

## INTERNATIONAL NOTES

Sweeping liberalizing reforms are contained in a revised programme lately submitted to the Socialist party in Germany by its Executive Council. According to this revised programme the Kaiser is to be deprived of the right to declare war or peace, the other provisions being for universal suffrage, parliamentary government, the Reichstag to have the right to make treaties, abolition of secret diplomacy, and a tribunal for consideration of international disarmament.

Philadelphia has a co-operative pharmacy in successful operation, also several other successful co-operative enterprises.

There are four co-operative stores in Monessen, Pa., and the fifth one is about to be organized.

"Religious Pacifism," "Promoting the Proletariat Revolution," "International Socialism" and "The Negro Question" are topics which must be considered dangerous matters for conversation or publication in the United States of America, according to instructions given out by the Solicitor of the Post-office Department, the Postmaster General and the Attorney General's office in Washington. Questions of motive will not be taken into consideration in any case. In addition to the liability of prosecution for violation of the latest Espionage Act, which has just been passed by Congress, the Postmaster General may, UPON EVIDENCE SATISFACTORY TO HIM that any person or concern uses the mails in violation of the provisions of this act, instruct postmasters to withhold delivery of ALL LETTERS OR OTHER MATTER addressed to such persons or concerns, and return such mail matter to the originating office, with the words "Mail to this address undeliverable under espionage act," written or stamped upon the outside thereof.

"There are in this country certain people, representing certain interests, who under the guise of patriotism, are urging that labor be conscripted for industrial service, or a system established that would be almost equivalent to peonage. They claim that labor should be drafted for industrial service the same as citizens are drafted for military service. At first glance this may look like a fair proposition, but as a matter of fact that proposition is most outrageously unfair, because the government conscripts its citizens for non-profit producing service; on the other hand conscription of labor for industrial service would mean that the employer could and would conscript for profit producing service and exploitation. If conscription of labor ever becomes necessary for the Nation to live, organized labor, I feel certain, will offer no opposition, providing, however, that wealth is likewise conscripted."—President Parnes H. Maurer, of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, in the opening address to the State Convention at Pittsburgh.

"The Chamber of Commerce as it operates in certain parts of the United States is organized Labor's most dangerous foe. The average citizen looks upon the organization as contributing an effort for social up-lift, a civic pride or progressive citizen movement. Among its members are some of our most honored citizens innocent of its real nature. I doubt if there has ever been within the history of this country a greater menace to the working people's rights, their freedom and liberty, than these organizations. On the surface its members pose as patriots and defenders of law and order, while in truth their activities are the very opposite. Their opposition to Labor is usually conducted under cover, of a nom de plume, such as Vigilantes, a Good Citizen Movement, Law and Order Committee, etc., etc. They denounce Sabotage, yet it is one of the strongest weapons they themselves use against us. They never tire of reminding us of the sacredness of our laws, but show no respect for the law themselves when in conflict with Labor. In the open they deplore mob rule and riots; yet secretly inspire them when organized Labor or any of its representatives stand in their way. Through persuasion or coercion, they cause our merchants to discriminate against Union-made goods. Their activities extend so far as to cause some of our organizers to be evicted from their homes and their children framed for prison."—From President Maurer's Address to the State Convention of the Federation of Labor.

### Mrs. Daniel Miller.

Mrs. Daniel P. Miller, of Springs, who had been in apparently good health up to Wednesday of last week, died suddenly on Thursday morning, of paralysis, aged 55 years.

On Wednesday, while working in the garden, she began to feel ill and called to a neighbor that she felt she was becoming paralyzed, and started for the house, but had to be helped into the house and placed on a lounge.

Besides her husband she is survived by the following named children: Misses Savannah and Ruth, at home; Norman, of near Springs, and Fred, who is with the American Expeditionary Forces abroad. Her maiden name was Amelia Eichorn.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Samuel Shettles and Noah Miller, of the Mennonite Church, of which Mrs. Miller had been a faithful member. The church was filled to its capacity by her many friends and relatives, and a great many others were unable to gain admittance during the holding of the services.

Her remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Springs.

### Mrs. Mahlon Shumaker.

Mrs. Mazy Somerville Shumaker, wife of Mr. Mahlon Shumaker, of Boynton, died suddenly on Saturday morning, June 1st, aged 66 years, 9 months and 22 days. In 1904 Mrs. Shumaker was operated on for a tumor and has not been in good health since the operation. The immediate cause of her death was dropsy and heart failure.

Her maiden name was Mazy Ellen Somerville, and she was born in the Cumberland Valley, August 10th, 1851. On

July 7th, 1873, she was united in marriage with Mr. Mahlon Shumaker, and would have been married 45 years on the 7th of next month. Besides her husband, the following named children survive: Mrs. Clara McLain, Mrs. Emma Brown, Mrs. Bessie Bittner, Mrs. Amanda Clites, Messrs. Silas and Abraham, all of Boynton; Samuel, of Stoyestown; and Harrison, of Fort Sheridan, Alabama. 32 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren resulted from this union.

Mrs. Shumaker was a hard working woman, a good wife and mother, and a faithful member of the Church of the Brethren for many years. Her husband early in his married life was incapacitated for hard work by being accidentally shot by a discharge from a rifle with which he had been hunting. Mrs. Shumaker bravely met the emergencies of life and bore them with Christian fortitude. Her husband was employed as fireman in various milling enterprises from time to time, and is at present fireman for the Twentieth Century Manufacturing Company, of Boynton. For about twelve years he was postmaster at Boynton, also.

Her father was a soldier on the Union side of the Civil War, and was made prisoner and confined in the Andersonville prison, where he died. The following named brothers and sister survive her: Richard Somerville and Mrs. Alice Baker, of Boynton; Henry Somerville, of Illinois, and John Turner, a half brother, of West Virginia.

Funeral services were held in Salisbury, Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, in the Church of the Brethren, conducted by Elder Peck and Elder Ed Hostetler. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows'

## FOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Eber K. Cockley and Herman G. Lepley  
"REPRESENTING THE VIEWPOINT OF PLAIN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE"

## CAMPAIGN COMMENTS

Two Somerset county newspapers recently refused to run advertisements of Mr. Cockley's story which was published in The Commercial under the title "Six Months in a Newspaper Office." We wonder why?

At a recent convention of the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, held in New York, the big business interests of the United States took account of the sad fact that less than one-third of our Congressmen are business men, and initiated a movement among members of the Association for the purpose of seeing to it that future Congresses and State Legislative bodies throughout the country will have more representatives of big business in their make-up. Since it is known that big business interests are aiding and abetting the "dry" movement at this time, who can blame a body for regarding their endeavors with suspicion?

Notwithstanding the strong inclination of the farmer to the "dry" side of the "liquor question," he was not favored with either one of the three places by the Dry Federation in the Legislative nominations of this district. Mr. Stotler is a manufacturer, Mr. Clutton is a merchant and Mr. Miller is a county seat attorney. Do the local "dry" leaders assume that Pennsylvania farmers are included in "the more ignorant classes of the American people," as the intellectual leaders termed the farmers of Texas when driving organizers of the Farmers' Non-Partisan League out of the State?

Mr. Stotler is accused of voting on important questions whatever way the majority votes. When the clerk of the House calls the roll he starts with "A" and proceeds in alphabetical order to "Z," and by the time he comes to Mr. Stotler away back in the "S" column nearly every member has voted. By keeping a check of the votes Mr. Stotler is usually able to see what the result will be, and whatever side the majority takes he can vote for. Of course, the Socialists will never win. (?) so we asked our informant what position Mr. Stotler is likely to take if, in the next Legislature, the majority should be against ratification of the prohibition amendment. "Well, if he would vote against the majority it would be an exception to the rule," said our critical friend in conclusion.

Eber K. Cockley, business manager of the "Commercial," was at Somerset on Monday. In addition to managing a newspaper, Mr. Cockley is conducting a campaign in his own interest, which he hopes will land him in the legislature as a Socialist. He has two big jobs on hand.—Somerset Standard.

Members of the United Mineworkers of America in Meyersdale and vicinity have assured Mr. Cockley and Mr. Lepley of their whole-souled support in this campaign.

The Dry Federation made a sad mistake when it selected Mr. Livengood to act as publicity bureau and general sponsor for the organization in Somerset county. The workingmen of the county who do not now have his number will be in possession of it before the campaign closes.

Evidently over-anxious to put his competitor out of business, Mr. Livengood is said to have offered the owner of The Commercial building double the rent we pay for our quarters if the landlord would "eject" us. He then published a false statement in The Republican, issue of March 21st, 1918, to the effect that "Mr. Lucente has notified the owners or lessees of the Commercial that they will have to move out by May 1st." Who wonders why?

"The March 14th edition of the Bolsheviki sheet also contains the interesting announcement in large display type: WE RECOMMEND Eber K. Cockley & Herman G. Lepley for Representatives in the General Assembly. With their own great paper behind them to boost them right into the Legislature, what's the use for any other candidates to offer themselves as willing sacrifices to go to Harrisburg?—The Republican. It's no use, neighbor, but, you should remember, the Socialists will never win!"

### cemetery.

#### Solomon Summy.

Mr. Solomon Summy, of near Summit Mills, died suddenly on Thursday evening of last week, at the home of his son, Mr. Yost Summy, while sitting in a rocking chair, aged about 64 years.

A good many years of Mr. Summy's life were spent in Ohio. After the death of his first wife, he returned to his native county of Somerset, and was united in marriage to Tillie Stevanus, who survives him. His remains were laid to rest in the Amish cemetery, at Summit Mills, on Sunday.

## THE SOCIALIST TICKET

### FOR GOVERNOR

Charles Sehl, of Philadelphia.

### LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR,

Dalton T. Clarke, of Washington.

### SECRETARY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS,

William Adams, of Pittsburgh.

### REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS AT

#### LARGE,

Cora M. Bixler, of Lancaster.

John C. Euler, of Erie.

Henry W. Schlegel, of Allentown.

Harry T. Vaughn, of Wheatland.

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 23RD

#### DISTRICT,

Louis S. Mellinger, of Dawson.

### SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Andrew Lindstrom, of Holsopple.

### REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL AS-

#### SEMBLY,

Eber K. Cockley, of Garrett,

Herman G. Lepley, of Meyersdale, R. D.

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## 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.

Join the Commercial Co-operative Council today and argue the question tomorrow—or the next day you meet a Commercial reader who is not a member.

### ST. PAUL.

Miss Orpha Beachy is attending Normal School in Salisbury.

Paul Wilson, son of Rev. and Mrs. L. N. Wilson, is on the sick list.

The majority of St. Paulites were in Salisbury to attend the Memorial Services, Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Yost, of Salisbury, were visiting their daughter, Mrs. Birl Engle, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey J. Engle and little son were visiting at Mrs. Engle's home in Addison, Sunday.

Miss Della Denniker, of Boynton, was visiting at the home of her friend, Miss Elsie Sipple, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Wahl, of near Boynton, were visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Engle, Sunday.

Miss Leora Engle, who is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Clara Smith, of Greenville, was home last Thursday.

The name of Robert Engle, who left with the boys for Camp Lee, last Wednesday, was inadvertently omitted.

Mr. Albert Engle and two sons, Earl and Ernest, and Mr. Quenton Engle, motored to Cumberland, Md., Monday.

Mrs. Eva Manges and children, of Listie, spent several days of last week at the home of her brother, Mr. Irvin Engle. Rev. Mr. Brant, of the Anti-Saloon League, occupied the

pulpit in the Reformed Church, Sunday, and delivered a lecture on Prohibition.

The Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. N. D. Hay, Saturday. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hickson in Coal Run.

Mrs. Charles Hutzel and baby, and her brother, Mr. Homer Engle, were in Somerset visiting their sister, Mrs. Harry Hause, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pfeiffer, of Akron, Mr. and Mrs. Enias Pfeiffer, of Somerset, were visitors at the home of Mahlon Whislers, Sunday.

Second Lieut. Clarence Whisler, of Camp Meade, Md., his wife, of El Paso, Texas, Mrs. Ida Fay and children, of Parkton, Md., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mahlon Whisler.

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Walker and children, of near Meyersdale, and Miss Margaret Lepley, of this place, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Nicholson, of Pleasant Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dickey, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dickey, of Milford, Mr. and Mrs. George Tedrow and children, of Salisbury, Katherine Spangler and son, Mr. William McClary and son, of Glade City, were Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Whisler.

Can you beat it—The Commercial weekly at \$1.25 per year?