



T-Bone Slim

"Let's Go" is a better word than "Go To It".

"Better Luck Next Time" is superior to "I Told You So".

Life moves on and days unfold
The while few rebels hold the fort;
Loafers yawn and morbidly scold,
Few—few deliver "their support".

Workers' press is quick to feel
Depression's foul and wanton blow;
No reserve does it reveal
And must fore'er be "made to go".

Some there are that don't subscribe
Unto the mouthpiece of their cause;
Others stand and rant and gibe
Until there comes—a one big pause!

Easier—to heal the sick;
To ease the pain, I do maintain,
Than to take the well-known pick
And dig up that what you have slain.

Easier—for to retain,
To hang onto what you have got,
Than it is for to regain,
To get yourself that what is not.

Masters win all their battles by basing
them on a class-struggle—masters fight
their battles relentlessly and ceaselessly.

The workers?

Laying down are they? Well, now you'd be surprised! You have mistranslated their posture. Just because they lack a little enthusiasm you think they're fast asleep. (You're a big help to a guy, ain't you?)

Did you ever come to consider the wobbly is the most persistent creature in the world—determination personified—and that persistency breeds enthusiasm faster than an incubator hatches henfruit. No resistance is yet invented that persistence will not penetrate—diamond the hardest substance says "papa" to Father Persistence.

It's a stubborn fact.

(By the way, what's the outstanding invention in the past ten years?

The Bronx cheer, of course—boo-o-oh! ask me.)

And resourcefulness? That's the wobbly—a squirrel, resourceful, as it is, it not in it with an average wobbly. He has both foresight and farsight—right now he is settled into a long, long seige—far longer than many natives realize and much opportunity shall be given those who care to organize; with the alternative of being out of the picture in the various family groups—in the meantime evolution shall play a few pranks on the boys. The old frontier law "put up or shut up" still holds good.

But let us not be carried away with the idea I. W. W.'s are the only persistent, resourceful members of the working tribe—this is peculiar to the peaceable working class as a whole. Witness the strike of Amalgamated Clothing, N. Y. C. ETC.,—the thread-heavers made up their minds the thing has gone far enough and acted altogether as if they meant business. Nothing else could be expected from these advanced proletarians.

Lay down? You'd be surprised—not while strength remains and tyrants rule the roost.

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