

EDITORIAL

THE DEADLY PARALLEL.

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BEING called by Vincent St. John to produce facts to justify, among other things, his mudslinging against Daniel De Leon, Mr. John M. O'Neill puts his foot in deeper. Instead of citing facts, the gentleman cites witnesses' names. Witnesses' names are not facts, any more than affidavits are lobsters. But Mr. O'Neill trips even worse, and falls. Among the list of the Simonses, Hanfords, Waylands—pronounced or secret foes of the I.W.W., who themselves have had nary a fact but billingsgate only against De Leon—whom Mr. O'Neill cites as witnesses to the justice of his conclusion that De Leon is a “traitor” to the I.W.W., the gentleman smuggles in the name of Debs. Now, Debs has, so far, expressed himself only twice upon De Leon and his activity in the I.W.W., and one of these two occasions was in the columns of the *Miners' Magazine* itself; the other was in the columns of another S.P. paper, *The Worker*. We turn below the deadly parallel upon Mr. O'Neill, by quoting his insinuated testimony of Debs parallel with what Debs has actually said.

What John M. O'Neill Insinuates that Debs Said.

Had the editor of the *Miners' Magazine* been a member of the Socialist Labor Party when Simons, Wayland, DEBS, “Mother” Jones and other rational stalwarts in the labor movement were watching De Leon manipulating his wrecking crew, we would have raised our voice upon the floor of the first annual convention and thundered our protest to this amalgamation that smells

What Eugene V. Debs Actually Did Say.

The opposition to the Industrial Workers inspired by personal hatred for Daniel De Leon and the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance is puerile, to say the least. With all that has been said about the latter it has never been charged with being a capitalist annex, and as for De Leon personally, he is not an issue to be considered when choosing between a bona-fide labor union organized for the

to heaven with the stench of decomposition.

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But St. John, since meeting the Dr. Jekyll and Hyde of New York, has lost his sense of gratitude, and looks upon De Leon as the Patriarch of the Labor Movement, and has come to the conclusion that DEBS, Simons, Wayland, "Mother" Jones, Ben Hanford and others, are unable to recognize an honorable man when they see one.—O'Neill in *Miners' Magazine*, Nov. 8, 1906.

benefit of the working class and a bogus labor organization defended by every capitalist paper and supported by every capitalist politician in the land.

De Leon is sound on the question of trades unionism and to that extent, whether I like him or not personally, I am with him.—Debs in *Miners' Magazine*, Oct. 26, '05.

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The fact is that most of the violent opposition of Socialist party members to the I.W.W. is centered upon the head of De Leon and has a purely personal animus, and this attitude is so clearly wrong and so flagrantly at war with justice and common sense as to be not only weak, but pusillanimous and utterly indefensible. De Leon is not the I.W.W. although I must give him credit for being, since its inception, one of its most vigorous and active supporters.—Debs in *The Worker*, July 28, 1906.

The excellence of the parallel is that it requires no comment. Seeking to justify one untruth, Mr. O'Neill has insinuated another. The gentleman stands convicted as a giver of false testimony, as a tamperer with witnesses.

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