

R. U. JOHNSON AS WRITER, REVIEWED; LOVER OF ITALY

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When it was realized that the President has named other literary men to represent the United States at foreign courts—notably Thomas Nelson Page, novelist; Walter Hines Page, publisher; Henry Van Dyke, author, and Brand Whitlock, all around writer—the appointment of Robert Underwood Johnson to be ambassador to Italy occasioned no surprise.

For 40 years associated with the Century Magazine as an editor, Mr. Johnson is the man who persuaded General Grant to write his memoirs, led the movement for the establishment of Yellowstone National park and waged the war against literary piracy which resulted in the enactment of the international copyright law.

Born on Capitol Hill in Washington, January 12, 1853, he was reared in Indiana, and was graduated from Earlham College's Friends' institution at Richmond, Ind., in 1871. He is the father of Owen Johnson, the novelist.

Always Italy's Friend.

Always Mr. Johnson has been the friend of Italy. He has been an active member of the Society of Italian Immigrants, is a cavalier of the Order of the Crown of Italy, which was conferred on him 25 years ago, has written understandingly an "Italian Rhapsody, and Other Poems," founded and administered the American Poets' Ambulance in Italy during the war, and for 30 years has traveled all over Italy, studying its people, customs and legends. He was the first American journalist to cross the smoldering lava of Vesuvius in 1906, when 300 square miles of towns and vineyards were destroyed.

The collected poems of Mr. Johnson have recently been published by the Yale University Press, and Henry Van Dyke, reviewing the volume in the Boston Transcript, says:

Americanism Unmistakable.

"His Americanism—not of the narrower, but of the broader type—is unmistakable and inexpressible. You may feel it in the blank verse of 'The Voice of Webster,' in the ballads on the Spanish War, in 'The Corridors of Congress,' with its noble tribute to his brother's memory."

"Pleading for honor when men sued for gain" and in many verses full of righteous indignation, militant idealism and high hope, in which he has expressed his feelings about the world war and America's part in it. He is an American who loves his country always, but best when she is right.

"All through his volumes we find names and pictures of his contemporaries: Roosevelt, Gilder, John Burroughs, Nikola Tesla, James Whitcomb Riley, Admiral Dewey, Colonel Waring, E. C. Stedman, Edward MacDowell, Saint Gaudens, Goethals of Panama, President Wilson, Padewerski, Marshal Joffre, General Pershing such men of today seem to him not unworthy to stand with the men of old.

"He has not lived in an ivory tower nor in a hermit's cave, this poet of our own time, but in the current of those events which have made this age one of the memorable epochs of world history.

Attentive to his own task, pleased with the metier assigned him by the Muse, he has conceived it in a broad spirit, as not separate from the affairs of men. In his ode on Saint-Gaudens he says:

As nations greater are than all their states,

More than the sum of all the arts is art.

Thus he sums up his ancient-modern ideal of the service which true artists render to the world:

To reach full hands of bounty unto those

Who starve for beauty in this glut of gold.

"Yet for all these fine and lofty sayings, I am not sorry that this book closes with the simpler and more personal lyric note—the same note of human love with which the volume begins. There is the sure, tender, revealing touch of Landor's 'Rose Aymer' in this farewell to 'Cecile.'

Who heard her tone's caress,

Or saw her smiling eyes,

Ne'er spoke of happiness

As a lost paradise.

We weep, but we rejoice,

Who know her spirit's spell—

The angel in her voice

That told us all is well."

In every tempest, calm,

Sure, when our doubts would grope;

To all our sorrow, balm.

The darling of our hope.

"This is the spirit of Mr. Johnson's book. To enjoy it, you do not need to belong to any 'school,' nor to hold any poetic theory. All you need is to love poetry as the interpreter of the best things in nature and life."

Board of Works Formally Rejects Wayne Co. Contract

Formal rejection of the proposed contract of the Wayne Light and Power company, with the city light plant, was made by the board of works Monday. The motion which is self explanatory adopted by the board follows:

"In view of the prospective additional business in sight for our city light plant and after other careful investigations we deem it inadvisable to enter into a contract with the Wayne Light and Power company to furnish it with current from our city plant. Therefore we reject its application and return the proposed contract."

The action by the board follows several weeks of deliberation, in which the public service commission and the city council were consulted. The public service commission, when consulted, refused to give advice on the matter, saying that the board knew the conditions and should act on its own initiative. Council meeting with the board in private session Friday night also voiced opposition to the contract.

BOSSE TO CONTROL PAPER.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 1.—Announcement was made Sunday that Benjamin Bosse, mayor of Evansville, Democratic district chairman of the First District and head of a large number of manufacturing plants here, has purchased a half interest in the Evansville Courier from Henry W. Marshall, who bought the paper several weeks ago from Henry C. Murphy.

VARIETY OF MODELS IN DISPLAY OF HATS FOR EARLY SPRING



Millinery shops are putting forth hats of summerly aspect and many of them are being purchased by southward-bound tourists and day-trippers as well. This pre-season display for the spring and summer constitutes a trying out process for the different styles which the milliners see fit to launch at this time of year. Those shapes which are too extreme are discarded, other unusual ones, which are nevertheless becoming, take their proper place and the universally liked hats take the lead.

There is an unusual variety of models for early spring, showing that with its brim turned up sharply at both front and back.

Here is a quartette of pretty new hats which show the variety of styles, shapes and trimming one may choose from this season.

WASHINGTON RUN BY BUREAUCRATS—LANE

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Official Washington, "a combination of political caucus, drawing room and civil service bureaus," containing "statesmen who are politicians and politicians who are not statesmen," is poorly organized for its task, which "fewer men of larger capacity would do better."

Such is an epitome of the views of Franklin K. Lane, retiring secretary of the interior, expressed in a characteristic parting report to the President on the occasion of leaving public life after more than twenty years' service—the last seven in the Cabinet.

"Washington," says the retiring secretary, "is rich in character. It is honest beyond any commercial standard. It wished to do everything that will promote the public good. But it is poorly organized for the task that belongs to it. Fewer men of larger capacity would do the task better. Ability is not lacking, but it is pressed to the point of paralysis because of an infinitude of details and an unwillingness on the part of the great body of public servants to take responsibility. Every one seems to be afraid of every one. The self-protective sense is developed abnormally, the creative sense atrophies. Trust, confidence, enthusiasm—these simple virtues of all great business are the ones most lacking in government organization. We have so many checks and balances upon our work that our progress does not keep pace with the nation's requirement.

Suggests Reforms.

"We could save money for the government if we would use discretion as to how we should use that given us. For the body of the civil servants there should be quicker promotion or discharge and a sure insurance when disability comes.

For the higher administrative officers there should be salaries twice as high as those now given and they should be made to feel that they are the ones responsible for the work of the department; the head being merely an adviser and a constructor of policies. As matters are now devised there are too few in the government whose business it is to plan.

Every man is held to details, to the narrower view, while comes too often to be the department view or some sort of parochial view. We need for the day that is here and upon us men who have little to do but study the problems of the time and test their capacity at meeting them.

"In a word, we need more opportunity for planning, engineering, statesmanship above, and more mixed authority and responsibility below."

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Installation of a filter in the "Y" swimming pool, will be taken up at a meeting of the athletic committee of the association at 5:30 p. m. Monday. The budget will also be discussed. Dr. S. Bond heads the committee.

A meeting of the educational committee of the association will be held in the "Y" at 4:30 p. m. Monday. Ways and means by which the "Y" can aid returned service men to further their education, will be taken up. Thomas P. Wilson, assistant-general secretary of the "Y," will act as secretary for the educational committee.

ATTEND FUNERAL SERVICES.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The funeral privately conducted, of baby Morrison Marshall, the foster son of Vice-President and Mrs. Marshall, was held Saturday afternoon from the vice-presidential suite in the Willard. The mourners included both the foster parents and the child's real parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Morrison. A few friends of the Marshalls were present on invitation.

Labor Calendar

Meetings of local labor unions scheduled for Monday follow:

Mail Carriers—President, Orlie Hill; secretary, Charles Thomas. Time, 7:30 p. m. Place, postoffice.



Mrs. Graves Advocates Parent-Teachers' Bodies

RICHMOND is away behind other towns of the state in the organization of Parent-Teacher's associations, according to Mrs. Clara B. Graves of Garfield school, who is a member of the executive board of the state Parent-Teachers' association, which met in Indianapolis last Saturday.

"The Parent-Teacher group at the Joseph Moore school on Southwest Second street, a flourishing organization, is the only one Richmond boasts. An enthusiastic group once organized in the second ward has died, leaving us behind the state," said Mrs. Graves.

"It seems to me the state officers are just 'marking time' unless we can start more organizations in places like Richmond," Mrs. Graves added.

JAPAN DIET DISSOLVES.

WASHINGTON, March 1.—The Japanese diet has been dissolved by imperial decree as the result of a formal difference of opinion between the cabinet and the majority parties in the diet, regarding the extension of the franchise.

This action was taken by the emperor last Thursday at the request of Premier Hara, according to cable advices received here today from Tokyo. It followed the recent violent scenes in parliament over the suffrage question.

TRANS-AFRICAN FLYERS HURT.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 1.—Capt. Cockerell and mechanician Corby, of the Times airplane, which was attempting the Cairo-to-Cape flight and which was wrecked at Tabora, German East Africa, on Friday, were slightly injured, according to a despatch to the Daily Mail. The machine crashed against a huge ant-hill upon landing and although the engines and propellers were uninjured, the machine was so badly damaged that it could not be repaired without being dismantled.

Northern France and Belgium were the greatest sufferers from the war. The war area of these countries is estimated to contain 3,000,000 tons of copper, of which one-third may be recovered. Sectors where hard battles raged are said to have 250 tons of iron to every 2½ acres.

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Federal Investigator Probes Alleged Illegal Employment of Minors

Miss Ward, a representative of the federal Child Labor bureau was in Richmond last week, privately investigating conditions in industrial establishments regarding the employment of uncertified minors. It is understood that a few concerns have not been following the law, full enforcement of which will be required and negligence dealt with in accordance with announcements formerly made to employers.

Indiana has been on federal probation for some time, that her ability to enforce the state child labor law might be tried out. If it does not prove satisfactory by April 1, two sets of certificates, state and federal, may be required.

FEDERAL OFFICERS CLASH WITH SOUTH BEND POLICE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 1.—Frigid has developed here between the local police department and a number of revenue officers who were sent to South Bend by the federal department in an effort to rid the city of "moonshine" stills.

KILLED WHEN HE THOUGHT ROBBER'S ORDER WAS JOKE

(By Associated Press)

AKRON, O., March 1.—When he took as a joke a command to throw up his hands, and instead continued laughing on his way, Russell Borway, 20, was shot and killed by a highwayman.

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MARCH NO. 2 FEATURE

This is the second of a series of merchandise features we have planned for March. Each day we will announce a new feature in which the special item will be considerably underpriced. It will pay you well to watch and heed these special events daily.

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It is a genuine pleasure to work with these goods. Fashion says that Gingham will be more popular this season than last. The beauty of Ginghams as developed in these imported pieces has helped considerably in bringing this well known cotton fabric to the forefront as a fabric for Spring and Summer Dresses.

All shades will be found from the delicate tint of Orchid, to the rich tones of blue. Pink and the variations of brown are also popular this season.

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