

A BOYCOTT

Has been declared by the labor unions against the products of the Postum Cereal Co., Ltd., via Grape-Nuts and Postum Food Coffee.

The labor papers notify the public not to buy these things until Mr. C. W. Post, the proprietor, obeys the orders of the Unions.

These "orders" are that he withdraw the advertising from certain newspapers that have fallen under their displeasure.

They openly announce that they propose to "break up," "ruin" and "put out of business" the publishers of such papers, and insist that Mr. Post join in this conspiracy with them.

These publishers have been faithful in their contracts with Mr. Post, are upright business men and good citizens, their only crime being that they decline to turn over the management of their papers to the leaders of the labor trusts (alias Unions), who are generally ignorant, selfish and violent men, incapable of conducting a business.

Mr. Post declines to be party to such unlawful conspiracy to financially ruin anyone, and this together with the fact that he has been rash enough to publicly expose some of the criminal acts of members of labor unions has produced this boycott.

The average American citizen, not employing labor, knows little of the insufferable arrogance, impudence and violence of the ignorant bullies, decorated with brief power by the most tyrannous of all trusts, the "labor trusts" or Unions.

But supreme power in the hands of any ignorant man, not accustomed to affairs, and he quickly becomes a bully, denouncing and abusing anyone and everyone who does not instantly obey his "orders." He cares nothing for law or the rights of others.

The Unions are made up of two classes. 1st. The men who have a ready and abusive tongue, and who can howl down, and by violent and loud talk, dominate the meetings of the Unions.

These men are seldom if ever good workers, or thrifty home-owners and desirable citizens, they have small chance on their own merits to earn first-class wages unless they can force themselves on employers by a Union card. They bring on strikes and misery for good workmen, and try to, and do, blackmail employers into settling same by paying them graft money. Some of them have been jailed for such offenses, but the great majority still hold forth. They have brought untold disgrace on the fair name of "labor" and made the term "the poor-workmen men" a by-word, hissed and laughed at by the public.

The second or other class in the labor unions is made up of good capable, intelligent, peaceable, thrifty citizens, who go into unions with the laudable purpose of bettering their conditions, and to support an honest association, which they hope will be honestly conducted, truly and fairly, in the interests of labor, but to their surprise and disgust they find that whenever they try to speak in the meetings for fairness and honorable procedure, they are hoisted and howled down by the other class.

They try to counsel peace, equity and justice, but they might as well launch a feather in a cyclone. Then they sometimes try to keep at work when they need the wages, and know they are fair, but they are abused, and frequently their families maltreated and themselves beaten back into submission, so there are literally hundreds of thousands of decent American workmen absolutely forced to bear the disgrace and ignominy of the galling yoke of Unionism, because of the hated tyranny of the others.

Every American of the right mind is a workman, either with hands or brain, and in the mind of each is a fundamental deep-seated respect for the able, con-

scient, thrifty, and peaceable worker, and a corresponding dislike and antipathy to the arrogant and brazen pretender of the other class.

The second class named are for the time being, forced, to stand the denunciations of the public against labor unions, for they are in such company, which has brought disgrace upon the name of Unions, so these seem no way but for the dearest men to stand it until in some way they can obtain control, and make the old or new unions, which they may form, lawful, respectable and worthy in the eyes of the public.

We are on record as being friends and well wishers of the second class named, and as thoroughly and manfully opposed to the law breakers, criminals, and bullies of the other class, so when union men denounce and revile us, it is easy to determine in which class they belong.

The union men in the first class are genuine and undeniable anarchists, aliens and outlaws.

Let us analyze and see.

When a strike occurs, they picket plants, threaten people, assault men, dynamite property, boycott and even murder, they are criminals and opposed to all law.

An anarchist is one opposed to law.

When police or the military are called in to preserve the peace, and protect the common people, do these men welcome and uphold them? They do not, but hasten to "protest" and do all in their power to remove them, they can carry out their acts of violence and law breaking.

They favor no law but their own, and that is the true hall mark of an anarchist pure and simple.

Someone says we are harsh in our description of these men. We are not, responsible for their character and acts. They do these things regardless of anyone, and the only way the public can fairly judge them is to know the facts.

It is this class of union men who have placed a boycott on our products, in trying to force us to join their lawless ranks, and ruin some publishers, and they are the ones who propose to punish Mr. Post for fearlessly telling the facts about them and their methods.

A man with a family of children to support was kept out of work by a strike in Chicago. The family would have starved had he got obtained money to buy them bread.

God Almighty has testified in the mind of every man, worthy the name, a desire to work and furnish bread and clothing for his little ones, but in this case the labor union said he must not.

God's motive was the strongest, he broke the rules of the union and went to work.

They caught him one evening on the street, knocked him down with brass knuckles, kicked him unconscious, then pried his mouth open and poured carbolic acid down his throat.

Another man who was forced to work to support his family was met and the strikers put their fingers in his eyes, gouged one of them out until it hung on his cheek. A: these are the only cases of outrage!

Hundreds of acts equally infamous are repeated from day to day, daring strikes conducted by lawless and criminal members of labor unions.

Decent people read with horror the tales of distress, women attacked and sometimes stripped on the street (St. Louis street car strike), workmen blown to pieces with dynamite, men assaulted, made forced, millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed, many lives lost, and a general reign of terror, disorder, and anarchy conducted by the labor trust, in trying to force the balance of mankind to obey, without question, the mandates of the leaders of the Unions.

Such outrages on the public peace, and such absolute disregard of the lives, property, and liberty of citizens, has finally aroused the people to a movement, and not to be ignored.

demand that these criminal bullies be restrained and forced to obey the law, and the unions that harbor them have forfeited the respect of the public.

The harm these criminals have brought to the fair name of peaceable, honest labor is too great to be easily computed.

Such outrages to enslave the liberty of the common and respectable American citizen make the blood boil and surge. Many of us had forebears that in 1776 shouldered the old flintlock, left their comfortable homes for the open camp, suffered from cold, hunger, and exposure, wounds, disease, and even death to preserve the sacred, legitimate, liberty, and that same old ability, fearless blood, today calls for the sons of labor unions.

There are things in this world dearer than money or business.

We expend about a million dollars a year with newspapers, they picket which goes to printers and other workmen. Probably two millions a year more are spread among our work people, farmers, and others.

Our factories cover many acres of ground, and the business furnishes the food and clothing for nearly 3,000 human beings.

This act of the Unions is openly for the purpose of ruining the business and therefore taking the livelihood from these 3,000 people whom God has created, and naturally intends shall be fed and clothed.

Our work people are paid high wages.

Those who have been with us one year receive 8 per cent above regular wages, and the two year and over veterans receive 10 per cent above the highest regular wages.

They are of necessity in the work clean and capable. Most of them own their homes and are, unusually thrifty, sober, and prosperous, the savings accounts in one of the banks numbering above 1,400.

The agitators of the labor unions have tried to introduce their methods of strikes, hatred, poverty and distress among our people to replace the present conditions of peace and prosperity, but thus far our people have been intelligent enough to decline to make the exchange.

It is these peaceable and reputable citizens, living in content, who have done harm to no one, whom these Labor Union Anarchists propose to "ruin" and "put out of business" along with the company.

Every industry is dependent upon the public for its existence, for unless the factory produces articles of sufficient merit to meet the need of the public, no business can result.

If a factory produces the very highest grade of goods and a general and effective boycott is established that prevents the public from buying such products, the business must stop.

We have stated the facts herein, to the truth of which we are ready to make oath. If the great buying public decide to obey the order of the Labor Unions, and refuse to purchase our products, we have but one thing to do—go out of business and let the families dependent on that business go adrift and shift for themselves. Such ruin will carry down with it everything connected with the industry that has taken years and millions of money to establish.

We cannot and will not gain the conspiracy of these labor unions to ruin publishers.

We cannot and will not discharge a single one of our faithful and time-tested workmen upon the orders of any labor union.

Upon these principles we stand. If the labor trust make their boycott effective and sink our ship we will go down with the captain on the bridge and in command.

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