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## CONFUSION WORSE CONFOUNDED.

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**F**INDING the stick of Anarchy thrust between its legs, and feeling the halter of the Civic Federationized A.F. of L. slung around its neck, the Western Federation of Miners is emitting strange noises. One of these noises is the declaration that “history records that in proportion as revolutions were peaceful their results were enduring,” in other words Force never accompanied an enduring revolution.

Where did the W.F. of M. pick up that “history”?

The overthrow of chattel slavery in the land was done to the tune of the thunder of cannon.—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

The liberation of the Colonies from the feudal grip of the British Crown happened amidst the clash of swords.—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

The downfall of the feudal regime in France was enacted with pike and guns.—Was, perchance, THAT revolution not enduring?

The Romanist theocratic rule in central and northern Europe came down accompanied with a tumult that has received the name of the Thirty Years War.—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

The head of feudalism was cut in England with an axe that sent the head of Charles I rolling into a basket, and his feudal retainers scampering all over Europe.—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

The clerical-military rule of Spain was ended from north of the Rio Grande south to the Straits of Magellan amidst martial music and martial shocks on a hundred fields of battle in Mexico, Carabobo, Junin, and down to the La Plata.—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

The political system of paganism was mowed down North of the Alps and East of Gaul when Charles, named the Great, cut off the heads of 30,000 Saxon “hea-

thens.”—Was THAT revolution not enduring?

Physical force is not a batch of revolution, as Anarchy pretends. Physical force is equally the batch of Reaction and Revolution. Revolutions must first be accomplished in the heads, before the seal can be set upon them. But that seal—Physical Force—has never yet been absent—and hard it is to conceive the day when it will be absent, so long as Class Rule endures.

It is as idiotic to deny the function of Physical Force in Revolutions, as it is to impute to Physical Force sole and creative powers. The latter idiocy is the perverse idiocy of Anarchy; the former is the resistant idiocy that Anarchic idiocy incites.

Only a Tower of Babel confusion in the ranks of the masses can postpone the downfall of Capitalism. Anarchy is true to the definition it has received—“the denial of all reason.” Directly and indirectly it spreads confusion of thought. No wonder the Anarchist is the pet that Capitalism cultivates—the spoiled child of the Capitalist Class, so spoiled that its spoiler at times has to grab and hang him.

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