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HOMAGE TO THE I.W.W.

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THE *Evening Post* is an ultra capitalist paper. It is the paper that once counseled “the rifle diet” for the Working Class. It is the apologist for all the Trusts of the land. It is an organ of the railroad interests. Pretentious of morality, it never goes beyond the “safe and sane” point of criticism against the class that plunders the workers. As a consequence, the *Evening Post* is thoroughly class-conscious in politics. It is never led astray by appearances. Tho’ capitalists may lead a movement, if the movement threatens the comfort of the Capitalist Class in the slightest, the *Evening Post* will ever be found frenzied against such a movement. It so happens now with regard to Hearst. Nobody better than the *Evening Post* is aware that the capitalist Hearst could not, if he would, and would not, if he could, do aught that may release the capitalist claws from Labor’s vitals. All the same the *Evening Post* is aware that Hearst is a bull in the capitalist china shop, and as such the paper has lined up with all the capitalist criminals whom Hearst is light-heartedly assailing. Now, then, that ultra capitalist paper, anxious for Hearst’s defeat, consoles itself with the prospect of Hughes’s victory, and does so with what words? It says: “Hearst has entirely failed to provide any sort of an organization which can be depended upon to bring out his vote, or SEE THAT IT IS COUNTED WHEN BROUGHT OUT.” These words should be marked well, they occur on the first column of the first page of the Monday, October 29, 1906, issue of the *Evening Post*. Thus it is there stated, offhand, as a matter of course, that the upper, or Hughes Capitalist Class rely upon the election fraud of counting out for the success of their political tickets.

This is no secret; never, however, was the fact so brazenly admitted. The admission is a homage to the wisdom of the Industrial Workers of the World.

The I.W.W. is planted upon the principle that the class struggle, or the

iniquitous reign of the Hughes class, is bound to continue until the Working Class is united upon the political as well as upon the industrial field. This principle involves the declaration that the political movement of Labor is worthless unless it comes equipped with the political power to enforce the fiat of its ballot, and that that physical power consists in the industrially organized Working Class. Accordingly, the I.W.W. is aware of the fact which the *Evening Post* blurts out. The Capitalist Class is in possession of the electoral machinery. The I.W.W. is not so silly as to imagine the Capitalist Class will count in the Revolution.

Both the political and the economic posture of the I.W.W. is the posture of the Socialist Labor Party. Thanks to this posture, a posture that is soundly humane, the Capitalist Class denounces the I.W.W. and the S.L.P. in terms that are unmeasured. The *Evening Post*, by its cool admission that, unless the Hearst machine is able to prevent it, the Hughes machine will count out Hearst, pays a homage to the soundness, the wisdom and the integrity of both the I.W.W. and the S.L.P., incidentally it explains the love and affection of the Civic Federation for the A.F. of L. and the “distinguished consideration” with which the capitalist press treats the political reflex of the A.F. of L.—the Socialist party.

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