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- 1914 will remain the year of the unforgettable “miracle of the Marne.” And yet “God” has done better as concerns miracles: he made the season of the suckers last four years.
- Why is it always “Lowlifes who declare war” and never “Cretins who agree to fight it?” And even – why not?– “Lowlifes who agree to fight it?”
- Most men prove their love for children by not bringing any to life
- In every slave who consents to his servitude is a potential master. He who willingly obeys those stronger than himself is ready to impose his will on those weaker than him.
- He says “my wife” and I say “my companion.” there is a world of difference between this absolute possessive and this relative possessive. Oh woman, as long as you consent to being *his* woman don’t be surprised by anything that happens to you. By doing this you agree to not be an individual, a person, but a thing possessed a piece of property.

- And the right to property is defined as the right to use and abuse.
- It's because of prolific brutes who amuse themselves by spitting out life that cannons are needed that spit out death.
- Oh proletarian, for so long you have fulfilled your obligations. If only you thought a little about *fulfilling your rights*.
- What determines the "right" of masters is the patience and docility that slaves bring to bearing them.
- The boss loves the "good worker;" the leader loves the "good citizen."
- Phyloxera for its part loves the vine.
- Take on the good habit of not obeying, or not putting up with leaders, of each being his own master and you won't be betrayed, sold out, handed over like a herd of beasts.
- You are wasting your time wanting to reform the taste of pigs. In a forest where spring strawberries grow, you will never prevent them from preferring acorns that rot on the ground.
- He who calls to life a being destined by its heredity to perpetual pain is the worst of criminals.