

EDITORIAL

BOURGEOIS DUCKS IN THUNDER.

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THE Hon. Newell Sanders, the Junior Senator from Tennessee, places, so to say, the “dots on the i’s” and “bars the t’s” of the fact that a lot of bourgeois are acting like ducks in the thunder thundered by the Bull Mooser. Senator Sanders does it with the memorial of the National Anti-Third Term League that he presented in the Senate of the United States.

When Fort Sumter was fired upon, the loyal people of Northern States may be said to have divided into two sets—one set opined that the Civil War could be conjured away with constitutional amendments, and quite a number of these sprang up—the other set buckled down to practical work, they flew to arms and stamped out the conflagration of the Rebellion.

The activities of the Bull Mooser is similarly dividing our people—while, upon some, the Bull Mooser effect is to cause them to buckle down to resist imperialistic capitalism as emphatically as they resist any form of capitalism; upon others Bull Mooserism has the effect of causing them to become superstitious. This latter element imagine amendments to the constitution will stem the flood of dictatorships. A favorite constitutional amendment is to enact a provision against the “third term.”

As floods will mind no incantations, but will drive their way on through any wall of incantations; as no incantation can stem the devastating march of the hurricane; as no tin-can noise can check an eclipse;—neither will “constitutional enactments{”} turn revolutions aside. Bull Moosism is the symptom of a revolution. It is a revolution backward, to be sure, yet a revolution. Only Revolution can meet and measure itself with Revolution. The capitalist dictator is bound to be enthroned unless his path is blocked by the Industrial or Socialist Republic.

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