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Certain employers are pushing campaigns to forbid workers having a voice in fixing the conditions under which they shall work. 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 economic 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."

ONE MAN CAR; 14 HURT

Baltimore, Sept. 16.—A trolley motored and conducted by a single human got wild on a slight grade and crashed into a regular car. Result, 14 persons severely injured. Women bore the brunt of the crash. This type of car is called "the safety car," so named probably because it kept down the overhead of the company in economy of operation. It really doesn't matter much if life is endangered by the use of these cars so long as the company is enabled to save money by doing away with "useless" workers.

THE RAT.

A rat he was, A rat he'll be Till the end of Time—Till Eternity. "The strike is on," said the leader grave; The rat shouted the loudest—he the banners waved; He would stand by the Union, staunch and true. He spouted poetry, he gave a song; But the time seemed long, the benefits few. You see, a rat he was, A rat he'll be Till the end of Time—Till Eternity. So his rat heart thought, "What a fool am I! I'll rat it!—no assessments to pay; My 'old Boss' will give me extra, I'll say, For I will promise with him to stay." "But when the strike is o'er and '44' won, I'll somehow get back in the Union again, For I want the pension—I'm growing old; The insurance, too, I want to hold. They will fine me a hundred or two, I'll say, But what is that, with my extra pay?"

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Kansas City, Kan.—The state board of censors for moving pictures has refused permission to exhibit in Kansas a film production in which union coal miners are represented as having won a strike. The permit was not issued because the board felt that the exhibition would inspire class antagonism that would be "damaging to the public interest." A factious comment upon the board's action proposes that the strike in the moving picture be submitted to the industrial relations court to find out whether or not it is according to the "can-strike" law.

FOUR-MONTH STRIKE WON.

Racine.—The United Garment Workers of America have scored a victory in the settlement of the strike at the Alschuler Manufacturing company's plant in this city. The management four months ago declared its intention to run a non-union shop. Four months of that sort of labor seems to have been more than sufficient to convince the management of the fallacy of the "hire call" of the union busters and their press agents.

COOPER'S GET MORE WAGES

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 14.—Coopers employed in the breweries of this city have received an increase in wages in the new agreement signed by the brewery owners and the representative of the Cooper's union.

LABOR HALL FOR ST. PAUL

St. Paul, Minn.—The trades assembly of this city has purchased a site for \$40,000 on which a labor temple to cost \$100,000 will be built. All of the stock in the proposed structure will be held by bona fide labor organizations and none will be sold to individuals. The active building operations will be carried on by the Labor Temple Association and an incorporated body controlled by the trades assembly.

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LABOR LEADERS MAY RETIRE

London.—Reuter's Melbourne correspondent cables that owing to continued illness, Hon. Frank Gwynne Tudor, M.P., has offered to resign the leadership of the Federal Labor party, but representations are being made urging him to reconsider the matter. Mr. Tudor was minister of trade and commerce for Australia in 1908-13 and 1914-16. He was born in 1866, and attended school in the state of Victoria. Later he worked in the felt hat trade both in England and the United States. He introduced the trade union label into England. He returned to Australia in 1894, and was elected a member of the first commonwealth parliament in 1900.

LANDIS GRANT REHEARING

Chicago.—Judge Landis has granted a rehearing of the arbitration proceedings in which he served as arbitrator and cut the wages of workers in the building trades of this city about 12 1/2 per cent and changed their working conditions. Both the Building Construction Employers' association and the Associated Builders have protested against his decision to rehear the question.

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