

WAR!

The eastern sun must blush in shame,
The sky o'er spreads a pall of gloom,
The earth must reek with roar and flame,
While struggling armies meet their doom.

The fiendish wargod now prevails
And nations pay his awful toll;
In blinded fury each assails
And bows beneath the fiend's control.

The carnage raves while devils gloat,
And thousands die, while thousands more
Are maimed for life and nations, smote
With lust are mad for human gore.

The frightful conflict wildly raves
And all the world looks on aghast,
While men become as murd'ous knaves;
We wonder how long this can last.

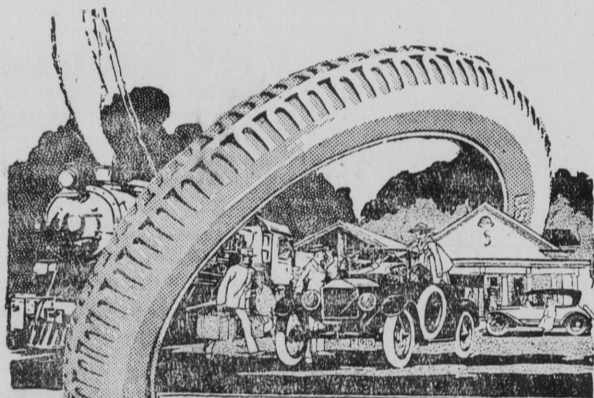
Cruel want stalks forth with ruthless tread
And desolation wastes the land,
The best are gone, are maimed, or dead
And still the fiend is in command.

What gain is there for such a price,
What victory can compensate
For woe and human sacrifice,
Why suffer men so vile a fate?

Must heroes die like brutes are slain
And human slaughter thus go on,
And men be called to fill again
The ranks of those that now are gone?

How long, how long can war endure,
How long there be such cause for blame,
When ignominious pretexts lure
A nation to revolting shame?

—Howard Phillips.



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FOR REPRESENTATIVES IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



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

CAMPAIGN COMMENTS

Comes now our neighbor and "friend," Mr. Livengood, editor and proprietor of the "Bull-sheviki" weekly, also publicity bureau and general sponsor for the Dry Federation in Somerset County, for the purpose of challenging the right of Mr. Cockley and Mr. Lepley to offer themselves as candidates for the General Assembly as the representatives of the plain people. Our obliging critic contends that because only 75 or so of the Socialists in Somerset county turned out at the primary election to ratify according to law the nominations of candidates for public office, who had received the endorsement of the members of the Socialist organizations away last winter in a party referendum, that the workingmen of the county "have got the number of these callow caterwaulers who are attempting to lead the Socialist party in Somerset county." Well! The very idea! Does Mr. Livengood not know that the members of the Socialist Party would not stand for any such thing as a political "leader?" Does he mean to show his ignorance of the fact in public, and does he not understand that "B'er" Eber and "Helpless" Herman have been in the Socialist movement too long to even remember a time when such a superfluous animal as a "leader" would have been tolerated by their comrades? Mr. Livengood overlooks the important point that the Socialist Party had no contest on to determine who should be its candidates, which made it necessary only for a few Socialists to vote in the Primary in order that the names of the party's candidates would be printed on the official ballots in the general election. Another thing he failed to inform his grand army of duped followers concerning was that, although the dry candidate, Mr. Miller, who evidently made an attempt to "lead" the workers who belong to the Socialist Party, as in all other parties they had been misled, only three votes could be mustered for his candidate on the Socialist ballot in the Primary. Perhaps this is what causes "general" sponsor to feel peeved and in duty bound to pour forth his venomous attacks upon those vulgar folks who dare to challenge his claim to leadership over them. For the information of our designing opponent we will say that four candidates were contending for the Assembly nomination in the Socialist referendum last winter, when a majority of the party members cast their ballots for Mr. Cockley and Mr. Lepley, and for all the "Bull-sheviki" editor knows they might have received no less than 100 votes in that referendum.

Who lied? Mr. Livengood says, in the "Bull-sheviki" sheet, issue of June 13th, 1918, that since its last resurrection and conversion into a Socialist sheet what little circulation and advertising patronage The Commercial inherited from the former management has "dwindled almost entirely away." On the other hand Mr. Schaffner, who has been the owner of The Commercial for a number of years, up to the time it was turned over to the present owners, says in a communication just received, that the publication is in the best condition, financially and in every way, than it has been for more than four years. Mr. Schaffner ought to know. Mr. Livengood can only guess—and hope. But, for some reason or other, "as predicted by The Republican" is an old phrase that has been falling into disuse lately. We still remember a prediction made some time last year, after Mr. Cockley came in control of The Commercial, when it was said that the old Commercial would perhaps sing another swan song before going under for the last time. It will take more than your predictions and bare faced prevarications to down the Old Reliable, neighbor.

There was an interesting wedding in high political circles recently when the boss and the reformer, the wet and the dry, elephant and bull moose, stand pat leader and insurgent politician met at Philadelphia and, with the past factional fights and holy war forgotten, the opponents being united in the unholy bonds of political matrimony. It is not known whether or not the ring ceremony was used although various "rings" were represented in this brilliant event in Pennsylvania's political history. There is one way open yet to the plain people who consistently believe in progressive principles. Join the Socialist Party.

THE SOCIALIST TICKET

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SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Andrew Lindstrom, of Holsopple.

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
Eber K. Cockley, of Garrett,
Herman G. Lepley, of Meyersdale, R. D.

"REPRESENTING THE VIEWPOINT OF PLAIN PEOPLE EVERYWHERE."

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.

THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT

ARE YOU A MEMBER?

President Woodrow Wilson has written in one of his scholarly works, Division and Reunion, page 13:

"There can be a moneyed aristocracy, but there can not be a moneyed democracy."

In the evolution of the American Republic we have reached the stage of "moneyed aristocracy." The revolution from this moneyed aristocracy, from this industrial despotism, to an industrial democracy MUST COME. And the Socialist Movement is the organized effort peacefully and legally to overthrow this industrial-moneyed despotism and secure industrial democracy.

If the Socialist Movement does not move forward fast enough to suit you, then get in and help make it move faster in your community.

The Monster Capitalism.

Remember that Capitalism grows more and more monstrous every day. To illustrate, Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Sr., owns more wealth than he could have earned if he had gone to work the morning Jesus Christ was born and had worked every year since, three hundred days in the year, and had received over \$1,700.00 PER DAY. His two children will receive, by inheritance, the equivalent of more than 550 TONS OF GOLD—a heavy load for 300 horses.

Remember that one-half of one per cent of the total population of the United States own 65 per cent of all the wealth of the entire nation.

At present we of the Socialist Party are doing the very best we can without your encouragement, without your small monthly dues, without your constant co-operation. We need the stimulus, the power and the courage of a large membership, the inspiring, conquering membership of which we should like to have you become a part.

It would make us glad indeed TO SEE YOU HELPING in the great struggle for the freedom of yourself, and your children, and your class.