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## THE REASON FOR THE CLATTER.

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**W**HAT can the reason be of all the clatter one hears in the capitalist camp in favor of preserving the “time-honored” privilege of the Courts to issue injunctions against workingmen on strike? It surely can not be that the capitalists fear they would be otherwise weaponless in the class struggle with their employes. No doubt, injunctions are nice things to have on your side when workingmen wax so “riotous” as to demand a larger share of the wealth they produce. Nevertheless, nice things though injunctions be, they are not any nicer nor any way as powerful as guns.

So long as Preston remains in the State Penitentiary of Nevada, the weapons in the hands of the capitalist class to shatter a strike remain most potent. No need of injunctions, and of spending round sums upon lawyers to draw up the petition and argue in Court for the writ of injunction to be hurled at the head of the “rioters.” A swifter, cheaper means is at hand. The paltry sum of \$2 will purchase a good enough revolver. Is a strike declared and are pickets set up, all that the “persecuted and aboused” capitalist need do is to invest in a revolver, step out of his establishment, walk up to the picket, and rub the muzzle of his weapon against the picket’s nose. That will do the trick to perfection. With Preston in the chains for having dared to exercise his civic right of self-defense, the principle is established. It is as good as the enactment of a law, enforced by approving decisions. The picket must take to his heels.

Why then all this clatter to uphold the injunction?

Look below the surface: the answer, will be plain.

Who were the gentlemen who, with breasts protruding like pouter pigeons, strutted upon the public stage as “Saviors of the Nation” with a memorial to the Republican convention that hands be kept off the sacrosanct Injunction?—Lawyers;

most, if not everyone of them.

The “Nation” that was to be saved was the lawyers’ revenues for drawing out petitions to enjoin.

Thus the capitalist lawyers were disloyal even to their own capitalist class. Instead of striving to curtail the expenses of the hard-pushed gentry, the parasite lawyers hastened to uphold a principle that is costly to the capitalist.

The reason for the clatter is clear when its source is kept in mind.

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