

# 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.

## TRADES UNION PUBLICITY.

Rev. Charles Stelzle Advises Using the Daily Newspapers More.

The daily newspaper, is without any question, the best general advertising medium for the labor union, when one is trying to reach the public. The labor press, of course, is the best means for getting at trades unionists themselves, principally for educational purposes. But for general publicity, the newspaper is unexcelled for our purpose. A magazine may have superior advantages for those who engage in a national advertising campaign, and this sort of advertising should be employed by international organizations, but when the central body in a particular city or a local seeks to attract the attention of the people in the city in which it is operating, it can best do this through a newspaper which is read

by the same constituency that it is trying to influence. The daily newspaper has the advantage in that it appears every day, and therefore it is always up-to-date. It is read by practically every man and woman in town. It is sought after by the reading public. It already has the entrance into the homes of the people. It is not looked upon with suspicion. Indeed, most folks have the utmost confidence in the paper which they welcome into their homes. Therefore it is not necessary to overcome the prejudice of the reader, as might be the case with some other forms of publicity.

The average newspaper will print in its news columns, without charge, any labor items of general interest. This is the best kind of advertising—better even than the regular advertising space which is paid for, although the latter has a peculiar value in

showing the public that the labor union is wide-awake. Sometimes labor union officials complain about the inaccuracies of the newspapers, but they rarely give the newspaper the slightest assistance in getting the story straight. The reporter is looked upon as an intruder and a nuisance. He may easily be made a most valuable friend by showing him the most common courtesy. If the secretary, or someone else appointed by the labor union, will write out the news matter and send it to the office of the newspaper, it will prevent some mistakes which the average reporter would be likely to make in handling matters concerning which he is not very familiar. Many union officials insist that the newspaper must come and get their stories, if they want them, forgetting that the newspaper can get along without their stories better than they can afford to have them do so.

Even though the newspaper actually needs this material, it cannot always afford to have a man spend nearly the entire evening in order to get it. It would sometimes pay a labor union to use the advertising columns or to insert paid reading notices which carry to the public special messages concerning trades union interests. In some cities the newspapers will be glad to print on one day of the week—usually on Saturday—a column or more of trades union notes and announcements. This material might better be handled by a trades unionist who is thoroughly familiar with labor affairs in the city. In many cases the newspaper will pay for such material, if it is well written.

### LILLIAN WATHAN.

After months of patient suffering, during which time no words of complaint were wrung from her paining

lips, Lillian Wathan has found surcease from every pain. Stricken with a disease that baffled medical skill, she lay for weary weeks upon a bed of pain, but all the time her familiar smile was to be seen, and her cheery words give no index of the physical anguish beneath. Little playmates walked carefully and quietly into her room and were greeted with a happy smile and a welcoming word; then they walked out unable to realize that their little playmate's feet were slowly but surely walking into the Valley of the Shadow. It seemed impossible of belief that she had been the life and the spirit of so many childish gatherings was soon to feel the touch of the death angel. But last Sunday evening the angel came, touched the little sufferer upon the brow, and her spirit left the tenement of clay that had so long been a house of pain, to journey back to the God who sent it. And with that touch went one of the sweetest little girls that ever blest a home. Lillian was the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wathan. The funeral was held at the family home on Holmes street Tuesday afternoon, the interment being in Wyuka. In their bereavement Mr. and Mrs. Wathan have the heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends.

### POST WRITES TO TAFT.

Tells Injunction Judge That Union Men Are Only Bluffers.

C. W. Post, president of the National Citizens' Industrial association, sent the following telegram to presidential nominee W. H. Taft, in answer to Samuel Gompers' avowal of his support to W. J. Bryan, democratic candidate for the presidency.

Battle Creek, July 14, 1908.  
Judge Wm. H. Taft,  
Hot Springs, Va.

Don't over-estimate the supposed power of Gompersism. The American Federation of Labor does not represent the great majority of peace-loving, law-abiding American workingmen who never have been and never will be harmed by any injunction to prevent them from destroying property or assaulting other workmen. Only those who intend to commit lawless acts or their sympathizers object to the protection of the courts. Whenever this issue has been laid before the public at an election the heavy majorities for law and order indicate the sturdy purpose of the American public in merited rebuke of those who seek laws to make crime easier. A trial by jury for sluggers is sought with belief that it is more difficult to punish criminals by jury trial as evidenced in actual practice. Consider the needs of all the people and not the demands of a small class opposed to the interests of the public.

C. W. POST,  
Pres. National Citizens' Industrial Association.

### THE LABOR PRESS.

Crisp Comment From The Wage-workers Many Bright Exchanges.

Mr. Taft is to be commended for the courage of his convictions. He has told the workingmen, in his speech of acceptance, that they have nothing to hope from him—and we take his word for it.—Baltimore Labor Leader.

When the injunction issues look out, what we want is to take away the means used, and usurped power that has been used by those who have

issued this instrument for the robbing of labor of their constitutional right of liberty. To do this, let us stand by those who are our friends and relegate our enemies to oblivion.—Tobacco Worker.

VanCleave raised \$1,500,000 to crush union labor. He proposes to do so by using this money in an effort to elect Taft, the "prolific mother of injunctions."—Duluth Labor World.

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 Labor World.

If the VanCleave Manufacturers' association, an ally of the trust support of Mr. Taft, succeeds in defeating Mr. Bryan, it will be a triumph of the VanCleave aggregation over, and the culmination of the fight against organized labor. Does organized labor understand this?

Among the unionists a Taft man is unknown and, excepting the few socialists, there seems to be a unanimous sentiment in favor of labor's planks in the Denver platform and the indorsement of the political program of the A. F. of L.—Detroit Union Advocate.

Occasionally some renegade in the ranks of labor rises up and takes advertising, to herald himself broadcast over the country as being opposed to Gompers' political policies, but the great mass of union men throughout the country realize what is at stake in the coming election, and they realize that no other position could have been taken with honor under the circumstances except the one which President Gompers has taken. The great majority of union men understand their duty in this crisis, and will not be led astray by political tricksters in the movement who are seeking newspaper notoriety and personal aggrandizement.—Coopers' Journal.

The A. F. of L. has taken its first step in politics. If it is not going in the direction we want it to go, it has at least started, and we hope that it will keep going until they have secured equal rights for all and special privileges for none, and if this is done there will be no necessity for further attempting to manufacture a state of society that can only be attained by natural growth.—Philadelphia Trades Union News.

But as the workingman is getting more intelligent each year he recognizes that in Mr. Bryan, this year, he has a friend.

Remember Candidate Taft is the same War Secretary Taft who flew to the assistance of that arch enemy of labor, Congressman Littlefield, and did not hesitate to denounce organized labor for trying to defeat Littlefield.—Sioux City Union Advocate.

This year the trades unionists must stand up and be counted. Will you be counted for VanCleave, Sherman, Taft, Parry, Post, etc., or for Gompers, Mitchell, Duncan, Morrison and other loyal unionists? It's up to you.—Sioux City Union Advocate.

## Why the Mayer Bros. Quality?

It Combines Dress and Utility

THE MAYER BROS. QUALITY is the superior quality. From head to foot we fit you out in merchandise that has on it the marks of the leading manufacturers in the country. Our stock is not made up of one maker's line of Clothing, or one maker's line of Furnishings, or one maker's line of Footwear. From the leading manufacturers we select the "Cream" of all; then and not until then do we consider we have Perfection in our Merchandise. No one man can manufacture merchandise to satisfy the taste of all mankind, thus we offer merchandise from a number of the leaders

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The question of keeping the boy well dressed and yet have durable clothes need not bother you. One fact we know, for our customers tell us so, that we have the Boys' Wear that is superior. Why should'nt it be? Every Suit is the

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