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Friday, July 13, 1923

## POLICE CHIEF CUTS DOWN FIERY CROSS

Act of Alien Fails to Mar Celebration of Klansmen—Big Class Is Initiated

ASHTABULA, O., July 10.—The Ashtabula and Lake Counties Klan ushered in the Fourth of July celebration held at Perry park July 10 by the burning of fiery crosses and the firing of bombs in the public parks at Willoughby, Painesville, Ashtabula and Conneaut. Saturday evening and by a lecture on the lawn at Fairview Inn on Tuesday evening by a national lecturer for the organization. More than fifteen hundred attended the lecture. Fairview Inn is located on the main road between Painesville and Cleveland and about three miles west of Painesville. Chief of Police Maloney, a Catholic, cut the cross down at Willoughby, but a score or more men standing nearby picked it up and paraded down the main street of the town. No trouble was experienced at any of the other places. Chief Maloney has shown much interest in the activities of the Lake County Klan ever going as far as to come

up into the hall recently while the ladies were holding a meeting in Willoughby. He was informed by one of the lady members of Willoughby that she carried a little whistle and when she needed him she would use the whistle.

**All-Day Rally**  
The meeting at Perry Park was an all-day rally held by the Ashtabula and Lake Counties Klan for members, their families and guests. Perry park is located along Lake Erie and is one of the finest parks east of Cleveland. Dancing, fishing and fishing and plenty of shade can be found at this park. The road leading from the main highway to the park was marked on either side by American flags.

About eight thousand people attended. The electric cross used during the ceremony at which a large class of candidates were initiated, is the only one of its kind in use, being constructed of sanded glass, same being twenty feet high and ten inches wide, with red bulbs. The power plant carried on a truck, which also furnished power for a huge searchlight.

The Lake and Ashtabula counties organizations are growing very fast.

A big Klan meeting was held at Boone, Iowa, June 18, and 2000 men and 1,000 women and from Ames, were present. The demonstrators were witnessed by a thousand people present to see the parade.

## SPRINGFIELD SCENE OF DISGRACEFUL ACT

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attending the funeral of a fellow member, Wm. F. Swegert, at Ferncliff cemetery. When Sergeant Norton, Imp of Satan, saw the Springfield Klan, he was sweating under the heat of the day and under righteous indignation for their failure to honor the memory of the Klan in Springfield, had borne in his mind, that fertile field of inquiry, the Inspector tried to humiliate and heap indignity upon a small body of American citizens.

First, a telephone call to Chief O'Brien at the lake, where he is recovering from the shock of his recent encounter with the Klan, then orders to all traffic cops to arrest and report to headquarters, then orders to city automobiles owned by the taxpayers to report to headquarters, then orders to proceed to Ferncliff cemetery to arrest these men for their action in burying a deceased brother.

**No "Arrests" Could Be Made**  
On arrival at the cemetery, the arresting officers (of whom there can be no criticism because they were under orders) telephoned Imp Norton at the lake, that they could not arrest a body of peaceful law-abiding citizens, and again, not once but three times.

Men in uniform advised Chief Imp Norton that they could not carry out the orders of Imp Satan, that they were under orders to arrest a body of peaceful law-abiding citizens, and again, not once but three times. Men in uniform advised Chief Imp Norton that they could not carry out the orders of Imp Satan, that they were under orders to arrest a body of peaceful law-abiding citizens, and again, not once but three times. Men in uniform advised Chief Imp Norton that they could not carry out the orders of Imp Satan, that they were under orders to arrest a body of peaceful law-abiding citizens, and again, not once but three times.

**Public Reaction Sets In**  
The only disorderly conduct was that of a poor collie dog, who, in the absence of police protection, got caught in the traffic jam and was killed while barking at the wheels of an automobile.

The only orderly and decent thing about the entire affair was the majesty and dignity of the Klan members, and the order in which their sympathizers dispersed when it was called to their attention by Attorney Anderson that regardless of their motives and friendship, it might be said that their presence there might be taken as an intent of acts was not entirely lawful.

It is thought that the terrific wave of indignation from Jew, Catholic and negro alike, which has ever swept over a town and become so unanimous before.

This was only emphasized by Judge Golden C. Davis in the hearing Saturday morning in which he pointed out that both the local newspapers had misquoted him in reference to his decree in the former trial of Cotner and that the Imp of Satan had "guessed wrong again."

Chief Imp Sergeant Norton stated that the arrests were made under the ruling that provides "that three or four 'masked' men assembled in Springfield with no other intent than to commit a felony." Judge Davis emphatically pointed out that there was nothing in his previous charge that could be so interpreted, as he cited Sec. 1280 of the General Code, which provides: "Three or more persons who unite or combine together to commit a misdemeanor while wearing masks are guilty of a felony."

That these Klansmen are undoubtedly guilty of a heinous offense, because no one could deny that the last funeral rites at the grave of a deceased brother were a "misdemeanor," and no one could deny that the wearing of the regalia of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan with visors up constituted the "wearing of masks with intent to commit a felony." Oh, no, this could not be true any more than to hazard the lives of Springfield's citizens, in order to carry out their duty, that a campaign constituted a misdemeanor in office.

The entire affair is too shameful, regrettable and ridiculous to even emphasize by pointed sarcasm, and if any of the newspapers think that anything happened in Springfield worthy of note, it is simply the fact that the time has come in America and particularly in Springfield, Ohio, when a few self-constituted agents of Satan, Imps of Hell, let their own vindictive hate so take possession of their souls that they prostitute the offices which they hold, and from which the people of Springfield will certainly relieve them.

were naturalized Monday night, which can only add emphasis to the entire disgraceful and abhorrent affair.

**Norton's Inspiration**

Possibly Sergeant Norton, Imp of Satan, has just read the story of the Springfield gathering of the Springfield Klan in its first annual picnic July 7th, at which over 30,000 Klansmen and their families were gathered to celebrate in a patriotic and American manner the signing of the Declaration of Independence. That a majority of the attendees was headed upon Chief Imp Norton is evident because he was father to the thought, but the guiding hand was inspired by Chief R. E. O'Brien as evidenced by direct telephone connection from headquarters at Indiana lake, where he is recovering from the recent shock of the Klan attack and successful offensive to his illegal arrest of Worley Cotner last spring.

That the people of Springfield of the same religious faith as Chief O'Brien are hearty in their condemnation of the entire affair is evident from the recent shock of the Klan attack and successful offensive to his illegal arrest of Worley Cotner last spring.

**BUCKEYE STATE KLAN GATHERS AT NEWARK**

Believed That Crowd of 150,000 Will Be Present at Big Klionclave

(Special to The Fiery Cross, by Eye-witness)

BUCKEYE LAKE, O., July 11.—We guessed the crowd at Kokomo at 200,000, opposition to the Klan was not so great. We estimate in advance that 150,000 Klansmen will make the Ohio Klionclave the greatest ever held in the Buckeye state, and even greater than the Indiana Klionclave in that this will represent practically the gathering of Ohio's hosts of Kliondom along with the hosts of Kliondom from other states.

It is doubtful if there ever has been as great an assemblage of Klansmen anywhere gathered within the bounds of a single state, as will be present at Buckeye lake.

**Traffic Jam Unexpected**  
Taking lessons from the handling of the crowd at Kokomo, which even under the conditions was laudable, traffic guards expect to handle the crowds of Buckeye lake even better. It is believed that at the Klionclave at 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, at least 100,000 people will be on the grounds, and arrangements are being made to handle this vast assembly expeditiously, efficiently and comfortably to all.

At the same time a meeting of the Women's Organization will be held at Buckeye lake, where Lancaster Klanswomen will act as guards.

**Outline of Program**  
Officers of the organization will address the gathering in the afternoon under the conditions between hand concerts and glee clubs, while in the evening a great public naturalization, in which it is expected 5,000 candidates from all over the state will be taken into the inviolable Empire. The honor of conducting the ceremony will be accorded to the Springfield Klan.

Outer guards of the organization will be furnished by the Columbus Springfield office. The Springfield office organization will furnish the inner guards.

In the evening a fireworks display will be staged in the middle of the lake on large barges, which are being prepared to handle the large set pieces. Magnificence and splendor will be the crowning climax of the evening affair. Special trains on the Ohio electric traction and special railroad trains and automobiles will bring the visitors from Indiana Klansmen to Ohio Klansmen will be a feature of the occasion.

**BIG DEMONSTRATION AT GERMANTOWN, O.**

Crowds Throng Streets to Witness Parade Led by Klan Band and Horsemen

GERMANTOWN, O., July 7.—Thousands of people crowded the streets here Thursday of last week to witness a spectacular parade of over 400 Klansmen in full regalia. A uniformed Klan band, led by Klansmen on horses, headed the parade. Although the weather was threatening and it brought occasional showers, it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the throngs that gathered along the line of march, and the paraders were cheered and applauded the entire time.

At the Miami Military Institute campus, where the parade disbanded, a speaker of national fame spoke of a speaker of national fame spoke of a crowd of from seven to ten thousand people, who gave him rapt attention and much applause.

## HOOF IS GROWING SCARCE IN CALDWELL

CALDWELL, O., July 10.—Since the organization of the order of the Ku Klux Klan in Noble county some months ago, there has been a surprising change in the betterment of the moral conditions of this entire section. Where places of vice existed previous to the organization there is now respectability, where once there existed places of questionable character there is now purity, where there but recently existed places of gambling there is now "closed shop." Through the existence of the local organization of the Klan practically all operations in the illicit manufacture of intoxicants have ceased, with the result that "hoof" is becoming, as it were, as scarce as hen's teeth. The cleaning up of all these places of vice, merely as the result of the presence of the organization of the Klan, has met with the hearty approval and loudly expressed commendation of the church and better element of this locality, and the organization is being given hearty moral support by hundreds who are not directly affiliated with the same.

**Membership Grows Rapidly**

The local organization is growing rapidly in membership, numbered among it being persons of the clergy, business and professional men, men who have retired from an active business career, the better class of laborers, farmers and men from practically all the better walks of life. Caldwell and Noble county are certainly delighted because of the presence of the organization of the Ku Klux Klan, and the activities of the Klansmen have invariably met with the approval and commendation of all well-thinking and fair-minded people, all of whom count the Klan as a noble and commendable act.

## Klansman Is Buried With Military Honors

ANDERSON, Ind., July 10.—The funeral of John H. Ford was held here on June 25 and the burial made in the West Maplewood cemetery. It was one of the largest funerals ever held in Anderson. Mr. Ford died in the military service. Mr. San Domingo on June 3, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan attended the services and were present at the burial. The American Legion furnished the firing squad, Mr. Ford having been buried with military honors.

Mr. Ford was a Christian character and made many friends in Anderson and elsewhere. He is survived by his parents and three brothers.

**Flaming Cross Is Seen at Maxwell**

MAXWELL, Ia., July 10.—The flaming cross of the Invisible Empire was burned here recently in the park near the city limits.

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**HOUSTON WAS MASON**

Masons have been prominent in public life in Texas for seventy years. Sam Houston, the first president of the republic of Texas, was a Mason. Three of the four presidents of the republic of Texas, and 21 of the 25 governors of the state, have been members of the craft.

**MAKE PILGRIMAGE**

Mount Vernon, Canada and Sharon Masonic lodges of Baltimore made a pilgrimage recently to Alexandria, Va., to honor the memory of George Washington, who was master of the Masonic lodge there.

## MEN AND WOMEN ARE HELD IN BOOZE RAID

Detective Association Aids in Arrests Near Connorsville—Klan Gives Information

CONNERSVILLE, Ind., July 10.—In a liquor raid which followed information furnished by the Ku Klux Klan, and during which a running gun fight was engaged in by the opposing forces one officer was wounded. The raid took place at Bear Creek ridge, in the southern part of Fayette county, early last Friday. Four persons, two men and two women, are held here as a result of the raid, in which two large stills, ten gallons of whisky, an automobile and 250 gallons of mash were seized. A posse of seventeen men, including twelve members of the Fayette County Horsethief Detective Association, made the raid. Approximately seventy-five shots were exchanged.

William Worster, member of the Horsethief Detective Association, was shot in the right arm.

**Four Are Held**  
Cale Richmond, Lydia Hall, Heary Allen and Mrs. Estella Hovins are held as a result of the raid. Allen, who is deaf and dumb, was found at the first still raided and the other three were in a one-room shack near the second still. The stills were the largest and most complete ever found in Fayette county.

Chief of Police Kotchman received information regarding the stills, and when he called on the Detective Association for aid twelve men responded. Four patrolmen also made the trip. Sheriff Haley and Deputy Sheriff Mettel were out of the city but returned in time to aid in the raid on the second still. A truck was needed to haul the confiscated apparatus to this city.

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## NEW HOLLAND, OHIO, HAS BIG CEREMONY

NEW HOLLAND, O., July 7.—Proceeding an initiation of a large class of candidates into the Ku Klux Klan on last Thursday night, the Klansmen gave a parade through the principal streets of New Holland. The streets were roped off and thousands of persons from all over the county

thronged the thoroughfares. The parade formed near one of the largest churches in this city and marched to the spot where the ceremony was held. A band in white uniforms and comprised of fifty pieces led the procession playing "Onward, Christian Soldiers."

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 9.—Before an eager throng of 10,000 people, gathered in the natural amphitheater at Spring Lake Park, a Ku Klux Klan preacher Sunday night took as his text the thirteenth verse of the sixteenth chapter of First Corinthians: "Watch ye, unto like me, be strong." This was the first outdoor religious service that Buckeye Klan No. 8 has held and one of the first of its kind in Ohio.

Three points which characterize the Klan were elaborated upon by the speaker, they being service, unity of purpose and practice of the law of reciprocity.

The aid that has been given to many Franklin county Protestant churches by the local organization was pointed out as a part of its service to the whole community. Its work in aiding peace officers clean up dives of crime and vice was another form of its lasting service.

The Klan draws members from all denominations and welds them into one great organization. This church is for the unity of Protestantism throughout the nation and demonstrates that at least the Protestant churches are one great church.

Ancient Symbol  
"Klansmen are alike," declared the preacher. "They are enshrined in a robe which is worn as symbolic of an ancient rite which stood for the innocence of childhood, the purity of womanhood and state or civil government."

"Klansmen wear regalia, not because they are afraid to meet the eyes of other men, but only as a symbol of equality which was taught by Christ. The millionaire and laborer go together, side by side, without knowing who their companion is, and not caring, realizing only that he is a Klansman."

"This organization believes that that it puts into the world and the community in which it exists, it will receive in return," continued the preacher. "Give the best you have and the best will come back to you," he said, quoting a poem.

Turning his thoughts to other phases of this great American movement, the speaker declared that one of the greatest traits before American parents today was to rear their children to think straight and along right lines.

"From the cradle to maturity, the child and young man or woman must have back of them the courage of the veterans of '76, '84 and the world war to make the right decisions on many of life's problems."

"Any man who believes in the fundamental ideals surrounding the cross must support the flag of his country," he said. "No sacrifice for the cross of Christ or the flag was too great, and no sacrifice was made for both in everyday life."

Two quartets sang. The first sang "The Old Fiery Cross," the hymn of the old church bazaar, "The Old Rugged Cross." The other singers gave three church selections.

## AURORA HEARS EXPLOSION

AURORA, Ind., June 30.—Last night promptly at 9 o'clock an explosion was heard and twelve crosses burst into flame at different points of the city. The crosses were placed on the hilltops surrounding this city and could be seen for miles. Then as if by an understanding a large cross blazed brightly across the river on the Kentucky side, followed by the firing of four charges of dynamite.

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## The Writer's Answer Would Be Interesting

By BYE

In the Monthly Record for June, which is published by the Saint Thomas Catholic Church of Zanesville, Ohio, there is found an article in which the "near" Catholic is severely condemned. The "near" Catholic, the article says, is one who is very much mixed up with the pastor preaches against mixed marriages and, as a result, has no participation in the sacraments of which comes as a consequence of such union.

While the average reader knows full well just what the writer meant when he spoke of "loss of faith," it would be interesting to have him answer the question personally. He would have to admit one of the first things—that the Protestant has no faith or that the old and worst saying that "once a Catholic, always a Catholic," is only a saying and means nothing.

If he answered that the Protestant has no faith, he would be throwing the lie in the teeth of propaganda spread by the high priests of the church that the Catholic layman believes that the Protestant "has the chance for heaven" by "mixing marriages." The writer would be admitting that the propaganda used to lure the American Protestant into the Catholic church does not believe all Protestants to be bigots.

The "strength of the faith" that holds a Catholic in the church? Is that faith weakening in America? Is the old sword of excommunication, which has been bent over the Catholic for centuries, getting dull? Is education causing its once sharp blade to become rusty and dull?

The truth of the matter is that the writer of the article in the church paper knows the truth of it. He knows that the Catholics of today are drifting from the religion. He knows that should the Catholic church attempt today to administer "religious training" in America, as it does in Mexico, Spain or other Hiltariae, the masses, the people, the ignorant hordes who have immigrated to this country within the past few years, would not submit to the tyranny practiced by the church in the more ignorant countries.

The Catholic church tempts religious training to winds of education.

## BIBLE FUND GETS A BOOST AT SIDNEY, O.

Membership in Ku Klux Klan Is Tripled—Church Workers Much Interested

SIDNEY, O., July 10.—Widespread interest is being manifested by Protestants of all denominations, throughout Shelby county in the Bible fund, being fostered by the Klan within the county precincts, and good men, the best available, are flocking into the organization from every walk of life.

Following the public announcement made by the office of the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist Church, of this city, through the local press, thanking their unknown benefactors of the Klan, for pecuniary assistance rendered by a very large donation, to a fund for placing the Bible in the public schools of the city and county, both churchmen and laymen of the community have taken a great interest in the organization movement.

Simultaneous with the actions taken by the organization, related in the preceding paragraph, which occurred at 9 o'clock Saturday evening, there were heard the reports of the bomb triples, in various parts of the county, and five mammoth fiery crosses burst into fervent radiance; beacons which attracted thousands of persons from the precincts of the several communities, attracted to the symbol of right and right June.

The machinery of organization in Shelby county is now well lubricated and running smoothly. On Wednesday and Sunday, with daytime meetings in this city every week day. Men of good character are thronging in every gathering to hear the true principles of Americanism, disseminated by the speakers. At every gathering held within the district for the past fortnight space for seats has been at a premium, and at the present rate of progress, the membership of the organization will be tripled within the next thirty days.

## DEFINES PRINCIPLES OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

OAKLAND, Ill., July 7.—A meeting of the Ku Klux Klan was held here last Sunday in the city park in which from 6,000 to 10,000 people gathered to hear a paper read from Macdonald, Ill. Proceeding the speaking was a band concert by the city band of thirty-two pieces. Automobiles jammed the streets, coming from all surrounding towns. The speaker was heartily received and gave a stirring address on patriotism and defined the principles of the Ku Klux Klan.

## DECISION CREATES GRAVE SITUATION

Court Holds No State Has Right to Prohibit Teaching of Foreign Languages

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 10.—On Monday, July 9, the Supreme Court of the United States set aside as invalid statutes enacted by a number of states forbidding the teaching of alien languages in the primary schools. The court held that no state has the right to prohibit the teaching of foreign languages in private and parochial schools not supported by public funds.

The opinion was written by Justice McKenna, one time attorney general under President Wilson and later placed on the bench of the supreme court by Mr. Taft. The case was raised in the case of Robert T. Meyer vs. the State of Nebraska. Meyer was a teacher in a parochial school and had been tried and convicted in the state courts on the charge of teaching the German language in his school.

The Nebraska statute was attacked by the parochial school advocates on the grounds which they urged against the new Oregon school law and against all legislation designed to Americanize alien children in public schools. They allege that such laws are in conflict with the provision in the fourteenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States which says:

"Nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law."

The majority opinion of the court sustained the constitutional contention, both of the Roman Catholics and of the Jew and Chief Justice Taft being among those who concurred in that opinion. Justice of the states and most talented and scholarly member of the court, filed a minority opinion in which Justice Sutherland declared that the dissenting point-blank and fundamentally from the majority opinion. The dissenting opinion upholds the power of the states to restrict the kind of statutes mentioned.

Based on Meyer Case  
Other decisions based on the opinion in the Meyer case were handed down by Justice McKenna in private, trying similar statutory provisions in Iowa and Ohio on the same ground. So is filed the first gun on the judicial front of the impending battle waged by alien power to supplant public schools with parochial schools teaching alien tongues instead of English and teaching the political doctrines of popery.

Alarming disloyalty among foreign-language citizens of the United States during the world war has caused twenty-one states to enact defensive statutes of the kind invalidated by the supreme court. The Sun, of Lowell, Mass., on May 23, published an account of a criminal prosecution there against a man charged with felonious assault on a girl twelve years old. The girl was required to testify in court. Though born and reared in Lowell, she could speak only the French language and therefore had to give her testimony through an interpreter. The reason for her inability to speak a word of English was that she had been kept in parochial schools and taught only French.

All statutes designed to correct that deplorable and growing hindrance to Americanization and that menace to the public security are rendered nugatory by the decision of the Meyer case. Such statutes were designed to meet a grave situation disclosed in the hour of national peril. But the court says they must go.

In this preliminary engagement the defensive victory of the law was not as to the teaching of foreign languages in high schools. It related to the teaching of alien tongues in parochial schools and taught only French.

Enemies of Education  
Enemies of public education are hailing the Meyer case not as an end within itself, as forecasting the probable attitude of the supreme court as now made up regarding the Oregon school law. They direct attention to the fact that Oregon is

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## FIELD IS SEA OF FLAGS AT ASHVILLE

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Among the states whose foreign-language statutes are annulled by the court's opinion in the Meyer case. From the police headquarters at Washington the hierarchy of Rome has sent out to the Portland, Oregon, June 11, quoting one of the attorneys in its fight on the case.

"From the dispatches so far received I am convinced that the decision in the Meyer case will decide, profoundly, the compulsory school measure in Oregon. I am further convinced that the latest expression of the court will in that case will declare the Oregon measure unconstitutional."

Many able and discriminating lawyers who are friendly to public education share the opinion expressed by Mr. Cavanaugh. In fact they believe the opinion of the supreme court is due in part to a definite purpose to obtain an adverse decision of the compulsory school law adopted last fall by the people of Oregon. The people must decide whether the supreme court shall in future serve the American nation or the hierarchy of Rome.

The doctrine of this case places parochial schools in a position of ecclesiastical authority and beyond the reach of American law. Whether the people shall be permitted to continue multiplying on our soil schools legally exempt from law enacted by the people is for the people to decide. The verdict of the nation must be promptly registered at the ballot box with such results that the justices of the supreme court and those who appoint them can hear and understand.

GIVE PARADE  
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## WOMEN WILL HOLD LARGE CELEBRATION

Preparations Being Made at Mooresville to Handle Big Crowd on July 14th

MOORESVILLE, Ind., July 10.—The Klansmen of Indiana have been invited to attend an all-day and evening entertainment to be given by the women of the Ku Klux Klan at Mooresville on July 14. The celebration will be the first to be given by the Women's Organization in Indiana.

In connection with the celebration will be a ceremonial at which a large class of candidates will be initiated into the organization and a big parade held. There will also be a grand display of fireworks during the evening. Breakfast, dinner and supper will be served on the grounds, which afford excellent camping facilities. Those who have camping equipment have been urged to bring it with them.

**Bands and Orchestras**  
Band concerts will be a part of the program and there will be several bands and drum corps to furnish music for the parade and the concerts. There will also be a number of orchestras will be on the grounds for the occasion.

There will be a number of national speakers who will deliver addresses throughout the day and evening on Americanism. A number of speakers of note will be on the program.

Preparations for handling a very large crowd have been made as present indications point to a vast throng in Mooresville on that day.

### PLAN SHRINE

Members of Karem temple, Mystic Shrine of Waco, Texas, are planning to build a shrine city for the exclusive residential use of shrine fans. It will embody all the best civic improvements and every effort will be made to make it an ideal community.

## NEW INFLUENCE NOW FELT AT ATHENS, O.

Dissatisfaction at Laxity of Law Enforcement—Klan Aids in Church Work

ATHENS, O., July 7.—Athens county Klans have been very active during the past month in church work and in aiding in the enforcement of law and order. The burning of a number of fiery crosses throughout the county is taken to mean that the Klan is growing rapidly here.

Great dissatisfaction is being voiced here at the laxity in law enforcement against bootleggers and other crooks and it is felt certain that a new influence will be felt at the next election at which the people of this county will attempt to put men into office whom they feel positive will enforce the law adequately and justly.

It has been rumored that the Klan has been secretly checking up on certain persons known to be breaking the law and that information leading to several arrests will soon be in the hands of the proper officials.

## STANDING ROOM AT PREMIUM IN THEATER

NEW LONDON, O., July 7.—With standing room at a premium a nationally known speaker spoke before an audience at the local opera house on the basic principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. His speech was repeatedly halted in his speech by the enthusiastic applause that greeted his talk. He explained how the un-American element in this country are striving to corrupt the public school and how the Klan was standing behind law enforcement. The Klan is very strong in this community, it is understood, and was indicated by the attendance at the meeting at which hundreds were turned away for lack of space.

## EDINBURG, IND., PUTS BIBLE IN THE SCHOOLS

Action Follows a Resolution Adopted by Trustees of Johnson County

EDINBURG, Ind., July 10.—It is not always the biggest cities that do the biggest things. This holds true especially in spiritual and religious matters, and too many times it is left for the small city to blaze the trail for its larger sisters to follow. Such a reaction may be gained by the recent adoption of a resolution, concerning the reading of the Bible in the public schools, by the board of education of Johnson county, and the later adoption of it by the board of school trustees of the town of Edinburg. The following is a copy of the resolution as passed by the Edinburg public school trustees:

Pursuant to a resolution adopted by the board of education of Johnson county on the 4th day of June, 1923, recommending the use of the Bible in the public schools, by the board of school trustees of the town of Edinburg, Indiana, recognize the imperative need and demand for the training of children along spiritual lines as well as mental and physical, and, whereas, the spiritual and religious education and training of children has not been adequately emphasized in the teaching of the public schools, and, whereas, the school board of Edinburg desires a greater knowledge of and a more practical training in the moral and religious principles inculcated by the Bible:

Therefore, it is resolved and it is the express desire of the board of trustees of the Edinburg public schools that the reading of the Bible be a part of the program of said schools, and that to this end a copy of the Bible shall be provided and maintained by said trustees and their successors in each of the several school rooms and in the library of the said schools and that all teachers and supervisors that are now employed and that are hereafter employed to teach in said public schools of the town of Edinburg, shall devote at least one period each week to the reading of the Bible to the pupils and students of their respective rooms, beginning on the 10th day of September, 1923, and continuing thereafter until this resolution is rescinded or modified.

Unanimously adopted this 2nd day of July, 1923, and ordered placed upon the minute record of the Edinburg school board.

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## PROTESTANTS WIN IN FIGHT TO HOLD AMERICAN MEETING

East Liverpool, Ohio, Americans Grab Off Victory and Hear Grand Address

Strength of Klan Grows as Opposition Opens Eyes of Residents to Certain Tactics

(By Staff Correspondent)

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., July 10.—Hailing the forces of Americanism with the battle cry of "American Institutions for the use of Americans," Protestant Americans of East Liverpool won an overwhelming victory over the forces opposed to American ideals and the free public schools of America here last Friday night when they gained the use of the high school auditorium for a lecture on "Americanism."

This important victory was won in the face of overwhelming odds thrown up by the president of the school board, J. H. Brooks, himself a Protestant, those who believe that the only safe school for children is the parochial school, and the two daily newspapers of the city, both controlled by interests unfriendly to the Protestants of the district.

Winning the use of the auditorium against these great odds only made victory the sweeter. Needless to say the school auditorium was packed for the lecture and the results gained from one of the finest talks on this subject ever heard in the Ohio valley were wonderful. The speaker, a former lecturer on the Chautauqua platform for over twenty-two years, held his audience for more than two hours, being only interrupted by the frequent outbursts of applause. When he paused at one point in his talk to ask if his hearers were tired and wished to go home, he was met with an outburst of "No," which fairly shook the school building.

### President Gets Shock

Preliminary skirmishing by the opposition started two weeks ago when President Brooks called the school board together in secret session to pass resolutions which would prevent 100 per cent American organization from using the auditorium. Right there was where he received the shock of his life. The secret session ended in failure and when the resolutions were presented at the regular session the same evening, they both died for want of a second. President Brooks stands alone in his endeavors to dominate the situation in East Liverpool, as other members of the school board have openly declared that they are serving the interests of American taxpayers who built and who keep up this public school building.

Falling in this move, President Brooks tried another plan. He instructed the superintendent of schools to refuse the American organization the use of the auditorium. Needless to say this Protestant man protested against being made the goat for the president's whims. There the matter rested for a few days.

The next battle came when a representative of the American organization called upon Mr. Brooks to rent the auditorium for Friday night for a lecture on Americanism. Being told that "that question has been settled in East Liverpool for good," the representative was refused the use of the auditorium. This took place without the president having consulted the rest of the board members.

The organization's representative then made a formal request upon the school board members that they take action on the question as he was of the opinion that the power of the board did not rest upon one man. The board held a special meeting and passed a resolution allowing the organization to use the auditorium for this lecture.

### Threats Are Useless

Threats of court action by way of injunctions were made by the opposition. The newspapers took up the cry and the headlines streamed "K. K. K. Rents School Hall." Every indication that could be done to prevent the Protestants of this city from using their own property for an American purpose, was tried by the opposition. But it was useless.

Roused from their lethargy by the attitude of Mr. Brooks, these Protestants demanded that the building be used and they held their meeting and listened to the lecture without any interruption from the opposition. The hundreds attending the lecture were "spotted," however, by men known to be Roman Catholics. After their predictions that the Protestant American organization would not get the auditorium, the newspapers sent a reporter to "cover" the meeting. He was admitted to the building.

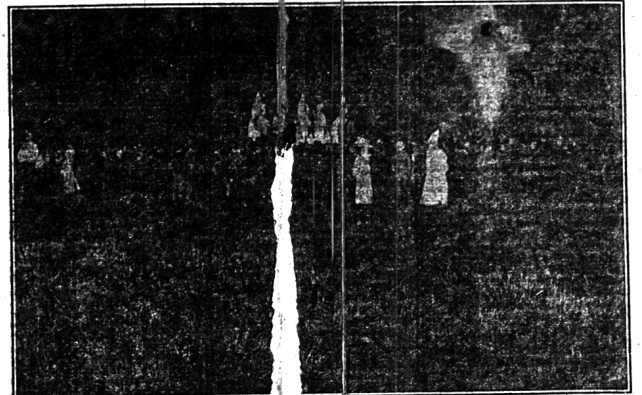
Needless to say the real story was not printed, but instead the Klan paper carried a story talking all about the court action that was to follow this meeting, but not printing one real word of news.

Fiery Cross Agent Swamped  
Realizing that they must get their Protestant news from an American newspaper, Protestants of the entire district fairly swamped the agents of the "Fiery Cross" when they made their appearance on the street Saturday night. Copies of the paper were eagerly scanned and all inquiries centered on the real news of what took place at the secret session of the school board. Although the newspapers of East Liverpool have all about the secret session and knew what took place at this session, not one word of the matter was printed in any of them. The "Fiery Cross" posted a notice in its issue of July 10th.

carried the entire story of this session and copies of this paper were eagerly sought. It was reliably reported that as a result of what has taken place here within the past few weeks, the Protestants have awakened the ears of the Ku Klux Klan working over time and being free-

ly predicted that a new influence will be felt at the primary election in this county on August 14, when municipal officers will be named in six towns of the county.

## Klan Celebration at Sebring, Ohio



It is estimated that a crowd of 25,000 attended the celebration and initiation held by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Sebring, Ohio, on June 14, when approximately 1,000 candidates were initiated.

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Resolutions Follow Acts by Aliens Who Commit Outrages

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Resolutions signed by Klansmen in twenty-one counties in New Jersey have been forwarded to the governor of the state and other state officials and to every judge, district attorney and newspaper in the commonwealth.

The resolution cites in detail the various outrages which have been perpetrated on Klansmen in New Jersey recently as they were peacefully engaged in their meetings.

In particular the attack by opponents of the Klan on the Protestant church at Boundbrook, the assault upon Rev. Oscar Haywood, a Baptist minister, at Perth Amboy, and the breaking up of his meeting by Catholics, the attack upon Klansmen in meeting at Plainfield, are mentioned.

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## POLICE CHIEF COLE GETS MORE EXERCISE

Riotous Conspiracy Charge Sounds Great—More Fake Parade Rumors in Jeffersonville

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 10.—Chief of Police Cole has not yet had a real exercise when another fake report was spread in Jeffersonville that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were to give a parade here last week. The chief became very excited, as did Mayor Joseph H. Warriner, who issued an order to "arrest as many as possible" of the paraders.

Just what was intended to be done with the balance is not known, but it is thought possible that Chief Cole intended to "throw them in the river," as he was reported some time ago as saying that he would throw all the Protestants in Jeffersonville into the Ohio river.

The charge to be placed against the Klansmen whom the mayor and chief of police had called on to parade was that of riotous conspiracy. Hot dog! That riotous conspiracy stuff is sure some classy charge. It is thought possible that the charge was dragged out among others over which the police wished to ponder to find if arrests could not be made in order to keep the police tuned up and keep the people's mind off the fact that the bootleggers in town are not getting proper attention from the police.

It Really Is a Riot

It is to admit the Klan is "a riot" and has certainly gone over on Uncle Sam's big-time circuit. Possibly the conspiracy existed among the ticket speculators. At any rate, Chief of Police Cole got some exercise swinging his club and oiling up his gun.

Also, it afforded Mayor Warriner another opportunity to "issue a statement."

Chief Cole, it would appear, would like to have the public believe that the Klan is afraid to parade. This causes rise to the question of "afraid of what?" Afraid that Chief Cole will so far forget the duties of his office as to attack and arrest them without cause? Or afraid that the alien element will attack and bring physical violence upon American citizens parading peacefully through the streets of an American city.

Fake Rumors

The Klan is not afraid to parade and fake rumors are only started to make it appear so. Of all those who say that the Klan is afraid to parade in Jeffersonville, the question has been asked: "If you believe the Klan is afraid to parade, analyze the reason for your belief and see if you do not believe that your thought is founded upon the knowledge of the tactics of the opposition and attitude of certain officials who take the law into their own hands, and not for any belief that the Klan is going to cause trouble."

The Klan will parade in Jeffersonville when it sees fit—if it would not be breaking a law in so doing.

## GREAT INDIGNATION FOLLOWS BOMBING

Prohibition Agent and Family Escape as House Is Wrecked—Minister Attacks Conditions

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, July 10.—Great indignation has followed the bombing of the home of Prohibition Enforcement Agent J. C. McCoy at Richmond, a town in this county, on June 30. Although the house was badly damaged, the agent and his family escaped injury.

Sixteen sticks of dynamite, enough to blow the town of Richmond off the map, were later found under the front of the house. Their failure to explode, due, it is believed, to improper handling, not only saved the McCoy family, but the lives of scores of others residing in the immediate vicinity.

The dry officer's life had been threatened innumerable times by bootleggers and other defiant law violators whom he has prosecuted, and the attempt on his life and the lives of members of his family it laid, at the doors of this lawless element.

Active "Kangaroo" Court  
The little town of Richmond, where the most active "kangaroo" court in the county is located, with Mayor C. W. McCullough as presiding official, was rocked by a blast shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. Residents in the vicinity of the McCoy home were awakened from their beds, and thinking there had been an earthquake, rushed into the open. Intense excitement reigned until the true nature of the blast had been determined and investigation proved that no one had been hurt.

Act Is Condemned  
The act of outlawry, together with prevalent defiance of law and order in this community, brought spirited denunciation of local conditions from Stuebenville pulpits Sunday night.

Several ministers, including Rev. D. W. Merrill of the First M. E. Church; Rev. Bursleigh Grubbsbank of the Presbyterian Church; and Rev. W. H. Miller of Hamline M. E. Church, combined patriotic sermons, with a call to the Christian forces of the community to unite and combat the forces of evil that have this city and county by the throat.

The Ku Klux Klan has conducted a crusade on vice in this city and has done much to clear the awful conditions that have obtained here in the past. These same elements that were responsible for the dynamiting act are fighting the Klan very hard here.

## JULY 4TH CELEBRATED BY PLAINFIELD KLAN

Residents Welcome Fiery Cross and Seek Information About Organization

PLAINFIELD, Ohio, July 10.—The Klan is showing increased activity in the vicinity of Plainfield, which seems to indicate a strong membership and many victories for the Klan.

On Saturday night, June 30, while a church social was in progress at the residence of E. R. Kinner in the edge of Plainfield, two heavy explosions were heard, immediately followed by the appearance of a blazing cross on the opposite hill only a short distance from the social. A great deal of interest was taken, since this was the first appearance of the Klan in this town. Several of the attendants at the social who were opposed to the work of the Klan were missed from the grounds almost immediately after the cross was started.

Elaborate Display  
On the night of the Fourth of July, after an all-day celebration at Plainfield with races, a parade and a ball

game, the town was entertained with an elaborate display of fireworks, furnished by the citizens of the town. At the close of the fireworks, when the citizens were starting home again, two explosions were heard and again the blazing cross stood out against the sky, this time only a few feet from where the fireworks had been set off on a high hill near the town.

It is said that certain citizens who are not friendly to the movement rushed home and said that they were through with Plainfield.

The thinking citizens of the town are seeking all the information possible on the movement and welcomed the appearance of a boy selling The Fiery Cross a few days later by buying liberally.

## Officials Co-operate Against Bootleggers

COSHOCOTON, O., July 10.—The local officials and county officers are co-operating closely with the Klan in running down bootleggers and other vice purveyors. Much is being accomplished along this line and the moral effect of the Klan is being felt here as in many other places throughout the nation.

## THOUSANDS WITNESS PARADE

Laverne Klan, Realm of Alabama, a few days ago staged a parade which was witnessed by five thousand people. The line of march led to the baseball park where an address on Americanism was delivered by a prominent minister.

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## BIG NATURALIZATION

SEDALIA, Mo., July 10.—Three thousand Klansmen from Sedalia, Mo., Realm of Missouri, and adjoining towns held a mammoth naturalization ceremony at Sedalia, Mo., last week. Four hundred aliens were naturalized beneath the glow of a couple of big fiery crosses.

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