

### HIRAM JOHNSON NOW TOURING EUROPE IN HIS OWN GOOD WAY

Declares He is Sick and Tired of Americans Advising World Needs

LONDON, June 30.—(By Associated Press.)—Europe which is some times believed to have considerable experience with politics and politicians has never had a better example of putting pet theories into practice than the personally conducted tour Senator Hiram Johnson is making—personally conducted in the sense that the California senator is conducting it himself in his own way and is not saying anything about it for publication at least not yet.

Senator Johnson's only message to the American newspapermen in Europe is that he is sick and tired of Americans who come here to spend a few days or weeks and then rush into print which advice and admonition how everybody is to get on together in peace and harmony. The Californian has kept his word meticulously. Sometimes he reports just a little and then moves on to the next European capital invites the American correspondents to dinner. There follows hours of round-table discussions in which the scribblers, who have been settling world crises all day, show an eager willingness to take on another crisis or so after dinner and settle them for the private delectation of the distinguished American visitor.

It is plain to be seen that Senator Johnson's first trip to Europe has not materially changed his views concerning the east side of the Atlantic. His outlook may have broadened, it is true, but his conviction that American should play in their own backyard politically at least is deep rooted as it was the night he started from Washington on his campaign for rejection of the Versailles treaty by the United States.

The effect of the Mount Etna eruption has been felt in London underwriting circles where attempts to insure property in the vicinity of this and other volcanic areas has raised quotations for the insurance business nearly 80 per cent.

The great Lloyd's underwriting society, which will quote rates for any risk from measles to earthquakes, evidently thinks the danger in Sicily is not over, and offers these prohibitive rates to people with property in the neighborhood of possible eruptions who want to insure it at the moment. Later it is thought the rate will ease, but it will be some weeks before property owners in Sicily will be able to insure at the 8 or 8 pound per hundred which was the rate effective some time after the San Francisco fire.

Having won most of Europe's speed contests on land and water in recent years, Americans are going out after air records and according to British aircraft builders the blue ribbon trophy of aviation, the Schneider cup, for which flying boats and seaplanes will compete at Cowes next September is likely to cross the Atlantic unless this government allows British competitors a substantial subsidy.

Once the trophy crosses the Atlantic it will not likely be brought back for years, the government is warned, for the cost of sending machines to America to challenge its holders is said to be prohibitive. The most that the British air ministry will do, however, is to recall the fact that an Englishman won the cup last year without a subsidy and it is hoped this can be done again. If an English hydroplane wins, the government will purchase the machine without the engine for 3,000 pounds.

France, Italy and America will be the boldest bidders for the flying boat speed record. All are sending navy machines as entries.

**MANY WOMEN PREACHERS IN U. S.**  
CHICAGO, June 30.—There are 178 women preachers of various denominations in the United States, all of whom are members of the International Association of Women Preachers, according to the list of members recently made public here. Six women preachers of foreign lands also belong to the association, three in China, two in India and one in Africa.

Illinois leads in the number of women preachers with 33, 17 of them being in the city of Chicago. Kansas ranks second with 30 women ministers, seven of whom are at Wichita. Nebraska is third in numbers with 13.

### CLINTON EASILY IS BEST TOWN FOR HER SIZE IN SOUTHEAST

So Declares W. H. Newell, Wilmington A. C. L. Superintendent at Rotary Meeting

CLINTON, June 30.—"Clinton is the largest town for its size on the Atlantic coast Line railroad."

"The business has never shown a decline even in times of business depression," so declared W. H. Newell, Jr., superintendent, Wilmington District of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, at a recent weekly luncheon of the Rotary club of Clinton.

Mr. Newell was the speaker of the occasion and delivered his address with the simplicity and earnestness that characterizes a man thoroughly conversant with his subject.

The speaker told of conditions affecting Clinton and gave a general sketch of the railroad situation in the country at large.

Mr. Newell has made frequent visits to this town and is very definitely informed as to its capacity and its needs. When fire had destroyed the railroad station several months ago, in company with the vice president and the general manager of the coast line, he visited Clinton. After looking carefully over the situation and estimating the volume of business done here, they decided that Clinton should be supplied with a modern up-to-date station, second to none of the towns of its size on the coast line.

He further stated that, in accordance with their desire to assist the people of Clinton in every way, they had annulled all mixed trains and had given to Clinton a full passenger service together with a freight service that was the best that could be devised.

He made the significant statement that business on the Clinton branch had never shown a decrease, not even in times of depression and panic. To give an idea of the volume of business in normal times, he told them that the business done during May, 1922, was \$21,191; that the business during May, 1923, was \$46,432, an increase of over 100 per cent.

"Clinton," said the speaker, "is the largest town for its size on the Atlantic Coast Line system."

He urged the people of Clinton to be perfectly free with the railroad in discussing their needs; that what the railroad desired above everything else was to know the needs of the people that they might intelligently meet them.

He went on to say that by 1924, they hoped to have Clinton supplied with a first class station that any town would be proud of, and the Clinton and Warsaw branch furnished with heavy steel rails that would easily take care of any volume of traffic.

He then gave a brief but comprehensive sketch of what the railroads of the United States have recently done in enlarging their equipment, in repairing existing material and in increasing their facilities for handling quickly and carefully the traffic of the public. The business of the railroads is to serve the public in such a way as will best take care of the public's interest and to please the public in doing so.

This earnest and forcefully delivered address made a deep impression upon those who were fortunate enough to hear it. It let them see how a big business corporation looked upon Clinton as a business point; and it gave them an insight into the heart of a railroad system that wished to do what it could to build up and make prosperous the towns along its lines.

Mr. Newell so charmingly impressed the citizens of Clinton that its doors always stand open to him and he may be sure of a hearty welcome when he visits here, declare all those who heard him.

**AUSTRIAN NATIONAL BANK APPOINTS FOREIGN ADVISOR**

VIENNA, June 30.—The National Assembly has approved the appointment of a foreign advisor to the Austrian National bank. There was considerable opposition to the measure by the Social Democrats.

It is predicted that the coming of this foreigner will be followed by other foreigners to take charge of the federal railroads, the tobacco monopoly, and the department of posts and telegraphs.

**8,194 IS SAMOAN POPULATION**  
PAGO PAGO, American Samoa, June 30.—The census of American Samoa, recently completed, is officially announced as 8,194.

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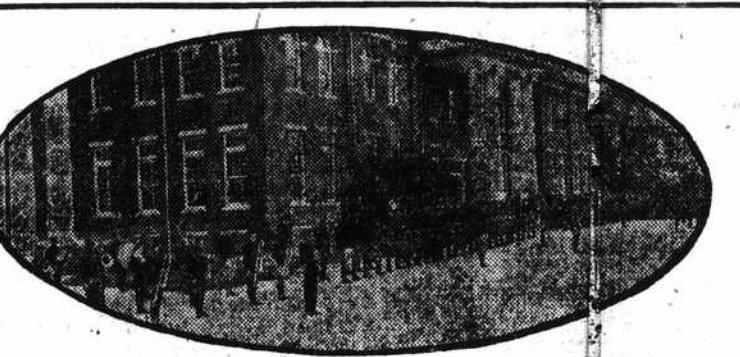
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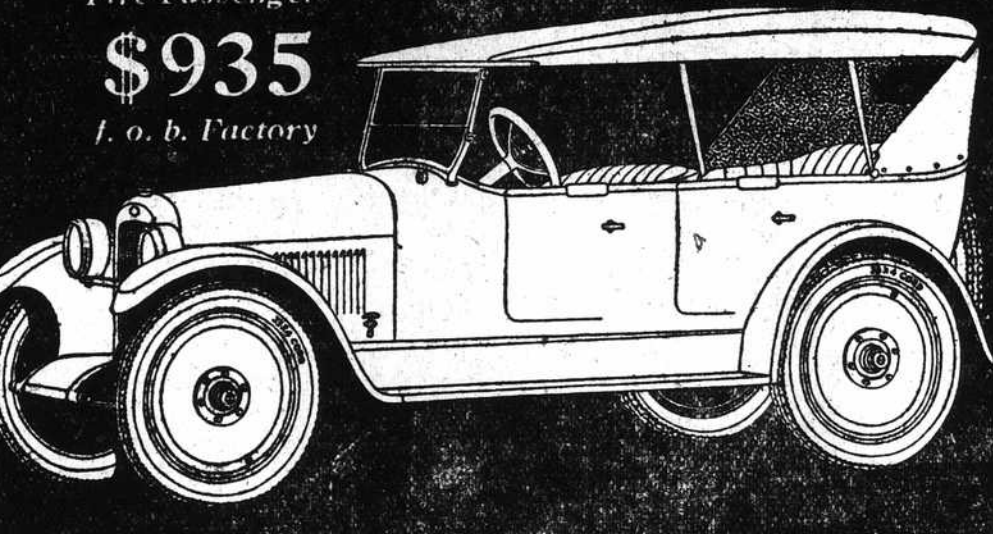
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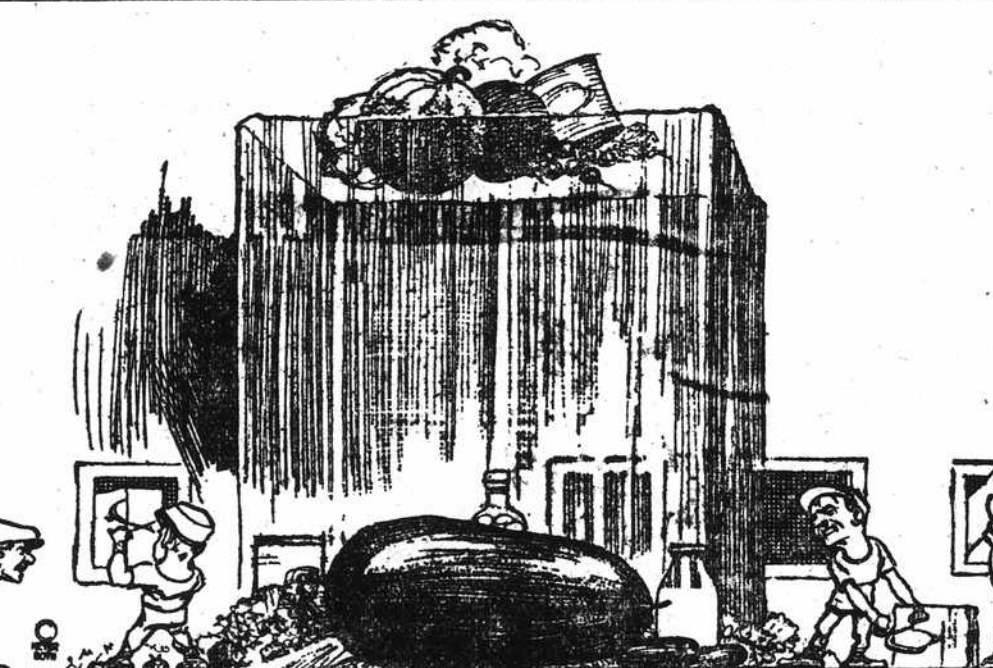


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