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CHICAGO, Ill., March 20.—With a gallery of 50 persons packed into the city civil service commissioner's hearing room on the sixth floor of the city hall, trial of Otto Novotny, city fireman, accused of conduct "unbecoming a member of the fire department," because he joined the Ku Klux Klan, got under way yesterday.

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BULLETIN

(Special to The Flery Cross.) Springfield, O., March 20.—Wm. Mahoney, city manager, J. E. O'Brien, chief of police, Justin Altshuler, Jewish prosecutor, J. Patrick Malone, assistant prosecutor, constituting the "shock troops" and "smash-up squad," in the offensive operations to exterminate the Ku Klux Klan in Springfield, met this morning at the city hall, and after a long session, ordered the return of the property illegally stolen when the raid was made upon Klan headquarters recently and held for the release of Courtner on the grounds that no evidence had been introduced to show "riotous conspiracy."

Chief O'Brien has failed to make a case, and Prosecutor J. Patrick Malone, who has been discredited and discredited attorney in the Central West, having given his professional word of honor that the clapnet, cheap notoriety and irrelevant testimony would be sustained by facts. With the closing chapter of the "Spanish Inquisition" comes the announcement that now will come the ripping off of the mask, the exposure of organized vice, prostitution and gambling in Springfield.

That the situation is being handled by misguided officials, blinded by their personal hate and prejudice, will be financed in due process of law and orderly justice, is assured.

(By Eyewitness.)

ONE HIGH OVER THE CITY STARTLES THE NATIVES.

Marion, Ohio, March 17.—Five fiery crosses were burned in Marion last night at 8:30 o'clock. At least that number were seen. The report that another was burned on North Main street could not be verified. The crosses were fired in at least four sections of the city, indicating that several parties were out on this mission.

One of them was attached to a balloon, apparently about thirty feet in diameter, and must have been sent up from the vacant field southeast of South Vine street and East Washington avenue, as persons residing in that neighborhood saw it going over that section of the city, sailing northward, the prevailing direction of the wind.

CORRECTION

Last week's issue of The Flery Cross appeared an article pertaining to the vice situation in Springfield. While no names were mentioned, it appears that the wording of this article was taken by a certain person to refer to Mr. Dave Benedict, as being in "Hobby Zella Place" on last Labor Day. This is regrettable, and we are giving equal prominence to the statement that this did not refer to Mr. Dave Benedict, but to another police officer, and this statement is, in fact, correct. By inference, as was pointed out that it might be construed as referring to him.

Four Flery Crosses Burn

Winchester, Ind., March 19.—That the Klan is actively working in Randolph county was shown Saturday night. When darkness shrouded the city and pedestrians were turning home, four crosses were burning in the city. One being placed in each direction, north, south, east and west. And exciting no little comment as those who understood not, pondered while those who understood rejoiced.

FT. WAYNE, BEARING A BURDEN OF CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, HOME OF BISHOP ALERDING AND FATHER CONROY, NEEDS THE KLAN

Next to Gary It Is "The Sodom of Indiana," and Will Get a Civic Bath—Special Investigator Uncovers Amazing and Appalling Conditions in Historic Old City of Indiana.

(By Special Investigator.) Ft. Wayne suffers from moral taint; a state of community paralysis, stagnation and awkward, it needs the injection of a new spirit, and needs it badly.

Opportunities exist for the citizens, young and old, to contribute their share toward making the city a cleaner and happier place in which to live. Lawlessness must be curbed. Bootleggers have been left free to ply their poisonous traffic. Gambling has taken the city by its throat and threatens to strangle it. Vice is as common as air in the days of the ball park stadiums.

Ft. Wayne—Probably no other city is in need of a "better community spirit" than Ft. Wayne. A tolerant public, following its lead, needs the light of the city's morals. There is an increasing tendency to lawlessness and crime.

Crowded pool halls and "soft drink" parlors, the congregation of people upon the streets and a general indifference to the city's story, and back of this is the laxity of the

police forces to curb the evils in this condition.

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Ft. Wayne has gone "Tunk" crazy. Downtown "soft-drink" parlors, pool rooms and cigar stores have gone in for the play to the exclusion of other games of cards.

"Tunk" is a good house game, say proprietors. The players buy checks redeemable in cash and the wigger pays for the game, receiving trade checks redeemable in cash for half the amount.

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HO! THE MIGHTY HYLAND THUNDERS FORTH

DIGNITY OF HIS "NIBS," THE MAYOR, SORELY WOUNDED.

(Special to Flery Cross.) New York, March 20.—The heavens thundered, the earth shook, and a great fear spread over all the land. The mighty Hyland army of all New York has been defied. He has not allowed that he would not permit the Ku Klux Klan to organize in New York City. He has not informed his ever faithful Knight, commissioner of police, that he just simply would not allow it.

Outside the limits of his domain he has no jurisdiction. This was his order and the ever faithful Hyland Knight, commissioner of police, has been equally emphatic in pledging to rid the city of Klanism.

But now the greatest insult has come to light. The Nibs' dignity has been sorely wounded. It is doubtful if the hurt could be greater should some smug little fellow in the middle of a Broadway hat with a latently devious smile as he struts along the head of some parade or the society to gain the Freedom for the Irish republic.

Pitiful of the hirings of his Underlings have been found to belong to the Klan.

His Nibs stormed and raged and there are the 15,000 Klansmen and still on the police force. What the outcome will be is a problem, but many detectives have been assigned to the task of shadowing the Klan and the slightest slip will, no doubt, bring a visitation of the law.

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CINCINNATI CHURCH FEDERATION IN UNUSUAL ROLE

CONDEMNES KLAN, BUT FAILS TO ACT IN DESERVING MATTERS.

Cincinnati, March 19.—Records of the Church Federation met at the M. E. Book Concern building and adopted a resolution condemning "any and all organizations which tend to the cleavage between the races," which was generally understood to refer to the Ku Klux Klan.

This resolution was presented by Rev. H. P. Atkins, executive secretary of the federation, and was seconded by Stanley Wiant, assistant editor of the Western Christian Advocate. It is beyond the understanding of many citizens of Cincinnati as to why the organization should adopt such an infamous resolution, and in the same meeting fail to take drastic action to adopt a resolution supporting the Anti-Race Gambling Commission of Louisville, Ky. It was pointed out an intolerable situation, but no resolution was adopted concerning this vital problem, and neither were any resolutions adopted approving of, or pleading against, this organization of Rev. Hunt.

A plan by Rev. Frank H. Nelson for co-operation of the ministers in the Community Chest campaign also was being for support.

Miss Laura Logan, head of the School of Nursing and Health of the University of Cincinnati, called their attention to the danger of nurses, and the needs of the profession, but received scant consideration.

Newspaper reports gave a column to a resolution condemning the Klan by innumerable, gave Rev. Frank H. Nelson four lines, and Miss Logan three lines in the press. However, this is in keeping it seems with a mission of the fact that trickery and fraud in print by condemning some organization about which they know nothing, rather than by constructive aid and assistance to deserving organizations with which they are familiar.

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The "shell-shocked," torn, maimed, and lacerated remains, the corpse of the Mer Rouge inquiry, has been laid to rest, silently, quietly, almost secretly.

Thus ends the fair that opened with a blare of trumpets, the greatest blast of manufactured newspaper publicity known for decades, featured with streamer headlines in the Metropolitan dailies that has been equaled only once, and that was in the trying days of August, 1914.

The Morehouse, La., grand jury heard the evidence relating to the "murder" of Watt Daniel and E. Richard, and returned a report that "the crime" of Aug. 21 was deplored, but that a careful grand jury investigation could find no evidence which would justify indictments.

This is simply because there was no crime committed.

If there has been a crime committed this would have been the most colossal, most damnable and complete breakdown of justice ever known. The failure to proceed to trial was a complete breakdown. The citizens who were "accused" were entitled to a trial by jury. No self-respecting cannibal would think himself fit to live in a civilized country had he tortured and murdered two human beings as he believed was the case and had these stories been true it would have been the most damnable indictment.

But as it was, this atrocious and festal "crime" was only the fruit of a campaign swayed by its own prejudices.

Klansmen of America, as well as the people, have seen the Klan pilloried and crucified on the cross of hate, and when no indictments are returned the trial is handled by the daily press as if it were no news whatever. Counting as it does the Klan hears of no indictments with regret, and while they stand vindicated the eyes of the people, they were entitled to a more complete, a more definite, a more thorough vindication, which has been denied them. With no indictment of individuals, and with no trial of those individuals who have been "accused" of murder, Klansmen have been robbed of the opportunity of presenting in the living flesh, one or both of these men as evidence that no crime was committed, by Klansmen at least.

Collapse Under Own Weight Ray of Hope Seen

With the Associated Press story from Bastrop, La., under date of March 10 to the effect that "no indictments were returned by the Morehouse Parish grand jury in connection with the slaying of Watt Daniel and T. P. Richard on Aug. 24, last," America has another tangible demonstration of the fact that trickery and falsehood, in the long run, "avails nothing."

In plain English, this short Associated Press statement of news plainly means that when an honest, conscientious effort was made to get at the facts, the carefully trumped up plan for discrediting a body of constructive, rightful citizens collapsed under its own vicious weight.

Those of us who refuse to believe that any force can ever seriously impair the foundations of the Republic, (Concluded on Page 3.)

REMARKABLE GROWTH AND ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS INFLUENCE FOR LAW AND ORDER BEING FELT.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Des Moines, Ia., March 19.—Over 5,000 Des Moines men are members of the Local Chapter of the Ku Klux Klan. This estimate was made Thursday by one familiar with the inside workings of the organization, and discloses the rapidity of the growth here of the most praised and most condemned of the nation's institutions.

Its policy of fairness, the fact that its obligations are assumed, not imposed, and its reputation for cleanliness up, and its reputation for better civic conditions throughout Indiana and Ohio are given as the reasons for its remarkable growth here.

The Flery Cross, supposed to be the official organ of the Klan has thousands of subscribers in this city as well as other cities in the State, and it has carried the news of the accomplishments of the organization throughout the State.

The people of Iowa realize that such a force, and such an organization in the State, is becoming identified, and it is said that the State of Iowa, as well as Des Moines, is being swept like wild fire and the growth is phenomenal.

Some Opposition

Indications that the Klan is not so unopposed in its progress, however, are here, but the amount of secret work would be read from the pulpit in one of their churches, and the amount of secret work would be read from the pulpit in one of their churches, and the amount of secret work would be read from the pulpit in one of their churches.

CLAN VISITS CHURCHES

Oakland, Ind., March 19.—Members of the Ku Klux Klan in Oakland recently visited the Methodist and Central Baptist churches in this city, and left liberal donations.

RECENTLY THE FLERY CROSS CARRIED A NEWS ITEM PERTAINING TO AN ADDRESS OF REV. ATKINSON IN A TROUBLED CHURCH AT ROCKVILLE, IND.

This came to us through the mail and it seems that the Rev. A. H. Atkins, pastor of the Methodist church at Rockville, Ind., will the person sending in this clipping kindly advise the Editor in order that correction can be made.

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THE CITIES REPRESENTED ON THIS PAGE ARE:
Elwood, Anderson, Jonesboro, Bedford, Forest, Danville, Broad Ripple,
Frankfort, Alexandria.

Nine Gary Catholic Churches to Help Fight Oregon Law

Gary, Ind.—Collections were taken in the nine Catholic churches of Gary today to raise money to swell a fund of \$100,000 for the purpose of fighting the new Oregon law which will go into effect in 1936 closing all parochial schools of the Catholic and Lutheran denominations and placing them under State supervision.

Court action will be taken by the denominations affected and a supreme court overruling of the law sought, as action similar to that in Oregon is expected in other States on case the law stands the tests of the courts.

Probably 4,000 or 5,000 people in Gary contributed to the fund to fight the new Oregon law, it was stated.

by Catholic church leaders today. The collection was general today throughout the churches of the Fort Wayne diocese, upon request of Bishop Alving.

Larva Resembles Spittle. A freeth movement found on plants, variously known as "frog spit" and "spittle bug," is caused by the larva of the spittle fly, which lives under the mass of "spit." This latter consists of juice sucked from the plants.

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Robbery Takes Place
On Oct. 25, 1931, a manager's office in the City building was robbed of the sum of \$227, which was deposited in the desk of the city manager by Ralph M. Hagglin, secretary to the manager. Evidence gathered by the police at that time implicated Hagglin as the robber.

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NEW YORK SCHOOL FIGHT CARRIED TO WASHINGTON

(Special to Fiery Cross.)

Washington, D. C., March 20.—Another attack on the public school system has been launched here in Washington and the attack went further to include proposed amendments to the constitution of the city.

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LIBRARY NOTES
The Indianapolis Public Library hopes to have during the month of April a clothes line of old-fashioned quilts such as are sometimes seen airing and sunning in backyards in the spring. These quilts should be at least 50 or 75 years old and in good condition. Those wishing to display quilts in this exhibit should communicate with Miss Mary Ever Lemon, at the Public Library, or telephone Lincoln 4551.

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BILLS OF INFORMATION CONSIDERED FOLLOWING FAILURE OF GRAND JURY TO RETURN INDICTMENTS.

Bastrop, La., March 19.—Bills of information against persons charged with complicity in the recent riot here, were considered by State officials today following failure of grand jury to return indictments for the murder of Watt Daniel and Thomas Richards and other out-laws.

The grand jury in a report handed to Judge Fred Odum last night declared it had investigated the murders and other crimes by hooded mobs and failed to find grounds for true bills.

Attorney-General Cocco and his aides had predicted that 50 or more indictments would be returned as a result of testimony gathered at the opening hearing a month ago and new facts presented the jurors.

The open hearing developed evidence against a number of persons in the land which kidnapped Daniel and Richards last August, witnesses who testified to flagging, intimidations and deportations by the terrorists.

The terror campaign in Morehouse Parish first attracted attention when Governor John M. Parker appealed to President Harding for federal intervention. Department of Justice agents and state officials gathered evidence against the hooded mobs and the open hearings were ordered to prepare the evidence.

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Klan in Hammond? Is It Possible?

Hammond, March 19.—Crowding a local church Sunday evening reported members of the Ku Klux Klan held a spirited meeting after the fashion of the Klan, says the Hammond News in a recent issue.

The meeting was followed the next evening by a demonstration at Harrison park, culminating with the burning of a cross, symbol of the order and of Christendom.

The Sunday evening meeting was crowded with prominent business and professional men and public officials.

PRASE OFFICERS FOR GOOD WORK
STAND BEHIND THEM IN ENFORCING LAW.

Columbia City, March 19.—The ministers of the city through the Ministerial Association and the several churches have passed the following resolutions praising the officials for the work they are doing in enforcing the law. In the Presbyterian church the resolutions were not read in open church but were passed by the session.

The Resolutions
Inasmuch as our officers are using great diligence in law enforcement, particularly with reference to prohibition, be it, therefore, Resolved, That the Ministerial Association of Columbia City, Indiana, wishes to express its appreciation and publicly commend Judge Arthur B. Bixler, Prosecuting Attorney George O. Condon, Sheriff Sam George, Mayor Frank Metzger, Officers Charles Fisher and Guy Spencer, and other officers, for their enthusiasm and good offices in freeing our city and county of lawlessness.

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ENGAGE IN NOTE WRITING EPISODE

MAYOR KOHLER AND LOUIS WOLSEY IN LIME LIGHT.

EXECUTIVE OF CLEVELAND PROMISES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM TO ALL.

Insists Upon Free Speech While He is in Office.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 19.—"Praise of Mayor Kohler voiced by speakers at recent meetings of the Ku Klux Klan would indicate that the Klan had tried to control him. The mayor has denied this imputation, and has repudiated the purpose of the Klan in limiting religious freedom."

"The mayor has upheld the great American principle of religious freedom," said Louis Wolsey, executive of the Klan in Cleveland. "He has repudiated the American principles of the Klan, contending that the Klan is a religious organization."

Rabbi Wolsey wrote the mayor concerning a report of a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan, held at the Hotel Euclid on Monday night. In this meeting a speaker praised Kohler's independence, saying that if an American has never bowed to a Catholic priest, nor submitted to a Jewish rabbi.

In the letter Rabbi Wolsey wrote Kohler, the mayor was asked to let the Klan have a meeting in Cleveland. "If Jews of Cleveland had ever tried to control him, Wolsey's letter looks like a Jewish rabbi."

"Hon. Fred Kohler, Mayor," "City Hall," "I take it for granted that you may have read on the front page of this morning's Times and Commercial Appeal a report of a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan that took place in Cleveland. The article reports a speech of one of the leaders, who commends you for not bowing down to a Catholic priest, or submitting to a Jewish rabbi."

"I do not mean to be impertinent, or disrespectful. I take it that the disrespect is that the organization that is praising you, but more than all that, it is simply asking these questions as a matter of simple justice to a group of American citizens whom the Ku Klux Klan singled out for prejudice, for boycott, and for abridgment of the rights of American citizens."

"I would thank you for a reply which I could have the privilege of publishing."

Very sincerely yours,
"LOUIS WOLSEY."

Kohler answers "No."
"Rabbi Louis Wolsey," "Euclid Avenue Temple," "My attention had been called to an article in a morning newspaper of March 13 purporting to give a report of a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan. You will at once appreciate that, having no knowledge of the matter other than the newspaper report, I am in no way responsible for any statements which may have been made or are reported to have been made at any such meeting."

"I think I can best answer the numerous questions in the second paragraph of your letter by saying that my rule of conduct in office is that I will grant no favor or any demand to any group of citizens, of whatever race or faith, that I could not properly grant to each and every citizen or group of citizens. I have been, and am endeavoring to be, the mayor of all the people, recognizing as have the founders of our country, the right of each man to choose his religious faith, and the corresponding fundamental right of free speech. As far as you, personally, are concerned, the answer to all of your questions is in the negative."

"It is my personal judgment that nothing tends to clarify the atmosphere so much as the free expression of opinion, which citizens may disagree as through public information. I shall conduct my office in such manner as in no wise to interfere with the constitutional rights of religious freedom and free speech, which all of us recognize and understand."

"Very truly yours,
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UNDER THE FIERY CROSS IN KANSAS

GREAT CEREMONIAL AT THE KANSAS CAPITAL LAST FRIDAY.

Thousands Drive to the Grounds to Witness or Participate in the Work Mapped Out.

(Special to Fiery Cross)

Topeka, Kansas, March 19.—Last Friday night Topeka, Kansas, was high fever and the klansmen and friends had a field day. At a headquarters just about one mile west of the city a great ceremonial was held. The first cross was set up on the hill-top, and shed its splendid light for a long time. A very large number of auto loads of men drove out and the sentries were posted, and after a great speech was made were passed, and hundreds signed up. Three or four thousand men were present, and a very large class was organized.

Nothing was said about the outdoor proceedings, and no attempt was made to get the attention of the managers right along doing business as though there had never been any trouble or disturbance. While of course it is not a matter of public concern, it is a matter of public interest that quite a number of State officials, city and county officers, and not a few senators and representatives of Kansas made up the audience. It was one of the biggest and best demonstrations ever pulled off by an organization in this section.

Good nature prevailed, but there was a determination evident that those who had made up 100 per cent Americans, and not ashamed of that fact. That they were determined to show to the world that man in that State had some rights—and one of these is "his own opinion." There was no mention of a defile or challenge to the State authorities, and all proper respect was shown to the courts of that State.

No effort was made in any quarter by the authorities to interfere with the making any disturbance. At an early hour auto loads of 100 per cent men were seen driving westward, and the valley a beautiful spot, with a prominence just off a bit the great fiery cross was set up, and the great crowd had gathered, and the ceremony was in progress.

People began arriving at the grounds after a 6 o'clock start, and the time the services were to begin—6:30—the church was filled.

Proceeding the agents of patriotic societies and the national anthem were sung by the audience, accompanied by the fine church orchestra. Nothing was spoken by Rev. Johnson that could offend any one, regardless of his religious creed or color. Before the sermon, a stranger approached the altar and presented the pastor with a new Bible, containing \$100.

DOWN GOES ANOTHER
GOOD-BY, BILL. TAKE GOOD "KEER YOURSELF."

William Krogman of Tell City, owner of the Krogman distillery at Tell City, who had entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy to violate the Federal prohibition law, was sentenced to serve two years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and fined \$2,000 and cost by Judge A. B. Anderson in Federal court yesterday.

Judge Anderson set aside the forfeiture of Krogman's bond of \$5,000, which had been ordered when Krogman failed to appear recently with the other seven.

United States Marshal L. P. McFertich of Richmond, Mo., W. Porterfield of Richmond, Mo., and two other Federal prisoners in the afternoon at Atlanta.

FORCE OF HABIT, MAYBE
"Who is the fellow in a spot car?" "That's Harold Heartbreak, the movie star. He got paid a big salary for his last making love to beautiful women."

"In a case like that a man would have some judgment to work over time."

"He's evidently been working overtime. His wife is suing him for divorce and names six co-defendants." Birmingham Age-Herald.

Has Been About Some.
"Your boy has graduated?" "Yes," said Mr. Grabco. "Now he wants to go abroad and see something of the world."

"Why don't you let him see America first?" "You couldn't interest him in a proposition like that. He travels with the football team."

BEDFORD ADOPTS STIRRING RESOLUTIONS

ENOLEWOOD MEETING TAKES REMARKABLE ACTION.

Bedford, Ind., March 19.—Members of the Ku Klux Klan were much in evidence at a remarkable gathering at the Enolewood School building here last week. Law violations in this community were discussed, and ways and means to combat lawlessness were considered, and stirring resolutions were adopted as follows:

Resolutions

Whereas the laws of alcoholic liquors in any form is detrimental to the human mind and body and lowers the standard of civilization, and Whereas the manufacture and sale of these is contrary to the eighteenth amendment of the constitution of the United States, and the laws of the State of Indiana, and Whereas, alcoholic liquors are now and have been for sometime, manufactured and sold within the city of Bedford and Lawrence county, Indiana, and

Whereas, parking along the public highways and on other places for the purpose of immoral practices of any description are against the laws of the State of Indiana, and is punishable with a severe penalty.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that all good citizens, church members, and ministers of all denominations, the League of Women Voters, and all Christian Temperance Union, and all Fraternal Organizations, believing in law enforcement and the betterment of humanity, and the influence to have our city and county officers enforce the laws of the State of Indiana, and the laws of the organization, will speak at length and without reservation in proclaiming the Klan 100 per cent American.

Doors were billed to open at 7:30 and that hour a crowd of such proportions had assembled that every seat was occupied immediately and a few minutes later all standing room was taken. The hall has a seating capacity of over 500 and it is estimated that at least 600 were present. The assembly included a large number of women.

Be it further resolved, that if our city and county officials, who enforce the laws against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, should not enforce the laws against the manufacture and sale of alcoholic liquors, the maintaining and operation of gambling houses and houses of ill repute, and immoral practices of any description, that we as all other laws for the betterment of humanity, that we the voters of Bedford and Lawrence county, Indiana, will enforce the laws.

Done in the Klan Lawrence county, City of Bedford, Indiana, on the 19th day of March, 1933, at the Enolewood School building, the cycle of the third year of our re-incarnation.

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Provisional Klan of Bedford, Indiana.

WILL INTRODUCE READING OF THE BIBLE
ELWOOD STUDENTS TO HEAR HOLY WRIT—NO COMMENTS TO BE MADE.

Elwood, Ind., March 19.—The board of education of the city schools has voted unanimously that the reading of the Bible shall be introduced in all the school buildings, and Superintendent A. W. Kondal has been instructed to prepare a reading course which will be submitted for approval at the April meeting of the board.

An opinion of the attorney-general stated that the Bible could be read in the schools but not commented upon. The superintendent of the schools, who has been studying the matter, has been instructed to prepare a reading course which will be submitted for approval at the April meeting of the board.

Governor and Mayor Address Klan at Portland

Portland, Ore., March 19.—The extent to which the Ku Klux Klan has progressed in Portland was never better illustrated than at a recent dinner given in honor of the Klan. This dinner which was widely attended and enjoyed by the guests, was an atmosphere of Americanism, which was the topic that was stressed by all the speakers.

What made the followers of Rome grate their teeth, however, was the fact that among the guests and speakers were Governor Walter Pierce of Oregon and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland. Their presence dealt a severe blow to the traducers of the Klan and gave it the dignity which it has long lacked.

United States Marshal L. P. McFertich of Richmond, Mo., W. Porterfield of Richmond, Mo., and two other Federal prisoners in the afternoon at Atlanta.

Newsboy Assaulted at Cleveland

Cleveland, O., March 19.—From the time of the arrival of The Fiery Cross on the streets of this city Saturday night, newshawks have been continually threatened by a ring of toughs and pugilists, but have continued their unmolested sale of The Fiery Cross on the third largest corner in the world, until late in the afternoon, when four of a gang of rowdies assaulted one of the newshawks.

However, five stalwart cops stationed on the corner, as indicated by them to the large crowd, it was easy for the men who assaulted the newshawk to make their "get-away."

HE WAS TRAILING KLAN SPEAKER

OFFICER, WATCH THAT MAN—OF FICER SCOTT DOUBTS TRUTH OF STATEMENT.

Tippecanoe, Ohio, March 12.—For the past several nights the attention of Tippecanoe has been attracted to a stranger in town whose apparent inactivity other than walking the streets aroused suspicion. He was accused by Officer John Scott Wednesday evening and questioned regarding his business, if any, in Tippecanoe City. The man proclaimed himself an operative connected with the Fisher Detective agency of Springfield, and stated that he was here in connection with the arrest of a man named John Fisher, who was a member of the Ku Klux Klan in Springfield some time ago.

It is said that the Fisher agency was responsible for the wholesale arrest of members of the Ku Klux Klan in Springfield some time ago.

Officer Scott is doubtful whether the man's explanation of his presence here is the truth and if he remains he will be investigated. Mayor Schein has issued orders to question all strangers whose business here is not known and if the reply is not satisfactory, to lock them up.

Announcement of the address on "Why I Am a Klansman," by one who will proclaim himself "packed" in at the Auditorium Monday night and the speaker did not disappoint any who came either out of curiosity or seeking enlightenment on the "why" of the organization. He spoke at length and without reservation in proclaiming the Klan 100 per cent American.

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Francisville, Ind., March 19.—A large fiery cross was burned at Francisville, causing no little comment. As usual the fire department was called out and the burning of the cross witnessed the spectacle. This is the second cross burned in Pulaski county. There was recently a large mass meeting held at Francisville, at which an unknown speaker delivered an address on "One Hundred Per Cent Americanism."

American Legion commander recommends the stopping of immigration. That's all right if he will just kindly point out how to get the ones already here to put in an honest day's work.—Boston Traveler.

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FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Baltimore, Md., March 21.—Guarded by police, more than a hundred Ku Klux Klansmen, attired in robes and hoods, marched around the Twenty-fourth Street Methodist Church here and then went inside the cupping the front pews during the service. They bore a huge American flag, which was seized by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Harry B. Parsons, during the service and waved over the heads of the visiting Klansmen.

New York City, March 19.—Mayor John F. Hylan and George J. Ryan,

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president of the Board of Education, have come out against the proposed charter revision which would put New York City in a state district, instead of public schools were concerned, those bringing them directly under control of the state rather than under city rule. New York City is dominated by Catholics while the overwhelming majority of the board of education is Protestant. The board of education is explaining why the Catholic mayor opposes the change.

Walla Walla, Wash., March 19.—In the 1924 election, one of the most important issues will be a referendum on the subject of a school law similar to Oregon's banning private and parochial schools to children of immature years. This proposed bill is being backed by the Klan, which in two years has grown to be the largest fraternal organization in the city. The Masonic, Knights of Pythias, and Odd Fellows organizations follow the order given. Other patriotic organizations are also backing the public school bill and its passage seems assured.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 20.—Syracuse provincial Klan has just voted \$100 to the Onondaga County Orphans' Home. The action of the Klan has won much approval.

Minneapolis, Minn., March 21.—Senator Allen J. Furlow has introduced a bill in the state senate prohibiting one not an American citizen from teaching in any elementary school in the state. A similar measure was introduced in the house by Representative Sumner T. McKnight. The measure has the support of the Klan and other patriotic organizations. It would be a blow, mainly at the parochial schools, would bar out foreign born teachers and priests as instructors.

Des Moines, Ia., March 19.—Imperial Representative of the Ku Klux Klan, A. R. Brown has announced that the legal Klan will give a reward of \$500 to any who can bring about the arrest and conviction of the bandits who shot Harry Hogue, a local druggist.

Newark, N. J., March 20.—The Exalted Cyclops of the Newark Klan, occupied the pulpit of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church here and made address to the congregation. He was in full regalia as were the forty Klansmen who accompanied him to the church. Rev. Harry E. Jones, pastor of the church welcomed the Klansmen and the reception from the church members was of the highest approval and respect for the Klan.

Elizabeth, Pa., March 20.—The local Klan of the Ku Klux Klan, and to have a membership of about 150 has won much approval through its support of the churches. Contributions have been made to all the Protestant churches in the city.

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The Rev. Harry Hyabarger delivered an excellent sermon at Jackson last Sunday. During the service he discussed the public school question and told of his own experience with the Klan rules over press and schools.—By Kitter.

After having been fined \$500 and given ninety days in jail as the result of a trial at the Klan trial court, Editor George Dale (our old friend George) of Muncie will probably retain the lesson learned by tolerance. Know whereof ye speak.—By Kitter.

DALE GETS IT TWICE IN THE SAME PLACE, \$500 AND 90 DAYS

KLAN "BATTER" HITS A SNAG—GETS \$500 FINE AND NINETY DAYS IN JAIL.

Muncie, Ind., March 19.—Held guilty of contempt by Judge DeLoach, W. DeLoach of Delaware Circuit court, George E. Dale, publisher and editor of the Muncie Press, was fined \$500 and costs and sentenced to serve ninety days imprisonment. The sentence is the maximum for such an offense.

Dale was cited for contempt last week, a Kuykendall County grand jury and several other public officials, alleging that he was recently indicted for violating the liquor laws after a conspiracy had been hatched by the officials.

Dale, who was taken to jail a few minutes after judgment in his case had been pronounced and after his announcement of an appeal was made by the court, has not yet filed \$2,500 bond to appeal the case to the Supreme court and tonight he is a prisoner in Delaware county jail. After judgment had been entered in his case, Judge DeLoach, representing the publisher, said the case would be appealed.

Demonstration by Crowd
"We haven't time to take care of that," Judge DeLoach replied. "I'll take it up again at 1:30 o'clock." During the commotion of the demonstration broke loose in a demonstration but the court's gavel quickly restored order.

"If Dale and the others of his character do not like this country they should go to Russia where they are wanted," Judge DeLoach said. There has never been a better pettiness in this country and I hope those in the future will be as good."

Prosecutor Ogle made a vitriolic attack on Dale in which he referred to him as "trash." That Dale not only was in indirect contempt, but in direct contempt of the court, was the opinion of Judge DeLoach who commented at some length while passing judgment. He rebuked the reputation of those persons attacked in the March 2 issue of the Post-Democrat and asserted that "if the present jury was a packed jury, then God give us more of them."

Dale's statement that he was an ardent advocate of the prohibition laws and that he favored their enforcement, was attacked by the court.

Belief in Laws Doubtful
"If Dale is a strict believer of the enforcement laws, why doesn't he give any information he may have to Mr. Ray, the present jury?" asked the court. "If he is a strict believer of the enforcement laws, why doesn't he give any information he may have to Mr. Ray, the present jury?" asked the court.

John Cox, Muncie resident, referred to by Judge DeLoach, has been convicted of liquor law violations on numerous occasions. Last week he filed in the United States district court at Indianapolis an answer to the complaint filed against him by Prosecutor Ogle in which a restraining order was sought to prevent him from violating further violations of the liquor laws. In his answer, Cox accused the public officials of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws.

John C. Hampton, Republican city chairman, and Jacob Kavanagh, city commissioners, Sheriff Hoffman, the prosecuting attorney and many police officials of the city are members of the Ku Klux Klan "and they use and prostitute their offices for the purpose of favoring and protecting the members of their organization," Dale said in his answer.

\$58.00 TO SCOUTS; LAD "TAKES THE AIR"

Wabash, Ind., March 19.—Laughter greeted two solemn figures garbed in the white robes of the Ku Klux Klan when they entered the Wabash gymnasium last night at 8 o'clock during a Boy Scout meeting.

The Klansmen probably did not appreciate the cause, apparently not seeing it but when the four figures entered the door at the head of the stairs, a lad of about eight years, fast one moment and was gone. Where his flight carried him to no one knows, but he disappeared before others could call him back.

Descending the steps the four Klansmen approached W. M. Muncie, community service director, saluted, presented a yellow envelope, turned around and walked away. In the envelope was \$58.00, a gift from the Klan to the Boy Scout fund.

MAY READ BIBLE, ASSERTS CRABBE

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDS THAT CONSTITUTION DOES NOT PREVENT.

Columbus, Ohio, March 19.—Attorney General C. Crabbe has ruled that a proposed statute requiring the reading of the Bible in the public schools is constitutional in every respect. The question, propounded by the Committee on Constitutional Rights of the House of Representatives, has stirred up intense opposition of Jewish and Roman Catholic churches, and has been supported by a combination of religious political organizations. It is not mentioned on the Constitution, and ruled that there was no injunction against the reading of religious or moral instruction in public schools and that those principles may be taught properly in our schools as part of the secular knowledge that is their province to instill into the youthful mind.

Decision of various State Supreme Courts holding the Bible to be non-sectarian, and that its reading in the schools is not unconstitutional. The measure almost passed two years ago, and was kept from final passage in the Ohio Senate only by parliamentary maneuvering. A spirited test in opposition is to be made in the House this year. It may be led by Representative J. H. Hamilton, county judge grandfathers, Alphonse Tait, a noted Cincinnati lawyer, was deputy attorney general nomination for the Governorship because he stood firmly in opposition to the proposed law.

Members of the House plan to make opposition by moving to exclude such portions of the Old Testament as they do not consider to be to be read to children of tender years. In this category are listed the story of King David's adultery with his wife, the widow of Uriah, whom he sent to his death in battle, and the story of the origins of Lot's daughters.

A committee is assembling passages containing "immoral" material ready to move that they be barred when the Bible is read. The story of Noah's ark after he was ordered to build it on Mount Ararat is expected to fall under the ban as tending to reduce the story of Noah's ark to a fable.

Now Listen

In last week's issue I explained fully the discovery of a natural stone with its thousands of invisible pores, and how by the mysterious nature, the stone is so fastidious through and extracts the deadly mineral substance from any kind of material, whether it be matter how clear and harmless it may appear, or the entire outfit is theirs without one iota of chemical material substance which eats and destroys the tinware and formations in the tea-kettle, and destroys the same as the tea-kettle, formations in the tinware and destroys that great filtering organ then follows up by forming the stones in the bladder and destroys the urinary organs, as you drink the same water which goes in the tea-kettle and naturally varies you all the while, and you see the thousands being suddenly called to that dreaded operating table and that terrible surgery and many times down to their grave as you see going, but by the use of this God-given relief the wonderful water filter and double cooler even invented was brought out to the rescue, and by removing the cause and preventing the effect and nature soon builds them up to good health as the hundreds of cures and affidavits from living responsible people right over their full name and address declare to the world what they quickly done for them, and still going on at a rapid rate. I also explained to you how it soon made my fortune but at 72, all alone and health ruined by fat, and factory and assembling plants running, I have enough, I decided to now see what good enterprising men of small means (8200) would do if I took them in and put them on their feet by setting them up in business in a supply station with big income, many families under them, handle all money, be part owner, take \$200 per month and one-half of all profits, and my surprise, I found more wise men wiser than I expected, for instance, Leonard Corcoran, 1527 East St., Indianapolis, William Lucas, 225 Pratt St., Indianapolis, Raymond Jones, 419 N. Dearborn, Indianapolis, James E. Todd, 5437 Julian Ave., Indianapolis, Geo. O. Moore, Indianapolis, E. B. Witzel, Indianapolis, B. J. Witzel, Indianapolis, L. O. Tovey, Logansport, Ind., Floyd Chesler, Route 4, Shelbyville, Ind., Jesse L. Dobbin, Route 6, Greenfield, Ind., C. O. Sterling, Odon, Ind., James A. Howe, 829 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, Kansas, Roy Kenenbury, Fisher, Ill., L. C. Rosenbury, Urbana, Ill., Professor Hatten, Dyer, Ark., H. J. Bennett, 184 Bay St., Columbus, Ohio, is a few of them, but not all who investigated and quickly grabbed onto such an opportunity of a life time and more coming. So let the live ones come, I have enough, and if you are not sure, refer me and state whether you have this small good faith money, in first ten days, but no time to fool with seriously seekers, as I am not able to do so. W. Niles, Hotel Roosevelt, Indianapolis, Ind.—Ad.

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(Special to Fiery Cross)

Washington, D. C., March 20.—The emnity of the Klan toward the Ku Klux Klan, or at any rate the attempt to poison the public mind toward the Klan by a story about a threat to burn a Catholic church here, both the Morning Herald and the afternoon Times blared forth late letters. "Ku Klux Klan threatens to burn church," was the headline. "The story was founded upon a letter received by the pastor of St. Martin's Roman Catholic Church which was typewritten upon a plain piece of paper and read: 'WHY ARE YOU HERE?'"

"You have been warned," "Ku Klux Klan," "Upon an anonymous note such as this that any boy could have faked, the Hearst papers turned loose a falsehood that the Klan was responsible. Immediately upon publication of the story, King Kueled Polindexter offered a reward of \$500 for proof that any one connected or not connected with the Klan was responsible. He also demanded of the Hearst papers that the charge be retracted, but this offer was refused. The Klan is likely in seeking redress for the slander.

The note was turned over to the police and after looking it over Inspector of Detective King expressed the absolute conviction that the Klan had anything to do with the threat. Father Hannan, pastor of the church, announced that the Klan had crossed the insurance on the church to \$50,000.

The investigation is being carried on, but the general impression prevails that the entire affair was a prank which was set on foot and used as anti-Klan propaganda.

Klansmen, Attention!

The weekly circulation of The Fiery Cross is now over 100,000, which is taxing our press facilities to the limit. Until our new press is received, it will be necessary to go to press Tuesday night.

There have been some complaints from Indianapolis Klansmen that the non-appearance of news items and announcements which have been received too late to be included in the issue should be delivered or mailed direct to the office of The Fiery Cross, 278 Century Bldg., to reach us not later than Tuesday noon.

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PERU, IND., KLAN STILL IN ACTION

RESULTS BEING OBTAINED

(By Special Investigator.)

Peru, March 20.—Charles Knott, bootlegger, convicted on a charge of maintaining a public nuisance at his place a few miles south of this city, has filed appeal bonds of \$3,000, carrying his case to the supreme court. Knott was fined \$250 and given six months' sentence to the Indiana penitentiary.

The case is one of particular interest to the Ku Klux Klan. Initiating a law and order campaign, the local organization set forth to seek out and demand a stricter law enforcement by county and city officials. In books you get life compressed, as it were, into tabloid form. Books give you what the French call "slice of life," a cross-section that shows you how other people live and face the complex problems of existence.

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Committee Disappointed

Willard, O., March 21.—It has just become known that recently a party of three, consisting of Father Lynch, chief of Police Eberle, and a lady, name unknown, constituted a reception committee waiting in the lobby of the Willard hotel for the arrival of a Ku Klux Klan organizer. Lining the curb in front of the hotel were several friends known to be adherents of Father Lynch and many of these, regardless of the inclement weather, waited until far into the night. Whether the organizer was to be greeted with brick bats or bouquets has not yet been learned, but the fact remains that he did disappoint the committee, by not arriving.

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To those "in the situation" who mingled with the crowd and observed the anxious looks that met the arrival of each bus and cab in front of the hotel with eager craning of necks, it was a most amusing spectacle. Travelers and others arriving at the New Willard hotel were embarrassed by this self-constituted reception committee.

SHELBYVILLE, IND., HAS BIG MEETING

BOTH MEN AND WOMEN WERE PRESENT TO HEAR ADDRESS MADE AT CITY BUILDING.

COUNTY WAS REPRESENTED

Delegations Were Present From Several Townships—Meeting First for Women.

Shelbyville, Ind., March 20.—The auditorium of the city building was filled to capacity with men and women of the city and county Wednesday night, at a meeting in which addresses were given by the Ku Klux Klan.

According to a person who attended the meeting all seats were filled and some persons were standing in the rear of the building. The meeting was held under the direction of the Shelby County Ku Klux Klan organization.

Practically all townships in the county had representatives at the meeting. It was said. Automobiles were parked along both sides of the square during the last ten days, it was stated.

The gathering is the first held here by the Klan, to which both men and women have been admitted. There were many women in the audience Wednesday night.

It is stated, working among the women here. They have also been active in this county, outside of the city, according to reports received. It is understood that an organization of women, affiliated with the men's organization, has been formed here.

Anti-Klan Bill Wins

Approved by Committee

Springfield, Ill., (Special).—The House committee recommended passage of the anti-Ku Klux Klan bill, an American measure, introduced by Representative Roberts (Rep., Chicago), prohibits the appearance of the Ku Klux Klan in public and provides special penalties for all assaults traceable to masked raiders. Imprisonment for one to ten years and a fine of \$2,000 is provided for violation of the proposed act.

FLAMES BURN A FIERY CROSS

SATURDAY NIGHT CROWDS WITNESS FOR FIRST TIME KLAN'S WARNING TO LAW

Questionable Places Reported to Have Closed Down Shortly After Story Appears in Local Paper.

(Special to Fiery Cross.)

Seymour, Ind., March 21.—Another angle evolved itself in the alleged illegal liquor traffic Saturday night, in Seymour, so far as under current of society of this city is concerned, when hundreds of residents of Seymour witnessed for the first time in this city a flaming cross of the Ku Klux Klan. With no forewarning of the cross, which had been secretly planted on the old site of the Baltimore and Ohio round house, suddenly burst out in all its splendor to surprise, awe and mystify a large throng of people remaining at a respectable distance from the spectacle. As mysteriously as they had appeared, the hooded members of the Klan disappeared into the night without their number being known.

With the fiery cross came a warning which caused an uneasy quietness to settle over the place of ill repute, which are suspected of being the rendezvous of doubtful characters, and to a meeting to close. The patrons were ousted long before the customary hour, doors were shut softly, locked and the proprietors of the establishments surprised their families by an early arrival home.

No mistake could be made as to the message left to convey the meaning of the appearance of the cross, well lettered and distinguishable at a good distance, a sign had been placed bearing the words: "In Honor of Our Savior Who Died to Save the World, Bootleggers, Gamblers, Law Violators, Beware. The Eyes of the Klan are Watching You." Signed, Ku Klux Klan.

At either side of the cross, some small American flags unfurled from short staffs, waved gently in a breeze that fanned the brightly illumined surroundings.

On the faces of the hundreds of spectators witnessing the spectacle were mingled expressions of wonder and awe. Whispers circulated that it would be in another way, that they would act in co-operation with the police authorities and bring the guilty parties to justice.

Approval was the popular sentiment of the spectators. So well have the people expressed in liquor traffic been organized that at the present time in practically every body, and especially in this city, conditions have become noticeably worse. Strong organization is making it difficult for police to cope with the situation with the greatest success.

Asked concerning the spectacle of Saturday night, Chief of Police William Misch stated that he believed the incident an expression of the sentiment felt by a strong and well organized body centering its interest in the enforcement of the law and the welfare of the community. And, too, he said, that it is merely exemplification of a popular resentment against law violators.

It is a current rumor that the Ku Klux Klan is a strong organization in Jackson county and is composed of some of the best citizens in the county. The burning of the fiery cross Saturday night is the first public activity that the Klan has shown in the county since its organization has been seen over the county in the past few years.

Public schools are to start a spring drive on bad English. This movement should have the hearty support of the Irish Republicans.—Tacoma Ledger.

Klan Funeral at Muncie



During zero weather, recently, Wm. Earl Blamer, Klansman of Muncie, Ind., was laid to rest. It will be remembered that this funeral was one of the largest ever held in Muncie. The above picture shows 200 Klansmen at the graveside.

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD THAT WEARS THE 'CROWN'

ROME WORRIED OVER INDEPENDENT ACTIONS OF BOHEMIA.

(Special to Fiery Cross.)

Rome, Italy, March 20.—A feeling of uneasiness is apparent in Catholic circles here over the attitude of priests in the Bohemian or Czechoslovakian church who have shown a greater and greater spirit of independence and tendency to break away from the church.

The rebellion is against the authority of the vatican, and involves questions of discipline, ritual and so on. The trouble has been brewing ever since the armistice was signed.

The principal act of revolt, however, was one involving one of the most stringent rules of the church, that requiring celibacy of the clergy. Two of the leaders of the "Jednota" or revolting priests, believing in the passage of the Bible which says that "it is not good for man to live alone," have taken unto themselves wives.

Their action brought a prompt order from the vatican to repent, dispenze with their wives and heretofore stick to the straight and narrow. They were given 15 days in which to comply with the order. And then vatican authorities sat back complacently to await the remorse of the offenders to bring them penitently upon their knees for forgiveness. But that the vatican was fooled. The priests declined to give up their mates to whom they believed they were entitled.

The authorities then visited upon them a "major excommunication" which is the greatest punishment possible and which is the same as a reserved seat for eternity close up to the fires in purgatory. They are not only barred from church services, but they must enter a church the services must cease until they depart. They can not have benefit of clergy at the time of their deaths nor can they be buried in Catholic burial grounds. They simply are assigned to a life void of christian religion and benefits and repentance will avail them nothing.

Undimmed, the priests have gone on with their teachings and their lives, and their following is growing ever stronger. The people attend their services and the rift between the church and the vatican grows wider.

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carrying on the sectarian school fight, and to forestall the will of the majority of voters in the State of Oregon. But to right-thinking people, and to people who think at all, it is but the evidence of the setting up of a new form for rathoming the dimes of the Catholic laity into the immense coffers of the anti-Klan propaganda fund.

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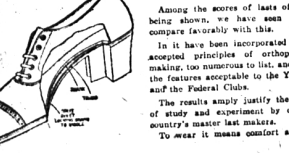
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