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IN ONE ANOTHER'S HAIR.

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B EFORE the spokesmen and upholders of capitalist society had gained the point which they seemed bent upon, to wit, to lash the masses into a mob fury and physically wreck the Socialist Labor Party with the preposterous charge that Czolgosz was a product of Socialism, these gentlemen have fallen out among themselves. While the Jingo, suppressing the fact that Czolgosz is a native, has been letting out the A.P.A.¹ claw, the September 12 issue of the Pittsburg *Observer*, an organ of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, turns with correct instinct upon its A.P.A. assailants, and fires this absurd squib against them:

"The assassin of the President is a product of our public schools."

Interesting it will be to watch the A.P.A. capitalist in a clapper-claw with the Catholic capitalist, and see how these two gentlemen, who exploit with equal gusto the Protestant and the Catholic workingman, pull out one another's hair in their "Christian" and "patriotic" endeavor to undersell and, thereby, commercially cut one another's throat.

But interesting as the sight may be, most interesting is the sermon it preaches.

It is a canon of Providence that wrong-doers shall not hold long together. They are bound to scatter, and turn their swords against one another. That crime against Morals as well as against Intelligence, named Capitalism, can not long hold its own upholders in a bond of unity. The spirit of rapine that Capitalism breeds, breeds also the destruction of all coalition between its apostles. The immorality of exploiting the working class deadens all sense of morality among those who either preach or practice Capitalism: good faith can not long last among such gentry; the stupidity of keeping mankind chained down to the poverty and distress-breeding system of Capitalism deadens the intellect of those engaged in promoting such infamy: such gentry can not long preserve sense enough to hang together as their

¹ [American Protective Association]

only means possible of success, if success is at all possible. It follows, as night follows day, that they soon must fall out. They have fallen out. The Catholic capitalist fleecer of Catholic and other workingmen now denounces the Public Schools{,} that "Palladium" of the Protestant fleecer of Protestant and other workingmen, and vice versa, and they mutually institute Czolgosz to each other.

Inscrutable are the ways of Providence. It always blasts with dissensions the powers of Evil.

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