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CINCINNATI,

Dear Sir: --

We do not know how much your particular locality, or your individual business has suffered from industrial trouble during the past few months. We do know that since the first of March last the City of Cincinnati has lost nearly \$60,000,000.00 in trade.

Of this amount \$15,000,000.00 has been attributed to loss by floods, and the balance
is directly attributable to strikes of one sort or another. These strikes began with the
upset of the Traction industry of the city, which culminated in acts of violence only equalled by the dynamite outrages in Los Angeles, California. The climax came in this city when men employed in the thirty-five story structure of the Union Central Life Building fired steel beams and bags of cement from the upper stories of that structure down upon the roof of a street car at Fourth and Vine streets, one of the most populous commercial corners of the city, endangering the lives of hundreds of innocent pedestrians in the direct effort to coerce the Traction Company to accede to the demands, not of an organization, but to the demands of a coterie of labor agitators who had come here from abroad and who had expressed their determination that they were going to "unionize"

Without prejudice it may be stated that no effort was made by the city authorities to determine who was responsible for this outrage upon the innocent citizenship of the city whose lives were endangered by such an overt act of violence. In fact it is demonstrable by proof that when one policeman did enter the building he found that the elevator service had been interrupted and he was unable to reach the upper stories.

The purpose was plain, and had this offense been perpetrated in any other city of the country every avenue of egress would have been blocked and every man within the confines of that structure have been put through the "third degree" until confession had been secured as to who was responsible for such an unexampled outrage. This demonstration simply serves to show the necessity for combined action on the part of an organized force of business men to forestall the acts of an anarchistic minority represented by the agitators who thrive on industrial strife.

There is actually no reason to think otherwise. There is no mortal question but that the acts of these men in the Union Central Life Building had been inspired by the leaders in the whole strike movement. There had been 154 strikes in that building during its course of erection, and it cost the contractors nearly half a million dollars more than the original contract price to complete it, and anyone who is fool enough to believe that these steel beams and bags of cement were fired from the twentieth story upon one street car by accident endangering the lives of hundreds of innocent pedestrians without an inciting cause is deserving of a guardian.

The reason is found in the result. The Traction Company succumbed; but that was not the end; it was only the beginning. The employees of the Traction Company had been organized with a specific object in view. They were the largest body of labor in Cincinnati possible of organization, and the intention was plain. They were to be organized as an original source of revenue for assessment in the case of subsequent strikes which had already been formulated, and the assessments made possible by their organization were to be used, as they have been used, to further the interests of further strikes which have followed closely upon one another's heels.

The second strike was that of the ice men. The details of that have been thrown broadcast over the country, because it lacked neither the quality of mercy nor of justice. It cost the lives of many innocent babies and endangered the health of the entire community. If such a bill as is proposed by the "NO STRIKE" Committee had been in operation its disastrous results would have been forestalled and prevented. It was settled on pressure by city authorities, which, had they been vigilant in the first place, would have prevented the subsequent ills. Third came the team drivers' strike, which has cost the city untold millions of dollars and just as the "NO STRIKE" Committee predicted this has been followed by the Cigar Makers' strike, the Packing House Engineers' strike the Laundry Workers' strike, and other are promised in due course. Not one step of these agitators but has been followed with due regard for accuracy by the "NO STRIKE"

This is merely an outline, and the "NO STRIKE ASSOCIATION has been formed for the purpose of formulating a law which shall have for its ultimate aim the elimination of strike difficulties in Ohio. In fact before we get through it may become a measure of Nation-wide scope, displacing the Erdman law which has done so much for the railway interests of the country. Owing to its absolute fairness to the employer and to the employee, and to the absence of any coercion or interference with personal liberty under the Constitution, we feel that the bill is sure of broad public support.

WE SOLICIT YOUR MEMBERSHIP AS OUTLINED IN MEMBERSHIP CARD ENCLOSED.

Any suggestions you can make and any aid you can render in obtaining new members in accordance with the terms of the enclosed card, will be welcomed by the "NO STRIKE" ASSOCIATION. Strikes affect the whole community, and this measure is the only one which seems to present a solution of the problem.

> Moral and financial support is needed forthwith. Become a member and use your influence for your friends to do likewise. Awaiting your prompt reply, we are,
> Yours respectfully,

THE "NO STRIKE" COMMITTEE.

Per.....Secretary

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