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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

MOTHERED BY SOME CANADIAN EMPLOYERS

Certain employers are pashing campaigns to forbid workers having a voice in fixing the conditions under which they shall

These employers assert that they alone have the right of naming the terms of work, the wages and the hours of labor of the persons whom they employ. Thus the workers, through the conomic power of these employers, are forbidden from making use of the natural, the human right of free association with other workers for mutual, economic and social benefit.

These employers seek to hide their real design to break down American standards of living by naming their scheme to do it "the American plan."

In furthering the purposes of this autocratic and falselynamed plan these employers have caused workmen who refused to be bound to be locked out of shops and have enlisted the aid of the courts by suing out writs of injunction against the workers forbidding them from doing acts which they have a lawful right

This so-called "American plan" attacks the principles of American liberty by denying to workers the right of free assoclation. Its plain purpose is to shatter wages and to increase the hours of labor and thus break up the homes of the workers, taking the children from the schools and putting them to work in the

This so-called "American plan" cuts deep when it assaults the home-life of the American worker, which is the guarantee of national security and the fount of social progress.

By whose authority do the organizers of this plan use the name American? Upon whose authority do they claim a place for it on American soil? America, in its very nature is opposed to everything for which this plan is sponsor-low wages and long ours-which mean child labor, ignorance, misery, poverty, squaller and hovel-homes. All the court injunctions on earth annot make these black things white, cannot make them just, annot make them American.

America has declared to all the world that the labor of a human being is not a commodity or article of commerce. This means that workers are human with the rights of humans.

America stands for justice and equal rights to all mankind

America, above everything else, stands for human liberty

The so-called "American plan," if put into use, would strangle justice, would destroy equal rights, would smother human liberty

SEEN FROM BRITISH SPECTACLES

Says a writer in the Labor Monthly: It is not only in Europe that Labour is being driven on to the defensive. The real centre of the capitalists' offensive is America. The concerted attack on Trade Union organization and standards has reached a pitch the United States of America not yet equalled here. Side by side with the successful wage-reduction campaign of the last three months (signalised in the United States Steel Corporation's cut of twenty per cent, at one stroke for all workers last May, the Standard Oil cut of ten per cent. following on a previous ten per cent. earlier in the year, the Railway Labour Board's decision of June 1 for a twelve per cent. reduction, and a success ful forcing of a fifteen per cent. reduction on the seamen), the employers have been delivering a direct attack on Trade Union organization itself. The great steel companies, not satisfied with smashing Trade Unionism within their own industry, have been, according to their own statements, developing this into a national policy by refusing to supply steel to contractors who work on the Union shop basis. In West Virginia the miners, originally locked out in May, 1920, for attempting to organise, have, after a protracted struggle under terrible conditions, been placed under martial law by President Harding. On every side the law is being invoked in favour of the capitalist offensive. Injunctions have been served on Unions for the most ordinary Trade Union activities. Union officials have been sentenced to imprisonment in Indianapolis for causing by a strike the prevention of an employer from fulfilling a contract. Tramwaymen's Union officials have been sentenced to imprisonment in Denver, Colorado, for refusing to obey a Court order to call off a strike. The United States Supreme Court has declared the refusal to handle non-Union goods illegal. In every district and industry the campaign for the "open shop" (which is only a euphemism for the non-Union shop) is being pushed with all the tremendous political and economic power o fAmerican capitalist organization. It is not too much to say that on the issue of this struggle of the "open shop" in America depends the future of Labour in the Western World.

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2,000 PER CENT IN WAR.
Seattle Wash.—The company union of the lumber trust is a fine institution—for the lumber trust. But despite the wily tricks of the foompany union, and regardless of the efforts of the trust to drive out of the iumber industry every member of the iumber industry every what the company union has done for the iumber movekers is precisely what it has done for other workers wherever they have been coerced into it.

The purpose of the company union in the lumber industry is to exploit the workers, no to benefit them. That's why the company gets back of its union: that's why the word "loyal" is chucked into the name.—Loyalty' is pow used to cover every shady scheme devised by will press agents. The workers, how over, are not fooled by the use of words. Deeds count with them. The "loyalty" of the lumber trust to the covernment during the war is well illustrated by a statement of the double made by an authority on the question.

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Eureka, said to have resulted from unskilled handling of the lifeboats, he will hold each company to a strict observance of the law regarding lifeboat crews.

In his warning, he tells the boat owners that they are "undoubtedly awa e of the provisions of the seaman's act regarding certified lifeboat men." He advises them that "inspect on of passenger vessels will be made immediately and strict compliance with the law in all respects will be remanded."

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Recent disasters to ships indicate that the owners of the vessels are not deeply concerned with the provisions of the seamen the efforts of the boat cowners were turned toward getting men on the ships, whether or not they knew anything of seamanship, handling lifeboats or manning a vessel in a storm. They evidently are learning "after the week" that anyone can't be a sailor. In the meantime the people who travel must pay the penalty of the vessel owners, trusting to luck to land in a safe harbor.

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the Time Schedule were swept out of the office

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—and SUPPOSE, again, that they were told: "There is the correspondence to be attended to; the invoices are to be checked; the orders to be cared for; the ling to be done; the payroll to be made up—but here after the staff is to do what it likes when it likes'—
—but, why "suppose" further? An office in such a condition of anarchy and "jungle rule" is unthinkable, inconcievable—
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