

BERGER ISSUE OF ELECTION IN WISCONSIN

Socialist Leader, Once Convicted of Violating Espionage Act, Is Again Candidate for Forfeited Seat in the National Legislature.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Dec. 17.—Victor L. Berger is the issue in the special election called for Dec. 19 in the fifth congressional district of Wisconsin. The Socialist leader who was elected to the present Congress but denied his seat following his conviction for violation of the espionage act, is again the nominee of his party. He is opposed by Henry H. Bodenstab, a republican, whose candidacy is backed also by the democratic organization and a local society known as "The Good Government League."

The fifth district is looked upon as the socialist stronghold in Wisconsin. Berger carried it several years ago when he was elected to Congress the first time, and again at the regular election in November, 1918. At the latter time he had a plurality of more than 5,000 votes, polling 17,920 against 12,450 for Carney, democrat, and 10,678 for Stafford, republican. Carney instituted the contest which resulted in Berger's loss of his seat.

Berger was the unanimous choice of a mass meeting called hurriedly because of lack of time for taking the usual party referendum. The Berger meeting approved his "every act, word and writing." The platform on which Berger seeks reelection reiterates many of the Socialist party principles and declares against prohibition, against "the impertinent resumption of any clique or party in the House of Representatives to dictate whom the district is to elect as its representative" and against "meddling in the internal affairs of any foreign country—Russia, Germany and Mexico."

Bodenstab's candidacy was the outgrowth of a conference between representatives of the Republican and Democratic county committees and a delegation from the Good Government League.

Bodenstab also has announced that he is against prohibition. The nub of his platform is the declaration "to keep inviolate the fundamental principles of our government and stand opposed to every attempt to Bergerize and Bolshevize this country."

Prior to the primary election, the Socialists were more active than the fusionists at least with regard to the holding of meetings. Berger was quoted in one of his speeches as having said that he hoped the soldiers would refuse to take the place of striking coal miners and declared that the former German Emperor would not use "regular troops" to intimidate strikers. At another time he said "if this district is made up entirely of horse thieves then a horse thief is its only true representative." In arguing for his own election, Bodenstab is outlining the issue at an organization meeting of one of the branches of the Good Government League, said:

"It is not true Socialism that the fifth district is confronted with. It is something much worse. It is Bolshevism. The Socialists whom Mr. Berger represents are a group of individuals who do nothing but stir up employe against employer and employer against employe. Now they are trying to overthrow the accepted form of government of this country. Mr. Berger is trying to irritate old scores for his own benefit."

ASK PUBLISHERS TO SAVE PAPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—An appeal to all the newspaper publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of news print paper was issued by the postoffice committee, which decided to defer action for a month on the Anthony bill, proposing that daily newspapers containing more than 24 pages be denied the second class mailing rate privilege.

Every newspaper in the country is called on by the committee to reduce the consumption of news print by ten per cent for a period of six months, in an effort to relieve the serious shortage.

STATE PROSECUTORS CHOOSE LOCAL MAN FOR SECRETARYSHIP

Wm. A. Duncan, district attorney, returned last night from Salem, where he attended the convention of Oregon district attorneys, and while absent he made a short business visit to Portland.

Mr. Duncan was chosen by the state association as secretary for the next term, an honor that came to him without solicitation and considerably as a surprise. Other officers elected were Max Gehlhar, district attorney of Marion county, president; R. W. Swazler of Malheur county, vice-president.

There was a large attendance of county prosecutors at the meeting, considering the storm. According to Mr. Duncan, the gathering was larger than the convention of last year.

SCOUTS TO TAKE PRIMARY TESTS

At the regular meeting of Boy Scouts at the Methodist church last night it was decided to begin giving the tenderfoot examinations at next Tuesday's meeting. The examinations will start with the boys who are prepared and continue from time to time, until all boys who desire to join the Scouts have had the tests.

There were about 35 boys present at last night's meeting. It was reported by Scoutmaster Fry that blanks for the tenderfoot tests had been received from headquarters and as fast as the boys qualify their names will be sent in for registration with national headquarters and their badges will be distributed.

In regard to the tenderfoot test the following rule is laid down by the Scout manual:

"To become a Scout, a boy must be at least 12 years of age. Upon demonstrating to the satisfaction of scoutmaster his ability to repeat the Scout oath and law in full and his thorough knowledge of their meaning, and up on passing the following tests, the boy formally subscribes to the oath and law and is registered as a tenderfoot scout, and is then entitled to wear the tenderfoot badge and official scout uniform."

The tests are: First, know the scout laws, motto, sign, salute and significance of the badge; second, know the composition and history of the national flag, and the customary forms of respect due to it; third, tie the following knots, square or reef, sheet-bend, bowline, fisherman's sheepshank, halter, clove hitch, timber hitch and two half hitches.

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM CAPTURE OF KIEV.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The capture of Kiev and occupation of Kupiansk, southeast of Kharkov, is claimed in a Bolshevik statement received by wireless from Moscow today.

The disposition of the Shantung amendment by the Senate ought to be a splendid tonic for the President.

JUSTICE TO ALL IS BASIC NEED SAYS WILSON

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—There can be no permanent industrial peace that is not based on industrial justice, Secretary Wilson declared in his annual report to Congress. Reviewing the present disturbed industrial situation, the secretary said the means had been found for regulating all the other relations of mankind and that human intelligence could find the method of adjusting the relationship between employer and employe with justice to both.

Declaring that just as international wrongs might reach a point making war a necessity, so industrial wrongs might accumulate until they provoke an industrial conflict, the secretary said the stability of industrial relations rested on mutual counsel.

"Just as the peace of nations is promoted by frank and friendly intercourse," he said, "so may the peace of industry be maintained by the same methods. "But this intercourse cannot come about unless there is first recognized the right of collective bargaining. The public interest demands that it be universally recognized, for the primary interest of the public is in peace."

"The denial of organization is a denial of the only means of peaceable settlement that the wage earners have."

Calling attention to the present prominence of labor organizations of a revolutionary or lawless type, the secretary declared that the responsibility for them must fall upon the employer who opposes the organization of lawful trade unions. More and more do industrial disputes menace the public as well as employer and employe, the secretary said, adding that the right to strike should be a means of defense and not a weapon of offense.

"The right of any man to cease working for another for any reason that is sufficient to himself is the basic element of human liberty," he said. "The right of any person to refuse to operate his plant at any time he desires to do so is the exercise of a property right guaranteed by the constitution. It does not follow that because these rights exist it is necessary to exercise them. They must nevertheless be safeguarded."

Turning to the high cost of living, the secretary said increased wages did not always bring the desired relief. Increased productivity, making more material available for wages and taking the means of compensation out of the profits of the employer was the only way in which the standard of living of the wage earner could be improved, he declared.

Reviewing the activities of the various bureaus of the department, the report said 254,273 aliens came to American shores during the fiscal year ending June 30, and that 245,647 of them were admitted and 8,626 excluded. The number admitted the year before was 211,853. Aliens departing during the last fiscal year numbered 216,231 as against 193,268 the year before. During the last seven years the bureau of immigration

RELIEF CORPS OFFICERS FOR 1920 ELECTED

The Relief Corps at its regular meeting Monday night elected the following officers for 1920.

Mrs. Emma Grigaby, president; Mrs. Henrietta Brookfield, senior vice president; Mrs. Flora Emmitt, junior vice president; Mrs. Emma Hamilton, treasurer; Mrs. Hattie Garrett, chaplain; Mrs. Anna Bean, conductor; Mrs. Cora Higginson, guard.

Delegates to attend Relief Corps Convention at Astoria in June 1920 were selected as follows: Mrs. Flora Emmitt, first delegate; Mrs. Ella McMillan, Mrs. Elizabeth Ramsby, Mrs. Lina Martin, Mrs. Carrie Maier, Mrs. Louise Humphrey, Mrs. Marjiam Eberlien, Mrs. Henrietta Brookfield, Mrs. Kate Patrick, Mrs. Stella Skillington, Mrs. Hattie Garrett, Alternates.

Installation of officers will be held at the regular meeting Monday evening, Jan. 5th, 1920. The entertainment committee for the same date is, Mrs. Edna Houston, Chairman; Mrs. Nellie Hinkle, Mrs. Imogene Hampton, Mrs. Emma Hamilton, Mrs. Vina Cozad, Mrs. Anna Hawkins, Mrs. Harriet Hunter, Mrs. Elda Houston, Mrs. Agnes Herndon, Mrs. Cora Higginson, Mrs. Angie Jefferson, Mrs. Charmion Johnson, Mrs. Hattie Keller, Mrs. Rozella Kuykendall. A full attendance is desired.

LIVESTOCK NEEDS WILL BE TOPIC OF O. A. C. CONFERENCE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 17.—Value of more good livestock, both for soil fertility maintenance and for profit in meats and in dairy and poultry products will be dealt with in lectures and demonstrations at Farmers' and Home-makers' week at the college December 29 to January 3. Selection of the beef producing farm, judging and marketing beef, stocking the farm, marketing pure bred stock, purchase of feeds, and many other timely and applicable subjects will be discussed. Judging horses, sheep and hogs will be featured, college animals being used to exemplify the good and bad points emphasized.

tion estimated that 36 aliens left the country for every 100 admitted.

Aliens admitted during the past year were in possession of sums of money aggregating \$15,831,247, an average of \$112 per person.

Aliens expelled under departmental process during the year numbered 3068 compared with 1569 in 1918. The total number of aliens deported, including those refused admission and 34 Chinese deported under the exclusion laws, was 1712 as against 8916 in 1918.

"The number of admissions to citizenship during the past year was larger than any preceding year, amounting to 217,358," the report said. "Leaving out of consideration the year 1918 this was a far greater number than was admitted in any two years during federal supervision."

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RESIGNATION IS DENIED BY LANE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Franklin K. Lane, secretary of the department of the interior today issued a statement denying the published report that he had tendered his resignation from the cabinet to President Wilson, but disclosed the information that he does intend to leave the cabinet as soon as it is possible to do so without adding to the President's present "burden of worries."

LESS EXPENSIVE TO PAY FINE THAN TO PROVE INNOCENCE

H. M. Manning returned last night from Portland, where he was attorney for Dewey Obenchain of Bly at a hearing before the U. S. district court. Obenchain was charged with the theft of jewelry, a suit of clothes, riata and pocket knife, from Tim Brown, a resident of the Klamath Indian reservation. He pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$250. The defendant, while entering the technical plea of guilty, still maintains that he did not take the articles he is alleged to have stolen. Rather than go to the expense of transporting witnesses to prove his innocence, however, he chose to pay the fine.

Ed Smith, charged with selling liquor to Indians, forfeited his bond of \$500 by non-appearance. O. J. Underwood and Jesse Turner of this city are his bondsmen.

The trial of C. C. Myers, also charged with the sale of liquor to Indians, is set for today.

PEOPLE TO VOTE ON AN INCREASE FOR TEACHERS

At a meeting of the school board held Monday night it was decided to submit to the voters of the school district a proposition to increase the budget for next year to the extent of \$4500, the proceeds to be used to pay increased salaries to the teachers. The election will be held December 27, and if the expressions so far heard on the matter are any criterion, the permission will be granted unanimously.

It developed at the meeting that the number of school children attending the city schools has increased 117 between September 1 and November 17, taxing to capacity all of the schools, with the exception of the new one in Mills addition. It brought forcibly to the attention of the directors the fact that the time is at hand when definite plans for the future must be laid.

It is quite likely that within a short time a comprehensive program for school development will be placed before the people of the district, the purpose being to have something practical to work towards.

WEATHER REPORT

OREGON: Tonight and Thursday, rain in west, snow in east; warmer tonight in the east with strong southerly winds.

LABOR LEADERS SPEAK AGAINST CUMMINS BILL

Gompers and Others Ask Author of Measure Restoring Roads to Private Owners to Withdraw It and Continue Government Control

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—Protesting against the enactment of the Cummins railroad bill, now before the Senate, Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of the four railroad brotherhoods, and spokesmen for some farmers' organizations, today urged Senator Cummins, chairman of the Senate interstate commerce committee, to withdraw the bill and give government control a test under peace-time conditions.

The brotherhoods' representatives announced that they planned to urge President Wilson to use his influence against the bill. Gompers declared that organized labor wanted the government to retain control of the roads for the next two years to give time "for the purpose of testing out the best method for their continued operation."

Speaking before the Senate Monday, Senator Cummins declared the Senate could not afford to set the bill aside or delay its consideration in view of the apparent determination of President Wilson to end government control January 1.

While other senators were pleading to postpone action on all railroad legislation until after recess, Senator Cummins told the Senate its duty was plain.

"If the roads are returned without effective legislation they could exist for a month," the senator declared amidst unusual silence, "and then fall into hopeless confusion, with two thirds of them quickly ending in receivership."

Senator Cummins insisted Congress should turn back the roads if satisfied the people believed in that policy.

"They can go back on January 1 in perfect safety," he said, "if the country is assured of the bill's enactment in one month's time."

TWO SCORE KILLED IN BERLIN EXPLOSION

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—Forty-three persons, including women, were killed and more than 100 injured by the explosion of an ammunition depot at Wilhelmshaven yesterday. The victims were workers in the plant. The explosion occurred while shells were being loaded.

SLEIGH RIDERS PLANNING TRIP

A large number of the young folks of the city are planning for sleigh-ride parties to Merrill next Friday evening, the occasion being the big Christmas jollification to be held in that town on that date. Elaborate plans have been laid for making the evening one long to be remembered. It is in anticipation of the happy times in store for them that the parties are being organized.

One of the unique plans is to have the sleighs drawn by autos, thus obviating the rather slow movements of the old time horse transportation. Many, however are not going to confine themselves to the sleigh and will go in autos, as the roads are in splendid condition for a quick trip to the Meadow City.

A general invitation has been issued to the people of Klamath Falls to come and pay their neighbors a visit and join with them in the festivities. Special attention has been paid to the music for the dancing. In addition there will be an almost unlimited supply of the good things to eat for which the unsurpassed cooks of the Merrill section are noted.

ONLY 6 MORE SHOPPING DAYS—UNTIL CHRISTMAS!



RHODE ISLAND WANTS TEST OF "DRY" LAW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The state of Rhode Island, through its attorney general, today asked the supreme court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment and enjoin the federal authorities from enforcing it in that state.