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SENATE OPENS
DISCUSSION OF
WORLD COURTCourt Is Heralded As Great-
est Agency For Settling
World DisputesLONG AND BITTER
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(United Press)

Washington, Dec. 17.—The permanent court of international justice at The Hague was heralded today as the greatest existing agency for adjudication of world disputes, by Senator Claude Swanson, Virginia, democrat, in opening debate in the senate on the Harding-Hughes-Coolidge plan for United States adherence to that tribunal.

The senate took up Swanson's resigning resolution embodying this plan, to which more than the necessary two-thirds majority is reported as a special order of business made last spring.

Hordes of women sympathizers with the world court descended upon the senate as that body convened to begin consideration of the world court proposal.

Every possible seat was filled an hour before the session started and they still came, waiting in lines outside the galleries in hopes of ultimately getting in.

There were only a dozen or so men present.

Prospects are that debate will be long and perhaps as bitter as the famous League of Nations debate, with Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, and Reed, democrat, Missouri, leading the opposition.

Participation is this world court by the United States, the Virginian senator asserted will not embroil this government in European affairs, because no "important" question would be submitted until such action had been approved by the president and two-thirds of the United States senate.

The court has demonstrated that it is able, independent, painstaking, and is governed by wisdom and conscientiousness, he said.

Any contention that the court is under domination of the League of Nations is false, Swanson said, because it operates as a separate body, under its own statutes, completely out of the jurisdiction of the league.

Swanson's speech required nearly four hours to deliver.

FIVE CLASSES
TO HOLD MEETINGD. H. S. Graduates Of 1921-
22-23-24-25 To Meet Fri-
day Evening

Miss Veronica Anker, chairman of the alumni committee of the classes of 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924 and 1925 of the Decatur high school, has called a special meeting of members of the above mentioned classes. The meeting will be held Friday night at 6:45 o'clock, at the Anker home, corner of Adams and Winchester streets.

The purpose of the meeting is to make plans for the Alumni day program for the big meeting to be held in this city December 28. All members of the five classes are urged to attend the meeting in order that the plans, so far made, can be explained.

The meeting will not last long and it is the desire of the chairman to have as many present as possible. The last five classes to be graduated from the high school will have a part in the general program, which will be conducted by all classes since 1881.

Monon Train Kills Man

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—Coroner Robinson today began an investigation of the death of James L. Jenkins, 78, who was killed by a Monon passenger train here.

Jenkins had been a railway employee for more than 40 years.

Indiana Beekeepers
Meet In Convention

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.—(United Press)—The ninth annual convention of the Indiana Beekeepers' Association was to convene in the chamber of the House of Representatives here today.

The state organization has a membership of more than 500 and arrangements are being made to care for a crowd of at least 300 at the convention. H. H. Root, of Medina, Ohio, nationally known agriculturist and writer, will be the principal speaker at the convention which will be in session two days.

OTTAWA KIWANIS
AID NEW HIGHWAYClub Gives \$100 For Pro-
motion Of Benjamin
Franklin Highway

Ottawa, Ohio, Dec. 17—John H. Williamson last night addressed the Ottawa Kiwanis club upon the subject of the Benjamin Franklin highway. At the conclusion of the Findley man's address, the club members, numbering 15, raised \$100 in cash towards the promotion of the route.

"This is a great national project and has far more than local interest, for nothing is exerting a wider influence in disseminating knowledge to our people by bringing them together from different sections," said Mr. Williamson. "The highway has become the great Americanizer."

Mr. Williamson told of the great commercial benefit that had accrued to Findlay as a result of the Dixie highway. He said that each automobile passing through the city spent an average of 63 cents and estimated that the Dixie highway had

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TO TRACE TROUBLE

Jesse W. Rice, of the Murray Hotel, was elected president of the Radio Broadcast Listeners Association of Decatur, at a meeting last night, held in the Industrial rooms. About 25 radio dealers and fans were present at the meeting and it was decided to affiliate the local club with the National Broadcast Listeners Association.

A campaign will be started for a membership of 400 in Decatur. The membership fee is \$1.00 a year and the club is open to all dealers and persons owning radio sets. A service-department will be maintained by the club. D. M. Hensley, Gerald Cole and William Butler were appointed as a committee to trace down any interference in the city.

Cards will be given to each member and these cards are to be sent to J. W. Rice, president of the club, whenever interference is noticed in the set. The trouble committee will then be notified and the trouble traced down.

Other Officers Elected

The Rev. H. W. Thompson, who has been secretary of the local club since its founding three years ago, was re-elected secretary at last night's meeting, and Homer Ruhl was re-elected treasurer. A meeting will be held the first week in January and it is the desire of the local club to have at least 300 members by that time.

The trouble department was notified last night to answer calls of members of the association, only. All radio dealers in the city are members of the club and it is expected that every owner of a radio will belong before long. It is the idea of maintaining the club in order that all radio owners and fans may have the best service of the local club to have at least 300 members by that time.

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QUEEN MOTHER OF ITALY

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INTO 19 PARTS

A total of \$461,128.38 in current and delinquent taxes was collected in Adams county as the semi-annual installment on tax payments, according to figures compiled by County Auditor Martin Jaberg. The distribution of this money is divided into 19 separate items. The special county road bond and interest fund receives the largest single amount in the distribution, it being \$87,035.16.

The rest of the money is distributed to the various units according to law. The general state tax fund gets \$9,562.88. The Benevolent Institution fund receives \$15,933.45 from Adams county. The state school fund gets \$14,635.41 and \$9,961.77 goes to the state educational institution fund, while \$996.95 goes to the vocational education fund.

Adams county pays \$1,195.83 to the state soldiers' memorial fund and the agricultural experiment station receives \$979.01 from Adams county for maintenance. County tax payers pay \$2988.01 to the state teacher's pension fund, and \$398.47 to the Dunes park fund. The agriculture board received \$498.14.

Grave concern is felt for the Queen Mother Margherita of Italy, gravely ill from influenza at Rome. Running a high temperature, her condition requires the constant presence of physicians and nurses.

The county tax, from which county officers' salaries and general county expense is taken, derived \$61,708.22 from the semi-annual installment. The gravel road repair fund received a total of \$49,807.89. The county road bond and interest division was \$87,035.16. The tuition tax, from which the teacher's salaries are taken, received \$65,828.36 from the division.

Special school tax totalled \$78,289.78 and the road tax was \$4,058.65. The county poor fund received \$275.88 and corporations, including Berne, Monroe, Geneva and Decatur received a total of \$41,311.77. The library fund, for

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MORE HEALTH
BONDS ARE SOLDPythian Sisters And W. C.
T. U. Add Names To
List Of Buyers

The Pythian Sisters of Decatur and the local chapter of the Women's Christian Temperance Union have added their names to the list of Decatur Health Bond purchasers, according to a statement made today by W. Guy Brown, in charge of the distribution of Tuberculosis Christmas Seals and Health Bonds for Adams county.

An error was made in the recent announcement that the Woman's club of this city had purchased a health bond. It should have read that the W. C. T. U. purchased one. Heavy sale of Christmas Seals continues and it is the belief of those in charge of the sale in Adams county that the sale this year will be larger than ever recorded.

Hundreds of Adams county citizens have purchased the seals and are using them on letters and Christmas packages. The sale will continue until December 24. Seals may be purchased at any school in the county or at any of the leading stores in Decatur, Berne, Geneva and Monroe.

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