EDITORIAL

ANOTHER INDICTMENT.

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NOW that the case of the Kangaroo Social Democrat Morris Eichmann, of Hoboken, N.J., can be said to be settled, in that the indictment brought by THE PEOPLE against the gentleman’s and his precious party’s political corruption has been nailed so fast on their foreheads that even they have desisted from the attempt to shake it off, it is time to nail another indictment on that scurvy crew. This will be done in the same way, documentarily.

It will be remembered that in the spring of the year THE PEOPLE charged the said Kangaroo Social Democrat, Morris Eichmann, with having accepted the nomination of the three capitalist parties—Republican, Democratic and “Citizens’ Union”—for the same office for which his own party had nominated him, to wit, Justice of the Peace, and that he, a member of a party that claimed to represent the interests of the workers and to stand upon the class struggle, exemplified the purity of his political conduct by running simultaneously on the “anti-capitalist and Labor” ticket of the Social Democracy and on the pro-capitalist tickets of the Labor fleecing and shooting Republicans, Democrats and “Citizens.” It will be further remembered that THE PEOPLE announced at the time that the official documents proving the charge were at this office for inspection. The yells of “lies,” “liars,” “scab,” etc., etc., rose wild, as will be remembered, from the Kangaroo Social Democratic camp, and sundry other doublings and twistings were indulged in, but the yells gradually subsided and the doublings and twistings gradually fell into catalepsy: so many were the people who availed themselves of the offer to inspect for themselves the documents in this office and who must have given square pieces of their minds to the Volkszeitung and its poodle, The Worker, that even these lumps of turpitude had to cave in as they did. We shall now have history repeat itself.

Before us lies “Public Document No. 43” of the State of Massachusetts. It is entitled “Number of Assessed Polls, Registered Voters and Persons who voted in each Voting Precinct at the State, City and Town Elections, Together with the
Number of Votes received by Each Candidate for a State Office in the year 1900.” On page 226, under the caption, “Representatives in the General Court [that is, the Massachusetts Legislature], Worcester County, Continued,” there appears this entry:

“John C. Smith of Fitchburg, Democratic Social, Democratic, 437.”

The Kangaroo Social Democratic John C. Smith, for Worcester County, Mass., true to the Armory building and corrupt political practices of his party, stood on the ballot as the nominee of both his own and the Labor fleecing and shooting Democratic party.

Now let the Kangaroo Social Democratic fugleman yell “lies,” “liar,” “scab,” and start in, as in the case of Eichmann, to resort to their usual three-card monte game. It is a fit prelude for the whipped whelp hole into which they regularly and fitly land under the cowhide of the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Trade & Labor Alliance.

[N.B.—The official document above quoted from is in this office for inspection.]