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TURNING SOCIALISM INTO GREEN-GOODS.

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UPON the heels of the Socialist party's conventions' adopting a "backward races" resolution to the tune of the "hordes of Asia and Europe"; upon the heels of the subsequent affront to Socialism consisting in the nomination of the leading "backward racer" Morris Hillquit for Congress in the 9th Congressional District; upon the heels of the conviction of the said Hillquit as acceptor of political pap from the Republican machine in this county;—upon the heels of this succession of felonious deeds against the Working Class and Socialism—upon the heels of that comes the, so far, crowning felony of all.

The *New York Evening Call* publishes the advertisement of a swindling "get-rich-quick" Chicago concern which holds out the prospect of \$720 in return for a \$30 investment, and which urges the readers to "break away from wage slavery" by investing.

The circumstance that the swindle concern gives the *Chicago Daily Socialist* as its chief reference, and that the "green-goods" advertisement is published without the due castigation by *The Call*, which claims to be an organ of Socialism for the emancipation of the working class, clinches the infamy.

What need is there of Socialism, or of a party to introduce it, if economic conditions are such that, with a \$30 "investment," \$720 can be pulled out in short order?

A Socialist party which can tolerate such "organs" differs in no essential particular from the Democratic and Republican parties. These old parties have long been run in the interests of their officers, and the means adopted have been to bamboozle and fleece the proletariat. Ditto, ditto the Socialist party of to-day. It knows the workers have become weary of the old parties; it now adopts the name of

Socialism under which to practice the identical social felony upon the workers which is becoming played out with the old political hacks.

No wonder the Republican county machine subsidizes a Hillquit.

No wonder the rifle-diet-to-the-workers, the *Evening Post* boosts the Hillquit campaign.

No wonder the millions of millionaires are rattled off as the chief attraction of Socialist party rallies in this city.

No wonder these gentry, in chorus with the capitalist press, scornfully refer to Preston as “the man Preston” and as a “convict.”

No wonder they have the love and affection of the whole capitalist press, which loves to designate them the “sane” Socialists, as against the “insane” Socialist Labor Party.

Such a pack is a disgrace to Socialism; it is the present real danger to Socialism, that must be scourged out of the Temple of the International Labor Movement—and will be.

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