

EDITORIAL

## THE ARREST OF HAYWOOD.

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**I**T is not quite a month ago that Theodore Roosevelt delivered his first campaign speech in Massachusetts. The speech was delivered on the Boston Common. A passage of the speech was devoted to dragging the legislative department of existing government through the mire, and proportionally extolling the executive. Every sentence of that passage was, accordingly, a stroke of the axe of Anarchy layed to the root of Order.

Within a month, in the identical State of Massachusetts, in the identical city of Boston, and on the identical Common, William D. Haywood urged a nationwide General Strike for the 30th of this month in the event of Ettore and Giovannetti not being set free by that date; urged, accordingly, a revolutionary act, the revolutionary instrument for which—a well organized, self-disciplined, class-conscious and self-respecting mass organization—is conspicuous by its absence. Every sentence in the speech was, accordingly, a stroke of the axe of Dictatorship laid at the root of democratic Government.

Have, then, Roosevelt and Haywood changed roles—the dictatorial Big Stick become Anarchist, the disorderly Anarchist become Dictator?

No. They have preserved their respective roles—only, the logic of events has betrayed the close affinity of the two.

It is hard to tell where Dictatorship ends and Anarchy begins; or, inversely, where Anarchy ends and Dictatorship starts. The witch's caldron from which the two emerge, the ingredients that go to their composition are the same.

Dictatorship is a socio-political system of two “houses”—the Dictator and the Mob, termed, in that instance, “the People.” Anarchy is a socio-political system also of two “Houses”—the Mob, termed, in this instance, “the Working Class,” and the “Husky Leader.” As no Dictator is possible without a mob degeneracy of social sedi-

ment, neither is Anarchy conceivable without the Husky Leader at its top. Dictatorship and Anarchy are the identical thing, only, viewed from different angles.

The arrest of Haywood and the being at large of Roosevelt lies an oddity of the season—an oddity that illustrates the monstrosity of the hour—a monstrosity that it is the task of the Socialist or Labor Movement to wipe out.

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