light of it all,
And the terrible, splendid might of it all.

But she did not know of days and nights of weeping,
Heart-breaking absence and slow shadows creeping.

Around her couch to hide love's blazing light
She did not know love has its day—and night;
And she forgot the thorns amid the roses;

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