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## THE AGE OF HYPOCRISY.

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**O**NE has become so accustomed to the sight of journals, notoriously impure, yet holding the language of 20th Century Catos; of men, notoriously inhuman in their treatment of the workers, yet moralizing on philanthropy; of capitalist parties, proverbially engaged in the work of emptying the workers' dinner-pail, yet setting up the slogan of "A full dinner-pail";—to all this one has become so accustomed, that all such servings of the Devil in God's livery no longer call attention. Nevertheless, dark as darkness may be, there seem to be ever deeper dyes of darkness; and at times the leap is such that the deeper dye calls attention. Such an instance occurred in the city of Haverhill, Mass., on the 19th of this month. The occasion was a reception tendered and testimonial presented to Mr. William H. Moody, the Haverhill citizen newly appointed Secretary of the Navy by President Roosevelt.

Time was when the Socialist principle touching the internationality of the Labor Movement was pooh-poohed by the scurvy crew that presumed to speak for Labor in America. That crew's claim was that America was sufficient unto itself, and with A.P.A.<sup>1</sup> viciousness it tried to make out Socialism to be a foreign affair. Socialism, however, firmly upheld by the Socialist Labor Party, knocked one underpinning after another from under that crew's pretences, the anti-international underpinning among the rest. The Socialist argument was irresistible that the Capitalist Class was an international affair, that it knew no flag but the flag of exploitation, and that it fleeced the workers of all nations with absolute impartiality. Socialism went further and proved that the fate of the Working Class anywhere affected the fate of the Working Class everywhere; that the Governments of the nations to-day were but Committees of the ruling and fleecing class; and that

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<sup>1</sup> {American Protective Association.}

those Governments used the Armies and Navies at their disposal to the express end of subjugating the workers. Hewing close to these lines the Socialist Labor Party raised the word "Socialism" to the power it is to-day, a word to conjure by.

Simultaneously with this change, the scurvy crew of traitors to Labor, above referred to, was seen to yield to the hypocrisy of the age. Having Socialism and the welfare of the workers as little at heart as the papers, men and parties named above have purity, philanthropy of the full dinner-pail at heart, that crew began to spout "Socialism," and "International Socialism," while all the while it worked for Capitalism, until on the 19th of this month it capped the climax at Haverhill.

Of all the force-weapons in the hands of a capitalist Government, the NAVY is preeminently the one intended to draw blood abroad, to draw blood from the proletariat of other lands. It was, accordingly, a capping of the climax when these men—James T. Carey, Parkman B. Flanders and Louis M. Scates, all three Kangaroo Social Democrats, conspicuous for their flannel-mouthed rantings about Socialism, conspicuous for their claim of representing "International Socialism"—figured on the committee that presented a testimonial of respect to the newly appointed Secretary of the Navy, Moody, and took their places on the stage from which the glorification was to be performed of that particular limb of the Capitalist Government whose arm, the Navy, can reach around the globe and carry slaughter into the homes of the most distant Working Class!

What the Kangaroo, alias "Social Democratic," alias "Public Ownership," alias "Socialist" party man is one may think he knew pretty well before this. And yet one did not. The hypocritical fraudulency of the Carey brigade that wraps itself in the mantle of "International Socialism," reached on March 19, in Haverhill, a depth of which even it had not been thought capable.

[N.B.—The Haverhill *Evening Gazette*, of March 20, 1902, containing the full report of the affair, with the names of the Committeemen is in this office for inspection. Nor is that document either a forgery. The S.L.P. does not deal in forgeries. It leaves that for the Kangaroo papers.]

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