

HIRAM JOHNSON DECLARES WORLD COURT IS FUTILE

Californian Says Harding Plan Worse Than League of Nations.

By United Press
NEW YORK, July 26.—The isolation program upon which Hiram Johnson will stand against the world court and the League of Nations was outlined by the California Senator in his first speech since his return from Europe, before a gathering of his friends last night.

Charging the international court was worse than the League of Nations as far as entangling the United States in European affairs, Johnson said:

Offers Suggestion

"I suggest to my conservative brethren recent incidents indicate they must choose whether progressive things shall be done in a conservative way or in a radical way. You may have to take progressivism, or radicalism will take you."

He concluded with this summary: "The world court is an utterly futile agency for peace—it can not and will not prevent wars and it does not pretend either in its organization or in its operation to do so."

"It has jurisdiction over nothing," he continued, "except what countries may choose to submit to it. Four great member nations, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, have specifically declined to submit to its compulsory jurisdiction."

Part of League

"It's Genesis is the League of Nations. It is a part of the machinery of the League. It is the advisory body of the league. Its opinions are based upon the prerogatives of the league. The law of the league is in reality the law of the court and behind the league, controlling and directing it, are the chancellors of Europe, with their secret diplomacy, their selfishness and cupidity and their hideous schemes of exploitation and conquest."

VETERANS ENJOY OUTING

Federated Patriotic Societies Entertain at Park.

A. J. Ball, G. A. R. department commander, spoke at the fourth annual picnic of the Federated Patriotic Societies at Brookside Park, Wednesday. More than 300 persons attended, including 100 Civil War veterans.

Mrs. Halle Mount Butler, Crawfordsville, Ind., department president of the Indiana Women's Relief Corps, and Mrs. Cora Shelton, Green castle, Ind., division president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans, also spoke.

The program was in charge of Mrs. Edna E. Pauley, federation president, and Miss Addie M. Wallace, secretary.

Kiddies Enjoy Outing

GARY, Ind., July 26.—About 1,500 women and children of Gary enjoyed a free picnic by the Salvation Army of Gary here Wednesday at Wahab Lake, fifteen miles East. Gary merchants provided the food. The Gary Street Railway donated use of cars and the Valparaiso Interurban Company the track for taking persons to the lake.

Link-Belt Official
Now Bank Director



INDEPENDENT OIL REFINERS SEEK TO SLASH GAS PRICE

At Least Four-Cent Cut at
Filling Station Is
Aim.

By United Press
CHICAGO, July 26.—Gasoline prices in the Mid-West and Southwest are excessive and must come down, independent oil producers and refiners and gasoline distributors declared today at a national conference of oil men.

Several hundred are attending the meeting, which was called by the National Petroleum Marketers' Association, to devise ways to wipe out "an artificial market created by a group of refiners, over which the independents have no control," and to bring about at least 4 cent cut in gasoline at filling stations.

"We have today the greatest over-production of crude oil in the history of the world," declared L. V. Nicholas, president of the association. "The world market for crude oil is \$0 cents a barrel, while in central parts of the United States crude oil is selling at \$1.65 and \$2.50 a barrel."

"A small group of producers and refiners over whom we have no control has established a restricted district which reaches from northern Texas to Pennsylvania. Crude oil prices in that district are unreasonably high and that's why gasoline is high. Gasoline prices follow crude oil quotations up or down."

"Gasoline prices around here should be 4 or 5 cents lower. You can drive up to a filling station in New York and fill the tank on your car for 2 or 3 cents cheaper than you can in Chicago or Kansas City. And New York is farther from producing centers than either of the other two cities."

Producers were frankly worried about the price situation in the fall. Some expressed the opinion that if measures were not adopted at this conference to start prices on the decline thousands of persons who drive automobiles would find the cost of gasoline almost prohibitive.

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LABORER'S DEATH PROBED

Fall Fatal to Workman; Body to Be
Sent to Cincinnati.

Investigation was started today by Coronet Paul F. Robinson into an accident that caused the death of Bert Adkins, 45, of Cincinnati, at the 101st Hospital on Wednesday night.

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MARY'S TO HOLD REUNION

All Persons So Named Are Invited to
Roachdale, Aug. 2.

By Times Special
ROACHDALE, Ind., July 26.—All persons named Mary are invited to attend a reunion to be held here Thursday, Aug. 2.

Prizes will be awarded to the oldest, the youngest, the stoutest, the thinnest, the tallest, the shortest, the one coming the greatest distance, the one coming the shortest distance and Mary bringing the largest load of Marys from outside the town of Roachdale.

Pioneer Woman Dies
By Times Special
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