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Enemy of Mankind

"Ignorance is the enemy of the workers."

A pretty hard thing to organize against. You've got nothing to start with. Organization conceived in ignorance cannot benefit the workers or anybody else. It is in fact "nil and void," a waste of time.

No "brothers," we have only one enemy—not a half dozen, and that enemy is the capitalist system of exploitation.

There is no other issue.

Ignorance is a "result of," not the "cause of" exploitation.

Capitalists rob "each other" as unsparingly as they do us. Just now Armour is being relieved of his "hard-earned" bank shares.

The capitalist system, with its mask on, doesn't resemble "ignorance" and I do not understand how some people can mistake ignorance for capitalism. Mistakes of Moses were minor indiscretions compared to this.

Outstanding feature of Farmer-Labor Convention was the superb "drilling from within" by such expert farmer-labor drillers as Ruthenberg and Foster—no blasting was did, and a great time was had.

(No farm hands or hired men attended this convention).

The boring from within was accomplished to *ya queens taste*. The borers took possession of party, rechristianed it Federated-Farmer-Labor. Now all they need is support.

The (original) Farmer-Labor party then withdrew from the Federated—obviating the necessity of being kicked out, or kicking the borers out. Thus two parties grow where one grew before—a beautiful split—status quo.

Excuse my latin—words fail me.

At this writing, the biggest private yacht in the world is the Leviathan.

Understand President Harding's shocking in Kansas is giving entire satisfaction—was on the verge of going there myself. No need for both of us there.

The worker, as a proletarian, is a laborer, who toils; consequently as a toiler he is an employe and as such he is a wage slave, it is said.

Let us see how the full title looks in print:

F. W. T-Bone Slim, W. P.; L. T. E.;

W. S.

You wouldn't hardly call a hired-man by that title? No. You'd mark H. M.

after his name in honor of his majesty.

L.L.D. stands for Lifelong Drones (or Dreams).

M. P. stands for Model Prisoner.

Criminal Syndicalism Law is so named as to denote the nature of the law, and to "distinguish" it from other laws more or less innocent. Some say it is a "vicious" law—but even so, it still remains criminal. A criminal thought, word, deed or law is always vicious. A vicious law-maker is a criminal lawbreaker.

Hunger tells a dog to eat a rabbit. Dog agrees to do so and says, "It is right to do so." Rabbit hears about it, and says: "Aw gee, that ain't right; I won't stand for it." And without further parley, the rabbit heads for the Bad Lands, the dog hotfooting behind to the best of its ability. The rabbit is fully convinced that it is in the right; that it should not be eaten. The dog is buoyed-on by the consciousness that "he" is in the right; that the rabbit "should be eaten." Now one of these is in the wrong. How are you going to prove it? It frequently happens that the dog returns to the old homestead with the rabbit, including *all rights, prerogatives and privileges*, in his stomach—indicating "rights" and weak legs don't go hand in hand.

"Turn about" means that those on top will try the bottom for a while; that the law shall be high, and the Joker wild.

It means that "the porterhouse fraternity" will try hamburger for a while—as it says in the script, "the last shall be first."—that would be justice, but unfortunately the people in their demoralized condition are not ready for justice. They don't want justice. Justice is not good enough for them. *They want equality. They want to wipe the slate clean and start all over again, with no hard feelings.*

No majority can be mobilized behind the "bottom to the top movement." Every layer of labor above the bottom feel that they are entitled to reach the top before the bottom reaches there.

Hence they all are destined to remain below the top and help to hold the bottom layer where it is. It would be exact justice, but it is impossible of realization. Without a doubt it is desirable to make a change at the top, at this time. The top has revelled in luxuries so long that it has unfitted itself to manage any longer. The bottom is starving of mal-nourishment, adulterations, etc.—and, when the bottom goes the show is over. So the question arises, how to bring about a change in our civilized barbarism. Religion says, "the first shall be last in the Kingdom of God," and we don't need to stretch our imagination to recognize that that "crack" refers to this old suffering Kingdom we call earth; and that no ideal condition can prevail until the first IS last. However, that being impracticable because of dearth of utopians in our cosmopolitan country, it behooves us to discuss the next best change.

The "owners of slaves" are the least useful of all "slackers," their sole contribution to the nation's welfare is interference; their sole object to extort more profits from slave (be he technician or timber-beast) and yet, "they" are rewarded for service rendered by others, managers and technicians, to say nothing about almighty slaves. These slave owners must be transplanted at the bottom. They disgrace the position they enjoy. They are the corns on the society toe.—(T-bone Slim).