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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 conservational 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 Nilmor 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 Collegiate Institute, at Centerville, which 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.

Becomes Scribner Worker.

After leaving college, he went to Chicago as a member of the publishing firm of Scribner & Sons and later went to New York. Here, in 1873, he formed the connection with the Century Magazine which lasted until 1883, when he retired after serving as editor four years, and associated editor for 28 years. He married Miss Katherine McMahon, of the District of Columbia, in 1874.

During his career, Mr. Johnson has supported with voice and pen the causes of international 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 by France, 1891, and a Cavalier 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 conservational, 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 volume of *Collected Poems*, and his 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 appreciations, and their record of years surrendered to the pursuit 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 Fifteenth 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. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

A family dinner was served. The following attended: Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Nichols, Mrs. Ernest Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hiatt and daughter, Laura, from Lynd; Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Study and children, from Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. G. Harry McMinn 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 Nedearls 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 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, 500 troops were held today in Lexington which remains nominally under martial law. Military officers sprinted Lockett out of town on a special train late last night.

Four hundred of the special troops ordered here Monday to suppress mob rioting in which five persons 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.

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Weather Forecast

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

Today's Temperature.

37
Noon
Yesterday.

Maximum 33
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 may be unsettled for 36 hours with a few rain or snow in southern Indiana and Illinois, and may reach here with in 36 hours. Severe cold weather prevails over Alaska, with 52 below zero at Canadas, and 38 below at Nome. Another snow storm prevails over the New England states.

**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 "Moss" Enright, labor union leader and leader of Chicago men, 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 Casper, president of the street sweepers union, and Murphy's tenant, 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.

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

Cincinnati Completes Census Taking First

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.

The District of Columbia completed its count today and the announcement of its population is expected within two weeks.

Cleveland, Chicago, New York and a number of smaller cities have sent in nearly all of their returns and officials said a rechecking tonight might disclose that a number of other cities have completed their work. It is expected to be possible to announce the population of the country by October.

**Spring Grove School
Corporation Abandoned**

The school corporation of Spring Grove has been abandoned by its board of trustees and turned over to the township trustee, it was learned Wednesday.

"This makes three corporation schools that have been abandoned in the county during the last three months," County Superintendent Williams said. "The Cambridge City school corporation consolidated with Jackson township and Centerville turned its corporation over to the trustee of Center township."

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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 after 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 be 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. Bescher, 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 blankets, 3 comforts, 12 pairs of shoes, 4 pairs of overshoes, 30 pairs of hose, 4 overcoats for little boys, 5 coats for little girls, 8 waistcoats 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 4 pairs of coal.

The sum of \$36 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.

**BERLIN STUDENTS
PROTEST ACTION**

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Feb. 11.—Four thousand students of the University of Berlin met on the University campus at noon Tuesday to protest against the Allied demand for the extradition of those accused of war crimes. The students vowed to guard the persons demanded with their own bodies if necessary.

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AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—Former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany sent his telegram to the heads of Allied governments offering to surrender in place of Germans demanded in the Allied extradition list, almost on the impulse of the moment, according to an interview with Major Von Moltke, the former crown prince's adjutant, published in the *Telegraaf*.

"The former heir to the German throne," said the Major, after confirming reports that a telegram had been sent, "took the resolution without thinking long about it."

**Poles Gets Ready to
Declare Peace With Reds**

(By Associated Press)

WARSAW, Feb. 11.—Work of framing the outline of peace conditions to be communicated to the Russian Soviet government has been begun by the Polish cabinet, which plans to present them to the diet early next week.

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.

Three principal points are being considered by the cabinet as the basis for peace conversations. The first is occupying much attention from the cabinet and relates to the recognition of the independence of the border states between Russia and Poland.

The second would discuss proposed plebiscites and the third is devoted to consideration of indemnities.

**Wayne County's Gravel Roads
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 hauling 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.

Improved roadways have not been harmed by the thaw to any great extent, although several "humps" have been raised in concrete and tarvia roads through freezing.

**DAVIS, AMERICAN, TAKES
NO PART IN LEAGUE 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