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GRIPPED BY SOCIALISM.

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WITH a robustious egotism, or a hogshead of boorish stupidity, or a goodly supply of “intellectual” ignorance—we know not which and care less—Theodore Roosevelt, the Progressive presidential candidate, peels his teeth and declares:

“We are advocating the correction of Socialism.”

The story is told that, during the American Revolution, at the time that the forces under Washington were “observing” the Hessian troops who marauded under a British Colonel the fields of New Jersey, the Colonel in question was one evening disturbed in his repose in his tent by one of his Hessian troopers who was shouting at the top of his voice:

“Colonel, Colonel, I have captured 15 Yanks! Colonel, I got them!”

“Fetch ’em in!” shouted the Colonel back. “Fetch ’em in!”

“They won’t let me!” was the Hessian’s distressed reply. “They are carrying me off.”

Roosevelt, or Rooseveltism, as “the correction of Socialism,” and the announcement made by Roosevelt, himself, suggest the suspicion that Theodore Roosevelt is a lineal descendant of the Hessian in the story.

The troopers, among whom our Hessian was one, were shortly after walloped by Washington. Who knows how near the day when the Socialism, that Roosevelt is “a correction” of, will wallop the gentleman!

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