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## AND THEN?

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**C**APITALISM in England is now beginning to settle scores with Landlordism.

Fifty and odd years ago, British Landlordism, envious of its upstart brother, British Capitalism, gave a helping hand to British urban Labor, and helped to enact factory and other legislation with the sole purpose of putting a spoke in the wheel of the upstart above named.

Now, led by the typical bourgeois Chancellor Lloyd George, British Capitalism, in turn, envious of its elder brother, British Landlordism, is reaching out its hand to rural Labor, and, by exposing the housing conditions of the rural population as “appalling and intolerable,” is seeking to put through economic legislation in the interest of rural Labor with the sole purpose of hamstringing the elder brother above referred to.

The two brothers, the elder and the upstart in the family of the British Ruling class having in their mutual rivalries, aided each others’ immediate victims to get on their feet, the next move in the cards will be a grand reconciliation between the two Brothers—Capitalism and Landlordism—as an evidence of “the progress that Peace makes in the world,” to be followed by the combined efforts of the two Brothers to teach Labor “Law and Order.”

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