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Victor Berger, socialist, was expelled from the house by the vote of all members of the house, with a single ignominious exception.

The result at Milwaukee was symptomatic of conditions throughout the country. It would be occasion for grave alarm.

The significance of Berger's alienation stands in the nation can be seen from the fact that the Milwaukee German isolation in America cannot be escaped.

The Berger election advertised again the fact that there are unresolvable and irreconcilable elements of Germanism yet existent in America.

Fortunately, Milwaukee is the only great American city where the German idea persists and flourishes.

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President Wilson urged the senate for months to ratify the peace treaty. He has now urged the senate to reject it.

Accepts the verdict of the senators? When did he do it? If he accepts the senate's rejection of the treaty, he is in the class of quitters.

We have no notion of consigning President Wilson to the class of quitters, whether contemptible or not.

The career of the late Billings C. Moore is a study in the beginnings of statehood for Washington to the teeming days of territorialism.

Much good work has been done by patriotic Americans, both in public office and as plain citizens, to combat the spread of the country.

One of the advantages of higher education is that it converts the "ordinary person" into a being capable of understanding the constantly transpiring discoveries of science.

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to be an ordinary person in times like these, with discovery and invention fairly outrunning his capacity for apprehending the nature of the public business that he is handling.

It appears to have occurred to the Central committee to have the Representative Albert Johnson at the head of the house immigration committee to provoke congress to enact unmistakably mandatory laws for deportation of alien I. W. W.

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face upward on the table" went over all the arguments of the agitators and in a discussion which continued for ten hours "conclusively proved to their satisfaction that he was not a Communist."

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people want a chance to read about plain people once more, and to be cheered by reading about them, as they are vitalized by contact with them. The "great American novel" can wait a while longer.

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Author of "Abraham Lincoln" Wins High Praise in London. Not often a man with a business training turns to the music and the drama in which to find his life work.

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Miniatures.

By Grace E. Hall. He charges the couch on a fiery steed That was once but a harmless brown.

He rides at the head of a warrior band With feathers upon his hair, He is the chief who will bring to grief The palace behind the chair!

There is an ocean below the hill, Where pirates are black and bold, And he schemes all day in his cunning, To seize upon their hoarded gold.

He dives for pearls where the current swirls, In a suit that is blue as steel, He sails his ship from the sandy slip, With a spoon for the pilot wheel.

So through each day does the small man play, And his brain is a seething store, Where all the things of life grow wings, To fly from shore to shore.

And he trusts in his race to win, For the world and its plans are in his hands, As he dreams to his men of tin!

A CHRISTMAS CAROL. In every age a singer comes with flute or harp or roll of drums, And low and loud he sings and strong he beats creation's note along.

In every vale where streamlets purr, In prairie wide or forest deep or hamlets in the quiet sleep, In city marts of toil and gain we hear again the cheer refrain:

Peace, peace on earth, good will to men; God loves us, God loves us, Amen! The storm subsides, the rainbow spans the sky, and the angels sing.

Out of the kingdom of Christmas trees, By the light of the pale moonbeams, Cometh a saint in shining robes, Into our land of dreams.

Out of the heart of the bleak white north, Where the winds blow cold and the snow drifts high, Up in his reindeer sleigh Old Santa comes driving by.

Bringing good will to the homes of men, Alike to the rich and poor: With a message of cheer, At the close of the year, He pauses at every door.

He cometh as soft as a snowflake white, And mystery holdeth sway; And our hearts grow warm At the wondrous charm As he softly saith— RUTH FLEISCHER.

Oh, like a lovely lady fair Oregon is dressed, With glowing jewels at her throat and hair, and on her snowy breast, Her gracious throat is circled round by "Columbia's" silvery stream.

And, by the clear Willamette, a chain of sparkling green; At her breast Mount Hood stands sentinel, all gleaming with ivory hue.

Against a radiant background of faintly turquoise blue, When the sun has slipped away beneath the even stars, She is a queen of glory, a sparkle with diamond stars.

Incense and myrrh and spices sweet; Gifts of gold at the Savior's feet; Thus was the earth's first Christmas when the Holy Child in the manger lay.

Long since the Jesus child was born; Long since the earth's first Christmas morning; Long since we do praise him when the joyous bells of Christmas ring.

Portland. Idea and Proposition. Baltimore American. "Why don't you want Jibbs? I think he is a promising man for your idea."