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EDITORIAL

Military Affairs Committee of United States Senate is investigating the alleged overcharging of private business in selling to commissary officers of the army the uniforms they are required to wear.

Chairman of the Committee of these patriotic Senators that committee is investigating, and that some things may be heard through this investigation could not be permitted to appear.

Attention of the Senate was called to an alleged understanding between the Quartermaster's department of the army and some private firms which has long postulated the furnishing of uniforms to the government itself at cost, and an investigation of large was also promised.

the attitude of the distinguished Senators during this discussion in the Senate chamber we get the impression that capitalism, as bunkardism, must be relegated to a heap as a result of the struggle to make the world safe for democracy, and this is as it should be.

body whose blood flows through patriotic channels will welcome the downfall of such vicious and the system which makes it a profitable venture.

LIVELY PARTAKES THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT. It is to say here, the present time in which many strange things are happening, a time in which a really is stranger than fiction.

now neighbor William S. Ed, the editor of our contemporary, to bite into the Socialist, and from the pen which he wipes the juice of this well developed journal, it doesn't go nearly so bad as might have imagined.

as not been accustomed to an autograph associated with Socialistic, but, on the contrary, made it appear that his Socialism and Sherman's war were pretty much identical ideas. In fact, the impression which prevails among men everywhere is that this section of the country at times taken the liberty to express themselves in the Editor.

There is pending in the Senate a resolution, if it were enacted into law, the production and distribution of newspaper out of the hands of the powerful paper trust and control of this great industry to the Federal Trade Commission. The resolution referred to was denounced in the Senate by an extremely dangerous and reactionary members of the Senate, but a campaign is being conducted by the American Press Association for the measure for the country publishers, and are now being fought by the paper trust over the country and appeal to their Senators and urge in Congress urging the pending resolution of the list of Editors who are their Senators and convincing them to vote for the measure appears the name will, much to our surprise.

change incident to be reported an indication that the man is ready to listen

to the Socialist appeal? Is it not possible that abnormal conditions brought on by the war may have the effect of bringing to a point of identity the interests of both, the slave for profits and the slave for wages—the small business man and the horny handed son of toil? Or is it to be passed upon as simply a case of economic determinism, which to the average man is a term that does not at this time have any definite meaning?

Verily, some strange things are now coming to pass, but we will venture to say, not nearly so strange yet as some that are about to come.

HERALD OF VICTORY, MELN'S VIEW OF MILWAUKEE ELECTION

Milwaukee, Jan. 7.—"We here in Milwaukee consider the result of Wednesday's special election a grand victory for our party."

This was the declaration of Edmund T. Melms, Socialist candidate, on the results of the special election held Wednesday, Jan. 2, for the election of a state senator from the eighth senatorial district, made up of several wards on the south side in Milwaukee.

Practically complete returns show that Melms was defeated by 217 votes. He received 3,952 votes compared to the 4,169 ballots cast for the combination candidate, Louis Fons, running on the Republican ticket.

Big Lead Wiped Out. The special election resulted from the vacancy caused by the expulsion of Frank Raguse, Socialist, from the State senate, because of alleged disloyal remarks made during a speech on the floor of the senate. He refused to sign a "retraction" framed by the democratic and republican senate leaders and was ousted.

The Socialist victory arises from the fact that Raguse was elected in a three-cornered fight in November, 1916. The combined anti-Socialist vote in this election showed a majority of more than 2,100. This combined opposition vote was cut down on Wednesday to 217. In other words, an opposition lead of 2,100 in 1916 was almost wiped out this week.

Faced Wierd Opposition. It was the wierdest kind of an opposition that the Socialist Party forces in Milwaukee went up against in this special election.

Not only were they opposed by the regular combination of the republican, democrats, prohibitionists, progressives and independents, but they were also forced to meet the vilification and abuse of several expelled Socialists. Chief among the ex-party members were A. M. Simons and Winfield R. Gaylord, who vied with the old party machine wheel horses in their misrepresentation of Socialist principles. Charles Edward Russell was imported in a hurry-up attempt to turn back the rising Socialist tide. The lesson of Russell's speeches and Hillquit's record vote in New York City had evidently not been thoroughly learned.

In addition, Governor Phillips, Wisconsin's corporation-owned executive, who has been active in crushing out the study of Socialism in the University of Wisconsin, and ex-Governor McGovern were also brought into the district to help defeat the Socialist candidate.

Sees Victory This Fall. "Money was poured into the district like water in the frantic effort to defeat us," said Melms. "Many of the old party voters became disgusted and remained at home. They will vote our ticket next time. The result of this election assures us complete victory in both the legislative and congressional elections this fall."

SHIP YARD RAISES WAGES. Wilmington, Del.—The Harlan & Hollingsworth corporation, iron ship builders, has accepted the wage scale and classification of the Philadelphia navy yard. These rates will be made retroactive to November 2. Overtime will be paid for at government rates and double time will be paid after midnight and on Sundays and holidays.

This corporation is a subsidiary of the Bethlehem steel corporation and maintains the usual attitude of these institutions toward organized labor, but economic conditions force them to accept wage scales and conditions that unionism makes possible.

Five hundred of the employees of the Stines (England) Linoleum Factory have gone on strike because six non-union men were employed.

British Labor Endorses Bolsheviki Principles

Rejects Completely Any Idea of Making a National or Imperial Profit Out of the War, Declares Henderson.

London, Jan. 15.—Arthur Henderson, leader of the Labor party in the House of Commons, stated it was his opinion that British labor would welcome Premier Lloyd George's statement of the aims for which Great Britain is fighting in the world war.

"In essentials we agree with the Bolsheviki, and so, to judge from his published statement, does President Wilson," Henderson declared. "We now are making every effort to arrange another interlaced conference, as a preliminary to a complete conference of the whole labor movement of the world. We desire nothing more than to have a fresh and the fullest joint discussion with the representatives of labor, first among our allies, then with neutrals, and our present enemies."

Labor stands for the absolute freedom and integrity of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Montenegro and the establishment on a firm basis of a league of nations and peoples for disarmament, and the prevention of future wars, he pointed out.

"These things," Henderson continued, "constitute our irreducible minimum, and if we secure this, we desire the fullest resumption of international intercourse and the complete repudiation of all attempts at an economic war or a boycott. So far as the Premier's statement conforms to these principles we welcome it and we are convinced that no other settlement can be consistent with the expressed desire for peace, which, as he says, will not contain within it the need of future wars."

British labor, Henderson added, warmly welcomes the main principles laid down by the Russian Government, but it rejects as completely as the Bolsheviki themselves any idea of making a national or imperial profit out of the war.

"I make one urgent request of our comrades in Russia. If they reach any basis of agreement with the central powers for general peace, I ask them to insist that the central powers shall submit this basis for consideration to all the governments and peoples concerned."

"They can then depend on it," Henderson concluded, "that the representatives of British labor will do all in their power to see that they receive a clear, candid and reasoned reply."

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Chicago Labor Opposes Impertation of Chinese

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 16.—Opposition to the suggestion of Levy Mayer, Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis and Elbert H. Gary, that 5,000,000 Chinese should be imported to the United States to do the "rough work," was voiced in the Chicago Federation of Labor. The resolution adopted declared:

"Putting into effect such a half-witted proposition would demoralize working conditions in this country and lower the standard of wages. Besides, there are hundreds of thousands of men past military age who are capable of doing the work required of willing hands and brains to help the government win the war."

The resolutions will be sent to President Wilson and Samuel Gompers.

THE FAMILY MARKET BASKET

(By Samuel C. Dixon, M. D., Commission of Health.)

On a Saturday morning a poor woman, with her baby in arms, was returning from the town to her home in the suburbs with a well-filled market basket.

In the electric train were two extravagantly dressed gentlemen sitting together, across the aisle from the woman and child. One was evidently suffering with a bad cold, a serious infection, which the extremely changeable weather had made very prevalent. This sick individual was ignorant of sanitary laws, as well as police laws, for he was spitting the poisonous contents of the cough on the floor of the car. Directly, the two well-dressed individuals left the train at a way-station and the woman, being somewhat crowded with baby and basket in the seat, divided with another passenger, moved to the place vacant by the two men.

She carelessly placed her basket on the floor in such a manner that it took up a portion of the poisonous sputum. The rest of the story is easily told. The basket was carried home and placed on the kitchen table where the food to be eaten raw would be prepared for the family. The sickness of the baby in arms, and maybe other members of the family, can be left to the imagination.

To keep well, our foodstuffs must be kept clean.

WORLD WHEAT CROP LESS.

Washington, Jan. 10.—World crop statistics compiled by the international institute of agriculture at Rome and telegraphed to the department of agriculture show 1917 wheat production at 1,864,000,000 bushels, or 3.9 per cent less than last year. Statistics do not include production in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, and Russia, where war conditions have prevented collection of reports.

The "railroad strike" bugaboo is discounted in a report by the Federal Board of Mediation and Conciliation, which says that interruption of interstate railroad service by labor disputes has been almost negligible since the board was organized four years ago.

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Connecticut State Compensation Commission reports that 45,093 workers were injured in that state last year.

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