

# Under Which Flag, Mr. Union Man?

J. W. Van Cleave Says:

"The injunction's purpose is to head off injury for which, if allowed to be committed, the victim can secure no adequate remedy by the courts. It is the promptness, the certainty, and the justice of the punishment in contempt cases which renders the injunction so effective in preventing attacks on property and life. Jury trial would bring delay and uncertainty. Thus it would give a license to violence, would make industry and property insecure, would increase the number and the destructiveness of labor contests, and would assail legitimate trade of all sorts.

"It is the duty of American business men, regardless of their party, to bury Bryan and Bryanism under such an avalanche of votes in 1908 that the work will not have to be done over again in 1912, or ever."—Statement by J. W. Van Cleave, President National Association of Manufacturers, and President of the Buck Stove Co., St. Louis.

What Samuel Gompers Says:

"I am very well satisfied with the democratic platform as promulgated at the Denver convention, and I will do everything to support these declarations, and of course that means we will work for the election of the men who stand for our principles.

"I have never expected defeat in any undertaking, never hoped for defeat, and never have given up fighting for an idea or principle that I firmly believed to be right and just. I will always be found fighting for what I believe is right, no matter what the temporary results may be. I believe that in this fight we now have on hand, that we will win; and I shall work for Mr. Bryan's election and for the ratification of the principles that we have advocated as officers and as an organization."—Statement by Samuel Gompers, President American Federation of Labor, and now charged with contempt of court at the instigation of J. W. Van Cleave.

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## THE LABOR PRESS.

### What Union Papers Are Saying About the Great Contest.

Organized labor knows and knows only too well, that Taft in all his official career has shown that he is an enemy to organized labor. While on the bench as a federal judge, he started a fight on organized labor and the common people, which he has kept up unrelentingly. He was the first judge to ever issue an injunction against men to prevent them from striking. He issued the injunction to prevent the engineers from striking and gaining their demands. This was the first injunction ever issued in America, a proceeding now used daily to persecute labor unions and working men, and Mr. Taft, today, is a firm believer in government by injunction and centralization of power. Taft as governor of the Philippines, took away from the citizens of the island the right of trial by jury, a right that has never been restored. Taft, also while in the Philippines, made the remark that a Filipino was better than an American soldier at any time. While secretary of war, Taft refused to allow the federal eight-hour law to apply to employes in the ship yards and persisted in standing by his refusal, until the matter was brought to the notice of Roosevelt, who granted the eight-hour day over Taft's protest.—Reading (Pa.) Labor Advocate.

Judge Taft as an injunction president will be placed in a position to inflict even greater injury to organized labor.—Piano Workers' Journal.

Workingmen are beginning to see that when they want anything politically, and want it bad, from the republican party, they are exceedingly liable to get it—in the neck.—Labor Compendium.

Taft is the father of the injunction movement, Bryan the father of the anti-injunction movement. Would you rather trust Taft to lead the fight for anti-injunction legislation as laid down by the labor leaders, or Mr. Bryan, who has always been in sympathy with the laborer.—Sioux City Union Advocate.

The New York World's poll of the delegates at the meeting of the Central Federated Union resulted in finding one delegate who would vote for Taft, 11 for Debs, and 51 for Bryan. It is probable that the same ratio would pertain in the majority of Central Labor Unions throughout the country and proves how the active workers in the labor movement feel towards the inaugurator of injunctions.—Kansas City Labor Herald.

The issue is clear and decisive and so far as labor is concerned there can be but one choice, and all loyal union men know which is the proper one, and they propose to follow it regardless of the intrigues of political managers or subsidized newspapers.—Duluth (Minn.) Labor World.

Look here, Mr. Union Man! Under which banner: Gompers, Morrison, Mitchell, or Post, VanCleave, Parry, or Cannon?—Washington Trades Unionist.

Laboring men when they cast their votes next November may rest assured that they will not go far wrong in following the advice of men who have grown gray in the service

of the cause of labor, and who have always the interests of the workers at heart in preference to the advice of those who are avowed enemies of organized labor at all times but just a few weeks before election.—Duluth (Minn.) Labor World.

A labor union that is satisfactory to capitalists will be useless to workmen.—New York Daily Call.

Jimmy VanCleave, Post, et al., have placed Bryan as one of the undesirable citizens. 'Nuf sed.—Jackson (Mich.) Square Deal.

### IT'S DIFFERENT.

The Ownership of the Ox Cuts a Big Figure Always.

A Lincoln newspaper that is insinuating that the Railway Employes' Protective Association is being engineered by railroad managers, and further insinuating that the railroad employes are not honest, should put a poultice on its logic. The Protective Association is seeking to prevent legislation that will result in decreased wages. For this it is being denounced by a newspaper that helped lobby a bill through the legislature compelling the state to pay for advertising constitutional amendments at a high figure. It gladly takes advantage of a law that specifies a rate for legal printing that is in excess of its regular rates for advertising. It is a member of a national association that was organized to protect its members from unscrupulous advertisers and benefit its members, yet it charges the railroad employes with dishonesty in organizing to protect themselves from unscrupulous political demagogues.

The ownership of the ox cuts a remarkable figure, always.

In the meanwhile this same paper is boosting the County Option League, which was organized to advance the ideas of its members. But it charges with dishonesty the railroad employes who have organized to advance their ideas.

Just why the railroad employes should be charged with political dishonesty for organizing to protect their interests is a mystery to one who has failed to see in the organ mentioned any charge of dishonesty against the beneficiaries of an unjust tariff who have long since organized to protect their interests.

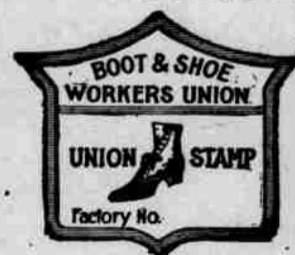
In such matters, however, the title to the bovine cuts a big figure.

### CIVILIZATION'S SHAME.

An Indian was recently conducted through New York and the marvels of the white man's science and the triumphs of invention were paraded to excite his admiration and his awe. As the extended tour drew near to its end the guide complacently inquired of him which of all the wonders he had seen had most impressed him. "Little children working," said the red man solemnly. The practice of deriving profit from child labor is unknown among those tribes we call barbarous.—Journal of Theosophy.

### "JOSHING" THE GOVERNOR.

What a woefully obtuse man Nebraska has for a governor to be sure! In that magnificent concourse of people who listened to Mr. Bryan's speech of acceptance last week, he was the only person who could not see the telling points made by the eloquent speaker. He never applauded once.—Western Laborer.



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