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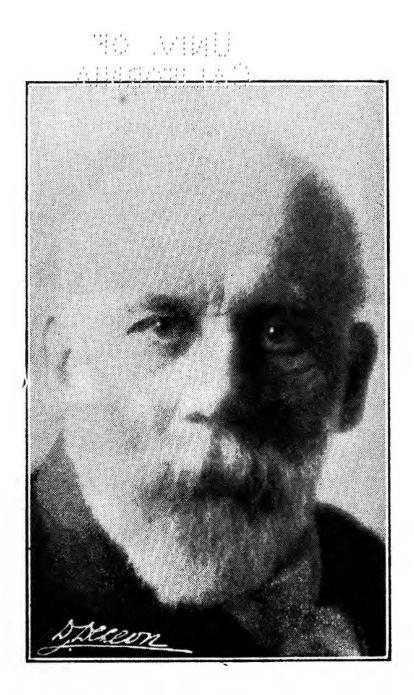
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A race uncertain and unev'n, Derived from all the nations under Heaven. * * *

Thus, from a mixture of all breeds began That heterogeneous thing, an Englishman. * * *

Fate jumbled them together, God knows how: Whate'er they were, they're True-Born English now.

-Daniel De Foe: "The True-born Englishman."

FOREWORD.

Every now and then such questions as Semitism or Anti-Semitism will appear among the many clouds on our social horizon, causing a few more ripples on the political surface or whip into greater fury the tempest in the social teapot. The recent "Ford incident" was such a cloud. Henry Ford accused certain Jewish financiers of having caused and promoted the war for the sake of reaping profits, supplementing the "exposures" of the London Morning Post which resuscitated the so-called "Protocols of the Wise Men of Zion," a book purporting to be an exposure of a Jewish secret society led by "Elders of Zion," who supposedly dream of centering world power in the hands of Jews through the issuing of socalled "protocols." It has been sufficiently

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proved that these documents are false, but whether they are true or false—both sides are vehemently championed—matters little in this connection. The important fact is the howl of indignation, the social tempest, the "printers' ink riot" which arose all over the country because the financiers in question were Jews. All superficial Jews, Jews made conceited and shallow by Gentile theology, considered it incumbent upon themselves to rise in the defense of Jewish banking interests. Ford was denounced as a "traitor" on every street corner and hysterical Jews saw visions of pogroms on the streets of New York City.

It is in the analysis of such outbursts as the recent Ford incident that this essay on "Anti-Semitism," written in 1903 by Daniel De Leon, will prove particularly valuable. Had the "Traveller from Mars" been wandering about in the United States a few months ago he might reasonably have concluded from the fury with which the mass of Jews rose to the defense of the Rothschilds that every Jew in the United States was a war profiteer—in desire at least. On the other hand, the same Traveller might well have been excused for wondering from what source Henry Ford drew his moral indignation. Armed with this little booklet, the "Traveller from Mars" would quickly have realized that on both sides it was just a case of human nature—common stupidity, inborn narrow prejudice—kicking over the traces—that is all.

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