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Victor L. Berger, representative-elect from the fifth Wisconsin district, who is under sentence to twenty years in the penitentiary for violation of the espionage act, has published an "open letter" to his colleagues in congress, purporting to give reasons why he should not be expelled because of his citizenship.

The whole burden of his plea is the same old pro-German propaganda stuff which was seen everywhere before and after the United States entered the war.

Mr. Berger neglects to explain why, if the socialist party is opposed to an "imperialist" war, the socialist party of Germany supported the war from the beginning and did not begin to oppose it until there was imminent danger of Germany's defeat.

Mr. Berger is not convicted of being a socialist. He was convicted of conspiring with others to obstruct prosecution of the war.

THE PERVERTED FOURTEEN POINTS. President Ebert's comment on the Versailles peace terms demonstrates the danger of laying down lofty general principles in fine but vague phrases.

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best has been rendered toothless and is therefore harmless. Still, as the various wrangling nations of central Europe learn the difference between what Mr. Wilson meant by his fourteen points and what they thought he meant, his popularity waxes in one quarter and wanes in another.

YANKEE DOODLE AND TACOMA. The Tacoma News-Tribune, always alert for the protection of Tacoma's own revered mountain, prints on the first page of a recent issue the following interesting article from Henry T. Finck in the New York Evening Post.

For years I have been waging a bitter war against "Yankee Doodle," the most abominable vulgar tune ever evoked patriotism as the last refuge of a scoundrel. It is not only a first class song in derision of Americans, it is a first class thing in the world that makes me as much ashamed of my country as I am of my race.

The association of the mythical "Yankee Doodle" with the real and very lively "Yankee Doodle" might seem surprising until it is explained that Mr. Finck was once, we believe, a resident of Oregon, where he first beheld Mount Rainier, and from the classic environment of Aurora started the career in music which later gave him his distinction.

What has become of "Yankee Doodle"? Mr. Finck is right when he says its vogue is passing or gone. It can hardly be that the reason for its disappearance is a general knowledge of its origin.

Efforts of the United States weather bureau to tabulate the elements of plant growth promise to yield more results provided they are fully carried out. The common understanding that there is no such thing as a "science" of farming, probably largely on present inability to take into account the variation of seasons in different localities.

In the work now being undertaken the co-operation of a large number of accurate observers will be required. That accuracy of observation is not to be taken for granted is already evident in the mass of weather and crop reports so frequently leads growers astray.

The mysterious donor of \$750,000—half his fortune—the Methodist centennial fund is said to be western man, and his request that his name be withheld rather confirms the belief, for the western man is as modest as he is generous.

When Henry Ford's libel suit against the Chicago Tribune is finished, we shall know all about the workings of Uncle Henry's mind from the sending of the peace ship to the slackerism of son Edsel.

vilas and clematis are more or less constant in their response, and the dogwood, service berry, redwood, and oak furnish other examples. Their special value consists in the index which they supply to variations of seasonal influences in each locality.

WHAT GERMANY LOSES. Discussing the territorial losses which Germany will suffer under the peace terms, the New York Tribune bellittes them by saying: This reduction looks more serious than it really is.

Without an abundant supply of steel and coal a nation cannot fight long, and the loss of the territory containing these materials practically disarm Germany. With the provinces west of the Rhine in allied occupation, the Krupp steel works at Essen will be left in thirty or forty miles of the allied lines, and a French army would have little farther to go in order to reach them than the Germans had to go from the frontier in order to reach Liege.

When the final campaign against Russian bolshevism is fought, the Polish army of General Haller, which has been transported from the west front across Germany to Poland, may play as important a part as the army of Admiral Koltchak.

These troops organized on the west front and equipped and officered mainly by the United States, General Haller acknowledges Marshal Foch as his commander in Poland as in France. They will compose the main strength of the new republic's army and will complete an unbroken front opposing the bolsheviks from the gulf of Finland in the north to the Black sea on the south, other sections being held by the Estonians and Lithuanians on their left and the Ukrainians and Roumanians on their right.

THE REWARDS OF AUTHORSHIP. An ingenious automobile salesman has made a brief for the automobile as a stimulative influence upon the cultural arts, particularly literature.

It probably is true that the average rewards of authorship are greater now than they have been at any previous time in history. We are unwilling to give the automobile advertisement the credit for this, the habit of reading is more widespread than it "goes," has been, though it perhaps is less discriminating.

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In Other Days. Twenty-Five Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 17, 1894. Washington.—All but the final step has been taken for the admission of Utah as a state.

Pendleton.—The National Bank of Pendleton closed its doors last morning. The deposits are safe but the stockholders will suffer heavily.

The commencement season of the Portland university has opened auspiciously, graduation exercises of the school of theology having been held Monday.

A meeting of the Portland Free Kindergarten association board which now has four schools running, was held yesterday.

Fifty Years Ago. From The Oregonian of May 17, 1869. Chicago.—It is announced here that Ben Wade has been appointed one of the government directors of the Union Pacific railroad, vice D. Webster, resigned.

Cincinnati.—The national encampment of the G. A. R. assembled today. General Logan spoke, congratulating the organization on its success.

Because of unfavorable weather Saturday the Turin Veterans postponed their annual picnic until next Sunday.

A preliminary meeting to make arrangements for Fourth will be held this evening in the council chamber.

NO WIDE DOOR FOR IMMIGRATION. Transfer European Now in Our Slums to the Land, Says Correspondent. WOODBURN, Or., May 14.—(To the Editor.)—In the daily papers and leading magazines the question of immigration is being presented. So far I have seen no loyal support of the bill lately passed by congress nor do I know how the fathers of the bill define illiteracy, but to my mind there are other features which make for or against as desirable citizens. To such a family arriving in New York with little or no money, only clothes enough for the immediate necessities, no definite destination and no vocational knowledge excepting the crude agricultural knowledge of Europe, is altogether a very undesirable acquisition. To such people we owe the slum conditions of our large cities.