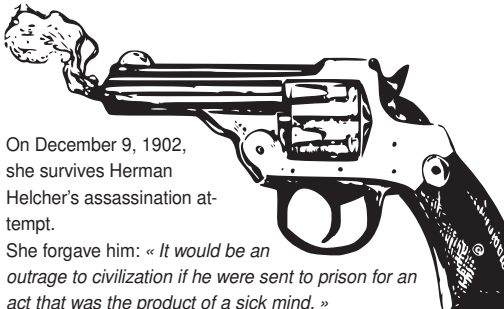


In 1895, in a lecture on « The Sexual Question », she declared to women : « (...) *Because of the prohibition that weighs upon us, its immediate consequences on our daily lives, the incredible mystery of sexuality and the terrible consequences of our ignorance about it.* »


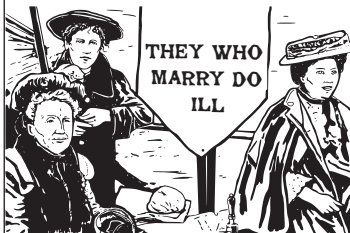
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On December 9, 1902,  
she survives Herman  
Helcher's assassination at-  
tempt.

She forgave him: *« It would be an  
outrage to civilization if he were sent to prison for an  
act that was the product of a sick mind. »*

In her lecture « Marriage is a Bad Deed » in 1907, she asserts :  
*« The marriage contract, imposing a promiscuity of souls and bodies, runs against love. »*



In the spring of 1911, Voltairine de Cleyre regained hope in change. Thanks to Ricardo Flores Magón, « *the most important Mexican anarchist of the time* », according to historian Paul Avrich.

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In her 1912 essay, *Direct Action*, she points out that « *direct action has always been employed and enjoys the historical sanction of the very people who now repudiate it.* » A poet, essayist, feminist pioneer and supporter of anarchism, Voltairine de Cleyre died of septic meningitis in Chicago on June 20, 1912.

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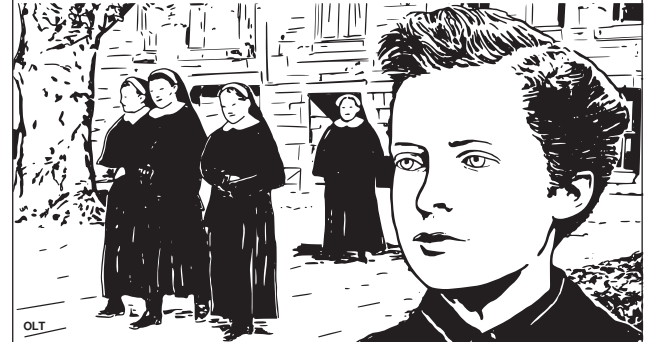


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Born on November 17, 1866, to an American woman and a French man from Lille who emigrated to the United States. He named his daughter Voltairine in honor of Voltaire.



Her parents divorced in 1880, and her father placed her in a convent. Upon her release, Voltairine became involved in the Freethinker movement.




Influenced by the writings of Thomas Payne and Mary Wollstonecraft, she gave lectures and wrote newspaper columns.



Following a bomb attack during the Haymarket Square Riot, on May 1st, 1886, 8 anarchists were wrongly accused of it and four executed on November 11, 1887, causing Voltairine to become an anarchist.





In 1890, her essay *Sexual Slavery* was published. She condemned the beauty queens who encouraged women to distort their bodies, and the educational practices that molded children according to their gender.

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Her son, Harry, was born on June 12, 1890. She never lived with the child's father, James B. Elliott, nor with any of her other lovers.

