

BERGER IS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT AND FOUR
FELLOW SOCIALISTS GIVEN
TERMS BY JUDGE LANDIS

DEFENDANT SAID HE
WOULD RETRACT NOTHING

Claims That He Is as Innocent as the
Court Itself and That His Convi-
ction Was Secured by a Handpicked
Jury—and the American Protec-
tive League.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—Victor Berger,
congressman-elect, and four fellow So-
cialists were sentenced to 20 years
imprisonment by Federal Judge Landis
today, following conviction of viola-
tion of the espionage act.

Previous to the passing of the sen-
tence Berger appeared before Judge
Landis, and said that he would not re-
tract a word of what he had written
about the war—that he was as inno-
cent as the court itself and that he
was convicted by a hand-picked jury
and by the American Protective
League.

Victor Berger is the well-known edi-
tor of a Socialist publication in Mil-
waukee. The accusations against him
were based on statements published
against the prosecution of the war. He
was elected as a member of congress
from Wisconsin at the last general
election, and questions had been raised
as to the permission of holding the
seat during the time of the trial.

BANDITS HOLD UP FREIGHT TRAIN

SCRANTON, Feb. 20.—Fifteen
masked bandits held up a fast freight
on the Lakawanna and western rail-
road at Hamanok near Strouds-
burg, early today and stole forty
bales of silk valued at forty thou-
sand dollars.

COUNTER REVOLT IN RUSSIA

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A nation
wide counter revolution fostered by
the socialists has been discovered in
Russia, said a wireless dispatch from
Moscow today. The conspirators
were arrested.

COAL MINES ARE CLOSED

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20.—More
than 100 coal mines in Westphalia
have been closed on account of the
general strike called by the Spartacus.
It is reported the Spartacus have
seized quantities of munitions and
compelled young men to enter the
Spartacus' army. At many
places sailors and laborers have car-
ried out acts of sabotage.

ENGINEERS TO GO TO RUSSIA

PROTECTION FOR AMERICAN
TROOPS IS A NECESSITY

American and British Forces to
Make Passes for the Necessary
Transportation from Archangel

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The
necessity of getting American troops
out of the Archangel district before
the middle of May has led to the
trapped by the Bolshevik with their
backs to the wall led to the decision
to send American and British consti-
tutions to make the passes necessary
for the transportation from that dis-
trict.

"VODEVILLE" JAIL BREAKER
AUBURN, Ill., Feb. 20.—Break-
out of a real jail is another thing. At
least that is what happened in vande-
ville "Demo, the Jail Breaker." Con-
sidered here for stealing a \$200
diamond, he couldn't realize on his
ability to perform any of his mar-
velous exhibitions of jail breaking. Last
cuff slipping and chain breaking.

PRESIDENT WILSON MAY PUT THE LEAGUE QUESTION UP TO PUBLIC

BOSTON, Feb. 20.—The transport
George Washington today was in lat-
tude 39 north and longitude 67 west,
according to a radio received at naval
headquarters this afternoon. Tenta-
tive naval plans to meet the presiden-
tial ship were announced today. A flo-
tilla of submarine chasers, trawlers
and coast guard boats will go out to
meet the George Washington when
she is sighted off Cape Cod.

It has been announced that the pre-
sident, following his Boston speech,
would proceed immediately to the
White House. However, indications
today were that following his return
to Washington, he would make a short
speaking tour that would include New
York and possibly Chicago.

This is expected as a result of the
opposition that has arisen in the sen-
ate to the league of nations constitu-
tion, and the belief that the president
will take the case directly before the
people was gaining strength in official
circles here today.

STRIKE IS NOT YET SETTLED

METAL TRADES WORKERS AT SE-
ATTLE ARE STILL OUT.

Stated That Contracts on Twenty
Steel Vessels Has Been Tempo-
rarily Suspended.

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—The Puget
Sound district shipyard strike today
is in exactly the same condition as it
was four weeks ago when the metal
tradesmen walked out. Just what the
next move will be and by which side,
is problematical, as Dr. L. C. Marshall,
representing the Emergency Fleet
corporation, has left Seattle for Port-
land, following the ultimatum to the
strikers issued yesterday. A telegram
received here from Charles Pier, man-
ager of the Fleet corporation, empha-
sized his representative's decision
here that there will be no increase in
wages until the men return and that
contracts for twenty steel ships to be
built by the Skinner & Eddy corpora-
tion have been suspended.

FACE COURT MARTIAL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Lieuten-
ant Benjamin Davis of the medical
corps and Assistant Paymaster Paul
Beck, both of the naval reserve force,
have been ordered tried by court mar-
tal in connection with charges of
bribery and graft in the Third naval
district at New York. This announce-
ment was made Wednesday night by
Secretary Daniels.

Both Davis and Beck are under ar-
rest and it was learned that a third
arrest was made Wednesday. The
name of the third officer was not re-
vealed, however. Davis' home is in
Plymouth, Pa., while Beck lives in
New York.

END MOTH PLAGUE

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 20.—E. B.
Morse of Goffstown, has outlined a
plan for the use of poison gas in ex-
terminating gypsy and brown tail
moths in New Hampshire. Flying
machines will fly over forests and
drop gas bombs to exterminate the
pests. Mr. Morse spoke in favor of
the bill introduced in the state legis-
lature by Representative Young of
Goffstown for a \$40,000 appropriation
for the state department of agricul-
ture to extend its work in exterminat-
ing the pests.

NO PHONES, MOVIES OR AUTOS.

WINCHESTER, Mass., Feb. 20.—
Mrs. Mary Anna Hutchinson, who died
at her home here, aged 90 years, never
used a telephone, rode in an automo-
bile or attended a moving picture
show. She lived in this town sixty-
eight years. Mrs. Hutchinson was
born in Boston and was the great-
granddaughter of a member of the
Boston Tea Party of 1773. Her child-
hood home was on Purchase street,
Boston, within a short distance of
the wharf where the tea was thrown
overboard.

AIR SERVICE ABOARD

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—American of-
ficers are endeavoring to arrange
for an airplane courier service to
connect various military missions at
different points in the central Eu-
rope and in new states with the
American base in France. Present
communications are difficult and
unsatisfactory, particularly with
Prague and Warsaw.

FIERCE FIRE IN OIL TANKS

DAMAGE OF \$100,000 ON SOUTH-
ERN RAILWAY LINE

Burning Oil Flowed in a Stream
Setting Fire to Trees and
Farm Fences.

LEXINGTON, Feb. 20.—Thirteen
tank cars of oil and two cars of
coal, the value of which is estimated
at \$100,000 were destroyed early
today in a wreck on the Louisville
and Nashville railways, near Tuck-
ers, Kentucky. Burning oil flowed
in a small stream setting fire to trees
and farm fences.

GERMANY HAS SOME FOOD LEFT

BERLIN, Feb. 20.—Germany has
enough food on hand to last until
the middle of April, according to an
opinion given at Dortmund today by
an expert who made an investiga-
tion.

HUN TROOPS TAKE TOWN.

BASEL, Switzerland, Feb. 20.—
German troops on the Lithuanian front
surprised the Bolsheviks and captured
the town of Muravijev, near Shavli,
on Saturday, according to a report
from Libau.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Estonian
troops have begun to fall back before
the Bolsheviks in the region of Pskov,
according to an official statement is-
sued Tuesday night by the Estonian
headquarters.

RETAIL CLERKS' DANCE POSTPONED

Out of respect to the memory of
Ora Bigham, a member of the Retail
Clerks' local union No. 147, who died
Tuesday, the dance which the clerks
had arranged to hold in the Rex hall
tomorrow evening has been cancelled
and will not be held until a week lat-
ter. The same arrangements for the
dance will govern it and tickets sold
for tomorrow night will be honored on
February 28th.

WEATHER FORECAST

Feb. 20.—Unsettled.

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU HAS A SLIGHT RISE IN TEMPERATURE

PARIS, Feb. 20.—There was a slight
rise in Premier Clemenceau's temper-
ature this afternoon and the X-ray ex-
amination had to be postponed. Clemenceau
received three bullet wounds
in addition to the wound in his shoul-
der. One struck his left arm and an-
other in his hand.

Jammed Gallery Sees Irish "Parliament" Open



This exclusive photograph shows one of the most important events in the history of Ireland and
the last for home rule there. It is the first sitting of the Irish constituent assembly in the Mansion
house at Dublin. Sinn Féin members are occupying the upholstered seats in the front. Behind is
the gallery. The meeting of the "parliament" was to proclaim the independence of the Irish.

TAFT SAYS HE WOULDN'T TRUST 'EM

LEAGUE OF NATIONS APOSTLE
MAKES VIGOROUS REJOIN-
DERS TO SENATORS

HAS ROUSING RECEPTION
IN SAN FRANCISCO

Suggestion of the Name of Former
President as a Candidate for Re-
occupying the Chair Brings a
Round of Cheers—Guest of Honor
Deeply Appreciated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—
Former president William Howard
Taft was still beaming today over
the reception accorded him here
last night by the two hundred Yale
and Harvard alumni. Mr. Taft
and President A. L. Lowell, of Har-
vard University, were the guests of
honor at a banquet at Fairmont
hotel. When President Lowell sug-
gested Mr. Taft's name for the pre-
sidency again, the corridors of the
hotel rang for two minutes with the
vigorous cheers of the two hundred
diners.

Would Not Trust Them

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—"The
gentlemen in the senate who are set-
ting out to defeat this league of na-
tions are those I would not trust
overnight," former President Wil-
liam H. Taft said here yesterday, at
a luncheon in his honor by civic
organizations as a part of the program
of the Pacific coast congress of the
League to Enforce Peace.

"They are citing the constitution
as an argument against it," contin-
ued Mr. Taft. "I revere and worship
that great instrument and it is a
new story to me if the constitution
prevents this people from playing
their part in bringing peace and or-
der and happiness to ourselves and
the other peoples of the world.

"This is not a political question,
God forbid. I am glad President
Wilson went to Europe because he
was bearing a promise of a league
of nations.

"The applications at this time of
the doctrine of avoiding entangling
alliances is reactionary to the ex-
tent of delaying world peace one
hundred years.

"The question at this time is
whether the whole great plan of the
league of nations is to be defeated
because we can't get a two-thirds
majority of our senate for its ratifi-
cation."

FIVE MILLION DOLLAR BOND BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO VOTERS

SALEM, Feb. 20.—The senate and
house reconstruction committee met
with representatives of laborers, capi-
talists, business men and farmers,
unanimously endorsing a five-million
bond issue for effecting an extensive
public building program in Oregon as
a means of solving the unemployment
situation. The bond issue and pro-
posed use of the money will be sub-
mitted to the voters of the state at a
special election the early part of June.

Half Is Reserved.

For the present plans will be made
for spending only half of the five mil-
lions. It is planned to keep half in
reserve to be appropriated by the leg-
islature at a special session if the
emergency is not over by the time the
work contemplated is completed.

Probably a quarter of a million will
be allowed for new buildings at the
University of Oregon, with an equal

amount for Corvallis, half a million
for a new penitentiary, a million for
the soldiers' land settlement project,
something for the Monmouth normal
and the Pendleton hospital, and per-
haps \$350,000 for a reconstruction
hospital in Portland.

Not Dissenting Opinion.

The meeting of the committee and
others was held Tuesday night.
Spence, master of the grange, stood
aside by side with President Griffith
of the Portland railway and Senator
Pierce, whose hobby is opposition to
the bond issue, joined hands with Em-
ery Olmstead, Portland banker, in
support of the proposal of five mil-
lions in bonds. The president and oth-
er officials of the Portland labor coun-
cil are in full harmony with the busi-
ness representatives. The meeting
was unusual in that no dissenting
opinion was expressed. The bill is be-
ing drafted today.

JUBILEE HELD FOR CARDINAL

BALTIMORE PRELATE RECIPIENT
OF HIGH HONOR

Largest Gathering of Catholics Since
the Plenary Conference Held
in 1884.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Amidst
the largest and most impressive gath-
ering of the Catholic church dignitari-
es, since the Baltimore plenary con-
ference of 1884, the pope's benediction
was conferred today on the venerable
prince of the church, Cardinal Gibbons
of Baltimore. The occasion was the
great celebration in honor of the car-
dinal's golden jubilee and the benedi-
ction was bestowed by Monsignor Cer-
retti, special papal envoy. Because of
the limited space in the Franciscan
monastery where the celebration was
held, only churchmen, members of the
Catholic student body and invited
guests were admitted. There were vis-
iting clergy from England, Portugal,
Alaska, Mexico and Canada, in their
impressive robes, who filled the mon-
astery to capacity.

HUNS PROTEST.

WEIMAR, Feb. 20.—Telegrams of
protest against the signing of the
new armistice are pouring into the
national assembly and one from Ber-
lin demands that a period of national
mourning be ordered.

BUYS INTEREST IN ELLIS SHOP

Harry U. Myers, who for the past
seven years had been residing in
Portland, where he was engaged in
the barber business, has recently re-
turned to La Grande and has pur-
chased a half interest in the La
Grande barber shop from Guy Ellis.
Myers is well known in La Grande
and many old friends here will be
glad to see him return to live in
this city again. Mr. Myers had
lived here for seventeen years be-
fore making the change which took
him to Portland.

BOARD PROMISES AID TO PROJECT

ERECTOR OF MONUMENT TO
SOLDIERS IS FAVORED.

City Commissioners Finish Up Work
in Quick Order at Last
Night's Meeting.

The board of city commissioners
earned their money easily last night,
finishing up the business that came
before their weekly meeting in less
than one hour. The session was over
at 8:30.

The only matters aside of routine
business were the consideration of a
proposition submitted by B. A. Ben-
ham of the La Grande Investment com-
pany, and the receiving of a delega-
tion from the army and navy auxiliary
in regard to the erection of a monu-
ment in La Grande in honor of the
boys from Union county who have died
in the war.

Mr. Benham's proposition related to
certain property in the city against
which a lien had been assessed by the
city, as owned by the La Grande In-
vestment company. Mr. Benham stated
that sixty-seven feet of this prop-
erty was owned by a man named Col-
vers, and he asked that he be per-
mitted to pay the charges against this
property and have it segregated from
the lien against the La Grande In-
vestment company's holdings. This
matter was referred to the city attor-
ney for his opinion.

The army and navy auxiliary was
represented by Mrs. J. Foley and R.
N. Palmer, who informed the board
that the auxiliary was working on a
project to erect some form of memo-
rial for the boys who fell, and while
they were not asking the city for any
contribution toward this purpose yet,
they said they were preparing them in
case they should find such a course
necessary. The commission received
the delegation very graciously and as-
sured them that whatever assistance
they might ask from the city would be
granted with pleasure.

Mr. Palmer, the spokesman, stated
that the auxiliary was considering the
three-cornered plot in front of the
postoffice building as the site for the
memorial. This is government property
and the matter of securing the
site has already been taken up with
the government at Washington.

Specifications for the monument
have been drawn and the auxiliary
is having these figured on by sev-
eral firms at present, in order to arrive
at an estimate of what the project
is going to cost them. They thought
that perhaps the treasury of the
auxiliary was sufficiently strong to
stand the cost of the monument with-
out much outside aid.

LLOYD GEORGE IN CONFERENCE

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Premier
Lloyd George conferred with repre-
sentatives from labor organizations
today in order to avert a general
strike.

BORROW FROM JUDGE

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20.—William
Smith had just been fined \$4 by Re-
corder Johnson on a charge of disor-
derly conduct. After a hasty search,
Will could only muster up \$3.70, and
asked the judge to loan him half a
dollar until pay day.

"I don't know you from Adam's
back," said the recorder.
"But I believe you are honest, there's
the half." Will paid his fine and de-
parted smiling.

CIVIC PEP IS NEED OF THE HOUR

MEETING OF BUSINESS MEN IN
LUNCHEON TODAY STARTS
BALL ROLLING.

GOOD ROADS GATHERING
FOR TWO WEEKS HENCE

Local Commercial Organization Joins
the State Chamber of Commerce—
Expansion of Membership Desired
—Regular Tuesday Luncheon to Be
Continued.

The meeting of the business men
of La Grande at a noonday luncheon
at the Foley hotel today was essen-
tially the preliminary awakening toward
the period of reconstruction that is
felt to be coming with irresistible
force. Nearly a hundred were pres-
ent. Succeeding the call to order by
President Fred J. Holmes of the La
Grande Commercial club, invocation
for divine guidance was offered by
Rev. Smith, pastor of the M. E. church,
South.

Chairman Holmes announced that
the La Grande Commercial club had
voted to affiliate in the way of mem-
bership with the state-wide organiza-
tion, known as the State Chamber of
Commerce. He said it was necessary
to have a solid membership of the
home organization and presented a
blank form in the way of a mem-
bership subscription, which, after some
debate and minor alterations, was
adopted.

Mr. Holmes reviewed briefly the
necessity now for active work. The
Commercial club, he said, had neces-
sarily been somewhat inactive on ac-
count of the other pressing demands
of the war period.

"But the era of reconstruction is
now at hand," he said, "and it is time
to get it line." He referred particu-
larly to the \$5,000,000 bond measure,
which is to be adopted by the legisla-
ture today, and the necessity for La
Grande to be in the forefront as the
community always showed itself to be
in the work that has been done. Judge
Crawford spoke on the same trend of
affairs, as did a number of others.

Road Meeting to Be Held.

A meeting will be held two weeks
hence, the exact date to be announced
later, when a general review of the
road matter will be presented. It is
expected that State Highway Commis-
sioner W. L. Thompson of Pendleton,
the state engineer, and many other
prominent guests will be present.
There is also expected the attendance
of prominent people of Wallawa coun-
ty.

State Members Wanted.

J. G. Snodgrass, county chairman
for membership in the State Chamber
of Commerce, stated that it was ex-
pected that Union county would sup-
ply four hundred members, the dues
of which organization are \$5 per year.
Luncheons to Be Continued.

By a practically unanimous vote the
regular Tuesday noon luncheons of the
business men will be continued and
the first of the new series will be next
Tuesday. G. L. Larison was appoint-
ed as the chairman for the luncheon.

PUBLIC CONTROL IS EXPENSIVE

COSTS \$25,000,000 A MONTH TO
RUN RAILROADS

Latest Appropriation an Accelerator
to Return of Roads to Private
Ownership.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—It is
costing the federal government three
hundred and twenty-five million a
month to run the country's railroads,
Chairman Shirley of the house appro-
priation committee informed the
house this afternoon when he
brought the bill for the additional
seventy million and fifty million dol-
lars railroad control appropriation
declaring that personally he was op-
posed to government ownership.
Shirley said that the purpose, in his
judgment, of the proposed \$750,000,
was the acceleration of the re-
turn of the country's railroads to
private ownership.