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GOMPERS'S EGGS A-HATCHING.

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ON the identical day—October 5—on which a Gompers chick was hatched, that is, disclosed to view, in the city of Indianapolis, there was hatched in Chicago a whole brood of the identical Gompers brand.

Which may they be, that they deserve special mention?

The Gompers poultry farm is conducted to the tune of “Capital and Labor are Brothers.” The tune is illustrated by the admission to A.F. of L. conventions of fraternal delegates from the Militia of Christ and other religious organizations. The tune is not lip-service merely. It is a living reality. One of the illustrations of the reality was manifested several years ago by the issuing of an honorary membership card to President Taft by the Chicago Bricklayers’ Union, a body, which though not physically united with Gompers, nevertheless is held together with him by a higher, the spiritual bond of oneness of heartbeats and mentality. Now, then, that Chicago branch of the Gompers poultry farm hatched out on October 5 a resolution bouncing Brother Capitalist Taft from the union for scabbing—certainly an unbrotherly act—scabbing by laying the cornerstone of the Boston Young Men’s Christian Association building with non-union men.

As to the other chick, the one hatched at Indianapolis—

Surely a body so closely connected with the Militia of Christ as the A.F. of L. will not repudiate the wisdom of Holy Writ. In these it is condemned as simple to cry, “Peace, peace, where there is no peace.” It being a fact, which no mottoes to the contrary can affect in the least, that Brother Capital has the singular style of manifesting his fraternity to Brother Labor of habitually pummeling the latter, and that Brother Labor, unaffected by the Christian precept to the contrary, does not turn the left cheek when the right cheek has been buffeted—all this being thus, a state of War exists de facto between the two Brothers. Furthermore, in keeping with the ex-

perience that, where hostilities exist, the same are either conducted rationally or irrationally, and that the rational conduct of hostilities depends primarily upon intelligence, whereas the irrational conduct of hostilities flows from ignorance of the facts in the case,—in keeping with this experience there has burst forth from the Gompersian shell at Indianapolis the fact that one of Gompers's men has been exposed in court as a dynamiter of “goods, property and chattels” of his Brother Capital.

Two such chicks on one day is doing fairly well. The chicks of Gompersism have a useful mission to perform. They serve as exhibits that demonstrate Socialism. May all the other eggs speedily hatch their chicks. The full list of exhibits is badly wanted by the Labor Movement.

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