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The Irish “Patriot” in America.

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It would seem hard to pick out one nationality of immigrants that produces the vilest specimen of traitors to the immigrants of its own race. And yet, hard as the job is, we do not hesitate to pick out the Irish.

Without hardly any exception, the Irish immigrant comes from the down-trodden of Ireland. And yet from among them are seen to rise specimens, who, as soon almost as landed, join here, against their own countrymen, the very class that oppressed them at home.

Of this fact a striking proof is furnished by the conduct of the Irish papers in America. They have set themselves up as the apostles of the down-trodden Irish people, and yet vain have all efforts been to induce any of them to even publish without comment the manifesto of the Socialist Republican party of Ireland. These papers know that their countrymen here of the working class are nothing but voting cattle for the capitalist class, and that the British aristocracy, which they affect to detest, is identical with our own American capitalists—living, to a great extent, on the sweat of the brow of the Irish workers in America. The manifesto of the Irish Socialist Republican party would help to emancipate the Irish voters here. The Irish papers in America aim at nothing less than that.

The conduct of these Irish traitors goes far to prove how capitalism sunders all bonds and pollutes all moral sense. The only bond of the proletariat is the bond of their class thralldom. Irish and American, German and French, etc., etc., must pull together and march over the prostrate lies of Irish, American, German, French and other nationalities that capitalism exploits.

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