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Our Indians, Again.

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He who could picture to himself an Indian standing on the beach of the island of Guanahani at early dawn of the memorable day of Oct. 12, 1492, gazing in wonderment at the spectacle of the prow of Columbus' ship heaving in sight; and he who could further imagine the "report," that such an Indian must have started inland to deliver on the sight he saw, may appreciate the frame of mind some capitalist papers, located in nooks and corners of the land, are apt to be thrown into when they hear the first Socialist Labor party speech, and the sort of "report" they are apt to make on what they heard to their fellow Indian readers. The similarity of the two sets of reports can not fail to strike him who reads the reports in the Atlanta, Ga., *Constitution and Journal* on the speech delivered by Comrade S.M. White in their city, preparatory to organizing a Section of the S.L.P.

One of them observes that "the Socialist Labor party is a political organization;" the other says that "the real object of the party is to unite the laboring classes of the world for mutual protection." Besides these luminous observations, one can pick out the following: "The Socialists propose to rule whole countries by their vote;" "the Socialist platform is founded on a broad scale of Socialism;" "Socialists demand that the country own the whole output of precious metals," etc.

The Guanahani Indian in question, who never had seen any but the timid, coasting crafts of his own tribe, beholding for the first time in his life the bold cruisers from Europe, and the Atlanta, Ga., editor, unacquainted with any political or social questions other than the trite and dull ones of bourgeois thought, suddenly hearing the notes of a political and social movement as superior to those he was familiar with as Columbus' ship was to the Indian's dug-out, are both species of one genus; relatively their intellects are on the same level; nor is it unlikely that the fate of the one but forecasts the fate of the other.

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