

# BERGER IS SENTENCED 20 YEARS

### Socialist Congressman-Elect Will Go to Leavenworth Prison Tomorrow Unless Court Acts.

Four Others Convicted of Sedi-  
tion Draw Similar Sentences  
From Judge Landis in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—  
Socialist Congressman-elect  
Victor L. Berger of Wisconsin,  
convicted of conspiring to violate  
the espionage act, was sentenced  
today by Federal Judge Landis  
to serve 20 years in Leavenworth  
penitentiary.

Four other Socialists convicted  
with Berger were also sentenced  
to 20 years. They are Adolph  
Germer, national Socialist sec-  
retary; Louis J. Engdahl, editor;  
Irwin St. John Tucker, speaker  
and writer; and William F. Kruse,  
executive secretary of the So-  
cialist Young Peoples' league.

### Prisoner Makes Statement

Motions for a new trial and for stay  
of sentence were denied by Judge Landis.  
Each of the defendants asked to make  
a statement before sentences were pro-  
nounced.

The five defendants found guilty  
of conspiring to violate the espionage  
act were:

The five were indicted a year ago but  
were not brought to trial until the close  
of 1918. The trial lasted six weeks.

Berger, first to speak, made a verdict  
such as that against the five defendants  
was impossible in any other  
country except Japan.

"We all admit that we are Socialists,"  
said Berger. "Our position was simply  
that of the international socialist move-  
ment."

"Socialists know capitalism cannot  
last forever any more than the feudal  
system endured.

"We are no more guilty of conspiracy  
than the judge himself."  
Berger discussed socialism at length,  
detailing its reasons for opposing war.  
"And it was finally the uprising of the  
German socialists that virtually ended  
the world war—not any victory of allied  
troops," he said.

"The allies had a march of almost  
four weeks after the armistice before they  
reached the German frontier."  
"This was a political trial. The So-  
cialist party was on trial."

Berger criticized the jury as "hand  
picked" by the American Protective  
League.

If he is sent to the penitentiary, Ber-  
ger said, it would be positive proof that  
America has taken the place of Russia.  
In place of healthy political opposition,  
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## INVESTIGATING SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM IN U. S.

AT THE TOP is the commission delegated by the senate to investigate the spread of Bolshe-  
vik doctrines in this country. The commission, which is shown in session, is composed of  
Senator Walcott (left) of Delaware, Senator Overman (center) of North Carolina and Sen-  
ator Nelson (right) of Minnesota. Below is Louise Bryant, Portland magazine writer and wife  
of John Reed, radical writer, who was called to testify today before the committee. She is said to  
have spread Bolshevik doctrines in this country through a series of articles she wrote for daily  
papers throughout the United States, and acted directly as the agent of Lenin and Trotsky.



## APPROVES PLAN TO REOPEN LAND SUITS

### Joint Ways and Means Committee Wants Investigation of School Land Thefts.

Salem, Feb. 20.—House bill 81, by  
Richardson, providing for an appropri-  
ation of \$25,000 for the investigation by  
the attorney general and the state land  
board of lands fraudulently obtained in  
past years to the detriment of the state  
school fund, was reported back by the  
joint ways and means committee to the  
house Wednesday with the recommen-  
dation that it pass.

## Crook County Wants Mt. Hood Loop Road, County Judge Says

That the early construction of the  
Mount Hood loop road with a spur con-  
necting Central Oregon by way of  
Wapinitia and Warm Springs would  
meet with the approval of Crook county  
residents is indicated in a letter re-  
ceived by County Commissioner Holman  
from N. G. Wallace, county judge of  
that county. Mr. Wallace writes:

## Conference Reaches No Decision as to Question of Strike

At a late hour this afternoon, dele-  
gates attending the coast-wide confer-  
ence of Metal Trade workers, which is  
discussing the Macy agreement and the  
program to be followed by labor, had  
reached no decision in the question of a  
strike. It was pointed out by conferees  
that the conservative and radical ele-  
ments in the gathering had not been  
able to get together on a sufficient basis  
to warrant any test vote on the problem.

## Hog Island Yard Foremen on Strike

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sult of the strike. Charles P. Fleck,  
director general of the emergency fleet,  
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leaders late this afternoon.

## DANES WILL BE HEARD IN PARIS

### Albanians and Poles Will Also Present Claims Before the Peace Conference.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—  
Premier Lloyd George will  
leave for Paris soon, it was an-  
nounced, in response to urgent re-  
quests for his immediate presence  
there. He came to London two  
weeks ago to aid in reconstruction  
work of the present parliament.  
He delayed his departure,  
planned for today, because of the  
seriousness of the labor situation.

## PORTLAND WOMAN STIRS COMMITTEE

### Louise Bryant Reed Summoned to Explain Bolshevik Propaganda, Termed Impertinent.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Mrs.  
John Reed, magazine writer, using the  
pen name "Louise Bryant" and recently  
engineered the "Red" mass-meeting at  
a local theatre that led to congressional  
investigation into lawless propaganda,  
threw into a tumult the session of the  
Overman sub-committee this afternoon  
when she defiantly charged Senators  
with trying to suppress the story she  
came to relate.

## Mexicans Troops Battle Indians Near The U. S. Border

Nogales, Ariz., Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Two  
sanguinary battles between Mexican  
soldiers and Yaqui Indians have oc-  
curred near Nogales in the last 48  
hours.

## ATLANTIC STORM DELAYS TROOPS

### Wireless Tells of Crippled Ships Doe at New York With Re- turning Soldiers.

New York, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Two  
of the 18 troop ships due here today have  
met with accidents as the result of the  
storms which are delaying the arrival  
of all, according to wireless advices re-  
ceived here today.

## Near Beer Ban Off At Wilson's Order

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conference of the eight Pac-  
ific rotary clubs of the Pacific  
Northwest to be held in  
Portland February 20 and 21.

# TRAUB GIVES ROTARIANS GREAT GLORY TO HIS BOYS CONFERENCE

### Little General, Five Times Gassed, Whispers Denial to Charges Made by Governor Allen.

### Gallant Men Take Positions Sought for Three Years; He Explains Actual Conditions.

Washington, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—His  
voice hardly above a whisper, the result  
of five times being gassed in the Ar-  
gonne forest, Major General Peter B.  
Traub, commanding officer of the  
Thirty-fifth division in the Argonne  
attack, covered his troops with glory,  
at the same time denying charges of  
neglect and inefficiency, when he ap-  
peared before the house rules commit-  
tee today.

"Why, gentlemen," said the little  
general, his eyes gleaming, "if you'd  
seen those gallant men take in three hours  
a deadly position which for three years  
the French had failed to take, you'd be  
waving your hats at this very minute."  
The unwinding of the story was fre-  
quently interrupted by the general's  
voice breaking and members of the com-  
mittee waited on him, constantly bring-  
ing him glasses of water. He denied  
the statement of Governor Allen of  
Kansas, who has charged that the  
casualties would total 7000. The general  
put them at 5000 killed and 4500 wound-  
ed, most of them slightly.

"General Grant," said Traub, "lost  
10,000 men in 10 minutes at Cold Har-  
bor and I did not lose anything. Our  
losses, considering the operation, were  
comparatively small and we did gain  
a mighty important position. The French  
lost 100,000 men and we gained with  
losses, to take the position from the  
Boche."

Allen's charge that wounded were al-  
lowed to lay in the fields for from 24  
to 36 hours, was materially qualified by  
the general.

Mr. Allen wasn't up in the battle  
area, he said, but he had five or six kiln-  
dred my front line. I had sent him  
back with his 'Y' secretaries and he con-  
tended.

## LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY

Salem, Feb. 20.—Legislative summary:  
Senate: Passed Senator Eddy's soldiers' land  
settlement bill, as one link in the recon-  
struction chain.  
Passed house bill 82, which gives com-  
missioners authority to buy delinquent tax  
certificates.  
Passed house bill 83, which prohibits  
the employment of white women in busi-  
ness houses conducted by Orientals.  
Denied women right to set on jurys.  
Passed Senator Patterson's bill re-  
pealing county school fund law and per-  
petuating tuition school fund law.

### Hundreds of Delegates Gather at Auditorium From Cities of Northwest and Canadian Side.

### Ohio Official Insists Meeting Is Best and Largest He Has Ever Attended; Banquet Held.

Men from Victoria, B. C. wearing the  
Glenarry caps of the Scottish High-  
landers; men from Vancouver, B. C.,  
with the old tri-cornered hats of Tory-  
ism but in bright new colors of blue and  
gold; men from Seattle with collars of  
orange and neckties of blue; men from  
Everett and Bellingham, from Tacoma  
and Spokane, came crowding into Port-  
land this morning and sat down to  
gather in The Auditorium under the en-  
wined Stars and Stripes and the Union  
Jack.

The Victory conference of Northwest  
Rotary clubs opened with an attendance  
so large and so enthusiastic as to in-  
terrupt the Mayor, George L. Baker, vice  
president of the International Rotary,  
who came across the continent to be in  
attendance, gave it double tribute:

"It is the best conference I have at-  
tended and the largest. The Ohio dis-  
trict with 40 clubs furnished a smaller  
attendance than this Northwest district  
with eight clubs."

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### Aristides, New Citizen, Has Name Changed to Harry

Five honorably discharged soldiers—  
Aristides Panagiotou Vanikiotis, Aposto-  
los Givas, Mike Menduni, Albin Wilhelm  
Resare and Antonio Marinelli—were in-  
cluded among the 11 foreigners who  
were admitted to citizenship by Fed-  
eral Judge Wolverson today. The court also  
granted Aristides Panagiotou Vanikiotis  
the privilege to change his name to  
Harry Peter Vanikiotis, and Apostolos  
Givas was allowed to change his name  
to Paul Givas.  
Anna Helen Kobler, a recent graduate  
of the Jefferson high school, who com-  
pletes registering at one of the state  
colleges, was admitted to citizenship  
despite the fact that she was born in  
Austria.

## Brest Neither Best Nor Worst of Camps For Army in France

to await transportation home—was es-  
tablished up to the first of the present  
month, there were 1211 deaths from all  
causes.

This includes the victims of the pneu-  
monia and influenza epidemic during  
October and September, most of whom  
are said to have become infected either  
en route here or before they left the  
United States. It also includes 510 who  
died aboard ship while en route here.  
These figures were authorized by Gen-  
eral Eli Heimick, base commander; Gen-  
eral Smedley Butler, commandant at  
Camp Pontzenzen; and Colonel Guy  
Edie, base surgeon. These officers claim  
that the sick and death rate in  
Brest, which handles more American  
troops than any other port, is the lowest  
of any camp in France.

"They Feed You Right"  
A privilege from California admitted  
that Camp Pontzenzen is less attractive  
than Camp Lewis, that it probably is  
less comfortable and that certainly  
the streets are infinitely muddier, but  
declared that it is the "best camp in  
France."  
He was asked why.

# Whiskey Trail to Detroit Is Deadly To Three; Autos Race With Booze

### Long String of Speeding Cars Stretches From Ohio State Line; Michigan Celebrates.

Detroit, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Three  
alleged whiskey runners were killed at  
Wandotte, near here, late today when  
a streetcar struck their automobile.  
Thirty Michigan automobiles crashed  
together on the Dixie highway when the  
first of a string of machines stalled  
suddenly. No one was hurt. Many of  
the machines were badly damaged.

From Monroe, Mich., to Toledo, Ohio,  
the automobiles were in one string, only  
a few feet apart, speeding at rates of  
40 and 50 miles an hour toward Toledo.  
Hundreds of thirsty Michiganders  
later disappointedly turned back from  
the Ohio state line when federal offi-  
cers were posted to dam a sudden  
flow of liquor into "dry" Michigan.

### NORTHWEST TROOPS ARRIVE ON CANOPIC

### Among Those Who Arrived Wed- nesday From France Are Many Oregonians.

By Carl Smith  
New York, Feb. 20.—Northwest men  
arriving on the Canopic in addition to  
those before given, making the complete  
list, follow:

Headquarters company, First Lieu-  
tenant Sylvester E. Lawrence; Regimental  
Sergeant Eugene D. May, First  
Sergeant Elmer R. Snyder, Color Ser-  
geant John H. Gloor, Band Leader Ber-  
thal A. Downey, Assistant Band Leader  
John H. Blaisdell, Band Sergeant Bur-  
ton W. Weber, Sergeants John E. Springer,  
Byron C. Thompson and William Girvan,  
Corporals Rex Allingham, Don C. Mc-  
Callen, Daniel C. Ieff and Thomas E.  
Siddons, Sergeants Olin Thompson, Harry  
Sitton, Leon D. Sorber and Marcus Ver-  
hagen. Cooks Norman B. Campbell and  
Charles Hecht, Private Robert Haymaker,  
all of Portland.

## SEATTLE STRIKE END IS DISTANT

### Encouraged by Conference Here, Strike Is Approved; Piez Cancels Contracts.

Seattle, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—The dis-  
banding of Director General Charles  
Piez's mediation committee, announce-  
ment by Piez that contracts for 30  
Skinner & Eddy steel ships have been  
cancelled during the past few days, and  
support of the strike voted by boiler-  
makers and engineers, constitute the  
strike developments of the last 24 hours.  
Settlement of Seattle's shippard without  
is apparently as far distant as ever, it  
is declared in strike circles.

## Russian Question In House of Lords

London, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—The Rus-  
sian question was scheduled to come up  
in the house of lords this afternoon. A  
spry debate was expected as the re-  
sult of Lord Lansdowne's question re-  
garding the allied position in Northern  
Russia. He asked specifically what  
steps had been taken to insure the safety  
of the allied troops.

# PREMIER'S LUNG HIT BY BULLET

### Rise in Patient's Temperature Compels Postponement of an X-Ray Examination, Is Report.

### British Press Interprets Attack on Clemenceau as Instance of an Outcropping of Bolshevism.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—(By Wireless.)—  
—(I. N. S.)—There was a  
slight rise in Premier Clemenceau's  
temperature this after-  
noon and the X-ray examination  
had to be postponed.

M. Clemenceau received three  
bullet wounds. In addition to the  
wound in his shoulder, one  
bullet struck the left arm and  
another his hand.

Paris, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—The  
assassin's bullet penetrated one  
of Premier Clemenceau's lungs,  
causing a slight hemorrhage yester-  
day afternoon, it was official-  
ly announced today. His con-  
dition, however, was said to be  
satisfactory.

The statement said: "There  
was a slight hemoptysis (hem-  
orrhage of the lungs) at 4 o'clock  
yesterday afternoon owing to the  
bullet's penetration of the lung. The  
general local condition  
was very satisfactory. Temper-  
ature was normal and the pre-  
mier took a normal amount of  
food."

The bullet which lodged in his  
back had not been located today,  
but another bullet was found  
last night on the floor of the  
bedroom.

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