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**A SOCIALIST, AND NOT ASHAMED OF IT**

I am a Socialist for many reasons. Since the Socialist is charged with so many indictments lately, especially in the capitalist press, commenting on the election of Socialists to office in different communities in the United States. I notice there are many newspapers in this country that class the Socialist as a man possessed of a non-patriotic and an un-American spirit, and would have you to believe that the Socialist is a man with horns. We must know that the Socialist is a man with a human nature the same as any one else; the difference between the Socialist and the old party voter is that the Socialist wants to keep up more abreast of the changes of time. He has an object in view—not for personal gain—but he believes that the interest of one should be the welfare of another. When we search the history of the world we can readily see that the human family has gone through many changes. I believe we are approaching a new age.

The tools of production, which are now socially operated, and the transportation system, which is socially operated and managed will be socially owned. I believe that the private ownership of the things socially operated and managed should cease. Our law making bodies probably recognize this fact. They have from time to time offered us many so-called reforms with no material success. Generally the old political parties used as a campaign bait these facts which are self evident. We will consider for a moment the public road, which is socially owned and socially maintained and I cannot say that this has bred anarchy or caused murder or destroyed my incentive to be an American citizen. We must consider cause and effect. The very reason we have a socially owned public highway is because there is no profit in it, although it has its evils connected with it, but that is nothing that can be traced to the nature of social ownership. Some contractor who takes a new piece of road to build may get a graft above a reasonable figure, but he gets that through pull, and does not condemn the public road system or, in other words, that socially or publicly owned highway. The postoffice department is another public concern. It is not as good as it could or would be if it had a clear road to travel—if we had a socially owned railroad system to haul the people's mail the post office department might then have clear sailing. When we consider the way the railroads charge for hauling a mail sack the question answers itself. I can get on a train at New York City and pay my fare to Chicago, and ride as cheap as the railroad will haul a mail sack of my weight, and further, it is also a fact that not so very long ago the government discovered that it was paying overcharged weight—charged with not pounds but tons; more than what the railroads hauled, if you please. But these men who are grafting the government to death are of course considered good patriotic citizens, so long as they are not Socialists—which of course they are not.

Therefore I am a Socialist, and am not ashamed of it!  
—(Contributed)

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**SOCIALISM SPREADS AS RESULT OF WORLD WAR**

The war has produced a movement toward Socialism which, had peace lasted, would not have risen for 50 years. The war has proved strikingly that the strength of a nation is dependent, not merely on its population, wealth and natural resources, but also on the degree to which these elements of strength are mobilized for socially beneficial objects, and not for mere private use or gain.

That Germany's power to endure the stresses of the war is largely due to the fact that she has taken over in toto many of the economic doctrines of Socialism, and although her state Socialism is perverted today, she needs little more than political freedom to be a complete Socialist state. That, similarly, France, England and Italy, which have long possessed political freedom, have been forced by the stress of war to take immense strides toward the utilization of every resource for the social good of the whole. That the Russian revolution has placed the feet of that great nation also definitely on the path to Socialism although the entire mechanism of Socialist organization has still to be constructed.

Such prognostications insist that this wave of Socialism is now about to reach America. But the goose flesh which the word Socialist once raised on most Americans is no longer felt. And this is but natural. For it is impossible to keep on having a horror of Socialists when one regards the Socialists of Germany as the only progressive people in the empire of the Hohenzollerns and when one has rejoiced unreservedly at the overthrow of the Romanoffs by the Socialists of Russia.  
—Phila. Public Ledger.

**NEWS OF THE AUDITORIUM**

What would we do without the Auditorium, we can only tell how much we miss it when it is closed, you are disappointed and so is the management of this popular picture resort, the big extraordinary feature attraction "The Girl Philippa" has been scheduled for Thursday evening, December 13th. Reserved seats are on sale at Thomas drug store, the management was fortunate to get and early date on "The Girl Philippa," from the pen of America's greatest novelist. A mere slip of a lass, a wholesome, sprightly-charming word violet—how else can one typify Anita Stewart, in the role "The Girl Philippa"? Secure your seats early, only one show at 8 p. m., watch for opening program.

**Coming Attractions**

Evelyn Nesbit and her son, Russell Thaw in "Redemption," a wonderful feature photoplay showing mother love, this production is playing all the larger theatres for long runs, it is scheduled for the Cambria Theatre, Johnstown, Pa., for three days, matinee and night.

"War as it Really is," filmed by Capt. Donald C. Thompson staff photographer for Leslie's Weekly, first picture showing actual warfare—full of thrills and action.

"Polly of the Circus," the first Goldwyn production you first have been waiting for, Band and Orchestra, also a village church choir, watch for the street parade on day of showing.

If our flag is good enough to live under, it is good enough to fight for, "WOMANHOOD, The Glory of a Nation," it is your duty to see this big attraction coming soon, two days.

"The Cold Deck," W. (Bill) S. Hart in his latest Triangle Ince production, the greatest photoplay ever produced with your big favorite, Bill.

The remains of Mrs. Jean Harrower Gutelius, who died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Alexander H. McLennen, were taken to Connellsville yesterday where interment took place. Funeral services were conducted Thursday evening at the home of her daughter by the Rev. J. Luther Martin, pastor of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church of Frostburg.

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**SOMERSET**

Mrs. Charles Keyser, of Stoyestown, has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

D. W. Marteeny, of Conneaut, is visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Keel, of Braddock, are spending several days with relatives in Somerset.

U. S. Werner, of Rockwood was transacting business in Somerset, Saturday.

Palmer Cleaver and Henry Barron are enjoying a ten day furlough with their parents in Somerset. The boys are in training at Camp Hancock.

Mrs. George Shoemaker who has been seriously ill at her home on East Patriot street, is slowly improving.

Wesley S. Cooper, of Iowa, and his nephew, A. J. Lowry, of Lawrence, Ohio, who were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Craver, of East Main street, have returned to their homes.

William W. Ream, of Edie, is suffering from the effects of tramping on a rusty nail, producing a sore foot which is being treated by Dr. C. B. Korns.

Ernest W. Hostetler has resigned the Wells Creek School in Somerset Township to accept the Sanner School in Shade Township, made vacant by the resignation of John C. Cassidy, who has joined the colors at Camp Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. David S. Cunningham, of Job, W. Va., have returned home after spending a week as guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Tucker Cunningham in Somerset.

Mrs. Berkey Swank, of Parkers Landing, is spending several days with friends in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nankerville, of Pittsburgh, have returned home after visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Gnagey.

The Rev. J. Q. A. Curry, D. D., of Johnstown, will preach at the Somerset United Evangelical Church, on Sunday morning and evening.

Mrs. George Sechler, is visiting relatives and friends in Scottsdale.

The Rev. Mr. Kimmel is conducting evangelistic meetings at the Lichty Church, in Somerset township.

Mrs. W. F. Cleaver and daughter, Miss Eleanor, have returned home after spending several days with relatives and friends in Bedford.

Attorney C. L. Shaver has returned home after transacting business at Harrisburg.

Wilson Walker, of Meyersdale, was a visitor to Somerset Friday.

Miss Verda Brant, of Garrett, has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

W. B. Frazee is visiting at the home of his parents in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zeigler were recent visitors with friends and relatives at Springs.

G. D. Miller and Son, Myron, of Springs, were recently transacting business in Somerset.

Mrs. Bertha Kelso, of Somerset, is visiting at the home of her nephew and niece, Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Large, of Meyersdale. Mrs. Kelso will remain at the Large home until after Christmas.

L. S. Rush and F. M. Parnell, of Ursina, were business visitors to Somerset recently.

Mrs. Frank Lancaster, of Somerset, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Lancaster, at Harnedsville, recently.

Kenneth Saylor, son of Merchant and Mrs. M. W. Saylor is seriously ill at his home on West Patriot street.

Allison Uhl, the little daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Chas. Uhl, is seriously ill at the home of her parents, on Main street.

Mrs. William Mumma, of Addison, is visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mrs. C. M. Sanner, of Confluence, has returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mrs. Lee Taylor and child are visiting friends and relatives in Confluence.

Miss Bernedette Crowe returned to Somerset after visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crowe, in Meyersdale.

Mrs. Samuel F. Sarah is visiting relatives and friends at Augusta, Ga.

Mrs. G. N. Schrock has returned home from Ashland, O., where she had visited for two weeks at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Auman.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Cochran, of Uniontown, have returned home after visiting relatives and friends in Somerset.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Menser were recent visitors to Rockwood.

Mrs. W. L. Brant and daughter Verda, of Garrett, were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Landis, at Somerset.

Mrs. Mary Swartz has left for Stoyestown, where she will spend the winter at the home of her daughter.

Robert Baush, who has enlisted in the U. S. Aviation service, is visiting at the home of his mother, Mrs. Laura Baush.

Henry Nichol, who has been a patient in the Johns-Hopkins hospital at Baltimore for several months, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Nichol.

Mr. G. W. Steyer, of Scull-ton, was a Somerset visitor Thursday.

Russel A. Marshal, of Stoyestown, is spending several days in Somerset.

The Rev. P. M. Neilson, of Pittsburgh, will preach in the Trinity Lutheran Church next Sunday morning and evening.

Attorney C. L. Shaver is transacting business in Harrisburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Simpson have returned to their home in Somerset after visiting several days with relatives and friends in Chicago.

Attorney Fred W. Biesecker left Friday for Lancaster, Pa., to attend the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Franklin and Marshall College of which he is a member.

Curtis Weimer, of Meyersdale, was transacting business in Somerset Wednesday.

Charles C. Shaffer, E. K. Bittner and J. E. Crowe, were recent visitors to Meyersdale.

Frank Coder, of New Centreville, was transacting business in Somerset Wednesday.

William H. Rutter, of Somerset, was transacting business in Meyersdale, Wednesday.

Harry L. Sipe and Edward P. Sipe were transacting business in Johnstown, Wednesday.

Mrs. Susan Lowry, of Glade, is visiting relatives and friends in Somerset for several days.

Miss Ruth Critchfield, of Rockwood, has returned home after spending several days at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Coleman, of West Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Coleman have returned home after spending several days in Philadelphia.

J. Palmer Cleaver of Company 'C', One Hundred and Tenth Regiment, National Guard of the United States, Camp Hancock, Ga., his sister, Miss Eleanor Cleaver, and brother, Wilbur Cleaver, of Somerset, visited their father, W. F. Cleaver, superintendent of the printing department of Johnstown vocational school.

Mrs. Wilbur Berkebile, and children have returned home after spending several days with relatives and friends in Berlin.

Miss Daisy Cover and Mrs. Paul Schell left Tuesday morning for Augusta, Georgia, to spend a few days with Mrs. Schell's son, First Lieutenant Wilbur Schell, of Company 'C'.

**Somerset County Farm Bureau.** The Somerset County Farm Bureau is spreading over into Maryland. The Commercial reporter saw the Garrett county farmers consulting our Agent McDowell at the big Bissel sale in Elk Lick township the other day, about crops, fertilizers, silos, etc.

Of course the Somerset agent was too much flattered to ask the Maryland farmers where they "belonged." Nothing else in the world so much delights the heart of a real farm agent as being consulted—to have his work brought right to him. So he gave his advice, of a quality like Shakespeare's mercy—unrestrained—to the Marylanders, unconscious of the fact that it was going outside his jurisdiction; and the farmers took the information home with them across the line with gratitude in their hearts, and in the firm belief that real Pennsylvania farm lore would work out as successfully in Maryland as at home. Meantime Agent McDowell

is establishing for himself and his Somerset county bureau an interstate reputation that is enviable. State lines are mostly imaginary things to beguile the unthinking population, anyway, and Agent McDowell is too good a sport to ask any farmer about the whereabouts of his kailiwick, if he will only consult him, even though his reputation should become national.

**NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS**

Although Mr. R. M. Swisher has sent out bills to subscribers in arrears, money for subscriptions should NOT be paid to him now, as he is no longer in charge. All subscription money should be brought to the Commercial Office, or, if forwarded by mail, should be made payable to The Commercial and not to individuals. . . . Eber K. Cockley, Editor and Proprietor

**BANKRUPTCY NOTICE**

In the District Court of the United States for the Western District of Pennsylvania

In the matter of Douglas P. Ford, Bankrupt. No. 8812 in Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of Douglas P. Ford, Meyersdale, in the County of Somerset, and District aforesaid, a Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2d day of November, 1917, the said Douglas P. Ford was duly adjudicated a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee 6 Union street, Somerset, Pa., on the 1st day of December, 1917, at 1:00 P. M., at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may come before said meeting.

H. F. YOST,  
Referee in Bankruptcy  
Somerset, Pa., Nov. 17th, 1917.

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**RESOURCES**

Loans and Investments	\$864,950.66
U. S. Bonds	120,000.00
Banking House	30,200.00
Due from Banks and Reserve Agents	448,227.88
Cash	70,480.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,533,859.48</b>

**LIABILITIES**

Capital Stock	\$ 65,000.00
Surplus and Profits	143,722.48
Circulation	65,000.00
Deposits	1,260,137.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,533,859.48</b>

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