

SEE PROFITEERING IN ARMY RESALES

"Surplus" Stocks Net Dealers Enormous Profits—Double Transactions Reported

REVEAL 1000 P. C. PROFITS

New York, Oct. 18.—How fortunes in useful materials are being permitted to go to waste in army warehouses, while the public cries for them in vain, how wanton extravagance continues to mark purchases made for the War Department; how favorite profiteers are allowed by the Democratic administration to reap golden harvests through army sales, is revealed in reports that have been investigated and found to be supported by an abundance of evidence. Just how much profiteering has been done through selling articles to the government already in stock in great abundance, and through the purchase of "surplus" stocks at ridiculously small rates and subsequent re-sale at profits amounting in some cases to 1000 per cent it would be impossible to estimate. Some idea, however, of the great profits reaped by favored ones may be obtained from a transaction by which a large concern of this city, according to admissions made by its own officers, purchased 300,000 raincoats from the government at twenty-five cents each and resold them to chain mail stores at \$2.50 each, thus making a profit of \$175,000, or 700 per cent on its investment. And that same concern had sold previously these same raincoats to the government at a good profit over and above the cost of manufacture.

That same concern also is said to have bought back from the government 1,000,000 yards of olive drab shirting at a loss to the government of from twelve to seventeen cents a yard, or from \$120,000 to \$170,000 on the whole lot. In trade gossip it is said the head of that concern is no well known to a member of the President's cabinet that he "can walk into his office in Washington at any time without knocking."

Another instance along that line is of a former lieutenant in the army who received his discharge from a supply base in Brooklyn and promptly went into business as a dealer in army surplus goods. He is said on good authority, to have purchased 100,000 knitted neck muffs at fifty cents each, although the price paid for them by the government was \$2.50 each. From that same base 2,750,000 packages of candy were sold to a local candy broker at one cent each and resold by him to dealers at a profit equal to many times his investment.

An amazing thing about it all is that many of these brokers put no cash at all into the deal. They merely purchase the goods upon condition that they are to pay for them when they have them carted away. Then they resell them to others at enormous profits, and these others pay the dealer before he pays the government.

SUFFRAGE PIONEERS MEET TO GET FRUITS OF VICTORY

Delaware County Women Want Others of Sex to Take Advantage of Franchise They Fought For

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger:

Sir—Five years ago, in these same October days, a group of women in a rural district of Pennsylvania were busily traveling the length and breadth of their township, searching out the voters in preparation for the approaching election. They were trying to show the men of the township why they should vote for the enfranchisement of their women in the state suffrage amendment about to be voted on. The work done in those shortening October days told; when the returns for the election of November, 1915 came in, Thornbury Township, Delaware Co., had voted two to one in favor of the amendment to the State Constitution.

In the intervening years the suffrage group drifted apart. But two weeks ago it came together again to prepare for another election day in which the women are to have a different part to play. The five members of the old suffrage committee who met on the first day of this month to discuss their newly acquired responsibilities might have been picked by anti-suffragists in pre-suffrage days as the type of women who "do not want the vote." They have all the ordinary cares of the city housekeeper, plus the burdens—which accompany the joy—which met on the first day of this month to discuss their newly acquired responsibilities might have been picked by anti-suffragists in pre-suffrage days as the type of women who "do not want the vote."

To the performance of their own household and the care of their families, they add such tasks as butter-making, raising vegetables, caring for chickens and the multitudinous details which accrue when there is no garbage man and no milk man to stop at the door, no bakery or grocer to come to the corner to make good a lapse of memory.

Nevertheless, the busy life of these country women has not crowded out the sense of the new-found duties and responsibilities which the passage of the nineteenth amendment has—shall we say—"thrust" in anti-suffrage language—upon them. Unanimously they voted to reorganize the old suffrage group, after its long lapse, into a local league of women voters. There was pointed discussion concerning the powers which the women of the township may not be expected to exert in school affairs. In fact, most of the conversation centered about school matters, and the difficulty which women had experienced in getting their views adequately represented. An effort had already been made to get a woman appointed to fill a vacancy in the board of school directors. Her qualifications were apparently beyond question, but her sex was not. Therefore

the office has been offered to her husband. He—an anti-suffragist of course—had apparently been jerked into a sudden consciousness of the absurdity of the situation, and indignantly retorted that "if his wife was not good enough to fill the office, he certainly was not." So the office remains vacant.

The afternoon drew to a close before there was opportunity to discuss national affairs at any length and after the last woman had departed I suddenly realized that, although the whole object of the meeting had been to get out an intelligent and full vote by women on November 2, I had no idea what the party affiliation of any member present had been.

Before adjournment it had been decided to hold a meeting for reorganization of the committee; and when this took place a week later, on October 8, each woman had brought a friend or two; the officers and executive committee were elected and work mapped out. The work recognized as the most immediate was the informing and encouraging of the women on the assessor's list in the township. Ignorance of offices to be filled and of candidates was the state of mind of most of us at the meeting, and we could not expect more enlightenment on the part of the women over the countryside at large.

As a first step toward information, an invitation went out to every woman on the assessor's list to attend a non-partisan meeting to be addressed by representatives of the state league of women voters. Great care was taken

to invite speakers affiliated with both the Republican and Democratic parties although each speaker agreed to steer wholly clear of any mention of party lines. The purpose of this was to avoid any ground of criticism that the meeting was to be used for partisan purposes under cover of general information. Later, there will be meetings at the schoolhouses of the township, at which representatives of the political parties will be invited to get through their pieces for the benefit of the new voters. Plans are now under way to en-

courage the women to go to the polls, and to make them feel at home when they get there. What the women may be able to do, especially for local conditions, if they do come out in numbers and express their independent ideas, is intimated in the fact that after two meetings, the party affiliations of the various committee members still remain a mystery to the chairman—who is the writer of this article. So far, we have not had time to discuss "politics!"

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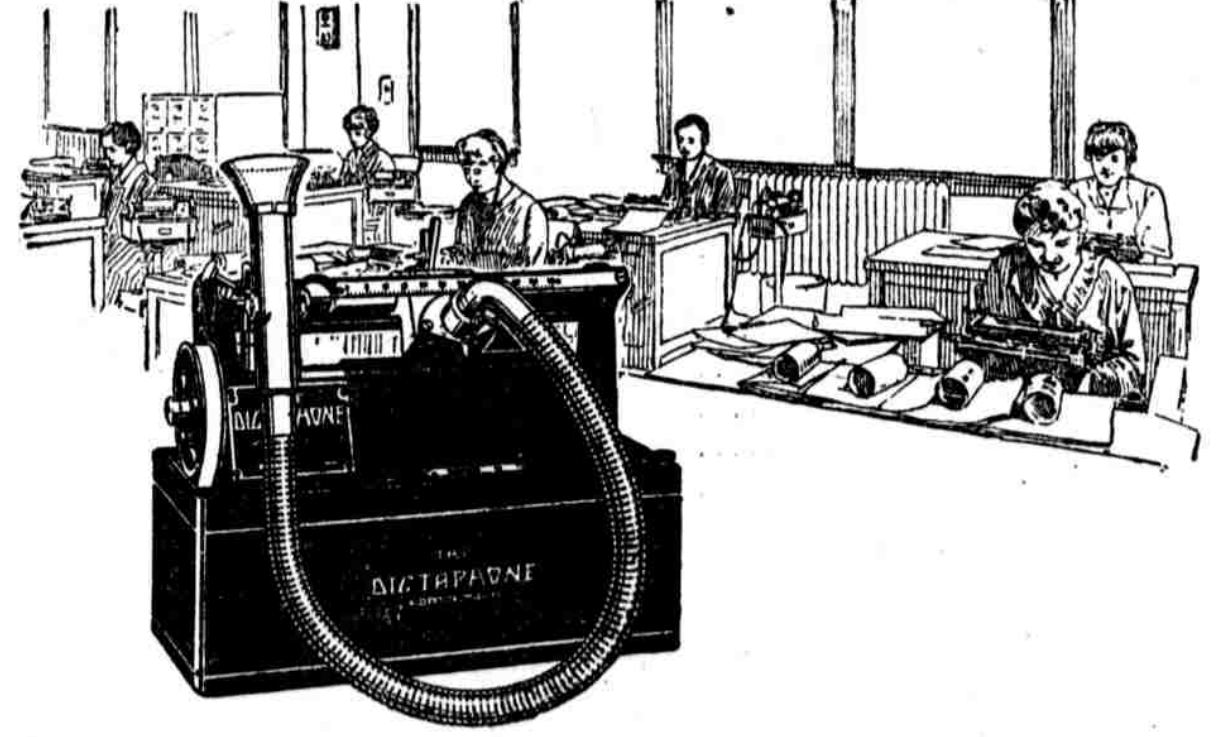
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So many of us are too easily inclined to blame the retailer for the high prices of things in general that the recital of an instance in which the contrary has proven true may not go amiss. Certain shops on Chestnut Street, to protect their customers against an advance in prices, contracted for a quantity of sugar at 22 1/2 cents per pound. Now sugar is retailing at 14 cents at the present time, but these firms are still paying 22 1/2 cents and losing money by the deal. Surely, this is not the way of the profiteer.

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I HEARD today of a wonderful opportunity to secure some of the most beautiful of Oriental rugs. You know that, since the war, few rugs of any importance have been brought to this country, so the announcement of a sale of a very fine collection at the Philadelphia Art Galleries, Chestnut and Fifteenth Streets, is stirring up a great amount of enthusiasm. The sale starts at 2:30 Monday afternoon, October 18, and continues every afternoon throughout the week. Included are some royal Kermanshahs, Saruks, Keshans, Serapis, Bijars, some antique Ferrajans and Khorrassans and a number of Imperial Chinese carpets. One of the most interesting rugs in the collection is a Kermanshah, 24 ft. 10 in. by 16 ft. 10 in. It is of luxurious silky texture and rarely beautiful coloring.

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"I SAW Marjorie this afternoon on the links," said Tom. "She actually looked slender. You don't believe it, of course, but wait until you see her."

Several days after I met Marjorie at the station, and the mystery was solved. She had on a "Lionel" sports suit, which she had bought at "Millards," 1337 Chestnut Street. I took a peek into their store at 127 South Thirteenth Street today, and discovered that the "Lionel" sports suit comes in all the attractive new heater shades. One very good feature of its skin is the fullness in the back, and the tailoring is just what you would expect to find at "Millards"—perfection. The price is \$39.75. A dainty little hand-made blouse to wear with it is priced \$5.50.

TO BE well-groomed you must be well-shod. Even if you have decided to make your suit last another season, you cannot afford to wear shoes that are shabby. And really, when you can buy good shoes at such reasonable prices as those at the second-floor shop of Del Mar & Company, 1211 Chestnut Street, there is little excuse for wearing shoes that are down at the heel. Soiled dull black kidskin with straps crossed at the instep are very smart-looking, and there are good-looking dark brown pumps which can be worn later with spats. If you happen to be on the lookout for a smart-looking brogue you can find your search right now at the Del Mar shop. I know you'll like them, for they are both comfortable and good looking.

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