

INTERNATIONAL NOTES

The State Organizer and officers of a branch of the Farmers' Non-Partisan League that had just been organized at Tyler, Texas, were lately taken out by a self-appointed committee of prominent citizens, and, after having been roughly handled, were ordered to get out of the county. Several members of the league were then placed under arrest on charges of "disloyalty," but were released when they promised authorities that the local organization would disband and attempt no further agitation. Objection to the farmers' activities were based on the assumption that the organization is being used for the purpose of spreading disloyal and seditious sentiment and arousing discontent among the more ignorant (?) classes of the American people—the farmers!

Twelve Dresden members of the Independent Socialist Party of Germany were lately convicted of high treason by the Imperial Court of Leipsic and sentenced to penal servitude for terms varying from eighteen months to eight years. They were found guilty of distributing pamphlets last year advocating the overthrow of the German Imperial government and helped to bring about the peace strikes of last summer.

Internationalism for children, or thinking in terms of the world rather than those of immediate or national environments, is the object of a new work that has been started by the American School Peace League.

The stockholders of Swift & Company have approved the issuance of a \$25,000,000.00 stock dividend, and of \$25,000,000.00 additional stock at par to shareholders.

The Common Council of Mt. Vernon, New York, has forbidden the sale and distribution of all publications in German and William Randolph Hearst's New York City papers in their community for the duration of the war. A penalty of imprisonment for six months or a fine of \$500.00 is provided for breach of the ordinance.

That England is guilty in Ireland of all the crimes she alleges against the German Imperial government, is the statement of Eamon de Valera, leader of the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland.

By a vote of 236 to 185 the Lower House of the Prussian Parliament has declined to substitute equal suffrage for the plural voting system, notwithstanding the Emperor's promise to the people of equal suffrage made more than a year ago.

The National League for Opposing Woman Suffrage in England was dissolved at a meeting held recently in Westminster. Miss Beatrice Chamberlain, in the course of her remarks addressed to the members, said that they had not the slightest doubt that they had been right all through, but the extraordinary frivolous way in which the voting of woman suffrage had been received, showed that they alone took it seriously. The surplus funds of the League, amounting to several thousands of pounds, were turned over to the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses.

Shall we have to have some society to protect us from the thoughtlessness of our defense societies, asks a correspondent, criticising the sending of a pamphlet, entitled "A Hymn of Hate," to the press of the country by the American Defense Society, in which the author insists that the American people should be educated by the press to "hate sincerely" the Germans, "not merely as a proposition, but the German people root and branch." In support of his argument, our critical friend reminds us of the counsel of Washington to his countrymen, to "Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all," and also the counsel Lincoln gave to the people: "With malice toward none and with charity for all, with firmness to do the right as God gives us to see the right."

Three anarchists were lately arrested in New York, charged with plotting to overthrow the Government of the United States. Many copies of an anarchistic paper were found by the police in the building where the arrests were made, and it is said that thousands of copies were ready for distribution. It is also alleged that something like a million rifles had been imported from Essen, Germany, to be used by Germans in America when the Kaiser's troops had "crossed the English Channel."

Lieut. Torrey H. Webb left New York City at 11:30 a. m. last Wednesday arriving in Philadelphia an hour later, in an aeroplane carry 144 pounds of U. S. Mail. At Philadelphia Lieut. J. C. Edgerton received the shipment and started for Washington, D. C., arriving there at 2:50 p. m. The distance from New York to Washington is 228 miles, 3 hours and 20 minutes being the time required to cover it. This was the first regular aeroplane mail service established in the country.

To obtain closer co-operation with other labor bodies, the convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, at Cleveland, Ohio, last week adopted by unanimous vote, a resolution providing for the affiliation of their organizations with the American Federation of Labor.

Miss Mary McArthur, one of the most prominent figures in the labor movement in England, was adopted on Saturday as the prospective parliamentary candidate for Stourbridge by the Labor Party. She is the first woman candidate to be adopted by a political party as such, and all the men's trade unions in the district support her.

The Unionist Government of the Dominion of Canada has announced that it will take over all railway lines operating in the several provinces and operate them as public utilities in the public interest. Remuneration will be provided for the present owners of these roads which are now operated as private lines.

A temporary injunction restraining members and officers of the United Shoe Workers of America and of the Allied Shoe Workers Union from participating in or encouraging strikes or lockouts in Lynn factories, was lately issued by Judge Joseph F. Quinn in the Superior Court, at Salem, Massachusetts, on petition of the Lynn Shoe Manufacturers Association.

At Zwickau, Saxony, in a bye-election for the selection of a representative in the German Reichstag, the majority Socialist candidate won out. The district had been represented by a member of the Independent Socialist Party.

Many sincere friends of President Wilson in Congress are represented as surprised over his attitude toward the problem of war prohibition. Despite all the efforts of opponents of the liquor traffic and in face of constant protests from every section of the United States against the waste and abuse of foodstuffs in the manufacture of brewery products, there is no indication that the President, who has full power over the whole business, has decided to call a halt.

At Vero, Florida, the Women's Club has purchased a community steam canner, which will be used by families of the neighborhood to preserve their vegetables at a very small cost to each family.

The United States Food Administration has requisitioned 941 bushels of wheat from Samuel Corrough, a farmer of Arkoe, Nodaway County, Missouri, after he had been notified that the wheat must be put on market and the notice being ignored. His wheat was seized and the barn placarded with an an-

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ouncement that the government had taken the grain, to be shipped to the Allies.

After fighting the Commercial Telegraph Companies for years in an effort to gain recognition of their union, the commercial telegraphers have just won their fight before the national war labor board, which ruled that "American workers have the right to organize and join unions." The companies were asked to refrain from discharging employees for union affiliation and otherwise "to abide by the principles laid down in the president's proclamation."

For publicly urging workmen to replace the English Parliament by an organization patterned after the Soviets, or People's Councils, in his own country, John MacLean, Bolshevik Consul in Glasgow, Scotland, was lately sentenced by the Imperial High Court to serve five years imprisonment.

The Socialist administration in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has established the eight hour day for the city's police department.

James Madison Thompson, banker, was recently arrested in Baltimore, Maryland, for failing to register under the state's compulsory work law.

Count Ilya Tolstoy, in a review of the Russian situation, issued lately a burning indictment of the majority Socialists of Germany, charging them with taking advantage of the freedom of propaganda in Russia to enter the trenches and penetrate into the interior of the Russian nation as heralds of a new international brotherhood, under those false banners having led a nation to disaster with the "cry of love on their lips."

In the May issue of The Social Builder, formerly The Rip Saw, Eugene V. Debs comes out strong for a special convention of the American Socialist Party to declare its attitude and policy toward the war in the light of the present critical situation. "The war situation now is radically different, as it affects the Socialist party, from what it was a year ago, (when the St. Louis platform was adopted)," says Debs. "The Russian revolution has changed the face of Europe, and its possibilities, now trembling in the balance, challenge the Socialist movement to demonstrate its faith in and loyalty to the principles of international democracy." That the Socialist Party will be equal to the test, true to its convictions and steadfast in the support of its principles, facing the situation unafraid, and, after due deliberation, declare its policy to the world, is the opinion of this veteran champion of the cause of the plain people everywhere, in the closing sentences of the article referred to.

CO-OPERATION

"For the Common Good"

Co-operation is defined in political economy as, "The association of a number of persons for their common benefit." Co-operation among the common people is essential to preserve life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

In America, as in Germany, the plain people must come together in associations for their common benefit, or suffer the consequences resulting from a lack of such organizations. That person who opposes co-operation by the common people, claiming to be their representative and spokesman, whether his title be kaiser, king or just plain mister, is not the representative of the common people, but a traitor to the plain people everywhere.

Any person, anywhere, who is not at heart a traitor to the plain people everywhere, is eligible to become a member of the Commercial Co-operative Council and a conditional part owner of The Meyersdale Commercial.

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'TIS SAD, BUT—

The world is full of evils.
George Washington didn't practice cherry-tree pruning.
A Hoboken bach wouldn't own a Rolls Royce.
The average man shies at humor.

Harvard is—Harvard.
Nietzsche's nickname was

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People enjoy kissing.
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