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## KATZ AGAINST THE FIELD.

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**T**HE three parties that contest the Congress seat in the Seventh District of New Jersey with Rudolph Katz, the candidate of the Socialist Labor Party, have now set up their standard-bearers. Separately and jointly the three—Taftites; Rooseveltites and Imitation-Rooseveltites who sport the title of “Socialist party”—present a contrast that should return Katz at the head of the polls, out of sight of the nearest second.

That the municipal rulers of Paterson are aware of the danger is shown by their efforts to prevent the S.L.P. printed word from reaching the eyes, and the spoken S.L.P. word from reaching the ears of the wage slaves, and of the intelligent voters, generally.

The Democratic standard-bearer, Robert Bremner, must have secured his nomination when the head of his ticket, Woodrow Wilson, was taking a nap. The Woodrow Wilson who realized that the re-nomination of Murphy-Tammanyized Dix for Governor of New York would be a bizarre sight, and who, so realizing, stuck a spoke into the wheel of the Dix-Murphy chariot, causing the same to trip and spill the ill-scented Dix,—that Woodrow Wilson can hardly be supposed to have been awake when the supporter for the United States Senate of Jim Smith, the still more malodorous “Jim,” the James Smith, Jr., who, when a United States Senator, was known as the “Sugar Trust Senator,” captured the nomination for Congress. Woodrow Wilson fought the nomination of James Smith, Jr., for the United States Senate as an indecent nomination, and succeeded in keeping “Jim” out. Can the supporter of that same nomination be more decent, or more acceptable? Candidate for Congress Robert Bremner’s platform can be read in his advocacy of the nomination of Jim Smith for the Senate—the Jim Smith whose Newark organ, the *Star*, worked hand in glove with the Socialist party of that Congress District to smash the

strike of the I.W.W. silk weavers by advocating the placing of the strike into the hands of the Anarchist Haywood who is on the S.P. National Executive Committee.

The Republican standard-bearer, Albin Smith, came to his nomination by rights. As a true representative of Taft, who strains after an oligarchy, Albin Smith's proudest distinction is that he had a grandfather. That the Paterson voters of the District are not particularly stuck upon ancestry this identical Albin has had occasion to find out. He twice solicited the office for Mayor; and twice he was given the cold shoulder at the hustings. His successful opponents were, surely, nothing to brag about. All the same, his Grandfatherhood Albin Smith did not "take."

The Bull Moose candidate, Henry Morelli, may be an ideal character for Bullmoosia. Of that there is little doubt. He was twice tried and found wanting by the plunderers of the Working Class. Twice elected to the New Jersey Assembly, by voice and vote he riveted upon the limbs of the New Jersey proletariat the shackles of wage slavery whereby, non-partisanly, the Democratic, as well as the Republican, capitalists could live upon the sweat of the brow of the wage-slave class.

Finally, we come to the illustrious John Luthringer, the candidate of the Socialist party. He is closely related to both the Democratic and Roosevelt candidates. As stated above, Luthringer's party acted the lackey for Jim Smith in his attempt to sandbag the Passaic I.W.W. strike, and this Jim is the beau ideal of the Democratic candidate Bremner; while the Bull Moose candidate, being a Bull Mooser, indicates the close affinity of Bullmoosia to Kangaroosia, alias S.P., by the numerous planks that their platforms have in common.

Against such a set of worthies stands Rudolph Katz; in his hands is the S.L.P. standard; under his feet is the S.L.P. platform—a platform from which not one plank is stealable by any party of capitalism; a standard that, unsullied, symbolizes the emancipation of the proletariat; a standard that, unterrified, points the path to that goal.

Rudolph Katz against the field! against all the other shades of anti and bogus Socialism!

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