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EDITORIAL

## HEARKENING BACK, OR FORWARD?

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**A**T the very same time that, here in New York, the announcement is made that the Socialist party National Executive Committeeman Morris Hillquit has started and incorporated the “American Wholesale Co-operative,” and is soliciting purchasers for his stock, two circulars, obviously issuing from the “Protestors” of the St. Louis Socialist party who were fired for protesting against last April’s corrupt political deal with capitalist parties by their own organization, are being circulated and spread in St. Louis. Copies of these circulars have reached this office. One is as follows:

### SOCIALISTS ATTENTION!

Comrades! Notice is hereby served that the office of State Secretary of the Socialist party of Missouri is now operated to the exclusive “personal interests” of Brandt-Hoehn-Hildebrandt-Pauls & Co.

For this reason the scope and efficiency of the office has been enlarged by Creating a new “department” devoted exclusively to

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with the Republican party of St. Louis.

Our first venture along this line was very gratifying to the PERSONAL INTERESTS of the “office” when “Comrade” Dr. Simon was INDUCED to run for School Board on both the Socialist and Republican tickets during the recent municipal election held in the City of St. Louis, on the 6th of April, 1909.

Concluding we trust you will continue to “sleep in peace,” as we have no desire whatever of insulting your intelligence.

Send in your contributions—we need the mon!

Fraternally yours,

“HEADQUARTERS.”

212 S. 4th Str.

St. Louis, Mo.

The other announces:

UNION MEN  
ATTENTION!

For Sale: One "Riot Gun" of the latest pattern and guaranteed to kill! Used by "General" Hoehn, present Editor of *St. Louis Labor* and *Arbeiter-Zeitung* with Stunning Effect on the Organized Labor Movement of St. Louis, during the period that the said "General" was serving in the capacity of DEPUTY SHERIFF on the Posse Comitatus in the big Street Car Strike of 1900.

The genuineness of this gun can be proven by the "notches" cut with the "General's" own hand!

For further particulars telephone

"GEN." HOEHN.

212 S. 4th Str.

St. Louis, Mo.

Of course, these two circulars are "sarcassums." But the unquestionable facts from which the sarcasms proceed give them "hands and feet," and nails too.

Now, then, the question comes—did "General" Hillquit, in starting the "new department" of a Wholesale Department Store attachment to the N.E.C. of his party, hearken back to "General" Hoehn's venture; or did the St. Louis S.P. "Protestors," in issuing these excellent circulars, smell the "General" Hoehn rat in the "General" Hillquit venture, and hearkened forward to the day, certain to come, when, disillusioned about Hillquit as now they are about Hoehn, they will shoot their unerring arrows at an equally plain New York target?

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