

## R. U. JOHNSON MADE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR

Former Richmond Man, Graduate of Earlham, Given Foreign Post by President Wilson—Is Famous Poet.

### LOVE OF ITALY NOTED

Robert Underwood Johnson, famous poet, and former editor of the Century magazine, who is a graduate of Earlham and a former Wayne county man, has been appointed United States ambassador to Italy, according to press dispatches from Washington. President Wilson is expected to send the nomination to the senate within a few days.

Mr. Johnson's appointment comes as the climax of a long and distinguished career in letters and consular service in which love of Italy has been manifest. Many of his poems and articles have been on this country, and his latest poem, published in the Palladium only a few weeks ago, was an appeal for dolls for Italian children.

He was born in Washington, D. C., Jan. 12, 1853, while his mother was visiting there. He was the son of Nimrod Hoge Johnson, who came to Wayne county from Ohio and lived in Cambridge City and Centerville, was elected circuit judge and became one of Indiana's distinguished jurists. He died in 1869. Robert F. Johnson's mother was Catherine C. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson had many relatives in Wayne county. Henry U. Johnson, lawyer and former congressman, being a brother. Owen Johnson, the novelist, is Robert Johnson's son. His education was begun at Centerville College, later at Earlham, where he was long ago abandoned, and he was graduated from Earlham college with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1871. He holds an honorary Ph. D. from Earlham and an honorary A. M. from Yale.

After leaving college, he went to Chicago as a member of the publishing firm of Scribner & Son, and later went to New York. Here, in 1873, he formed the connection with the Century Magazine which lasted until 1913, when he retired after serving as editor for four years, and associated editor for 28 years. He married Miss Katherine McMahon, of the District of Columbia, in 1876.

During his career, Mr. Johnson has supported with voice and pen causes of literary, copyright, forest conservation, free art, civil service reform, and low tariff.

For his services as the secretary of the American Copyright league, and in the interests of international copyright, he was made a chevalier of the legion of honor in 1894, and a knight of the crown of Italy, 1895.

He took a leading part in the organization of a memorial to the poets Keats and Shelley in Rome, and first proposed to President Roosevelt by formal letters of August and September, 1896, conference of governors to preserve eastern forests.

In 1913, he was chairman of the national commission for preservation of Yosemite National park. He holds many other offices, literary and consular, and belongs to many clubs. During the war he established the American Poets' ambulance movement for Italy.

Has Written Many Volumes.

His published works include many volumes of poems, which have been published in a book of poetry has been compared to that of Browning, for the crowding of intensive thought into small space, and for a likeness in literary temperament.

"They are delightful for their sympathies, their apprehensions, and their record of things of good report. Many of the poems recall special public activities of their author," says a Review of Review report of them. Many of them are devoted to scenes of his boyhood in Wayne county.

### Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Roland Celebrate Golden Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John Jay Roland celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home, 117 South Fifth street, Tuesday. They were married Feb. 10, 1870, at Palestine, Ohio, and have spent most of their married life in Wayne county.

Friends called in the afternoon and evening and cards and letters of congratulations came from many unable to attend. The celebration was presided over by many beautiful presents.

A family dinner was served. The following attended: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Nichols, Mrs. Emma Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hiatt and daughter, Laura, from Lynn; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Study and Mrs. Guy Hiatt and children; Mr. and Mrs. Mary McMin and children; Mr. and Mrs. James Hiatt, Mrs. S. W. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Roland and family, and Miss Echo Roland of this city.

### Township Trustee to Finish School Plans

Township Trustee Daniel Medearis was authorized to have the plans for the proposed consolidated town and township school in Center township completed by the township advisory board Tuesday night.

This action followed the presentation of preliminary plans by C. E. Werking, local architect. The building when completed will cost approximately \$140,000.

**OIL BILL COMPLETED**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11—Enactment of the oil land leasing bill was completed today with the adoption of the conference report by the senate. The bill now goes to the president.

### Scenes of Riot at Lexington in Which Five Died



State troops holding back mob storming courthouse and closeup of one of the machine guns and its crew on steps of courthouse.

Martial law prevails in Lexington, Ky., following the attempted storming of the Fayette county courthouse, which resulted in the killing of five rioters and the wounding of many others by state troops. The mob, 4,000 strong, demanded officials turn over to them William Lockett, negro then on trial for the brutal murder of Geneva Hardman, 10-year-old white girl. Anticipating trouble, the sheriff tried to persuade them to leave. They refused and at the first menacing move the order was given to fire. A few minutes after the mob had been dispersed Lockett was found guilty by a jury and sentenced to be electrocuted March 11. The above photos were rushed from the scene of the riot.

### LOCKETT IS TAKEN TO U. S. PRISON

(By Associated Press)  
EDDYVILLE, Ky., Feb. 11.—William Lockett, under a heavy guard of federal soldiers, was removed this morning from the special train which bore him here from Lexington and was taken to the state penitentiary, where a special death watch was placed near his cell.

The train arrived at 8 o'clock, and at an hour and a half later the troops were on their way back to Camp Zachary Taylor. The trip from Lexington and from the station here to the prison was made without incident.

The same elaborate precautions to protect Lockett, which have been in evidence ever since the military authorities have taken responsibility for him, were taken in Eddyville. Squads of men with fixed bayonets were deployed at intervals from the railroad station to the prison. Lockett, in the center of a squad of 30 soldiers, was taken from the train and marched half a mile to the prison, where an exciting chapter in Kentucky's history finally will be closed, with Lockett's execution here on March 11.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 11.—Although William Lockett, convicted murderer of 10 years old Geneva Hardman, was safe today in Eddyville prison where he is to pay the death penalty for his crime on March 11, 600 troops were held today in Lexington which remains nominally under martial law. Military officers spirited Lockett out of town on a special train late last night.

Four hundred of the special troops ordered here Monday to suppress rioting in which five men were killed and many wounded in an unsuccessful attempt to lynch Lockett, accompanied the train. In view of the fact that there appears to be no further need for presence of soldiers here it was believed the order invoking martial law would be revoked today and the remaining federal troops returned to Camp Taylor.

### Montana Farmers Pay \$3.25 For Alberta Seed Wheat

CALGARY, Alberta, Feb. 11.—Montana farmers are paying \$3.25 a bushel for seed wheat in Alberta, said to be the highest price for any part of last year's crop. Between 100,000 and 150,000 bushels of it are being shipped to Montana with large quantities of oats brought here for feed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Alberta wheat is of a finer grade for seed purposes than that grown in the United States, according to the United States grain corporation. That Montana wheat growers are buying in Alberta is significant of no more than that they recognize the value of the better quality for planting purposes, it was stated.

### HUNGARY TO HAVE REGENT.

BUDAPEST, Feb. 10.—Legislation defining the powers of the temporary regent who is to be appointed by the Hungarian government is being drafted for presentation in the national assembly.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Cincinnati was the first city to complete its 14th decennial census enumeration, it was announced today at the census bureau. The last portfolio was turned in Feb. 9, but it probably will be two weeks before the census can be checked and the final total announced.

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COSMANO HELD AS KILLER OF ENRIGHT, CHICAGO GUNMAN (By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Vincenzo Cosmano, a foreman of street sweepers, was held without bail today as the man who murdered "Boss" Enright, labor union feudist and leader of Chicago gunmen, who was killed last week by slugs fired from a sawed off shotgun.

"Big Tim" Murphy, labor leader, and Enright's opponent in labor feuds, and Mike Carozzo, president of the street sweepers union and Murphy's lieutenant, also were held without bail in connection with the killing. Information which led to the arrest of the three men was furnished by Tony Cifaldo, an alleged Boston gunman.

**Weather Forecast**  
For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Partly cloudy to night; not much change in temperature.

Today's Temperature. 37  
Yesterday. 37  
Minimum. 26  
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore—Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Thursday.

**General Conditions**—The southwest storm is now causing rain from Arkansas westward to Pacific coast, south to the Gulf of Mexico. Another storm is moving along the Canadian border and zero weather has appeared in North Dakota and Minnesota, and only six below at Devil's Lake. Between the storms the weather will be unsettled for 36 hours, with probably rain or snow from southern Indiana and Illinois, and may reach here with in 36 hours. Severe cold weather prevails over Alaska, with 52 below zero at Canana, and 38 below at Nome. Another snow storm prevails over the New England states.

### Seventy-four Wayne Relatives of Dead Soldiers to Get Diplomas

Names of 74 Wayne county men, who died in the military service during the World war, whose next of kin will be given a French memorial diploma, will be submitted to Harry Ray post at the post meeting Wednesday night, and definite action will be taken with reference to services for presentation of the diplomas.

The diplomas will be presented to the next of kin, in person where possible, and if this is not possible, arrangements will be made for forwarding the certificates.

All but four of the Wayne county men who died in service will be honored at the presentation which is planned for Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, and every effort is being made to obtain information concerning the relatives of these four.

A program for the presentation will be arranged at the meeting of the post. Following is a list of the men for whom the honor will be given:

The first name given in each case is that of the deceased soldier, the next that of the nearest of kin: Daniel O. Kelley, Mrs. Ethel B. Kelley, 105 North Fourth street, Richmond; Robert Kirk, James T. Kirk, Westcott Motor Co., Springfield, O.; Walter O. Jones, Court Jones, Centerville; Charles C. Lamb, Sylvester Lamb, Greensfork; Leland H. Ledbetter, Mrs. Grant Ledbetter, Hagers-town.

Thomas Matthews, Fred Harry, 555 Main street, Richmond; Ralph H. Moore, Jesse E. Moore, Milton; Ralph C. Niebuhr, Mrs. Dora Niebuhr, 607 South Twelfth street, Richmond; Oliver P. Phillips, Perry Phillips, 317 North Fifth street, Richmond.

Alison Powell, Mrs. Louise Powell, Cambridge City; Harry Ray, Mrs. Mary B. Ray, 197 Pt. Wayne avenue; Frederick Sharp, Henry P. Sharp, R. B. Cambridge City; Curtis Slinn, Mrs. William Replage, Hagerstown; Russell Smith, Clark E. Smith, 1018 North G street, Richmond.

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### American Newspaper Man Rescues Five Japs From Death in Russian Mills

(By Associated Press)  
VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 11.—Frazier Hunt, an American newspaper correspondent, returned to Vladivostok today after an extended trip into the hill country north of here, accompanied by five Japanese soldier prisoners, whom he said he had saved from execution at the hands of "Partisan" troops.

With an interpreter Hunt entered the hills for the purpose of investigating the condition of the Russian people and also the strength, purposes and causes which led to the formation of a self-styled partisan military organization which is opposing troops under Governor General Rosanov, who commands the last vestige of the power of Admiral Kolchak.

Hunt delivered the five Japanese soldiers to the American commander here, who in turn handed them over to the Japanese authorities, together with a note from the partisan commander.

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### DEFENSE' INNING BEGINS IN HEARING OF N. Y. SOCIALISTS

(By Associated Press)  
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—The defense had the floor today at the trial of the five suspended Socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty, the prosecution having closed its case late yesterday afternoon.

Reading the defense of further excerpts from documentary evidence introduced by counsel for the assembly judiciary committee, which is conducting the hearings was expected to consume the day. Until this has been completed, attorneys for the defense contend their opponents can not technically "rest" their case.

Indeed according to Louis M. Martin, committee chairman "there is not any such thing as 'rest' in this case." "This is an investigation" he declared at the close of yesterday's hearing "and the idea of resting and moving for non-suit is ridiculous. We have a right to hear it anyway we like. We may want other evidence and may go to other places to get it."

May Adjourn for Day  
Whether the defense will formally open today, or because of Lincoln's birthday, move for adjournment until next Tuesday, probably will not be known until the noon recess.

Considerable interest has been aroused by constant mention by the defense of an "R. N. Nathan." The latest time the name came up was yesterday when Seymour Stedman asked an agent of the joint legislative committee investigating radicalism in this state whether he had met such a person during a "raid" on the Russian soviet "embassy" in New York. Mr. Stedman during a recess declined to state who "Nathan" might be, but it has been reported he might a British service agent.

### Penny Club Gave Largely To Charity During Year Says Report, at Meeting

Through dues, a monthly luncheon and general contributions the Penny Club was able during 1919 to provide much food, clothing and fuel for poor families, according to the report read by Mrs. Millard Warfel, president, at the annual meeting with Mrs. B. A. May at 101 Lincoln street, Wednesday afternoon.

The report follows: 50 yards of calico, 44 yards of percale, 35 yards of gingham, 24 yards of outing flannel, 16 suits of underwear, 4 suits of boys' clothes, 3 gowns for a sick woman, 3 child hospital gowns, 4 pairs of black stockings, 12 pairs of shoes, 4 pairs of overalls, 30 pairs of shoes, 4 overcoats for little boys, 5 coats for little girls, 8 waists for boys, 1 corset, material for two wool dresses, 30 baskets of fruit and groceries given at Thanksgiving and Christmas, when 20 names of families were also given Sunday school classes, which sent baskets; and 1 ton of coal.

The sum of \$35 was given for the care of a French orphan for one year; \$10 to the service men's banquet; \$5 to the Roosevelt Memorial fund; a large amount of second-hand clothes were also distributed during the year, it was reported.

### 200 Attend First Trade Conference of Mexico, U. S.

(By Associated Press)  
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11.—Two hundred delegates were in attendance when the first United States-Mexico trade conference opened here this morning at the National school of mines.

Delegates to the conference, which is under the auspices of the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico, included 125 American representatives and 75 executives of Mexican commercial and industrial firms.

A special train carrying delegates from Texas and other southern states arrived Tuesday morning and the United States delegation was completed early today when representatives from New York and middle western cities reached this city.

### Bond Issue Authorized For Schools of Township

The state board of tax commissioners Tuesday granted J. O. Edgerton, Wayne township trustee, the right to issue \$14,000 worth of school bonds to pay current expenses of the township schools, outside of Richmond, until the close of the present term, April 22.

Before receiving permission to float a bond issue Edgerton had but \$92, with which to run township schools. The bonds will be sold within three weeks.

### County Roads in Bad Shape After Ice Storms

Wayne county's gravel roads are rapidly becoming impassable due to recent thaws, according to farmers in various parts of the county.

The heavy ice storm earlier in the month, froze the roadbeds to a depth of almost a foot and continued heavy hailing while they are thawing, has caused many of them to be badly cut up.

In spite of precautions the roads will require much work to get them in proper condition next summer.

DAVIS, AMERICAN, TAKES NO PART IN ASIA MEETINGS (By Associated Press)  
LONDON, Feb. 11.—John W. Davis, American ambassador to the court of St. James, will not attend either the second meeting of the council of the league of nations or the meeting of the premiers of Great Britain, France and Italy, which will be held here early next week, unless he is instructed by Washington, according to an announcement from the American embassy. Such instructions have not been received it is said.

FOUR YEARS AGO THERE WERE TWENTY-two school corporations in the county and they have dropped to 18. Three years ago the Milton corporation was turned over to the township.

"The reason for the abandonment and consolidation of schools is because of the increased cost of maintaining schools and the need of a larger taxing unit," Williams said.

### To Wed Ex-Aviator



Miss Flora Payne Whitney.

Announcement was made recently of the engagement of Miss Flora Payne Whitney, daughter of Harry Payne Whitney and granddaughter of Cornelius Vanderbilt, to Roderick Tower of Philadelphia. He is the son of Charles Tower, former U. S. ambassador to Austria. He served as captain in the army air service during the war. Miss Whitney learned typewriting during the war, hoping to aid the Y. M. C. A. overseas, but the war ended before her wish could be fulfilled.

### REVISED TREATY IS GIVEN TO SENATE; DISCREPANCY SEEN

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The peace treaty reservations, as revised tentatively in recent unofficial bi-partisan compromise conferences, were formally presented in the senate today by Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, for consideration when the treaty comes up next Monday.

The modifications do not agree entirely with the draft which Democratic members of the bipartisan committee have said were tentatively agreed on. Eight of the 14 reservations would be modified under Senator Lodge's proposal and the preamble would be changed so that affirmative acceptance by the other powers would not be required.

Four of the remaining six reservations were accepted by the Democratic conferees without change, the Republicans on the committee say, while the other two, relating to Article X and the Monroe Doctrine were left unchanged.

### Willard Memorial Service To Be Held by W. C. T. U.

Memorial services for Miss Frances E. Willard will be held in the Grace Methodist church Friday at 2:30 p. m. by the Richmond Woman's Christian Temperance union. This is the anniversary of the death of the great temperance leader.

The addresses will be given by the Rev. Backus, the pastor of Grace church. The music will be furnished by the McCall union. All members of the unions are invited to attend.

When the Rev. Mr. Backus was a boy Miss Willard herself gave him the white ribbon of temperance to wear for this reason he was asked to give the address.

### Townships are Working Rapidly in Farm League Membership Campaign

Although several township drives are well under way in the Farmers' federation membership campaign, same delay has been caused by failure to receive postage and other literature and the drive will be continued until next week, according to Arthur Curme, chairman of the membership committee.

The house to house canvass will be completed as rapidly as possible and Mr. Curme said Wednesday that he expected several townships to report before the end of this week.

Competition among the township federations is keen, and much interest is being taken in the drive.

Following the quarterly meeting of the Jackson township federation, members of the committee in charge there reported that the township federation had a membership of 128, and that before the drive is finished the association will include every farmer in the township. There are now only about 35 farmers in the township who are not members of the federation.

### SECOND CLASS POSTAGE RATE IS TOO LOW, SAYS KOONS

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Assistant Postmaster General Koons told the house postoffice committee today that the department never contemplated recommending a flat 4 cents a pound postage charge on second class mail. Appearing at hearings on the Post bill, proposing reduction of the existing rates on publications, he said the present law did not provide rates sufficient to meet the department's cost of handling second class mail. After the last of the increases become effective on July 1, 1920, Mr. Koons declared the loss would be \$52,000,000 a year.

ROMAN SCHOOLS CLOSE.  
ROME, Feb. 11.—Schools in this city have been closed because of the increase in the influenza epidemic. There are 90 deaths on the average, every day from this disease in Rome.

## HINES WILL HANDLE R. R. SITUATION

Railroad Administration Head is Then to Report to the White House—Situation Called Grave.

### LABOR MEN CONFER

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Director-General Hines will make answer to the wage demands of the 2,000,000 workers on his own responsibility, and from the standpoint of the railroad administration and will then report to the president, it was said today at the Whitehouse. Mr. Wilson then will approve or disapprove the decision.

Heretofore, the president generally has passed upon wage decisions before the railroad administration's answer, as given to the union representatives. No reason was assigned for the departure from the usual custom in this case.

In the light of the urgent demands of the trainmen and the strike call issued by officers of the brotherhood of maintenance of ways employees, both railroad administration and white house officials regard the situation as extremely grave.

Mr. Hines has held a long conference with Secretary Tumulty, who has submitted a memorandum on the subject to the president.

Conferences between Mr. Hines and the brotherhood officers were to have resumed this morning, but at the appointed hour neither side was ready to go ahead and the meeting was postponed until 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The committee of 10 representing the brotherhood of maintenance of way employees, arrived here today from Detroit, and immediately went into conference with J. B. Malloy, vice president of the union, and its other representatives in the wage negotiation with Mr. Hines.

Members of the committee refused to discuss the strike order or any phase of the wage controversy. They were expected to attend the general conference of the union officials with Mr. Hines later in the day. Railroad administration officials said they had not been asked by the maintenance of way employees for a private meeting with Mr. Hines.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 11.—Officers of the Brotherhood of maintenance of way employees and shop laborers pressed to see little hope this morning of action by the railroad administration at Washington that would avert the strike called for Feb. 17.

Word reaching here had not that Director-General Hines had not communicated with the committee sent to Washington in a final effort to reach an agreement or that no official notice of the threatened strike had been taken except the statement by the director-general, that the strike order was in violation of the wage agreement.

To this Allen E. Barker, president of the brotherhood declared the 30-day notification clause referred to by Mr. Hines dealt with possible changes in the agreement, and not with a strike call.

**Maintenance Men's Strike  
Would Not Cripple Local  
Penny Division, Belief**

Except in case of serious damage to the right of way, through a wreck or flood, operation of railroad trains on the Richmond division of the Pennsylvania railroad would not be seriously affected by a projected national strike of maintenance of way employees, according to an official.

There are approximately 235 men employed in this department of the Richmond division, including track men, carpenters and painters, but officials said Wednesday that all of these were not members of the union, and probably would not join in the brotherhood's strike.

"The maintenance department where the right of way is kept up to a reasonable degree, would affect the operation of the road the least of any," a division official said Wednesday.

"The Richmond division is in good condition, and only a wreck or a flood which would tear up a track or wash out a bridge would necessitate any great demand for men in this department."

### Grain Regulation Is Success Say Officials

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Railroad administration regulations issued two weeks ago, providing special equipment for the moving of grain from the middle west, are proving successful, officials said today, in remedying the congestion occasioned by the storage of heavy grain stocks in smaller cities.

Under the order, grain is given the preference in movement over nearly all the commodities except sugar, print paper and wood pulp, from the great grain producing area embracing 14 states, extending from the Canadian border to Texas, and from Illinois to the mountains.

2 PLANES OVER AFRICA (By Associated Press)  
CAIRO, Feb. 11.—One of the South African government airplanes attempting a flight from London to Capetown, left this city for the south last night at 11:35 o'clock. The London Times airplane which is engaged in a similar flight, left Khartoum Tuesday morning at 6:35 o'clock for Johannesburg.