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"Breathes there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself has said—  
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Confirmed in the belief that America is a favorite  
spot of earth, to practice an unselfish and exalted  
patriotism towards our country is a pleasure.

"We respect all honest men in their  
sacred convictions whether same are  
agreeable with our requirements or not."

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# ANOTHER FRAME-UP AT SPRINGFIELD TO SHOW "KIDNAPPING" OF "STAR WITNESS" BY KU KLUX KLAN, BROKE UP

## PRESSURE CAUSES WITHDRAWAL OF SCHOOL CITY BILL

McDonald, Judas Iscariot Extraordinary, is "Kidnapped." Not by the Ku Klux Klan, but by Authorities of Miami County, on an Arrest Warrant While Attempting to Leave for the Pacific Coast.

Entire Conspiracy of Jesuits of Springfield Exposed and Proven—Will be Followed by Next Step to Rid Springfield of Its Crooked Officials.

(By Eyewitness)  
Springfield, Ohio—The net of evidence proving conspiracy and "frame up," on the part of the Jewish Press, Court, Justice Altheimer, and the Knights of Columbus assistant prosecutor, J. Patrick Malone, in the arrest of Wm. Courtney, Kleagle and organizer of the local Klan, on a charge of "hotious conspiracy," was closed in completely and a definite exposure of their dastardly methods made known.

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## Auditor Fesler Hits Zoercher's Tax Board

Charges Body is Influenced by Politics.

Denunciation of the State Tax Board because "it allowed politics to influence its action" was made by Leo K. Fesler, Marion County auditor, before township assessors and their domestic Saturday.

## Second Act of Mer Rouge Drama Opened in Chicago Last Monday Night

Rally Every Night This Week, at Which All Nations Except America Will be Represented.

## Opposes Return of Auto Fees to Counties

Hoosier State Association Makes Statement That Are the Facts.

Politicians Would Plant a Whole Orchard of Plum Trees.

## Would Make Jobs for Thousands

Absolute disapproval was expressed by the Hoosier State Automobile Association in a statement just issued, against the return of the county of any part of the automobile license fees, as proposed in an amendment to the auto license bill in the Indiana house Thursday.

## Tolerance Spy Forged Wrigley's Signature

Script Experts Pronounce Signature Faked.

Chicago, Ill. (By Eyewitness.) Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—With the flag of the Irish Free State side by side the Old Glory on the Coliseum, the "All Nations" Rally, against the Ku Klux Klan opens tonight at the Coliseum in Chicago.

## Got Alleged Klan List

Renegade Klan officials furnished tolerance with lists of supposed Klansmen, according to Lionel Moise, co-editor of the paper, who, with Grady K. Rutledge, president of the publishing company, is seeking to wrest control from Robert H. O'Donnell, treasurer of the American Union.

## All Right! Let's Go--

Members of the sub-committees of the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce unanimously agreed yesterday noon at a luncheon held at the Chamber to co-operate in every way with the Indianapolis Board of School Commissioners to improve school conditions in the city.

## Gasoline Tax Opposed

"We in the Chamber of Commerce proposed increases in automobile license fees in excess of the amount needed by the highway commission and we have

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**THE SONG OF ELDER JONES**  
By Douglas Malloch  
Old Isaac Jones, he couldn't sing, not  
worth a tinkers' date,  
And yet he stood in ev'ryting,  
and sang "Just As I Am"  
As loud as anybody there, as far as  
I could see.  
Poured forth his soul upon the air,  
but always of the key.

Right after we had "let-us-prayed"  
and passed the plate around,  
Before the minister engaged theology  
profound,  
He'd say, "We'll join in singing  
Hymn 'Nine hundred ninety-  
two."  
Then Elder Jones braced ev'ry limb,  
prepared to see it through.

The preacher read a verse about the  
organ played a part,  
The choir, as everyone and proud, as  
church choirs always are,  
It sang with care the opening note,  
or maybe three or four—  
Then burst from out the Elder's  
throat that celebrated roar.

It shook the rafters, shook the pews;  
it shook the countryside;  
The Elder seemed to spread the news  
of joy far and wide.  
His heart was full of joy today,  
of joy he longed to shout,  
And singing was the only way he had  
to let it out.

Courageously the choir withstood old  
Elder Jones' attack  
And tried to keep the tune the track.  
But, as the three sopranos glided  
forth their highest E,  
Then Jones let loose with all he had  
and countered with a B.

A free-for-all, when that was done,  
was all there was to do;  
The choir sang one tune, Isaac one,  
the congregation, two.  
I often wondered which the more was  
heard around the throne—  
The E of those sopranos or the B of  
Elder Jones.

But I'm a little older now, as old as  
he was then,  
And know, or think I know, just  
how the Lord arranges men,  
the judges among, justes what we  
are among, and any place,  
My whether we're sincere or not in  
all we do and say.

The Elder sang—he had to sing—his  
soul was full of grace;  
And that's what counts in ev'ryting,  
in church or any place.  
The Elder's joy the heavens shook,  
and not the sinners' art.  
The choir was singing from the book  
the Elder from the heart.

**OUR FIGHT**  
By Maurice G. Waugh  
(in the Literary Digest)  
I have often wished I had left my  
bones  
Over there in France 'neath the  
shell-toned soil.  
When ideals were high, and the  
emblematic thrones  
Seemed a recompense for our  
bloody toil.

I have often pondered since my re-  
turn  
To a land so filled with a greed  
for gain;  
What befell the virtues we so idly  
sprung?  
Was our fight really fought in  
vain?

Yet what a stand for a man to take  
When he knows this land has its  
wounds to right;  
Though he fought in war for his  
country's sake,  
Should he slumber in peace the fight  
he could fight?

No one retreats with good will to  
the place which has done him a mis-  
chance—Phaedrus.  
The smallest baby on record.  
The smallest baby at birth known  
weighed two pounds and one ounce.

## FORCED TO TURN MONEY OVER TO HIS WIFE

MONEY GIVEN TO McDONALD FOR  
PERJURY AGAINST KLAN

Troy, O., Feb. 28.—Edward McDona-  
ld, the slayer star witness in the  
trial at Springfield in police court, of  
W. M. Courtney, Kluge and organizer  
of the local Ku Klux Klan, was  
given a suspended sentence of six  
months in jail by Judge E. M. Bell in  
Troy Saturday on a charge of non-  
support of his wife and two children.  
McDonald was also ordered to pay  
into the hands of Joseph Barnett of  
Troy \$100 which will be used to sup-  
port his wife and children and dis-  
tributed to him at the rate of \$2 a  
week. The six months sentence was  
suspended on condition that McDo-  
nald pay the costs of the case which  
amounted to \$625.

The money was found on McDona-  
ld when arrested in Springfield and  
was accompanied by a ticket to Los  
Angeles and letters from Chief of  
Police O'Brien of Springfield recom-  
mending him to the chief at Los  
Angeles.

## CHIEF HARDLY EXPECTED TO ADVISE KLANSMEN TO GET BUSY

East St. Louis, Ill., Feb. 26.—Chief  
of Police Mulvaney today an-  
nounced that Ben O. Morrow, who  
was arrested Saturday on a charge of  
distributing anonymous election cam-  
paign matter, has signed a statement  
under oath that he was employed by  
the Ku Klux Klan at \$10 a day as a  
"pretext committeeman."  
Chief Mulvaney stated he has in-  
formation that the Klan plans to  
"carry off the election at any cost."  
The St. Louis Herald Dispatch has  
been publishing articles that the Klan  
is supporting a "slate" in the municipal  
primary at which candidates for  
the majority and four city commis-  
sioners will be selected, and that  
those endorsed by the Klan have  
pledged themselves to appoint only  
Klansmen or their friends to office.

Chief Mulvaney announced, stated the  
Klan has a committee for the  
city precincts in the city and gives  
a list of names of alleged members of  
the Klan.

Morrow has been released under  
bond. He was arrested with two  
others and the anonymous campaign  
under the pretext of 15 candidates.

## Klan Visits Windfall Church

During the revival services con-  
ducted by Glenn O. Mills, minister,  
and R. Paul Arnold, singer, at the  
Windfall Christian church, the min-  
ister announced that he would preach  
a sermon on the subject, "Making  
America for Ever Good." The an-  
nouncement of the sermon seemed to  
swallow the interest of the commu-  
nity, for notwithstanding the fact that  
the night was one of the coldest and  
most disagreeable of the winter there  
were one hundred people assembled  
before the beginning of the service.

At the conclusion of the song ser-  
vice a band of hooded Klansmen en-  
tered and formed a circle about the as-  
sembled congregation while one of  
their number advanced to the min-  
ister and presented him with an en-  
velope. The Klansmen stood at at-  
tention while the minister preached a  
sermon pleading for devotion to  
American as an aid to the church and  
as a movement that would do more than  
anything else to free America from  
her present perils.

The envelope contained a cash of  
\$21 and a letter commending the  
work of the ministers for their  
work in the community.

Following the visit to the church  
the Klansmen visited a distressed  
Mexican family and relieved their dis-  
tress by providing food, fuel and  
clothing.

In the Mind of a Woman.  
"For it is easier to discover a white  
crow or the print of fishes' feet than  
to know what is in the mind of a  
woman."—L. Adams Beck in Asia.

Full Lips Reveal Character.  
Cleopatra's lips, dark red and full,  
which take their name from the fa-  
mous Egyptian queen, denote a cruel  
and vicious disposition.

Jupiter May Be Inhabited.  
The French astronomer Flammarion  
says there is a possibility that Ju-  
piter is inhabited.

London's "Manion House."  
The official residence of the lord  
major of London was built between  
1739 and 1753.

Daily Thought.  
No one retreats with good will to  
the place which has done him a mis-  
chance.—Phaedrus.  
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## SECOND ACT OF MER ROUGE

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fighting arm dangerous to us, the Ku Klux Klan. Of course, some witnesses at Mer Rouge were afraid to face the court for fear of reprisals, but if there has been sufficient evidence created from which propaganda can be drawn to rally in the Klan, and make America Catholic in 1924.

Coming simultaneously with the attack on Senator Mayfield's election as senator in Texas, now being waged in Washington, and with the "frame up" at Springfield which has been met and defeated, the "All Nations' Rally" at Chicago will be down in the second step on behalf of the Knights of Columbus to crush the Ku Klux Klan.

Nothing will be said of the report of the National Catholic Welfare Council and its vast Efficiency Bureau located at Washington. Nothing will be said of the plans to secure in the President's Cabinet, a new member of Education and Welfare, dominated by Catholic influence and personnel. Nothing will be said of the plans to form a Roman Catholic political party in America during 1924, a political party functioning under the title of the National Catholic Welfare Council, and organized for the purpose of influencing and controlling legislative and political affairs of the country and our civic and school affairs.

Nothing will be said at the "All Nations' Rally" from the platform in the Coliseum, pertaining to it, but undoubtedly there will be discussions in secret, in the private rooms of the Lexington hotel.

Governor Parker will not discuss from the platform the coordinated effort of the council which have brought about 9,714 Catholic Men's Societies and 4,959 Catholic Women's Societies, a total of 14 Catholic organizations fused together as the National Catholic Welfare Council, all during and since the World War.

Governor Parker will not discuss the direct and established contact between the United States government and 172 Catholic colleges, aiding in the organization and direction of 45 student army training camps.

Senator Percy will not discuss the fact that the National Catholic Welfare Council owns 12,000 acres of property in Washington, exempt from taxes, nominally valued at \$5,000,000, in addition to this complex property he will not mention 84 other pieces of property valued at \$248,000, on which a tax of \$1,800 is paid, but which the actual valuation is over \$100,000,000.

He will not discuss the fact that Cardinal Dougherty, head of the department of laws and legislation of the National Catholic Welfare Council, has a well-organized legislative lobby in 42 legislatures out of 48 states that are now in session, and fighting any legislation that benefits any church, religious organization, religious society, institution, school, or undertaking which is not wholly or in part sectarian and under Catholic control.

Bishop McGarrigle of Detroit will not tell those in attendance at the "All Nations' Rally" that Joseph Schrembs of Toledo, O., is attempting to secure control of the Boy Scouts of America, or that Joseph Schrembs himself says that "From the popular imagination known as the Boy Scouts is secured leadership for Catholic boys' troops, and the salaries of the leaders are paid by the national Boy Scouts organization. Also we have succeeded in having all literature issued by the Boy Scouts supervised by one of our priests."

No mention will be made at the "All Nations' Rally" of the fact that the direction of a department of the National Catholic Welfare Council, a summer school for the boys of the city, has been inaugurated at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Ind., and that students trained in this school will take positions in Boy Scout troops throughout the regular Boy Scout organizations of all conditions in the United States.

No mention will be made at this "All Nations' Rally" of the fact that Archbishop Hanna openly boasted that the "administrative department of the National Catholic Welfare Council was officially recognized and consulted before any important step on matters affecting the religious and moral interests of the United States is taken. That the Archbishop Hanna is 'to present to President Harding information on Catholic affairs and conditions in the Philippine Islands.'"

Nothing will be said of the fact that the Rev. Russell, in charge of the Press and Publication Department of the National Catholic Council of Welfare, claimed that the Associated Press distributed an attack on the Catholic church to which the department protested, and for which the manager of that organization was forced to make a public apology. That the resultant effect, which has been reported in the newspapers of the country showing great care in the publication of any anti-Catholic news and comment.

Judge McKinley, whose place is on the criminal bench in Chicago, and not in the Coliseum, will not bring out or make known the fact that the National Catholic Welfare Council, through the efforts of Joseph P. Murphy, was given \$100,000,000 of the War Chest fund collected from all the treasuries of the Knights of Columbus of politics or religion, and that \$7,000,000 of this money was retained in the treasury of the Knights of Columbus up until a short time ago, and that \$1,000,000 of the amount left over was sent to the pope in Rome to meet the influence of the American Methodist development there, and that three millions in the Knights of Columbus treasury more than \$5,000,000 of this War Chest fund.

Nothing will be said as to why, while all this was going on and the National Catholic Welfare Council was being showered with favors, that the Masonic fraternity was barred from extending its services to the United States government as an organization.

Any time for special study and carry no explanation will be made that representatives of the American Unity

League will be on "based in South of the border" line, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Detroit and all cities throughout the central and western states, to see that the papers, under terrific pressure of Catholic and Jewish advertisers are required to print the program, and to put forth by the "All Nations' Rally" at the Coliseum in Chicago this time.

The only Americans at the "Rally" will be on the "side lines," looking on and there are several hundred thought to be in Chicago today.

"Eyewitness" came here to see the "Rally," but is going back home tonight. Back to Indiana, going back in the full knowledge that the public will see in this "Rally" more plainly than he can pen, the influences that are fighting the Klan.

## Pressure Causes Withdrawal School City Bill

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It would just about have put the school board out of commission entirely, and to anyone with inside information it is a matter of regret that the "invisible influence" ever on the alert for an opportunity to strike an unsuspecting public, and further indication of an extensive, organized movement to throttle and destroy Protestant school development.

The bill would have put the entire supervision of the department of buildings and grounds under the business director, making the superintendent of that department, which now is under the control of the business director, the business director. It also provided that the votes of four of the five members of the board be necessary to dismiss the business director, librarian or superintendent of schools, and that four votes be necessary for the board to overrule the business director's veto on an expenditure. Under the present law only three votes are necessary for any of these things.

**Board Uninformed**

Members of the board said they had no knowledge of the bill introduced, and was introduced and that they did not know who was behind it. They said they did not know it. They said they did not know it.

"The measure was said by those inside of the local school board that there is a strong Catholic influence for a north side high school. Philip Zoercher, vice president of the school board, said that he had approved the selection of Messrs. Snider and Rotz, themselves recommending two architects for the school board, which action they now so roundly criticize.

Five members of the Chamber of Commerce itself, with its president as spokesman, endorsed with enthusiasm the Catholic plans for the development of the Arsenal Technical High school, which is now under way and which is regarded as the best of the kind in the city. Mr. Zoercher and Mr. Barry are the two members of the school board, which action they now so roundly criticize.

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hard, and Dr. Haislip, as members of the board, not anticipating that such impeachment proceedings would secure their removal, but by this method of delaying the entire matter while the board should have its hearing in the court, and make possible the securing of injunctions, and prohibiting them from any constructive school work in the meantime. This sort of thing would have been considered immediately following the Chamber of Commerce fiasco last week, had it not been for the delay in the "Indianapolis News" for greater deliberation, more play, the employment of "experts" to make "additional surveys," and by the destruction in every possible manner of any sort of action until it had been carried to the point where they could before the public and point out THAT THE PRESENT SCHOOL BOARD IS A CATHOLIC CHIEF OF THE CHIEF.

Bert S. Gadd, in his statement before the Chamber of Commerce said, "The Catholic plan for the development of the Arsenal Technical High school, which is now under way and which is regarded as the best of the kind in the city. Mr. Zoercher and Mr. Barry are the two members of the school board, which action they now so roundly criticize.

## HE OUGHT TO BE BUSY DAY AND NIGHT

ITS NOTHING TO BE PROUD OF IN INDIANA

Hoosiers Don't "Accept" Eighteenth Amendment But Just Dodge It

Washington, Enforcement of national prohibition requires less of the nation of Homer Elliott, United States district attorney for Indiana, than that of most district attorneys of the United States, according to a statement of the department of justice. This is interpreted by government officials as indicating that the Eighteenth amendment is acceptable to Hoosiers.

When appropriations for the department of justice were under consideration the question was raised as to the percentage of time consumed in the offices of United States district attorneys in the various branches of official business. Answer to the question not being available, each district attorney was asked to report. An analysis of these reports has just been made public.

**Average of 44 Per Cent.**

It reveals that 44 per cent. of all United States district attorneys and their assistants are devoted to prohibition enforcement, 10 per cent. to federal revenue cases, 11 per cent. to cases arising in the postal service, 7 per cent. to acts to regulate commerce, and 28 per cent. to all other business.

The report of the United States district attorney's office for Indiana showed considerable departure from the foregoing averages. Mr. Elliott reported that only 25 per cent. of the time of his office was devoted to enforcement of prohibition.

If the prohibition office for Indiana showed such an efficiency, it is pointed out Mr. Elliott would be running a "night court."

## High Tribute to America

Monon, Ind.—Rev. B. K. Nesbit gave a lecture on the Ku Klux Klan at the local Methodist church last Sunday evening. Nearly all of the seats in the large auditorium and annex were occupied by a representative audience, largely of men, who were held spell bound from beginning to end.

There were many persons seldom seen in church and no doubt quite a number were attracted on account of the subject. Those who came to witness something sensational or dramatic were doomed to disappointment. The speaker said he was not a member of the Klan and therefore his opinions were based on observation and research, and while presenting what he believed great truths that he would not assail those who differed with him, but on the contrary conceded to his hearers the right to differ with him. He had three questions to submit impartially with the warmest regard for those of other faith. They were, "Who built America? Who will uphold and perpetuate America?" and "Do we need the Ku Klux Klan?"

## Law That Never Fails

Short measure in the market-place may slightly increase the bank account for the time being, but will not in the long run. For out of the experience came the admonition: "With what measure ye mete, the same shall be meted unto you." Men are finding this so today.—Grit.

## Had a "Blind Spot"

I have a blind spot; when I want to do anything I cannot see anything in peace or in argument offered against it. That blind spot has cost me a good deal of money.—T. N. Vail quoted in "One Man's Life."

## Isn't Nature Wonderful

It is said that the coconut palm will supply about every physical need of food, drink, shelter, fuel, utensils and if need be, clothes. A South American proverb runs, "A coconut is a bride's dowry."—Boston Transcript.

## HE IS NOT A KLANSMAN

The Ho-Air Man

I know a man of quality, who's full of mirth and jollity. Who never says a mean, ungentlemanly word. He speaks of this one praisingly and lauds that one amazingly. A caustic speech from him is never heard.

His pleasantness is laudable, his flatteries quite audible. His kindly greeting has a genial ring. His eloquent verbosity is full of generosity. And yet he never does a generous thing.

He dresses quite expensively, he travels quite extensively. But if a cause ask him to assist, he laughs it off quite airily, or makes an exit warily. And doesn't put his name down on the list.

He'll enlarge a charity, admire its soldiers. And when the object it is meant to aid, he'll say it's meritorious, its whole campaign is glorious— But not a single penny has he paid! I'm sure that you must realize all that, though you will not be there. The beauty of the speak-no-evil creed.

He is not so commendable who holds this rule unbreakable. And yet he never does a generous deed! —Carolyn Wells.

## FAKE TELEGRAMS SENT TO HARDING AND WATSON

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Some impostor purporting to represent the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan recently sent a communication to President of the United States and Senator James H. Watson of Washington, stating the Klan was opposed to the appointment of Harry S. New as postmaster general. The telegram was a fake and the man purporting to represent the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was an impostor, and forger. The Klan did not send the telegram. The Klan did not send the telegram. The Klan did not send the telegram.

## Shakespeare Up to Date

Some men are born great, some acquire greatness, and others put up a good show of it. —Polonius in "Hamlet."

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## CALLING A SPADE A SPADE

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Here is the damnable program of obstruction, and the first paragraph shows the first step in the battle against the securing of proper schools and the carrying out of any improvement plans.

First, blocking the present School Commissioners through Philip Zoercher's State Tax Board, to force the school board to force public segments to support the Tax Board in its refusal to approve the forthcoming bond issue for a bond issue.

Second, (a) By securing the passage of a measure through the present legislature, limiting the bonding power of the school city.

(b) A reorganization of the State School Board, placing in the hands of politicians, and authorizing Governor McCray to appoint three members to the State School Board, which bill is now pending before the legislature.

(c) While at the same time another bill is introduced which would place the power of the handling of our city schools in the hands of Walter Twinn, agent and business director of the Indianapolis School Board.

This bill would practically strip the board members of any power at all, because they would not control the finances, and all power would be placed in the hands of the "Business Director" a Barry advertisement.

The third and next step, if all other measures fail, is filling in court charges and demands for the impeachment of Messrs. Gadd and Snider.

## CENTRAL LIBRARY NOTES

It is one thing to have a good piece of work in one's community, and another to have it appreciated. Indianapolis has both in its public library. Constant expressions of gratitude for the book service which it offers its \$5,000 patrons may well remind others of the great book world as yet unexplored by this city. How glad we have been to have these library opportunities which three-fourths of our Indianapolis citizens have not yet taken advantage of.

Very soon the Indianapolis Public Library hopes to have 100,000 books on its shelves. Every citizen of Indianapolis is entitled to a library card. He need only go to the nearest library and claim it.

## MEN'S BROTHERHOOD MEETS

The Men's Brotherhood of the Broad Park U. B. church, held its regular monthly social meeting Wednesday night at the church and address on "Americanism" by a speaker introduced as an "American Englishman."

## Hawk Really Farmer's Friend

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**ST. PAUL MASONRY IN  
REGRETTABLE MESS****DOUBLE-CROSSED ON A "GENTLE-  
MEN'S" AFFAIR.**

St. Paul, Minn.—Revolution of how  
the Knights of Columbus "work" their  
way into Masonic affairs is given in  
an article appearing in the current issue  
of the Crescent, published here. Con-  
siderable adverse comment has been  
attached to the Shrine of late because  
of this seeming familiarity with the  
sacred mysteries of Masonry.

Article in Crescent  
The article in the Crescent follows:  
"Right now we don't care whether  
Osman temple holds another cere-  
monial this year or not—for we have  
received the full volume of laughter  
for 1923 from its reading of the fol-  
lowing telegram:

"Osman temple of the Mystic  
Shrine of St. Paul a Masonic organi-  
zation, extended an invitation to the  
members of St. Paul Council, No. 285,  
Knights of Columbus, Catholic organi-  
zation to attend a circus being staged  
this week by Shriners. The Knights  
of Columbus attended the Shrine cir-  
cus Wednesday evening in a body and  
brought their hand along. Members  
of the two lodges and their friends in  
vitation and its acceptance resulted  
from a desire on both sides 'to lay  
low Ku Klux Klan propaganda in St.  
Paul' which they claimed had sought  
to create bad feeling between the  
lodges. The Shrine temple here ad-  
mits the K. of C. club house and both  
organizations have big memberships."

Masterpiece of Asininity  
"That masterpiece of asininity was  
sent out from St. Paul and was printed  
in the Wahash, Ind., Daily Times-Star.  
The black type is our own and in-  
stead of making plain where the poison  
is hidden in the story.

"Of course no Shriner will believe  
for a moment that Osman temple ever  
entered into such a silly covenant,  
and we only produce it here to em-  
phasize the equality for double dealing  
that is so prominent in such Catholic  
organizations."

The facts are that the Knights of  
Columbus, in common with all other  
organizations in St. Paul, were invited  
to patronize the Shrine circus. At  
their request the Casey were allowed  
to bring their hand. That is all there  
was or is to the incident. The  
Knights were treated with courtesy  
and were given a show that returned  
full value for their money."

Make Political Capital  
"It is to be deplored that the Casey  
can not even participate in the social  
life of the city without attempting to  
make political capital out of it.  
Osman temple has never concerned  
itself with the operations of the Klan.  
Stories such as that quoted are too  
ridiculous for any consideration ex-  
cept that it makes a man more  
know that pay intellectuals will resort  
to such petty methods."

**Aids Law Enforcement**

at Columbus, Ind.

Columbus, Ind.—The strong arm  
of the Invisible Empire made itself  
felt here a few days ago, and as a  
result, the Indiana State Penal Farm  
at Jannville has claimed another  
bootlegger.

Recently a local man of doubtful  
character received a letter commanding  
him to immediately seek employ-  
ment, or leave the city. Should he  
remain as a loafer in the city, he was  
promised a coating of tar and feathers  
by the writer of the letter, who  
signed a name he had no power to  
use, Columbus Ku Klux Klan. Learning  
of the incident, local Klansmen  
at once started an investigation to  
learn the author of the letter and  
turn him over to Federal officers.

However, without waiting for the  
Klan investigation to bring results,  
the recipient of the threatening letter  
denounced the letter, and turned the  
letter over to the local branch of the  
American Equality League. The next  
day he was arrested, charged with  
bootlegging after the police had been  
tipped off by a Klan investigator who  
had been shadowing the suspect.

Today he is pounding rocks down at  
the Vile, the guest of the state. Hav-  
ing been right with two quarters of  
the vile stuff in his pockets, there  
wasn't much chance for the American  
Equality League to aid him.

**Southern Indiana Sees Klan**

Edinburg, Ind.—It is thought that  
one of the largest closed meetings  
of the Knights of Ku Klux Klan ever  
held in this part of southern In-  
diana, was held in Columbus last  
week.

The Columbus Klan entertained  
members of Klan from every Klan  
city in this part of the state, at their  
new home in the Bartholomew county  
city, it is understood. Forty mem-  
bers of the Franklin Klan passed  
through this city Monday night, and  
it was said they were enroute to the  
lumber to attend a get-together meet-  
ing of all Klans of southeastern In-  
diana. It was said that a speaker  
told full of Klan activities, and  
that the Columbus delegation to the  
recent state convention at Kokomo  
would deliver its report.

A number of Edinburg Klansmen  
joined the Franklin string here on  
the edge of the city, but due to the  
darkness, none of the local members  
were recognized. The Johnson coun-  
ty delegation passed through here  
on the return trip. Edinburg looked  
like a deserted city by 9 o'clock  
when the Klansmen were seen and  
women from this city drove to  
Columbus expecting to see a speaker  
and public relations. They were very  
much disappointed, as the meeting  
was held in secret. The Edinburg  
Klan persuaded in Columbus a few  
months ago.

**What's All This About the  
Flag in Shelby County?**

Where has Old Glory gone from  
Shelby's public square?  
Without her, Boys, Blues looks  
mighty bleak and bare.  
Was the patron of Shelby tired of  
seeing her there,  
Or politics or money and do you  
really think it's fair?

O, Boys, how can you stand a thing  
like this to see  
This grand old flag of the noble  
and the free?

It was not for honor but a simple fee,  
That she is not afloatin' where she  
should be.

The thing you have to take her place  
Has no meaning on its story face;  
It has no history but of a passing  
race.

And should never been allowed to  
fill that space.

Your city does to get some fame  
Have married your city with a  
mighty shame.

For you know these Dads are men-  
tally lame,  
But the trick is done and you are  
to blame.

I hope right soon are the blue birds  
wing,  
And in the square there voices will  
ring.

The song "AMERICA" they will  
sing,  
—Shelby Patriot.

**When England Had No Dukes.**

The duke of Norfolk was brought  
to the block in 1572, and in him per-  
ished the last surviving English duke;  
decidedly a century ago, a young English-  
man had to do his best—defeat the Spanish  
armada, conquer Ireland, circumnavigate  
the globe, lay the foundations of the  
empire, produce the literature of the  
Elizabethan age—without any dual  
assistance—From Poland's "History  
of England."

**Early Loaf Sugar.**

The art of making loaf sugar was  
introduced by a Syrian in the fif-  
teenth century, who received a large  
reward for his discovery. The loaf  
sugar of other days was not in the  
conventional form of cubes as we have  
it now, but was large like a round  
loaf of bread and was some trouble to  
cut.

**Not Up to Them.**

The preacher had been strolling  
along the links, and wishing to drive  
home a small moral lesson, said sud-  
denly: "I notice that the players who get  
the lowest scores are not those who  
sweat." "Why the h—l should they?"  
demanded the gloomy golfer, as he  
dug up some more turf.—San Francisco  
Argonaut.

**Sterility and Fruitfulness.**

While the male and many other hy-  
brids are sterile, there are some  
known exceptions. Hybrids of hares  
and rabbits have continued fertile for  
generations. In the human species  
marriages between remote varieties of  
races tend to sterility, while crossings  
between allied races are fertile.

**Seek to Understand Principles.**

Knowledge of law is not necessary  
as understanding of fundamental prin-  
ciples on which law is based. One  
may know the law without appreciat-  
ing why it is the law, hence perfun-  
ctorily obey it and thus not support it.  
"A little knowledge is a dangerous  
thing."

**His Honesty Assured.**

To a tramp who wanted to earn a  
bite to eat a woman said: "If I thought  
you were honest I'd let you go to the  
other house and gather the eggs."  
"lady," he replied with dignity, "I  
was manager at a bathhouse for 15  
years, and never took a bath."—Bus-  
1709 and 1788.

**Do Today's Duty Well.**

Why should we decline to meet diffi-  
culties bravely, when we make no  
hither strength nor light provided for  
them? Let us give heed to the pres-  
ent, whose duties are pressing; it is  
fidelity to the present which prepares  
us for fidelity to the future.—Fenelon.

**All Snakes Not Foes of Mankind.**

When a man utters the words he makes  
no distinction between friend and foe.  
While the rattler and the moccasin  
are deadly foes, the big king snake  
is a friendly, nonpoisonous reptile  
which preys upon rodents—enemies  
of man.

**Submarine Cable "Black."**

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to three tons a mile, and in manufac-  
turing it 10 per cent allowance is  
given for "slack." That is, a cable  
made to span 2,000 miles of ocean is  
made 2,200 miles long.

**Lines to Be Remembered.**

Guard well your spare moments.  
They are like uncut diamonds. Dis-  
card them and their value will never  
be known. Improve them and they will  
become the brightest gems in a useful  
life.—Anonymous.

**Boers Halt Transportation.**

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permission for the construction of any  
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ground that the Boers were such con-  
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## THE MESSAGE OF THE KLANSMEN

A Clear Statement of What This Organization is Not, and What its Principles Are—Christian Religion—Fidelity to Country—Support of Education—Separation of Church and State—White Supremacy.

By Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans

Imperial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, maligned by its enemies, misunderstood by many who should be its friends, waxing strong in the face of unjust criticism, developing elements of greatness in the midst of opposition, speaks a language that should be comprehended by every true American citizen, and is waging a warfare for those principles that have made America the great nation that it is today, and which will make America safe for Americans in the tomorrow of its national life.

Let me make it clear what this organization is NOT.  
It is not a hooded band of ruffians, it is not a super-government that seeks to build its empire upon the ruins of democracy; it is not an organization seeking to create race prejudice, develop race hatred; it is not a white cap organization seeking to impress righteousness upon the community by methods not countenanced by the law; it knows nothing of the hangman's noose nor of the gallows and the guillotine; it is not opposed to any religion as such and it does not seek in any particular to undermine or destroy any trust of the constitution.

Its members are neither murderers, law breakers, or skulkers. They do not make that their acts should not be discovered for their deeds of murder and charity and patriotism are recorded in every community where the fiery cross has been lighted.

These things the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan ARE NOT.

Its message to the world is far different. It speaks a message of stern duty and patriotic endeavor to its members. It tells them that their first duty is to America; to speak, act and vote in accordance with American principles; that national patriotism is greater than party fealty and a Klansman is derelict in his patriotism unless he votes first, last and all the time for American citizens who are honest and capable and for American principles. It proclaims in every Klavern the fundamental doctrine of the separation of church and state; it grants to every man the right to worship God as he sees fit but denies the right of any foreign ecclesiastic to meddle in the affairs of this government. It recognizes the principle of political equality of all citizens, but it is opposed to the theory of social equality. It has sounded the tocsin of alarm against the mixture of the blood of the white race with that of other races. It believes in the supremacy of the white race and it pledges its members to the maintenance of that proposition.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan believe in the fundamentals of the Christian religion; stands for Christ's principles exemplified in the lives of men.

With faith in God and a trust in the regenerating influences of Jesus Christ, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan pledges its membership to the principles of fidelity to country, support of education through our public school system, complete separation of church and state and the supremacy

and a magnifying of a problem of years standing.  
We hope that the preliminary hearing will be conducted fairly, decently, in order and as free from this sort of thing as is possible.

"Further evidence and positive proof that the entire matter was a frame-up is indicated by the action of Judge Davis in declining and stating the evidence introduced was irrelevant and incompetent unless it was properly connected up and that it would all be thrown out unless it was proven beyond a doubt that there was a conspiracy to incite to riot.

The whole proceeding and a preliminary hearing was only made possible by the assurance of Attorney Malone for the prosecution on his professional word of honor that such a legal and competent evidence would later be sustained, including full well at the time he made such statement that he could not deliver it.

South Bend, Ind.—A crowd of 1500 to 1600 South Bend citizens crowded into Place Hall tonight to hear Rev. G. Stanley West, of Brazil, discuss the history of Klansmen.

The meeting was by invitation and Reverend West's remarks were thoughtfully and well received. Klans regalia was in evidence. On the stairs and at the doors stood robed figures, with visors down. A half dozen or more men in similar clad were arranged in set positions back of the speaker.

There was no demonstration. Some mention was made of the rumored attempts to break up the meeting, but nothing to indicate such an intent occurred. Everything was orderly and except for applause that greeted the speaker, the meeting was quiet.

A reporter was present. He was there by invitation. In a letter addressed to his paper, he was asked to attend a "semi-public" meeting. Admittance, stated the letter, would be by card only.

The Reverend West was introduced by a man speaking from out of the folds of his white regalia. By his apparent familiarity with the subject that entered into his remarks, he no doubt was the local organizer, or Kleagle, as he is called.

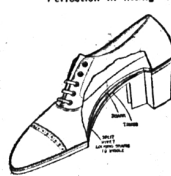
### Acts of Samaritanism

Crawfordsville, Ind.—Following their recent daring parade through this city, the local Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have started a series of charitable acts that are serving to keep the Invisible Empire constantly before the people. At the present time, five local families owe their thanks to the Klan for noble deeds. Charities included not only money, but groceries, furniture, rent and doctor bills.

The Conkwright family, almost on the verge of starvation, received a truck load of gifts from the Klan, including furniture and groceries. The Coombs family were aided financially, at a time when it meant their salvation. The Warren family of this city were twice visited by the local Klan. The first time groceries, clothing and money constituted the gift, while the second time, the Klan settled a hospital bill at the Cluver Union Hospital for a daughter of the family. A family in the southern part of the county, that was in a destitute circumstance, received a gift of eighty-five dollars from this Klan. George Watson, an aged carpenter, was found seriously ill in a wind-beaten shed, and taken to the Ben Hur Sanitarium by the Klan. The old man was suffering from exposure, but soon recovered.

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opposed any kind of a gasoline tax; first, because it is simply another tax on the automobile and is in no wise justifiable unless it were in lieu of a license fee; and in addition to this we have opposed an increase in license fees over and above that which is necessary to take care of the highway commission for the simple reason that any such excess revenue in the state and county road funds.

The press has carried many statements that a gasoline tax and a 100 per cent. increase in license fees were necessary in order to get Indiana's federal aid. It is known that \$1,500,000 in addition to what the highway commission now has will take care of Indiana's increased system and secure every dollar of federal aid available as far as allotments have been made, which is the end of 1935. These articles stating that a gasoline tax and a 100 per cent. increase in license fees is necessary usually carry somewhere in the article that in such event the inheritance tax and the 2-cent state levy now going to the highway commission fund would be removed. In addition to this, it would be apparent to any one who is close to the situation that a gasoline tax and an increase in license fees could not be levied unless one or the other went back to the counties, and any money that goes back to the counties goes to the free gravel road repair fund, and who will question but what the county levies would be reduced accordingly and that the amount of money put into the road repair fund would be only as a net result just what the officials of the respective counties thought should be in that fund.

**Scheme of Increases**  
"This whole scheme of proposed increases to the extent 100 per cent. in license fees and a gasoline tax has been under the guise of making the motorists of this state believe that in voting for such taxes they were supporting good roads. It is high time that the public's desire for good roads stop being preyed on

and that all forces unite on an increase on license fees to be added to the money now going to the state highway commission road fund and to stop talking and working to take money away from the state highway commission that it now has\* or to put new taxes on the automobile to send back to the counties for the purpose of reducing the tax levy for the free gravel road repair fund of the counties."

### SUPPORTS CHURCH AT ODO

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Odon, Ind.—Last Sunday evening at the close of the services at the United Brethren Church in this city, members of the Ku Klux Klan presented the pastor with \$100.00 as an endorsement, and aid in development of the work of the Reverend June in his church in this community.

The members of the Klan silently entered and after a brief ceremony, silently filed to the rear of the church where they listened to a stirring address by Reverend June, on "Americanism."

### Fiery Cross Burns at Ligonier

Ligonier, Ind.—That the Klan is active in Noble County was evidenced by a large Fiery Cross burning in Ligonier on Tuesday night. It is significant that the Klan by particularly active in Ligonier. By those who are in touch with the situation it is thought that the recent activity of the organization is brought about by local civic conditions that it is thought the Klan will be instrumental in correcting and helping. The origin of the Fiery Cross is unknown here, and excited considerable comment and wonder on the part of the citizens.

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