



T-Bone Slim

Annals The New "Low Down"—

Sit still fellow worker, while I brush off an old one—don't throw anything...

Selective organization must not be. The workingclass must be organized "as is"; not as we "wish" it to be. R. C. (not the Reconstruction Corporation) in our "General Strike" makes it painfully clear, page 47, in "shall we seize the industries?"—What for; we've got 'em, ain't we? is our attitude.

That is a healthy attitude.

Enlarging upon this, the workingclass is a unit and the "sub-dividers" are on hand with their stakes, tape-lines and measuring sticks. The law is: Labor is a one big union and doesn't know it—the IWW is here to tell 'em about it.

For to assume Labor is anything but "one" is to throw away "the difference" that makes for victory, final and complete.

It is Labor; not Labors'. The "General Strike" matches Addison, Blatchford, for clarity—Ingersoll, without the flowers.

Citizens in an Ohio town had to light the streets with coal-oil lamps and lanterns—no money to start the light-plant. Politicians there must be fast workers? Report does not say whether they had matches or did they use flint.

Anyhow, the Ohioans' genius cannot be questioned—I salute, Buckeye!

Recently our great writer (am I red) had to resort to a candle for light—it was this way: The gas company that supplies my domicile with gas at a flat rate of penny's worth for sixteen cents had turned the key on me. As it was, I didn't happen to have the 15 cents to donate to the goodly company, at the moment. But, indeed, I did have a candle I had picked up as an emergency measure, awake to the possibility that a day might bounce in minus sufficient lubrication in the vittles—and as long as I had that candle the wolf at my door could bark his head off for all I cared. (Do you get me?)—

You'll have to hand it to those Ohioans who, no doubt, had to hang out their only light and read fine print by the light of aurora-borealis.

"POOR ME—GOING OUT of BUSINESS; HALF PRICE."—If there ever was a nobleman, that's him. He will give up the business he loves for half price. A cut could not go deeper—mind you, the business has very little work attached.

Height of something—"that disgrace."

"We Accept Charity Orders" (ont all those signs are put up VOLUNTARILY nor in the spirit of cupidity.)—

Kinda brazen; what is the result?

My lord, with the charity order walks four miles and buys from a store that displays no sign, and no ignorance, in a strange neighborhood. He cups the businessman's ear in his hand and whispers, "do you take charity orders;" the grocer nods politely and smiles beautifully. Kinda hard on shoe leather but a shoe can always stand the drill better than man can stand the insult "charity orders."

That's not all.

The man with genuine United States money in his pocket daresn't go into a store that displays that sign because he might be mistaken for a charity patient. He, too, tightens his belt and takes a long walk.

What fools those grocers be! In the interest of discrediting emergency slips they cut their own beloved throat.

So, that's the tribe that's going to revolt?

They'd suck a prickly pear with tender lips, if the powers that be so requested.

Victor Hugo before my time spoke feelingly about Russia something like this:

"The Neva is frozen (not a frozen asset). They build a palace on the water turned into granite—they have ice and it will last forever." Oh yeah! says Vic, it will like so much hell—one look of thy eye, o sun; one stroke of thy arm O labor and we'll have lemonade (watered stock).—We did!

I quote Hugo for the purpose of proving that the masters know not now, and never did know and listened to advisers that had an axe to grind—those advisers will be run ragged if I don't miss my guess—I don't. Crudest caution would dictate:

Build for use only—supply the needed—pay as you go—live your own life; not your children's children's—spend not your youth in old age, or vice versa—act now—reap now.

This rule applies to capitalism—under a more equitable system greater liberties can be taken.