

OPENING OF WORLD COURT

American Writer Describes First Meeting in Peace Palace

United States is Closely Identified with the Court—British Empire Sets Noble Example.

An American eye-witness' description of the opening of the Permanent Court of International Justice at the Hague, on presentation of the first case before the new world tribunal, is given by Herbert S. Houston in the September issue of the magazine "Our World." Mr. Houston says in part: "Six hundred and seventeen years after the Frenchman, Pierre Dubois, suggested the idea of legal determination of disputes among nations, the Permanent Court of International Justice began its sittings at The Hague. In that long lapse of centuries there had been steady progress toward the final goal. But when the last process in the evolution of this great idea culminated, the Court seemed to burst on the world as suddenly, almost, as though it had been an instantaneous creation. "But on a morning of June in this year of 1922, I sat before the Court itself, at its first session for the hearing of a case that had been brought before it. There was the simplicity about it of some comic event, the change of the seasons, the flow of the tides, the coming of dawn; there was no pomp or circumstance or outward show; eleven black-robed jurists filed in their places on the bench and there was spread before them a hundred spectators, under a great Flemish tapestry, a Rembrandt canvas. As seemed most fitting a countryman of Rembrandt's, M. Loder the president made a brief statement of the cases to be heard. For the first time the World had a Permanent Court, where the issues between nations could be determined. "The scope and function of the Court, and its possible range of service, were indicated in the two cases first presented—in themselves not of great and immediate interest but of the deepest significance as showing the new order of which the Court was to be a great symbol and force. The first had to do

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ST. F. X. STUDENT DROWNS BATHING IN CAPE BRETON

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Sydney, Aug. 31—Kevin Boyle, twenty, of Sydney, a Knights of Columbus scholarship student at St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish (N. S.), was drowned in about four feet of water while bathing with a party of friends

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with the interpretation of a clause of the Versailles treaty. And the British Empire set the noble example of being the first nation to be heard, through counsel, on an issue that should establish a precedent of immense value in establishing the authority of the Court and the character of its service to nations. For clearly if the construction of a treaty between nations is brought before the Court, it is being recognized as the interpreter of the highest international law. As Sir Ernest Pollock, the British Attorney General, well said in addressing the Court, "The fact that this Court is to function is a recognition that law is the foundation of our civilization." "The first cases have a significance quite apart from their relation to the construction of a treaty, in that both deal with the great human question of labor. In one the French government raises the issue of the competence of the International Labor Office at Geneva to deal with questions of agricultural labor and the other has to do with the appointment of the Workers' delegate for the Netherlands at the third session of the International Labor Conference, the issue raised being as to whether the nomination was made in accordance with the provision in Article 89 of the treaty of Versailles. "Nine governments and three international labor organizations notified the Court of their desire to be heard on these questions, showing a wide recognition of their importance, as well as the importance of the Court itself. While America was not one of these nations, it was largely represented in the membership of the International Federation of Trade Unions, one of the three labor organizations that asked to be heard. And America was represented on the Court in the person of John Bassett Moore, whose place on the bench, as seemed most fitting was between Lord Finlay of Great Britain and Dr. Rafael Altamira of Spain, the two countries with which the United States has had the longest international association.

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SAYS EVASION OF SCHOOL LAW IS BEING ATTEMPTED An attempt is being made to evade the school law in several of St. John county districts, by having only one term a year, lasting six months, according to J. King Kelley, K. C., county secretary, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Kelley declared that two ratepayers have complained at his office in regard to conditions. Their children are running the roads and they are willing to pay their school assessment and provide the opportunity to their children of obtaining a proper education. The provincial education department has been appealed to in the matter of one of the schools. The county secretary is now compiling a list of the vacant schools in the county and this will be presented at the next meeting of the municipal council.

at South Bar, near Sydney, today. His father, Charles Boyle, and others, were swimming beyond him in deep water and did not notice when he sank from sight. It is supposed he was seized with violent cramps. The body was recovered in a few minutes and taken ashore, but utmost efforts at resuscitation failed. The young man was a brother of Rev. Dr. T. O'R. Boyle, who is on the teaching staff of St. Francis Xavier's. He was in his junior year at the university. Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, formerly of St. John, is an uncle of the drowned young man.

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CLINICS HELP SOLVE YOUTH'S PROBLEMS United Hospital Fund Aids Children in Getting a Right Start. (New York Evening Post.) A sixteen-year-old Jersey boy more than six feet tall he was, until a few months ago derided as inclined to be effeminate. Sports were something he avoided as "too rough." In school he was backward; not only did he seem unable to learn, but he appeared to take no interest in his lessons. Today he is a star player on his local baseball team. He suddenly has taken on a serious interest in life. All his spare time not spent on the ball field is devoted to the public library. His teacher, who has kept in close touch with him, declares that he will be a star pupil in the coming school term. From an abject failure he suddenly gives promise of making a decided success in life. A simple glandular operation is responsible for it all. His case is typical of those treated regularly at United Hospital Fund clinics in Manhattan and Brooklyn for the investigation and treatment of boys and girls showing tendencies of mental deficiency and delinquency. The extent to which such treatment is being carried is illustrated by the "problem clinic" of the Neurological Institute, one of the United Hospital Fund institutions. Here children are brought as a result of some little complaint, originating usually in school. United Hospital Fund neurologists study thoroughly the early "history" of the case, taking especially into consideration the environment in which the child has been reared. They find out if any nervous symptoms have shown themselves, not only in the child, but in his family as well. In other words, they make a complete psychological examination of the youngster to learn in what manner and by what causes his personality has become twisted. The diagnosis having been made and the child's psychological status established, treatment is prescribed accordingly. This treatment usually is along the lines of release from certain studies, special periods of rest, a specified diet, and prescribed physical exercises. A psychologist connected with the work said: "I should say that two or three per cent. of all children in our public schools need mental overhauling. It is necessary that we get them in childhood to habit and correct their tendencies towards delinquency or mental instability. Lots of them, if not straightened out, would develop such mental habits as would lead to crime. "We must remember that it is our responsibility and not the child's. We can let him drift along until he becomes a

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