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## SCREENING THE BLEEDERS OF THE WORKERS.

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**W**OULD that every workingman had leisure to read and ponder over the squibs and articles that the press of the Social Democratic, alias “Socialist” party is publishing anent the Murphy, Parks and other labor fakir revelations that are being made! These articles and squibs furnish proof positive of the scurvy bonds that bind the scurvy pack,—fakirs and Social Democrats.

The malfeasances of Murphy, Parks, etc., have been set out in detail. The substance of it is that these gentlemen played fast and loose with the welfare of their rank and file. According as the prurient maggot of corrupt desires bit the gentlemen, their rank and file was thrown out of work or ordered back. Strikes thus ordered, or “settled,” or threatened was the trade of the gentlemen, and the rank and file figured but as cattle that were led to and from the shambles to be skinned by capitalist employers, or to be slaughtered by the fakirs. Such was the substance of the Murphy-Parks “labor leadership,” and such continues to be the substance of all labor fakir leadership. Of course, in the process of the manoeuvre the capitalist is blackmailed, but the blackmailing of him is but an incident—without the rank and file of the workingmen to operate with, no such blackmailing were possible; of course, the capitalist is made to pay by the nose, but he could not be thus bled without the rank and file of the workingmen being bled by every pore. Not a dollar blackmailed from the capitalist but represents hundreds of dollars worth of the marrow of the working class, squeezed out of them by the enforced idleness they are thrown into through these bogus strikes, ordered by the fakir, or upon the strength of which in the past the fakir can blackmail the capitalist in the present. It may be literally said that the moneys blackmailed from the employer are the gathered

drops of blood that the rank and file are and have been made to shed in bogus strikes.

Now, then, in view of this fact, what does this bogus “Socialist” party press do? Does it utilize the opportunity to open the eyes of the rank and file on the way they are treated? Not that press! IT SEEKS TO CONCEAL THE FACT FROM THE RANK AND FILE. The Erie *People* seeks to underscore the fact that it is the capitalist who was bled and not the rank and file; the *Volkszeitung* and its English poodle *The Worker* try to make out the whole thing to be merely a political manoeuvre of the District Attorney; the Chicago *Socialist* follows suit—and so on all along the line. The extraordinary opportunity afforded by the Murphy-Parks revelations to urge the rank and file to organize their bodies in such a way that their officers shall wield less despotic powers, and to look more closely into the strikes that they are periodically hurled into—all that is given the go-by. Of course! Any other policy would impair the “peesiness” of these privately owned papers, that hold their party by the throat, and whose profits come from these fakirs and defaulting union officers.

Unless that bogus party press is soon bought up in job lots, the day may yet come when the bare name of Socialism, that to-day they are desecrating, will rise on the stomach of the working class and of every decent person.

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