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## THE “ABENDBLATT” BOYCOTT.

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**R**EADERS of the DAILY and the WEEKLY PEOPLE have been informed in detail by reports and correspondence, published in these columns, of the warfare which a collection of the Organized Scabbery known as the “United Hebrew Trades” is waging against the Jewish organ of the Socialist Labor Party, the *Abendblatt*. As the fight is on at its hottest just now, this may be the season to take a bird’s eye view of the event. It will repay the time devoted to it. There are not many events that depict as fully as this the solidarity there exists between all that stands outside of the S.L.P. and the S.T. and L.A., on the one side, and the S.L.P. and the S.T. and L.A. on the other.

Arguments innumerable, drawn from facts still more innumerable have been presented to show:

1st: That the pure and simple trades union is, at best, a caricature of small bourgeois society, and has no place in the Labor Movement, proper;

2nd: That, when, on top of that, the pure and simple union falls under the control of the Organized Scabbery, such union is turned into a wheel in the mechanism of capitalist society, and as such is operated exclusively to the injury of the best interests of the working class.

3rd: That “labor” political bodies, that train with the Organized Scabbery, are but parasites on the Organized Scabbery, seeking to share the plunder which the Organized Scabbery levies on the pure and simple rank and file.

As to the first, the fight on the *Abendblatt* started on the ground of the paper having an advertisement of a certain trust tobacco company. This company used certain labor-displacing machinery. The pure and simple mind thereupon acted, at all points, just the way the small trader or small man does; the small trader in such cases gets hot under the collar; next, he declares that “combine” must be fought; and

next, he starts on a career to smash the "combine" believing such to be possible;—and lastly gets badly left. It was just so with these pure and simplers. They did not realize that improved machinery is a social development that makes for civilization and that, consequently, cannot be smashed; they do not realize that the hardships such machinery now inflicts upon them are not features inherent in improved machinery, but are features that result solely from the private system of ownership under which the machine is held. Accordingly, they do not realize that the path for them to pursue is to overthrow that capitalist system by the capture of the public powers, whereby to overthrow capitalism.

The pure and simple Trades Union is, accordingly, a caricature of the small trader: the latter acts class-consciously when he seeks to smash the big fellow; the former tries to imitate the latter, and as such his conduct is hostile to its own class.

As to the second, were these pure and simple bodies officered by honorable and intelligent men, their anger would be directed into the right channel, and thus the day could be drawn nearer when capitalism would be overthrown. But they are officered by the Organized Scabbery, that is to say, men directly or indirectly in the hire of capitalism. Accordingly, the pure and simple bodies in question are seen to move in concert with the small concerns whom the Tobacco Trust hurts, and, seeing that he who is false in one respect must needs be false in all, the Organized Scabbery in the conduct of its fight against the Trust and in the pay of the small men, LEAVE ALONE ALL THE JEWISH CAPITALIST PAPERS WHO HAVE THE TRUSTS' ADVERTISEMENTS AND PICKS OUT AS THE SOLE PAPER WHOM TO FIGHT THE ORGAN OF THE S.L.P. In other words the Organized Scabbery is using the pure and simple unions as food for cannon, in behalf of the whole capitalist class.

Finally, as to the third, the utterly disreputable crew of Jewish Anarchists and Philo-Semites that masquerades as "Socialist" and calls itself Social Democracy, that crowd fastens itself upon the Organized Scabbery as a parasite so as to get some of the blood which the Organized Scabbery sucks up from the rank and file, that "Socialist" crew is siding with the pure and simplers, and upholding their suicidal policy in fighting machinery!

It is often thrown at the S.L.P. that "its hand is raised against everybody." The reason for the charge is to the Party's credit. It stands up against all elements,

without exception, that retard or oppose the cause of the emancipation of the Working Class. Accordingly, the S.L.P. feels a noble exhilaration when it perceives, in this fight against the *Abendblatt*, that all that is corrupt on the East Side recognizes the S.L.P. as an object of danger, and concentrate their efforts against the Party.

No cause ever lost whose foes combined to render it such homage.

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