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## YIELDINGS ON THE DANCING FLOOR NO VIRTUE ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE.

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I.

“**T**HE Socialist party can not be neutral on the union question. It is compelled to declare itself by the logic of evolution, and as a revolutionary party it can not commit itself to the principles of reactionary unionism. Not only must the Socialist party declare itself in favor of economic unionism, but the kind of unionism which alone can complement the revolutionary action of the workers on the political field.”—Eugene V. Debs in the February, 1912, *International Socialist Review*.

II.

“In the face of the economic and political aggressions of the capitalist class the only reliance left to the workers is that of their economic organizations and their political power. By the intelligent and class conscious use of these they may resist successfully the capitalist class, break the fetters of wage slavery and fit themselves for future society, which is to displace the capitalist system. The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage earners, the working farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the toilers of the fields as well as those in the shops, factories, and mines of the nation in their struggles for economic justice.”—Platform adopted by the Socialist party in national convention assembled at Indianapolis, May, 1912, published in *Chicago Daily Socialist*, May 18, 1912.

III.

Socialist party nominee for President:  
EUGENE V. DEBS.

“Allow me to congratulate the convention heartily upon the efficient manner in which the delegates performed their arduous labor and splendid success of their deliberations.”—Eugene V. Debs’ letter of acceptance of nomination for president, addressed to secretary of the convention, and published in *New York Call*, May 20, 1912.

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Mr. Debs, unquestionably, has the right to say what he pleases, to think as he pleases, to act as he pleases. None will more zealously protect him in that right than the Socialist Labor Party and its national organ the *Daily People*,—if for no other reason than that the *Daily People* claims the same freedom to think and to say that the posture of Inconsistency and “Accomodativeness,” becoming to, and legitimate enough as it is with the figureheads of a social system in existence, hence, social system at rest, is unbecoming to and illegitimate with the standard-bearer of a standard that assumes to carry the inscription “Socialism,” a revolutionary, hence, a Movement in motion.

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