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## LIGHT BREAKING FROM ANOTHER QUARTER.

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**A**NSWERING a Pittsburg, Pa., correspondent, the *Brauer-Zeitung*, organ of the United Brewery Workmen of the United States, says in its issue of the 10th instant:

—Man, you're mistaken. Morris Brown{,} the man who has, according to the New York *Volkszeitung*, demanded that the charter of the U.B.W. be revoked, cannot be the Socialist Brown who was leader of the lost strike of cigar makers three years ago. No, it can't be. How did the M. Brown praise the brewery workers then for their liberal response on the appeal for striking cigarmakers, what nice letters must yet be on file in the office of the Brewers' Union No. 2 of Newark, written by M. Brown, because the members of said local paid 25 cents every week assessments for the strikers. What ingratitude, if the Morris Brown you refer to, and the one I know, be one and the same. You refer to M. Barnes' report on investigation conducted by him after the strike was lost, and make the assertion that the leaders of that strike did not suffer any want. I don't know. If you know more about it let me know. I remember that at the Detroit convention of the U.B.W. a certain M. Brown was ordered to send a certain dispatch, and the contents of the latter were again wired to the New York *Volkszeitung* to arouse sensation, because John O'Connell had made an accusation before a committee that three individuals, one of them a certain Morris Brown, tried to get John O'Connell into gaol for being connected with the Stephenson Brewing Company explosion. In the telegram, made by order, this Morris Brown denied the charges. I myself wired back same telegram to New York *Volkszeitung*. It is reasonable to assume that he was the same Brown who now vilifies the brewery workers so ardently. I am not sure. That the Cigarmakers' Union of New York city did not respond last year to the appeal for aid made by the brewery workers is very true, we are used to such treatment; but when they again are in need, and the brewery workers{' } union's charter revoked by the A.F. of L. at the behest of the same people who had three years ago so much love for the solidarity of the brewery workers; we will be again where class-conscious proletarians always are, on the side of the workers, and not of the capitalists, as a certain Morris Brown now is. If you're right that he is a member of the—as you term it—Kangaroo party, I confess I am one, too, but beware if I would like to be a bed-fellow of him in one party. Your arguments in

favor of the S.T. and L.A. sound well, still I am not as yet convinced. Let me have evidence to your assertions for my own use, and if you're right I'll challenge this Morris Brown without need to be an S.L.P. member.

This article from the *Brauer-Zeitung* is a living page from the seething movement named the "Labor Movement." It is a document that should be preserved. So as to appreciate it at its full value, it must be read by the light thrown upon it by the following candles:

CANDLE NO. 1.—The United Brewery Workers' Union is as yet affiliated with the A.F. of L., consequently is a sister organization of the Cigarmakers' Union.

CANDLE NO. 2.—The said M. Brown, alias Barnar, besides being a member of the Cigarmakers' Union, is a beneficiary of the same as a permanent job-holder.

CANDLE NO. 3.—Besides being a beneficiary of the said Cigarmakers' Union as a permanent job-holder, the said M. Brown, alias, etc., is also a beneficiary of the Union when its labor fakirs go on their periodical war-paths, called by them "strikes." An instance in point was the cigarmakers' strike of 1900. In the financial statement issued by the "Joint Advisory Board of the Cigarmakers' Unions of New York and vicinity" relating to that strike, the said M. Brown figures on page 29, and on the re-capitulation on page 30, as having received the sum of \$106.51 for "attending shop meetings and soliciting funds."

CANDLE NO. 4.—The said amount of \$106.51, pocketed by the said M. Brown for "attending shop meetings and soliciting funds," was so pocketed for soliciting, etc., "from March 17, 1900, to November 24, 1900," as is expressly stated on page 29 of the said "Official Statement." Now, then, as subsequently proven and admitted, the strike was known to be lost in May of 1900. In other words, six months after the strike was known to be lost by the officers, pickets, solicitors of funds, etc., etc., they were still collecting and soliciting and getting paid for their "work."

CANDLE NO. 5.—The Socialist Labor Party, through its organ THE PEOPLE and its speakers warned the Working Class in May, 1900, and all along thereafter, that they were being plundered under the pretext of "supporting a strike," whereas the only beneficiaries were the officers, "collectors," etc.

CANDLE NO. 6.—The said M. Brown, as a member of the Social Democratic,

elsewhere sailing under the colors of “Socialist” party, together with the *Volkszeitung*, its English poodle the *Worker*, and the whole pack of these scabby deceivers and plunderers of the working class, raised the hue and cry against the Socialist Labor Party, denounced the Party as “scabs,” and otherwise slandered the Party for thus seeking to enlighten their dupes and interfering with their “peesiness.”

CANDLE NO. 7.—The *Brauer-Zeitung*, hitherto deaf and blind to the admonitions of the Socialist Labor Party, figured among the dupes of the Browns, the Gomperses, et al., whom now it justly and at last recognizes and pronounces as being “on the side of the capitalist class.”

CANDLE NO. 8.—The Socialist Labor Party, steering its course by the principle that Truth and Sense are bound to prevail; that the Cause of the Working Class, the Socialist Movement, is too noble and sacred a thing for chicanery and double-dealing; and that the solidarity of the Working Class can be attained only along the path that gives no quarter to the Labor Fakir, has cared in the past, as little as it does now, how numerous the enemies be that its unflinching policy may raise against, or how thick the volumes of defamation that these may pour upon it.

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As the sun is itself the attraction of the vapors that thicken into black clouds, and is itself the cause that these clouds melt away again and drop out of sight into rain leaving clear the azure sky, so the Socialist Labor Party.

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