

Explanatory

At 7:00 yesterday afternoon, a committee from the composing room of the Courier - Journal office notified the proprietors of the paper that the printers engaged in their service would not go to work unless Mr. John Bennett, the foreman, should be immediately discharged. They were told promptly, but courteously, that their request would not be complied with. They therefore struck, only 5 or 6 remaining out of 50 at their places. In consequence, we issue but a half sheet this morning, and shall have to beg the public indulgence until we are able to supply ourselves with the typographical corps requisite to our usual quantum of reading matter.

Mr. John Bennett, whom our employees would have us summarily dismiss, has been with us for eight years. He has been altogether satisfactory to us. Until the stand of the printers was made, we have never heard any complaint of Mr. Bennett. He has shown himself uniformly attentive and gentleman-like and at this moment we are unable to state precisely the grounds of objection on the part of the men whose work it has been his business to superintend.

We regret the course taken by the printers in this matter because it will embarrass many families. The position assumed is wholly unjust and untenable. The method of carrying it out was precipitate and rash. We were given no time to deliberate or help ourselves. An impious demand was made upon us, a demand which no body of employees has the right to make and which no self-respecting establishment could think for a moment of complying with, and, on our failure to comply, we were left without the force necessary to issue our paper. The day selected was pay-day, and the hour was in the evening, after all hands had been paid off.