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## THE FROGS AND THE BULL.

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**I**T must be matter of amusement, to some, of encouragement, to others, of instruction to all, to watch the frog of the Socialist, alias Social Democratic party straining to look like and to imitate the bull of the Socialist Labor Party.

More than once it has been documentarily shown in these columns that the speakers of the above alias, together with their press, pirate wholesale the literature of the S.L.P. Within the last few months, however, a bunch of instances has occurred that looks like a capping of the climax.

During the campaign, the Social Democratic alias Socialist party of Jamestown, New York, advertised a meeting of theirs in the *Morning Post* of that city, of October 29, as a "Socialist Labor Party rally."—The *Morning Post* of that date is in this office for inspection.

The following month, the Newport News, Va., organization of the same alias concern advertised a rally of their party for November 16 by means of hand-bills, that bore very much at the top and in large type the legend "SOCIALIST LABOR PARTY," and omitted all mention of their own party name.—The document is in this office for inspection.

But there is worse, or funnier, or more instructive, coming. The Chicago *Socialist* of December 5, contains an article lifted "en bloc" from Socialist Labor Party literature; and so reckless, and so brainless was the plagiarist that he copied even the sentence: "The Socialist Labor Party can not afford to waste its energies,"—a sentence with which the S.L.P. article clinched the point of the futility of the "One thing at a time" theory, which, among other beauty-spots, embellishes the grotesque physiognomy of the very so-called Socialist party of which the said Chicago *Socialist* is an organ.—The Chicago *Socialist* of that date is in this office for inspection.

Fourthly, on Sunday, December 20, a unique meeting of the said alias concern was held in this city on the subject of the late A.F. of L. convention, from which the alias concern just came off sadly bedrabbled.

As is well known, the S.L.P. maintains and proves that the Gompers pure and simple organization, whose officers are well termed “scab-herders” by the *American Labor Union Journal*, can not be redeemed by simply “boring from within,” and that to there “bore from within” only is equivalent to lying low and pulling the legs of the fakirs. The S.L.P. has proven that the only effect of “boring from within,” if honestly done, is to land the borers on the outside, thrown there by the fakirs with the aid of the employer class, whose lieutenants the fakirs are. The long and short of the story is that, at the same time that some should continue to firmly “bore from within,” a new and bona fide labor organization must be set up, to lambaste the fakir from without. That is the S.L.P. position, and that is the very position that has earned for the S.L.P. the badge of honor of being called “scab” by the scurvy Socialist, alias Social Democratic party lieutenants of the “scab-herding” A.F. of L. officialdom, which latter, in its turn, is the lieutenant of the capitalist class. And that is the way it had to be: the attitude of the S.L.P. is the attitude of men, too intelligent to be trepanned, too characterful to act as buffers and lieutenants of Gompersdom; on the other hand, the attitude of the alias concern, which, dominated by the *Volkszeitung* that cannot do “peesiness” without subsidy from the fakirs, was typical of that morally, intellectually, and physically spineless set. And now, lo and behold the frogs threatening to do, what?—the very thing that the S.L.P. has done, and is doing, and alone can do because it is not subsidized and, therefore, dominated by any outside concern; accordingly, the very thing which, owing to its frog-constitution, requirements and narrow limitations, the *Volkszeitung* corporation’s crew has no more power to do than the slimy, craven, and silly frog can reach the stature of the well-knit, bold, and powerful bull.—The report of that alias concern’s meeting is found in the *Volkszeitung* of December 21, and is in this office for inspection.

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