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SEIDEL'S ONE NEED.

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“WHAT we now need is three things: first, money; second, money; and third, money,” so sayeth a certain Vice-Presidential candidate in this campaign.

And who, may he be?

Is it the running mate of Taft, who, carrying up his sleeves a social scheme of theocratic-capitalist despotism, needs money and more money to blind the proletarian voters?—No!

Is it the running mate of Roosevelt, whose teeth and Big Stick, reveal his brutal-blunt capitalist despotic goal, and therefore need barrels of money under which to conceal their principles?—No!

Is it, perchance, the running mate of Wilson, whose backnumber program requires an expensive display of pyrotechnical oratory and epigrams to look up-to-date?—No!

Who then may the worthy be who makes such a damaging admission?—He is Mr. Emil Seidel, the Socialist party's Vice-Presidential nominee. And the admission is published broadcast in the August 10 official bulletin, issued from the campaign headquarters of Mr. Seidel's own Party—J. Mahlon Barnes, Campaign Manager, attesting.

The admission is true—and it is as damaging as it is true.

Money certainly is needed for the campaign of any political party, even the soundest and truest. But money—money as the first, the second, the third, and only thing—that tells its own tale of ignominy, especially when the tale drops from lips that pretend to be Socialist.

Indeed Mr. Seidel needs a pile of Money to conceal the fact that his party lacks Principle, and cares nothing for Principle.

Mr. Seidel needs, indeed, just “three things: first, money; second, money; and third, money” to raise the necessary dust over the fact that his party, while pretending to be the party of the working class, preaches a taxation doctrine that is a cruel insult to the propertyless proletariat, and that can and does redound only to the benefit of the greediest element after the proletariat’s skin—the middle class.

Mr. Seidel needs, indeed, just “three things: first, money; second, money; and third, money” to raise the necessary dust over the fact that he himself was repudiated by the industrial proletariat of Milwaukee, having lost most of the proletarian wards at the late Spring election, and having received barely 2,000 votes out of the additional 14,000 polled, and the 2,000 coming mainly from the petty bourgeois whom his regime tickled under the ribs, and whom his party fuses with right and left in a number of States.

Mr. Seidel needs, indeed, just “three things: first, money; second, money; and third, money”; to raise the necessary confusion over the significance of the fact that the bulk of his national platform is so akin to the reform aspirations of the Ruling Class that Roosevelt’s Bull Moose has swallowed it up—and likes it.

Indeed, Mr. Seidel needs a pile of money to cover up the fact that his shattered party is Socialist by name only, and, being such, is a dangerous derelict on the political waters of the Socialist Movement.

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