REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS

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In this article will be considered some of the chief causes of the failure of the I. W. W. dual organization program.

First. The universal and indiscriminate condemnation of non-I. W. W. labor unions as worse than useless, by the I. W. W. organizations at all times and everywhere, is, in the first place, the cause of the I. W. W.'s existence as a labor union. Consequently we don't admit such evolution on their part even the I. W. W. members can have.

The American labor movement hasn't yet accepted the I. W. W. theory, and is everywhere exhibiting antithetical characteristics. We are all patriots must explain away. The recently organized system federalism gave us a fine opportunity for such "radical" development. It's all to do with the rank and file itself, if not to others, that the System Federalists—which anybody but a bigot can see are a higher type of anti-revolutionary organization, than the new I. W. W. has the exclusive contract to build. This was when the W. F. of M. was affiliated with the I. W. W. But now this is no longer even a labor union, much less a progressive one. It has lost jurisdiction over even its own members and, like all other non-I. W. W. unions is not dualized. The affiliated unions are not parts of the structure of the new society which the I. W. W. has been trying to build up and so get permission, for it to go to, more especially as it is rapidly fading under the control of the Socialists, who do not accept our ambitious scheme of organization, and have no other choice left but to fight. And the blame for this rest with us, as we are predicating it needlessly, simply because we are obsessed with the belief that the I. W. W. has a monopoly on the labor movement.

For years we have so constantly criticized the futility, barn of and absurd causes of the jurisdictional quarrels continually razing among American unions, we have been accused of inconsistency. The strength of the above trivial pretence, we are trying to provoke an internecine war in the labor movement, instead of which all such heretofore have proven, and is now more clearly, the fact that the I. W. W. will now see the folly of continuing this useless warfare in which we have nothing to gain nothing; and in which we are dissipating our scanty strength.

In the next article of this series, more causes of the failures of the I. W. W. dual organization will be reviewed.

NOTES

As we go to press the Magon brothers and other members of the Mexican Juntas have been put on trial for "violating the neutrality laws." These vaunted Revolutionists go penniless into the court, and should they be convicted they cannot appeal for want of funds. Their imprisonment will mean the death of "Regeneracion," the nerves and spirit of the Mexican Revolution. Send funds to Manuel G. Garcia, 914 Boston St., Los Angeles, Cal.

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