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Editorial: Good for Bellamy!

“Christmas in the year 2000” is the title of the latest article from the brilliant pen of the distinguished author of *Looking Backward*. In this article it is told how in the year 2000 the modern Jingo holiday of Fourth of July had long been dropped, as barbarous, out of the calendar of the nation’s holidays, and had been forgotten. In explanation of the fact the author, speaking in the year 2100, says:

“What on earth our fathers meant by being so zealous for the mutual independence and equality of the nations as collective bodies, while remaining so entirely indifferent to preserving a mutual equality and independence among the citizens of the respective nations, is more, we fear, than the average modern American will ever understand. To us it would seem of quite invisible importance that America was independent of England if Americans were not independent of Americans.”

Compare this exalted conception of “patriotism,” born of Socialist teaching, with the bastard article now preached by the capitalist pulpit, press and college professors and swashbucklers.

Morality, like reason, has fled from our rulers and has taken refuge in the international revolutionary army that in all civilized communities is drawing to a head for the purpose of overthrowing a social system that is at the root of the hatred of man for man.

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The feasts of the future, as forecast by Bellamy, will be in commemoration, not by slaughter, but of life giving, they will foment not hatred, but love; and the flag of the nations will no longer be the mutual defiance-breathing rags that are now flaunted into one another's faces, but the Socialist emblem of humanity, the Red Flag of the Brotherhood of Man.

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