

SECOND EDITORIAL

## {MOTHER JONES' INTERVIEW.}

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**T**HE below passage taken from the columns of the *New Yorker Volkszeitung* of the 13th, and purporting to be a portion of an interview recently held by Mother Jones with Hoehn of St. Louis, should not be kept from the English public. This is the passage:

“What do you think of that handshake that took place between Debs and De Leon?”

“Oh, don't mention it!” exclaimed Mother Jones. “I saw Eugene V. Debs holding De Leon's hand. I looked into the open honest face of the man, whose big, good heart beats for the cause of Labor; he meant what he said, said what he meant and did. I then looked at Daniel De Leon. What a contrast! There was the face of an old fox, without the spontaneity and the candor which are so characteristic of Gene. I saw the cunning, eel-like, calculating, heartless man shaking hands with the noble, warmhearted, true man and comrade—Eugene V. Debs. Gene did not then quite grasp the situation. In the broadness of his heart, in his honesty and uprightness he believed he held in his own a hand like his. He has since found out his error.”

[N.B.—Mother Jones was not present at that “handshake.” It took place in Sherman's private office; only Sherman was present; and he then withdrew leaving Debs and De Leon alone.]

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