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ARRUM-IN-ARRUM.

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“**T**AKE not politics in America serious,” said Andrew Carnegie, the enfant terrible of capitalism, to his English friends a few years ago, “after election, the politicians shake hands and laugh.” Like enfants terribles, Carnegie blurted out the truth, how great a truth appears from a “luncheon” given in London last week.

The host was no less a personage than the American Ambassador Joseph H. Choate, and his guest none other than William Jennings Bryan.

Ye Gods! But yesterday, and no word was too foul, no charge too severe hurled by Mr. Bryan in person and from his camp in general at the camp from which Mr. Choate is an appointee and foreign representative. And as to Mr. Choate and his set what all did they not say of Mr. Bryan personally! The air was formally black with imprecations of dishonesty, treachery, anarchy. And now, like two huckle-berries on a bush they are seen cuddling together at a banquet table, posing arrum-in-arrum under the international limelight!

Let none be deceived. The sight is not a theme for satirical comments on the jewel nature of consistency. The performance is utterly consistent. With black-board and mathematical precision did the Socialist Labor Party during the Bryan campaigns demonstrate the fundamental oneness of Bryanism and McKinleyism—two different words for one idea, two different heart-throbs for one thought—a system of society based upon the plunder of the working class. Plunderers may temporarily fall out, or seem to, at bottom they are arrum-in-arrum.

Ambassador Choate’s “luncheon” to Bryan is the latest supplement to the S.L.P. demonstration.

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