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THE “PEACE MADE”—WEST AND EAST.

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HE who preaches “harmony” as a means to overcome the evils of the disturbed conditions in the land must be very hard to please if recent events are not enough to please him. Not only are there on an average three propositions a week from the “United Socialists” to harmonize, or unite some more, but the current for harmony that has set in is so strong that the “Labor elements,” connected with these “United Socialists” are harmonizing East and West with the capitalists too.

Here in the East, we have seen the Carnegies, the *Staats-Zeitungs*, the Hearsts, the Wanamakers, the Colers—all of them fresh and flourishing with the spoils of Labor, tumbling over each other in their anxiety to harmonize with Brother Labor, and proving their sincerity by giving to their Brother round sums of money, running all the way from \$250 to \$1,000, and Brother Labor, lamb-like and in the true Christian spirit, forgets all past insults, and accepts and licks its chops. This we are seeing here in the East, but the West evidently does not propose to be behindhand in the harmony swim. Accordingly, out in Montana, we see the “Labor Party” harmonize with the Standard Oil Company, the latter forgetting the necessity it was under only recently to lash its Brother Labor, and Brother Labor likewise forgetting the thrashing it received, and both unite in one harmonious effort to purify the Government of the State and the Nation by protesting against the eating of Senator-elect Clark, on the ground of corruption.

We shall not say that these manifestations are symptoms of the approach of the Messianic Age. Quite so far we shall not go. But we must insist they are significant symptoms of the coming together of those who belong together.

The “United Socialists,” being but a collection of frauds, propped up by the capitalists in the expectation of smashing the dangerous Socialist Labor Party, being animated by mean bourgeois aspirations; being, in fact, but a limb, however nasty a one, yet sure enough a limb of the capitalist regime,—why should these

lackeys of Sir Capitalist not come together with Sir Capitalist and all pool their issues, now that these are endangered by the experience that the dangerous S.L.P. has its roots too deep to be uprooted?

The peace is being made where no real war ever existed but in appearance. Harmony among brigands must bring on harmony among the sufferers. Accordingly, the harmony now going on is a long needed step towards that final harmony that will reign when the reign of brigandage shall have been squelched.

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