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## THE ROOSEVELT STORM.

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**A** LITTLE over two years ago, commenting upon the manner in which the Republican national convention was run, how Taft was dictated from Washington and even the platform to be adopted was huckstered on the streets of Chicago in advance even of the appointment of the Committee on Resolutions, all cut and dried and every step at the behest of Roosevelt, the *Daily People* of July 19, 1908 (*Weekly*, 27th), had an editorial entitled “Across Lots to Mexico” in which this passage occurred:

“This is traveling across lots to Mexico.

“Mexican is the style of the President dictating his successor. The first nominee for the presidency, dictated from the White House, is the Republican nominee for President in the year 1908.

“Mexican is the style of not caring even for appearances. Diaz orders—the rest obey.

“We are traveling fast.”

A little over twice twelve months has passed, and, now, Republicans by the scores are trooping into the Democratic party for fear of “Roosevelt in 1912,” and the *New York Sun*, which only twice twelve months ago gloried over the fruits of that Mexicanized convention, now, on the first of this month, whines in its leading editorial, the following whine:

“If Mr. Roosevelt wins in 1910 and later in 1912, who shall say that it will not be within his power to play in this country the role of Porfirio Diaz?”

Little does the Socialist care for the tribulations that assail Capital. That its sowing of the wind should bestow a harvest of whirlwind upon itself is of no real interest to the masses. What the Roosevelt storm does for the Socialist is to lighten

with its lightning flashes the path that the Socialist is imperatively bid to tread.

That path is—UNITY OF SOCIALIST FORCES.

What prevents the Unity?

The Unity is prevented by an ignominious leadership in the Socialist party, which leadership finds its account in keeping the Socialist element of their rank and file divorced from the Socialist Labor Party element. The Chicago S.P. paper, *The Provoker*, is exposing documentarily the rank and ramified corruption of the S.P. leaders in that city. The S.P. State Committee of Missouri has at last felt compelled to declare the utter corruption of the S.P. organization of St. Louis. In this city the *Daily People*, which first exposed S.P. felonies in those places, has again and again exposed the corruption and betrayal of Labor by the S.P. organs, the *Volkszeitung* and the Philadelphia *Tageblatt*. The fraud rampant, practised by the controlling elements in the S.P. could not be practised but for the circumstance that not a few are the honestly Socialist elements in that party who still fatuously believe they can purify their concern, and thus remain loyal to it thereby enabling its leadership to masquerade as Socialists.

Upon the eyes of this honest element the Roosevelt storm should break with a special mission. Can the oncoming Diazship in America be stemmed by divided Socialist forces? Is it not obvious that, so far from stemming the dire visitation, the visitation is promoted by the fact that the control of a portion of the Socialist elements in the land is in the hands of men to whom the guilty St. Louis fusionists with capitalists, and receivers of capitalist pay for such betrayal of Socialism, are confidently looking for “vindication”?

With a candidate for Governor in New York whose twaddly speeches against “railroad graft” can not be distinguished from Democratic speeches; with a Milwaukee municipal administration whose first care was to raise the interest on city bonds in the interest of the money-lending bankers’ class; with hired spokesmen everywhere anxious but for one thing—not to “quarrel with their pay”; with such a leadership in the saddle, what does the so-called Socialist party do but help dig out the brains of the masses, and thereby render them all the more passive for the Diazship? and what mission do the Socialist elements in that party fill other than the mission of adding inches to the corrupt misleaders?

With fraudulent figures of their membership, with juggled election returns, with lying declamations against the S.L.P., that leadership maintained at Copenhagen that there WAS Unity in America. In other words, they do not want Unity—they fear it—and well they may. The day there is Unity their occupation would be gone. All the greater the reason for the Socialists to unite.

Critical is the season, critical the hour. How critical may be judged from the *Sun* whine.

Socialists, unite! As a first step in that direction—unite on election day under the banner of the Socialist Labor Party. Vote its ticket straight, in New York, in New Jersey, in Connecticut, in Indiana, in Wisconsin, in Missouri, in Ohio, in Texas, in Massachusetts, in Illinois, in Minnesota, in Washington,—and everywhere else where the banner of Anti-Diaz, the unsullied banner of the Social Revolution, is found raised.

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