

"OUR COUNTRY—In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she always be right—but right of wrong, our country still!"—Stephen Decatur.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead Who never to himself has said— This is my own, my native land!"

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# FIERY CROSS REPRESENTATIVE OFFERED ONE INSULT TOO MANY

TIPPS RESENTS EPITHET OF "GENTLEMAN" AND GIVES HIM TRUNCING.

Both Arrested—Assault Case Continued to March 2.

Last Saturday afternoon a young man who gave his name to the police as Jack Carmichael, which we know to be fictitious, eluded George Tipps, a fiery cross news salesman, from the curb in front of the terminal station at the same time uttering a vile epithet to Tipps and passed on into a nearby lunch room.

Tipps, who is, as a whole, a most level-headed young man, has to contend with such things almost daily because he sells a 100% American newspaper. This time, however, he resented the attack and asked for an explanation from his assailant only to be met with further vile and gutter-tongue language. Tipps then invited the "gentleman" around into the alley and after taking one blow before he could remove his coat and lay down his papers, proceeded to trounce the so-called Carmichael very soundly. The police stopped the fight, arresting both on an assault charge. The case was continued in police court last Saturday night until March 2.

# THE KU KLUX KLAN PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

Sends Large Basket of Fruit to Local W. C. T. U. for Christmas Treat.

Kirklin, Ind.—The biggest and happiest Christmas celebration in Kirklin was the party given by the W. C. T. U. in the library basement for the boys and girls and their mothers. The happy, excited youngsters had a great time and they did not hesitate to let their hosts know it.

The program began with a real Christmas dinner which was served at the noon hour.

The library was gay with the holly decorations. From the ceiling were festooned garlands of red and green extending to the corners of the room and at one end a huge Christmas tree heavily laden with gifts for all. Rev. Filer told the story of the Christ-child and offered prayer.

After which Mr. and Mrs. Filer sang a beautiful song, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Roy, P. D. Snipes entertained the youngsters with humorous readings which brought shouts of joy and much clapping of hands.

And Santa Claus was there.

Needless to say his welcome was uproarious, as he strode in and up to the big Christmas tree he greeted the boys and girls and presented to each one an apple.

Then came the gifts and it seemed as though Santa knew just what each boy and girl wanted. And when they had all their hands and laps full, Santa told them he would arrange for each one to receive a bramble, banana and other fruits in their homes. Santa made good his promise as baskets of food, much fruit, candy and articles of clothing were distributed to the homes.

Several children were absent because of sickness and their gifts were also taken to their homes. This party was given with the desire to bring Christmas cheer into the lives of the children and many citizens outside of the members of the W. C. T. U. gave gifts or donations to help make the occasion a success and the women wish through the Press to thank these good people for their gifts for these children.

The following letter was received by the W. C. T. U. along with a basket of oranges, apples and bananas for the children's Christmas dinner:

"I beseech you therefore, brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. For as we have many members in one body and all members have not the same office, so we being many, are one body in

Christ, and every one members one of another."

To W. C. T. U.

"We want you to know we are with you in your work and want to help in all causes for right and good. Please accept and use as a token from the greatest organization in the U. S. A. (Signed) "K. K. K."

This gift which was a most generous one and was deeply appreciated by the W. C. T. U. and also by the boys and girls and the women wish to thank this organization through the Kirklin Press for this gift.

If your paper accomplishes nothing more than the awakening of the Americans in our community to the disloyal propaganda constantly being spread before them in all sorts of ways you will be doing a wonderful work. "Forewarned is forearmed."

—Just Another American.

# JUNIOR ORDER GIVES BIBLES TO SCHOOLS

MANY SPEAKERS EXPLAIN THE ORDER TO LARGE AUDIENCE.

FLAG ALSO PRESENTED

Terre Haute, Ind.—On Thursday evening, Dec. 28, 15 Bibles, together with a large American flag, were presented to the Otter Creek township high school at North Terre Haute, Ind., by Edwards Council, No. 6, Junior Order United American Mechanics of North Terre Haute.

The meeting was well attended by members of the school and citizens of the community. The meeting was presided over by Brother A. J. Falls of Edwards Council, and the speakers of the evening were Wm. E. Littlefield, deputy state councillor for the Fifth district; Brother Will A. Church, deputy prosecutor of Vigo county; and Brother George W. Ingers, state secretary, Junior Order United American Mechanics.

The relation of the principles of this patriotic order to our national pride was emphasized by the speakers, as well as the importance of the Holy Bible as a code of living, and the maintenance of the public school system as a protection to our citizenship, and the inspiration and love for the flag of our country which has so closely welded our patriotic citizens to their hosts know it.

Attention of those present and of the community was called to the fact that there are present in our public schools no religious exercises, and the Holy Bible in the schools, and careful attention was directed to this feature.

Following the presentation of the Bibles and flag, they were accepted by Mr. Richey, principal of the school, in a pleasing manner, expressing his appreciation of the patriotic citizens of the speakers, and his appreciation of the efforts of this organization toward the benefit and support of the school.

This was the third such exercise in the Fifth district since September and it is the plan of that district to continue such exercises at every community in the district until Bibles are placed in every school room and the flag is floating over every public school. The meetings that have been held on such occasions have received good attendance and a hearty cooperation on the part of the citizens of the various communities. This at once to the part who citizens have encouraged the efforts of those in charge of these meetings until it has been brought home to every council in the Fifth district that the people are behind this movement on the part of this organization.

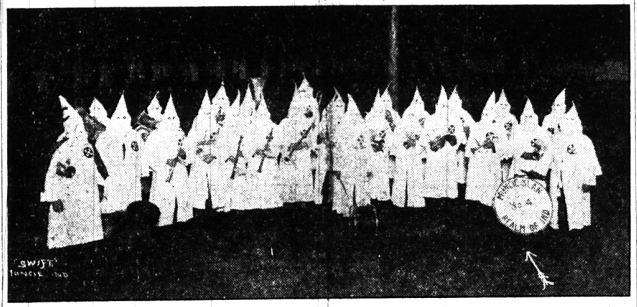
It is the wish of the state officers of the Junior Order United American Mechanics that such exercises be held all over the State of Indiana. It has been shown to be the most practical method of placing before the citizens the principles of this order and emphasizing the present need of their loyalties and practices.

—Wm. E. Littlefield, District Deputy State Councillor, Fifth District.

# PASTOR WILL PREACH ON THE KU KLUX KLAN

Rev. J. Luther Jones, pastor of Westview Baptist Church, corner Belmont Ave. and Jones St., W. I., will preach on the Ku Klux Klan, which is an American institution! On Sunday Evening, Jan. 21.

# THE FAMOUS MUNCIE KLAN BAND



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# FIRE DEPARTMENT EXTINGUISHES NEW YEAR FIERY CROSS PLACED IN IRVINGTON

A large, fiery cross blazed for a short time in Irvington last New Year's Eve. The blazing cross evidently burned into the very souls of some neighbor for the fire department was called and Joe Keys, a city fireman, who is a Mason, belonging to Logan Lodge, pulled the stake that lowered the burning emblem, saying that it was a menace to property. There were no houses within 200 feet of the cross. Other firemen were heard to remark that there was about lately no danger of the sparks alighting anywhere where damage might be done. One fireman was heard to say that it was the most beautiful scene he had ever witnessed!

Joe Keys is said to be in line for promotion from John J. O'Brien, a Roman Catholic and the chief of our department. Keys is qualified, it is said, because of unusual bravery.

# VICTORY FOR YANKEE BLUFF

How Turkish Officials Were Induced to Consent to Establishment of Robert College.

Robert college, near Constantinople, was founded by the nunciature of New York merchant, Christopher Robert, some sixty years ago, to extend and perpetuate the educational work of the American missionary, Dr. Hamlin.

The project did not commend itself to the Turkish authorities. Dr. Hamlin was allowed to purchase a site, but permission to build was refused for nearly twenty years, despite the protests of the United States government.

At last the projectors gained their end by bluff. An American battleship visited Constantinople, and they induced the commander, when dining with some of the chief officers of state, to demand very permission was not granted to erect the college. As anticipated, this was taken as a new hint from the United States, backed by the sending of a warship, and the long-dreaded permit was received within 24 hours.

# Cupid Has Free Hand in Borneo.

The man of Borneo believes that the best way to show the lady of his heart that he loves her is by helping her with her daily tasks. After the day's work is done the suitor goes to his own home for supper, but returns to his sweetheart's hut.

On the night that the young woman wishes to ask the young man to marry she will bring a plentiful supply of sirih-leaf and betel-out with him, which he gallantly offers her. If she accepts the offering, preparations for the marriage begin immediately. Foods are killed, rice is boiled, and a great feast is served.

But if the young woman does not wish the suitor for a husband, she arises with great dignity and says: "Please blow up the fire."

The freedom which is given to Cupid is about the only trace of civilization among the natives of Borneo.

# PORTLAND KLAN ACTIVE. TOO MAKES DONATION TO WIDOW

The following letter accompanied by a cash gift, was handed to the person addressed by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Portland, Ind.:

Portland, Ind., Dec. 11.

Mrs. Lillie Mcabee

"Please accept this enclosed as a gift from a Portland organization. We take this means of expressing our sympathy for you as 90% Americans. Americans help one another. We hope you will accept this small amount as cheerfully as it is given."

"You may make this public if you care to do so as we do only honorable things and are willing the public should know."

"We are sincerely yours,

"—Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Portland, Ind."

# OUR MUNCIE FRIEND IS IN DEEP AGAIN

PROMOTES NEW ORGANIZATION

Edward F. Hoover of Anderson; George R. Dale of Muncie and Charles Anderson of Indianapolis are organizers of the Native Sons of America, a new fraternal order, which has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state at Indianapolis.

The purpose of the organization, Mr. Hoover said, is "to aid in the protection and preservation of the constitution of the United States and to insure each citizen in word and in spirit its full benefits and full protection."

Many members are being enrolled in the new organization. Veterans of all wars are admitted without having to pay the necessary initiation fee—Muncie Star.

# KLAN MEMBERS STILL RECEIVING LETTERS SIGNED K. K. K.

I met an official of the Ku Klux Klan, recently, who gave me some very interesting information as to those anonymous missives recently sent to a large number of Richmond people. One interesting feature of the case is that at least four recipients of those notes were and are today, I am positively assured, members of this very order. Another is that investigation strongly supports the belief that all of those threatening missives were written in Richmond. And still another is that one of the leading detective organizations in this country now has the matter in hand and will try to trace the letters back to the sender. If he is found, one thing may be safely predicted. He will write no more letters, for some time to come. There are federal laws that cover just such cases—Richmond Item.

# KLANSMEN MAKE FIRST APPEARANCE IN HOODS

LEAVE TWO LARGE BOXES OF CHRISTMAS SUPPLIES AT WALTZ HOME.

Franklin, Ind.—The first appearance of members of the Ku Klux Klan in their hooded regalia in this county was made Sunday night when three men in Ku Klux Klan robes visited the home of Clarence Waltz in Nineveh and left two large boxes filled with Christmas, food, supplies and provisions. No word was spoken by the Klansmen. They entered the Waltz home, put down their packages and departed. In the top of one box was found a note which read: "Compliments of the Ku Klux Klan of Volinburg."

Waltz, who operates a cream station at Nineveh has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism for several years. Until recently his wife has assisted him in his work. About six weeks ago she was taken ill and is now confined to her bed and it is feared her condition is serious.

Mr. Waltz was greatly surprised by the visit of the Klansmen—Franklin Evening Star.

# MYSTERIOUS HORSEMEN

Reported on Parade in Business Section Saturday Night.

Bedford, Ind.—Additional rumors were in circulation here Sunday morning regarding Ku Klux Klan activities resulting from reports from several local residents who claim to have seen a white-robed figure mounted on a white horse Saturday evening on the numerous streets in the business district.

As far as has been learned he was allowed to go unopposed and his identity was not learned—Bedford Democrat.

Our Bedford correspondent has this to say concerning the above:

"The mysterious horsemen who were seen on the main streets of Bedford about 8 o'clock were unoffensive robes and masks made of white sheeting and with three K's marked on the bottom of their robes. The horsemen's names are known to the Klans and if any more of such riders are pulled off the sides will probably meet with less success."

# Gave Tweets Their Name.

If a man in a tweed suit who wears a hat and carries a cane is called a "tweed" it is ten to one that the second tweed one would reply:

"After the River Tweed of course."

And, as tweeds are a product of Scotland and the River Tweed is the Anglo-Scottish border stream made famous by the romances of Sir Walter Scott, the answer would be rather plausible. But it wouldn't be correct, declares the New York Sun.

For tweeds became tweeds by mistake. Prior to 1832 their names were pronounced in Scotland "twel" and also spelled thus. But the name, carelessly entered, looked like "tweed" in an invoice with consignment to a London merchant, and they became fashionable under that name.

# PUTNAM COUNTY KLAN PLAYS SANTA CLAUS, TOO

Sends a Twenty to Needy Family

On Christmas day the family of Chas. Findley of Cloverdale received through the mail a twenty-dollar bill as a present, which exemplified the true American spirit of the Ku Klux Klan.

This is only one of the many, many such deeds that are being done by the Klan everywhere as well as in Putnam county. The family has been in dire need due to the fact that Mr. Findley is suffering from cancer and is unable to make a livelihood.

Several donations have been made by different people in the town but this one has been the greatest. These people will, as will everyone in the near future, recognize the greatness of this American organization.

Cloverdale, Ind.

# FIERY CROSS BLAZONS THE MIDNIGHT SKY

SPECTACULAR DISPLAY IS MADE OF KLAN EMBLEM CHRISTMAS EVE.

Franklin, Ind.—The presence of the Ku Klux Klan in this community was impressively emphasized at midnight Christmas Eve when a great, fiery cross, said to have been thirty feet high, blazed in the midnight skies in Franklin. The "Fiery Cross," which is the official emblem of the Klan, was placed on a vacant lot on the Runshaw hill in South Franklin. According to reports the cross was wrapped with cotton and saturated with kerosene. It was fired just as the court house clock began tolling the midnight hour and within a few seconds it was blazing forth the fiery cross challenge of the Klan.

# Fire Department Called

Some people living in South Franklin Ind. is said to have seen the blazing cross and thinking a house was on fire sent in a call to the fire department. The department made a lightning run to South Franklin but when the firemen saw the fiery cross burning they watched the display a few minutes and then drove the fire truck back to the station. In the meantime the fire whistle had blown and hundreds of people were attracted to the burning cross. According to a man who attended the demonstration between two and three hundred motor cars were parked in the streets around the Runshaw lot. One report was circulated that a Klansman turned in the alarm in order to give the signal to other Klansmen. During the burning of the cross the Klan was freely discussed among the spectators.

The cross was burned on good authority that there are more than four hundred Klansmen in and around Franklin. Some of the leading members of the Klan have become interested in the Klan, it was reported.

# Crosses Burned in Other Counties

According to another report which was generally circulated on the streets yesterday and today, the Ku Klux Klan burned a fiery cross on Christmas Eve in every county in the state in which the Klan has been organized. The Indianapolis News carried a story of the burning of a fiery cross at Thirty-eighth and Keystone Avenue in Indianapolis. A large crowd witnessed the spectacle, the News report said—Franklin Evening Star.

# MUNCIE KLAN ALSO IS BUSY CHRISTMAS

Muncie, Ind.—The Queens of the Golden Mask, understood to be the ladies' auxiliary of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, made their first public appearance here yesterday afternoon when they distributed Christmas baskets among several Muncie families. Their automobile was in charge of an unmasked driver, a stranger.

A person, speaking as a representative of the Muncie Klan, No. 4, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, communicated with the Star office by telephone last evening and said that the local organization had distributed 50 baskets of food among as many deserving white and colored families during the day.

Last evening a huge electric cross was illuminated at Gilbert and Walnut Sts. by the local organization—Muncie Star.

# WHITE ROBED KLAN VISITS CHURCH AT MARION ON SUNDAY

HOODED FIGURES MYSTERIOUSLY COME AND GO, KNEEL AND PRAY AND LEAVE GIFTS.

Bucyrus, O.—As silent as the night itself. As unbidden as the falling shadows. As unheralded as the coming of the dawn. As ghostlike as the spectral ghost scenes of legend and story.

Such was the visitation upon the congregation of the First Christian church, corner of N. Main and Farmington Sts., Sunday evening of white-clad figures commonly known as the Ku Klux Klan, says the Marion Tribune.

That such an organization exists in Marion county has been known two years or longer, and its reputed membership is around 700. At the last election several candidates on the county tickets were said to belong to the Klan, and were voted against or, for according to the belief of the Klan, the organization which is said to have taken upon itself the enforcement of law—or infliction of punishment for infractions thereof. This was, however, the first public appearance of the Klan in Marion—at least the first one reported—and its mission apparently was good.

During the presentation of the Christmas program at the Christian church, a robed and hooded figure appeared at the rear door and asked admission. He was followed by a procession of robed and hooded figures who stationed themselves around the rostrum at "attention." The leader presented the minister two envelopes, one for the church and one for the minister, who read the letter, which was officially signed, and which commended the church in its efforts to uphold the tenets of Christianity as intended by our forefathers.

After the reading, members of the Klan dropped to their knees in the attitude of prayer, and in a strong, clear voice, one of their number led in a petition of devotion, thanking "our Father" for the gift of the Christ Child. The procession then departed as silently and mysteriously as it had come.

The visit was a complete surprise to both leaders and congregation, and unusual in every way—Bucyrus News-Forum.

# "THE BEAST" ADJUDGED GUILTY BY CONGREGATION

THE REV. FLETCHER PREACHES UNIQUE SERMON.

Columbus, Ind.—Rev. Alfred A. Fletcher of Tipton, Ind., also prosecuting attorney for the Thirty-first judicial circuit, gave a lecture on "The Beast and His Image vs. the Invisible Empire," which was open to the public at the Baptist church, Hope, Ind. The church was filled to overflowing and the lecture was followed closely by his audience. The Rev. Fletcher delivered his talk as though before a jury and asked for a verdict of guilty which was given by the jury without a dissenting vote.

One peculiar thing about the meeting was the fact that there are three churches in Hope and one outside of town and each of these were represented by the minister.

Hope is a town of about 1,200 population and is rapidly becoming 100% American.

No Bitter Experience.

Secretary—"Why do you advocate such a system of taxation?" Senator Dornat—"Because it has never been tried."

Those Were the Days.

"Do you believe in love at first sight?"

"I used to before the girls began to lengthen their skirts."

No Good.

"He's down flat—always was a bad egg." "Then that's why people have avoided him since he was broke."

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"She (copy)" "Can you drive a car with one hand?" He (knowingly) "No, but I can stop."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

Dear Sir—I wish to congratulate the Mooreville pastor for his wonderful lecture as printed in The Fiery Cross, Dec. 22.

I wish every Protestant who is afflicted with sleeping sickness could only read that article. Those Protestants who lay back in their easy chairs and calmly state their eyes and tell us there is no danger should not be allowed to rest until they have read every word of that lecture. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that the Catholics are working to get control of our country.

They tell us that the Catholic church never changes; that it is the same today as it was centuries ago. Now what does that mean? It means that Protestants will be treated the same as they were centuries ago, when they were thrown into vats of boiling oil. Their eyes gouged out with red hot irons. They were burned at the stake. They were put on the rack and stretching machines. They were beaten to death, starved to death and in fact the Catholic church used all the most brutal tortures that could be thought of. And they will give us the same treatment again if they get the chance. Our public schools will be destroyed. All our lodges and churches. Wake up, we have this lecture of the Mooreville pastor printed in leaflet form and then distribute it to every home in the whole U. S.

I. S. Indianapolis.

Editor of The Fiery Cross:

I wish to compliment you on your noble fight for Americanism and American principles. And may your life be long and just as useful as you now are.

I happen to be a foreigner but I can not take exceptions to the aim of the Klansmen and their exclusion of the foreigner in their organization and their stand for white Protestants with American birth also ten per cent. Americanism to back them. It is time something was done so that Americans could at least hold some of the offices.

Let the heathen rage. He is harmless. Let Toleration vent its spleen. But I would like to see the account of the amount of money that the Jewish, Knights of Columbus or the negro organizations dispensed during the Christmas time. The Klansmen have a fight on hand as the combined forces of the three above-named societies are against them. I would like to ask Toleration a question or two. The Klan stands squarely on the fourteenth of the Eighteenth amendment. Where do you stand?

Where were the editors of Toleration before the Klan came into existence on the Jewish question. Toleration claims the Klansmen are bigots and ignorant and still they publish a list of names of business men and I wonder how these men could attain to the position they occupy if they are the bigots and as ignorant as Toleration claims.

To prove that the Klan is wrong they publish a list of preachers in New York, giving 26 names from among the thousands of preachers in New York City. Not even as many in proportion to the Klan as there was in Christ's organization. He chose 12, one was a traitor.

It is true they are hooded, but you who are honest in your own efforts need not fear the Klan. It makes no threats as is found on Page 2 of Toleration.

When we find a man of the supposed standing of the Hooded Klan man who is threatened with exposure, by Toleration, I wonder is there not a little threat all through this week's issue of Toleration. Again I ask you, can you blame the Protestant Gentiles for drawing the line for their hatred this from their mother on the back of the beast. Rev. 7:25.

Yours,  
—A Foreigner.

Indianapolis, Ind.

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## FIERY CROSS SPRINGS SURPRISE AT FT. WAYNE

**MYSTERY SURROUNDS BURNING OF EMBLEM AT MIDNIGHT**  
—CHRISTMAS.

FT. WAYNE, Ind.—Awakened by the brilliant flame of the Fiery Cross in the south section of the city on Christmas night, Ft. Wayne residents got their first glimpse of any such organization as the Ku Klux Klan here. Anxious by the unexpected burning at midnight, persons living in the vicinity of the burning cross became alarmed and called out companies of the fire department and city police. Both the city forces watched with amazement the spectacular sight for which they were called. As the clocks tolled 12, which was a signal for the Ft. Wayne Klansmen, hundreds of machines rushed to the scene of the flaming cross. Many other persons, curiosity seekers, joined in the hasty processions leading to the burning emblem from all streets in the city.

After several hundred persons had gathered at the scene the only indication of a Klan meeting was that of the Fiery Cross. Rumors spread wildly as to the purpose of the cross without solvent confirmation. Indications, however, pointed toward a hurried close of a Klan initiatory ceremony, although no persons connected with the order could be recognized. White-robed knights had dispersed with their meeting and mingled eagerly with hundreds of other persons who had gathered to watch the illuminated cross.

The cross, which stood 20 feet high, was "touched off" exactly at 12 o'clock and the flames rose rapidly as they mounted the structure, spreading out the arms and to the top. Its reflection flared high into the heavens and shown upon the horizon for miles around. Persons who by chance, or curiosity, saw the burning emblem declared it one of the most unique spectacles of an organization's symbol they had ever witnessed.

Commemorating the birth of the Savior, Jesus Christ and acknowledging the symbol for this hundred per cent American organization, the cross glared for almost one hour. As the three wise men were beckoned in the East by the birth of Jesus,

Christ, the Fiery Cross Klansmen night beckoned hundreds of Klansmen of Ft. Wayne to renew their acquaintance, and to refresh their memory as to the founding of "our country."

The second evidence of a Klan in Ft. Wayne is promised for the "near future, when a public demonstration will be held. The date for the event has not as yet been set, but present indications point to the largest of its kind ever held in the state.

## SPYING ON THE KLAN

New York.—Investigators mingling secretly among the Ku Klux Klan to spy upon the organization are at work now in Indianapolis, Boston, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Youngstown and Milwaukee, preparatory to a national anti-Klan fight, it was announced here this afternoon.

The announcement came from the national headquarters of the American Unity League opened in New York, Dec. 8. The national fight to cut down the Klan's membership will be carried on hand-in-glove with that begun in New York city. Three offices to direct the Ohio drive are being opened in that state this week, according to Grady K. Rutledge, executive secretary of the league, which claims a membership of 150,000.

The Cincinnati drive will begin within ten days, Rutledge said and another in Massachusetts with Boston as its headquarters soon. The principal weapon will be publicity, the league in each community publishing lists of names its investigators have gathered among the Klans. The league claims to have reduced the membership of the Chicago Klans from 55,000 to 10,000 by these means. The New York city Ku Klux strength now is estimated by the league at between 50,000 and 75,000.

The above press dispatch shows the methods to be used by "Tolerance," the bitter and intolerant publication now being operated in Chicago by the Unity League, so-called, which is to be published in New York and other leading cities, according to announcement of the organizers.

This is nothing more nor less than boycott. Which reminds us to ask, what has become of the boycott laws that used to be so vigorously enforced against labor unions and working men?

"Tolerance" undertakes to publish a list of members of the Ku Klux Klan, in order that Roman Catholics, Jews, negroes and weak-kneed sym-

pathizers with all three who pose as Protestants, can boycott the members of the Klan.

This is a fair sample of the tactics of the Roman Catholic church. Her main weapon, since she is unable to use the rack and wheel in these days, is the boycott, and if she can rule a Protestant in business she feels that she has served the church and committed a highly religious act. A liberal reward will be paid to any one who will find anything in the doctrine or teachings of the Roman Catholic church that savors of the religion of principles laid down by Jesus Christ.—The Menace.

A Good Suggestion.  
"When I write a story," said the struggling young author, "I make out a list of magazines to send it to, and I usually get mighty close to the end before I sell it." "If that's the case," returned the practical man, "why in the world don't you begin at the other end of the list?"—Boston Transcript.

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## ACCUSATION WITHOUT PROOF

**KU KLUX KLAN TO RE-  
ORGANIZE; CATHOLICS O. K.**

Atlanta, Ga.—Plans for a radical re-  
vision of the purposes and scope of  
the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
have been announced by **Edward Young**  
Clarke, Imperial Klant of the order,  
and will be submitted to the govern-  
ing authorities of the Klan in May.

The plans contemplate:  
1. Extension of Klan membership  
to all Caucasian races.  
2. Repeal of that provision of the  
organic law which debar persons of  
Catholic faith from membership.

3. Inauguration of intensive mem-  
bership campaigns in European coun-  
tries.

4. Making white supremacy the  
principal object of the order, which  
will apply to the yellow as well as the  
black races.

Mr. Clarke took the position that  
the international growth of the Klan  
would be prohibited by modifying the  
religious restrictions now in force and  
would admit to membership the adhe-  
rents of all Christian religions. Such  
a change would, it is said, mean that  
Catholics would be eligible to mem-  
bership.

This would be a radical departure  
for heretofore Catholics have not only  
been debarred but it has been general-  
ly understood that the Klan was hos-  
tile to them.

Mr. Clarke said he would probably  
so to Europe early in the summer to  
investigate conditions and report on  
plans for launching the Klan there.

"There has been an erroneous im-  
pression created by our enemies that  
the Klan is an anti-Catholic organiza-  
tion," said Mr. Clarke.  
"We are anti-nothing. We are a  
great pro organization, and we believe  
in tolerance. How could we afford to  
antagonize Catholics when we are  
just about to launch our world-wide  
organization and spread it to all the  
white races of the world, of which so  
many are Catholic?" — Chicago  
Herald.

## COMMENT ON KU KLUX KLAN

Editor American Tribune:  
Dear Sir—Much is being written  
about the Ku Klux Klan, it being re-  
ported such exists in this city, proof  
of which shown a few days ago by  
its donation of \$10 to Charity News-  
ies. Its activities are very easily be-  
lieved to be of different kinds but to add strength  
to its threats by using that name  
henceforth it will be very inappro-  
priate, but most people are led to believe  
them lawless, but inviting criticisms  
of their deluged they assume a selfish  
and arrogant attitude for God and  
man by not signing their names, they  
evidently have given themselves  
diplomas as being the chosen ones,  
but they desire to make known their  
names would injure their busi-  
nesses. To uphold the moral side of  
things is not tyranny, but right, but  
some go to extremes and pose as the  
Alpha and Omega. They ought to be  
too zealous. A college president who  
was also a minister once said in the  
course of his lecture on the subject  
of the Ku Klux Klan, "I have heard  
people go to extremes with religion  
and lose their minds" and will often,  
in order to celebrate a little limited  
religion and education they may  
"exhibit much displeasure at the sight  
of a cigar the source of which may be  
beyond two continents." And such is  
the spirit of life, but as a influence  
of the Ku Klux Klan is so much  
much strictness gives an incentive to  
make things worse.

After considering the likes of the  
fields and where they grow, J. B. For-  
aker, once governor of Ohio, expressed  
himself that the best people were  
those not governed too much. "Not by  
might nor by power but by the spirit  
of the Lord." We note in the American  
Tribune a few days ago a man near  
Niles, Ohio, receiving a  
credit of \$100 from the Ku Klux Klan  
who had mobbed him during the war  
for refusing to buy Liberty bonds—  
more signed against him.

To those better natured of like  
temperaments, they should know that  
we have social obligations to sacrifice  
and respect as well as religious ones.  
Both go together for good to those  
that love the Lord but last and not  
least, let us not be misled in judging  
the last, their motive, etc. Although  
the Yankee seem to be a big fellow  
all the sweet dreams and visions of  
sweetheart and beau, I will venture  
the opinion but without candy, finger  
rings or compliments, they are al-  
ways out of the same class as many  
may think, but none or elite they the  
Klan—should sign their real name or  
not be recognized.

Respectfully,  
—George Wright,  
—American Tribune.

## WHY PEOPLE JOIN KU KLUX

It was a really valuable contribu-  
tion to the discussion of the Ku Klux  
Klan. Dr. Stron made his statement  
when he called attention to the large  
number of men who he called "lame  
duck pastors" that are to be found in  
that organization.

It is not only those members of the  
Klan who have more or less right so  
clerical titles that are "lame ducks"  
in one way or another. Practically  
every one of them has missed some-  
thing in life on anything like a large scale.  
None of them, so far as known, is of  
any prominence in any line of  
activity or endeavor.

It is their common characteristics, and  
another is their discontent with the

obscure and lack of influence over  
their fellows to which their lack of  
ability has condemned them. By join-  
ing the Klan they all acquire the em-  
blem of power and some of them, in  
places where the Klansmen are  
supposed to get something of a reality.  
They can coerce their neighbors,  
can inflict punishments in accordance  
with their illbrought up and pre-  
judice, opinions and they find them-  
selves the subject of excited comment all over the coun-  
try.

All this is intensely enjoyable to the  
"lame ducks" of every variety, and  
they have just enough sense to see  
that if their identities were revealed they  
would be the objects, not of  
contempt, but of a laughter hard to endure.  
That is why, out in Chicago, the pub-  
lication of their local roster has re-  
sulted in the prompt abandonment of  
the Klan by the great majority of them.  
No doubt publicity will have the same ef-  
fect wherever it is brought to bear.  
Only while masked in hoods and  
sashes can anyone take these people  
seriously—only when they can strike  
from the dark do they dare to strike  
at all.—Exchange.

## HIS TROUBLE NOT PERMANENT

Partridge's Sympathy With Seemingly  
Badly Afflicted Stranger Just  
a Little Overdone.



Partridge, on his way to town, was  
perturbed by the behavior of the man  
sitting opposite him. The poor  
fellow made no movement, but  
sat there motionless, his elbows  
rested on his knees, his hands  
stretched out before him. "Paralyzed,"  
thought Partridge, and being a good-  
natured fellow, he was only too  
pleased to accede to the stranger's re-  
quest that he should take his pipe out  
of his waistcoat pocket, fill it,  
and place it in his mouth for him.

"Greatest thing, partridge," re-  
marked Partridge, sympathetically.  
"I'm not paralyzed. My wife asked  
me to come up to town to buy a piece  
of silk, and—nodding toward his out-  
stretched hands—"this is the width."

With the announcement of "Bedtime  
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Patrons of a "New York" restaurant  
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the proprietors have been heard of  
a subtle way of letting it be known  
when the closing hour of 8 p. m. is  
drawing near.

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keep the guests amused, the manage-  
ment recently installed a radio phone  
to amplify a talking machine. In  
this device proved entertaining with  
its varied programs of band concerts,  
popular selections, summaries of the  
world's news and other items.

But when 7:30 o'clock brings the an-  
nouncement of "bedtime stories for the  
little folks" the majority of the diners  
begin glancing toward the stage, and  
eventually to one of the walls overhead  
or else look at their watches. As a re-  
sult few patrons linger after 8 p. m.—  
New York Sun.

Antipodes Get Radio Signals.  
Radio time signals sent out from  
Annapolis station have been heard at  
the antipodes, or halfway around the  
world. According to C. E. Adams,  
official astronomer and meteorologist  
at the Hector observatory, Wellington,  
New Zealand, time signals sent by ra-  
dio from the naval station at Annapolis,  
Md., were heard distinctly in his  
city. Another report received by the  
naval observatory from Australia  
stated that the time signals had been  
heard there within a few clock fac-  
tors after their transmission, ap-  
parently coming both ways around  
the world.

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of the province any cabinet has been  
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## Again in the "Slime Light"

A few weeks ago we devoted a portion of our editorial page to burning the brand of shame on the fair city of Elwood for harboring in her bosom, in the shape of a man, the most nauseous molder of slime in Indiana. Again he has been dragged forth in the "Slime Light." This time by the recalcitrant brother of the aforementioned scoundrel. We withhold his name but his associates are known as "Reds."

During a recent Klan parade in Elwood this "Red" refused to uncover his empty head to the greatest of all flags, Old Glory. And this, to quote the droppings of his filthy tongue, "because she was carried by men such as the Klan." To any man, regardless of his creed—be he Catholic or Protestant, Jew or Gentile—who considers himself American, Old Glory means life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It makes little difference whether she floats over the Capitol dome at Washington or flutters from the tail of a scurvy peddler. In her red he sees the blood of patriots, in her white the patient sufferings of wives and mothers; in her blue the star-gemmed dawn of a grander day. Yet this lousy yahoo, whose contemptible brother heads the Elwood Legion, and who himself enjoys the sacred privileges of wearing a uniform during the past war, has indignantly insulted that emblem to which he swore undying allegiance and everlasting respect.

He lacks the fundamental principles and elements of manhood, and no conceivable amount of training can transform him into a tolerable citizen. We can not rather strap off chains or figs from thistles; he can not hatch nightingales from goose eggs nor make a gentleman of a jackass.

## The Hapgood "Expose"

Lord! How this world is given to lying. Since the time of Demosthenes, pestiferous human hordes have ever sought to destroy with malicious falsehood those whom they feared. These "criticisms" as Carlyle so tersely says, presume to judge all things great and small by their millimeter vision and half-inch intellect. Pity us, they are not confined to one clime—but are found leaving their periods and questionable marks of ink on the tablets of the Archimedes of the modern world, the sacred precincts of this great commonwealth.

The latest evidence of their visit is to be seen in the January number of "Heart's International." There we find a complete expose of the Klan's aims and ambitions—at least so says Hapgood, and Hapgood's an honorable man.

With no thought to embarrass Norman, we should like to inquire how many pieces of silver he received for granting his conscience to the dictation of deliberately and maliciously untrue statements, and inventing to destroy, just "HIT" of the ALLEGED Klan? He, for the sake of argument, we admit the truth, so far as it goes, of the documentary evidence he maintains he has. WHY NOT PRINT IT ALL? The policy of Heart's International—so it says—is "A Liberal Education," but how cleverly it subverts Liberal and embraces Partisan when it remarks, "To get the force and meaning of this new political division, it is necessary to know TWO or THREE things about the Klan as a whole. WHY JUST TWO or THREE? It seems to us that if this self-styled Educator and Tribune of the People were really sincere, it would not hesitate to present ALL THE FACTS of the case before asking the public to pass judgment.

Foul whipsnappers are abroad and through the haze we seem to see the reason for the posthaste in the Land. The President of the International is wishing to transfer his office to "underneath the home" at Washington and featuring THE AMERICAN night under the rubric of his Caesarian ambition, is already despatching his henchmen, armed capably with slander and falsehood, to black-jack the names of honest men! Aye, there's the rub!

## The Ku Klux and Fascisti

There seems to be an attempt in many quarters to confuse the Fascisti movement in Italy with the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. Unfading persons are apt to confuse the Fascisti with Bolshevism, thus making the Italian movement an exact reverse of the Ku Klux Klan in the United States.

Fascisti in effect, means "FACT." The movement is not necessarily in opposition to the Roman Catholic church for many of its most active adherents are themselves Roman Catholics. The fact that the Fascisti leader has taken the reins of government in Italy should divorce the religious question from the movement.

There is just a little ground for confusing the Bolshevist movement with the Fascisti and that ground lies in the attitude of Fascisti leaders toward the present order of things. They demand a change. They also demand an extension of Italian influence if not an extension of Italian territory or "expansion" in the Mediterranean countries. This means, of course, the acquisition of territory which now belongs to some other country. And this, in turn, means war. Hence the one common comparison between the Russian and the Italian movements.

There is also a far fetched excuse for confusing Fascisti in Italy with the Ku Klux Klan in the United States. The Klan is essentially "for" America and Fascisti is essentially "for" Italy. In other words, the movement in Italy is opposed to any sort of internationalism. Unfading, the leader, is supposed to be in alliance with any foreign country. His followers are also opposed to any foreign influence in Italy but this does not necessarily apply to the Catholic church. "Italy for Italians" checks right back to the Ku Klux Klan in its position that all the good there is in America should be reserved for the exclusive benefit of real Americans of "America for Americans." To this extent and no further may the two movements be compared.

As to the relation between the races, as to questions affecting religion, as to the enforcement of the so-called "moral" laws, as to interest in civic matters, as to activity in public education, the Fascisti is silent. In the one respect of intense patriotism may the two movements be compared.

The Fascisti does reflect certain sentiment in the United States among labor union radicals in that a demand is made for representation in the mere

ment of the laboring classes. But in this respect it should be remembered that Italy has a decidedly oligarchic form of government as compared with the United States where the laboring man, the farmer, the banker, the professional man in the precisely the same representation in all affairs of state. And yet, Fascisti is opposed to Socialism. One possible danger of the movement is that it may establish the laboring class of citizenship as a distinct class and opposed to the interest of other classes. Added to this, the danger of future warfare should the movement to "expand" be taken too seriously, we have the rudiments of the Italian movement in a nut shell.

The Ku Klux Klan is not seriously concerned in any of the activities of the Italian organization except that it would regret a state of war and the consequent suffering. It is in sympathy with the purpose of maintaining an Italy for Italians, having in mind that a certain class of Italians will be loved more by Americans than our native soil. —Editorial in Oklahoma Herald.

Intolerant "Tolerance," which is so terribly accurate "everything, got all belated and print ready a story about the board of public safety (supposedly in Indianapolis) restraining sale of The Fiery Cross. My dear N. J. C., this happened in Louisville! Not Indianapolis!

A fellow can't blame a girl for "knowing all the words" when she has to listen to profane expressions from her boss in the office all day. This, by way of following up "Our Business Girls" editorial in a recent issue.

## Why The Mask?

If when the Christian religion was young and had to fight the awful Roman paganism, those early followers of the Nazarene were forced to meet in secret places and wear masks to reveal their identity because of the cleverness and unmatched power of their adversaries.

If Protestantism's enemies from that time to this have been able sooner or later to checkmate it not to violate, every united effort made through the centuries:—

If almost the only people who decry the present use of the mask and hood are the avowed enemies of a united, militant Protestantism:—

Do you not think there is great wisdom and power and every reason under heaven for the continued use of these badges of purity? Most secret groups keep in concealment their deeds and ideals and vows, though proudly revealing their membership, while the "visible Empire" openly carries on its glorious work, makes public its ideals and before the assembled multitudes takes its sacred vows, although it wilfully and designedly throws the mantle of concealment over its membership.

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V. V. B.

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## Trial Marriage and the School Children

LAFAYETTE, IND.—A trial marriage scheme entered into by two young people was revealed here, following the return from Bloomington, Ill., of Levan Cunningham, nineteen-year-old prep school student, and Mary Alice Morehouse, sixteen-year-old high school girl.

The two were arrested after the police had trailed the lad into a drug store where he purchased a lady's comb and hair net. Both were sent home to Lafayette.

To keep their curious matrimonial union within the law, the eloping couple, before crossing the state line into Illinois, signed a "trial marriage agreement." It read:

"I, Levan Cunningham and Mary Morehouse, agree to be married in Illinois for six (6) months, after which time a divorce will be granted on the request of either party."

"LEVAN CUNNINGHAM."

"MARY ALICE MOREHOUSE."

"Agreed on at Lafayette, Ind." Following their homecoming, the youthful couple explained their curfew begins. Five couples, school boys and girls, and all members of the same little clique, they said, had come out with them with the sort of lives they were leading. So they decided to run away to Kansas City. To make their departure more "respectable," they decided to get married.

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## CURRENT CLIPPINGS

## FLAMING CROSSES SEEN AT THE HOUR OF MIDNIGHT

**Sullivan County Ku Klux Klan Holds Ceremony in Commemoration of Advent of Christmas Day—Various Towns Report Spectacle.**

Sullivan, Ind.—A flaming cross, said by those who saw it to have been at least 25 feet high, was lighted at midnight Sunday night and cast its red glow about the skies about one mile west of the city.

Residents of Sullivan and of the surrounding rural districts were aroused from their slumbers near midnight by two explosions.

Upon leaving their beds to investigate their attention was riveted by the flaming cross, plainly visible from many parts of the city.

The celebration is thought to have been the work of a Klan chapter of the Ku Klux Klan in commemoration of the birth of Christ.

Similar celebrations are reported from several parts of the county.

From Dugger comes the report that the flaming cross was erected and a celebration held on the job pile at the school building in Dugger and Grayville also witnessed similar spectacles from vantage spots near the towns and rumors are rife that at many other spots.

Klanmen met and staged their ceremonies in commemoration of the birth of the Savior.

The Klan delivered its baskets of Christmas cheer to the 30 families assigned to them by Mrs. Zoe Bays, president of the associated charities, Sunday night, dressed in full regalia the Klan members called at the homes and left their baskets.

Mrs. Bays received the following letter from the Klan:

"Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 23, 1934. 'The United Chapters, No. 22, Chapter Bays, Sullivan, Ind.:

"Dear Mrs. Bays:—This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of Dec. 19, giving the Ku Klux Klan the necessary addresses of the places to send the 30 baskets on Sunday morning.

"These baskets are all ready for delivery and will be delivered, and you will find enclosed the fulfillment of our obligation to you for the good work that you are doing.

"To you individually, we extend the season's greeting of a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and assure you that we stand ready and willing to assist you in furthering the good work you are doing. All that is necessary is to write the same address that you used before.

"Respectfully yours in the furthering of the work of Jesus Christ, "Sullivan County Ku Klux Klan,"—Sullivan Daily Times.

## BIG AUDITORIUM PLANNED BY KLAN IN WAYNE COUNTY

Richmond, Ind.—A tract of land, covering about 10 acres, has been bought by the Ku Klux Klan organization of Wayne county and arrangements are already being made for the erection of a large auditorium on this site, this coming spring. The building will be used for the meetings of the Klan.

This information was given to the from last night by the head of the Klan in Wayne county.

**Provides Meeting Place**—Up to this time most of the meetings of the organization in eastern Indiana and western Ohio have been held in places remote from cities, generally in woods or on farms.

Membership of the Klan has been increasing so rapidly of late in this part of the country that plans which are being prepared for the structure call for a seating capacity of something like 5,000, the official said.

It is understood that the building is to be financed wholly by funds contributed by Wayne county members of the order.

"There has been some criticism of the practice of masked and hooded members using public highways for their meetings, on the ground that criminals might use the same disguise for their own purposes," the official declared. "It is the intention of the organization that, with a great auditorium of our own in which to hold meetings, there will be less likelihood of any such danger," the official declared.

It is also stated that while the structure planned for this vicinity may seem large, it will be equalled in seating capacity in a number of other buildings of the same sort, which are expected to be installed in other sections of Ohio and Indiana.—Richmond Times.

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## KU KLUX KLAN DEMONSTRATION AT CHURCH

Anderson, Ind.—In the south part of town yesterday there was much comment over a Ku Klux Klan demonstration at the East Union Christian church Sunday evening and the announcement that it was made possible by members of the church who are also members of the Klan.

Rev. D. H. Richardson, pastor of the church, said it was a fact that a Klan messenger, who was unknown to most of the audience, told the audience that Klan members in the church membership had made the donation of money and paid for the flag which were presented to the church during the Christmas exercises Sunday evening.

**Flag and Fiery Cross**—The incident took place when a Christmas collection was being taken by two men. The Klan representative who wore no mask nor insignia of the K. K. K. He carried a large American flag on a staff and the star and stripes were followed by a "fiery cross."

When he reached the altar he placed the flag on a small stand which he also carried. In the meantime the Sunday school orchestra was playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

**Addresses the Audience**—When the orchestra finished the selection, the unexpected visitor faced the audience and gave a brief address of the Ku Klux Klan and the principles for which it stands, he said. At the conclusion of his address he drew an envelope from his pocket.

The envelope contained money and he placed on the collection plate, adding it was "White Gift for the King."

He further said the flag was given by "the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan" who are also members of the East Union church.

**Minister Accepts Gifts**—Rev. Richardson, who had been a spectator at the demonstration, featured the church with a few remarks of appreciation of the gifts, accepted the same. It was announced the audience would sing "America."

While the audience stood and sang, the Ku Klux Klan representatives quietly retired. If he knew anyone in the audience he did not indicate it and he appeared to be a stranger.

Rev. Richardson said yesterday that he knew the name of the man who made the delivery of gifts and spoke for the Klan, but he did not disclose the name nor the residence of the man. Some in the audience seemed to understand the speaker at saying the gifts were from the Ku Klux Klan Sunday school, but Rev. Richardson said the man stated they were members of the Klan, but he did not venture to estimate as to how many members of his church also belong to the Ku Klux Klan.—Anderson Herald.

## PASTOR GETS GIFT OF MONEY FROM KLANSMEN

Berke, Ind.—The Rev. Archie Denning, pastor of the Chattanooga, O. Methodist Episcopal church, reported that he was a recent recipient of a gift of money from the Ku Klux Klan. While the Rev. Mr. Denning was conducting a revival in his church a stranger entered the church, walked down the aisle toward the front and took his hand. Upon being assured that he was speaking to the Rev. Mr. Denning, the stranger handed the pastor a large envelope and left the church.

The man was unmasked and was a stranger to the entire congregation. The envelope, when opened, contained \$100.00 in cash. The sum of money and a letter signed "Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Rockford, O." The text of the letter was written as follows: "We have sent you a check for \$100.00 for the purpose of the Klan's organization and commended the Rev. Mr. Denning on the fine work he is doing."

Chattanooga is a small village just across the Ohio state line and is about 10 miles from Berke.—Ft. Wayne News-Sentinel.

## EDINBURGH KLAN ACTIVE DURING CHRISTMAS

Large Fiery Cross Burned on Hill North of Town—Gave Baskets of Food.

That there is a strong Ku Klux Klan active in Edinburg is not a known fact. There have been reports and rumors that the Ku Klux Klan was strongly entrenched here, but until Christmas Eve, there was no positive knowledge of the fact as their activities were unknown.

Evidently the Ku Klux Klan is a great charitable organization, judging from the nature of its works Christmas eve. Numerous needy Edinburg families were aroused with a knock at their doors and were met on the door the occupants were confronted by robed and hooded Klansmen bearing a large well-lit basket of food.

A large crowd of four, among carrying loaves of bread and the last one presenting a Christmas letter of good cheer and good wishes.

The second evening last year.

## MYSTERY BLASTS AROUSE ROCKPORT

Rockport, Ind.—Just as a large crowd left the court house after attending a Christmas cantata given by the Ladies' Musical Club, two heavy explosions were heard west of the city.

When the second explosion had been heard it was said a bright red cross appeared in the sky and hovered there for some time. Fire alarms were turned in, people thinking a barn had caught fire.

Many persons reported their houses were shaken by the explosion. The cross was seen above tree tops. Several heavy explosions were heard in Evansville shortly after 10 o'clock last night. Police could offer no explanation.—Evansville paper.

## ONE HUNDRED PER CENT. FOR THE KU KLUX KLAN

Columbus, Ind.—Rev. James Small of Kansas City, Mo., pastor of Hyde Park Christian church of that city, is one hundred per cent for the Ku Klux Klan. His church was filled to overflowing on a recent Sunday when he preached on the Klan. Masked figures presented membership cards to the audience, and when they threw the "high sign" from the front of the church, it was answered by many in the audience.

The minister justified the Klan by an appeal to anti-Catholic feeling. In his view three things threatened the welfare of America: Catholicism, lack of religion and lawlessness. The newspaper gave large space to his meeting inasmuch as few ministers in Kansas City espouse the cause of the Klan, which has been condemned by the resolution of many Protestant church organizations.

On the same Sunday that Mr. Small commended the Klan, Dr. Fletcher H. H. H., a Methodist minister of Kansas City, asserted that the Klan should secure evidence and present it to the courts rather than take the law into its own hands.—The Christian Century.

**Rev. Mr. Small mentioned in the above article, four did evangelize the work in Bartholomew county and is well known here.—Columbus (Ind.) Republican.**

**What about our own schools, in a very large proportion of which religious and racial differences are so leading in excluding the Bible? It is impossible to compute the loss, both moral and spiritual, that is sustained through shutting out God's word from our young folks at the very outset of their education.—Christian Herald.**

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**THE CRITIC'S COMMENT** Old Spenser is getting on his feet again. He has a soft spot in his heart—stay! Perhaps it's in his head.

**It Requires "Bones"** Though they were by the women were a girl called Mother Hubbard; today she has a new bone to add to her old lady's cupboard.

**A Short Turn.** I was out prospecting with Larry the other day—in the mountains, you know—and said, "See that little hut over there." Larry is in the hospital now. He was in such a hurry to turn around that he sprained both ankles.—Saturday Evening Post.

**Some Fall to Recognize Truth.** That good give audience everywhere. O. Truth to all who come to know over there." Larry is in the hospital now. He was in such a hurry to turn around that he sprained both ankles.—Saturday Evening Post.

**Of One of Us.** "I've just been having a talk with John J. Public, who tells me that—" "Is John J. Public an individual?" "The person's name is in the newspaper." "He's trying to put a wife, six children and a motor car on \$2.00 a year."

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**Unhoned and Unbung.** "There's one consolation," remarked the village philosopher.

"Well?" inquired the gentleman of leisure.

"The world doesn't expect much of dubs like us."

"That's a fact, and if a man can get his wife to look at the matter the same way the world does he'll have pretty smooth sailing."

**Tactless Question.** "Did you demonstrate a car to that lady customer?"

"Yes," replied the salesman. "She asked me if we could furnish upholstery to match her hair."

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**Mixing Things.** "Who was it that killed Goliath?" asked the Sunday School teacher.

"George Washington," replied the boy.

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**Lords of Creation.** "I think they are the lords of creation," asserted Mr. Meekley's wife.

"Mebbe they do," answered Leonard. "But I'll venture to state people with those titles of nobility aren't getting a whole lot of respect these days."

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Mrs. Primrose—That woman just ahead of us is Mrs. "Tara" in her latest evening gown. She puts every one else to shame.  
Her husband—Ah, well, poverty is no crime.

## FT. WAYNE KLAN PLAYS SANTA CLAUS

SEVERAL BASKETS GIVEN TO DESTITUTE FAMILIES ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

FT. Wayne, Ind.—Through its keen perception of conditions and active organization the Ft. Wayne Klan distributed several baskets on Christmas Eve among destitute families of the city. Several machines loaded with Klansmen started early the afternoon before Christmas and visited at many homes of unfortunate residents, leaving filled baskets containing many Christmas wants. Children as well as adults were brought tidings of joy, which they would not have had were it not for the "Alloesing eye" of the Klan.

Members making the deliveries were not dressed in Klan regalia, but hooded and with the spirit of true Americanism, met the families face to face. Only a small card contained in the bottom of the basket gave evidence to the recipients as to the givers.

Several other benevolent organizations in the city of Ft. Wayne gave contributions to the needy, but they were announced publicly. A large Christmas party was also given to benefit the children. The Klan, however, devoted its entire giving through the silent steps of secrecy.

No city newspaper gave space to the Klan donation due to the secrecy under which the work was done.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

"After you have been two weeks in the house with one of these terrible handy men that send their wives to the store and waste the time of the wife, and know just how much rain-bread ought to have, and will get the best man, it's a real joy to get back to the ordinary."

### WHAT TO HAVE FOR DINNER

As a beginning for any little company dinner a cocktail of various fruits is always successful.

**Grapefruit Cocktail.**—Make grapefruit juice by cutting a small handle through to the center of a grapefruit, scoop out the pulp and reserve for the filling. Take the grapefruit pulp, one orange, a little pineapple doct. Mix well and add a strip made by using the fruit juice and sugar cooked together and cooled. Fill the shells and garnish the top of each handle with a sprig of mint thrust through the top of the handle, or flowers may be used for decoration.

**White Cookies.**—Take one-half cupful of shortening, one cupful of sugar, two well-beaten eggs, two teaspoons of sweet milk, flour to make a soft dough to roll, adding two teaspoons of baking powder. Flavor with vanilla. The recipe makes three dozen cookies.

**Dinner Cheese.**—Put through a meat grinder one-half cupful of stuffed olives, add to one cream cheese and when well blended add to two cupfuls of grated American cheese. Season well with salt, roll in the form of a long roll. Place on a doily-covered plate and decorate with sliced stuffed olives. Place a cheese knife on the plate and let each serve himself.

**Grapefruit Jelly and Cheese.**—The grapefruit juice used in the cocktail may be used the next day by thickening it with a little gelatin and when firm cut in small cubes and serve with balls of well-seasoned cottage cheese.

**Salmon Salad.**—Mix together one and one-half cupfuls of salmon flaked with one-half cupful of celery, two tablespoonsful of chopped green pepper, one small onion and salt and pepper to taste. Peel two tomatoes and cut them into dice and mix with the salad, or cut them in quarters and use as a garnish. Arrange on a bed of lettuce and garnish with mayonnaise.

**A Vain Chase.**  
Dumas, the younger, was talking with a friend when a would-be humorist went by.

"Poor fellow, remarked the friend, 'he is always on a chase after a joke.'"  
"Yes," answered Dumas, "and the joke always wins."

**Whirled Off His Feet.**  
"I had a little balance in the bank but I became engaged two months ago, and now—"  
"Oh, how makes the world go round?"  
"Yes, but I didn't think it would go so fast that it would make me lose my balance."

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## The Scrap Book

VETERAN MUST RESUME ALIAS

Peculiar Position With Which Aged Soldier of the Civil War Finds Himself Confronted.

An inmate of the Orange county almshouse, at the age of ninety-five, after having passed through some of the fiercest battles of the civil war as a member of Uncle Sam's army, R. L. Livingston, who has never yet drawn a cent of pension money, expects soon to have his name changed to "Matts Green," the name under which he enlisted, and receive a pension, with back pay.

"When I enlisted I was anxious to keep the fact a secret from the members of my family, who were 'high-brows,' and so I enlisted under the name of 'Matts Green,' which name I bore throughout the war," the old veteran explained. "I am now very eager to have my name changed to the I bore while I was working for Uncle Sam, and my attorney tells me I have sufficient proof of my identity to enable me to have the name changed and be able to get my pension, which has been held off all these years because of the difference in names. I have the affidavits of four of those who served with me and, as far as I know, there is only one other living."—Brooklyn Eagle.

### COLORED SUBURB IN AFRICA

Attempt to Be Made in Bloemfontein to Raise Standard of Native Citizenship.

An important resolution was passed at a town council meeting anticipating the native urban areas bill and safeguarding the rights of the colored people, according to a Bloemfontein letter to the Christian Science Monitor. The idea is to raise the standard of colored citizenship by granting the colored people separate suburbs, involving the removal of their own homes and the management of their own affairs under the direction of the town council. It is intended to give tenancy "rights" for the present, to be changed into "freehold" when the bill is passed. The freehold is to be limited so as not to allow either any rights in town or permission to mortgage.

The resolution was passed in the following terms: "That the new colored suburb, as set out on the plan submitted by the city engineer, be approved, and that stands be allocated to colored people on application, and subject to the terms and conditions to be framed by the native urban committee with a view to ultimately turning the same into limited freehold under the contemplated native urban areas bill."

**MASTER AND MAN**  
"Miss Pickles—I'm sure Miss Dill didn't intend to insult you. What did she say?"  
"Percy Pinfester—She said I looked like a real man. The ideal he looking like a flunkie."

**Lawyer's Ingenious Plea Won.**  
The court was badly footed recently in Berlin. A hotel proprietress was about to be convicted for permitting her premises to be frequented by bad characters. The defense called a handsome young woman, who answered several questions. Then counsel asked for the arrest of his client, because the witness was a man, not a woman. "If an all-wise court," he said, "cannot tell the difference between a man and a woman, how can it expect my client to tell good characters from bad, on sight?" He won his case.

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