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EDITORIAL

COMPANION PIECES.

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FROM a Lawrence striker a letter was received from which the following is a passage:

“I have been reading the *Weekly People* for the last few weeks and saw from the report of the Paterson silk workers strike that they are led with great success by an I.W.W. that does not like the methods of the I.W.W. of Haywood and Thompson, and that T. and H. fight the Paterson I.W.W. but have no success to show there. When Thompson returned from Paterson, this is what I wanted to let you know, he made a speech to us that he had been in Paterson where he spoke to the biggest meeting ever held in Paterson, and he said: ‘Do you know that we made the manufacturers sign up next day? Big Bill Haywood is going there and he will sweep everything before him.’”

This is picture No. 1. Now to picture No. 2:

At the Haywood March 7 meeting in Paterson,—after the lie was given him from the audience and the hisses that greeted his repetition of the manufacturers’ vilifications of Rudolph Katz, the leader of the strike, compelled him to drop that line of argument “as a live coal,” and he took up the Lawrence strike—Haywood said: “They call us Anarchists! Look at that grand man, James P. Thompson! They have just slugged him! He was attacked and beaten by capitalist thugs! Who is the Anarchist!”

The two pictures are “companion.”

Thompson, who did come to Paterson, but did not address any meeting whatever; and who, after a day or two of looking over the field and finding it unpropitious for sabotage, or other artifices of Anarchy, the I.W.W. being too well in control of the situation, slunk away; Thompson, who and whose set had as much to do with the signing-ups by the manufacturers as the man in the moon; and who then re-

turns to Lawrence and boasts of imaginary meetings and imaginary victories won by him;—that Thompson toots the horns for Haywood.

Haywood, the man who tried his tricks upon, and was turned down in Paterson, in turn, toots the horns for Thompson by representing the man as a victim of “capitalist thugs” when in fact the men who thrashed him were strikers, whose names and grievance Thompson cares not to make public for reasons best known to himself.

Thus “you tickle me, I tickle you,” and the attempt to fill up the working people with whisky-like false information, is the Haywood-Thompsonian standard—a standard that is being given a wide berth to by the Labor Movement, witness the gentry’s failure in New Jersey to attract to themselves the American and industrious working class.

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