

# **The Battle Hymn of the Republic (Brought Down to Date)**

Mark Twain

Mine eyes have seen the orgy of the launching of the Sword;  
He is searching out the hoardings where the stranger's wealth is stored;  
He hath loosed his fateful lightnings, and with woe and death has scored;  
HIS LUST IS MARCHING ON.

I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps,  
They have builded him an altar in the Eastern dews and damp;  
I have read his doomful mission by the dim and flaring lamps –  
HIS NIGHT IS MARCHING ON.

I have read his bandit gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:  
“As ye deal with my pretensions, so with you my wrath shall deal;  
Let the faithless son of Freedom crush the patriot with his heel;  
LO, GREED IS MARCHING ON!”

In a sordid slime harmonious, Greed was born in yonder ditch,  
With a longing in his bosom – and for others' goods an itch –  
As Christ died to make men holy, let me die to make us rich –  
OUR GOD IS MARCHING ON!

## **Statutes of “The Black Hand”**

Article 1. This organization has been created with the object of realizing the national ideal: The union of all the Serbs. All Serbs without distinction of sex, religion, place of birth, and all who are sincerely devoted to this cause, may become members.

Article 2. This organization prefers terrorist action to intellectual propaganda and for this reason must be kept absolutely secret from persons who do not belong to it.

Article 3. This organization bears the name “Union or Death.”

Article 4. To accomplish its task, the organization:

1. Brings influence to bear on Government circles, on the various social classes and on the whole social life of the Kingdom of Serbia, regarded as Piedmont.
2. Organizes revolutionary action in all territories inhabited by Serbs.
3. Outside the frontiers of Serbia uses every means available to fight the adversaries of this idea.
4. Maintains amicable relations with all states, peoples, organizations, and individuals who entertain feelings of friendship towards Serbia and the Serbian element.
5. Lends help and support in every way possible to all people and all organizations struggling for their national liberation and for their union.

Article 5. A central Committee having its headquarters at Belgrade is at the head of this organization and exercises executive authority...

Article 25. Members of the organization are not known to each other personally. It is only the members of the Central Committee who are known to one another.

Article 26. In the organization itself the members are known by numbers. Only the Central Committee at Belgrade is to know their names...

Article 31. Anyone who once enters the organization may never withdraw from it...

Article 33. When the Central committee at Belgrade has pronounced penalty of death [on one of the members] the only matter of importance is that the execution take place without fail...



The Black Hand



Archduke Ferdinand





