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## “HALUNKES” AND “SCHUFTEs.”

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Big kang and little kang—  
Who'd train with such a gang?  
Scabs, who scabs' praises sang—  
Skum of the dirty.  
Minus both soul and sense,  
Unmasked their vile intents,  
They look like thirty cents  
(Judas coins, thirty!)  
—Straight Boy, London, Eng.

**A** SHIP in distress, casting overboard its most valuable articles so that it may keep afloat; a thief, hotly pursued and flinging about ejaculations of “Stop thief!” so that he may himself escape attention; a whaler, casting tubs at an enraged whale so as to gain time and get out of danger;—such is the picture that the *New Yorker Volkszeitung* is presenting just now when it hurls column after column, replete with “Halunke” (scamp) and “Schuft” (scamp, over again), at Parks and his fellows.

The Socialist Labor Party understands that given causes lead to given results. The pure and simple Trades Union is an obvious cause. It is an organization made up of workingmen, drawn into its fold through the class instinct of Labor. That notwithstanding, the forces it gathers are organized on a principle that denies the class struggle, indeed, a principle that sets up the theory of the “Brotherhood of Capital and Labor.” The result from such causes is inevitable. Either such a body explodes on the spot, or, if it does not, it must be operated corruptly. There is no escaping the conclusion. These bodies did not explode. The first inevitable conclusion is that they are operated by “Halunkes” and “Schuftes.” The second conclusion that follows inevitably is that these “Halunkes” and “Schuftes” are paid

by the employers to do the dirty work of bull-dozing, hoodwinking, misleading and selling out the rank and file. There is a third conclusion, and that is that the “Halunkes” and “Schufterers” must “go divvy” with some “labor paper,” a paper that claims to be Socialist preferred, so as to give their “Halunkereis” and “Schuftereis” the glamour and authority of “Labor” and “Socialism.” Nor did the facts that these conclusions lead to fail to turn up. The *New Yorker Volkszeitung*, for the sake of the advertisements of “labels” that it knew to be worthless, for the sake of peace and peesiness, not only by its silence but by its acts upheld the “Schurkes” and “Halunkes,” in other words, itself became a “Halunke” and a “Schurke,” a worse “Halunke” and “Schurke” even than the others, because it knew better. It knew that the Socialist Labor Party attitude was correct; that every word we said was true; that every accusation we brought against these “Halunkes” and “Schurkes” for selling out the rank and file, for leading them into speculative and boss-incited strikes, for delivering them, tied hand and foot to the employer, was well founded. It knew all that, but the same gold that garrisoned the pockets of the Parkses in the interests of the capitalists, garrisoned the pockets of the Social Democratic *Volkszeitung* in the interest of the Parkses: it kept silent, or even calumniated the S.L.P.! And thus the bond of “Halunkery” and “Schuftery” bound that paper and the Parkses together. And now when, owing to one of those logical turns of affairs, the capitalists have turned State’s evidence, and the pals of the *Volkszeitung* are discovered, it sets up the cry of “Stop thief!” and acts in the manner that it does.

The Parkses are innocent alongside of the *Volkszeitung* and these miscreant Bogus Socialists. The Parkses are now on the pillory. That’s but a first step. Infinitely worse awaits the *Volkszeitung* crew when the rank and file shall be thoroughly enlightened and shall discover the identity of “Halunkery” and “Schurkey” from their exploiters down the line of the Labor Fakir and the peesiness Labor paper.

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