

GERMANY TO RESTORE CZAR; RUSS WILL FIGHT TO DEATH

CONVICTED OFFICIAL HAS FEW DAYS IN WHICH TO FILE FOR NEW TRIAL

Jury in District Court Finds "Johnny" Lynch Guilty on Five Charges of Malfeasance in Office; Veniremen Deliberate More Than Five Hours; Comment by Attorneys.

County Commissioner John C. Lynch, who was found guilty on all five charges of malfeasance in office by a verdict returned at 9:40 o'clock Thursday night by a jury in the outer proceedings brought by Sheriff Clark, has three days in which to file a motion for a new trial, denial of which will mean his immediate removal from office.

ANY CHARGE SUFFICIENT.
Any one of the five charges upon which Lynch was found guilty was sufficient to effect his removal from the board of county commissioners, of which he has been a member for eight consecutive years.

Lynch's term would not have expired until January 1, 1919. Nebraska statutes make no provision for a suspended bond allowing the deposed official to hold office pending an appeal in cases of this kind, according to attorneys in the case.

The jury deliberated five hours and 20 minutes.

DENNISON COMMENTS.
"The outcome was all right. That is all I have to say," said Tom Dennison.

"I have nothing to say on the verdict," said Commissioner Lynch, who was in consultation with Pete Loch and Johnny Ford after the verdict was returned Thursday night. "I will consult my attorneys as to taking an appeal."

NOT PERSONAL MATTER.
Sheriff Clark said: "It was not a personal matter with me. I did my duty as a taxpayer. I made the charges in good faith, believing that I could sustain them by evidence and I am very much gratified with the verdict."

Attorney Ben S. Baker: "We investigated the testimony very carefully before bringing the charges and were sure in our minds that an honest jury could do nothing but find Mr. Lynch guilty of misconduct in office. This verdict will do much to clarify the official atmosphere of this community and will be of great benefit in the future."

VINDICATION OF CLARK.
"The verdict also is a clear vindication of Sheriff Clark and proves him to be a man on the square, honest and clean, faithful to his constituents and means to abide by his official oath during his term as sheriff. The decent people of this community can rely on Sheriff Clark at all times and under all circumstances without fear or favor. If any man seeks to have Clark do something he does not want to do, he will hear from Clark the favorite expression, 'Nothing doing.'"

Attorney Frank S. Howell: "I was attending a banquet of 300 men at the Blackstone when news of the verdict was sent to me. If the applause given by these men was any criterion of public sentiment, I am sure that the verdict met with general approval."

Fagan Hearing Begins Next Tuesday at Geneva
(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Lincoln, Feb. 22.—(Special.)—The hearing in the case of Prof. Fagan, former musical instructor at the Geneva girls' industrial school, for alleged attempt to mistreat one of the female employees, will be heard at Geneva next Tuesday at 10 o'clock.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Warmer.	
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	
Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	16
7 a. m.	16
8 a. m.	17
9 a. m.	18
10 a. m.	21
11 a. m.	25
12 m.	25
1 p. m.	25
2 p. m.	28
3 p. m.	28
4 p. m.	42
5 p. m.	44
7 p. m.	42
Comparative Local Record.	
1918, 1917, 1916, 1915.	
Highest yesterday	44 49 41 36
Lowest yesterday	13 21 20 21
Mean temperature	28 40 28 24
Precipitation	.00 .00 .00 .00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal:	
Normal temperature	26
Excess for the day	2
Total deficiency since March 1	.705
Normal precipitation	.62 inch
Deficiency for the day	.02 inch
Total deficiency since March 1	23.36 inches
Deficiency since March 1	7.17 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1918	13.08 inches
Deficiency for cor. period, 1917	.47 inch
J. A. WELSH, Meteorologist.	



"JOHNNY" LYNCH

Uncle Sam Arranges for Mail to Go to Prisoners

Washington, Feb. 22.—Letters and post cards to enemy or ally of enemy prisoners of war and interned enemy aliens in Great Britain, France or Italy may be sent from the United States under a general license granted by the war trade board. The letters must be addressed directly to the prisoners, giving the name, designation and address, and must be marked "Prisoner of war mail, via New York," and senders are cautioned not to include any information that may give aid or comfort to the enemy.

Lesson of the Lynch Ouster Suit

The outcome of the ouster suit against County Commissioner Lynch, nauseous as the evidence brought out at the trial was, should help to clear the moral and political atmosphere in Omaha.

It goes without saying that no decent citizen has any countenance for the disgusting performances and festering corruption disclosed, and the wonder only is that it could have been kept under cover for any length of time.

Where has our county attorney been, and what have all those grand juries been doing, when the running of these lawless joints was periodically exploited in the newspapers with fair inference that they could not run if the authorities were alert to their duty?

The only person involved who seems to come out of the mess in the clear is Sheriff Clark.

The political effect will be certainly seen in this year's city and county elections. The searchlight will be focused as never before upon every candidate for office in city hall and court house.

Let candidates with crooked or corrupt records beware.

Map Showing Where Central Powers Are Threatening Russia



SENATE PASSES MEASURE FOR U.S. RAIL OPERATION

Bill as Adopted Includes \$500,000,000 Revolving Fund and Federal Control 18 Months After War.

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 22.—The administration bill, providing for government control of railroads until 18 months after the war, including many "short lines" and appropriating a revolving fund of \$500,000,000 for federal operation, was passed today by the senate without a roll call.

It now awaits action in the house where it is under debate.

Both senate and house worked through today's holiday to expedite the legislation. General debate was concluded in the house and arrangements made to consider amendments tomorrow under a five-minute rule with a view to final action early next week. Difference between the senate and house drafts then will be adjusted in conference.

The only amendment radically changing the compromise draft provided for inclusion of "short line" railroads in federal control and benefit.

Ownership Advocates Quiet.
Provision of the committee compromise fixing the compensation of railroads on the three-year basis, providing the \$500,000,000 revolving fund appropriation, authorizing the president to fix rates subject to Interstate Commerce commission veto and limiting government control to 18 months after the war, all were retained by the senate.

Amendments to reduce the period of control after peace is declared failed. One by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts to make the time limit six months instead of 18 months was defeated 37 to 28, and another by Senator King of Utah to make the

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JERICHO FALLS INTO HANDS OF BRITISH ARMY

Turks Surrender Historical City With Little Resistance; English Forces Advance Beyond Jerusalem.

London, Feb. 22.—The British have captured Jericho, in Palestine, the war office reports.

Since the capture of Jerusalem the British have been pushing ahead steadily, striking out to the north and east.

Official statements from London in the last few days have reported rapid progress, and apparently the Turks have offered no determined resistance.

Australians Take Town.
The city was entered by Australian troops yesterday. Little opposition was encountered. Subsequently the Australians established themselves on the line of the Jordan and the Wadi-Auja.

The official statement reports the continuation of bad weather. North and northwest of Jerusalem the British advanced positions were extended slightly and made secure.

During the fighting Wednesday the casualties of the British troops were again slight.

Aside from its historical importance, in connection with the British plan to free the Holy Land from the domination of the Turks, the capture of Jericho is of little significance.

Has Strategic Value.
It consists merely of a group of squall hives and a few shops, with about 300 inhabitants.

Its chief strategic value lies in the fact that it gives the British domination of the valley of the Jordan, and also control of a network of highways radiating from the town.

A further advance eastward of 25 miles, however, would take the British to the railway from Damascus to Mecca, which would cut off the Turks' line of communication with Arabia and greatly assist the revolting Arab tribes, which are co-operating with the British.

Jericho is near the northern extremity of the Dead Sea, 14 miles northeast of Jerusalem.

The ancient Jericho, which was situated to the west of the modern Jericho, was a town of considerable size. It was the first Canaanite city to be reduced by the Israelites, who, the Biblical story relates, encompassed its destruction by the blowing of trumpets.

Mutton and Lamb May Be Eaten on Tuesdays

Mutton and lamb may be eaten on meatless days from now until April 15, by order of Federal Food Administrator Hoover.

Hoover in his telegram to Food Administrator Wattles of Nebraska, explains that the season of surplus production of mutton and lamb raised for meat purposes in the western states is now on, and that therefore the administration authorizes the removal until April 15 of the recommendation against the eating of mutton and lamb on meatless Tuesdays.

It was largely due to the steady stream of complaint from the sheep men that this action was taken, for they have complained that due to meatless days the market for sheep and lambs was not satisfactory.

PETROGRAD DECLARED IN A STATE OF SIEGE

Teuton Plot to Restore Russian Monarchy Rouses Slavs to Fury; Bolsheviks Calls Nation to Arms to Defend Capital.

(By Associated Press.)

Germany is advancing into Russia to restore the monarchy and the privileges of the land owners and the capitalistic classes, the Bolshevik government in Petrograd declares in a proclamation to the people.

It calls on them to resist the German armies and defend the republic "to the death."

All Russians must co-operate in the defense, the bourgeois classes by compulsion if necessary, the official proclamation declares.

Petrograd has been declared in a state of siege.

Explicit instructions are given the peasants and workers to take all measures to prevent valuable property from falling into the hands of the Germans.

Railroad rolling stock and food supplies are particularly mentioned.

Everything must be done, the people are adjured, to keep German militarism from crushing the working classes in Great Russia and the Ukraine.

REDS ISSUE PROCLAMATION.

A proclamation ordering resistance to the German advance, calling on all Russians to defend the fatherland and declaring Petrograd in a state of siege, was issued tonight from the Smolny institute, the Bolshevik headquarters.

APPEAL TO SOLDIERS.

"Defense to the death" against Germany is ordered in the proclamation of the Russian commissaries. The commissaries appeal to the soldiers to destroy railways and provisions and compel the bourgeoisie to dig trenches under penalty of death.

The proclamation was issued at the order of the people's commissaries and is signed by Premier Lenine and Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander-in-chief.

PETROGRAD IN DANGER.

The commissaries' appeal also intimates that the Germans plan the capture of Petrograd.

"The German generals," it says, "desire to establish their own order in Petrograd and Kiev. The republic is in the gravest danger. The duty of Russian workmen and peasants is defense to the death of the republic, against the masses of bourgeoisie and imperialists of Germany."

An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd says the evacuation of Finland has been ordered by the commissaries.

NO OPPOSITION.

The German advance into Russia is not the march of a conqueror, for nowhere up to the present has it met any serious opposition. The comparatively rapid progress is ascribed to the fact that the Germans found a clear passage.

Special dispatches from Petrograd, none of which are dated later than Wednesday, indicate that the invaders are making their own pace in collecting immense stores of weapons, munitions, food and other valuable property, which the disorganized Russian armies abandoned in their hurried flight.

The strength of the German advancing army is not believed to be great. A Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post says: "There is only one division of cavalry and one division of infantry."

Germany's ultimate objective, of course, can only be speculated upon. (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

REDS DESTROY BIG WARSHIPS TO SAVE NAVY

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 22.—Disorganization in the Russian navy has reached an extreme point and there is no likelihood of any order being obeyed, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd. The naval authorities at Reval report that in order to save the Russian navy from the hands of the Germans it will be necessary to remove the ships at Reval and Helsingfors to Kronstadt.

It is, however, believed to be impossible owing to their disuse. Up to this time only submarines have been removed from these ports.

The question has arisen whether to destroy the ships in Helsingfors. It is also suggested to intern them in Finland as a free and neutral state, acknowledgment of Finnish neutrality having been made by the Bolsheviks.

The Bolsheviks are willing to withdraw the Russian Red guards from Finland and to stop the supply of munitions to the revolutionists.

The marine detachments at Abo, Finland, and the Aland islands, demanded their immediate discharge, the dispatch adds, and the majority of the crews at Helsingfors oppose active defense.

MINES TO WORK AT FULL SPEED DURING SPRING

Nebraska Fuel Administrator Returns From Big Conference and Urges Consumers to Put in Supply.

Coal mines over the middle west will be worked to full capacity during the early spring months and dealers and consumers urged to lay in a large supply, declares John L. Kennedy, Nebraska fuel administrator, who returned from the Kansas City conference of fuel dictators from seven states Friday morning.

Kennedy attended a meeting held there Thursday, called to consider the fuel situation. It was by far the most important fuel administration meeting yet held in the west. Fuel administrators for seven states were present or represented. Deputy distributors from the producing states in the district were present, as were numerous railroad officials and wholesale and retail coal dealers. H. N. Taylor of Kansas City, district representative, presided.

Summer Storage Urged.
The early summer storage plan received the most attention. Other important problems were very fully discussed, such as the weighing of coal in transit, reconsignments, distribution of cars and pooling of railroad equipment.

It is expected that Dr. Garfield will put into effect at an early date a sliding scale of reduced prices, to encourage dealers and consumers alike to lay in a large supply of coal during the early summer months. This plan will keep the mines working to

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Dr. Charles Lieber Called for Active Duty at Naval Station



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Dr. Charles Lieber, an Omaha physician, has been called for active duty at Great Lakes naval training station, near Chicago. Doctor Lieber has been placed in charge of the medical unit of Camp Decatur, where the recruits are kept in detention for 21 days. There are about 2,000 men in the detention camp.

Doctor Lieber has the rank of assistant surgeon. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska. He was an intern at the Swedish Mission hospital.

Death Record at Aviation Camps Low, Says Baker

Washington, Feb. 22.—Although there have been 51 fatalities at army aviation training camps in this country, the death record was described today by Secretary Baker as remarkably low. Since last June, he pointed out, student aviators have flown more than 100,000 miles.

Records of the War department show that 10 officers and 29 cadets were killed on training flights, and that 12 men lost their lives in unauthorized flights and ground accidents.