

FARMERS PLAN A STATE-WIDE SALES COMPANY

Ohioans Propose Moulding All Co-operatives Into One.

CO-OPERATIVE BANK IS ALSO PROPOSAL

Cleveland Shippers Forecast Increased Business for the Railways of That State.

Cleveland, Jan. 16.—Farmers around Cleveland are beginning to live with high hopes. They have several ambitious schemes that they may hope the next two or three years to ripen and harvest.

At the annual meeting of the Cuyahoga county farm bureau here last week, Murray D. Lincoln, secretary of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, told of the state federation's project to form a holding company of several million dollars' capital, which would absorb all the interior associations connected with the farm bureau system.

Under present conditions, all the cooperatives scattered through the state are working as individual units. Under the new plan, each would have its own organization of neighborhood farmers to operate the elevator or store, and the ownership would be vested in the big state-wide corporation, in which all the little co-operative would own stock.

Co-operative Bank Proposed.

Another scheme under discussion by the farmers around Cleveland is that of starting a farmers' co-operative national bank here. The city bankers, say the promoters, have not given the farmer the attention they ought. They point as argument to the fact that one-half of one per cent of the paper discounted by the Federal Reserve Bank is held by the Farmers' Bank.

Shippers think that the worst of the readjustment period has passed but that business will not return to the same level as before. The carriers' officials are making plans to handle the volume of traffic in better shape than they did last spring.

With this purpose in view, the roads have combined with the car service companies in endeavoring to increase the volume of traffic.

The Cleveland Passenger Club, composed of railroad passenger agents and other railway men interested in passenger service, was formed here this week. F. A. Hunt, of the American Express Co. office here, is president.

Increased Tariffs Expected.

Advice to the car service committee of the seven railway here from the New York shippers and to be given at a general meeting of the roads.

For a gradation in tonnage in forty or fifty days, according to H. O. Durkin, chairman of the committee and general agent of the Erie Railway here.

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"We Und Corp" Is In Angry Mood

Lady Bechtel's Article Has Created Great Storm of Indignation at Home.

The Hague, Jan. 16.—The publication of Lady Nancy Bechtel's article on the International in exile, has aroused a storm of indignation on the part of the ex-Kaiser and the entire German people. It is said to be his home base, Count Bentzel, at whose estate the events described took place.

Count Bentzel hurried to The Hague to confer with the Foreign Minister and the Premier, after which he returned to Berlin to tell the government's intentions to the Russian Ambassador in London to drop the statements contained in the article.

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Count Bentzel said that he did not even the servants quipped during William's day, in spite of tempting

prizes offered by American journals.

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SHAW ADVISES MIDDLE CLASSES TO JOIN LABOR

Will Only Get Their Rights by Organizing to Fight for Them.

RATEPAYER HAS TO PAY THE BILL

Trade Unionists Began as Protest Against Exactions of Employers of Labor.

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London, Jan. 16.—The middle classes should join the labor party, George Bernard Shaw said at a big meeting at Lancaster recently.

"The middle-class man, in the economic sense," says Shaw, "is a person who has a job, has savings, can afford to have a business, running, which consists mostly of going into an office, and when the war is in any difficulty so to what, or do, he is well able to do what was done last time. The middle-class man is a man who, between, on the one hand, the bourgeois and, on the other hand, the proletarian, owns the means of production and capital of the country.

Began With Laborers.

The trade union movement began when the working classes found themselves in complete antagonism with the middle-class man, the landlord, and the capitalist, and having only dimmed consciousness, formed themselves into trade unions.

They have education for their children paid for out of public money, they have got town dwellings in the same way;

they have an elaborate health service, with sanitary inspection, and all the rest.

The middle-class man, and those

of the small bourgeoisie, are the things they are going to have done for them in the future out of their money.

Ratemayer Pays Bill.

"Why pay for all these things that the working classes are pressing for?" the ratemayer. If the middle-class man were wise, he would try to get out of the employment of private capitalists, and go into self-employment, and who simply wants to make money out of him and would try to get into the public service."

With characteristic candor, Mr.

Shaw said incidentally: "I am not a very great admirer of Mr. Lloyd George because, if it comes to the

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