

JOHNSON PROVES HARDBOILED FOE; HURLS DEFIANCE

Press and President Are Vigorously Attacked and League of Nations Is Called Infamous.

6000 HEAR FLAMING TALK

Says Wilson Sat in Another Man's Game at Paris and Was Beaten by Secret Pacts.

Hurling oratorical defiance at the press of the United States, and confiding to a large audience that he is one of the national capital's real 100 per cent Americans, Senator Hiram Warren Johnson of California drew from 6000 persons at The Auditorium on Tuesday evening the measure of tribute opponents of the League of Nations had gathered to accord him.

Wagging his stubby fingers to emphasize the brilliant language in which he couched his attack upon the league and upon President Wilson, Johnson made a great play upon his antipathy toward Great Britain and Japan while admitting nothing good about the league or

its sponsors except to characterize the latter as "gentlemen."

A thousand persons were forced to miss the address for want of room at The Auditorium, but those who, once inside, were interestedly held by oratorical power through two hours of impassioned exposition of the senator's interpretation of the league covenant, were fittingly repaid by his splendid speech if not by intelligible explanation.

CALLS IT INFAMOUS

Branding the League of Nations as an infamous document that hands over the future security of the United States to foreign powers and guarantees that the United States shall prevent exterior aggression against every nation in the world, Johnson received with a wave of the hand the salvo of applause from an audience largely composed of friends of his attitude.

"Upon what theory or right do you make the history of tomorrow?" the Californian challenged, while the audience shouted. "Pass this treaty and you pledge your blood and the blood of your sons to protect and maintain the British and Japanese empires," said Johnson.

CHEER FOR FIVE MINUTES

Johnson's arrival at The Auditorium was marked by five minutes of wild cheering. K. K. Kubli, chairman of the meeting, was unable to gain order. Cheering during the senator's speech was frequent but scattered, and only occasionally did whole-hearted demonstrations occur.

"By this covenant you are not going to Americanize Europe; you are going to Europeanize America," the speaker declared.

"America stands at the crossroads of her history. On one hand is the road that leads to European treachery and deceit; on the other hand is the path of 100 per cent Americanism. No matter how much wealth, how many newspapers are opposed to it, we will fight until America is safe."

APPROVED WILSON'S MISSION

"I, for one, approved the president's mission of peace when he went abroad. You," the senator snapped as he swept the audience with his right fore-

finger, "are called upon to decide whether the covenant he brought back contains the principles of peace or contains the evidence of European and Asiatic diplomacy."

"President Wilson yielded to the secret bargains and treaties in force before America even entered the war. Self determination of peoples, you found after Paris was reached, was scrapped, like all the other ideals he carried abroad."

"What the treaty does, the League of Nations underwrites. Remember that when a territory is seized and a property despoiled, you underwrite these wrongs. The League of Nations is part of the treaty."

"We see that flabbiness of Wilson's good intentions surrendered to European diplomacy. America beholds only dead hopes."

"The trouble with President Wilson in Paris was not his intentions," the fighting senator exclaimed. "But there is another place paved with good intentions!"

SAYS WILSON BUNKERED

"The trouble with Wilson was that he sat in Paris in the other fellow's game. And Wilson got what any other man gets who sits in the other man's game. And he brought back to us just what they handed him!"

"I sat in the United States senate and heard the representatives of all our allies tell us during the war that their motives and aims were as unselfish as ours. And after the war at Paris they proved that they had already written treaties and covenants among themselves that America knew nothing about."

"We are told that America must no longer pursue a policy of isolation. I tell you, America never did pursue a policy of isolation. We never have, we never will. Our only isolation is geographical—and, thank God, President Wilson can't dry up the oceans."

WILL PUT DOWN ANGRY

"I'll go abroad to help suffering nations. I'll dig down in my pockets to put down anguish. So will you. But, as with me, you want to decide for yourself when and where you are going to help. You're not going to take the word of eight foreign nations sitting in Geneva."

Here Johnson referred to Article X of the League of Nations covenant.

"In Article X we guarantee political integrity and freedom from external aggression to every nation in the world. Think of that! That's just what these foreign nations want."

"There is only one non-profit nation in this covenant—America. Every other nation has its spoils, its booty."

Sending of American troops to Silesia and Italy the past few days was declared by Johnson to be on order of the secret council now sitting in Paris—"the present League of Nations," he termed it.

He ridiculed President Wilson's assertions that the League of Nations will do away with necessity of a great army. He pointed to army recruiting posters that appeal for 50,000 recruits for overseas duty and the administration's army estimate of 526,000 men.

VEILED ATTACK ON PRESIDENT

Advocates of the League of Nations were charged by Johnson with being part and parcel of a national governmental propaganda.

"The past few years have shown the existence of an ingeniously conceived national governmental propaganda. It was designed not to tell you the truth, but designed to lead present power and conceal from you what was transpiring," the senator flourished.

"You are paying for it. You paid when a certain gentleman went from state to state, county to county and city to city. You pay when a crowd of men telling about the virtues of an unknown, undisclosed document travel here and there."

CAN'T FOOL ME, SAYS HIRAM

"You are picking your pockets to poison your minds."

"Under espionage and suppression laws during the war honest opinion was suppressed. It cowed and cowered the common man to prevent expression of what he thought and believed."

But the men in the United States senate, the Californian proudly insisted, are not going to be fooled. They are going to save America.

K. K. Kubli, who presided, introduced Edward Boyce. Boyce declared that although he voted for Wilson and supported the president during the war, he now is unalterably opposed to the League of Nations. He presented Senator Johnson.

AGED CHINAMAN THERE

Johnson tonight will speak in Tacoma. He left Portland immediately after completing his Portland speech. More men were in Johnson's audience than greeted President Wilson when he spoke at The Auditorium. Only one fourth the audience were women Tuesday night.

One of the most interested listeners was an aged Chinaman, who sat right in front of Johnson in the first row. He nodded his head sagely whenever Shantung was mentioned. References to his country seemed to compensate him for his long wait before the meeting began.

RADICALS DISPERSED FROM PARK BLOCK; LEADER IS ARRESTED

Police Prevent Execution of Threat to Meet in Demonstration on Mooney Imprisonment.

"If we can't get together here let's go to the Johnson speech," quoth a good many meeting-hungry ones who assembled, or rather disassembled, Tuesday evening, in the Plaza block to protest war imprisonments.

Three reliefs of police on duty herded the indignant throng at intervals regular enough to keep it from ganging up. Consequently, would-be orators had little chance.

Thwarted from a rally many became tired of beating the pavement in circles and turned their footsteps toward The Auditorium.

One arrest was made. Joseph Laundry, secretary of the Soldiers', Sailors and Workmen's council, who called the "monster protest meeting," was booked at police headquarters as "held for investigation."

"Laundry was ordered to leave the place of meeting. He refused to depart, stating that the meeting would be held as planned."

"My orders are that no meeting is to be held here tonight," Inskeep replied.

"We intend to hold this meeting," responded Laundry.

"No meeting will be held," reiterated the captain.

"Then you will have to arrest me," "You are under arrest," said the officer. Laundry was taken to the police station, where he was held until late in the night for an investigation. Floyd Hyde, also interested in the activities of the defense committee, was also conducted to the police station, where he was later released.

The first arrest in connection with the intended meeting was made by the department of justice shortly after noon. A man giving the name of J. M. Robinson of the Columbia rooming house was brought to the police station along with a huge placard announcing the meeting and held for investigation.

Red letters printed on the sign told of the protest meeting and announced that John Mooney would speak. Robinson declared that his was the only sign out, and stated that he had lived in Portland for eight years.

Speakers scheduled for the meeting

were John Mooney, brother of Tom Mooney, now in prison in connection with the San Francisco bomb outrage, and William Dunn, editor of the Butte Bulletin.

Commission Leaves October 10 to Plan for World Aerial Derby

New York, Oct. 8.—(I. N. S.)—A special commission will leave New York on October 10 for a trip around the world to arrange for the first "round the world aerial derby," which will be held next year, it was announced today. Those on the commission are Commodore Louis D. Beaumont, Major Charles J. Glidden and Benjamin Hillman. They will sail from San Francisco for the Orient on November 3 and in the meantime will have visited Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Dayton, Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Denver, Seattle, San Diego and Los Angeles.

Daniels Looks for Adoption of Treaty

Washington, Oct. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in preparing estimates for the navy department during the next fiscal year, is proceeding on the assumption that the peace treaty will be ratified, he announced today.

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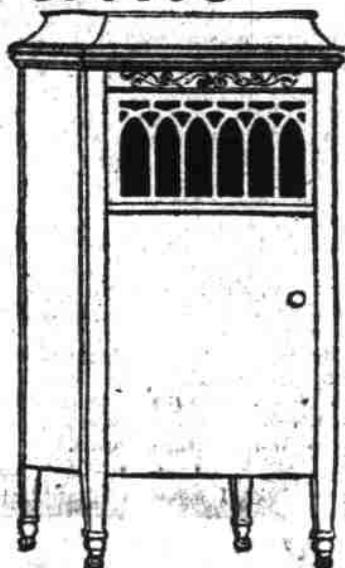
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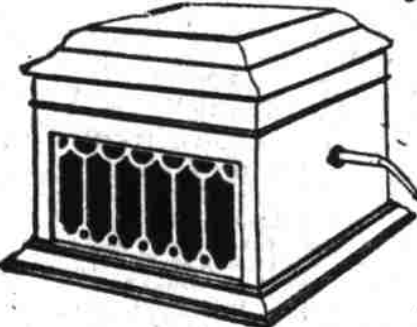
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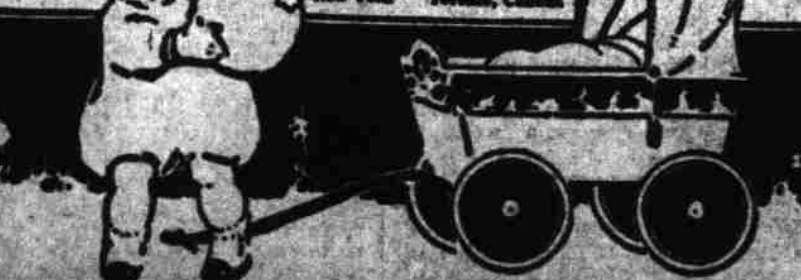
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