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At Home, Riverdale, Md.
June 1, 1919.

My dear Arch:

Times are so uncertain, days of such short duration, that I determined to write you and Jack myself from home this week. This is Sunday and upon the old machine which does me good service here, I'm knocking out this note to you, while filling my ears is the strange eternal drumming or humming of the millions of locusts that are infesting this neighborhood. Two weeks ago, we first observed the finished product, although before that time, Joe and I, without understanding what it was, had been closely examining the habitat of this marvelous "boid". All during the Spring, we have observed holes in the ground, quite symmetrical, as if made by sticking your cane down six or eight inches, and we've wondered what they were. Joe's curiosity induced to dig down occasionally, and there was found at the bottom, wholly inert, what looked like the white grub found in rotting trees. Well, these things are the seventeen year locusts. Seventeen years ago, upon this place, the locusts deposited their larvae enclosed in a sort of gelatinous covering, and during all these years it has lain dormant. Exactly seventeen years after, the thing comes slowly to the light, the outer casing is slit, and from within comes a grasshopper like insect, quite as large as our medium sized grasshoppers, with perfect wings, vari-colored, and with an ambition unsatisfied until he gets into the tall trees. About the trees on our lawn, are myriads of the casings, the ground literally covered,

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and the foliage is full of the creatures. I do'nt know what produces the sound they make, perhaps the flapping of their wings, but during the day light hours, it is strong enough to be quite a nuisance - something as if an aeroplane were constantly flying in the vicinity. I had never seen these things before, and I was very much interested in them, so much so, that I applied to the Department of Agriculture for information. They sent me their literature, showing that long ago they had predicted in the month of May of this year, these pests would be with us, and the exact localities they would appear. Apparently, they do little harm. Some injury is caused by the deposit of eggs in tender branches, but it is not at all comparable to the damage with which we have been familiar caused by locusts or grasshoppers. I hope I have n't bored you with talk about locusts, but really I think they are one of the most wonderful things in nature. I was interested too, because of my efforts to plant flowers and make a garden. I have now about the yard, in very odd places it is true, zinneas, cosmos, coreopsis, holly-hocks, bachelor buttons, Virginia stock and California poppies. My one success I think will be my nasturtiums; but I have had a great deal of pleasure in planting and then watching the first appearance of what I have put in the ground. Each night I go my rounds with the watering pot, and while Joe and Mother laugh at me, sometimes they make the rounds with me. I think, my lad, this sort of thing with me is the result of old age. I know that I could not have done this sort of thing

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a few years ago. It is my greatest enjoyment now.

I tried to answer your very good letter to me about the political organization in California, in my joint letter of last week to you and Jack. Of course, it would be silly to drive away from us men who would like to aid by a blustering assertion of our beliefs with which they had no sympathy. They know of course, just as we do, that our ideas will not change, and that they come ~~do~~ to us with a certainty of just what we will do, and just what we will stand for. The fight must be made as Republicans, and under this generic designation, all can come. Between ourselves, lad, the chances of success are about as I put them, one in a million; but if I live, we may be able to lay some ghosts next year, and the future will then be in better shape than the present. The old standpatters understand full well that unless something unforeseen shall occur, next year will be their time again, any man on the Republican ticket will be elected, and they are going to have their man. They are exceedingly tender of us at present, but that is because they want no breach which may endanger success. The tenderness will not extend to accepting any candidate of ours. They will take Wood probably, if he develops sufficient strength to be formidable, but they will be certain he has no such foolish ideas as some of us who were a part of the old Progressive fight. My own opinion is that Wood is far and away better than any of the old liners who have been mentioned.

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I received the other day from some one in California a letter about the new organization of the soldiers, the one of which Roosevelt is the progenitor. My correspondent sent some applications and wanted you to join. I'll hunt up the letter and send it to you. By the way, did many of your old companions in California join the organization, and what generally, was their opinion of it. It apparently was the medium for advertising young Roosevelt and the son of Speaker Clark, but perhaps it has within it, power for good.

We are muddling along here, seeking information, denied any, and treated exactly as a subject and conquered people would be treated. I used to think this sort of thing an impossibility in America, and yet judging from world events, it is much less difficult to suppress our people than those of either France or England. I do n't understand it, and it puzzles me greatly. My resolution affords a fair example. The administration gave us a synopsis of the treaty, stating officially that the synopsis ~~contained~~ contained the whole instrument with but few minor corrections. I asked for the whole instrument, and the reply is gravely made and justified by a large part of the press that the matter is one of confidence and secrecy, and that ~~it~~ it is outrageous to ask for the publication of what has already been published. It gets my goat, I confess.

Tomorrow I am going to break out on the League of Nations if I get the opportunity. I'm sorry to be at variance with so many good Californians, but I really think I know the subject better than they do, and even if I

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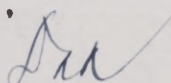
am wrong, I can do only one thing and that is follow the right road as I see it.

I hope your health keeps good, and that your business is all that you wish. Some day when you get the chance, ascertain if Theodore was made whole on the automobile. I had a shock the other day when I was told that the machine was still in the Buick agency here and still described as mine. Wire me if anything has gone amiss in this matter. I'd much rather take the car, if it is left here with Theodore to foot the bill, and then do something afterwards to make him whole.

It's very hot here now, and as I observe the weather reports of San Francisco, I long for that glorious climate. Our winter was so mild that we have before us I fear a correspondingly disadvantageous summer. However, in the whirl of what is transpiring, perhaps we'll not mind the heat.

Goodbye. Lots of love from both of us.

Affectionately,



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 6, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Arch:

It was mighty good of you to wire me about the speech this week. Of course, it was the big thing with me in these last few days. It seems to be considered the biggest thing that I have done here yet. I think this arises in great degree because I dared treat the subject with some frankness and dared express, in small degree, though not perhaps as I should, the opinion gradually becoming prevalent about the infamous gathering at Paris, which, with all the cynicism of old world diplomacy is handing over peoples and territories to the various Allies. In accordance with your telegram I received yesterday, I will send you some copies of the speech just as soon as they come to me. I want you to do me the kindness to read the speech carefully, and then criticise it harshly. I have taken the stand now and am going to the bat just as forcibly as I can on every possible occasion. I probably will go upon the road for a brief period preaching the doctrine in the East.

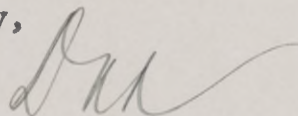
During the week my Resolution has been continuously before the Senate, and this has kept me tied down. I am dictating this letter to you in some new rooms I have acquired as Chairman of the Cuban Relations Committee - rooms in the Capitol, which will enable me to hide, and I think make life here a little bit pleasanter and

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a little less onerous than it has been in the past.

Mother joins with me in love.

Affectionately,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, likely belonging to Hiram W. Johnson, written in dark ink.

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Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I received yesterday afternoon your telegram saying it was the consensus of opinion that Stephens be invited to participate in the organization of our friends in California. I immediately wired you that I would very cheerfully acquiesce in whatever they might do, but that, personally, I would never make the request. I have been thinking that I ought not to bother the organization in what it wishes to do, anyway. And while I know, in their generosity and kindness, they would wish to do only what I would like, still I feel that I ought not constantly to be vetoing acts they may deem appropriate. I know I was right about headquarters in Washington, publicity man, etc., here, and I am very glad this thing is at an end. But, in their mode of presenting the matter, and generally in what they do in California, I don't think I ought to interfere with my friends.

The big thing, of course, with me this week has been my speech of Monday upon the League of Nations. I discussed the subject in a fashion that it had not been discussed before. I think the speech made a real impression. During the rest of the week my Resolution has been before the Senate and I have had

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to be in constant attendance and constantly on the alert. In the course of debate upon the Resolution, Borah and Lodge made certain charges about the Treaty being in New York, which I think are substantially true, but which, at least so far as Lodge was concerned, probably will involve some of his friends. It is a monstrous thing that this Treaty is on Wall Street and our people denied it, but with the press agencies generally favorable to the Administration, the matter will never get over as it ought.

I am sending to Benjamin today, because he told me that he had the requisite aid, 50,000 copies of my speech on the League of Nations, which he is to distribute throughout California, and principally in southern California. I have 50,000 more which, gradually, I will distribute from here. I am very anxious to get my views over as best I can. It is utterly impossible, of course, to obtain an adequate presentation of a speech of twelve or fifteen thousand words in the press dispatches. I talked for two hours, and then, did not take up all of the matters that I desired to present. At the conclusion of the speech the galleries gave me a pretty good send-off. I shall probably within the next month go more or less over the East talking upon this subject. I think I can put it over with the ordinary audience. I feel that I am entirely right. I feel, too, that I have a Herculean and super-human task to put the matter over in California. While the sentiment in the East is gradually ^{becoming} ~~varying over~~ against the League of Nations, it seems to be tightening up and becoming stronger in California in favor of it. I think this is due, in great degree,

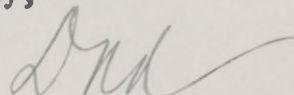
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to the church men, and all those good people, who, down in their hearts hate war, and were in reality, while yelling for war, opposed to the recent one.

I hope you will write me your views of the speech and criticize it very frankly. Up to this time no man has dared tackle the Peace Conference, with which this League of Nations is so inextricably bound up. Naturally, the presentation of this view, as I have presented it, arouses the bitterest antagonism and calls forth unstinted abuse from the League of Nations' men. But I believe the time has come for plain speaking, and while I did not speak as plainly as perhaps I ought of this infamous gathering in Paris, at least, I did not fear to say something concerning it.

With all our love,

Affectionately,



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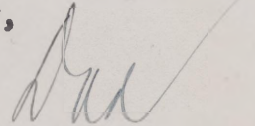
June 7, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I received this morning your telegram about the organization in San Francisco, and the sending out of notices, etc. I enclose you the telegraphic story that came into Washington, as it appeared in the Washington Post this morning. I feel, as I wrote you the other day, that I should not hamper, or hinder, or veto the contemplated action of my good friends in California. What they do, I shall be glad to abide by. I want to say to you very frankly that I am so engrossed in what is proceeding here, so interested in what I believe has the possibility of great injury to the Republic, that I can't get up the proper interest in a personal candidacy at the present time. perhaps this is for the best, because, after all, the best politics may be in performing one's present duty, and devoting one's self whole-heartedly to the pressing present problems. I enclose you an editorial from the Boston Transcript, an able, standpat paper of New England, and perhaps the most widely known newspaper there. It is fighting the League of Nations, and, apparently, was very much pleased with my recent speech upon the subject.

Affectionately,



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Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
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Last night Kenyon and Borah unknown to me gave out statement Progressive Senators behind me for nineteen twenty. Considerable publicity has ensued. The four Senators who are agreed and upon whom I can depend are Borah, Kenyon, Norris, and Cummins. I wanted you advised that matter had broken without my knowledge. I shrunk from it at first but believe now it was alright. Mother received your package with utmost pleasure. Love

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United States Senate,

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

June 12, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Boys:

I am forced again to write you jointly but I know you'll pardon this because of the stress under which I am at present laboring. First, let me thank you for the dear sweet telegrams you sent to Mother yesterday on her birthday. I think they touched me quite as deeply as they touched her. As I look about and compare the sons of other men I have something of a religious thankfulness for the sons who have been given me. It was charming to have you remember your Mother so affectionately. Art's package has not arrived yet but I am looking for it in every mail.

The last ten days have been busy, exciting and very full. I have been utterly unable to respond to my mail. I have some hundreds of letters from all over the Union on the speech I delivered on the League of Nations. And, outside of California, I think it is no exaggeration to say that they are more than ten to one commendatory. The sentiment is changing in the East, and in a short time, I think is likely to be against the proposed covenant. The people writing me nastily in most instances are ministers in California. The explanation for this I have given you in previous letters. They are simply now seeking to make amends for their cowardice during the war and for their denial of the so-called principles of Christianity in that period. The present excess
of zeal

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for the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man they believe will atone for their forgetfulness under fear of the very fundamentals of the Christian religion. My Resolution for a copy of the Treaty came to a sudden end and was adopted upon a viva voce vote. Borah, who is not always careful in his statements charged that the interests had the Treaty here. In reality he did not have a leg to stand on in his charge, but the sudden presentation two days afterward by the representative of the Chicago Tribune to him of a copy of the Treaty enabled him to get by with the situation all right. I was glad of this. Yesterday, we commenced our investigation as to how the Treaty got over here. We developed only one copy of it, but this copy was given by a representative of the Administration, Lamont, a partner of Morgan and Company to another partner of that firm, brought over here and handed to Root. The fact sufficiently established the Borah charge.

This morning Knox's Resolution came before the Foreign Relations Committee. By a strictly Party vote it was reported out. I declined to agree to it until our Republicans had stricken out the 5th sub-division which it seemed to me was quite as obnoxious as the League of Nations itself. It goes into the Senate now with this obnoxious provision stricken out and constitutes a warning to the Peace Conference. It is unusual and in violation of our traditions, but justified by existing circumstances. It is absolutely essential that if we are to preserve any representative government at all ~~with~~ those who represent the people should indulge in a new declaration of independence even to the extent of notifying the nations of the world of their views. This the Resolution does and I am very glad to be a part of it and to fight for it.

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It will not be passed by the Senate, in my opinion, but probably more than one-third of the votes of the Senate can be obtained for it, and inasmuch as one-third can prevent ratification of the Treaty it may constitute the necessary notice to the powers assembled at Paris.

I am extremely grateful to all the good fellows who have gone to the bat for me in California. I will try to write a form letter and send it to all of them, if you will transmit to me a list of their names. In the interim, I shall rely upon you two to express my very great appreciation to them.

It seems incredible to me, my dear boys, that your Mother yesterday was 51 years old. She is still a girl to me and I can not realize that both of us have passed the meridian. In the strange events of the last couple of weeks I have found that I have lost little of my old fire and vitality in debate, and perhaps these will remain with me to the end. Mother seems not to have changed in her wonderful vigor and health. I look at her, and then at myself, and marvel that we have two men, our sons, who are rapidly approaching middle age. What a pity it is we can not all be together all the time.

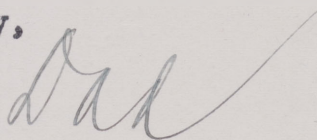
I had not the slightest idea that Borah and Kenyon were going to break into print here, and as I tried to convey to you, I shrunk from the publicity of it. Afterwards I thought perhaps it was just as well. I don't know why they broke in at the particular time they did, but I am sufficiently grateful to them for the kindly things they said not to question them in that respect. Their story went all over the East. I enclose a clipping from the Indiana Daily Times sent to me from Muncie, Indiana, although I presume exactly the same story went to California. Just as soon as plans are perfected in California I want to

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communicate with Frank A. Harrison, State Headquarters, Nebraska Constitutional Committee, 129 South 11th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Howell, the Republican National Committeeman at Omaha, Nebraska. The principal Progressive, unfortunately in Nebraska, F.P. Corrick, has been taken into camp by John E. King, Penrose's protege, who is manager for General Wood, and upon a financial basis. I saw Corrick's letter after he had written to me telling me how strong he was for me, in which he said he had made satisfactory financial arrangements with King. I will have a list of names to send to you from Iowa in a few days and others will gradually follow.

With all our love,

Affectionately,



INDIANA DAILY TIMES, TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 1919.

HIRAM JOHNSON BOOM BECOMES ACTIVE REALITY

Senators Borah and Kenyon
Join in Announcement for
Senate Progressives.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN TO LINE UP LIBERALS ON

Platform Includes Opposition
to "Permanent Tangling
Alliances."

WASHINGTON, June 10.—Senator Hiram Johnson of California is the candidate of senate progressive leaders for the presidential nomination in 1920.

Senators Borah and Kenyon joined today in this announcement, declaring they spoke for all the senate progressives and for a group of liberals scattered through a number of states.

These men have already begun active campaigns to line up the liberal support of the country behind Johnson, it was stated. The call recently issued by California friends of Johnson for a meeting to launch his candidacy is part of the general campaign, progressive senators stated.

SUPPORTERS PLAN EXTENSIVE CAMPAIGN.

Johnson's supporters plan, Borah said, to go immediately into all states where the primary for election of delegates to the national convention prevails in hope of getting an early test of Johnson sentiment.

"Progressives have been uniting on Johnson for the last two or three months," said Borah today. "His speech on the league of nations brought the matter to a climax. From all over the country men of liberal beliefs have been writing in and some of them have come here for conferences.

"The result is that Senator Johnson is our candidate. He has the absolutely undivided support of senate progressives."

Borah made it plain that he has never been a candidate for the nomination, though his name has been mentioned in practically every discussion of prospective republican aspirants.

ANNOUNCE MAIN PLATFORM PLANKS.

The platform upon which progressives will put Johnson forward at the republican convention is to contain among others the following planks, progressives stated:

1. No permanent entangling alliances with Europe and meddling by Europe in American affairs.
2. Immediate return of all American troops from abroad, particularly from Russia.
3. Complete restoration of free speech, a free press and the right of peaceful assemblage.
4. A labor program based on co-operation and a greater interest of the workers in the industries which their toil creates.

Johnson today declined to comment on the announcement of his friends.

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June 16, 1919.

Major Archibald M. Johnson,
Mills Bldg.,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Arch:

I have been waiting each day before telegraphing you in the expectation that the package you wrote you sent to Mother for her birthday would reach us. None has come. You'd better, I think, take the matter up with the Express Company and have a tracer sent for it. Don't feel badly about your gift not arriving, for Mother and I were content with your sweet telegram.

I had expected to write you a personal letter from home yesterday but got a sudden hurry up call from Senator Brandegee to come into town for a conference of Republicans at his house. About sixteen of us spent the afternoon there discussing principally the Knox Resolution and the attitude of the Party upon the League of Nations. Confidentially, I don't quite like the looks of things. I think we have too many weak-kneed brethren, and while on one or two test votes respecting amendments they may stand up, they are likely on the big issue finally to fall down. The Knox Resolution will be beaten. We lose, in my opinion, something like 8 Republicans and gain one Democrat. I should not be surprised if we got no more than 36 votes for it, although there ought to be at least 40.

Of course, I was very much interested in the meeting that was held Saturday. I have been delighted beyond measure at the success as indicated by the personal dispatches we have since received.

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I have been delighted, not because of an indorsement for the presidency, but because it brought from all over California those with whom we have been engaged in the past and demonstrated that they had the same kindly sentiments for me as when I left the State. I really deem the gathering a very high tribute. It is a matter of some indifference whether it ever amounts to anything. It is sufficient that it was held, and generously held. It makes all the years seem quite worth while. I am anxiously awaiting what you and Jack have to say about it. I sent Jack the clippings from the various papers here so that he could see in what tremendously compressed form mention of the matter was carried from the West East.

It is my intention within the next couple of weeks to tour New England on the League of Nations. I expect to begin a Monday night in Providence and end a Saturday night in Boston. I believe from every standpoint this sort of tour, where there are no limitations upon me, and where I speak upon a subject I think I have in hand, is a very good thing. I don't like to leave here, but there are two reasons impelling me. First, the unfortunate scheme of the League of Nations itself which ought not to be fastened upon the American people, and secondly, the personal aspect of the matter. If I can't make good talking upon this subject which I know, I can not make good at all.

General Lyon and Colonel Joyce called this morning. They had nothing particularly to say. Lyon has been sick for a long time but is all right now. He is stationed at Camp Bowie temporarily, but expects shortly to come to the General Staff College here.

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Joyce claims that his arm is improving, but I doubt that it'll ever be strong again. Lyon looked his name, just as he used to at Camp Kearny. He expressed great disappointment that he had just got to the Argonne, when the fighting ceased.

With all our love,

Affectionately,

Dad

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June 16, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I received your telegram about the meeting Saturday. I am glad it was such a success - glad for many reasons. To think that after a long absence, when my former hold has become insecure, and some relations, because of positions I have taken have become strained, that so many people should get together in California, remembering, and enthusiastically remembering me, has touched me far more deeply than I can describe. It doesn't make any difference whether the plans come to naught, or even whether they should cease at once, the very fact that men and women came from all over the State to testify their appreciation, their friendship, and their loyalty, makes everything of the past quite worth while and over-balances all of the inconveniences, and unpleasantness and difficulties which may have been encountered. I have been at a loss today to express myself without becoming maudlin. Because Neylan had sort of represented the press in the matter I wired him to thank the press. I wired Flint as president and Bancroft as secretary of the organization to thank the individuals. I will try to write a great many personal letters as soon as I see the details of your meeting. Neylan was anxious for me to send a special telegram of thanks to the Chronicle, but I thought it was hardly fair to the Bee, and the Fresno Republican, the Call, and the Bulletin, and the

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single other papers which have from the beginning been so kind to me, to send out, no matter how grateful I might feel to it, the newspaper most recently with us. It was for this reason I asked Neylan to convey my thanks in general to the press.

I am enclosing you the clippings which yesterday I cut from the Washington Star, the New York Times, the New York American, the New York Sun, and the New York World, dealing with the Saturday meeting. Apparently, the Associated Press telegram is the one common to most of the clippings enclosed. News doesn't filter from the West to the East in great quantity, and particularly news concerning me through the Associated Press. However, I think it just as well that the incident is confined to a very brief paragraph at present. Of course, I would have wished a little describing the character and enthusiasm of the conference but this is too much to hope, I suppose. I would like you to give these clippings to Lissner or Rowell so that they might see the story as it was carried.

I note from one of these clippings that Philip Bancroft is the secretary of the organization. I have felt some compunction about bothering you so much with politics of late. I want you to devote yourself to your business. I will communicate with Philip Bancroft hereafter and then keep you advised of any matters of real consequence.

I have been very greatly interested in the pictures of the house ^{on} and the peninsula. I think it was a bully idea. I am longing to see the place. I am really taking a great interest in our unkempt place here, and if the dog doesn't destroy what the chickens

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permit to remain I hope to have a real flower garden.

Love to the kiddies, lots to yourself.

Affectionately,

Dad

*My American
June 15*

California's G. O. P. Solid for Johnson

SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.

A RESOLUTION recommending to the Republican National Convention that it nominate United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson for President of the United States was adopted at a special conference here to-day of all branches of the Republican party in the State in Johnson's behalf.

CALIFORNIANS FOR JOHNSON

Golden State Republicans Adopt
Him as Presidential Candidate.

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*N.Y. World
June 15*

CALIFORNIA BOOMS JOHNSON.

G. O. P. Urged to Nominate Him
for President.

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*N.Y. Sun
June 15*

NEW YORK TIMES.

Lewis, and Ray Howard. De Palma was second in this event and Lewis third.

The third event was another ten-mile contest. De Palma, Thomas, Lewis, Joseph Boyer, Jr., and Mulford were entered. It was nip and tuck at the start, but Mulford, still driving his Frontenac Special, left the others well in the rear and won in 5 minutes 24 1-5 seconds. Boyer and De Palma were second and third, respectively.

Just after the finish of the thirty-mile race a fire started in a pile of papers in the upper tier of the grand stand. It was put out with fire extinguishers before any one but those close to it knew what had happened.

WANT JOHNSON NAMED.

California Republicans, in Conference, Urge Senator for President.

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PLAN TO BOOM JOHNSON FOR THE PRESIDENCY

Star-Hack B.C.
SAN FRANCISCO, June 14.—Plans for the formation of a national organization to bring about the republican nomination for President of United States Senator Hiram W. Johnson were started here today at a conference of representatives of all branches of the party in California.

The conference organized the Johnson for President Association of California, with Frank P. Flint of Los Angeles, former United States senator, as chairman, and Philip Bancroft of San Francisco secretary. An executive committee of fifty will be appointed to develop the organization.

Indorsement of the candidacy of Johnson by Gov. Stephens was conveyed in a letter from the governor to Flint, which was read at the meeting. Speakers included Mrs. J. B. Hume of Berkeley; Joseph Scott of Los Angeles, and Grove L. Johnson of Sacramento, father of Senator Johnson.

"My son's words at the conclusion of his last speech in the Senate, 'the issue is America and I am an American,' should be the campaign slogan," said Grove L. Johnson.

Mrs. Hume, in behalf of the women, declared Johnson is their champion.

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At Home, Riverdale, Md.

Sunday, June 22, 1919.

My dear Boys:

I waited until today when at home, all by myself, I could talk to you, and tell you something of what I felt about the recent events in California and the meeting of a week ago. I have received some letters, from French, Irving Martin, Frank Devlin and Lissner, and the various daily papers. Last night Mother received Jack's note of last Sunday. I read the accounts with emotion I could scarcely restrain. I've been away a long time now, I've been out of touch, some old personal relations I have severely strained. I did not think it possible so many people would get together in my behalf and publicly speak so generously of me. The whole thing has deeply touched me, and has mellowed me towards everybody in California. It is a matter of little consequence whether anything comes of the movement. The fact that there was a real movement, genuine and enthusiastic, is what affects me. Really, my dear boys, I have a sense of overwhelming obligation and a peculiar humility about the whole thing. Perhaps nobody else in Christendom will think I am fit to be President, but that those who know me think so, is enough. If I could quit the game right now, I'd feel it had been all worth while. I'm glad my sons were a part of the preliminaries and of the meeting. It's very sweet to think of you aiding the old man. Well, I can't write adequately about it, and I fail most signally

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to express myself. Pride, gratitude, affection, all the soft and sweet emotions are commingled as I go through the accounts. That meeting should be my epitaph.

My mail has got so beyond me of late, that I have been working nights at home. I find in a couple of hours by myself I can get through an immense stack of letters, with quite brief and simple notations, leaving a few of the personal ones to be answered next day at length. I have been doing this for the last couple of hours. The letters from different States on the League of Nations have poured in, and the vast majority of these outside of California have been commendatory. I have received many of the other sort from California, principally from Los Angeles and vicinity. The propaganda has taken a new form in our State. Now all the Lodges are in their regular sessions passing the resolutions, just as the civic associations did, and they come to me in great numbers. I feel that the sentiment of California is really much more favorable to the League than is the fact in many of the Eastern states. I am going through New England on a speaking tour, and unless it is changed, of which I will give you due notice, this will be my itinerary: Monday, July 7, Providence; Tuesday July 8, Boston; Wednesday July 9, Portland; Thursday July 10, Manchester; Friday July 11, Burlington; Saturday July 12, Hartford. After that, within a short time, it is not unlikely that Borah and I will cross the continent, coming even to California. I am in this now. I have taken my stand. I feel I am right.

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The only hope there is in the situation for the stand I have taken is in arousing public sentiment. This is a Herculean task, with the newspapers five to one against us and the Ministers a unit in urging adoption of the League; but it is the only thing we can do, and the subject is the most important to the nation of any which has come to us since the civil war. The Democrats will be solid for the League, save one, and there will be in my opinion, enough timid Republicans to put it over. The big interests in New York are harrying those Senators who in the past have been their bond slaves, and the foxy Mr. Root, who represents these big interests is saving his face by a prestense that the thing is all wrong, ~~xxxxxxx~~ while he is serving his employers by suggesting the adoption of the League with "reservations". Evry little scrub in the Senate jumps at the idea of ratifying "with reservations" believing that he can hereafter justify himself as being upon both sides of the matter. If we ratify in this manner, nobody will every again hear of the reservations, and we'll be in the League, bound hand and foot. My opinion is that exactly this thing will be done .

Matt Sullivan and Mayor Rolph have been here for some time. They left last Friday. Matt. has grown very old, I think. I thought too, his judgment had been effected by his years. He was with us at the house for a day or two, and I was glad to have him, but I am not sure he enjoyed himself. Rolph sent on t to us a famous puppy, and he is really a delight. He has no

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respect for anything however, and a capacity for chewing apparently
unchewable things, that is profligous. He chases the cat when
the cat does n't chase him, and keeps my heart in ^{my} mouth by digging
arpund the flowers I have so carefully planted. But I like
him immensely, and I think he's quite an acquisition.

I wish you could see the old place now. It's so green
and bright, and many little flowers are peeping up that I enjoy
every minute at it. Tomorrow Harry and Billy are expected.
I look forward to seeing them. Mother has been working hard all
day, and I dread the effort she will put in to their visit.

Tomorrow I'll have letters doubtless from both of y u.
I'm impatient to get them. I wanted however, to write you today,
a letter that was just between you and me, that no one else even
in dictation was a part of.

Lots of love. I feel very thankful to you and to every
body in California.

Affectionately,

Dad

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United States Senate,

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June 23, 1919.

Mr. Hiram W. Johnson, Jr.,
Mills Building,
San Francisco, California.

My dear Jack:

I have just received your letter of June 17th containing your account of the gathering in San Francisco. I wrote you yesterday and expressed something of the feeling that I had about it. I think it has all been fine.

I am writing hastily now, Monday morning, to give you my views of immediate work for communication to those who are in charge. First, let me tell you I have been writing to Bancroft of late the few little things that have come to me, so that at one central office all of the details may be kept. I will continue to do so until I am advised of the Campaign Committee and the individual to whom I should hereafter write. The communications sent Bancroft relate to little activities in my behalf in Nebraska, a letter or two from New York, one from Minnesota, and perhaps one or two others from other States. My own view is that effort should be made as soon as possible in Western States. The one hope in this matter, and it is very remote, of course, is that we can roll up a solid Western delegation. If this could be done, it would have a powerful influence in the Convention. I suggest, therefore, that whatever can be done in Arizona, Nevada, Oregon, Washington, ^{Colorado} and any other Western State be undertaken. Gradually, if there is any strength to the movement at

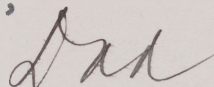
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all, it will come eastward, or at least to the Mississippi River. I don't want to be in the "favorite son" class alone, with just my own State. And, after a few months of quiet effort in adjoining States we will be able to determine whether we have any strength at all, except in California. I really think there is some foundation for work in Iowa and Nebraska, perhaps a little also in Kansas. I am trying through the Senators from Iowa and Nebraska to do something there. The beginning, I repeat, must be made in the West. Success, if it comes at all, must come from a solidarity of action in the West.

I noted what you said about Rowell. I read his editorial. I enclose you copy of my letter to him. Like you, I was unable to see why it was necessary for him to have a public controversy with me concerning policies about which each was entitled to his own opinion. However, this is just a slight thing about which we need not worry.

With all our love,

Affectionately,



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June 12, 1919.

Mr. Chester H. Rowell,
The Fresno Republican,
Fresno, California.

My dear Rowell:

I have just received your letter of June 6th containing a copy of your editorial on my speech on the League of Nations. Of course, it makes no difference that we may be at variance upon a particular public policy. It would be a remarkable thing if we could always agree upon everything that transpires. I confess I am unable to understand your editorial. I can't for the life of me see why you should write an editorial upon an incomplete and, apparently, inaccurate statement of what I said. But I presume this is the way of newspaperdom. I indulged in a mass of general statements as a sort of exordium to an argument of various phases of the League. I then endeavored to present the reasons for my opposition to Article X. Thereafter in succession I took up the Monroe Doctrine amendment, and that relating to Immigration, and like questions. I closed with some general observations concerning the League. The argument that I sought to make either was so poorly made that it escaped you or you did not at all see it, judging from your editorial. The necessity for an editorial upon insufficient and inaccurate statements is one of the mysteries of the newspaper mind which I never could and probably never will understand. I waited before presenting my views upon the League of Nations for many months and I did not feel wholly clear then that all the facts were before me. You were unable to wait fifteen seconds before writing an edi-

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torial upon a part, probably not more than five hundred words, of a speech containing fifteen thousand. But this again is probably a difference between the slow mentality of the one and the brilliant divination of the other. The only part of your position I can not understand is your undue haste and extraordinary anxiety upon very slight information to rush into controversy with me. It seems to me in my benighted state that I might disagree with you upon many questions and yet I might not think it essentially publicly to pound you. However, my dear Rowell, while we may differ on the League of Nations, it ought not to cause any difference between us personally, and it will not with the one for whom I can speak.

You certainly have had your fill of sickness. I was mightily sorry to read that you had the "flu" and had gone to bed again. It was very kind of you to wire me during the day or two I was slightly indisposed here. I didn't respond because I knew that you would immediately learn that my illness was trivial and of no consequence, but I appreciated your wire just the same.

With fond, personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

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