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ALIENS ARE MENACE, SAYS U. S. SECRETARY

ROBE CARL WHITE DECLARES IMMIGRANTS FILL PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND ADVOCATES REGISTRATION OF ALL FOREIGNERS IN AMERICA.

Speaker Follows in Path Blazed by Ku Klux Klan as Trend Toward Organization Principles Grows in Volume—Aliens Cling to Old World Traditions and Superstitions, Department of Labor Official Declares.

Following in the path blazed by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Robe Carl White, second assistant secretary of the United States Department of Labor, delivered an address in Indianapolis on last Thursday in which he decried the influx of foreigners into America, and advocated the enrollment of all aliens and the deportation of undesirables.

"It is up to you to let the world know that he who would live under the Stars and Stripes must be taught to know, and to know well, that America is still America, with her own standards, her own ideals, her own destiny, all founded upon patriotism and conceptions of the supremacy of law," Mr. White declared.

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Klan Foes Must Change Base, Says The Outlook

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The Ku Klux Klan today is a very different organization from that of two years ago, which was investigated by congress and found guilty by public opinion of serious crimes. This is the first fact about it which strikes an inquirer. It is different in leadership, in personnel, in purposes, and in methods. Its leaders, to be sure, declare that the difference is merely a change of emphasis, but this seems to be nothing more than an attempt on their part to hold traditional strength. In fact, there has been a deliberate overhauling. In it whatever of the old Klan seemed useful has been kept, but there have been important rejections and much that is new has been added.

These changes are carefully calculated by a shrewd and understanding mind. The new leaders recognized that the position of the Klan and its reputation were fatally weak for any great success. They had large ambitions, and set about to make the Klan at once less easy to attack and far more effective in its appeal to the average decent citizen. They developed new strategy and tactics. In short, the giant in the white hood attempted to clear the decks for action. How well it succeeded is partly proved by the growth that followed.

The first result is that the Klan today does stand far less subject to the kind of criticism which has a direct, simple, emotional appeal than it did two years ago. The giant is wearing better armor. The old indictments for violence and graft have less and less truth; also they are less and less effective with those who know the new Klan—and it is taking pains to be known by those whom it wishes to enlist. It is putting out a strong propaganda, and with much success, to show that it is not in any way a champion or defender of lawlessness. Behind the propaganda is an effort to make sure that no such showing can ever again be made against it as was made before the congressional investigating committee.

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E. Y. CLARKE NOW USES SPECTACULAR COURSE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—From an unsuccessful fight and humiliating defeat within the Klan itself, with decisions of court records against him outside, E. Y. Clarke now addresses his ridiculous "appeal" and "offer of aid" to the White House. This is the personal and selfish highway of Mr. Clarke's activities during the recent months in his attempt to destroy the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Unsuccessfully operating stealthily through others and behind a screen, he now comes out in the open where he will be equally unsuccessful as in the past.

From less than one hundred thousand members after seven years of Clarke regime, to a growth of seventy thousand per week in the month of November this year, and a total membership of four millions under the present administration, is evidence of the sincerity of purpose (and the knowledge of Klansmen themselves) of the true ideals and high purposes of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

It is regrettable that President Coolidge should have his mind diverted from important affairs of state to even consider so obvious a personal matter. By his statement Mr. Clarke qualifies in some other "good" company now in Washington—Creager of Texas, Walton, formerly of Oklahoma, and Hearst of nowhere in particular.

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Department of Publication and Education, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

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CROWD OF 25,000 AT DETROIT CHEERS AS FIERY CROSS BURNS

Heads Are Bared and Lord's Prayer Repeated by Vast Assemblage

Police Doff Helmets and Take Part in Ceremony as Clocks Strike Midnight

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 31. — A crowd of at least 25,000 persons gathered in the large open space in front of the courthouse and cheered themselves hoarse as a large fiery cross suddenly burst into flame at the midnight hour on Christmas eve.

The Klan symbol was placed upon a pedestal that extends outward from the top of the steps in front of the building, making it about fifteen feet above the street.

About 11 o'clock there was a noticeable increase in the crowds on the streets in the vicinity of Cadillac Square and the Campus, and at 11:30 the streets were literally jammed. So dense became the crowd that finally all traffic on Woodward avenue at the square became blocked and for a while it was impossible for street cars or motor vehicles of any description to make their way through.

Those who were uninformed became slightly alarmed over the unusual gathering and a riot call was turned into police headquarters. The police could find no sign of a riot, however, as the dense crowds were quiet and orderly.

At midnight pandemonium broke loose when the light from the Klan symbol blazed forth and cheer after cheer rent the air.

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"PLANKS AND PLATITUDES" GIVE NO AID

DEPARTMENT INSTITUTED BY KLAN WILL FURNISH TRUTHFUL INFORMATION TO PUBLIC

Washington Residents Begin to Accept Principles of American Organization

By Milton Elrod
Department of Publication and Education

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Why the department of publication and education?

The other day a politician, well known in Indiana and even in the nation for his political sagacity, strategy, and at the same time subservience to party politics, asked me the question, in a Washington hotel, "What the thunder and damnation is the necessity for a bureau of publication of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan?"

It was obvious from his language and his attitude that he was considerably "peeved," and, answering him in terms of votes—the only language he could understand—I replied, in substance, that in the past the folks back home have only learned and been able to know what you have told them and you have told them what was best for your interests and the interests of those for whom you were speaking." The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have decided that the folks back home are going to know the truth about their government and about those who conduct the business of American government.

Klansmen, unlike the Baltimore oriole which inherits its idea of building a particular type of nest, and, unlike some other American people, really have very definite mental ability, are able to and intend to figure things out for themselves from now on. The infant child sucks by instinct, and some folks eat peas with a knife. Klansmen, as American voters, are no longer going to vote blindly or by any sort of "instinct."

To Gain Better Understandings

The department of publication and education of the Klan, of course, does not expect to confine itself to the ideas propounded above and given to the gentleman from Indiana, but this was the language he undoubtedly could understand. Seriously, and fundamentally, the department believes the Klansmen do not aspire to

POLICE PROTEST LEVY FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS

"Contributions Not Compulsory" Where City Employe Makes Less Than $1,500—Determination by Bill Armitage to Put Over Shank for Governor Is Seen—Men Called Into City Hall

Mayor Capitalizes Holidays by "Sharpening Political Ax on Mail Boxes of Lake County Residents"—Greetings Are Received from "Me and Sarah"—Chief O'Brien Active—To Make Fight in Alien Stronghold

(By Wingfoot)

With Mayor Shank capitalizing the holidays in an attempt to create a "friendly feeling" throughout the state and Bill Armitage employing men for city positions, little attention is evidently being paid to the welfare of Indianapolis citizens as the number of robberies, holdups and other law violations continue to increase under the mismanagement of Chief of Police Rikhoff.

That Mayor Shank is counting heavily on Lake county, due to its large foreign population, is seen in men being put on the Indianapolis police force from that place and the many New Year's greetings from "Me and Sarah" being received by residents of that county.

As one Hammond newspaper put it, "Lew is sharpening his political ax on the mail boxes of Lake county residents." Shank's turning to those sections of the state where the aliens outnumber Americans is not to be wondered at as the mayor's many un-American actions point only to the fact that he must rely on alien support to the limit to make any showing at all in his alleged race for governor.

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Each Building in Decatur Co. Also to Have an American Flag Given by Klansmen

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The delegation was cordially received at every school, except at Letts. The Bible was received here and when the flag was tendered the principal said he would have the pupils vote as to whether it would be accepted. Two pupils voted against receiving it and the flag was not left.

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In describing the difference between the northern Europeans and the southern and eastern types, Mr. White declared that those from England, Scandivania, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and France were desirable because they understood the spirit and ideals of America, were law-abiding and believed in enforcement of law, while the southern and eastern Europeans, coming largely from Italy and the Balkan states, were of an entirely different type, clinging to their old world traditions and superstitions and refusing to be absorbed into the body of the people.

"Approximately 28,000,000 native born whites of native parents reside in our cities, but there are over 38,000,000 whites of foreign birth or foreign stock in these cities and of these over 10,000,000 are foreign born," he declared.

"Of the nearly 14,000,000 foreign born white, less than half are naturalized citizens and our records show that the average alien is in this country ten years before he assumes the duties and responsibilities of citizenship.

The Effect on American Life

"But fully as important as the quantity of the immigrant body, in its effect upon the life of America today and tomorrow, is the quality of

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KOKOMO KLAN HOLDS CHRISTMAS SERVICES

KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 31.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, together with the women's organization and the Junior Klan, celebrated Christmas with a large mass meeting here Christmas eve. The services were held at McCann street and Park avenue and two fiery crosses were burned. One was the symbol of the Knights while the other was the smaller cross of the Junior organization.

Those who were in charge of the ceremonies were clad in the full regalia of the order and one of the leaders gave a very excellent talk which was followd by prayer.

The Knights were very active all day spreading Christmas cheer in the shape of well-filled baskets of groceries and other necessities that were distributed to the poor and needy. There was no discrimination, racially or religiously in the distribution of the baskets.

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Moreover, it has adopted a rather different objective; at least a very different definition of its old objective. Though it has kept the fundamental idea unchanged—"America for Americans"—it has attempted to formulate a propaganda which does not appeal to hate nor stimulate violent prejudice except as the idea itself does so, and a programme which is broader, more definite, and offers opportunity for lawful and satisfying action. It has tried to hold the most effective of its appeals, to make them proof against attack, and to widen their scope.

Finally, it is using very different methods. In place of the blacksnake whip and physical terrorism it has adopted new weapons far more subtle and more dangerous and far less open to simple and obvious criticisms. It has not abandoned

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PATRIOTIC MEETING IS HELD AT LIMA, O.

LIMA, O., Dec. 31.—Elementary lessons in patriotism were presented to about a dozen residents of this city at a meeting last Monday night. The exercises were conducted at the courthouse, where the new Americans were welcomed by the Y. M. C. A. and the D. A. R.

Singing of "America" by the assembly opened the meeting and T. P. Pearman, general Y. M. C. A. secretary, welcomed the new citizens. Mark Rubinelli and Emil Matalja responded.

"Duties and Privileges of Americanship" were presented in an address by L. E. Ludwig, Lima attorney.

American flags and buttons were presented by Miss Ella MacKenzie representing the D. A. R.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. the motion picture, "Hat's Off," was shown, telling a story of the American flag.

J. W. ROWE FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED

GOODLAND, Ind., Dec. 31.—The funeral of J. W. Rowe, a farmer of Benton county, held December 27, was one of the largest attended in the history of the county. Masonic services were held at the grave, following which a delegation of Benton county Klansmen placed a cross of red roses on the grave, which was followed by prayer offered by one of the delegation

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Another proof that the organization is live and prosperous is the announcement that 150 Christmas baskets were given out in Elwood the night before Christmas. Each of these baskets contained a chicken, celery, potatoes, apples, canned corn, canned tomatoes, bread, a pound of butter, jellies, candy, nuts, coffee, milk, sugar and a head of cabbage. Toys were also given.

At midnight Christmas eve a program was given before a flaming cross at North E and Nineteenth streets, the highest point in Elwood. Hundreds of persons gathered to witness the ceremony.

CLEVELAND PRESS IS WORRIED ABOUT KLAN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Keen disappointment at the refusal of Senator Willis and Representative Longworth to condemn the Klan in public statements, is expressed by the Cleveland Press in its editorial columns. Among eighteen Ohio statesmen who were interviewed, it says, "only two had the nerve to come out openly against the bedsheet paraders."

Longworth is said to have refused pointblank to discuss the subject and Willis replied that "no good purpose could be served by discussing the Klan now."

Mooney of Cleveland and Stephens of Cincinnati were the two who expressed lack of sympathy with the Klan and its principles. Willis is characterized as a "statesman of the balloon school of politics."

"The correspondent," sighs the editorial, "could not get a direct answer out of Burton, distinguished member of the 'long-face-long-coat school of politics.'"

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Beside the burning cross a man appeared and held up his hand. Instantly the shouting ceased and silence came as if by magic.

It was then that the most impressive part of the ceremony took place when after the silence, the crowd, led by the man who stood in bold relief by the flaming cross, began the repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

The deep chant of the multitudes was carried far into silent streets in

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BRAZIL KLAN IN RUSH OF YULE ACTIVITIES

Many Baskets of Food Delivered to Needy—Services Held at Midnight

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

BRAZIL, Ind., Dec. 31.—Activities of the Ku Klux Klan were very noticeable here on Christmas eve when Klansmen, Junior Klansmen and Women of the Klan busied themselves in a vast charity work which brought happiness to many worthy homes of those who were unable to provide for themselves at that time.

In all homes of the needy, baskets of food were taken and each basket contained a ham, sack of beans, half bushel of potatoes, bacon, two jars of fruit, four kinds of vegetables, jelly, bread, candy, nuts and apples.

No discrimination of creed or color was made and each basket contained a letter from the Junior Knights, which read:

Brazil, Ind., Dec. 25, 1923.

To You, a Worthy American:

It is a delightful custom that leads us all once a year to stop a moment on the open road and wish for each other a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the year ahead be one of joy and prosperity for you, and may the Lord bless you, is our prayer. Yours truly,

Junior Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

At midnight Klansmen gathered on the old rolling mill grounds and devotional services were held in the light of two large fiery crosses and a sermon was delivered by a well-known minister and at its close several hymns were sung.

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Custom, traditions, institutions, political precedents, history, education, all clamor for a definite and intelligent line of Americanism which they may follow, and it is this resourcefulness and indomitable spirit, the challenging and even

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MONROVIA KLAN IN CELEBRATION

MONROVIA, Ind., Dec. 31.—On the stroke of midnight Christmas eve a gigantic fiery cross blazed forth on the public square, and a large number of Klansmen gathered about it and took part in a program arranged for that special occasion.

The burning cross was seen for miles around and there were many who afterward asked what it meant. They were told that inquiries at a certain place would satisfy their curiosity, providing they were eligible to become affiliated with pure Americans.

The needy were also taken care of by Klansmen and baskets of food were placed in homes where they brought much happiness.

FRANKTON LIGHTED BY MIDNIGHT CROSS

FRANKTON, Ind., Dec. 31.—On Christmas eve, at midnight, a huge fiery cross was lighted on a hill just north of this city. As the cross burned a group of Klansmen gave a program. The flaming cross attracted many people to the scene from Frankton. The Klan of Frankton distributed many Christmas baskets to needy families of the town.

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Police and Firemen Protest

Loud cries of protestation are now being heard in both the police and fire departments which to this date have not yet been given orders to donate to Shank's campaign fund. However, it is felt by those employes that they will have to stand "for the shakedown" the same as the rest of the city workers who, it is understood, are being called into the city hall and notified. This notification began on last Friday according to reports out of city hall and created consternation among the employes who are drawing small salaries. On the $1,500 salary the levy would be, at 3 per cent, $45.00 and this is quite an item with the high cost of living.

One employe said: "Forty-five dollars makes two monthly payments on the home I am buying, and sometimes I find one payment hard to have out of my salary. It means my job, though, if I don't kick in."

Even though contributing to Shank's campaign fund is **not compulsory** where the employe is making less than $1,500 a year, there is anxiety among them, it is understood, as they fear to gain the displeasure of Bill Armitage if they do not contribute and many of them are in no position to give money to

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SAGINAW KLAN HOLDS YULETIDE MEETING

SAGINAW, Mich., Dec. 31. — A large crowd of Klansmen gathered on Christmas eve at Shadow Grove, which lies about one and one-half miles west of here, and held Christmas services in the light of a fiery cross.

About two hundred of the Klansmen were in full regalia.

Appropriate songs for the occasion were sung and the meeting was brought to a close after a sermon and the offering of prayers.

The Klan at Saginaw is having a splendid growth and big things in the way of carrying out American principles are being planned for the coming season.

DRIFTER MAKES GOOD; HOST TO RELATIVES

SAND SPRINGS, Okla., Dec. 28.—The 17-room house of John Folk, millionaire soldier of fortune, was alive with activity Christmas day. Inside 23 of his relatives, who remembered him as a town no'er-do-well and drifter until each received a check for $600 and a railroad ticket here, were celebrating Christmas "on him."

Folk, still young at 47, af r more than twenty years in the army, including service in three wars, was the happiest of them all. Folk doesn't know just how much he is worth and is not eager to find out. He says he wants money only to make others happy. He estimates his oil lands bring about $3,000 a month in royalties.

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JERSEY CITY, Dec. 31.—The new state organizer of the Ku Klux Klan for this state has just arrived here from Ohio, his native state and former home. The new Kleagle was formerly a school teacher in the Buckeye state, and later, the organizer in Tuscarawas county. The Fiery Cross believes that Klancraft in New Jersey will continue to prosper under the new leadership.

100 Prisoners Pardoned

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—One hundred persons serving sentences in the Lincoln Heights Police Stockade received Christmas pardons.

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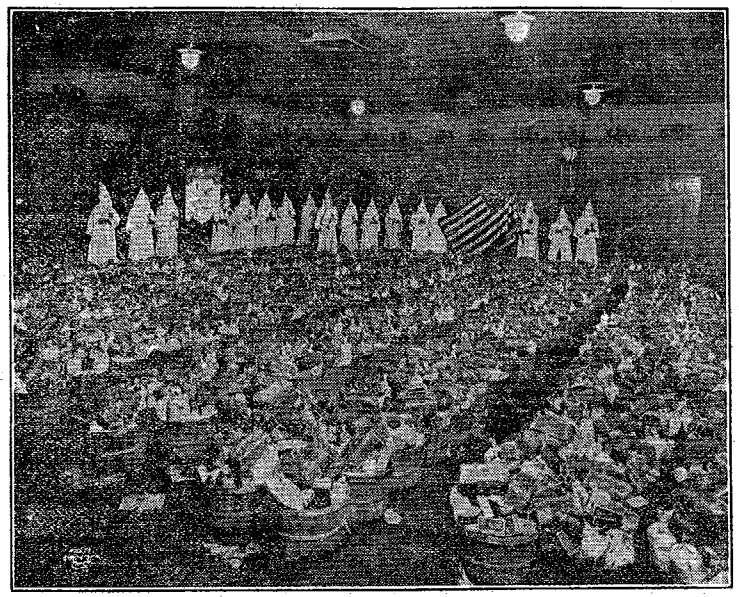

Above is a partial view of the many hundreds of well-filled baskets delivered on the day before Christmas and late into the night by the Indianapolis Klansmen. The baskets went to all parts of the city and were delivered in trucks hired for that purpose and in privately owned automobiles. The delivery of the baskets carrying Christmas dinners was a part of a nation-wide program carried on by the Klan in carrying happiness into the homes of the less fortunate of our citizens. No discrimination was shown and during the day persons of all creeds and nationalities were made happy.

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BACK TO THE OLD!

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SANTA CLAUS BACKED BY WHITE-CLAD MEN

Needy Families of Akron Visited by Good Samaritans With Basketloads of Food

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1,000 MILES OF ROAD BUILT IN THE YEAR

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—The 1923 road building program of the state has been practically completed.

A total of 1,029.94 miles of road has been paved in the state this year. A few additional miles may be added to this record before the close of the year. In addition 47.88 miles of gravel road has been constructed, bringing the total of improved road added to the state highway system in the twelve months up to 1,077.82. More than 2,000 men and 1,000 teams have been employed in the building of these roads.

McAdoo's Son Married

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 28.—Robert H. McAdoo, son of the former director-general of railroads William G. McAdoo, and his bride, formerly Miss Lorraine Rowan, are on their honeymoon after a wedding at the home of the bride's mother here Christmas night.

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PASTOR READS KLAN CREED FROM PULPIT

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Public officials who encourage law violation by lax methods of enforcement were vigorously condemned by the Rev. A. Lincoln Brokaw, pastor of the West Park avenue M. E. church, in a special sermon. Hundreds of Klansmen attended the service.

"The Klan," the speaker said, "stands for enforcement of law and, if it believes that, we should be in accord with it."

At this point, the pastor read the Klansman's creed and declared the principles of the organization were the principles of true Americanism.

"The most flagrant violation of law today is the smashing of the Eighteenth Amendment," he said, and he fixed the responsibility for the situation on "looseness in the administration of law."

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It was fear of bodily mutilation at the hands of men with whose wives he is said to have been intimate, Thompson said, that caused him to flee. He is said to have admitted to police that he had quarreled with James Renner, husband of the woman who sent him the threats, shortly before he disappeared and he was almost on the verge of nervous collapse when the detective found him.

In her confession, Mrs. Renner accused Thompson of exerting a strange influence over her and said she hit on the plan of signing the letters "Clan Guard" after reading a purported "expose" of the Klan in a magazine.

Thompson vigorously denied the charge of improper conduct, but admitted he was in fear of his life after receiving the first note.

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Redeems $60,000 Pearls by Paying $12,000 Duty

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Forty-two black pearls, valued at $60,000 were recovered from customs officials by Prince Felix Youssoupoff of Russia by the payment of $12,000 duty.

The prince brought the pearls and other jewelry, valued at several hundred thousand dollars, and said to have been the possession of the Romanoffs, to this country recently with the announced intention of selling them as antiques.

The other articles are being held for further investigation of their origin. They include two five-karat diamonds, valued at between $100,000 and $200,000.

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"I think it is fundamental that we have clear understanding about that proposition. If that shall be done, in effect we shall have substituted for the Constitution of the United States the mere temporary, fleeting, ephemeral will of a Congress. If Congress can pass a law over the decision of the supreme court, that act, then, is tantamount to an abolishment of the Constitution of the United States."

BELLEVUE KLANSMEN MAKE GIFT TO WOMAN

BELLEVUE, O., Dec. 31.—A group of Klansmen and Women of the Ku Klux Klan visited the home of a woman at North Monroeville last Monday evening and presented a sum of money to her to replace money stolen from her home some days ago. The Klanspeople expressed the kindest sympathy for the misfortune of the aged woman. Before leaving, a cross was burned in the road in front of the home.

Ford Makes a Contract for Big Timber Supply

IRON MOUNTAIN, Mich., Dec. 28.—Contracts for 60,000,000 feet of lumber have been let by the Ford Motor company for the mills at L'Anse and Pequaming. Three-quarters of this huge cut will be hard wood.

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After every needy family in the city had been supplied, so far as the committee was able to determine, many baskets and bags of food remained and it has been announced that any persons who may have been overlooked will be supplied by notifying Salvation Army Officers.

The Volunteers of America also served a big dinner and distributed gifts to several hundred children, and many Klansmen assisted in the work of spreading cheer.

Parents to Live Near Grave of Son in France

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Captain Edward McClure Peters of Brooklyn, sailed Wednesday on the French liner Chicago to join his wife in Toul, France, where they will spend their remaining days near the grave of their only son.

The son was an American soldier, Capt. Edward McClure Peters, Jr., commander of a First Division machine gun company. While the First Division was getting its baptism of fire along the new American front which in those days skirted Toul, Nancy and Baccarat, he was killed in March, 1918. They buried him in the American cemetery at Thiaucourt, only a few kilometers from Toul.

Locomotive Brotherhood Appeals to Supreme Court

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 28.—The long drawn out suit of J. W. Green of Selma against the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in which Green was awarded $12,500 damages for his expulsion from the order, has been taken to the United States supreme court. The contention of the brotherhood is that a retroactive law was used in deciding the case against the order.

From Water Boy to Manager

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 28.—William E. Smith, once a construction gang water boy, has been named assistant general manager of the Louisville & Nashville railroad.

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SENATE WILL PROBE MANY 'DIPLOMA MILLS'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (Capital News Service).—The senate without debate has adopted the Copeland resolution for an investigation by the senate committee on education and labor of alleged "diploma mills."

The investigation will be of particular interest to Washington, as the resolution directs the committee to ascertain and report to the senate whether the laws governing the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia are being observed.

The committee also will make inquiries to ascertain whether there are in the employ of the public health service and other branches of the government persons holding "degrees" or "certificates" from "diploma mills."

Senator Borah, who reported the resolution, said Senator Copeland will be chairman of the investigating committee which will start its work early in January.

This resolution is in line with recent activities of the postoffice department in issuing fraud orders against alleged "universities" which grind out "graduates" by the simple process of taking a fee and writing a "diploma." The practice is debauching of real education when its practice is confined to making "Doctors of Philosophy" and "Bachelors of Science," but when it extends to making "doctors" and "dentists" it lets loose upon an unsuspecting public those who can injure the health of the nation, and so take from its wealth and its strength.

Butterfly Caught in Wisconsin

SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 28.—A live butterfly was caught here Christmas day by Mrs. John S. Armonsen.

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WILL GET MAYFIELD CASE STARTED WITH ALL SPEED POSSIBLE

Believed Committee Will Go to Texas to Hold Some of the Hearings

Congress Scheduled to Get Into Action During Latter Part of Week

(By Eyewitness)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The Senate committee on privileges and elections has not turned a wheel this week owing to the absence of so many members of Congress from the city. Most of them are spending the week at their various homes throughout the country and will not be back in the capital city until the first of next week. Congress is scheduled to reassemble on January 3 and then things will begin to hum for the remainder of the long session—maybe.

At the office of Senator Spencer, chairman of the Senate committee on privileges and elections, it is learned that the subcommittee appointed to consider the evidence in the contested Mayfield case is subject to the call of the chairman. As Senator Spencer is out of the city for the remainder of this week it is not believed the call for a meeting of the subcommittee will be sent out until sometime next week. Before leaving Washington for the holidays, Senator Spencer said he would call the subcommittee together early in January, and get the Mayfield case started as early as possible, as he was anxious to take up the case at once and dispose of it as soon as possible.

To Hold Hearings

The subcommittee that is to hold hearings in the Mayfield case and go over the evidence presented is made up of Senators Spencer of Missouri, chairman; Ernst of Kentucky, Greene of Vermont, Republicans; and Neeley of West Virginia and King of Utah, Democrats.

It is thought by some that this subcommittee may go to Texas for some of its hearings in this case, as most of the witnesses will come from the Lone Star state. It is said none of them will be adverse to a "jaunt into Texas," and those interested in Mayfield sincerely hope the committee makes the trip. They feel that the general "tone" and "Klan atmosphere" in Texas will only tend to strengthen the well-established fact that Senator Mayfield was sent to Washington by the best citizens of Texas at a ratio of 3 to 1 over those interests who now oppose him on purely a Klan issue.

BOK HINTS OF NEW PLANS

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—If the American people approve the plans selected by the jury of the $100,000 American peace award offered by Edward W. Bok, Mr. Bok will take a second step toward the advancement of world peace with a far wider scope and intent and an award larger and more important in every respect, is announced in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly. Mr. Bok gives no hint as to the nature of his "second step."

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CONGRESS NOT YET DOWN TO BUSINESS; FIGHT ON CHAIRMAN

Stubborn Battle Has Been Going On Since December Third

Much Secrecy Surrounds Mellon Tax Reduction Program to Suit Progressives

(Department of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 28.—The present Congress, which has not yet gotten down to real business, was elected by the people a year ago last November. Some fourteen months have passed since the election and business in the two houses of Congress is just getting under way. In fact, the Senate is not yet fully organized.

This state of affairs, of course, brings up the question of who is to be the new chairman of the Senate committee on interstate commerce. The people are asking the question, will he be a Progressive or will the Senate insurgents go over to the Democrats and select a chairman from the minority side of the chamber? Or will the Republicans give in and elect Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, who is the ranking member of the majority party on that committee? Or again let us suppose. Are we likely to have a compromise candidate chosen?

In other words, what is to be the outcome of the stubborn fight that has been going on in the Senate since Congress met on December 3 over the selection of a chairman of the committee that has to do with the railroad legislation of the country?

Action Called Horse Play

Senator Jim Reed, of Missouri, says this is all horse play, childish maneuvers, this fight going on for weeks and weeks over one chairmanship. He advocates the committee going ahead without a chairman, saying that it does not make any difference to the country who happens to sit at the head of the committee table and who sits at the sides of the table.

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ALIEN SURVEILLANCE NEEDED, SAYS SENATOR

Would Draft Law That None But English Schools Be Allowed in America

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 31.—Americanism and the immigration problem were the topics of an address by Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, sent out broadcast over the radio from Washington last night. Senator Harrison insisted the immigration problem should be dealt with in a non-partisan way and for the best interests of the entire country.

"Every proposal," said Senator Harrison, "looking to betterment of conditions—whether it be registration and rigid surveillance over the 7,000,000 aliens who, tonight, roam the streets of American cities or work in American factories without yet signifying their intention of becoming American citizens; whether it be a more enlarged or advanced scheme of educating those aliens who have taken out naturalization papers, or whether a more rigid restrictive immigration law—invites co-operative efforts and united action.

"When the literacy or educational test was applied in 1917 we took a very forward and proper step. When in 1921 we adopted the 3 per cent quota law, we thereby prevented millions of undesirable immigrants from coming to our shores. But the law is not perfect and the immigration question is far from being settled. There was a time when immigration was regarded solely as an economic problem, but the great world war revealed certain circumstances that caused the racial qualities of the immigrants to overshadow the economic phases of the question.

"If I had the power I would write a law that none but English schools be maintained and no newspaper, periodical or magazine be published in the United States unless it be printed in the English language. Immigrants who cleave to the mother country and care so little about our own as to take no steps to learn the English language and have no appreciation of the ideals of the American people are undesirable.

"Undesirable immigration is a menace to American institutions. It pollutes our blood, threatens our stability and challenges our existence. It is dangerous just to the extent it exists.

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"What the United States needs is not a modification of our present immigration laws, but a strengthening of them. We should see to it first that every alien in the United States registers, and if he falls within a certain time to signify his intention of becoming an American citizen he should be deported. The present basis upon which our quota is based should be changed from 1910 to 1890, which would not only effect a reduction in the number of immigrants allowed to come annually from 350,803 to 241,306, but would permit a larger number of desirables and a fewer number of undesirables to enter the United States.

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KLAN VICTORY WON AT SPRINGFIELD BY DISMISSAL OF CASE

Black Chapter in Persecution of American Order Erased by Action of Prosecutor

Klansmen Were Arrested on Way From Funeral—Dismissal Meets Approval of Thousands

(Special to Fiery Cross)

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 31.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have scored another decisive moral victory against the un-American attacks made against it and again the honor of the great organization has been maintained.

After six months of delay and legal juggling on the part of the police and prosecutor, the case against seventy-two Klansmen arrested here July 6, when returning from the funeral of a Klansman, was dismissed Saturday on motion of Prosecutor Justin Altschul. No reason was given by the prosecutor for requesting that the case be nolled, and Police Judge Davis made no comment in ordering the case dismissed from the records. Thus officially at least ends one of the most peculiar cases in the history of the local police department.

In the arrest of the Klansmen a precedent was established as it is the first time on record that the members of a fraternal organization were arrested while attending the funeral of a brother.

The affair aroused nation-wide attention and many prominent secular and fraternal publications took up the discussion, and editorials condemning the arrest were directed at Richard E. O'Brien, chief of police, and those responsible for the arrest.

In local circles it is doubtful whether any public affair ever aroused the sentiment of the citizens as this arrest of the Klansmen and within an hour after the imprisonment of the Klansmen thousands of citizens surrounded the county jail in open protest to the injustice of the affair.

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'BIBLE IN SCHOOL' BILL IS AGAIN AGITATED

Opponents of Measure Will Have to Fight in Open at Next Legislature

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—When the next session of the Ohio Legislature is called, one of the first measures to be offered for consideration will be a bill to make Bible reading mandatory in the public schools of the state.

Such a bill was introduced at the last session, but, for reasons which have never been made public, it was smothered in committee. Determined efforts were made by its supporters to have it brought up to a vote, that its opponents and their reasons might be made known, but the bill never reached the light in either the senate or the house.

It is known that such a bill is now in preparation and steps also are being taken to disclose the influences behind the opposition. Advocates of the plan are marshalling their forces and every pressure will be brought to bear upon the law-making body to assure the passage of such a law.

Movement Is Growing

Vernon M. Riegel, director of the state department of education, who has just finished a survey of the state schools, reports that some sort of religious instruction is being taught in a large percentage of the Ohio schools and fifteen out of thirty-seven county superintendents have announced that plans are under way in many of their schools for such teaching. The average time for such instruction is said to be about two hours a week. This time varies from thirty minutes in Bucyrus to three hours in two districts of Auglaize county. The Bible is used as a textbook in the high schools of Toledo, Steubenville, Gallipolis, Akron, Mansfield, Dayton and many other smaller towns.

"Religious education in the public schools," one state official points out, "will not only tend to fashion the character of the youth of the land, morally and spiritually, but it will tend to exalt American ideals and inculcate in the minds of the school youth the fundamentals of good citizenship."

State educational officials declare that the chief opposition to Bible reading in the schools has come from counties which are thickly populated by aliens, particularly in Darke and Mercer counties.

No Bible or Flag

A recent visitor reported that neither the Bible nor the American flag were visible at the public school in Coldwater, although it is attended exclusively by Protestant children. The school board in that town is said to be composed exclusively of aliens and, as was pointed out in a recent dispatch from Coldwater, the institution is in a deplorable condition. Only two teachers are provided for eight grades and the sanitary conditions are terrible.

The compulsory attendance law in the county also is said to be flagrantly violated and the authorities seem powerless to enforce it against an almost unanimous opposition of aliens.

One thing is certain, the advocates of Bible teaching declare, and that is that the legislator who is unalterably opposed to such training in the public schools will have to come out in the open with his reasons. It was possible, by star chamber methods and secret caucuses, to stifle the measure at the last term, without the identity or reasons of the objectors becoming known, but a thorough smoking-out is promised at the next assembly.

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It is thought by some that this subcommittee may go to Texas for some of its hearings in this case, as most of the witnesses will come from the Lone Star state. It is said none of them will be adverse to a "jaunt into Texas," and those interested in Mayfield sincerely hope the committee makes the trip. They feel that the general "tone" and "Klan atmosphere" in Texas will only tend to strengthen the well-established fact that Senator Mayfield was sent to Washington by the best citizens of Texas at a ratio of 3 to 1 over those interests who now oppose him on purely a Klan issue.

BOK HINTS OF NEW PLANS

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 28.—If the American people approve the plans selected by the jury of the $100,000 American peace award offered by Edward W. Bok, Mr. Bok will take a second step toward the advancement of world peace with a far wider scope and intent and an award larger and more important in every respect, is announced in the January issue of the Atlantic Monthly. Mr. Bok gives no hint as to the nature of his "second step."

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The Republicans made concessions to the Progressive bunch and gave the latter a place on the all-important rules committee by placing Representative Nelson, of Wisconsin insurgent leader, on the committee and then things began to run smoothly for a short time. Just what will be demanded by the Progressives when the big fight comes up in January remains to be seen.

Mellon's Tax Reduction Program

The next turmoil came in the ways and means committee of the House over the tax reduction program of Secretary Mellon and the proposed bonus for the soldiers. Representative Frear, of Wisconsin, another insurgent leader, led the fight for consideration of the bonus measure before the tax reduction program was taken up. This was voted down and the Mellon measure was given the right of way for consideration in the committee.

Too Much Secrecy

The Mellon tax reduction program has too much secrecy about it to satisfy most of the Progressives and they are trying to smoke out the secretary of the treasury on some things they want to know. He has given to the press and the public only the things he wanted to get to them. The committee on ways and means of the House has the Mellon program in full, of course, but many of his proposals for tax reduction on the big things of life are not yet generally known. Members of Congress

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LADIES GIVE PARTY FOR DEPARTING HEAD

ATTICA, Ind., Dec. 31.—The women of the Ku Klux Klan held a holiday party recently in honor of their organizer, who is to leave them in the near future.

The organizer presented the court with a beautiful silk flag together with a wish that they might think of her in the future when they looked upon it.

The ladies in turn presented the organizer with a Christmas purse and asked that she purchase a gift with it as a reminder of her loving friends and followers in Attica.

Refreshments were served and it was a late hour before the party was brought to a close.

WELLSBURG KLAN DISTRIBUTES GIFTS

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 26.—The Ku Klux Klan here put on a Christmas tree last night, and distributed many helpful gifts to the poor and needy of the community.

For the past month the Klansmen have been attending church each Sunday evening in large numbers.

who do not happen to be on the ways and means committee are just as much in the dark yet about this as is the public.

Getting Down to Business

The time has now come for Congress really to get down to brass tacks and go to work with a vengeance, and it is expected this will be done beginning with next week when Congress reassembles after the holidays recess. The session will be a long one not ending probably before the national conventions come along in midsummer and, of course, all parties are ambitious to make a record so that they can go before the country with issues, party platforms and party accomplishments.

All Klandom looks with interest and waits for action.

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With the dismissal of the case against the Klan it is felt that the organization has thoroughly established itself in this city and that no future efforts will be made to molest or embarrass it.

It is estimated that the arrest of the Klan funeral parade resulted in the organization increasing its membership by almost half.

When the announcement was made that the Klansmen under bail were released and that the case was dismissed a feeling of satisfaction was expressed and the opinions of thousands not connected with the organization, that the Klan is a Christian, law-abiding, American movement, were solidly confirmed.

Chief of Police O'Brien, when asked as to his opinion regarding the dismissal of the case, declined to make any statement.

UHRICHSVILLE KLAN ATTENDS A FUNERAL

UHRICHSVILLE, O., Dec. 31.—Public funeral services were held in honor of Roy Cramer last Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in the local Methodist Protestant church. The sermon was preached by the Rev. James McCord.

FIERY CROSS NEAR DOVER

NEW PHILADELPHIA, O., Dec. 29.—Two large fiery crosses appeared on a hill near Dover at midnight, Christmas eve, as a large number of Klansmen met in worship.

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2. Back to the Constitution.
3. Enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment so long as it is a part of the Constitution.
4. Enforcement of present immigration laws and enactment of more stringent laws on immigration.

"Hanging in the Balance!"

The disgruntled ones are busy with the enemies of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

But that need not surprise anyone. In fact, it is to be expected. One might go farther and say with truth it is welcomed by those who have the real welfare of the organization at heart. No great movement has ever had smooth sailing. No movement could be great if the sea was never troubled. The knocks of the disgruntled and the attacks of the enemies are proof that the organization is growing and thriving and prospering and, in a measure, at least, accomplishing the good it started out to accomplish.

Times without number within the last three years the death knell of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been sounded by the hostile press, the enemies of the organization, the half-informed, the ill-informed, or those who go about deliberately to destroy a movement that has disturbed the serenity and safety of the dark and mysterious work of the hidden enemy of America.

The newspapers of the country in the last week have been carrying articles of great length, under display headlines on the first page, with a Washington date, in which bitter attacks have been made by one of the disgruntled ones. It is unusual only in the fact that the broadside has been opened at the doors of the White House. It is hardly different from many other attacks gone before. The newspapers, in an effort to make the assault appear most serious, told the story over twice or three times under the same heading. An introduction, a letter and a resume of the context repeated and repeated, and to make it most impressive the editorial writer got busy in the news columns of the newspapers and inserted in the article, "The fate of the Klan as a national organization is said to hang in the balance."

"Hanging in the balance" is a fine phrase. There hasn't been a day since the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan movement became known publicly that it has not been "hung in the balance" by its enemies. It is like hanging some public individual in effigy—it doesn't harm the individual and it seemingly gives great satisfaction to his enemies.

Let the Klan movement "hang in the balance" by all means. While its enemies are "hanging it" they are temporarily disengaged from other dastardly work against the order. The only persons who can "hang" the Klan movement are those within the organization, and they are not inclined in that direction.

Dissension is no more noticeable within the organization than has been met with by any other great movement in history. These movements have lived and prospered just to the extent of the good they have accomplished. There is a place in America for the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It was founded on justice and never has wandered from the great purpose for which it was founded. When it does wander into fields foreign to its purpose, it will cease to be a factor in America. That time will never come as long as the organization is in the hands of its friends. These friends are as alert today, as wideawake, as jealous of its protection as they ever were. As long as they are on guard the assailants of the order are floundering in deep and muddy water. They may think they are stirring up great volumes of filth because they hear their own thunder. It is well. They are accomplishing good, however much their intentions are aimed in another direction.

A good workman never becomes careless when his boss is watching. There has never been a time in the life of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan when the good workmen within the order were as alert as they are

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By JOHN EIGHT POINT

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New Year—good year—no fear.

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Our laws need revision—particularly the last two syllables of the word.

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It is those who "follow the horses" rather than those who "follow the Klan" that are overcome by race prejudice.

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You may count the thing shall be done
The Klan is set to the mark
The race is ready to run
Faith can see a win in the dark.

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The Lack of Schoolhouses

Some visionary ass remarks that the only entanglement resulting from feeding the hungry in Russia "has been the making of the name of America dear to millions of Russian people." And that, of course, is melodramatic hokum. The recent frustrating of a deep Russian soviet plot to put the red flag of anarchy on top of the White House is the sort of gratitude our efforts at coming in touch with Russia appears to breed in the official Slav heart at least. It is obvious that if the soviet would use one-tenth of the energy it expends in fomenting anarchy and communism in distributing food already produced in Russia, there would be no hungry people in that vast country for Americans to worry over. The thing that bothers Russia is its poor transportation facilities—that, and the lack of true religion and the little red schoolhouse.

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Practical Help Always Open

Let us do our work as those toil who seek earnestly to find the heart of their work. To be useful in our best efforts our work must coordinate. The labor must be interdependent. We must serve others while we are in the act of serving ourselves. Political foments must not take from our hearts the ideals of our forefathers. School and social failures must only nerve us to more united purpose. Very practical help is always open by way of adequately-planned charities on the one hand and local reforms in civic conditions on the other. The party in power matters little—the thing that really counts is that the general good shall be promoted according to methods and principles deemed best by the Klan generally. Local conditions demanding change should be studied by Klansmen who live in these surroundings. Ways of improving matters in harmony with Klan principles will always suggest themselves. What will operate for good in a New York community may not work so well in Indiana or California. Yet there is always a solution to every problem that vexes—and that solution is invariably a peaceful and harmonious one. This last point should be carefully considered by Klansmen. It may take years to teach the public that the Klan does not work by violence, but in the name and faith of the One who brought peace to the world. That our general tasks in common service be as well done as those who seek

The Bible Gives Us Hope

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That was put there by man's foe.
"By our faith we shall remove it."
Say our Knights of Long Ago.
There's a shadow on our schoolhouse
That was put there by crass fools.
Cries the Klan, "We shall bring light in;
God will help us save our schools."

With the rush of modern living,
Church and school in danger are;
We are driven from our landmarks
Toward new perils and grim war;
Painted words and double meanings
Fill the world with lies and fuss;
But the Bible in the schoolhouse
Will give back our hope to us.

All the world with selfish seeking
Has gone mad—will no one see
We must get back to the founders
Of this land of liberty?
Lift the shout of loyal purpose;
Preach the brotherhood of man—
"Flag and church and school forever—
These will save us," cries the Klan.

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Opposition Brings Strength

Between success and failure the bridge is unspeakably narrow. Courage, however, never accepts apparent defeat as final. The champions of a just cause refuse to consider or to count traitors, slackers, and deserters. The reason for the Klan's overwhelming success rests in the courage of those men of broad vision who "put the idea across" in spite of opposition. Achieving success against heavy odds has made the Klan strong. Now come some of the rewards. In almost every paper we read encouraging news about schools, churches, race harmony, and general patriotic endeavor. Probably more columns about our first patriotis, the constitution, and related subjects are now printed every day than were published during any other peace time period in our history. The true Klansman knows that this result has largely come about by reason of Klan effort, propaganda, and so on. Much as the visor has called out the venom of our enemies, it has had its effect in centralizing the vision of the nation upon things the Klan was accomplishing. The Klansman, at the foundation of things, has every right to feel that he has made his countrymen think of their country as an institution to be cherished and preserved rather than something to be accepted as a mere matter of course.

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It is an outstanding characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon, and the average American, to have the disposition to do things right. Most men and women exhibit the spirit of fairness in public service, and have a tendency to live up to the light within them.

So long as right prevails all is well. When social justice prevails, no laws are needed. It is when things are done that deprive some citizen of his civic rights that laws become necessary, and their enactment means that the injustice whereat they strike shall not be within the borders of the state that enacts them. Laws seek to prescribe conditions that shall make it difficult or impossible for offenses to be committed against individuals or groups of citizens. In this light, laws are preventatives of injustice, corruption, and offenses. When illegal practices are committed, the law usually levies a penalty. Laws with penalties are usually effective—if enforced. Laws meeting the approval of everybody, are also effective, even without penalties.

But the disposition to do the right thing often leads men to perform acts in a manner contrary to that prescribed. If the legal manner is designed to shut out the temptation or possibility of corruption, and some other method or manner is adopted, or has become customary, it is evident that that manner may invite corrupt practices at any time. For this reason, as an avoidance of danger, citizens, and all officials, should live strictly up to the law—both as to letter and spirit.

A case in point happened at Frankfort, Ohio, at the last election. It appears that certain election law requirements were violated—let us assume, without wrong intentions. Yet the presence of those wrong practices has caused trouble, and appears to have directed attention to wrong intentions, or their possibilities, if nothing more.

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(Continued From Last Issue)

"Right there," said a man in the audience, "I want you to answer some questions and answer them briefly. If the Klan is not fighting the Catholic religion, how is it that I hear so many, who are supposed to belong to the Klan, bitterly condemning all things Catholic?"

"For this reason: There are, it is true, some bigots in the Klan. There are also some bigots in the Catholic church. Only last year, in my home state, a man was shot by a Catholic because he made a speech against that church. Several Protestant meetings have been stormed and the speaker mobbed in that state. These acts were committed by lawless hoodlums and did not, I trust, receive the sanction of the church. Both Protestants and Catholics can be intolerant on occasion. There are some Klansmen who are anti-Catholic and there are some Knights of Columbus who are anti-Protestant. But the whole order can not be judged by a few. As far as lies within our power, we guard against receiving the religious bigot into our membership, and if our speakers make bitterly partisan speeches, we take them off the platform."

"Do you think that Roman Catholics should not be allowed to hold office or participate in governmental affairs?"

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a day of victory, yet a day of horror; for Forthoffer, one of inglorious defeat; for Judge Karraker, the Ides of March. At least this November day was to him the same as the famous March day to a certain Roman politician long ago.

The polls opened early and were closely guarded. Long lines of voters were already waiting when the doors were thrown open. Dozens of cowboys in spreading sombreros, displaying revolvers of no inconsiderable size, hung about the doorways. In almost every precinct special police were on duty. The day passed without any noticeable disturbances being reported.

Judge Karraker came down and voted early in the morning, then retired to his home for the remainder of the day. Several of his henchmen remained with him during the morning.

Cameron and Forthoffer were in conference during the entire day. They discussed plans for operations after the election, in case Forthoffer carried sufficient votes to elect him. However, they realized that this was a slim possibility.

Taylor mingled freely with the people during the day. His attitude was that of confidence. The victory was practically won.

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opened at the doors of the White House. It is hardly different from many other attacks gone before. The newspapers, in an effort to make the assault appear most serious, told the story over twice or three times under the same heading. An introduction, a letter and a resume of the context repeated and repeated, and to make it most impressive the editorial writer got busy in the news columns of the newspapers and inserted in the article, "The fate of the Klan as a national organization is said to hang in the balance."

"Hanging in the balance" is a fine phrase. There hasn't been a day since the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan movement became known publicly that it has not been "hung in the balance" by its enemies. It is like hanging some public individual in effigy—it doesn't harm the individual and it seemingly gives great satisfaction to his enemies.

Let the Klan movement "hang in the balance" by all means. While its enemies are "hanging it" they are temporarily disengaged from other dastardly work against the order. The only persons who can "hang" the Klan movement are those within the organization, and they are not inclined in that direction.

Dissension is no more noticeable within the organization than has been met with by any other great movement in history. These movements have lived and prospered just to the extent of the good they have accomplished. There is a place in America for the order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. It was founded on justice and never has wandered from the great purpose for which it was founded. When it does wander into fields foreign to its purpose, it will cease to be a factor in America. That time will never come as long as the organization is in the hands of its friends. These friends are as alert today, as wideawake, as jealous of its protection as they ever were. As long as they are on guard the assailants of the order are floundering in deep and muddy water. They may think they are stirring up great volumes of filth because they hear their own thunder. It is well. They are accomplishing good, however much their intentions are aimed in another direction.

A good workman never becomes careless when his boss is watching. There has never been a time in the life of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan when the good workmen within the order were as alert as they are now. The disgruntled ones, their enemies and the partisan-controlled press are aiding greatly in keeping these good workmen on the job. They are busy as never before in guiding and guarding the ship of the Ku Klux Klan from the reefs. Every member of the great crew who is lending a hand to the oar is hastening the time when America will be a better place in which to live; hastening the time when Americans will rule America for Americans. If there is anything wrong in this great movement, then we might as well admit that America is not for Americans.

But Americans have no intention of admitting such a condition. It is something undreamed of; unthinkable. The Klan movement is not a one-man or a clique movement, and never can be. It is free and open to all clean-minded Protestant Americans, and these Americans have their shoulders to the wheel by the millions, and they are coming by other millions; notwithstanding and disregarding the disgruntled ones, our friends, the enemy, and the misled public press.

In the words of a great soldier: "We are here." We might add to this that "we are here to stay until the task is accomplished, whether it takes a few years or a century."

KLAN NEGOTIATING TO PURCHASE CHURCH

TIFFIN, O., Dec. 31.—Plans for the sale of the old Methodist Protestant church building in this city to the Ku Klux Klan are under way between members of the Klan and R. Emerson, real estate man, who is handling the sale for the board of trustees of the church.

It is said the local office of the Klan is willing to pay $20,000, the price asked for the property.

A RAILROAD TICKET IN BOOKS

William Lyon Phelps, of Yale, once said: "Reading is the easiest, swiftest, pleasantest method of transportation. It beats the aeroplane. Every book is a change of climate, physical, moral, or spiritual. Boys and girls soon find this out. They may not have the price of a ticket to Europe or California, but they can get a book at the library which will take them there."

Middletown Has a Flaming Cross

MIDDLETOWN, N. J., Dec. 28.—A flaming cross about fifteen feet high was the cause of calling out the firemen Christmas eve. The cross is supposed to have been erected by the Ku Klux Klan, although none of the members of the organization was seen when the firemen arrived.

FIREMEN RESPECT THE BURNING CROSS

DENNISON, O., Dec. 31.—A fiery cross, burning in an alley in the south side of this city last Friday night about 10 o'clock, was the cause of a fire alarm being sent in. The firemen responded promptly, but when they saw the nature of the fire, they returned to the fire headquarters, permitting the cross to burn.

Brighten Way at Ravenna

RAVENNA, O., Dec. 29.—Six cheerless homes at Rootstown, near here, were brightened last Tuesday, when the Klan Santa Claus paid them a visit and left substantial financial gifts. Five of the families had recently lost a child each and three children of Grover Shaw were killed when a school bus was struck by a train near Rootstown on the morning of October 11. All of the families were almost destitute, it is reported. In addition to the gifts of money, they were given baskets of Christmas dainties and toys.

Oil Found in Nuevo Leon

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 28.—A large new oil field is reported at Aldamas, State of Nuevo Leon, near the border. Some experts say the field will be a second Tampico.

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Practical Help Always Open

Let us do our work as those toil who seek earnestly to find the heart of their work. To be useful in our best efforts our work must coordinate. The labor must be interdependent. We must serve others while we are in the act of serving ourselves. Political foments must not take from our hearts the ideals of our forefathers. School and social failures must only nerve us to more united purpose. Very practical help is always open by way of adequately-planned charities on the one hand and local reforms in civic conditions on the other. The party in power matters little—the thing that really counts is that the general good shall be promoted according to methods and principles deemed best by the Klan generally. Local conditions demanding change should be studied by Klansmen who live in these surroundings. Ways of improving matters in harmony with Klan principles will always suggest themselves. What will operate for good in a New York community may not work so well in Indiana or California. Yet there is always a solution to every problem that vexes—and that solution is invariably a peaceful and harmonious one. This last point should be carefully considered by Klansmen. It may take years to teach the public that the Klan does not work by violence, but in the name and faith of the One who brought peace to the world. That our general tasks in common service be as well done as those who seek greatly to find the essential meaning of patriotic life and zealous endeavor would do them, is a plain necessity.

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The Dull Doctor

Foreigners who return to their own countries with the itch to climb into profitable print frequently expose their ignorance and make themselves a laughing stock by reason of their silly criticisms of America—criticisms which they foist upon their own countrymen who, as a rule, know less about the points in question than their informants.

Dr. Paul Rohrbach, returning to his Cologne, with soothing statements that German morals are as good as American morals but that Americans are more successful than Germans in concealing their lapses, is an interesting example of the classic know-it-all. And the things he thinks he knows but does not, if stacked up, he would make a "frosh" monument.

Perhaps the eminent gentleman may be forgiven for his ignorance in most of his comparisons, but Americans will have trouble in forgetting his remark that co-education does not seem to have been as successful in America as had been hoped.

That statement is a surprising challenge. Few Americans will agree with or interest themselves in Dr. Rohrbach after an opinion of that sort. Beginning with our public schools where boys and girls congregate and going on up to the highest peak of university training, co-education has been a successful fact in American educational experience. Our country's founders had hoped to place woman upon an equality with man, no doubt, but this ideal has become clearer with the passing of years. And if Klan purpose be finally fulfilled the country shall see great American universities dotted all over this broad land where young men and young women, together in the class room, shall learn the same facts about nation at purpose and endeavor and shall hand in hand take up the battle for a larger hope in American statecraft, principles, history, and politics. Equally enlightened, equally ready to face life's problems, the co-educationally prepared men and women shall prove even to the dull German doctor that the experiment has been worth while and has been more than theoretically successful.

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That "Bizarre Craving"

As a kind of spiritual reaction the renaissance was speedily followed by the reformation and the Catholic counter reformation. The renaissance had accepted the pleasing philosophy that pleasure is an end in itself. Its efflorescences of art tended to arouse through a general appeal to the sensuous those passions which the church in all ages has sought to modify and control. Puritans and even Jesuits endeavored to check the human impulses in the direction of salaciousness and sensuality. But cycles in history are like cycles in thought. There is always a marked drift toward new things—or sometimes a recrudescence of abnormalities followed by a reaction.

The impatience with which artists in all lines in the past few years have flung aside technical restraint; the urge of statesmen to invest political conditions with new and impossible meanings; the appalling insistence of religion, science, and philosophy to abandon accepted tradition, the proven fact, and established evidence, for the bizarre, the unproven, and the illogical—these point clearly nowadays to the need of the restraining hand from the great body of the people, if we would escape or at least modify the curuptive plunge and the agonizing struggle for a solid foundation on which to stand.

Conditions at the present time, therefore, if history is about to repeat itself, undoubtedly justify and demand the corrective influence of Klan principle—a principle broad enough to include all that has seemed good in our educational, religious and political life, but not "liberal" enough to accept vicious trends and abnormal impulses. The Klan in itself becomes clear to the thinker as a salutary reaction against impure efflorescences in popular government and ignoble and sinister developments in education and religion.

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Hager, who also is anti-Klan in his sympathies, is the first person to undergo the civil service examination for the office he now holds.

A KLANSMAN'S CREED

I believe in God and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a godless nation can not long prosper.

I believe that a church that is not grounded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and to man.

I believe that a church that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart is unworthy.

I believe in the eternal separation of Church and State.

I hold no allegiance to any foreign government, emperor, king, pope or any other foreign, political or religious power.

I hold my allegiance to the Stars and Stripes next to my allegiance to God alone.

I believe in just laws and liberty.

I believe in the upholding of the Constitution of these United States.

I believe that our Free Public School is the corner stone of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our Republic and are unworthy of citizenship.

I believe in freedom of speech.

I believe in a free press uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.

I believe in law and order.

I believe in the protection of our pure womanhood.

I do not believe in mob violence, but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the causes of mob violence.

I believe in a closer relationship of capital and labor.

I believe in the prevention of unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.

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I am a native-born American citizen and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners.

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"We are fighting war. Every thirty years there is a terrible war, taking as a toll thousands of lives and upsetting the economic condition for decades. We do not recover from one until we have another. These wars are invariably fought by white men. While the white race slaughters its fairest sons, the darker peoples grow and prosper.

"We are advocating a program of reform, removing those forces which are morally detrimental. We are for cleaning up the movies and the press, and for strengthening and purifying our public schools.

"We are battling for racial integrity. North America is a country of the Nordic—it was discovered by Lief Ericson, a Norseman, settled by Anglo-Saxons and has ever been the bulwark of Saxon liberty. While not opposed to other races, we are for strengthening the white race in America.

"This, in brief, is part of the Klan's program."

The people listened attentively. When he finished and left the platform the crowd started to break up and leave. Then Sheriff Beatty mounted to the speaker's stand and addressed the audience. "Ladies and gentlemen, we have listened to a splendid address on Americanism. I now want to introduce a man who has had the courage to espouse these principles and now aspires to represent you in Congress—Prof. George Taylor, of Calhoun!"

The audience yelled, hats were pitched in the air, hundreds pressed closer to hear Taylor's speech. When the meeting finally ended, at midnight, it was no longer doubted that Taylor would carry Prairie City, almost to a man.

CHAPTER XXV

Election Day

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Alone in his room, Judge Karraker sulked, despondent, beaten and discredited. His wife was away from home. Gene was in the parlor, singing, seemingly oblivious of her father's discomfiture. He did not doubt that she secretly exulted over Taylor's election. But why should she be blamed—she loved him? And Taylor had played fair—he had won honestly. The judge thought of this and the Anglo-Saxon sense of fair play arose in him. A son of Old Virginia, he could not help being chivalrous at heart. He had put up a hard fight and had been defeated. Why should he hold a grudge against the man who had beaten him? He reached for the telephone. He called Taylor's number and George answered.

"Is this you, Taylor?"

"Yes."

"Well, this is Judge Karraker."

Evidence of some nervousness at the other end of the line. The judge laughed. He would heap coals of fire on his rival's head.

"Oh, don't get nervous," he said. "This is a friendly call. I am whipped in a fair fight and willing to smoke the pipe of peace. I want you to come over to dinner tonight at eight o'clock. I will have some good cigars and, if you desire, will give you and Gene my paternal blessing!"

"Judge Karraker! Do you mean it?"

"I certainly do. I am an American and so are you. If I could not be elected, I am glad you were. You would not have won had not Cameron proven a traitor. But now that is all over. I am willing to bury the hatchet and let bygones be bygones. I will expect you at eight."

The judge chuckled as he hung up the receiver and called Gene. "Well, I have invited your fiance, the new congressman, over to supper," he informed her, "or, in Washington,

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YOUNGSTOWN KLAN TO HELP LOCATE MAN

Will Advance Funds to Aid in Search for Man in Connection With Conrad Murder

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 31.—The Ku Klux Klan of Mahoning county has offered its services in locating Vasil Bogdan, who is accused of participation in the murder of the late prohibition officer, Dr. S. E. Conrad, and furthermore, offers to pay all expenses connected with the employment of a detective to be sent in search of him by the city of Youngstown.

Bogdan was released following his arrest for cutting to kill, on $2,000 bail.

Chief of Police McNichols of Youngstown states that he has only the word of Attorney O. E. Diser, who represents Bogdan, that the man is in the city of Indianapolis or somewhere in the state of Indiana.

City Will Probably Accept Funds

Since representatives of the K. K. K. have requested that the city allow them to finance the search for Bogdan, McNichols is said to have stated, "I'll take money from any source, if it will aid in bringing Bogdan to justice." McNichols also stated, it is reported, that if funds will be available to send men to Indiana to search for the murderer of Dr. Conrad that they will be without a clew to work upon.

The grocery owned by Bogdan, on Poland avenue, Youngstown, is closed, and there is no evidence that the business is being conducted.

Judge Thomas Jenkins made the statement that if money is provided to send detectives out of the city to make a search for Bogdan, he will issue a capias for his arrest.

In last night's edition of a Youngstown paper an editorial on the above subject states that the report of the Youngstown police saying they had notified the police of Indianapolis to arrest Bogdan, has been denied by the Indianapolis police headquarters. They add that by no wire message, word of mouth or in any manner have they received any such instructions.

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KLAN SPEAKER HEARD AT WAUSEON MEETING

WAUSEON, O., Dec. 29.—That all fair-minded opposition to the Klan movement in the United States will be swept aside when the principles of the organization are thoroughly understood, was the assertion of a Klan speaker who addressed a large crowd last Tuesday night at the courthouse in this city. He declared much of the antagonism now existing toward the Klan is due to false propaganda, circulated by aliens who owe their allegiance to other rulers and would-be rulers. He explained that the organization does not deny any man or woman the right to worship as they choose, but he did emphasize the importance of separating church and state, insofar as it affects the welfare of America and American institutions.

Several hundred persons attended the meeting and the speaker was applauded thunderously as he declared that the worst enemies of the Klan are those who do not want to understand its principles.

It is understood that Klansmen of Wauseon and Fulton county are preparing for a big klonklave within the next few weeks at which hundreds of candidates will be naturalized.

GOSSIP SCORED BY MINISTER IN SERMON

Poisoned Tongue More Deadly Than Gas, Rev. C. J. McCombs Asserts

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 31.—The poison-tipped tongue was characterized as more deadly than poison gas by the Rev. C. Jeffares McCombs, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist Episcopal church in a sermon on "The Sins of the Tongue."

More people have been slain by venomous slander, he asserted, than by the deadliest gases used in the world war. "The slanderous scandalmonger," he said, "makes enemies out of friends, drives husbands and wives to the divorce court, partnerships to dissolution, business into bankruptcy and poisons the well of friendship."

"I am afraid of the black tongue, for I do not possess much except my character and my reputation. He who robs me of my good name robs me of that which does not enrich him and leaves me poor indeed." he continued.

"The scientific slander, with its drooped lip, arched eyebrow, shrugged shoulder, significant look and adder's poison under his lips can release a poisonous virus which no legal analysis can produce in court as basis for a libel, yet will do its deadly work in undermining stable characters. The slanderer whose specialty is the sin of the tongue should be subjected to the cleaning power of the life and death of Jesus Christ. If he fails to respond to this treatment, he should be consigned to an isolation camp, where he may companion with the stinging serpents and poison himself with his own sting."

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the individuals who come to make up this great group. For the past forty years our laws have made every effort to bar from this contry those who would lower our mental, moral and physical standards. The first law enacted was to keep out the Chinese, the 'Chinese exclusion law.' Next we barred the insane, and today the law denies admission to every idiot, imbecile, feeble-minded, psychopathic inferior, insane, inebriate, criminal, anarchist, immoral, and provisionally bars those physically defective and those likely to become public charges.

"Despite every effort, we find an extraordinary proportion of these classes in our alien population. A recent survey was made by a committee of the House of our jails, almshouses, insane asylums and other public institutions. The scientist who made the survey covered institutions caring for imbeciles, feeble-minded, insane, inebriates, diseased, blind, daft, the crippled and the dependents, and found that while the foreign born make up about 14 per cent of our population, they furnish 30 per cent of the population of those institutions; that 44.9 per cent of the inmates of those institutions were either foreign born or of foreign stock.

Mental Diseases Increase

"The rate of mental diseases has increased in the past forty years from 81.6 per cent per 100,000 to 220.1 per cent per 100,000 in the general population. The rate of mental diseases among foreign-born persons and native born of foreign or mixed parentage is higher than the rate of such disorders of native born of native parents.

"The corrected rate covering a period of thirty-two years of persons admitted to public and private institutions caring for mental patients in the state of New York shows that for each 100 admissions in these institutions 44.8 per cent were foreign born. Of course, not all of this group of mental defectives are admitted at our ports. A great number gain surreptitious entry—smuggled across our border in various other ways.

"For over a century the psychology of the United States has been to think of the other fellow first and the United States last, if at all. We have been looking at our immigration problem through the wrong end of the telescope. We have stood with open arms, we have been the long-distance hand-shakers of all the world; we have called ourselves big-hearted! generous! and said to the world, 'Come One, Come All,' no matter how black your past, regardless of your ideas of life and government, regardless of your reason for leaving your home, you are to us as pure as the driven snow. Come, we have vast undeveloped resources, vast plains of untilled land. Come, and we will put you through our huge national melting pot and you will come forth a wonder people—beautiful sentiments, I grant you, but what has been the result? How has it worked out?

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"One thing we know, the aliens have taken us at our word. While the stream flowed in we spent our time accumulating wealth, establishing huge business enterprises, creating world corporations, developing our resources without a glance into the melting pot, without examining its contents or its product. We left this job entirely for 'George' to do. For years the public was at the mercy of alien propagandists and 'zob' writers. When I think of all the sentimental slush written on this subject in the last three decades, and some of it by our own unthinking

POLICE PROTEST LEVY FOR CAMPAIGN FUNDS

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Armitage whose long police record is known by all of them.

Fire Chief O'Brien's Action

Many of the most efficient police in the city, those not hooked up with the Mullin-Glenn-Rikhoff faction of the department, have declared, it is rumored, that they will quit the department before they will contribute to a slush fund to try to elect Shank governor of the state. Whether this same feeling exists in the fire department is not known, although it is only supposed that Fire Chief O'Brien, who has been active with Chief of Police Rikhoff in waging a relentless warfare against Protestantism in Indianapolis, will see to it that all his men "kick in" to a slush fund if Bill Armitage, "ex"-professional gambler, puts out the word.

Despite the hopelessness of the race—due to the fact that Indiana is overwhelmingly American—it now seems that Armitage is determined to run Shank for governor in the vain hope that the burlesque performing horse trader can "make the grade."

ATTORNEY-GENERAL IS GOOD DRY COP

Arrests Two Drunken Drivers Near London for Liquor Law Violation

Attorney-General Crabbe turned executor of the law last Sunday when he arrested two men on the charge of liquor law violation near London. He was driving near London with his wife when he met a car that swayed back and forth in the road, and exhibited all the earmarks of a liquor car. The attorney-general shouted for the car to halt, placed the occupants under arrest and made them drive to London with him, where he turned them over to his brother, Prosecutor H. H Crabbe, of Madison county.

Aliens Occupy Machine

The occupants of the machine were Mike Aback and Frank Bakutil, both foreigners. They had a consignment of liquor in the car, consisting of illicit whisky, a considerable quantity of which they had imbibed.

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pugnacious attitude of the Klansmen of America that is going to be the basis for searching out the unseen forces that govern America; and facts pertaining to government and finances and taxation; searching out and equalizing the control of our economic situation, particularly as it affects farm products and food products; what particular agencies control our civic communities, and what particular system it is that is throttling the upbuilding of our common school system; what can be done toward the Americanization of foreigners and aliens now here, and compel stoppage of newcomers until this problem has been solved, are Klansmen viewpoints, that, if worth anything, will stand the test of American public opinion.

An environment and machinery for the distribution of these facts has been established, and the American public by their response to the Klan doctrine, millions in number during 1923, are now strong for the supreme act, the building of an organization different from that ever known before—and better, the rendering of the greatest possible service to all mankind.

Really Distinctive Points

These are, in fact, the really distinctive points about the Klan and the bureau. They will work for law enforcement, better education, better government, or any of the other fundamental ideals for which the Klan aims, but the initiation of their principles and the preaching of their doctrine is the essential thing.

There are myriads of other organizations who think and practice some, and even all, of these fundamentals, but only in the Klan will be found the program and the very form of organization based exclusively on Americanism in all the word implies.

The Klan is simply going beyond the rest of America in dealing with ideas; with the ideas that the country is suffering much from unassimilated immigration; that there is too much action by racial and religious groups; that attempts are being made to destroy the fundamental ideas of Americanism, and that the Klan itself, the greatest forward movement of the world, has been driven forward and carried to its present success by just these ideas.

Another service of the department is that coming under an economic head, and is based on the fact that there is a widespread dissatisfaction among the farmers and that nothing really constructive has been, or is being done, for them, especially the native American farmer. To my political friend, when we discussed the farm problem, I called to his attention that he and his particular group had given to the farmer only "planks and platitudes"; that the American farmers were seeing their children forced into occupations they detested; that their schools were being invaded by teachers they distrusted; that their Sabbaths were being violated; that their laws were being broken almost with impunity; that they were being driven to meet the competition and methods wholly controlled by alien influences, and that somewhere deep down and far back in the machinery of government was some influence that was making it mighty "hard going for the average farmer."

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It has been necessary to point out to some of them that in early days of an organization which is putting forward any strong doctrine or program new and controversial, there is danger of retaliation against individual members which may destroy the organization. When it becomes stronger this danger becomes less and as a better understanding of the organization grows the danger of the crucifixion of the individual members also grows less. This is proven by the attitude of the press today and by the earlier attacks on the Klan and Klansmen physical as well as oral.

The Klan may be out in the open one of these days. It will make public its membership at any time that those forces that are throttling American ideals and diluting our American citizenship and living under their own interpretation, if they have any, of the Constitution, will come into the spotlight of American publicity and reveal their intentions, their purposes, their motives, and when legislation is made all-including on its purpose. This applies to political as well as religious and fraternal organizations.

Moreover, there are great advantages and a great increase of effectiveness through secrecy in such an organization. A force which is in the open and can be seen and calculated is far less feared by a corrupt official or an anti-American propagandist than one which he can not see. It is far more difficult and far less comfortable to undertake a conspiracy against good government or against Americanism if the conspirator has no means of knowing that the first man in whom he confides his plans may not be a Klansman. These advantages are real, and assist in carrying out the Klan's ideals. In an open democracy they would not be necessary and might be classed as unfair. In the present condition of the country when it is necessary to combat organizations, using these and even worse methods it would be folly to surrender any advantage. When the time comes that the organizations referred to abandon their secrecy the Klan will willingly abandon its.

There is one other reason for secrecy. The Klan is working for ideals and not for personal ambition, and the secrecy of the membership prevents individual Klansmen from exploiting their membership for ulterior purposes. Here in Washington this is simply beyond comprehension.

BANQUET SPREAD BY WYANDOT CO. KLAN

UPPER SANDUSKY, O., Dec. 31.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Wyandot county spread a banquet to about 150 members Wednesday night at Longabaugh's hall. The principal speech was made by a state Klan official. The banquet was prepared and served by Klan members, and it was reported a goodly number of local men affiliated themselves with the organization.

NEWLY-MADE CITIZENS TOLD TO OBEY LAW

LORAIN, O., Dec. 29.—"Obey the laws of the constitution and the country of which you are now citizens, whether or not you believe they are right," was the admonition of Judge J. M. Harding to forty-three members of the night class at Hawthorne school when they were granted their naturalization papers. The judge also spoke on the development of American ideals and the constitution and a short talk also was made by D. W. Lawrence, member of the board of education, along patriotic lines. Each of the newly-made citizens was given a Bible and a silk American flag together with a copy of the book, "The American Creed and Its Meaning," by Mrs. David E. Stephens, regent of Nathan Perry Chapter of the D. A. R.

5,000 MEMBERS IN TUSCARAWAS COUNTY

COSHOCTON, O., Dec. 31.—That the membership in the Tuscarawas county Ku Klux Klan has passed the 5,000 was announced by officials of the organization here when the charter was closed a few days ago. A big meeting was held in the auditorium of the Dover American Legion Post Tuesday evening, at which several hundred candidates are said to have been initiated.

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Smiley is said to have paid more than $2,000 in fines for violations of the Eighteenth Amendment.

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And, he adds, that is exactly what the world is beginning to get—though not in the quantities he would prescribe.

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"How Flu Recurs"

Health Talk No. 37
By J. D. Goldsberry, D. C.

"How Flu Recurs" is the title of an article in a recent issue of the Literary Digest, in which the point is made that influenza comes back every thirty-three weeks after an epidemic. The supposition is that at any such period there may be another epidemic. The last period passed in the summer but only London suffered.

The next period, due in the late winter and early spring, may bring a recurrence here. It is well to remember that the record in the influenza epidemic showed but one death in every 886 patients given chiropractic spinal adjustments. Influenza is a lung disease. The capacity of the sufferer to get oxygen from the air is so greatly reduced, that every energy of the body is needed for the fight. Chiropractic centers this energy just where it is needed, and that is the reason its patients recover. There is no substitute for chiropractic spinal adjustments.

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"Study the rise and fall of nations—assign whatever theory you like for their fall, but you will find there has been one cause underlying all—alien invasion, not by enemy aliens but friendly aliens; aliens coming from a lower civilization to crowd into a better one; aliens coming to be servants, bootblacks, peddlers, etc., or even soldiers, but who gradually outnumber the original stock who created the civilization. Sometimes it requires centuries, but eventually it means but one thing, the wiping out of the higher and replacing the old with the new.

"What should be done? A very natural question. I will name one plan which is worthy of your serious consideration—restrictive and selective immigration and the enrollment of all aliens, those who have arrived in the past as well as future arrivals.

Should Enroll All Aliens

"We should have a law registering or enrolling all aliens until they become naturalized citizens and, in order that we may help them to become Americanized. At first blush you would think everybody, citizen and alien alike, would be for this kind of a law, but not so. Many racial groups in this country oppose it and there are others. We can not hope to have all see our problems alike. Honest men differ in the solution of this problem."

Despite the logical necessity for the enrollment of aliens many prominent citizens have complained that such a practice would be un-American and in effect espionage, Mr. White declared.

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Dispersé in Silence

At a sign from the one who had led them in prayer, the cheering ceased. "Everybody homeward bound" were the words that came from the leader, and without further demonstration, the crowd silently and peacefully dispersed.

It was after this that two policemen removed the cross from its resting place in a spirit of friendliness while the soft peals of distant church bells brought a beautiful ending to the most gigantic and impressive Klan demonstration ever held in the city of Detroit.

his taxes? Nearly every American citizen, and many aliens, are enrolled on any one of a dozen rolls, which rolls are subject to inspection by some governmental agency. But do you know of any instance where any honest, law-abiding individual has suffered wrong or injustice by virtue of such enrollment? Further, the registration of the alien need not involve the creation of a single additional officer. It can readily be accomplished, if necessary, by existing agencies in towns, cities, states and in our nation.

"Enrollment of the alien, undoubtedly is protection to our country and to the honest, law-abiding alien. It would enable our government to locate and deport the undesirable alien, anarchist, the red, the criminal and the mentally deficient, many of whom have gained entrance surreptitiously and been lost in our great centers of population."

The address by Mr. White embraces the principles of the Ku Klux Klan in its fight to keep America for Americans and strongly upholds the contention of the Klan that the melting pot has ceased to function. The Klan has led the way on this vital problem and within the past six months many of the leading magazines, speakers, educators and newspapers have fallen into line.

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"The Klan is going into action against all forces that are crowding America to the wall simply by maintaining a Christian civilization in America. Americanism is going to be understandable by all those who read and think, and Americanism is the Klan's supreme objective. Whoever knows what it is and whoever fights for it, no matter what his or her origin or other characteristics, are among the forces for which the Klan depends for the success of the principles and the doctrines of Klancraft.

As recently referred to by an eminent journalist, they are "the ideals and the aspirations of the most average men in America."

With its research department, with its editorial writers on the most vital subjects in American welfare, with its state editors and state news-gathering organization, all functioning under the bureau, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan intend to render what they believe is one of the greatest services ever rendered to American citizenship. With four million Klansmen supporting them wholeheartedly and unreservedly and with millions of American citizens looking on, and in general in sympathy with these principles, no one doubts the necessity for, nor the ultimate success of the project itself.

Secrecy Is Discussed

There is a lot of agitation and considerable conversation in Washington concerning the secrecy of the Klan and it is amazing how the average citizen in Washington really in a measure generally accepts fundamentally the principles of the organization. The average Washingtonian, however, can hardly understand the secrecy, yet they are living

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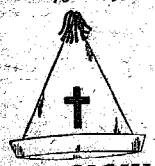

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KLAN GIVES FOOD FOR NEEDY AT ATHENS, O.

ATHENS, O., Dec. 29.—Meigs county Klan No. 57 gave Santa Claus a much-needed lift among the poor families of the city last Tuesday when baskets, laden with all the essentials to a real Christmas dinner, were distributed among nearly one hundred such families.

The needy were provided for, regardless of color or creed, and each of the baskets contained the following articles: Two pounds of bacon, two pounds of sugar, a dozen apples, six oranges, a bag of nuts, bag of candy, can of tomatoes, pound of coffee, one towel, rubber ball, set of dominoes, child's book and a Bible.

In addition to a generous supply of foodstuffs, toys, fruit, candies and nuts were included. The baskets were distributed early Christmas morning and the inmates of the county infirmary also were remembered with a bushel of English walnuts, in addition to gifts of canned fruit, bread, fresh meats, sugar and other foodstuffs.

Poor Remembered by Klan at Lisbon

LISBON, O., Dec. 29.—Seven hundred persons were the guests of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan at a Christmas party given in the Rollaway rink here. An appropriate program of recitations and music was followed by distribution of gifts from a beautiful Christmas tree, and the poor of the city were remembered by baskets filled with food and useful gifts.

DARKE COUNTY KLAN DISTRIBUTES FOOD

One Hundred Fiery Crosses Burn Throughout County in Yuletide Celebration

GREENVILLE, O., Dec. 31.—Members of the Darke county Klan were very active Christmas eve, more than 200 baskets of groceries and other provisions being sent out to the needy families in all parts of the county, along with large amounts of toys which were sent to the children of these families.

Later in the evening about 100 fiery crosses were burned in the various towns and villages of the county.

On Sunday evening before Christmas the Christian church at Ansonia, Ohio, was visited by about twenty members of the Ku Klux Klan clad in the full regalia of the order who presented the officials of the church with an envelope containing a sum of money. A short presentation speech was made by one of the members clad in the Klan regalia in which he commended the church for the good work they were doing in the community and also explained to the congregation that the Klan was back of any work of this kind and would do everything possible to help push it along.

In this county one is almost unable to get an unfavorable expression regarding the Klan organization, it being nearly universally regarded by the law-abiding citizens as the greatest movement of the century.

KLAN FOES MUST CHANGE THEIR BASE

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terrorism, but refined it. It has added the most effective methods of a political minority and other methods, even more deadly and effective, which are not exactly new in American politics, but have never been employed by so tremendous an organization.

The first step in the reform was the simple and obvious one of removing the cause for attacks based on its reputation for graft, for fomenting disorder and violence, for being a menace to law and order, and for attempting to substitute itself for the government. It considers that this has been done.

When I asked H. W. Evans, the Imperial Wizard, how much success his reform campaign had achieved, he said:

"As much progress has been made as it seems to me could have been expected in the short time since the change in control of the Klan took place. The Klan is now on the whole as nearly free from those evils in personnel as can be expected, so far as we have definitely ascertained. Naturally failures on the part of members are continually occurring—a situation which is perfectly sound may become unsound within a few weeks or a month—but whenever such a situation arises it is corrected as soon as the facts are learned.

"Failures on the part of men to live up to their teachings and convictions are always betrayals of trust. Klansmen are not free from them. But we have arrived at the point where the Klan recognizes all such actions as in direct conflict with its teachings and oath."

Much Depends on Dr. Evans

This statement, which admits the previous charges against the Klan and the fact of the house-cleaning, and which admits also that the organization is not yet perfect, is quite typical of Dr. Evans. Before taking up the story of what he has done to the Klan let us stop for a moment to look at the man himself. His position as Wizard makes him one of the most influential men in America today. On him depends largely whether the achievements of the Klan be good or bad.

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The story of what Dr. Evans has considerable success, though his organizers are accused of appealing to the worst motives and prejudices and did the Klan great harm. After paying them, Clark's profits were considerable; he is said to have made as high as $40,000 a month. Charges of graft and corruption naturally followed.

The congressional inquiry, the exposures in newspapers and magazines and the storm of condemnation which followed nearly broke Simmons's heart. He understood it very little. Although the Klan was so organized that he could never have been ousted, he resigned, undoubtedly under pressure from the Evans crowd.

"Texas was the star Klan state, and we came to the meeting all ready to go ahead and do something," one man said. "But when we got here we found the Klan was not going anywhere or aiming to do anything. So we got busy, and Simmons saw the need of a change."

About the first thing Evans did was to cancel Clark's contract. This precipitated a fight, which is still going on. Simmons stood by his friend and they were backed by the Atlanta Klan. The Evans group revoked its charter. Although the fight is hot in Atlanta, I have found little evidence of it elsewhere, and none at all in the north. It is certainly having little effect on the power or growth of the Klan under Evans, and does not seem to threaten his control. Its chief importance has been to bring out some facts about the Klan and to show how complete is the divergence between the old Klansmen and the new. Colonel Simmons declares that Evans has utterly betrayed and perverted the Klan and its ideals.

Personal Profits Stopped

One result of the Evans regime was apparent at once; big personal profits were stopped. Clark had built a splendid home in Atlanta; Evans lived for a while in a $65-a-month flat, and his present home is a modest one. When Evans took charge, the Klan treasury held only about $100,000. The finances, by the way, are under complete control of the Wizard. By July 31, 1923, the treasury held assets of $1,087,273 and liabilities of $1,705 (balance, $1,085,568), as against assets of $403,173 and liabilities of $247,227 (balance, $155,946) a year before. Dr. Evans and his friends feel that they are pretty well clear of the charge of graft.

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famous confederate general, who was head of the Klan of 1866. General Forrest is an unusually high type of man, strong and clean, and he has made an open fight. His "realm" was one of the worst, since it was the first organized under the old methods. His record, however, is typical of several other southern Grand Dragons.

General Forrest told me, with some bitterness, how people were continually calling on the Klan to redress grievances by beating up some neighbor. He denied vigorously that the Klan touched any such affairs, except to send all complaints to the regular law officers. "If they fail in their duty, then we tell the local Klan and let it bring pressure to bear in the next election," he added.

He admitted that there were cases in which people had used the Klan regalia to cover crime, and fewer cases in which Klansmen themselves had broken the law, always without sanction of the Klan. Wherever this is suspected to have occurred the local Klan is under orders to help bring the offenders to justice. General Forrest as Grand Dragon has offered a reward of $1,500 for the conviction of any offending Klansman, and in Macon, where some night-riders were on trial and Klansmen were suspected, he sent detectives to work under the sheriff. Men were finally brought to trial on their evidence, and he had a statement made in court that the Klan did not indorse, support, or protect the men. In at least four cases where local Klans have misbehaved he has revoked their charters and given his evidence against them to the courts.

A Decent Organization

He has got results. "The Klan used to be made up of riff-raff—not criminals, but rowdies and low class folks," one of the best-known men in Georgia told me, and others agreed. "Now it is getting the reputation of being a decent organization and a lot of much better men are joining it. This is mostly since violence has been stopped. There has been very little for quite a while."

The final measure taken to stop violence is perhaps a good test of the sincerity of the reform. In many states no member is now permitted to take his regalia from the Klavern without permission. All hoods and robes are checked with a doorkeeper, and are never in possession of a Klansman except for official business. This measure destroys the chief excuse of the Klan in case of outrages—the plea that the regalia was used without permission.

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'MAD PAT' O'DONNELL STILL RUNNING WILD

DAYTON, O., Dec. 29.—The "poison squad" of the un-American Unity League is about to attempt an anti-Klan crusade here, according to announcement in a local newspaper.

"Mad Pat" O'Donnell who, it is understood, is not in full and hearty accord with the Klan's policy of Americanism, is to be one of the speakers, and curiously enough there is not a Smith, Brown or Jones on the list. However, Rabbi Abram Herschberger of Illinois, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. J. F. Noll of Indiana, and Thomas F. McDonald of Illinois, who, with O'Donnell, make up the squad, promise to explain to the folks of Dayton why the Klan should—and must—be crushed.

The Unity League wants more members, candidly admits the representative who is here to arrange for halls and other details of the local campaign. He confesses that the league is not meeting with the expectations of "Mad Pat" and hopes that Dayton will climb on the O'Donnell band wagon and help wipe the Klan off the map. This, he also acknowledged, is not going to be an easy task; therefore, Mister O'Donnell needs all the volunteers he can enlist.

BOY, 12, IS CHAMPION SPELLER OF HIS STATE

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—Because he was able to spell "chrysanthemums" and "knickknacks," together with 475 other words, 12-year-old William P. Jones, of Cowden, Shelby county, finished first in the state spelling bee. Eloise Combes, of Deland, Piatt county, was second. Romald Smith from White county tied with Georgia Hankla of Union county for third place, and won in the match to decide the deadlock.

MacMillan, in Arctic Wastes, Gets Sister's Radio Greeting

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Donald MacMillan, frozen in the ice eleven degrees from the North Pole, early Christmas day received a greeting by radio from his sister, Mrs. Lillian Fogg of Freeport, Me., who came to Chicago to talk to the Arctic explorer. Messages from MacMillan sent in telegraphic code to the broadcasting station acknowledged the greetings. Mrs. Fogg's daughters, Lillian and May, also greeted their uncle.

After the personal messages, Christmas carols were sung for the exploring crew and a prayer service was held.

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The story of what Dr. Evans has done to the Klan and for it came mostly from other people. He said little about it, except as to results, and he was always careful to identify himself with the mass, to appear no more than their leader and spokesman. Yet the evidence is that he has almost single-handed taken control of the organization and changed it to his purposes. There seems no doubt that these purposes include personal ambitions for power, probably for position and possibly for wealth, but there seems also no doubt that he expects to achieve these through carrying the Klan to power and success, and that he is too canny to risk the great triumph for any minor gratification.

Immediate Success Won

There is no need to devote much space to the early history of the Klan. It was founded in 1915 in Atlanta by Colonel W. J. Simmons, a preacher, dreamer and—even according to his enemies—something of an idealist, however warped. His imagination had been stirred by outbreaks of race and religious prejudice in Georgia and by the hyphenism which was already appearing; he felt that the law was failing to protect the rights either of America or Americans against organized conspiracies, and he set out to correct this. He founded his order along the lines of the Ku Klux Klan of reconstruction days, which many believe saved the south from negroes and carpetbaggers. He won some immediate success in enlisting members through the appeal of the honor in which the south still holds the Klan of the sixties.

Whether he intended it or not, the tradition of the lawless methods of the sixties was also carried over, with far less justification. Many parts of the south and west take easily to night-riding, and a good many men took the cover of the new Klan to indulge this. The result was to bring the Klan into immediate disrepute throughout the country. The story of these outrages is too well known to need repeating here.

Colonel Simmons, as has been said, is a dreamer; he is nothing of an organizer. The Klan grew very slowly. So, presently, he made a contract with E. Y. Clark, who had had been highly successful as an organizer of drives, by which Clark was to get 80 per cent of the initiation fees of $10 each. Clark had (balance, $155,946) a year before. Dr. Evans and his friends feel that they are pretty well clear of the charge of graft.

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But he soon found that this was not enough, and made an open and direct fight inside the order. This culminated in an Imperial Klonvocation (a meeting) of the Grand Dragons (state heads) with minor officials, at Asheville, North Carolina, last July. At this meeting he not only defined the new purposes and methods he had been perfecting, as will be told in a later article, but laid down the law on the subject of violence. In closing his address he said:

"We have not been appointed by Almighty God or any Imperial Wizard to go out meddling in other people's business. Our duty is to get behind the constituted officers of the law, as every one of you have sworn to do. Let's get a national law enforcement program — let's fix it so people will have to go to the penitentiary for violating law. You can not enforce laws in the form of a super-government trying to force your will or your government on the law of the land. The first time one of your Klansmen violates the law, thus breaking his obligation, thus doing a thing in direct conflict with that for which we stand, let us administer on him as Klansmen for breaking his obligation. Let us then get them outside the Klan and let the judge and jury and the penitentiary take care of them. When we do this, the thing will fade like the morning dew.

"The Wizard is not responsible for any violation. I am going to tell you now, you go home and do your duty and the first time you have a bunch of Klansmen that break a law do not get behind them. Put your influence with the constituted officers of the law, and go with the law and act through the law, and thus once and for all and eternally end this accusation."

This, mind you, was to Klansmen alone, and not a public statement. Dr. Evans may have intended to make it public later, but the Klansmen gathered could not know that.

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There is, of course, no means at the disposal of a reporter to determine men's motives. I put the question to a leading Klansman.

"I can't prove to you that it isn't so," he smiled. "But I will point out two things: First, the Klan is absolutely committed, inside and out. If it fails to live up to the reform, it will be damned much more completely than before. Second, the great influx of members has come since the law-and-order program was made clear. They prove that this program is good policy. The Klan will not be foolish enough to change. Moreover, the new members agree with this principle; they now constitute a majority, and they will see that it is lived up to."

Whatever the motive, it is certain that the Klan must be handled on the basis of the reality of this reform, so far as any efforts go either to detach present members or to prevent its spread. Its propaganda is so unequivocal and its record so greatly improved that with these men the argument of lawlessness carries no weight.

This reform, then, is the first and most important step of the Klan in preparing for its great campaign. So far as it is successful and gains credence it will protect the movemen from the charges which have been the only basis for most of the attacks on it. Dr. Evans calculates, with some reason, that the whole attack will fail if those charges become untenable. Certainly enemies of the Klan would be forced to a change of base—not a great hardship in view of the poor success of their efforts to prevent the growth of the Klan so far. Certainly also new attacks would have to be based on the new ideals, program and methods of the Klan, even though such attacks would be more difficult than the old, calling for argument and education rather than simple condemnation.

Violence and graft, however, are not the only things that have been charged against the Klan. There are certain features of the order which are a part of its very growth and structure which are obviously dangerous, and which are far more difficult to reform. These will be taken up in the next article, "Old Evils in the New Klan."

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The Bounds of the Law

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parlance, which I suppose you will have to learn, to dinnah."

"Daddy! Do you mean it?"

"Certainly. He will be here at eight. Hurry and dress."

All smiles, she hurried upstairs to prepare for George's reception.

George also hastily dressed and started for the Karraker home at fifteen minutes to eight.

The mills of the gods sometimes grind rapidly and always exceedingly sure. The dinner to which the newly-elected solon and his defeated opponent were both looking forward, was destined never to be held. The next ten minutes were to be the most momentous in the lives of several persons who have figured prominently in this story.

At six-thirty, the reports all in, Hon. Theodore Forthoffer sat across the table from his accomplice, Prof. Rollo Cameron.

"Well?" was his only question.

"Looks like the thing's all off."

"The election is, yes. But the Madame's proposition still stands open. You've played your last card with that girl. You couldn't marry her on a bet now. She will go to Washington as the wife of Congressman Taylor and that sly old duck of a father of hers will fall right in line for some political appointment. The only hope we have now is to pull that kidnapping stunt tonight. I will wait for you in the car below the house and you go in and get her. Take her if you have to shoot the old scoundrel of a judge. Are you game?"

Cameron stammered and protested. "Look here, Forthoffer, you're asking a lot of me, I——"

"Oh, hell, don't get yellow. I always believed you were; but this is no time to show it. I've done a lot for you, Cameron. Now that we've both failed, we must hang together. We split fifty-fifty on everything. What do you say?"

"I'll do it!"

"All right. Get your artillery. Avoid trouble if you can, but use your gun in a pinch. We start at seven-thirty and should have the girl and be on our way to Little Rock by eight-thirty. Be here promptly."

Cameron rapped at the door at five minutes to eight. The judge himself, thinking him to be Taylor, admitted him. He strode into the room, looking anxiously and nervously in every direction. His hand was in his pocket.

"Where's Gene?" he demanded.

"None of your business!" snapped Judge Karraker; "You infernal traitor, what are you doing in my house, anyway? Get out!"

"I say, where is Gene!" he repeated more harshly, ignoring Karraker.

"I said, none of your business, you treacherous cur. Why, I could kill you——" Karraker seized a chair, intending to strike him. Cameron drew his gun.

Just then Taylor entered the front door. "Here, Here! What are you trying to do?" he yelled at Cameron.

The sound of the pistol stunned him. Then he rushed forward and snatched it from the hands of the assailant. Cameron darted toward the back door. Gene, from the upstairs window, saw him as he climbed into a waiting car and sped away.

To George it seemed that he must have stood there for hours. It could not have been more than a minute, for when neighbors, hearing the

The outer door closed with an ominous clang as the sheriff left the building. It sounded to George like the creaking of the Gates of Doom.

CHAPTER XXVI

Held For Murder

During the most dismal day of his life, George languished in his prison cell. Yesterday had been a day of triumph; today was one of despair. Yesterday, he was a free man, riding the delectable waves of popular favor; today he was a criminal, hated and scorned. How speedily the caprices of Fate hurl to ruin our fairest castles! And yet he was not guilty. Before God, he knew, he stood as one innocent of the blood of all men. Yet he realized that it would be infinitely harder to prove his innocence before twelve men, probably already prejudiced against him, than before a just God who knew and understood all. Outside the rain was falling, a slow, dreary patter, and the city was all but deserted. No pedestrians were on the streets. Away to the west, he could see through a vista of trees, stretched the dark gray prairies. A curtain of curling mists hung above them, even as a curtain of despondency hung over his spirit.

The jailer came at noon with his lunch. George could not eat. The terrible fact that he was accused of murder—held as a common criminal—bore upon him. No matter if he were freed by a jury the odium would never leave him. Children would point him out on the streets and old people would go around him. Gene would forsake him and every dream that he had dreamed would come to naught. And then, he did not know that he would come clear. He could not prove his innocence. No doubt Cameron was far away by now. The judge was dead. No one else had seen the deed committed. He might assert and try to convince the jury that Cameron was guilty, but he could not prove it. He had been found with the smoking gun in his hand, the judge dead before him. There had been ill feeling between him and the judge. No one knew of their reconciliation. What better evidence would a prosecutor want than here presented? He might be convicted on this circumstantial evidence. In that case he would go to the gallows. It would be a public hanging, of course. The thought sickened him. The new congressman dying on the gallows in the presence of thousands——

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Leads Fight to Make Brown County Highways Safe for Sober People

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The editor says: "Most of us can look back to other days in Georgetown when it was possible for a man with a few drinks of liquor under his belt to steer the faithful old family horse to and from town without endangering to any great extent his own life or the lives of others. But it is different now, though we regret to say there are still a few who appear not to have realized it

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"We may differ on the merits of the eighteenth amendment, we may favor it or oppose it. But on one point we are all agreed, and that is that the tightenng up on liquor drinking came at an opportune time so far as human life is concerned. If there had been as many autos back in the days when whisky drinking was at its height in this country there wouldn't have been cemeteries enough to hold the dead. For if there are two things that won't mix those two things are booze and gasoline. Driving a horse while intoxicated is no great feat, because a horse has a measure of intelligence But the man isn't living who can operate an automobile as carefully when drunk as when sober.

"Our courts all over the country are making it plain that the public demands protection from drunken auto drivers, and they are showing no mercy to the drivers who display signs of intoxication when arrested—usually after they have damaged other machines or injured innocent people on the streets or highways And it's a good thing. We have no desire to argue the prohibition question here, but we do join with every good citizen in this land in demanding that if a man must drink that he stay away from a steering wheel while he is doing it."

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A decrease of 20.5 per cent in the total cost of living in the United States, as determined by a consolidation of the figures for thirty-two specified cities, is shown in an announcement issued by the bureau of labor statistics.

The cost of living, however, was almost three-quarters more than the 1913 average, September costs showing a 72.1 per cent increase over the pre-war average. In September a year ago, costs were 66.3 per cent above the 1913 average, and at their lowest point since December, 1917, but December last year showed an increase. There was a slight decrease according to March, 1923, figures, but since that time living costs have been rising slightly.

Chicago showed a decrease of 19.3 per cent from June, 1920, to September, 1923.

The September cost of living expenditures as compared with the 1913 average show the following increases by items:

Food, 49.3 per cent; clothing, 76.5; housing, 64.4; fuel and light, 81.3; furniture and furnishings, 122.4, and miscellaneous, 101.1 per cent.

In the total cost of living the bureau apportions 38.2 per cent of the total expenditures for food, 16.6 for clothing, 13.4 for housing, 5.3 for fuel and lighting, 5.1 for furniture and furnishings, and 21.3 per cent for miscellaneous.

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The Raleigh was put through a four-hour full power test, a full power backing test, a test of her anchor gear, and a test of the fuel oil burner equipment.

The ship developed an average of 97,300 horsepower for the four hours, reaching a maximum of 97,900 horsepower during the third hour. Her average speed for the four hours was 34.63 knots.

Two Centenarians Are Guests at Alumni Banquet

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 28.—Two centenarians, veteran college graduates, were guests at the alumni council banquet here Wednesday. They are former United States Senator Cornelius Cole, 101 years old and a graduate of Wesleyan University in 1847, and Lewis B. Reed, 100, who was graduated from New York University in 1842.

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Cameron rapped at the door at five minutes to eight. The judge himself, thinking him to be Taylor, admitted him. He strode into the room, looking anxiously and nervously in every direction. His hand was in his pocket.

"Where's Gene?" he demanded.

"None of your business!" snapped Judge Karraker; "You infernal traitor, what are you doing in my house, anyway? Get out!"

"I say, where is Gene!" he repeated more harshly, ignoring Karraker.

"I said, none of your business, you treacherous cur. Why, I could kill you——" Karraker seized a chair, intending to strike him. Cameron drew his gun.

Just then Taylor entered the front door. "Here, Here! What are you trying to do?" he yelled at Cameron.

The sound of the pistol stunned him. Then he rushed forward and snatched it from the hands of the assailant. Cameron darted toward the back door. Gene, from the upstairs window, saw him as he climbed into a waiting car and sped away.

To George it seemed that he must have stood there for hours. It could not have been more than a minute, for, when neighbors, hearing the shot, came in, the revolver was still smoking. George held it innocently in his right hand. On the floor in front of him lay Judge Karraker—dead.

The neighbor ladies were too terror-stricken to speak. George stood as if paralyzed. Ages seemed to glide by, worlds to swim before him. Gene came down to the room and fainted at the foot of the stairs. For a few minutes there was a terrible silence. Inexpressible horror gripped the hearts of the little group; no one seemed to comprehend just what had happened. Taylor still fumbled the revolver.

Other neighbors came in. Some of them bathed Gene's face, others lifted the judge from the bloody carpet and laid him on the couch. Then some seized George and shook him. He let the hated revolver fall to the floor. "You did it, didn't you? You did it!" said the man, who was shaking him. "Answer me, didn't you do it? What did you mean?"

George did not answer. He was unable to collect his thoughts. Like Christ before Pilate, he opened not his mouth.

"Why did you do it?" they pressed. "You had already beaten the old man, why did you have to kill him? Taylor, they'll come near lynching you!"

"He didn't do it, he didn't!" said Gene, opening her eyes; "That old Cameron——" And she swooned again.

Sheriff Beatty came in, two deputies behind him. He looked at George sympathetically. "Sorry, old man, but I'll have to arrest you. Have you anything to say?"

"Nothing now—I can not think," murmured George; "I'll talk later."

"Shall we fix up the bond? I'll go my part," suggested the sheriff.

"No, no bond; I'll go to jail."

"What! The newly-elected congressman?"

"Yes, I'll go. I can think better there."

"Just as you say, but I surely hate to take you."

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George felt much heartened when he left. He did not exactly relish the prospect of martyrdom, but if he must be a martyr to bring about a better state of affairs, he was willing. It is hard to unseat the criminal element once they are in the saddle, but this was to be the decisive struggle of the classes. And this is the only kind of war of the classes America ever had, or will ever have. The better, cleaner class of people are in constant conflict with the lower, disreputable class. It is the old war of Right against Wrong. Right has always triumphed and always will in the end.

The Imperial Nighthawk of the Klan was busy all the while, setting his machinery in motion which would apprehend the guilty party and bring him to justice. The local Klan offered a reward of five hundred dollars for his arrest, and dozens of adventurous young men set out, armed with search warrants and weighty revolvers, to make some easy money. Few of them, however, got so far away but what they reached home in time for supper each day.

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1923 MEAT OUTPUT SETS A NEW RECORD

750,000 Tons More Than in 1922, But Stocks of Pork Are Only Slightly Larger

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Meat production in the United States in 1923 probably will exceed the record established in 1922 by 1,500,000,000 pounds, according to an estimate made by Charles E. Herrick, president of the Institute of American Meat Packers.

"This enormous amount of meat—750,000 tons—would feed the entire population of the country for nearly a month," Mr. Herrick said. "To distribute it would require 68,000 refrigerator cars."

Mr. Herrick said the most encouraging factor of the situation is that, despite the large production, the stocks in storage throughout the country are only slightly larger than the average for this season for the last six years.

"This shows," he pointed out, "that virtually all of the increased production has moved into consumption either here or abroad.

"Not in years have meats been selling at such low levels in the wholesale markets," he said. "Declines from peak prices range from 20 to more than 70 per cent. Pork loins, for example, have declined 71 per cent from the peak reached in the post-war period, and now we are selling in the wholesale markets from 6 to 10 per cent below the quotations prevailing in 1913.

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The only stipulation is that the new apartment owners shall not profiteer on rents.

UNION LABOR BANK SHOWS A HUGE GAIN

Its Resources Have Grown From $500,000 to $3,700,000 Since May

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—The resources of the Federation Bank, union labor's financial institution in New York, have increased from $500,000 on May 19, 1923, to $3,700,000, and are expected to reach the $4,000,000 mark by the end of January, 1924, according to Peter J. Brady, president.

"It would have been an easy matter to have confined the sale of our stock to one or two branches of the labor movement, but that was not our purpose," said Mr. Brady. "What we desired was to have the institution as co-operative as possible and have the stock as widely distributed among all the unions as practicable. How well we have succeeded is best illustrated by the large variety of unions now using our institution for their financial transactions."

WOOD'S SON MAKES MILLION IN STOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Lieut. Osborne Cutler Wood, 26-year-old son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippines, has admitted making between $700,000 and $800,000 in speculation in Wall Street securities conducted by cable from Manila, where he is an aid to his father, say dispatches carried by American News Services.

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SHARON, Pa., Dec. 24.—Secretary of Labor James J. Davis declared himself in favor of the old-time religion while speaking from the pulpit of the Welsh Baptist church here last night. "I hold a deep and abiding faith in the firmness of the foundation of true and undefiled religion, and I can see but little in the future for those who seek to tear down that foundation," said Secretary Davis.

Science and Religion Not Opposites

Declaring that science and religion are not opposed to each other, Secretary Davis said, "To my mind, true science and true religion can march forward hand in hand. Science need not seek to destroy that for which christianity stands. Indeed, science may take heed before it throws itself against the rock of ages, else it may itself be destroyed in its present form."

Davis Is a Baptist

Secretary Davis attended Sunday school in the Welsh Baptist church where he spoke. Many tender associations arose in his mind as he revisited the little church. He spoke with unusual depth of feeling.

He said that "in these days of many strange and weird beliefs we must hold fast to our faith in God, else neither individual nor nation can endure. I will take my religion in the old-fashioned way. We are becoming so modern in everything that some of us are even trying to modernize God.

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JAM ARISES IN SALE OF AUTOMOBILE TAGS

Facilities Sadly Lacking—Club Members Are Said to Be Given Preference

By ARYAN GEBEE

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—With only one more working day in which to get automobile license tags, hundreds of Columbus people have been standing in long lines here for several days, hoping to get their tags before the zero hour, which has been set at midnight, Monday, Dec. 31, 1923.

One Agency for 35,000 Autos

In the city of Columbus, where there are estimated to be 35,000 automobiles, only one agency has been designated for distributing them, and that is the Columbus automobile club. At its offices in the Southern hotel, corner of Main and High streets, long lines of shivering people have daily been standing patiently in line from the opening of the offices at eight o'clock in the morning to five in the afternoon.

On Friday afternoon at about two o'clock there were exactly 175 people standing in line, on the sidewalk outside of the offices of the club, and about fifty persons were on the inside making out their application blanks. By actual timing, it was found that on an average, about one person a minute was disposed of. This meant that those at the end of the line would have to wait 125 minutes, or two hours and five minutes, before gaining entrance into the offices because a policeman was on guard at the door of the Main street entrance of the club, allowing persons to enter only as rapidly as others already disposed of came out. The other doors of the club were locked. This meant that persons at the end of the line at two o'clock would have to stand in line till 4:05 p. m., or longer, for it was found that persons who carried membership cards to the club were not required to stand in line, but were allowed to enter at once, on reaching the door and showing their cards to the officer on guard.

Conditions Worse Next Day

Next day, at ten o'clock in the morning, conditions were even worse, for there were, by actual count, 230 people in line, which extended west along the entire length of the hotel along Main street and thence south along High street, the entire length of the hotel frontage there. Inside the offices of the club there were, also by actual count, 102 persons who were filling out their application blanks. The service had improved somewhat over the day before in that on an average, two persons per minute were counted as they emerged from the door of the club with their automobile tags. Occasionally, there were spurts when as many as three a minute made their exit.

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When asked if he thought that three agencies for 50,000 automobiles were sufficient for good service, he said that he thought that it was, as the people had been advised through the newspapers that they could get their tags since last November 20. Then the secretary wanted to ask the Fiery Cross representative a question, and the privilege being granted, he wanted to know if it was just fair to begin a campaign "at this late date." The Cross answered that he thought it was, since it was not thought fair to designate only one agency in a large city like Columbus where the people might get license tags, and that another year was coming, and it was hoped that by this publicity, other and better methods might be provided for.

The Law in the Case

The law provides that "the secretary of state shall designate one or more persons in each county to act as deputy registrars, who shall accept applications for the annual license tax, and assign distinctive numbers in the same manner as the secretary of state. Such registrars shall be located at the county seat and at such other cities or villages in the county as the secretary of state sees fit, and shall serve without compensation."

It would seem that the law fixes the responsibility for the shortage of places where automobile license tags may be obtained. "To see fit" to designate only one place, the headquarters of an automobile club, where tags may be gotten, in a city the size of Columbus, would seem to indicate a lack of judgment, or an effort to co-operate with the club, as many of the waiting citizens declared is the case, to encourage automobile owners to join it.

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This would indeed be a full swing of the pendulum because, under the administration which was swept out of office November 6, the laws were enforced only now and then, if at all.

The new mayor, Charles S. Scheible, who had the endorsement of the Klan, faces a huge task in righting the muddled affairs of the city and, as if that were not enough, the radical reformers are demanding that every Sunday closing law on the books be strictly enforced. This means that practically every restaurant, ice cream parlor, drug store and movie theater, which heretofore has been allowed to operate on the Sabbath, must close its doors Saturday night, and remain closed until Monday morning. This demand of the blue-law advocates has stirred the wrath of the owners and the end is not yet in sight.

Mayor-elect Scheible has announced himself as in favor of law-enforcement, but it is not believed that he will allow himself to be dominated by the fanatic element. He has openly declared war on the gamblers, bootleggers and other law violators of similar rank, but his supporters do not believe he will go to extremes in his policy.

Police Force Inadequate

The police force, under the old regime, was reduced to such an extent that many patrolmen on night duty were compelled to travel their beats on bicycles in order to cover the territory to which they were assigned. It is admitted that the strength of the force is far below the limit of safety.

Scheible's election terminated a bitter fight in which the Klan became the paramount issue. With him was a complete ticket of Klan-endorsed candidates and the whole list was elected by a fat majority. It is known that although defeated at the polls, enemies of the Klan are not willing to acknowledge themselves licked and many of them have openly boasted that they would stop at nothing to embarass and hinder Scheible in his administration. They console themselves with the knowledge that the new city charter contains a recall clause and threats have been made to exercise it if they can "get anything on" the new mayor.

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The speaker was enthusiastically received and when his speech was ended it could be plainly seen by the applause that the sentiment of the crowd was with him.

Much interest has been shown in Klancraft here of late and many of those at the armory expressed a desire to become affiliated with the order. It is understood that the initiation of a large class of candidates will take place in the near future.

INVESTIGATION BRINGS STARTLING FACTS

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 29.—As the special investigation into laxity of law enforcement at this and in Jefferson county progresses, it is said that many startling facts have been revealed. The special probe is in charge of Sherman S. Deaton. It is reported that Mr. Deaton made a report to the attorney-general last Saturday.

It is said that the probe is not yet ended. The special investigator, it is understood, had many persons in Jefferson county voluntarily offer their services and such information as they possessed. "Many of the visitors to the investigators are women of the sensible type," says Deaton.

This investigation was precipitated by various assaults on dry officers, and culminated in the murder of Prohibition Officer Conrad.

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These white clad figures marched peacefully about the deserted streets of the village with their flares burning, making a very impressive sight. Persons who heard the music pealed forth by the fife and who looked from their windows were quickly made to think of the angels who came white robed before the shepherds and proclaimed the glad tidings, "A Savior has been born to men."

Released I. W. W. Prisoners Are to Fight Deportation

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Dec. 28.—A legal fight to prevent deportation to their native lands will be started by Jacob Tori, Harry Lloyd, and Bert Lorton, three of the thirty I. W. W. prisoners whose sentences were recently commuted by President Coolidge. The three men are held for deportation. The trio asserted that they would carry on the work of the Industrial Workers of the World when they were released, whether it be in this country or in a foreign land.

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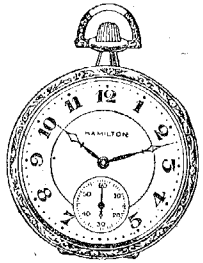

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Another instance was noted of an elderly gentleman, who was half way down the line at ten, and who arrived at the door at exactly 12 o'clock. It was noticed that the long standing and exposure had made him have a distinctly paler look. The Fiery Cross did not have an opportunity to get an expression from him.

"Rotten" Is Heard

Several along the long line of shivering people were discussing the situation in no uncertain terms as to how they felt about having only one place in the city where license tags might be gotten. Several said that they did not "think very much of this sort of a proposition." One laconically expressed his feelings in the matter by saying, "Rotten."

There were men, women and children anxiously waiting right through the noon hour, hoping that some speed would somehow occur, whereby they might get home to the noon-day meal, but hundreds were disappointed. The chilly wind cut to the very bones, and the women and men alike turned up fur collars and pranced about the sidewalk to keep up circulation for warmth.

Crowded at State Office

At the state office building, on West Broad street, conditions were little better, except that there was no favoritism shown, for a membership card to an automobile club did not count, each person took his turn. The outside lobby of the office of the automobile registration department of the secretary of state, under whose jurisdiction this work is placed, has a capacity of only fifteen to twenty persons and this space was crowded during the entire morning hours by persons who were filling out their application blanks for license tags. The blanks were handed to a clerk of the department, and later the tags were to be sent out by mail. No tags were given out at the department as in past years. This source of obtaining tags before next Monday night was cut off at noon Saturday, and was not to be resumed till the following Monday morning.

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Congestion All Over State

According to the secretary of state's office, trouble is being experienced all over the state, the congestion being felt most in the larger cities.

Last year, the license plates were handed out at two places in this city, but with the increase in the number of cars and the unsatisfactory arrangement with the local club, the facilities are wholly inadequate. The matter might still be remedied before Monday, but whether or not steps will be taken to this end, only Monday morning will tell.

Dealers Ready to Help

Several automobile dealers of Columbus were interviewed Saturday to ascertain if they would have been willing, without charge, to have handed out automobile tags, at least to their own customers. All but one said that they would gladly have served in that capacity. One dealer said that he "would have been only too glad to give out the tags to his own customers, and to as many others as would come to his place for them."

At three o'clock Saturday afternoon, there were still 261 persons waiting on the sidewalk outside the rooms of the automobile club, and many had left in disgust, not expecting to reach the door before nightfall.

Wrigley Sign, Brightest on Broadway, to Come Down

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—With the passing of 1923, the electric sign advertising Wrigley chewing gum from the top of the Putnam block at 44th street and Broadway, measuring 50 by 200 feet and burning 17,266 lights, will go out of existence. The sign cost $100,000 a year rental.

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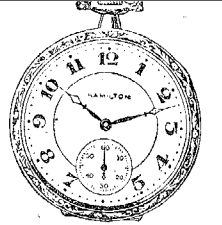

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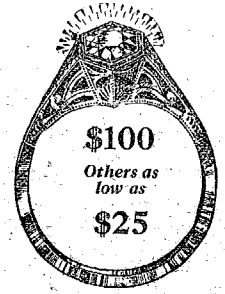

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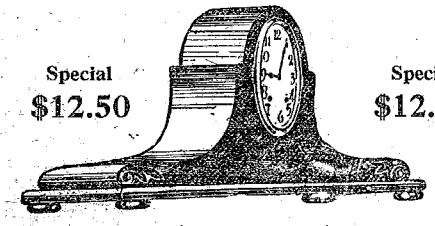

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