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"When the oligarchy of 300,000 slave holders for the first time in the annals of the world, dared to inscribe X 'Slavery' on the banner of armed revolt, who on the very spot hardly a century ago the idea of one democratic republic had first sprung up, whence the first declaration of the Rights of Man was issued, and the first impulse given to the European revolution of the eighteenth century, when on that spot the counter-revolution cynically proclaimed property in man to be 'the corner stone of the new edifice'—then the working class of Europe understood at once what the slave-holders' rebellion was to sound the tocsin for a general holy war of property against labor, with their hopes for the future, even their past conquests, were at stake in that tremendous conflict on the other side of the Atlantic."

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