

LEGION VOTE  
FAILS TO GIVE  
SENTIMENTSRESOLUTION AT SAN FRANCISCO  
DOES NOT REFLECT VOICE  
OF RANK AND FILEAction at Convention Taken in Face  
of Repudiation by Many  
Local Units

(By "Radio")

The resolution recently adopted by the American Legion at its national convention at San Francisco in which the Ku Klux Klan was denounced as inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of the Legion, does not come with any considerable surprise to those who are more intimately acquainted with the inner workings of that organization. The Fiero Cross has always kept silent on the Legion affair, hoping that the agitators continually brought up by those who oppose Protestantism so bitterly would finally be settled in the proper way, inside Legion circles. It has long been conceded by the majority of Legionnaires that religion has no place in their order, but owing to the fact that it is continually brought up by certain officers to be used to discredit the Ku Klux Klan this paper believes that it is high time that the gallant body of men clean house. It is a fact which cannot be disputed that there is a set of men within its ranks that will not be satisfied until all things are condemned that are in accord with their particular ideas of religion.

## Find Unit System Useful

Newspaper reports of the condemning of the Klan by the American Legion would have the reading public believe that the organization is solid anti-Klan, but such is far from the case. The Catholic body in the Legion, it is alleged, has held control in many places by what is known as the "unit system." The Michigan anti-Klan resolution which does not bring in the name of any organization and which is called a "mild condemnation" of the Klan, was luckily introduced by the opponents of Protestantism at this time for the reason that had the national meeting been held after the next Michigan state meeting, there would not, in all probability, have been any such resolution to offer.

At the last Michigan state meeting at Ironwood, in September, the unit system of voting was used with all the paws of the religious-political system were clipped so far as the Legionnaires of the Wolverine state were concerned. As the Michigan Legion has not elected officers under the new system, it was an easy matter for the Catholic system to use its tools within the order and therefore bring the resolution up at the national convention.

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Adolph Biccard Erects  
Throne in K. of P. Bldg.

(By Wirephoto)

A new self-appointed czar has arisen on the horizon of hate who is championing the cause of the hate prophets to the detriment of the great organization, the Knights of Pythias. The wives, sisters and mothers of loyal Pythians are refused the use of the Indiana Pythian building, while those forces which would render the Knights of Pythias, as the Protestant Front organizations, is given the privilege of renting the auditorium. Adolph Biccard, executive secretary of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, representative to the seventeenth annual meeting of the District Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith and manager of the Indiana Pythian building, has exercised his domination among the ranks of the Knights of Pythias throughout Indiana, according to reports received, by his autocratic attitude of refusing the use of the K. of P. auditorium to a thoroughly Protestant organization and then permitting the use of the hall to an organization, the American Union League—of which Biccard is said to be a member—which is determined to rip wide open Protestantism.

## A Protestant Organization

That the K. of P. is a Protestant organization cannot be denied. There are, no doubt, members who

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## Constructive Steps Must Save . S.

SPECIAL TRAINS WILL  
CARRY KLANSMEN TO  
FORT WAYNE NOV. 10Interurbans Will Run Direct to  
Park—Dressing Rooms  
to Be ProvidedLogansport Announces That It Will  
Be There "With Bells On"—Pa-  
rade to Furnish Feature

(By Staff Correspondent)

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 22.—That Logansport will be at the monster Ku Klux Klan meeting in Fort Wayne, on November 10, "with bells on," was learned here today when it was announced that a special train from there will carry not only hundreds of Klansmen from Cass county, but will also transport the famous Logansport Klan quartet, the Klan drum corps and the ladies' quartet from the Bridge city.

The Mystic Klan of Logansport was the first to send word of the arrangements having been completed to attend the gigantic Klanklank parade to be held here on the 10th of this year on account of the 11th coming on Sunday. The announcement was made to facilitate the word that a large number of special trains will pull out of Cass county to take the Klansmen of that county to the celebration.

## Cars Directed to Park

It was announced by the local Klan that arrangements had been made whereby traction cars carrying Klansmen to the meeting will run direct to Memorial Park. These arrangements were made to facilitate the handling of the crowd and for the convenience of the visitors.

Word is now being received from all points in Indiana of the local Klan preparing for the demonstration from present indications the record Klan crowd, made at Kokomo on July 4, when 200,000 Klansmen were in attendance, stands in a good way to be broken.

Adequate dressing rooms are now being prepared at Memorial Park for the use of Klansmen and the committee on all arrangements for the day are hard at work and great progress toward the completion of the final details is being made. It is expected that the line of march for the monster parade will be given out next week.

The huge procession will form one of the features of the day. The parade will be composed of Klans, Klan drum and pipe corps and brilliant floats.

## Leading Klansmen to Attend

Plans have already been made by all prominent Klansmen in America to attend the Klanklank parade. They will be the Grand Dragon of Indiana, Imperial Wizard Evans and the Grand Dragon of the state, the Indiana Klan officials, and many others.

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LEO HOGAN SENT TO  
EPILEPTIC VILLAGEMust Go Before the Court Again  
Next January—Had Been  
Held in Jail

(Special to The Fiero Cross)

KNOX, Ind., Oct. 22.—Leo Hogan, who went to trial at Rochester last week for shooting into an alleged Klan meeting early last summer at a small town near here, and who since that time has been held under \$20,000 bond, has been sent to the village for epileptics at Newcastle, supposedly for observation. Hogan was not dropped, and he will come to trial again at the January term of court.

Hogan, who is an ex-secretary of the Knights of Columbus, fired three shots at the sheriff when the officer attempted to effect his arrest. He had previously inflicted the contents of a shotgun into the meeting, wounding a man and a woman who were in attendance.

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"STEVE" PLEDGES  
HIS ALL TO THE  
KLAN IN FUTURENO CHANGE IN PERSONNEL FOL-  
LOWS RESIGNATION OF "THE  
OLD MAN" AS OFFICIALBroken in Health, Grand Dragon  
Leaves Work in Hands of Care-  
fully Selected Men

(By Eyewitness)

More guidance, more inspiration, more speeches for the Klan, more health for himself and less neglect of his vast private affairs, will be the result of the resignation of the "Old Man," Grand Dragon of Indiana, which is officially announced this week.

Surrendering the leadership to carefully selected individuals in whom he has greatest confidence and who will carry out his policies and who he recommends as Klansmen, "Steve," broken in health from the tremendous physical and mental trials under which he has been going for months, has found it necessary to take this action.

Ever since his breakdown while delivering his speech, "Back to the Constitution," at Kokomo, his friends within the organization had urged that he give less time to detail and to organizational matters and devote more time to furnishing new ideas and inspiration to the Klansmen, leaving organizational matters as well as executive matters to his chosen lieutenants.

## Wanted Almost Too Long

Having waited almost too long, only the fact that he is now in the Klan in Indiana that is a marvel of its time as a co-ordinated functioning piece of functioning machinery. This city has been turned over to the Klan for the nation by national headquarters only emphasizes this fact.

Always unselfish, he has also found it necessary to reassume some of the heavy responsibilities of directing his own private enterprises. Probably the greatest achievement, aside from the one of inspiration that he has furnished the Klan, is the perfect functioning unit of the Klan in Indiana that is a marvel of its time as a co-ordinated functioning piece of functioning machinery. This city has been turned over to the Klan for the nation by national headquarters only emphasizes this fact.

There will be no change in the personnel or in the force of the Klan with the state organization whatsoever and the new Grand Dragon of Indiana, whose name will be announced through the usual organ.

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HOSPITAL RECIPIENT  
OF KLAN DONATIONOne-fourth of \$2,000 Pledge Is  
Placed in Treasury of New  
Gary Institution

(Special to The Fiero Cross)

GARY, Ind., Oct. 22.—The first installment of the \$2,000 pledge made by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to the new Methodist Hospital for the treatment of epileptics, was placed in the treasury of the new institution.

The gift was made to and accepted by the executive committee of the hospital, which has now been in operation a little more than two months. A request was made by the Klan that the money be used to purchase additional surgical instruments and stated that the balance of the money will be given for the purchase of additional units for the X-ray department. The money donated by the Klan will be used to purchase such equipment in connection with the X-ray that patients who can not be moved from their rooms can be treated without removal.

It has been announced by the Klan that it will assist in making the new Gary Methodist Hospital one of the best in the state in point of surgical equipment.

## BURN FIERO CROSS

DUBUQUE, Ia., Oct. 22.—Several hundred men gathered here today to burn a Fiero cross just outside the city limits last night.

IMPERIAL WIZARD  
ADDRESSES VAST  
THROW AT DALLAS"No Evasion of Consequences,"  
Declares Dr. Evans at  
Texas State Fair"Education, Health and Home Are  
Basic Standards of True  
Americanism"

(Special to Fiero Cross)

DALLAS, Tex., Oct. 22.—Speaking before a huge throng at the state fair today, Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, delivered an eloquent address. Today has been designated as Klan day at the fair with the result that an enormous crowd is in attendance.

Dr. Evans said in part: "God never imposes insuperable burdens and obstacles upon his children. It is a divine law, over which no mundane court has jurisdiction, that for every cruelty complexity affecting humanity there is a master key to its solution. But the spiritual power stops there. Given the means, men and women must attend to their own temporal salvation and safety. Otherwise civilization itself says the tragic price of failure. Without comprehension and constructive action on the part of the people, in time a single great problem may become a consuming catastrophe."

Today this country is acutely confronted by one outstanding problem: which all are national difficulties are transpiring. Properly to measure the magnitude of this problem, to determine and apply the just and lasting remedy, is the supreme task of all true Americans.

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## No Evasion of Consequences

I am not unmindful of many influences that retard the ideals of our republic; but this is fundamental to them all, that the Klan is the only force that has been able to bring about the intermingling and interdependence of the people of mankind in commerce and industry. The Klan is the only force that has been able to bring about the intermingling and interdependence of the people of mankind in commerce and industry. The Klan is the only force that has been able to bring about the intermingling and interdependence of the people of mankind in commerce and industry.

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WOMEN TO HAVE BIG  
PART AT FORT WAYNEOrganization to Officially Open  
Realm—Thousands to At-  
tend Big Celebration

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 22.—The Women of the Ku Klux Klan are preparing to play a prominent part in the big celebration to be held here on November 10.

The Women's Organization has grown tremendously throughout the state and on November 10, the Klan celebration will give aid wherever possible to forward the big celebration in preparation of the big celebration.

Daisy Douglas Barr will deliver an address during the day and other speakers are scheduled to make an appearance. The complete plans for the women's participation in the celebration have not been given out at this time, but it is known that thousands of members of the women's organization will be in Fort Wayne on that day.

While it has not been officially stated, it is understood that a celebration will be held at which the Fiero cross just outside the city limits last night.

IMPORTANT  
PART OF OATH  
IS MISSINGCOMPLAINT CARRYING KLAN  
OBLIGATION CAREFULLY  
OMITS ONE PARAGRAPHPat O'Donnell Is Denied Motion to  
Bring Records Into Federal  
Court

## BULLETIN

The second step by the amalgamated enemies of America made late Tuesday afternoon when the plea for receivership for the Ku Klux Klan was withdrawn and the hearing to be held in federal court before Judge Anderson on Wednesday has become unnecessary. The date for the hearing of the balance of the complaint has not been set and it is not known at this time when the case will come up. The first step by the alien forces, following the filing of the suit, was to ask that all records of the Klan in Indiana be brought into court. This was denied the plaintiffs by Judge Anderson.

That one part of the Ku Klux Klan oath, which was contained in a complaint filed by Pat O'Donnell and Joe Roach in Federal court, is missing, is seen in a close scrutiny of the complaint. Due to the significance of that part of the oath which was left out, it can be believed that it was left out purposely by those who prepared the complaint to take into court.

That part of the oath which is missing in the complaint, follows: "I most solemnly promise and swear that I will always, at all times and in all places, help, aid and assist the duly constituted officers of the law in performance of their legal duties."

## Motion Is Denied

The case is scheduled to come up before Judge Anderson in Federal court in this city on Wednesday morning after a continuance from October 15. A motion made last Friday by Pat O'Donnell and Joe Roach to have the Klan records and card index system of the Klan taken into Federal court at that time, was denied by Judge Anderson who stated that he had no legal right to issue such an order.

Mr. Slack, who has been retained by the Ku Klux Klan, appeared in court Friday for the organization.

The number of persons to have been subpoenaed for the trial by the plaintiffs has been materially cut since the list was first published in the daily newspapers. More than one hundred subpoenas were withdrawn within a few days. The case was filed and since that time it is understood many more have been withdrawn.

Include among the list of potential witnesses has so dwindled.

## KLAN TO GET SCHOOL

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

MONROE, La., Oct. 22.—There are many children in this school district who want to go to school, who ought to be in school, but are too poor to buy school books and clothing. This school board has written to the school board to pick out these children, provide them with books and clothing, and then send them to school. They say they will take care of at least one hundred poor children after the school term. This is more good Klan work, and will doubtless be appreciated. This is a move that should be made by the country should take up. A practical way to emphasize what we say about education is to see that those unable to go to school are hunted out and placed in school.

AMERICAN BAR ASS'N  
PLACES OKEH ON THE  
PRINCIPLES OF KLANAttorneys Would "Create Anew  
The Proper Spirit of  
Patriotism""Painfully Apparent That Anti-  
American Propaganda Attacks  
Constitution," Say Lawyers

(By Staff Correspondent)

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 20.—That the principles of the Ku Klux Klan have been indorsed by the American Bar Association and the Detroit Bar Association, has become known here following the appointing of a committee on American citizenship by the association on the subject of the Klan. Twelve local attorneys are to serve upon the committee.

"It has become painfully apparent that anti-American propaganda, attacks upon our constitution, prejudice against courts, indifference of our people to the duties of citizenship now prevailing," declares W. Mills, president of the association in a letter to the committee, "all call for the need of activity not only to meet any passing and incidental adverse movement in the above direction that may become apparent, but to engage in a sustained and in-gauged effort to impress upon the minds of our citizens the importance of the same by creating a new and maintaining a proper spirit of patriotism and obedience to law."

## Newspapers Will Squirm

The fact that the bar association so strongly declares its belief in the principles of the Ku Klux Klan will place certain newspapers in Detroit in a most peculiar position. These dailies have been making every effort to impress upon the minds of their readers that the Klan is not law-abiding and that its members are but a "gang of irresponsibles" who have no hard time explaining away the fact that the American Bar Association now advocates the very things the Klan stands for and that the local association stands back of and endorses the Klan principles.

Continuing, the letter by President (Continued on Page 8)

BILLIE DISCOVERS  
A PARAMOUNT ISSUETakes Up Fight Where Walton  
Left Off—Makes No Men-  
tion of Stockyards

(By Staff Correspondent)

FRANKLIN, Ind., Oct. 20.—Billie Hill—please do not confuse the name with "hill billy" because he lives among the hills—has taken up the fight against the Klan. He has discovered the biggest humbug and announced his candidacy for governor from the fourth district in Indiana, all in one night. His versatility would prove a big help to Congress possibly, and it is a shame that he will never reach there.

His connection with the four hundred came when four hundred persons attended his speech in which he announced his candidacy and declared that he was secure. "I declared that he was secure," he said, "by his intention to 'fight the Klan.' Possibly it is his intention to take up the work where Governor Walton left off, though he didn't make that statement. He said that the Klan was the 'greatest humbug in the world.' This statement was made after he had declared that the Klan in his territory seemed to be the most prominent thing in it. In fact, Mr. Hill seemed to be puffed because the people talked Klan and refused to talk about anything else."

Seems to Be Centaurs  
The whole thing seemed to be contagious because he did not talk politics in his supposed-to-be political speech, but he did talk about the Klan. It is the stereotyped charge of the alien enemies of America who would karotte freedom.

Who doubts that he frames the resolution, it is being asked, go into detail and explain who the wars for freedom were fought for? The United States is the only republic in the fullest sense of the word in the world, and it is a thoroughly Protestant country. The fact that the Catholics have gained unlimited control of organizations, corrupt politics, etc., etc., and the Ku Klux Klan is composed solely of Protestants! To declare that a great and growing force has been set free for a time is absolute rot. It is the opinion being voiced on the coast today. Nowhere is a semblance of reality found except where the country is Protestant and for a body of handicapped delegates to declare the million converts made since the United States alone, are against liberty and freedom, is absurd to the point of humor.

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RESOLUTION  
CAMPAIGN BY  
OPPOSITIONHAND-PICKED COMMITTEES IN  
ATTEMPT TO CREATE MOST  
ERRONEOUS IMPRESSIONAlien Interests Use Control of  
Minority in Organizations  
Throughout Country

(Special to Fiero Cross)

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 22.—The action of the American Federation of Labor in condemning the Ku Klux Klan at its convention here beginning on October 8, has been the topic of widespread conversation in Portland and has again been the entire coast. The action, while not unexpected, due to the fact that control of that body is known to be in the hands of those bitter opponents to the Klan, nevertheless has been the subject of much comment. The action has brought out most forcibly the fact that the organized opposition is making a drive on anti-Klan resolutions.

It has been brought out time after time that such resolutions do not speak the true sentiments of the body as it is constituted here. Beginning on October 8, has been the topic of widespread conversation in Portland and has again been the entire coast. The action, while not unexpected, due to the fact that control of that body is known to be in the hands of those bitter opponents to the Klan, nevertheless has been the subject of much comment. The action has brought out most forcibly the fact that the organized opposition is making a drive on anti-Klan resolutions.

Almost without exception, if there has been exceptions, the resolution condemning the Klan has come forth from where a few men out of thousands have been picked. Once again the claim of the Klan has been upheld; the enemy, which the Klan claims is entrenched in its fight upon the institutions of America, has proven this by the very fact that the minority always "condemns the Klan." Never yet has the majority of these many associations, unions, federations and other organizations passed a resolution casting aspersions upon the Klan organization.

Hand-picked, the delegates rally forth to vilify the Klan. That the enemy has chosen this as one mode of attack has become painfully evident to just Americans. The evident fact is that the growing number of day. From each organization are picked a few men, and in turn these select a few men from each organization. In some cases a great number attend but they are merely a few men representing hundreds and even thousands.

"We can not refrain," declares one paragraph of the resolution, "from pointing out the fact that great wrongs have been fought for the very freedom that the Ku Klux Klan seeks to destroy. The fact that the Catholic States Constitution bespeaks the victory for freedom and tolerance, now after centuries of struggle and sacrifice."

Words and Nothing More

As in all cases, the above words are merely words and nothing more. Never has there been one scintilla of evidence that the Ku Klux Klan seeks to deny and destroy freedom. In fact, the charge is worse than absurd. It is the stereotyped charge of the alien enemies of America who would karotte freedom.

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## LITCHFIELD TAKES KINDLY TO KLAN

LITCHFIELD, Mich., Oct. 20.—A crowd of approximately 300 persons gathered in the park here last Thursday night to hear a well-known speaker give an address in which the ideals and principles of the Ku Klux Klan were explained.

The speaker was a good talker and made a fine impression on his hearers, who listened with interest as the truth about the Klan was unfolded.

It is said that another meeting was held on Friday night in which more information was given out, but nothing of a more definite nature could be learned owing to the fact that the meeting was strictly invitational.

Many of the most prominent and respected citizens here are said to be connected with the Klan, but as usual no names have been given out.

## MERE PIFFLE, SAY AMERICANS AT ALMA

ALMA, Mich., Oct. 20.—The Ku Klux Klan has been building its organization here for some time, but the work has been done so quietly that little has been heard about it.

The people of Alma have responded to the call of the Klan in a wonderful way, and as in the case of all cities, the representative citizens are found in abundance among its folds.

The first outbreak of the opposition has recently made its appearance through the Record, a newspaper published here, but as past experience proves the weakness of newspapers against the Klan, the people are regarding its anti articles as mere piffle.

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## AFFAIR AT DANVILLE IS A HUGE SUCCESS

20,000 Witness Parade and Hear Patriotic Addresses—Bible Now Used in Schools

(By Staff Correspondent)

DANVILLE, Ind., Oct. 20.—Danville was jammed with a crowd of 20,000 persons last Saturday who thronged the streets to see the big parade given by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The town was literally packed with automobiles and every available parking space was used. Many residents here opened up their yards that visitors might be accommodated with space for their cars.

The courthouse yard and the street in front was crisscrossed with people who listened to an address given by a well-known speaker who addressed the crowd. The speaker gave a stirring patriotic talk and the great crowd cheered him time and time again as the wonderful truths of his remarks awoke the sentiment of America in the breasts of all those within hearing distance.

Delegates from Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Crawfordsville, Russellville and every town in the county, helped swell the crowd and make the affair a wonderful success.

Two Thousand in Parade

The parade, in which 2,000 persons took part, was a magnificent affair and too much can not be said of the wonderful impression it made on all those who witnessed it.

With over two hundred mounted Klansmen in full regalia, and thirty beautifully-decorated floats, it was an array of splendor to be long remembered. The music was furnished by the North Salem, Plainfield and Brownsburg bands, and a boy drum and bugle corps from Russellville also took a place in the line. It took more than a half hour to make the parade to pass a given point and the crowd cheered the living spirit of America continuously on its way.

All restaurants were crowded to capacity during the evening and lunch stands operated by Protestant churches were kept busy every mile of the time supplying food for the hungry merry-makers.

A brilliant fiery cross was displayed from the balcony of the courthouse and another, which could be seen for miles, shone forth from the roof of a local restaurant.

The Fox News Service had a cameraman on the job who took a film of the parade. The film was shown at a local theater the following Monday.

Bible Placed in Schools

As a great moral force on any community the effect of Klan ideals was brought to light in a recent statement of a measure by the board of education here whereby the Bible was placed in the schools to be read without discussion to every class each day.

Another innovation which has been made this year by J. R. Shannon, superintendent of schools, is the display of an American flag in each schoolroom and Old Glory is also hoisted over the buildings each morning with appropriate ceremonies.

## Klansmen Attend Church Next Sunday

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## VOTE AGAINST KLAN; MUST HAVE LIQUOR

Hypnotized Americans of Hudson County, N. J., Hold Meet to Down Americanism

(By Staff Correspondent)

HOBOKEN, N. J., Oct. 22.—At a meeting of the federation of German Americans, Roman Catholics of Hudson county, last week, in the St. Nicholas auditorium, the Rev. Peter Theodor, of Jersey City, made a talk on the Ku Klux Klan and charged the Oklahoma trouble as the direct result of the Ku Klux Klan in that state. Following his exhortation of the Klan the meeting adopted a resolution endorsing the action of the governor of Oklahoma. Another resolution urged citizens of the county to disregard party ties and vote against undesirable candidates who support malicious legislation. The meaning of this resolution, it is alleged, was to urge Roman Catholics to support any legislation directed at the Klan organization as well as to oppose all candidates who do not favor the wet party.

## WOULD STAND FOR AMERICAN SCHOOL

Farmer-Labor Party Would Federalize System That Has Made Country Great Power

(By Staff Correspondent)

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Oct. 22.—In a recent communication addressed to the press of this city, Henry E. Gardner, chairman of the New England branch of the Farmer-Labor party, outlines the intentions of that party in the 1924 campaign as intending to make the public school question an issue in the election.

"There are those," he declared, "who seek to destroy the fundamentals of our public school system. As true Americans we contend that through the institution of the public school we have been able to maintain and hold our liberty and we will fight for the fundamentals of the system."

The party favors the federalization of the public school system and also the passage of laws compelling children between the ages of six and sixteen years to attend public schools.

## ALIENS DO NOT LIKE LIGHT KLAN WEAPON

Mob Attempting to Break Up Meet Flees When Glare of Auto Beams Shows Them

(By Staff Correspondent)

ENID, Okla., Oct. 22.—Two thousand members of Enid Klan No. 5 attended a big ceremonial which was held on Brooks Hill last week. Four hundred and sixty-one candidates were initiated. A large fiery cross blazed forth during the entire evening despite the efforts of several auto loads of marauders and Klansmen, who endeavored to invade the meeting ground, but lost their enthusiasm when confronted by a battery of searchlights and flood light. This is the second attempt of masked men to break up local Klan meetings. Two of the parties were recognized as holders of secret police commissions issued by Walton.

Enid Klan contemplating the erecting of a large building to be used for offices and meeting place.

## KLAN PACKS PARK AT EATON RAPIDS, MICH.

EATON RAPIDS, Mich., Oct. 20.—G. A. R. Park was packed to the river's edge last Wednesday night by a large crowd of persons that came from many different points to hear an address on the principles of the Ku Klux Klan.

The speaker gave an explanation of many different objects held in view by the Klan and his talk was such that his hearers had a much clearer idea of the great movement than they ever had before.

He was interrupted many times by bursts of applause from the enthusiastic crowd and when his talk was concluded many persons made application for membership in the order.

One feature of the evening was the fact that a great many applications were made by boys and girls who wished to join the Junior order of the Klan.

A number of threatening letters have been received by different cities signed K. K. K., but all have been traced down and were found to have been fakes. The shallow-brained marplots who write anonymous letters are not to be found among the intelligent people that compose the Ku Klux Klan.

Pulaski County Has Bible in Schools

WINAMAC, Ind., Oct. 20.—The Pulaski county board of education at its meeting on Monday last week adopted the following resolution: Whereas, the Holy Bible is the foundation for our civilization and, Whereas, the public schools are the institutions through which this civilization is advanced, therefore, Be it resolved by the county board of education of Pulaski county, Ind., that the Holy Bible be placed in our public schools and that all children be instructed to read without comment each day, following an outline prepared by the county superintendent of schools, a portion of this.

## NEW JERSEY KLAN SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Church Attendance Is Aided—Riot by Aliens Swells Ranks of Organization

(By Staff Correspondent)

BRIDGETON, N. J., Oct. 20.—Activities of the Ku Klux Klan are greatly on the increase in this part of New Jersey and each week the local Klan initiates a big class of candidates. The Bridgeton Klan is planning another big outdoor ceremony at which a large class of candidates will be taken into the organization. It is also understood that the Women of the Ku Klux Klan are getting very strong here. A band is now being formed which will have one hundred and fifty pieces. It will appear in full Klan regalia.

Cumberland county Klansmen are doing much to increase church attendance. At Millbury the Klan has financially aided the First Baptist Church and Rev. J. Franklin Cropp, pastor of that church, has been complimented by the Klansmen for teaching and preaching the religion of Christ.

Meeting at Vineland

At Vineland the Klan had a big meeting last week and, following an initiation and speaking, lunch was served.

Many brutal attacks upon Klansmen in this state by alien forces has done much to swell the ranks of the Klan and the growth in New Jersey since the Perth Amboy riot started by aliens against American-born citizens.

## KLAN PARADE HELD AT VAN BUREN, IND.

(By Staff Correspondent)

VAN BUREN, Ind., Oct. 22.—One of the largest crowds ever seen in this town attended the big parade held by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan last Saturday night. The parade was a magnificent affair and saved their undivided attention to the marchers as they passed by. Besides the long rows of Klansmen in full regalia, many members of the Women's Organization were in line. The parade was followed by patriotic speaking and the speaker gave a stirring address on the principles of the Klan which was vigorously applauded by the large and attentive audience.

Two large fiery crosses were burned in a nearby field.

## CARO PEOPLE HEAR GOOD KLAN SPEECH

(By Staff Correspondent)

CARO, Mich., Oct. 20.—Last Tuesday evening several hundred people gathered at the courthouse square and listened to a stirring address delivered by a speaker of national note, who spoke on pure Americanism and explained the principles of the Ku Klux Klan.

A fiery cross was burned and made a most beautiful sight as it shed its soft glow over both speaker and audience.

Unfair acts of the opposition here have reacted against them and caused the people to want to find out more about the Klan, and as a result meetings are being held all throughout the county and many of the most prominent and respected citizens are being initiated into the order.

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Danton, the Robespierre, and its Marat. When war knocked at the world's door up sprang Grant and his peers from the "middle class." No doubt it is true that the Klan is "middle class." And if so, it is in excellent company!

## TO CAPACITY HOUSES

The colleges are filled this fall. Education is playing to a capacity house. Yale numbers 850 in its freshman class. Many colleges are full to the limit and can enroll no more students this season. People are grasping for an education who never before seemed to realize the need of it. Princeton has eliminated many who knocked at its door for admission. Wilson College is filled with eager, interested young women who are intent upon education. Is it not a pity that there is not one great university, at least, where a one hundred per cent American can get one hundred per cent educational training? But the gift will come, Klansmen—the gift will come!

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## BUFFALO KLAN HOLDS SECRET INITIATION

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 22.—The Ku Klux Klan is steadily moving onward here, ever increasing in membership. Last week a secret initiation was held in which 300 candidates were naturalized in the initiation ceremonies of the order.

It has been announced that while the last initiation was secret, there will be an open meeting soon in which another large class will be initiated in the light of a fiery cross, and it is understood that many persons are now making preparations to attend.

Owing to the rapid growth of the Klan here, it is said that preparations are now being made to start a Klan paper. The date of its issuance, however, has not yet been made public.



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## DR. EVANS SPEAKS AT JACKSON, MISS.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 22.—Klan day was celebrated at the state fair of Mississippi on October 18, Klansmen attending from all parts of Mississippi and adjoining states. At the conclusion of a monster parade in the evening Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard, made a public address.

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## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO MEET WITH MASONS

New Way Found to Waste Time  
Combating Klan—Political Wire Pulling Seen

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Oct. 22.—The joint session of the Knights of Columbus and the Masonic Club of Woonsocket, is, in the eyes of many, merely a move for the purpose of dividing the Klan, and has caused much unfavorable comment by all true Masons throughout the country.

To their understanding eyes the move simply means that Freemasonry is once again to be used as the political cat-paw of politicians within the order, with the aid and eager consent of Roman Catholics running things political in behalf of the church.

The first notice of the so-called "social joint session" was given last week. While it was intimated that the initiative in the affair came from the Masonic Club, it was the Knights of Columbus who took the lead in their part.

Using, Not Serving  
But with Masonry, which frowns on its members taking part in politics as Masons, the "social joint session" stunt to be pulled off is merely a little promotion game for the purpose of inciting and encouraging the feeling of brotherly love and fraternity between Masonry and the Knights of Columbus. The motives of the political Masons are carefully at one with the politically minded Knights. Freemasonry's rank and file look on with grave doubt and some considerable suspicion at the spectacle of Rome's cordiality to the fraternity it has always hated and endeavored to destroy.

These real Masons see in the Woonsocket session just another case of crafty politicians using the order to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for them in the today in the Roman Catholic vote.

**Sweeping Influence of Klan**  
Still further in the background of New England politics is the influence of the Klan, which has entered Yankeeeland overnight and to its opponents is most disconcerting making its presence felt in this section of the country.

The recent victory at the polls in Portland, Me., was a political eye opener to both the professional politicians and those opposed to the Klan. The demonstration was not only to disturb both the Republican and Democratic politicians, but has seriously aroused the fears of the Roman Catholic element in Massachusetts, which assumes to dominate political affairs not only in Massachusetts but in surrounding states as well.

The Klan is accused of being the firebrand which is igniting all ferment in the political conditions in New England, and it is said to be the purpose of the leaders of both parties to readjust affairs to their former status if possible by its elimination. With this end in view members of the Knights of Columbus with the thought in mind of getting rid of the Klan, propose to make an alliance with politicians in Masonry.

Those who think they will be able to assist them in the determination to "kill off" the Klan organization for political reasons their own. The joint social session of the Woonsocket Masonic Club and the Knights of Columbus is the forerunner of a series of moves which are likely to be made by both parties to get rid of the Klan.

**Professional Politics Uneasy**  
Since the announcement of Woonsocket's social session, several writers have undertaken to explain the move for the sake of party organization alone the Klan should be ousted from the New England states. It is assumed here that this is the first of a series of moves which are likely to be made by both parties to get rid of the Klan.

The sudden emergence of the Ku Klux Klan in Massachusetts is regarded by many Republican leaders as an event of the most distinctly menacing character. The organization likewise meets with hostility from the Democratic party in that the Irish Roman Catholic vote very largely dominates that party. The wheel horses of both major organizations are bewildered by the sudden dramatic and triumphant entrance of Klan voting strength, as was evidenced in the Maine election. What is seeking to belittle the Klan movement by an utter ignorance of the facts of the real thing they are now doing will give an added impetus to that organization. A few Masonic officials who regard themselves as leaders in the organization have had the mistaken tendency to wish Masons in the Klan "to desert from their activities in the state of Massachusetts." One writes in a heartily denouncing a new and the situation in that state said:

"It is thought that in New England the Klan spirit may get its heaviest blow from the Harvard spirit and the Masonic spirit."

**Will Not Condemn Klan**  
But in well-informed Masonic circles the general sentiment is expressed that New Englanders will prove as recalcitrant in following the advice of would-be leaders

## WORCESTER MAYOR PLEADS IN VAIN

Asks American Citizens Not to Go Near Klan Meeting Place—2,500 Attend

WORCESTER, Mass., Oct. 22.—Despite the vigorous efforts of Mayor Peter F. Sullivan to prevent a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan in this city, friends attended an open meeting in Mechanics and Washburn halls to hear J. Eugene Farnsworth, Klansman of Maine, speak on Americanism. Finding he could not legally prevent the meeting, Mayor Sullivan issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Worcester not to attend the meeting or to jostle and catcalls in the place. A big crowd, estimated at from ten to twelve thousand people, notwithstanding the mayor's urging, jammed the streets in front of the halls in which the meetings took place. They confined their opposition to jostle and catcalls and the occasional dropping of stench bombs.

**No Interference**  
Neither within Mechanics hall, which held nearly 2,000 people, nor in Washburn hall, where an overflowed audience of 100 persons gathered on the streets before or after the meeting was any interference or violence reported. All attempts of the crowd to converge near the entrance of either hall were immediately frustrated by the police, who forced everyone to keep moving. Thus, in striking contrast to the experience of the Klan in some of the other states, the organization held its first public meeting in Massachusetts, supposed to be the stronghold of Roman Catholicism, without so much as the throwing of a brick or the fracture of a skull.

**Definition of American**  
Mrs. Farnsworth, who was the main speaker of the evening, among other things said:

"My definition of an American perhaps differs from what other folks think. To my way of thinking an American is one who owes entire allegiance to his flag and country. I am tired and sick of this hyphenated Americanism, because no man is a good American if his allegiance is divided."

On the subject of public schools Farnsworth declared that they were responsible for the highest type of mentality in the world. Protestant mentality, and any man or woman who did not believe in that was not fit to live in this country.

"Everybody is excited over the Oklahoma affair," continued the Klansman, "and that affair excites the Louisiana, but it will all blow over. There is only one thing that matters with the people of Louisiana. They have gone out and voted and are out of order because they did so. The Ku Klux Klan has gone out to vote, and that is a crime. The crime is that the K. K. K. is usurping Tammany hall, and you all know that Tammany hall has been discharging its duty."

Referring to the recent election in Portland, Farnsworth said that he had voted there for the first time in their lives. People had got tired of voting and losing and were voting the old politicians out of power.

Going back to Oklahoma, the speaker declared that the Klan of the voting power in that state belonged to the Ku Klux Klan, and it was the newspapers thought that the Klan of the voting power in that state made that 75 per cent move-out and let the hyphenates move in they were mistaken.

## ANTI-KLAN BODY CAUSES ROW IN SOUTH

NEW ORLEANS, La., Oct. 22.—The Democratic state committee, which at a meeting here selected January 15, 1924, as the date for the primary at which all state and parish officials and members of the legislature will be voted upon, was on the verge of turmoil for a time because of secrecy and the vigor. It was determined that all candidates must qualify not later than October 22.

The row was precipitated by the introduction of a resolution by Calab Weaver, member from Assumption parish. The resolution would have authorized the committee to require of each Democratic candidate an additional qualification for state office a pledge that he would support legislation outlawing secrecy and the vigor. The resolution was declared out of order and the meeting adjourned.

Of Masonry to condemn the Klan and deliver themselves into the camp of Rome at one and the same time, as they have been in other parts of the country. The Masonic personality of the Woonsocket "social session" will be a matter of considerable interest to all loyal members of the craft.

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## MAYOR OF BALTIMORE IN BAD WITH ALIENS

Refuses to Declare Columbus Day a Holiday in Public Schools of the City

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 20.—Because he refused to take any steps toward declaring Columbus day of the Ku Klux Klan in the public schools of this city, Mayor Jackson has been threatened with "political oblivion" by certain alien elements. It is alleged that Vincent Dimarco, one of the Italian leaders in this city, and who is said to have a vast influence over the Catholic vote, told Mayor Jackson that the lack of interest in Columbus day was due to the fact that the city schools paid no attention to it.

In an address before the Knights of Columbus and a few public officials, Dimarco is said to have shown his displeasure at the mayor's attitude toward the observance of Columbus day in the schools. It was at the speaking, it is understood, that he uttered the remark and that he would see that he was beaten in the coming elections.

**Ward Hallay Declared**  
"If you don't make the public schools declare a holiday in honor of Columbus we (the Catholics) will do it for you at the next election," is alleged to have said.

Mayor Jackson replied that it was up to the school board of pass on the matter, and that he would not advise or order a holiday.

Mayor Jackson is a Mason. Protestants who read the story of the threat in the local papers Saturday said that it was too bad Maryland did not have a few more public spirited Americans in office that would defy Rome and the Catholic vote to the detriment of the conditions in the state. They pointed out that the public school system in Maryland is worse than in any other state in the Union.

## NEW JERSEY WOMEN HOLD BIG CEREMONY

Ten Thousand View Initiation as Huge Fiery Cross Burns on River Bank

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Oct. 20.—Ten thousand persons witnessed a ceremonial by the Women of the Ku Klux Klan held on the banks of the Passaic river, near Belleville, tonight.

A fifty-foot fiery cross and an Imperial Wizard in red robes and blue torches, burned fifteen minutes, while a forty-piece band played patriotic music.

The Women of the Ku Klux Klan, official title of the Klan's female branch, appeared for the first time in a public ceremony in full Klan regalia of white robes and hoods. Several women were initiated.

In politics five-foot lattice structure there blazed in red fire "K. K. K." "W. K. K. K." (for the women). For Catholic and "Bible" for A. H. Bell of Belmar, N. J., Grand Titan of Province No. 3, Realm of New Jersey, who was in charge of the initiation.

## CIVIL WAR VETERANS UNITE AS KLANSMEN

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 22.—The blue of a Federal colonel and the gray uniform of a Confederate major were noticed at the recent initiation of a group of 1,500 Klansmen held here. The two old gentlemen were veterans of the war between the states, and created an impressive sight as they assumed the obligations of the Ku Klux Klan.

A fiery cross, suspended from an immense gas balloon, floated above the field where the ceremonies were held, casting its reflection upon the 30,000 spectators and 5,000 Klansmen who participated in the initiation.

## Parade Held at Camden

Candidates Initiated

CAMDEN, Ind., Oct. 20.—The Ku Klux Klan paraded here last night while thousands jammed the line of march. The parade was the most prominent of a group of Klansmen held here. A number of delegations from all parts of Carroll county took part. Following the disbanding of the procession a closed meeting of the Klan was held at which it was understood a large class of candidates was initiated. The Klan is very strong in this community.

## Oakland City Crowd Views Klan Procession

OAKLAND CITY, Ind., Oct. 20.—A crowd estimated at six thousand persons jammed the line of march and City last night to witness a Ku Klux Klan parade. The procession was led by thirty mounted Klansmen in full Klan regalia, followed by the band, the parade moved through Main street and ended with a display of the torches that jammed the curb. The procession moved promptly at 8:30.

## KLAN DONATES FUNDS FOR SCHOOL AT MELFA

MELFA, Va., Oct. 22.—The Klan of this city has raised \$4,000, which they have turned over to the authorities building the new high school at Cashville. State appropriations were not sufficient to erect a school such as was needed, and in the interest of better education the Klan raised the money.

Dr. J. H. Hawkins, Imperial representative in Maryland and Delaware, was the principal speaker at the laying of the corner stone of the school, held a few days ago.

## "MADE THE UKULELE"

SAN GABRIEL, Cal., Oct. 20.—William Franklin Gasser, for many years publicity agent in the United States for the late Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii, and credited with having made the ukulele popular in this country, was buried here on October 16. He died at the age of 70.

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## FAILS TO BRING UP ANTI-KLAN MEASURE

Francis P. Malone Gets Weak-Kneed at Last Moment—His Task Not an Easy One

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Oct. 21.—Despite newspaper prediction that Francis P. Malone, New Haven delegate to the American Legion convention, held here, would introduce a resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan as an un-American body, the resolution was not presented. It was even predicted by a local newspaper and by anti-Klan delegates to the convention that the resolution would be passed without a dissenting vote.

Discussing his resolution, Malone declared that anti-Klan members of the American Legion in all parts of the country would introduce con-

dematory resolutions at the various state conventions, and it was hoped in this way to obtain a national American Legion condemnation of the Klan. If the resolutions fail as completely in other states as Mr. Malone's failed in Connecticut, the Knights of Columbus may soon see the futility of continuing their attempts to control the American Legion via the "boring in" process.

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## PASTOR ADVISES LET UP ON KU KLUX KLAN

Says People Should Be More Careful in Condemning the Order

OWOSSO, Mich., Oct. 22.—Advice to adopt a Christian attitude toward the Ku Klux Klan was given by Rev. H. Waite, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, when he addressed a big congregation last Sunday.

"Let me say this, my friends," the pastor said, "if the Klan is the bloody bunch of hoodlums that some represent it to be; if the Klan sets aside law and despises order; if it seeks to stir religious hatred, denying the constitutional right of American citizens to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience; if it spurs the law-abiding folk and makes the midnight ring with the cries of its victims; then, in the name of God, it should be destroyed root and branch, the sooner the better."

### Should Be Judged by Its Fruits

"On the other hand, if these 6,500,000 men who have banded together have an unselfish purpose in the protection of America's rights for Americans; the protection of the church, school and state; if they maintain American traditions; insist upon loyalty to the constitution; uphold the honor of womanhood; stand for the language, one school, one flag and equal service to all; then I am the last man in the country to offer doctored criticism and I would suggest that once more we might apply the teachings of Jesus Christ and judge the Klan by its fruits. This, in the last analysis, is the acid test. Will it stand the test? This I can not answer. I like the rest of you, must await the outcome."

### Says Country Owing to Dogs

Continuing, Rev. Mr. Waite said: "In the words of some, this country is going to the dogs. I believe there is enough character in this country to hold the ship of state in a steady course against the evils hinted at in the discussions throughout. It is the duty of every American to unselfishly give the best within him to preserve a grand America for future generations. He who lives to serve the race, whether he be Protestant, Catholic, Jew or Gentile, rich or poor, high or low, need have nothing to fear from any source whatsoever."

## MISSOURI BAPTISTS GAIN 25,000 MEMBERS

Sunday School Attendance Totals 180,000 in 1,650 Classes

POPULAR BLUFFS, Mo., Oct. 20.—An addition of 25,000 members during the last year, which brought the total membership of the Baptist church in Missouri to 230,000, was noted in the report of Dr. O. L. Wood of Kansas City, secretary of the Missouri Baptist General Association, presented at the eighty-ninth annual meeting of the association, in session here.

Mrs. J. G. Reynolds of Slater made a report on women's work of the association, showing 814 organizations in the women's department. J. C. Hockett of Kansas City, in a report on Sunday schools and Young People's Union, stated there were 1,650 Sunday schools, with attendance of 180,000, and 1,100 unions in the state.

## SOUTH SEA ISLANDS TRIP SUCCESSFUL

Word Received From Expedition Which Left More Than One Year Ago

HONOLULU, Oct. 20.—A breath of romance—limpid lagoons—boiling through the ocean, with all sail set, at the speed of an average steamer—life among the natives in a far-off South Sea isle—of the beginning of a 600-mile trip up a river on which many white men have set out, but none returned—is contained in a letter received here from Myrra N. Fay, commander of the "Narwhal Expedition," an adventurous group of men, who sailed their own small vessel out of San Francisco Bay almost a year ago to cruise among the South Seas, drifting from port to port with whatever cargo might be picked up.

### Lots of Dynamite

A large shipment of dynamite, that the Narwhal carried from San Francisco, was delivered safely at its South Sea destination, according to the letter, which was received by A. P. Taylor, Honolulu newspaper man and author.

The letter was dated "Latitude 15-54; Longitude 180, July 27, 1923," and spent more than seven weeks reaching its destination.

### NO HARDING BIOGRAPHER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—No one has been designated by Mrs. Harding to write a biography of the late president, according to a formal statement by Attorney-General Daugherty.

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## ASK CONGRESS TO FIX GASOLINE PRICE

Knowledge Sought of Connections Between Standard and Independents

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 20.—National regulation of gasoline prices through co-operation of the various state governments was expected to emanate from Tuesday's session of the National Association of Attorney-Generals at the Old Colony Club, according to speakers who addressed the convention.

Both sides of the controversy between the law-enforcing agencies and the oil producers were aired before it was definitely decided in a resolution that Congress should be urged to adopt legislation tending to fix a scale of profits for operators, producers, refiners and dealers. The resolution recommends a closer understanding between the regulation agencies and the oil men.

### Independents Scrutinized

The main point of the recommendation is that a clearer knowledge of the relations between the Standard Oil Company and the so-called independents be ascertained before a regulating law is enacted. There was a hint at some of the round table discussions, which followed the morning session, that the "independents" were not as independent as the title might suggest.

Uniform prices are favored by a majority of the members and it is likely that drastic measures will be recommended by the association to Congress. The oil industry has been given a thorough sifting by the staffs of the various attorney-generals and by agents of the United States Department of Justice during the last nine months. It was learned at the session.

### Secrecy Is Maintained

Secrecy is being maintained by the attorney-generals as to the business transacted at their meeting, but it is known that reports of hundreds of investigations are to be studied. Reasons for a "uniform price" for gasoline and oil by independent companies and the Standard Oil Company were scrutinized closely.

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## FANTASTIC CEREMONY AT BURRTON, KANSAS

Class of One Hundred Initiated in Large Field—Crowd Gathers to Witness Affair

BURRTON, Kan., Oct. 23.—A spectacular open-air initiatory ceremony of the Ku Klux Klan was held at a point little more than two miles east from the heart of Burton, in the Fred McCormick pasture, recently. Early in the evening the siren auto horn and sound of the synchronizing gas engine was heard traversing all roads leading to the field. It seemed almost an incessant stream of cars loaded with occupants, was bent on witnessing the illumination of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Those going on the field passed and were directed by robed figures on foot and panoplied horse men wearing the habiliments of the order. A cordon of sentries was thrown out apparently to guard the inner circle with the utmost secrecy. Rope fences were erected beyond which none unless duly qualified were allowed to pass.

### Many Lights in Field

The field was ablaze with acetylene lamps suspended from poles and portions of the field were electrically lighted.

Three fiery crosses, visible at

great distance, were lighted. An electric lighted cross was observed scintillating from the inner court. To the onlooker pomp of ceremony was observed in administering the spectacular ritualistic work of the order to the "class of 100. Soft cadences of singing "America" and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," were heard in the outer distances.

### Crowd Heats Speech

At a later hour guards were withdrawn and the sea of spectators was permitted to move up closer when a prominent speaker mounted a platform decorated with the national colors and discoursed upon the tenets and purposes of the order.

At a later hour guards were withdrawn from Wichita, Hutchinson, Newton, and points north and south of the field. Many roughly estimated the large number of cars, parked in solid ranks on three sides of the field, at more than 2,000. Most of these were heavily loaded and consensus opinion agreed the great crowd numbered eight or nine thousand, constituting, perhaps the greatest throng ever gathered in the near vicinity.

## FIRST KLAN MEET AT GRAND LEDGE

GRAND LEDGE, Mich., Oct. 20.—A meeting of the Ku Klux Klan here last Thursday brought out a large number of people who were interested in hearing the principles of the order set forth by someone who really knew the truth.

The meeting, which was the first to be held here by the Klan, took place in the city park auditorium and the speaker was well received. At the conclusion of his speech there were a number of persons who expressed their desire to become affiliated with the great order and cards were given to them for their signatures.

Another meeting is to be held Friday at the same place and only those who hold application cards will be admitted.

Officials here commented on the law-abiding character of the meeting.



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day night, Trainmen's hall, 7:30 p. m.  
Important business to be trans-  
acted.

**B. R. F. regular meeting Friday**  
night, Trainmen's hall, 7:30 p. m.

**Cumberland M. E. Church an-**  
nounces a chicken supper on Hal-  
loween night, Oct. 31. Supper will  
be served from 10 to 12. One dollar  
a plate; tickets on sale, Riser Bros.,  
18 South Alabama street.

**Big Halloween party Tuesday**  
evening, Oct. 30, at 3218 E. Michigan  
street, Dearborn garage, under the  
auspices of the Good-Fellowship  
Club for Liberty hall. The Klan,  
Klasy, Comedy entertainers will  
furnish the music. Room for 5,000.  
Come on, have a real K. A. P. gather-  
ing.

**Chicken supper given by the**  
Ladies of the Good-Fellowship Club  
for Liberty hall, Thursday evening,  
October 25, at the Dearborn garage,  
3218 E. Michigan street. Fifty cents  
a plate, served from 5 to 8:30 p. m.  
Come and note the progress being  
made on the building.

**A Pumpkin Pie social and Hal-**  
loween entertainment will be held  
at the Brightwood Congregational  
Church on Monday night, October  
29, 1923. Good music, singing and  
speaking. Ladies are requested to  
donate pies. Men to donate coffee,  
etc. Church is located at 2418 N.  
Gale street. Take Brightwood street  
car. If in auto drive out Massachu-  
setts avenue.

**Everybody welcome. Rev. Charles**  
H. Gonsouls will preach next Sun-  
day night, 7:45 p. m. "Go Thou and  
Do Likewise."

This week and next are "Brick  
weeks" for Liberty hall. This Sat-  
urday and next Saturday will be  
special delivery days. Most every fam-  
ily in town has from 1 to 1,000 brick  
lying around. What better could  
you do than donate them to Liberty  
hall. We need 100,000 new or sec-  
ond hand bricks, cement blocks or  
sawed timbers. A vacant lot close by  
is ready to receive them. If you  
have no way to send them, call up  
Brookside 1442.

**The Ladies Orchestra will meet**  
at the home of Mrs. Josephine Say-  
lor, 3210 E. Twenty-fifth street, on  
Friday night, October 26th, at 7:30  
o'clock. The orchestra will play in  
honor and celebration of the wed-  
ding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs.  
Saylor. Take Brightwood street car  
night, October 27, at 8, at the an-  
nual Halloween party, which is to  
be held at the Englewood Masonic  
hall. The hall is located at East  
Washington street and Beville ave-  
nue. Fifteen cents now and 10 cents  
later. For information call  
Main 7487. Rev. Chas. H. Gonsouls,  
director and organizer.

"Harvest Home and Mission Festi-  
val" will be observed next Sunday  
evening, October 28th, at the Ger-  
man Baptist Church, corner Iowa  
and Singleton streets. Time, 7:00 p. m.  
Help us as we try to carry on  
the fight for a revival in this com-  
munity and also for the truths as  
recorded in the Bible. A good pro-  
gram is in store for all who come.  
Kome here. Kome join us. Kome  
are we anxious to put it over big.

A fiery cross will be unveiled at  
the regular evening service of the  
Bluff Avenue Baptist Church on  
Sunday, Oct. 28th, at 7:00 o'clock.  
It will be an evangelistic service con-  
ducted by the pastor. The subject  
of the evening is "The Railway to  
Heaven." Come and enjoy a good  
meeting and the old-time religion. A  
hearty welcome to all who attend.  
The church is located one mile south of Troy  
avenue on Bluff avenue, Indianapolis,  
Ind. Carl W. McBee, pastor.

**Alva A. Hamilton will preach Sun-**  
day, October 28, 1923, at 7:45 o'clock  
at Fountain Square, Fountain Bldg.,  
third floor. Mrs. Bertha Holts Hom-  
to will answer questions blind-  
folded. Kome all and hear a good  
lecture and a good meeting.

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**lebration Despite Acts**  
**of Vandals**

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SHERWOOD, Tenn., Oct. 22.—The  
Klan is "perking up" in this place  
and the territory surrounding it,  
the reprehensible action of its an-  
tagonized enemies of cutting off the  
street lights on the night of a cele-  
bration planned by the organization.  
While the act did not serve to stop  
the demonstration it did serve to  
put a certain "pep" behind the Klan  
and to change the attitude of many  
citizens toward the Klan. The change  
in sentiment has acted greatly to the  
benefit of the organization with the  
result that membership has shown  
an increase over and above anything  
in previous months.

The celebration went along just  
as was scheduled, the Klan making  
use of red torches which were hastily  
procured. The event was a most  
successful affair and was particu-  
larly in by many visiting Klansmen  
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The growth of the Klan here is  
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this plan, many have joined me, and  
some have already cleaned up hun-  
dreds and going right on, and I have  
a few openings yet for right men  
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**WOMEN OF KU KLUX**  
**MEET AT DETROIT**  
DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 20.—The  
Women of the Ku Klux Klan held  
an enthusiastic meeting in a hall at  
Highland Park last Thursday night,  
during which a well-known speaker  
addressed them on the principles of  
the order and the great work to be  
done.

A large class of women was  
initiated in the glow of an electric  
fiery cross, which was lighted when  
the bright lights were turned off.  
Members of the organization are

very much pleased with the way the  
membership is climbing and it is  
understood that many meetings of a  
similar nature will be held in the  
near future and candidates will be  
initiated at each gathering.

**MORE "GAS" CUTS**  
NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Cuts  
in the price of gasoline in New  
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nounced by the Standard Oil Com-  
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nounced by the Gulf Refining Com-  
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## KNIGHTS IN JERSEY MUST WORK WITH PEP

Women's Order Threatens to Pass Them in Membership—Both Orders Growing

MONMOUTH, N. J., Oct. 22.—The Women of the Ku Klux Klan of Monmouth and Ocean, under the leadership of Mrs. K. E. Bell, Lady Kluge, are forcing the men to work hard to hold the lead in membership and are growing at a rate that threatens to outnumber the Klansmen. One of the Klans of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan meets weekly, and in the last three months has never had less than 460 women at one meeting. Members in Asbury Park held a dance last week. Proceeds were turned over to the Asbury Park Klansmen to purchase additional chairs for their Klavern.

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## ODD FELLOWS INSIST ON ENGLISH RITUAL

CINCINNATI, O., Oct. 22.—One of the most interesting and hardest fought was held here in the grand lodge of Odd Fellows where all ritualistic work in the lodge room hereafter must be in English. There were more than one hundred lodges where the work has been done for years in foreign tongues. This has been brewing for several years, but the work recently it could not be sidetracked, and the real Americans forced the issue, and after much discussion, the vote was that all work must be in English in this country. During the past year Odd Fellows gave to charity \$7,708,000, which was \$50,000 over the previous year. The session was a most interesting one, and 60,000 Odd Fellows were in Cincinnati.

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ment of her destiny. I believe that the safeguarding of sacred traditions, the realization of fundamental ideals of human welfare, can be achieved only by keeping our citizenship at the highest level of intelligence and health and virtue. If we are not successful, we are everywhere will suffer and have heavier burdens to bear.

The survival of the fittest in this nation because that means material and moral blessings for all the world.

In the beginning of the national life, and for long years after, our policy was rightly that of the open door. We have always said: "Those who would might come. Millions did come—the best the earth had to offer—Huguenot and Cavalier and Puritan. No mercenary motive brought them to our shores. They possessed limitless courage and they sought no favor from the law. They endured long and weary years of an enduring freedom founded upon the traditional reverence for law. They built chapels and congregations and churches. Later, through immigration, they came to this country. They brought to kindred humanity in northwestern Europe. Likewise they came and established homes. Into our homes we gladly gave our sons and daughters, and as freely they entered ours, to remain forever as husbands and wives, as fathers and mothers, as harmonious merging, hindered by no obstacle that God or man could reasonably impose. The generation—prosperous and proud, pure and patriotic.

Character Changes  
Then, suddenly, the character of our immigration changed. "The source of our citizenship became radically different. There was a fundamental inferiority of racial, national strains. The Anglo-Saxon, the Scandinavian and the Teuton began to recede, with an overwhelming preponderance of people from the Slav, the Latin and the Greek.

From 1820 to 1923, a grand total of 35,192,234 immigrants came to this country. By 1914, when the European turmoil engulfed the world in tragedy, the annual influx was 1,218,499.

What part of this mighty flood of alien peoples was desirable? Upon that point, I quote from "The Immigration Problem," a book by Jeremiah W. Jenks and W. J. Lauck, as follows:

"A study of the immigration in the United States, from the time the immigration records began in 1817 to date, shows a change in the character of the immigration as well as in its extent. During the last twenty-five to thirty years so marked has been the change in the type of immigrants that it is convenient to classify our immigration as the old, that is, the immigrants prior to 1883, and the new, namely, those coming since that date. The former class includes primarily immigrants from England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland. These countries furnished some 95 per cent of the immigrants coming into this country before 1883. In 1907, 81 per cent of the European immigrants, including the Irish, came from Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Greece, Italy, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Roumania, Russia, Servia, Spain, Syria, and Turkey."

During the fourteen years ending with the world war period—1907 to 1914—our population was increased by fully thirteen per cent by immigration, the exact number being 12,928,517. Since 1820, Europe and the rest of the world had been sending us, increasingly, of their peoples. Yet in those fourteen years, which are part of our generation, the immigration, but immediate, not even yesterday, but today in every vital effect, and influence the immigrant blood was 40.5 per cent of the grand total for the entire ninety-five years up to 1914; and at this peak but 19 per cent was coming from the sources that helped to make our nation what it is, while 81 per cent represented racial strains and standards completely incompatible with our American conception of social and public life.

Let me quote again from Jenks and Lauck, both of whom had a large share in the work of the United States Immigration Commission in 1910. They say:

"The change in the character of the immigration is especially marked by the fact that during the last few years more immigrants have come from any one of the three countries of Austria-Hungary, Italy or Russia than from all of the rest of the European countries taken together that

formerly furnished the bulk of European immigrants."

Foreign Elements Sectionalized  
The resulting problem of assimilation can not be measured by the 53 million of native whites as against the 47 millions of alien and colored stock. The flood of interior peoples swelled the Atlantic as it is in former ages they overran the plains and valleys of the old world has not been at all unincalculable, and recognized by scientists as causing the almost complete incapacity of their victims.

The most insidious of these groups in their effect upon our citizenship are the nervous and mental malady, such as insanity, epilepsy, and most widespread and the least recognized of all, mental deficiency.

Moral Units  
Venereal diseases are rampant and terrible. They are often communicable to the innocent. They are transmissible through heredity. They impose indirect moral, mental and physical penalties that no stretch of the imagination can measure, because faults wisdom can not penetrate the ages yet to come.

Consumption and cancer, alcoholism, drug addiction and blindness—these also are great hereditary diseases we should consider. They lower and in most cases destroy, the vitality of the individual. They imperil our future Americanity.

No other part of this study has so depressed me. I am trying to encompass generations in my picture, the coming generations in a nation should be as days to an individual. Viewing our situation thus, I stand

appalled at the gigantic evil powers of the organic diseases that are slowly sapping the national strength. And the part the recent immigrant has played and is playing in this terrible tragedy, gives me in every perturbation in that connection.

Do you know that among 3,754,000 conscripted men, between the ages of 18 and 30, the very cream of our population, there were found 348,000 inheritable diseases? Here among the husbands of our daughters, the fathers of our future citizens, the fathers of manhood's greatest soundness and vigor, were one in every eight with tainted blood and already impoverished physical power. The percentage was exactly 12.5—that proportion was socially, and what is even more important, eugenically inadequate.

Revolt Against Civilization  
In his book, "The Revolt Against Civilization," which fittingly has for its subtitle, "The Menace of the Under Man," Lothrop Stoddard reveals the amazing results to posterity of mentally deficient parentage. On page 96, he says:

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## JACKSON KLAN IS GROWING RAPIDLY

Usual Newspaper Opposition Proves Too Weak to Combat the Spirit of America

(By "Justice")  
JACKSON, Mich., Oct. 20.—Despite a hostile press and un-American propaganda by the alien element, the Ku Klux Klan has firmly entrenched itself in Jackson county and is growing more popular each day.

One effort of the press to hamper the Klan was an announcement that the Klan was an announcement that the Klan was a quickly proven untrue. The Klan answered by burning twenty-five or thirty fiery crosses at exactly 5 o'clock one evening in both city and county.

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The fact that many of these crosses were too large for one or two men to handle, was sufficient proof that the Klan had considerably more

than the thirty-five or forty members claimed by its opponents.

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## JEZEWSKI, WOSINSKI STOP PHOTOPLAYSKI

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 22.—The showing of "The Birth of a Nation," recognized as the greatest photoplay in existence, running at the Paramount theater at Hamtramck, a small town near here, was stopped by order of the mayor and police commissioner. No explanation is needed after reading the papers. The mayor's name is Peter Jezewski, and the police commissioner carries around the moniker of Max Wosinski.

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## 'STEVE' PLEDGES ALL TO KLAN IN FUTURE

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His future satisfaction of a work well done and his anticipation of the future are the two things closest to his heart. From Exalted Cyclops of Klan No. 1, Realm of Indiana, he has been a force of character and ability to Grand Dragon of Indiana and on to the head of the extension department. No less than two years' time, was an achievement appreciated only by those in a position to know and understand the trials and tribulations and problems that were obstacles in his way.

With unbounded energy and serenity, an ideal of service "not for self but for others," Steve has gradually grown to greatness but further and farther away from ease and comfort. An outstanding figure in all Klans, the personification of the principles of Klansmanship, millions have come to know him and thousands have learned to love him.

By severing his official connections, however, the "Old Man" expects to regain his health after an extended vacation, give some time to his own private enterprises and affairs but continue to give the same inspiration, guidance and help to the Klan and which has been his greatest service.

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## PLACES OKKEH ON THE PRINCIPLES OF KLAN

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Millie reads: "It seems peculiarly fitting that the members of the bar should by their united efforts meet and combat the challenges to our American government and American citizenship."

The Ku Klux Klan is battling with every ounce of its strength to maintain American ideals and principles that the American Bar Association is bent on helping in this great undertaking. Never before have the institutions of America been so menaced as they are at this time; alien propaganda fills the newspapers as those insidious influences at work to destroy Protestantism and Americanism labor through channels of chicane to their unholy efforts to lead and leave to decay the ideals upon which America, and the great country the world has ever known, was founded by those seeking freedom of thought and reason from ancient dogmas and superstitions.

To Furnish Literature

Among the literature which, according to the letter, the committee named and will render an important and far-reaching service to our city and the country at large, by the intelligent effort that will bestow upon this most vital subject.

That the bar association endorses the principles of the Klan, and emphasized by the paragraph following the above in which Mr. Millie expresses his confidence that the committee will work in general in harmony with the plans of any program worked out by the American Bar Association, to the end that the rising generation will be given help to acquire a "proper knowledge of our government and patriotic sentiments and beliefs that are so essential to citizenship."

The endorsement of Klan principles by the bar association will not doubt be a blow to those who are fighting the Klan and the newspapers that will have to camouflage the fact.

Those Who Condemn

The above organization which, in its own self declared it would take the law into its own hands, gives a fair estimate of those who are passing resolutions against the Klan. The passing of the resolution by the federation at its meeting here but further proof of the plan to bring whereby a definite move is being made by the antagonized interests which are attempting to stamp out Protestantism in America. The alien interests, controlling as they do, practically all organizations in the higher offices, are attempting to discredit the Klan by resolutions. However, this mode of procedure is getting the enemy nowhere.

That the plot has already been sensed on the coast is seen in the response to the Klan and the ever-increasing number of candidates being initiated each week. Month by month the claims of the Klan are substantiated, little by little the truth of Klan assertions as to the stranglehold now had on America by her enemies is being shown in the actions of the enemies themselves. Unable to secure these resolutions where the man-power of the organizations are permitted to vote the enemy waits until a comparatively small number of men are in the saddle and then strikes with a resolution.

More Inconsistency

"We prize democracy because it offers opportunity for the righting of every real wrong and grievance," declares the resolution in one paragraph.

If the endorsers of the resolution are sincere it has been pointed out, they are far from consistent. The alien interests which they represent have ever fought democracy; this fact that these interests can not have control, either by numbers or through political channels, or both, that has democracy.

That an underground plot exists throughout the country to secure resolutions in which the Klan is condemned, in an effort to make the people believe these condemnations come from the people as a whole, is no longer to be doubted—if this fact was ever questioned by intelligent and thinking persons.

Big Price For Bible

Martha Washington's family Bible was sold recently in New York City for \$3,700. The Bible was printed in Oxford in 1785 and contained the manuscript record of Lawrence Lewis, George Washington's nephew, and his wife, Eleanor Parke Custis, Washington's second daughter, and the births of their eight children.

## DECLARES IT IS DUTY TO FIND ASSASSIN

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CARNEGIE, Pa., Oct. 22.—Declaring it was the duty of every citizen to help in finding out who shot and killed Klansman T. R. Abbott, Rev. M. McQuinn, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church here, preached a ringing sermon two weeks ago. Citizens of Carnegie, who crowded his church to hear him.

In the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. St. L. Mills, pastor, spoke to a congregation which filled the edifice on "The Meaning of the Fiery Cross as It Burns on the Hill."

CITIZENS HONOR DONORS OF PARK

MAPLE GROVE, Ark., Oct. 22.—Citizens of this city turned out en masse in honor of Rogers Klan, Realm of Arkansas, who recently presented this community with a beautiful park adjoining the Maple Grove school. Fifteen hundred people were served with refreshments and the Klan was warmly thanked for its generosity on behalf of the school children.

Women Take Oath in Klan Meet at Metamora

METAMORA, Ind., Oct. 22.—A large class of candidates was naturalized in the initiation ceremonies of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan here last week and a large crowd was on hand to witness the ceremony. The oath of Americanism was administered in the light of a large fiery cross and when the ceremony reached its conclusion a warm lunch was served with the aid of two big bonfires.

The women's order here is enjoying a staunch and steady growth.

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## LEGION VOTE FAILS TO GIVE SENTIMENTS

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This same system of unit voting elected men to the higher offices in Kentucky who immediately took it upon themselves to condemn the Klan, but it was soon proven that they were acting without authority as a vote was taken whereby the individual posts repudiated the action of said officials.

From Coast to Coast

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The recent attempt to gain control of Protestant education at the state meeting of school teachers in Indianapolis gave one another angle of the case and merely goes to show the many different methods of attack used. The scheme on foot in this case, however, was quietly nipped in the bud and the plotters gloriously defeated, proving that such intrusions on American education here are things of the past.

Another example parallel to that of the recent "Legion condemnation" was the meeting of a number of lawyers at French Lick Springs, who were Catholics or Catholic sympathizers and who brought forward

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POOLER, Ga., Oct. 22.—Pooler Council, No. 57, Jr. O. U. M. M., has adopted a resolution endorsing the stand of the Oklahoma legislature in its effort to function in impeachment proceedings against the governor. The council further deprecates the action of Governor Walton in declaring martial law at a time when there was neither riot nor insurrection.

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### Anti-Klan Force Is Blamed for Explosion

(STUEBENVILLE, O., Oct. 22.—The scene of the first of the series of physical uprisings against the Ku Klux Klan, Stuebenville, has again become prominent when a group of men opposed to law and order blew up and completely wrecked the home of Prohibition Enforcement Officer Charles Pearce. Pearce, his wife, and young baby were thrown into the cellar and all were severely cut and shocked, but none seriously injured. The dynamite explosion partially wrecked the city hall and the homes of several nearby residents. It is believed that the same lawless element responsible for the offense against the Ku Klux Klan is responsible for the dynamiting of the prohibition officer's home.

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### Whisky Runner Is Chased By Klansmen

ESCONDIDO, Cal., Oct. 22.—The Ku Klux Klan has discovered evidence which may lead to uncovering a plot to smuggle whisky into San Diego county. While attending a ceremonial in the hills near Escondido the Klansmen saw an automobile with all light extinguished crossing the valley. Starting to investigate, horsemen rode toward the car which immediately sped up and was soon out of sight. Before the car disappeared a box was seen to fall from the machine, which proved to be a case of the finest Scotch whisky.

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### Adolph Biccard Erects Throne in K. of P. Bldg.

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do not protect the Protestant religion, but to say the K. of P. is not a Protestant organization would be more than absurd. Yet, Adolph Biccard uses his office in the Knights of Pythias to block, in his pet way, the movement by Protestant women of this city and state to keep the flame of freedom alive in whom are abashed at the action of one Adolph Biccard, no doubt.

### Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation

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I will be in my office, 610 Indiana Pythian Building, on Friday morning, August 17th, from 9:00 until 11:00 o'clock, to dispose of any pews remaining unsold at that time.

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America and to combine in a movement for staunch patriotism.

Little does it bother Mr. Biccard that the Knights of Pythias has within its ranks thousands of men in Indiana who resent the actions taken by him. Little does he care about the feelings of those who whose building he has charge, is quite apparent. Renting the auditorium to avowed enemies of the organization which he represents in the capacity of manager of the K. of P. building, and refusing it to an organization which he represents himself to denounce because it allows none but native-born, Protestant Americans within its ranks, is his idea of true Americanism. The fact that the organization which he represents, the B'nai B'rith and which he secures many members and places his O. K. on their applications, allows none but Jews to belong, means nothing to this man who has set himself up as a czar and acts against the wishes of the vast majority of the members who are responsible for the building being in existence and whose building it is.

### Have Light to Organization

The Jews of this city have the right to their organization; these people are in no way to blame for the acts of one of their race who might take steps to erect a throne and dictate to the Knights of Pythias who shall and shall not belong to the building. Numbered among the members of the B'nai B'rith are scores of excellent persons, many of whom are of the highest character.

### ALL-DAY CEREMONY OF KLAN AT BEDFORD

Picnic and Barbecue Attended by Large Crowds—Parade and Initiation at Night

(Special to The Fiery Cross)  
BEDFORD, Ind., Oct. 22.—This place was the scene of much activity last Saturday when an all-day picnic and barbecue was held at the new speedway by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

A crowd of about 5,000 persons thronged the speedway grounds and listened to a number of well-known speakers gave patriotic addresses. Enthusiasm ran high and all speakers were received with much applause.

When it came to eat the crowd did not seem able to get enough of the barbecued sandwiches which were prepared by a special barbecue who was hired for the day.

### Loganpost Quartet Sings

The famous Loganpost quartet was on the program and was the decided hit of the day in the way of entertainment. Their songs were set to a snap and a bang that had the great crowd cheering them continually.

In the evening an elaborate parade was held which made its way through the main part of town where a mammoth crowd awaited. The marchers were cheered to the echo by those on the sidewalks and enthusiasm continued until the last of the parade. The parade was headed by the Klansmen in regalia and with a band playing stirring march music. They were followed by long lines of Klansmen in regalia and many beautiful floats.

One of the big features of the parade was a formation of women who wore red robes and walked in the form of a cross, thus making a

### IMPERIAL WIZARD ADDRESSES THRONO

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woman of good family by whom he and several of his children, now known as "the wizard," happened: Martin's legitimate children by the woman of good stock all turned out well and founded one of the most distinguished families in New Jersey. In this family and its collateral branches we find nothing but good representative citizenship. There are doctors, lawyers, judges, educators, traders, landholders, in short respectable citizens, men and women prominent in every phase of social life. They have scattered over the United States and are prominent in their communities wherever they have gone. . . . There have been no feeble-minded among them, no illegitimate children, no immoral women; only one man was sexually loose; in sharp contrast to this branch of the family stand the descendants of the feeble-minded girl. Of these 480 have been traced. Their record is: 143 clearly feeble-minded, 26 illegitimate, 23 grossly immoral (mostly prostitutes), 24 confirmed alcoholics, 3 epileptics, 82 insane, 100 feeble-minded, 5 kept houses of ill-fame. Here are two family lines, with the same paternal ancestor, living on the same soil, in the same atmosphere and under the same general environment; yet the bar sinister has marked every generation of one and has been unknown to the other."

What does the official report, "Defects Found in Drafted Men," say about this? Listen:

"If one insists on an answer to the inquiry, why there should be so many cases of mental deficiency and mental disease in the population of military age, it can only be replied that this is a fair index of the constitution of the population of the United States. It is composed of those who have migrated to its shores from Europe, or their descendants."

In the special army intelligence tests seven grades of mentality were recognized. Of the foreign-born whites tested, 30.8 per cent were of the grade D, "inferior," and 14.8 per cent grade E, "very inferior." If these percentages were applied to the total foreign-born population of the country, it would mean that 6,847,835 immigrants among us are of the two lowest grades of mental intelligence.

The average incidence of venereal diseases, which is 5.6 per cent, the colored race is an overbalancing factor. Freney, a Frenchman, who is a stick report in the army, colored men appear to be several times as apt to be infected with venereal disease. "Just one states with the largest proportion of colored population," the report concluded, "show the largest rates of venereal disease. Adjacent regions with an intermediate proportion of colored population

show an intermediate amount. Relatively little was found in the New England states including New York and over the northern states west of the Mississippi river. Wisconsin and the Dakotas, inhabited largely by immigrants from northern Europe, Germans and Scandinavians, show the lowest rate for these diseases."

### What Congress Should Do

My friends, I have hardly scratched the surface of this all-important subject of our immigration problem. I believe, however, there has been enough of the depressing picture to convince you, as I stand convinced, of the terrible peril that lies in our present course.

No point I have made can or will be disputed, because the proof is immediate and overwhelming. The completely changed character of our immigration, from the best to the worst Europe has to offer—who now would or could contend against that tragic truth? The present and recent influx of foreigners, and the vast increase of our illiteracy, vitally lowered the health level and vitally menaced America by inheritable mental and moral deficiencies.

Where among true Americans is the voice that would dare either to contradict or defend these evil conditions. Out of all proportion to its members, the immigrant stream is moving cityward to make modern Solomons and Gomorrah in a land that for generations knew comparatively little of such body and soul-destroying social infections. No longer can it be said that those who come are nationally our sisters and brothers, seeking with us, and in our spirit, the establishment of homes and institutions that will safeguard and sanctify the Republic. They are not our kindred in ideals and traditions, nor do they, or can they, comprehend our kind of patriotism, without which no nation will stand its highest mission of ever advancing human welfare.

This problem of our immigration has become so acutely critical, so menacing to our America in its every aspect and influence, as to demand

### Should Stop Immigration

First, stop all immigration with exceptions applying only to separated families.

Second, while the gates are closed, institute a thorough governmental investigation into every phase of alienism, to the end that there may be exact and scientific information upon which to base a permanent immigration policy. Such an official inquiry should include:

(a) The causes and all the results of the foreign influx, past and present—nationally, politically, socially, eugenically and with respect to education, health, and morals.

(b) A survey of all our needs for more people, with particular reference to geographical distribution and the requirements for production and creative labor; and

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HANOVER, Pa., Oct. 22.—Although announcement had been made at Gettysburg that Burgess William E. Ottinger would not permit the Ku Klux Klan to hold a public meeting called by that order there recently, the session was held. It was largely attended and there was no effort made on the part of borough officials to halt the proceedings.

Business Men invited the representative business and professional men of Gettysburg inviting them to be present at the meeting.

There was a general acceptance, the hall being crowded to capacity. Over 100 persons who could not get in crowded outside. The emphatic declaration of the burgess, prohibiting the meeting, probably attracted many otherwise uninterested persons to the scene. If the latter expected to see some excitement, they were disappointed, for nothing occurred to mar the tranquility of the gathering.

**Speaker Set Forth Principles**  
The meeting was addressed by a well-known speaker, who was said to be a Klan leader in this state. The subject of the address was "Why the Ku Klux Klan."

The speaker set forth the principles of the order, explaining that the meeting was simply called to acquaint the people of Gettysburg with the purpose of the Klan. The assemblage was orderly and there was no demonstration either on the inside of the hall or on the outside.

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## MAY REDUCE GRAIN RATES TO AID FARMER

Interstate Commerce Committee to Investigate Grain Rates Thoroughly

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—A freight rate on grain as an aid to the farmer has been instituted by the government in two directions.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is preparing to proceed with an investigation to determine the reasonableness of railroad rates on grain and grain products to cover all sections of the country. At the same time indication has been given by Samuel Iles, head of the Pennsylvania system, that he may call other railroad presidents into conference to consider the question of freight rates on grain designed for export. President Coolidge asked Iles to institute such a movement among rail executives.

**Earnings Are Low**  
Announcement of the Interstate Commerce Commission rate investigation, for which a schedule will be fixed shortly, was made simultaneously with the commission's temporary denial of the petition of western grain-growing states for a rate cut. The commission said the rates had not been shown to be unreasonable at previous hearings, while earnings of railroads in that section were found to be low.

The agricultural industry in the West is heavily mortgaged and deeply indebted to the banks, the decision said in touching upon the situation which led to the filing of the complaint. "The labor and capital of the grain and hay farmer in parts of the western district receive a reward much lower than in an important gainful pursuit, and this at a time when many other industries have made rapid and substantial strides toward recovery."

**Grain Prices Not Unjust**  
Notwithstanding this and the fall in grain prices, the commission concluded, the present rates on the products under consideration in the western district, which includes territories west of the Mississippi and east of the Rocky Mountains, had not been shown to be unjust nor unreasonable of themselves. In reopening the case, it was suggested that a study of grain rates be made.

Commissioners Campbell and McChord dissented from the majority decision, the former declaring in a separate opinion that the immediate decreases should be granted. **Costs of Cut Not Discussed**  
Costs of a rate reduction in the West on grain and grain products were not discussed in the commission opinion, but Clyde M. Reed, chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities Commission, which led in presenting the reduction demand, estimated that the annual earnings of railroads would decrease \$17,600,000 if grain rates in the West were cut 10 per cent.

## PHONOGRAPH CONCERN READJUST PLANS

Reorganization Plans Given Out Following a Re-consideration

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 20.—Mortimer N. Buckner, chairman of the readjustment committee of the Columbia Graphophone Manufacturing Company, which was placed in the hands of a receiver, has announced a reorganization plan providing for two new companies.

One company would continue the operations of the present company and the other would take over and liquidate such assets of the present company as are not required for economical operation. The names of the two companies will be announced later.

**Stock to Creditors**  
Stock in the new companies, Buckner said, would be delivered to creditors participating in the plan on the basis of 3.75 shares of the operating company and 3.75 shares of the liquidating company in exchange for each \$1,000 indebtedness, principal and interest.

The plan provides also for the exchange of the existing 8 per cent preferred stock of the Columbia Graphophone Factors Corporation, Maryland, at the rate of three shares of stock in the operating company, three shares of stock in the liquidating company and \$300 in cash for each \$1,000 par value of such preferred stock.

The new stock is to be offered to stockholders of the old company for subscription.

## TREASURY WORKERS LAUDED BY PRESIDENT

Declares Their Efforts to Conserve Are Worthy of Appreciation

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—President Coolidge, in a letter to George W. Skelton of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, praises treasury employees for efforts made to conserve the national treasury without the purchase of new supplies, thereby turning back to the treasury funds appropriated for the purpose.

Director Lord of the budget, when he learned of the efforts made by Skelton to conserve government money, called the case to the attention of the White House.

Mr. Coolidge wrote that he felt such efforts were worthy of praise and that the country should know of them.

"I am satisfied," he added, "that throughout the government service the officials are generally observing this policy, and I feel that in expressing my appreciation of your action I am at the same time expressing my appreciation to all those who have shown the same spirit of co-operation in this very essential policy of economy."

## PRESIDENT COOLIDGE TO FOLLOW HARDING CUSTOM

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—President Coolidge will follow the Armistice day custom established last year by President Harding by going to Arlington accompanied by Secretaries Weeks and Denby and laying a wreath on the tomb of the unknown soldier. In performing this act of tribute a year ago Mr. Harding expressed the hope that his successors in office would follow the custom.

## CLIPPED WINGS AND UNHOLY POLITICIANS

Whether you love him or not, you must admit that William H. Anderson is the head of the New York Anti-Saloon League, and you will recall that he has been indicted by the New York grand jury for grand larceny, forgery and conspiracy. It is alleged that Mr. Anderson "believes that the indictments are at least partly a political plot, and that they are in some sort of expression of the dislike of certain Roman Catholic leaders for the prohibition law." Naturally, it is a sad thing to think that religion and politics must be mixed—Protestants do not believe such a mixture. And Mr. Anderson, we are led to understand, does not charge the whole Roman Catholic church with the responsibility. Among many things attributed to the caustic pen of the well-beloved Mr. Anderson is the following: "The Protestant churches clean up on the job they start by making good on their promises, by electing, sustaining and retaining officials who will use the entire power of government for effective enforcement, the power of these unholty politicians will be broken and the wings of their ecclesiastical allies will have been clipped. With his teetotalization of the reigning Irish dynasty now ruling New York and grasping for Washington with the help of a recent mission to a foreign power, it will be found that a host of other problems have settled themselves or been put in the course of final and satisfactory settlement." All of which is no doubt true—and easily understood in spite of Mr. Anderson's twisted grammar!

## WOULD STOP INFLUX OF UNFIT ALIENS

(Washington Post)—The proposed bill providing for registration of all aliens in America, which Solicitor-General Beach states will be presented on the next Congress, promises much in the way of safeguarding the nation against subversive "red" activities by troublesome newcomers from abroad. The absence of such provision in the past has seriously hampered the government in running down such "reds." Once across the threshold, they have been put in the course of final and satisfactory settlement. All of which is no doubt true—and easily understood in spite of Mr. Anderson's twisted grammar!

## KLAN CEREMONIAL HELD AT FAIRMONT

500 Initiated Before Huge Crowd—Special Officers Used to Handle Traffic

FAIRMONT, W. Va., Oct. 20.—The initiation ceremonies held here last Tuesday night by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan drew an immense crowd of people to the field where the ceremonies took place, and more than 500 new Klansmen in full regalia took part.

The crowd began to gather as early as 7 o'clock when long lines of cars began to roll through town and out the Gratton road. By eight o'clock there was a jam a mile long on the Country Club road of cars from Harrison county. The city jam started at Eighth street and Fairmont avenue and extended down to the bridge at Watson and from there two miles up the road to the meeting place. It was not until Mayor Buckley and a squad of policemen came from Harrison county, and after the service took charge of traffic conditions at the bridge and back up the road toward the city, that the line was permitted to move.

**8,000 to 12,000 in Crowd**  
The crowd was estimated at from 8,000 to 12,000 persons. Automobiles totaling at least 2,000 began literally to pour into the Nuzum farm shortly after dusk and continued their influx until the ceremonies were closed shortly after 10 o'clock.

Roads leading from the directions of Clarkburg and Gratton were veritable ribbons of motor cars jammed in a solid stream from Twelfth street to the Nuzum farm, a distance of over two miles, a vehicular congestion occurred shortly after 7 o'clock and it was not until after Mayor Buckley called emergency policemen that the congestion was relieved.

At the Hunsaker bridge inbound traffic from the direction of Clarkburg became so intense and congested that Mayor Buckley was obliged to place two special officers at this point.

At the Nuzum farm a ten-acre field was thrown open and was soon filled with motor cars and a mass of humanity. **Start With Band Concert**  
At eight o'clock the proceedings got under way with a band concert of popular songs, and following this the initiation took place.

Five hundred candidates formed themselves in front of the stand where the oath of Americanism was administered in the light of a large fire. Three large Keweenaw lights and burned throughout the ceremony.

A number of speakers were also heard from the stand and each gave an interesting address. They were all enthusiastically received by the big crowd and were interrupted many times with loud and vigorous applause.

The Klan is looked upon with much favor in this community and is increasing its membership at a rapid stride.

## PSYCHIC PHENOMENA TESTS IMPRESSIVE

Scientists Are Interested in Science Held in Broad Daylight

NEW YORK, N. Y., Oct. 20.—The Rev. Mrs. Josi K. Stewart is reported to have made out a prima facie case in the competition for the \$2,500 offered by the Scientific American for the production of objective psychic phenomena.

A committee of scientists has made the following report on the test:

"Rev. Mrs. Stewart has made out a prima facie case. We are sufficiently well impressed to proceed further. There are two facts that stand out in connection with the seance. The first is that we have not caught the medium in any blatant fraud; the second is that the writings produced were on what appears to be our own cards. It is impossible to say definitely, however, whether the alleged spiritual writing and messages are genuine. The medium has been invited to submit herself to further test and appears anxious to do so. The medium must first prove to our complete satisfaction that the writings are genuine before she is entitled to the \$2,500 award. There is no other medium so far as is known, who offers to produce phenomena in broad daylight under the same conditions as Mrs. Stewart."

## TO FULLY INQUIRE INTO MUSCLE SHOALS

Senator Ladd Would Probe Action of Secretary Weeks in Disposing of Plant

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 20.—Senator Ladd, Republican, North Dakota, issued a statement saying he had no doubt Congress would "fully inquire" into the validity of the operation under which the government recently disposed of the plant at Muscle Shoals, Ala., to the Alabama Power Co.

Secretary Weeks' action in closing the deal for the plant, Senator Ladd said, looked to him like "a fewish effort to get the property into the hands of the power company before Congress had an opportunity to dispose of it." In two opinions, he added, the company's option had been declared invalid by the attorney-general.

Senator Ladd was one of those who at the last session favored acceptance of Henry Ford's offer for the Muscle Shoals property.

## Lesley Wilson Buried at Jamestown, Ind.

JAMESTOWN, Ind., Oct. 22.—Twenty-five Klansmen in full regalia appeared at the burial of Lesley Wilson, who was buried at this place on last Wednesday. The Klansmen left a beautiful floral cross at the grave and indulged in silent prayer as they knelt at the grave.

Mr. Wilson died on Monday and is survived by a widow. There were no children. He was forty-seven years of age at the time of his death and had for many years lived in the vicinity of Jamestown. He had formed a wide circle of acquaintances in this and the surrounding counties.

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