

COMRADESHIP.

In a letter to the Editor, Mrs. Martha B. Fulton, nee Margaret Smeed, of Holsopple, gives some account of her observations of the progress being made everywhere by the Socialist movement, which suggested the idea of our establishing a department in the Commercial under the heading, "Comradeship," in which will be chronicled each week mention of instances that would properly come under that heading. Readers are invited to relate their own experience in furthering the interests of the great cause, and to bring to the attention of the Editor such cases as may be brought to their notice.

Forty-four co-operative stores in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Eastern Ohio are now affiliated with the Tri-State Co-operative Association. Besides handling a full line of groceries and household necessities, a merchant tailoring department has been established in each of these co-operative stores.

At a recent meeting Local No. 1787 United Mine Workers of America endorsed all candidates of the Socialist Party for public offices, and a resolution calling upon miners to vote for the candidates of the working class was adopted.

Dr. Thomas McCarten, a Sinn Feiner, has been elected without opposition to the British House of Commons, from the Tullamore District of King's County, Ireland.

The British House of Lords lately took up the subject of a League of Nations. So many peers wished to give their views that the day's meeting adjourned without all gaining the floor.

In Denmark's first election under the new Constitution, which permits women to vote, the Socialist-Radical parties, credited with keeping Denmark out of war through their joint action in the Folkething, elected 71 representatives. Opposition parties, led by former Premier Christensen, elected 68 representatives.

Herman Wendel, a member of the Majority Socialist group in the German Reichstag, is leading a movement within the organization of the majority, or war Socialists, calling for the repudiation of "the policy of August 4th" and a return to the opposing of war credits, declaring that the war policy of his party has proved bankrupt.

Dr. Wilhelm Muchlon, for years director of Krupp's gun works in Germany, who resigned immediately after the outbreak of the world war as a protest against the actions of his country's ruler, and who is now an exile living in Switzerland, has made public a statement laying bare the plans of Prussian military leaders to lure the peoples of principal nations of the world into a war which, according to their plans, would chloroform the Socialist movement and labor unions in embroiled nations. Dr. Muchlon's statement substantiates the charge of Socialists who have held that the war was fomented chiefly to save the skins of grafters in high places, by bringing about confusion and division in the ranks of labor. Because of his former association with the Prussian military leaders, which naturally gave him the advantage of gaining confidential information concerning their plans for the future, much weight is given to his remarks, even by capitalistic sheets, in the allied countries.

When the working class know what they want, and know how to go and get it for themselves, they never fail. They never have and they never will. When they do not know what they want, of course they need guardians; and they need oppressive guardians, too, in order that they may be driven to rise up and do things for themselves.—People's College News.

"Is your husband in favor of daylight saving?" "I think so. He stays out so much at night that I think he'd really prefer not to use any daylight at all."

CIVILIZATION.

The Berlin, Pa., Record stated in a recent issue that no person who has ever sympathized with a German should be allowed to take a seat in the Capitol at Harrisburg, and several other of the "same here" brand of capitalistic sheets have taken up the cry. The fact that the suggestion came from Berlin has not cooled their ardor.

In Conemaugh, Pa., one evening last week, a committee, or mob, called upon some Austrians and other foreigners, asking them to contribute money toward buying a flag for the Municipal building and for uniforms for the town's Home Guard unit. The first man approached gave an unfavorable reply, and he was instantly knocked to the floor. Other foreigners who failed to "come across" were treated to tar and feathers, some on their own porches, others in the parlors of their homes, and so on. The committee escorted offenders to the borough lockup where they were left over night. The following morning fifteen or sixteen feathered men faced Burgess Crum, who imposed upon each a fine and costs.

J. Edward Morgan, of San Francisco, who was to have addressed a meeting in El Centro, California, in the interest of Tom Mooney, who is under sentence of execution for alleged murder in connection with the Preparedness Day bomb explosion in San Francisco two years ago, was taken out of town by a committee of citizens who called at his hotel just before he was to appear at a theater.

Miss Jeanette Rankin, Representative in Congress from Montana, was refused permission to speak in Deer Lodge, Montana, where she was to have delivered a Liberty Loan lecture recently. A committee of citizens, headed by State Senator Williams and one R. D. Larabee, warned Miss Rankin that she could not enter the town, the reason given being that she had expressed sympathy for the strikers of Butte during labor disturbances there last summer.

At Burlington, Vermont, German will be discarded from the languages taught in the schools when they re-open for the next winter term, according to a statement made public by M. D. Chittenden, superintendent of schools.

The Committee of One Hundred, an organization composed of leading citizens of Eugene, Oregon, has issued a mandate barring the use of the German language on the streets of Eugene.

At Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the Republican State Committee voted down a proposition to subject the proposed Fair Election Law to a vote of the people at the coming primary election, on the ground that the measure would, if adopted, give Socialists equal rights with Republicans and Democrats.

A young woman who came to Columbia to take her degree of doctor of philosophy married her professor in the middle of her second year. When she announced her engagement one of her friends said:

"But, Edith, I thought you came here to get your Ph. D."

"So I did," replied Edith; "but I had no idea I would get him so soon."

John Eliot, the Indian Apostle drank water, and said of wine, "It is a noble generous liquor, and we should be humbly thankful for it, but, as I remember, water was made before it."

The privately owned industries, in peace days, kept themselves free from public control by twining the laws with millions of miles of red tape. A lawmaker who tried to change private ownership to public ownership soon found himself bound hand and foot by this red tape. But the war came along with a pair of sharp shears and cut the red tape to shreds. That pair of shears might be called grim necessity.

WE RECOMMEND

Eber K. Cockley & Herman G. Lepley

For Representatives in the General Assembly.

A. Lindstrom

For State Senator.

Hon. L. S. Mellinger

For Representative in Congress,
23rd Pennsylvania District.

"REPRESENTING THE VIEWPOINT
OF PLAIN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

LIEBKNECHT!

By Ellis B. Harris.

O'er the dross of war there teems
Your heart for humanity;
O'er the war lord's insane schemes
Lives your mind of sanity;
From the miseries your voice
Rings out Truth in purity:
"FELLOWSHIP!" a true man's choice,
For the world's security.

Scorning gods, that MAN may make
Earth a joy, love laboring;
Not a realm for thieves to take
Life from workers neighboring;
Not to bend the knee to mites,
Deafly, blindly blundering,
Shameless, heartless parasites,
Boasting of their plundering.

Damned be czars, and damned be kings;
Prostitutes of press and bar;
Pulpiteers—all creeping things—
So he spits you where you are;
Hypocrites that pray and sack,
Tongues for Christ and fangs for lust
Tearing, rending, wolfish pack,
Tramping ethics in the dust.

Liebknecht, the super man,
Guiltless of a nation's dead,
Seeking daughter that I am,
Still your Spirit lifts my head;
And I lift my hand to choose—
Not a war lord's hands of hell—
But a comrade's, making shoes,
Martyred in a prison's cell.

PRISON LIFE.

By Eber K. Cockley.

No slip on the pillow and no sheet on the bed,
No one to come and kiss it when you bump your head,
No carpet on the floor and but little sunlight,
No lovers' lane to travel in the cool moonlight,
Not a friend to comfort you, son, no one to care,
You're just a dirty j ail bird folks are all aware;
Though your thoughts be all at home with baby and wife
You are helpless to get there—such is prison life.

Prison life, you are helpless to get there;
Prison life, though your thoughts be all at home;
Prison life, you are helpless to get there,
You are helpless to get there though your thoughts be at home.

No key in the front door and no window to use,
No chimney flue to go up—you've a good excuse;
No avenues of escape are open to you
And your expiration time isn't nearly due.
Not a friend to comfort you, son, no one to care,
You're just a dirty j ail bird folks are all aware;
Though your thoughts be al at home with baby and wife
You are helpless to get there—such is prison life.

Mr. Laboring Man, do not be deceived by the plute who pats you on the shoulder and tells you to -ave and work hard now, to do all you can to win the war, that he means you shall benefit by it principally. That is not the case. He is talking about himself and his own safety first. He has an axe to grind. He is concerned in having a free hand himself. Obey, give heed to what he says, but beware that after you have helped to save his hide that your own will not be removed and nailed up to dry. Be assured that the plute is not anxious for you to gain anything by canning the Kaiser. He and his crowd certainly need to be canned first in Germany. However, be warned while you are looking across the sea and while your mind is intent on what is occurring there, beware of the same power which is busily engaged picking your pockets at home.