

DAILY PEOPLE

VOL. 12, NO. 262.

NEW YORK, MONDAY, MARCH 18, 1912.

ONE CENT.

EDITORIAL

DISARM HATREDS!

By DANIEL DE LEON

WITH the true nobility and intellectual integrity of his character, whereof he recently gave a signal example by retracting the sweeping charges he had made against the German Social Democratic movement as a pure and simple “votes and dues gathering machine,” Gustave Herve, hitherto considered a bull-in-a-china-shop and constitutional firebrand, appears in his *Guerre Sociale* for February 28-March 5, in the character of peacemaker between the extremists among the Syndicalists and the French Socialist party.

Emphatically taking his stand against “those Anarchists who violate the Unions’ principle of political neutrality with constant, vicious and outrageous attacks against the Party”; recognizing that the least that the Party could do is to defend and protect itself against such Anarchist assaults; evidently realizing the difference between the “Anarchists” whose “Anarchy” consists in the repudiation of pure and simple politicianism, and the breed of professionals or insensates who preach blood and thunder, “sabotage” and the rest of the catalogue of “Direct Action” which he has parted company with; reprimanding both the political “doctrinaires,” who “spend their time eating up Anarchy,” and the “Anarchist doctrinaires in the Confederation Generale du Travail, who breakfast every morning upon a Socialist”; Herve, in the tenor of the Horatian ode that called upon the Romans to lay down their fratricidal arms, calls out:

“Are we tell me, so mightily strong and so mightily numerous that we may indulge the sport of mutually tearing up one another, under the eyes of a mass of people for whom Syndicalism and Socialism are but two words, expressive of the identical popular aspirations after the collective ownership of the instruments of production and exchange!”; and he closes with the declaration:

“More than ever, we are for the disarmament of hatreds!”

May the Haywoods in America hear the declaration and hearken to the summons.

Transcribed and edited by Robert Bills for the official website of the Socialist Labor Party of America.
Uploaded March 2013

slpns@slp.org