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Klansmen To Get Second Degree

COL. SIMMONS QUITS OFFICE OF EMPEROR

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Credentials of All Kamelia Field Men Are Automatically Canceled—Degree Teams Now Being Formed to Confer Second Degree to All Certified Klansmen Throughout All Realms

(By MILTON ELROD)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—According to advices received here today from Atlanta, all differences between Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and Col. William J. Simmons, Emperor of that organization, have been amicably settled. The settlement includes the payment of $140,000 to Col. Simmons and his resignation as Emperor.

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Attempt Made to Slug Minister Called Liar by Mayor—Thuggery Continues

Alien Takes Numbers of Cars in Funeral Cortege—Klan Initiates Two Big Classes

(Special to Fiery Cross)

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 11.—Among the latest acts of thuggery in this city under the administration of Mayor Ora Davis, professed candidate for governor of Indiana, is that of the attempted slugging of Rev. Mr. McBrayer, of the Liberty Avenue M. E. Church, the minister whom Mayor Davis called a common, dirty liar. The attempt was made last night as the pastor was on his way to the church to deliver his evening sermon. The minister, however, escaped serious harm. It is believed here that the attack was indirectly caused by Mayor Davis' tirade against the minister in the local papers.

One of the pledges by Mr. Davis, is that, should he be elected governor, he will clean up the state. This appears ridiculous in the face of the conditions that exist in the city of Terre Haute at this time where thugs, murderers, footpads, burglars and bootleggers ply their trades week in and week out. It would appear from the number of murders, holdups and robberies in Terre Haute within the last month that the condition is growing worse instead of better.

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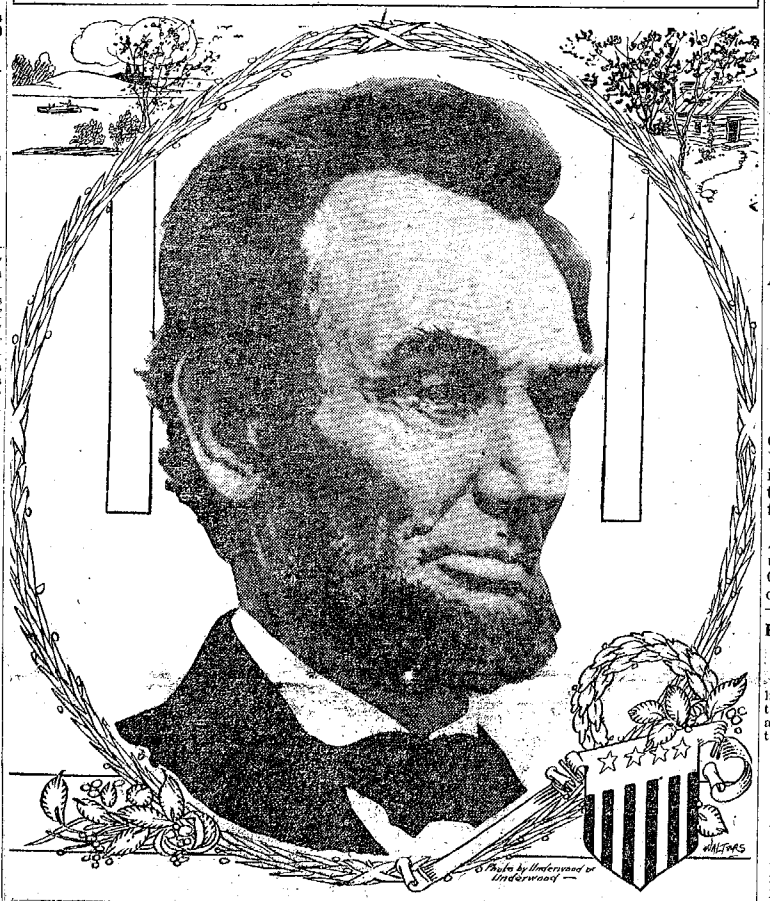

IMPERIAL WIZARD IN RINGING ADDRESS ON PUBLIC EDUCATION

Life of Constitutional Government Now at Stake, Declares Klan Head—U. S. School System Repugnant to Pope, Speaker Says—Array of Vital Facts Set Before Huge Audience in First Public Appearance in Indianapolis.

America Now in Midst of Crucial Struggle to Balk Collapse of Public School System and Roman Hierarchy Is Deadly Enemy to America's System of Education, Is Assertion of Imperial Wizard, Who Enters Into Exhaustive Resume of School Question as It Now Stands in America

Before a most enthusiastic audience which jammed the huge Cadle Tabernacle Wednesday night, Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, delivered a ringing message to the American people, in which he set before them an array of facts that are of the most vital importance to the welfare of America and Americans.

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CAROLYN PHILPOT IS BURIED

TERRE HAUTE, Feb. 11.—The funeral of Carolyn Ysobel Philpot was held from the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jonas, 1800 North Eighth street, last Friday afternoon. The Rev. Roy B Deer, of the First Baptist church officiated. The Women of the Ku Klux Klan had charge of the funeral and one hundred women in robes attended the funeral at Highland Lawn Cemetery. She is survived by her husband, two children Robert and Jack, her parents, two brothers and three sisters.

As impossible as it may seem, an alien woman residing near the home refused to permit cars taking part in the funeral, park in front of her

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Is This Part of the System?

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—"The Roman Catholic 'System', as is well known, has a twofold nature—religious and political. The peril of Romanism is not so much in her religion, but the political system that has grown therefrom in her attempts to control governments.

"In this ambition to dominate politics and governments itself it has been the author of the most tragic events in human history."

How well the above quotations fit into what follows. There is in Washington today a rapidly crystallizing sentiment that the acts of Edward L. Doheny have very definite significance.

Take for instance the Teapot Dome oil scandal in which Doheny is mixed up. One sensation on top of another follows from day to day as public men are brought into the limelight. Is it possible that the public resources of America are being used like they are to carry out this scheme of hiring public men, buying former cabinet officers, senators and congressmen galore. Even as smart men as George Creel, late publicity man for the government during the world war, became involved, and according to his testimony even before he knew it or realized it he was drawing a salary from the Doheny interests to the tune of $5,000 a year. As soon as he found it out he dodged and ducked. Other public men are doing the same, yet others are caught in the dragnet.

Will such interests dare go as far as to attempt to break into our school system? There is no telling how far they will make efforts to carry out their system.

Many public men have been hired or bought up apparently without knowing it or realizing what they have done. Of course, they must give something in return. If this force is so silent and invisible that the best minds in America can't see it, it remains the duty of the Ku Klux Klan to bring it into the open and expose the master mind and master hand.

It is amazing to the men themselves who have been led into it blindly. When they find it out, they resign or make a quick get-away. Mr. Moore resigned when he found what was going on. Watch others scatter.

Washington is taking notice of the manner in which McAdoo was dragged into the affair by Doheny. The "master mind, on the witness stand asserted that his firm had paid $250,000 to McAdoo as a fee. The Senate investigating committe adjourned shortly after his statement because of the death of former

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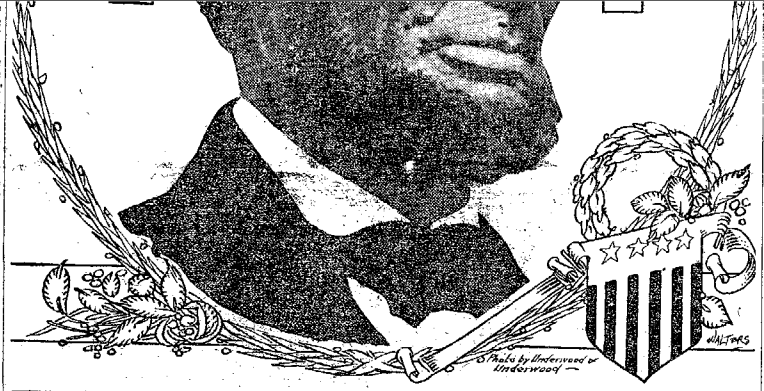

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Washington Has New Scandal Brewing With More Steam Than Any Teapot Dome

Twenty-six Congressmen, Led by Congressman King (Ill.), and Directed by Charles B. Brewer, Are About to Find Out What Is Happening in Bureau of Engraving

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Have you ever seen one of those one dollar bills containing the head of the pope? Keep your eye open for it and look in the corners and on the marginal lines. If it is not plain at first glance turn the bill upside down and take a look. And when you are looking just remember that all paper bills are printed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington and Uncle Sam pays employes to work there.

But that is not the biggest sensation. Have you ever gotten possession of one of those spurious Liberty bonds that were printed in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing? Evidence is said to be at hand to show that $1,000,000 in alleged duplicate Liberty bonds were printed and circulated. Others are known to have been cashed by the Treasury Department and some have been destroyed and there is no telling just how much crookedness has been going on. All of which is starting an investigation here by members of Congress and the writer predicts that another sensation is brewing which will blow off the lid with a louder noise than that which accompanied the uncovering of the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

There is yet an unwritten story to all of this scandal in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and those who are seeking to uncover it are being hounded to the bitter end by the secret service department of the government whose head is William J. Burns, a most devoted man to his faith, which is not of the Protestant type.

Warren G. Harding, late president, knew the entire story and carried the secret to his tomb. Had he lived the story would be different from what it is today. President Harding heard of what was going on in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and he wanted to get at the bottom of it. He did not pick a man from the inside to make the investigation for him, but on account of his long experience in making complete investigations Charles B. Brewer, a special assistant to the attorney-general, was the man Harding selected. Brewer went to work in his quiet way and collected the evidence which he laid before President Harding. It evidently satisfied Mr. Harding, for in the twinkle of an eye he caused the dismissal of 28 employes from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. For some reason which President Harding never made public he gave no details of why this bunch was suddenly dismissed.

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, and other senators began an investigation and they hounded the administration from that day to the day President Harding died, to have those 28 persons reinstated. He has had the co-operation of the secret service of the government, Secretary of the Treasury Mr. Mellon grew suddenly cold on the dismissal and wants the employes reinstated and for some reason unknown to the writer the attorney-general, Mr. Daugherty, seems to have turned against his special assistant, Mr. Brewer, and is now after his scalp. Mr. Daugherty evidently reversed himself after the death of his former close friend, President Harding.

Goes Into Court

Smarting under the attacks of certain senators who are after his scalp and believing that Secretary Mellon and Attorney-General Daugherty have turned on him since President Harding died, Mr. Brewer has filed a petition in the District of Columbia Supreme Court asking that Daugherty, Mellon and other officials of the Treasury and the Department of Justice be restrained from interfering with his possession of "the evidence" in the case. Mr. Brewer now says he convinced President Harding that the government has lost untold millions as a result of the irregularities in the bureau.

Mr. Brewer was advised by members of Congress to take the court action he did to forestall others from smothering or destroying the alleged evidence he has obtained. Then a secret caucus was called by Representative Edward J. King, who represents the Galesburg (Ill.) district in Congress. That conference was attended by 26 members of the House whom Mr. King said he could trust. Mr. Brewer appeared before that meeting with part of his evidence and 26 members of Congress saw for themselves some of the irregularities.

Look in Safety Deposit Boxes

Representative King and most of the twenty-six members of Congress met in the banking house here of the Union Trust Company where Mr. Brewer has his evidence under lock and key and they were shown what Brewer has up his sleeve. This is getting the evidence to members of Congress, no matter what may happen to Mr. Brewer. He asserts that high officials in the administration had hampered him in his investiga-

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In all things, public and private, truth must prevail. Individually, that means intelligence, health and virtue. Nationally, it means liberty and justice, the safeguarding of our traditions, the fulfillment of our ideals.

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I now advocate the adequate education of our future citizenship through a free public school system, as I have pleaded for a rigidly enforced immigration, adapted to our ideals and needs. The two remedies go together.

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You can not disassociate citizenship from civilization. We have a government, of, by and for the people. The great problem, then, concerns two vital things; the character and the ability of our composite people. Their development, hitherto neglected, is a public responsibility paramount to all other constructive duties of the state.

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In the face of such facts, I maintain that no citizen can oppose democratic education in America unless he be an un-American enemy of our institutions.

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The heirarchy believes in the closest connection between church and state. We demand, in the interest of democracy, that they be completely separated. Through

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out the centuries this attitude of the Vatican has never changed. It never will.

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The heirarchy, as a religious organization, demands the temporal right to dominate education, high and low, because that control would facilitate the spread and acceptance of its own sovereignty in every country affected and finally throughout the world.

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USE OF CHURCH IS GRANTED KLANSMEN

Series of Meetings Open at Lebanon—Crawfordsville Minister to Conduct Services

LEBANON, Ind., Jan. 13.—A series of services, announced as a "Klan revival," opened here last night at First Christian Church, under the leadership of the Rev. W. W. Roberts, an evangelist of Crawfordsville. It is the first series of meetings of this character ever held in this part of Indiana. The programs are to be religious, and sponsors say that the public will have the opportunity to learn more of the principles of the Klan movement. It will be interdenominational in scope. Invitations will be extended at each meeting to those who desire to affiliate with the church, and those who accept the opportunity will name the denomination with which they wish to affiliate, and cards will be given them to the church selected.

Musical features of the meetings are under the direction of an evangelist singer of Ohio.

The First Christian Church recently, by unanimous vote, decided to issue the invitation to the Klan organization of the county to hold the services at the church, and the offer was accepted. The revival probably will extend over a period of ten days or two weeks.

Oshkosh Likes Commission Rule, City Election Shows

OSHKOSH, Wis., Feb. 9.—For the second time since the commission form of government was adopted in 1911, the voters of this city at a special election Tuesday reaffirmed their preference for that system by the following vote: For, 2,549; against, 1,782.

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CEDARHURST GREETS THE KLAN IN PUBLIC

Some Citizens Openly Object to Bible and American Flag as Gifts

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 9.—The people of Cedarhurst, a little village just east of Columbus, got their first closeup view of the Ku Klux Klan in action, when at the close of a business meeting of the Cedarhurst Civic Association recently, about fifty members of the Klan marched into the meeting, and after a short and impressive ceremony, the leader presented the association with a Holy Bible and a beautiful American flag.

The big surprise of the evening came when a woman who had always posed as a Christian, stepped to the front and objected to the acceptance of the Bible. A number of persons present, known not to be in hearty accord with the K. K. K., voiced their disapproval of the woman's objections in no uncertain terms.

President Cremeans then holding the Bible aloft said, "I can't accept this Bible entirely on my own behalf. I will leave it to the people. As for myself, I would rather lose my head than to lose this Holy Book."

Thunderous applause went up with cries of "Keep it, keep it," while the opposition still refused to accept it and again went forward and rejected the gift. With the Klansmen filling the aisle and waiting in silence, President Cremeans left the decision to the vote of the pepole, asking all that voted not to accept the Bible to remain on the right of the aisle and all that were in favor of accepting it to cross to the left of the aisle.

As a mighty cheer went up the leader of the Klansmen held aloft the Stars and Stripes and asked "What will we do with it, boys?" With shouts of "Keep it, keep it," from the left cries of "Take it out" were heard from the right of the building. One overzealous anti started forward to remove the gifts but was promptly subdued.

After the excitement had subsided somewhat the leader of the Klan dismissed the meeting by asking all to repeat the Lord's prayer and the singing of "America," in which the opposition refused to join.

It is unbelievable that any man, woman or child, regardless of race, creed or color, living under our beautiful banner in safety and security, should scorn its acceptance as a symbol of our protection from perils without and within.

Klan Going Into Action With Amazing Amount of Success, Says The Outlook

Stanley Frost Dwells on Secrecy of Organization in Latest Article—"Would Be Folly to Surrender Any Advantage at This Time," Declares Brilliant Writer

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There has seldom been an organization so amazingly well designed for getting what it wants as is the Ku Klux Klan. One has to go back to the unproven stories of the secret and deadly workings of the lay branch of the Society of Jesus three hundred years ago for a parallel. For the Klan is able not only to make its will effective—startlingly effective considering its numbers—but to do so with almost complete immunity and to leave those whom it attacks beating the air, helpless to strike back.

This is no accident; the Klan has been planned and built for just this end. It is the offspring of extremely able brains, probably those of General Forrest and his associates in the sixties, with improvements added by experience. It is devised to permit a minority, even a minute minority, to multiply its power, to strike swiftly and silently, and to remain secure. So long as its oaths hold and its members are steadfast it can do this almost perfectly.

Every least thing about the Klan is made to contribute to this. Just as its spirit is one of reform and its basic idea is native, white Protestant supremacy, so its purpose focuses in direct, militant, immediate action to put its spirit and its ideas into effect all along the line. It gathers together for this all the various forms of strength which have been described in previous articles—its secrecy, its appeal to instinct or prejudice, its careful organization, and finally the intense emotions it fosters—and drives the whole into effective works. How successful this action is will be told in the next article; the purpose of the present one is to study the elements of power in action which make such success possible.

The first of these elements is the militant and military organization, with its autocratic control. This centers in the imperial wizard the power to order action without waste of time or confusing counsels, and it permits the sudden and concentrated use of all available strength that is only possible to despotism. And that is the avowed object of this form of organization. Says Paul S. Etheridge, the imperial kleonsel:

"The form and character of our government is both in theory and practice military and in a sense autocratic. We ourselves have made it so. * * * Our imperial wizard is our commander-in-chief and he is supreme within certain restrictions of the constitution and his decisions, decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions are of full authority and must be unquestioningly recognized and respected by each and every citizen of the invisible empire.

"The military feature runs through all our plans of operation. * * * It has been pointed out that a similarity of operation exists between the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Roman hierarchy. * * * Let it be

open-air meetings so loved by farmers. There were to be speeches, hands, an initiation and a big picnic dinner furnished by women of the churches. Some 10,000 people had gathered when twenty-five of Walton's men appeared. They had no warrants, no official right to act even if their action had been legal as it was not. They ordered the gathering to disperse, waved weapons, threatened the men, hustled the women, kicked over the baskets and tables of fried chicken and pie and in general behaved as offensively as possible. There were enough fighting men in the crowd to have defeated them easily—Oklahoma has a good many half-reformed cowboys—and the Klan officials sweat blood before they finally got the crowd broken up in peace. The fact that during the whole Walton fight, with many cases like this, no single instance of Klan violence occurred, speaks volumes for the way Klansmen "heartily heed" their orders.

The third advantage derived from the military organization is the ability of the Klan to reach all the members on very short notice, and to set them into action with bewildering swiftness. I have not learned how this is done, but it is done amazingly well, far better than an emergency call to a militia regiment, for example. There was a case in an Ohio city where the authorities—illegally—had forbidden any Klan meeting inside the county. At 5 o'clock one day a national Klan speaker arrived, word of a meeting began to be circulated about 6, and at 8 some 15,000 men had gathered in a field twenty miles away across the county line, though every one must have had to change his plans for the evening, and though none but the leaders knew where they were going when they started!

Another instance of swift work was given by the Klan in a Kentucky city. On the evening before an election it suddenly decided to put up a candidate; there was one brief newspaper advertisement, but there were no meetings and no visible campaign. Yet of 12,000 votes next day, this unknown man got 7,000!

Acts Without Confusion

Thus, with autocratic generalship, military discipline and a perfect contact system with obedient forces the Klan is able to plan campaigns without possibility of the plans becoming known, to act absolutely as a unit, to change instantly and without confusion when necessary and to throw its whole strength without warning and in an hour's time against whatever objectives are chosen. Few generals have had a more perfect fighting machine.

But this is only a part of the Klan's strength in action; probably less than half. Its greatest advantages come from its secrecy, and these are so tremendously effective that it is easy to see why it holds to secrecy in the face of all criticism. It more than doubles the chance that the Klan will accomplish the things it has set out to do.

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culate his chances. It may have five members of five hundred, and all the instinct against jumping in the dark will make men keep peace with it if they can. When it comes to an actual struggle it has all the advantages so well demonstrated by Gideon's band against the hosts of the enemies of Israel. The Klan might be beaten often if its foes kept their nerve, but very few men do keep their nerve against hard-hitting spectres.

The Klan's ability to get information is its fourth great advantage. It is not only the fact mentioned by Dr. Evans, that no one can be sure there is not some Klansman included in the most carefully laid plot who will lay all the details before the Klan officials, though this is disheartening enough. The great advantage is that there is likely to be some Klansman who will get hold of the most carefully guarded secrets of any kind, and that with men everywhere the highest Klan officials are able to run down whatever information they want, whether secret or not, with very little trouble. The fact that the membership is secret makes it impossible to guard against this.

I have had some contact with the espionage and secret service systems of great governments, and it seems to me that the Klan's is the best of them all. In all my talks with Klan officials I have been astounded at the extent and detail of their information. It seems to cover every man with whom they may have business, from presidents to bootleggers, and to include an actually complete record of each. It covers also political and business deals, plots, logrollings, plans, performances, past, present and to come.

An Uncanny Accuracy

The Klan has a great bureau which collects, sorts, codifies and prepares this material for use. It is a tremendous weapon. The power which it might give the Klan over any man with a past, even over any man who does not want his whole life and business arrangements made public at any given moment, is almost incalculable, though I have not heard a whisper that it has ever been used in this way. It is also of great value in allowing the Klan to act with uncanny accuracy. And the very fact of its existence does have a blighting effect on all kinds of opposition.

All these things combine to give the fifth advantage—terror. It does not include fear of physical force, but it is none the less real. Where the Klan is active there is often actual panic among opponents. It is like the fear of ghosts; men who would stand willingly against heavy odds are demoralized by a vague, unformed, unseen, intangible spectre, armed with unknown weapon and unguessed knowledge and clothed with a reputation for ruthless power and unvarying success.

The sixth advantage is that secrecy protects individual Klansmen against reprisals. They can not be located, therefore can not be hurt. Thus the best known method of weakening an organized enemy — "sniping" the weaker members — is impossible against the Klan. Any blow which is struck in return must be aimed at

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So we find the Klan going into action with an amazing array of the accoutrements of success—unity, secrecy, immunity to reprisal, the ability to inspire panic, wide information and faith in victory. With such equipment it is no wonder that it is accomplishing much, that it is expecting to do much more, that it is drawing increasing numbers into its march and that its leaders set no limits to what may be done. **Given another year or two at the present rate of growth, and the possibilities of its power stagger the mind.**

Actions Are Praiseworthy

This summary has taken no consideration of the fairness or viciousness of these elements of the Klan strength. It will be observed that none are illegal, that many are of the kind that are highly praised when found in organizations which we happen to approve, and that the worst of them are measures which are always held to be justified in warfare, no matter how despicable

they may be in themselves. The Klan practices espionage, a sort of mental terrorism, a secret propaganda, attack from ambush. These are not new methods; every combatant does them in wartime and they are not unknown to political and other organizations in this country even in peace.

Judgment on them must depend on one's judgment as to the motives and purposes of the Klan. The methods are undeniably dangerous, they are unfair in all ordinary circumstances as Dr. Evans himself practically admitted. The Klan's justification is that war is needed, that it requires such methods, and that the Klan is not the first to use them but has adopted them as the allies adopted poison gas, since it has merely done the same things that are constantly being done by those whom it classes as enemies of the country. From this point of view its only fault is that it has done them better! It can claim also in mitigation that its own aims are open, while those of the anti-American bodies and workers are not.

So it seems that if one agrees with the Klan that the situation is serious enough to call for a vigorous campaign along the lines of the Klan program, **then the organization and strategy it uses can not be seriously condemned.** But it follows also that they must be abandoned at the earliest possible moment, and one must believe that the danger is very great and very eminent to justify such methods even temporarily. It will be recalled from Dr. Evans' statements that he admits both judgments.

The success the Klan has had in actual operation and the details of the methods by which it makes this great strength effective, will be taken up in the next article—"The Spectre's Heavy Hand."

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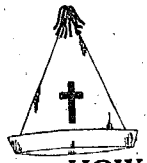

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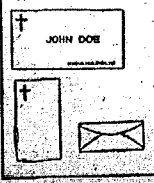

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or confusing counsels, and it permits the sudden and concentrated use of all available strength that is only possible to despotism. And that is the avowed object of this form of organization. Says Paul S. Etheridge, the imperial klonsel:

"The form and character of our government is both in theory and practice military and in a sense autocratic. We ourselves have made it so. * * * Our imperial wizard is our commander-in-chief and he is supreme within certain restrictions of the constitution and his decisions, decrees, edicts, mandates, rulings and instructions are of full authority and must be unquestioningly recognized and respected by each and every citizen of the invisible empire.

"The military feature runs through all our plans of operation. * * * It has been pointed out that a similarity of operation exists between the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Roman hierarchy. * * * Let it be remembered that no form of government has developed such proficiency in handling the masses. * * * Some of the most iniquitous devices of the devil himself are operated upon plans of the highest efficiency, but this does not mean that the devil owns the plans. * * * Why should not we adopt the methods employed by the arch-enemy which have proven their efficiency through twenty centuries, although we denounce the ends and purposes to which they have been diverted?

"There is another reason why our government must be military in character. Our organization is more than a secret order; it is a movement; in a sense, a crusade. Military discipline must be maintained because we, unlike purely civic bodies or civic governments, are sailing on uncharted seas. * * * It becomes essential that one general direct the march and that direction be accomplished only through a rigid military program."

This rigid, concentrated power is backed up in the first place, by very great control over the individual members, a discipline which is almost military in most ways. The words of the oath are clear: "8. I, ——, will render at all times loyal respect and steadfast support of the imperial authority, and will heartily heed all official mandates, decrees, edicts, rulings and instructions," and so forth. There is no limitation in this and I find none in the constitution, yet there are some things the wizard could not order without breaking his own oath and there is much evidence that the leaders would be afraid to attempt authority beyond certain points. For all ordinary purposes inside the aims of the Klan, however, the authority is complete.

The widest proof of this is the sudden ceasing of night-riding throughout the whole Klan when Dr. Evans got control and issued his reform orders. But there have been even clearer evidence of drastic control in local situations, such as those where Klansmen have submitted to violence without retaliation. A statewide demonstration was given in Oklahoma when Governor Walton's gunmen made really outrageous attempts to goad the Klansmen into some kind of violence that would have justified Walton's charges and have given him an excuse for military action.

A typical performance was that at the town of Comanche, where the Klan had called one of those big known man got 7,000!

Acts Without Confusion

Thus, with autocratic generalship, military discipline and a perfect contact system with obedient forces the Klan is able to plan campaigns without possibility of the plans becoming known, to act absolutely as a unit, to change instantly and without confusion when necessary and to throw its whole strength without warning and in an hour's time against whatever objectives are chosen. **Few generals have had a more perfect fighting machine.**

But this is only a part of the Klan's strength in action; probably less than half. Its greatest advantages come from its secrecy, and these are so tremendously effective that it is easy to see why it holds to secrecy in the face of all criticism. It more than doubles the chance that the Klan will accomplish the things it has set out to do.

Dr. Evans spoke of some of these advantages in one of his talks with me.

"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," the wizard said. "It is far more difficult and 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 very 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 also willingly abandon it."

These fighting values of secrecy are worth looking into; the imperial wizard did not mention them all, nor say all that is worth noting of any of them. A study of the Klan at work shows at least seven different advantages which it gains in this way.

First is the fact that it can strike in the dark. There is no warning before the blow falls, no certain knowledge of what is behind it. It is seldom possible to know what men are responsible. A blow so struck is doubly effective against the man hit; it is bewildering to the onlookers.

In the second place, the Klan by this means is able to claim all success and to deny any failures. If the blow lands it can take this credit, but if it misses it either is never known or, if known, the Klan can deny responsibility. In regard to things accomplished the advantage is the same. The Klan can take credit for actions which the community approves or fears, and deny blame for those which have not worked out to its advantage. Thus it is able to build up an aura of success, infallibility and social service which may or may not be justified, but is never quite so well justified as appears.

A third great advantage of secrecy is the one mentioned by Dr. Evans, that it confuses the enemy. A man who is thinking of fighting the Klan does not know how great the force against him may be nor how to cal-

in this way. It is also of great value in allowing the Klan to act with uncanny accuracy. And the very fact of its existence does have a blithing effect on all kinds of opposition.

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And when such a blow is aimed, usually there is nothing there to take it. This is the final and greatest advantage of secrecy. It is almost impossible to hit back at the Klan except through general legislation and court action such as have been attempted so often—and so uselessly. Those whom the Klan attack can never know when or where or how or against whom to launch their counter-attacks. They must remain forever on the defensive which is the surest road to final defeat.

One more advantage of secrecy—not of immediate fighting value but of great help to the Klan as a whole—should be mentioned. **This is that it goes far toward preventing individual Klansmen from exploiting themselves, from using the Klan to further their own ambitions. This keeps the Klan campaign and purposes unified, prevents perversion of aims and waste of strength in side-issues.** They do occur, of course, **but the rule of secrecy greatly limits them and the weaknesses that come from them.**

There are two other great elements of strength in the Klan in action, neither directly due to either secrecy or organization. One is the careful spread of information among members; "education," as the leaders call it. This information is generally correct, but it does always support Klan purposes. The Klansmen are given reports about men and events from all over the country—reports that smack of "inside dope"—which strengthen their purpose and justify their actions. This helps much toward unity, intensity and effectiveness.

Last and by no means the least is that the Klansmen themselves believe not only in the righteousness of their cause and its methods, but in its actual success. They believe that they are doing the things they set out to do, and can do them everywhere if they will hold together and take enough trouble. Thus they have the morale, esprit de corps, eclat of a victorious army with all its incalculable value.

There is room for only one example of this kind of belief that success is being won; an excerpt from a letter written by a clergyman in a state where the Klan has been heard from so little that few people know it has any member there. Since I have no knowledge of the facts, I suppress the names, and give the letter merely to show how Klansmen believe the Klan is winning.

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Vocational Education

What It Should Be—What Are We Doing for the Misfits? Garland A. Bricker Asks in Setting Forth Some Food for Thought

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 12.—Writing on the need of vocational or trades education, Garland A. Bricker, formerly president of the North Dakota State School of Science, and later director of a similar vocational college in New York state, says that "Our school system was not made to fit all types of boys and girls." To back up his statement he asks: "What are we doing for the misfits—those young people with a bent for the practical affairs of life, like Thomas A. Edison, Henry Ford, Warren G. Harding, Robert Fulton, Clara Barton, Francis E. Willard, Andrew Carnegie, the Wright brothers, and many others of similar slant towards the affairs of life as they are?"

The Great Human Waste

He goes on to say: "It is a significant fact that while the grades and the high school of our public school system open a means of education for all children, they do not offer the best training for each individual. The psycho-classic heritage and influences are still too great barriers for the motor-minded child to overcome. Thousands of fine boys and girls fall by the educational wayside. With no provision in the system for the motor or practical appeal to this type, thousands of them drop out of school to work at odd jobs in the community and eventually become the driftwood of society. These individuals are the crumbs from the rich man's table.

"Because of the lack of equal opportunity, thousands of these so-called misfits are never heard from; but from their ranks have come a few great leaders who prove the richness of this stratum of American youth. Out of it arose the prophet Lincoln, the poet Riley, and thousands of productive men and women who are today good American citizens, earning an honest living, rearing honorable families in happy homes. The present adolescent generation is full of these youngsters. They are breaking out of the high schools everywhere; and, if they stay within, they form that restless element which the school system, as now constituted, can not control and does not intelligently direct. Who will bring these young lights from under the bushel?

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The Mark of Cain

"These will become the human driftwood of the immediate tomorrow. They are the idle hands for which the devil will find something to do. From these will come a swarm of discontents. These will be the unskilled hands whose dexterity the public school of today is not equipped to develop.

"From this group of the motor minded type of individuals—a veritable army—should and must come our farmers, mechanics, tradesmen, and homemakers. They represent the type that should get vocational training on an equal basis with those young people who now fit into our present school system a system designed for the psycho-minded individual. The motorminded ones, who are breaking out of the schools, are the ones that need to be vocationally analyzed and directed into the industries, the trades, and the vocations. This is the real problem that must be solved."

The Present Need

There is great need for industrial or vocational training of a high type in the great middle west. This section has become quite self-sufficient in industrial production; its numerous small cities have become hives of industry, where all sorts of useful articles are made. The wealth of this section, together with the exceptional intelligence of its people, would seem to justify a rich development in educational institutions designed to train superior skilled workers of intelligence—tradesmen and mechanics, practical farmers, homemakers, nurses, etc. No practical institution now fits the needs; the high school stops too soon and is too elementary; the college begins too late and is impractical. An educational institution of junior college and senior high school grade, organized along more practical lines than either of them, which will train in, not for, life is what is needed.

Klansmen, the vast majority of whom are the workers of the nation, should be interested in this thing—a high type of vocational and trades school wherein shall be taught, not only the technical and practical arts, but also patriotism, the principles of character, morality and a pure Americanism.

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knees, phrasing the prophetic prayer that we be kept from getting lost in the wilderness, there lived a man made in God's image who preached and practiced the solution to that problem. Horace Mann, the immortal sponsor and patron saint of education in America, believed that:

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In his infancy Lincoln had experience with a wilderness in which boys and girls

To civilization it means security and continued progress onward and upward. To attain truth, we must adopt, without reservation or evasion, not years hence, but now, the kind, quality and quantity of education advocated by Horace Mann.

Had that been done a half century ago, we would not now be in a wilderness of chaotic conflicts and confusing controversies. There would have developed less of illness and none of illiteracy. The religious wrangling that again threatens our security and the peace of the world would not exist. Instead of an already menacing growth of divided allegiance, there would be national solidarity. The separation of church and state would be accomplished. Our patriotism would be operative, rather than so generally inept and purposeless. Had education been foundationally established; had it been extended, and kept free of every perversion; had there been "free public schools, open to all, good enough for all, and attended by all," performing their function of teaching constructive attention to the emancipation of America from ignorance and prejudice. We can free our beloved country from every darkness and danger.

Our Children the Chief Asset of the State

You can not disassociate citizenship from civilization. We have a government, of, by and for the people. The great problem, then, concerns two vital things: the character and the ability of our composite people. Their development, hitherto neglected, is a public responsibility paramount to all other constructive duties of the state.

We are a republic. "The consent of the governed" is the underlying principle of our public life. That being basic, the only sure highway to national success is adequate democratic education.

Every statesman worthy the name has recognized that its children were the greatest asset of any state, and has based his hope for a glorious national future upon their highest de-

Ohio Protestantism in Action

BY ARYAN GEBEE

The Rev. E. M. Lewis, pastor of the South Main street M. E. Church, Sunday evening preached the third of a series of sermons on the Home, the School, the Government, and the Church. For some time the services have been held in one of the large school auditoriums, while the new church is being erected, but to accommodate the ever-increasing crowds in attendance, it became necessary to engage the armory.

The subject Sunday evening was, "Is the American Government in the Balance?" The text was, "Righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people." Proverbs. 14, 34.

"The open Bible," said the Rev. Mr. Lewis, "is the foundation of our government. The Protestant church must remain pure and true in its allegiance to the Bible, otherwise it will lead our country astray.

"The President of the United States takes his oath of office on the open Bible.

"The American government is in the balance, when evil becomes the predominating force in its life. It only makes progress toward stability and permanency when the forces of righteousness prevail. The greatest hindrance to good government is the force of evil.

"The things that prey most on our American government are the evil forces within the land. We learned during the world war that there were many people receiving the blessings of our land who were not willing to defend it.

Wherein Government May Fail

"When the eighteenth amendment to our Constitution was adopted many people said, and still are saying, that it coud not be enforced. If, what they say is true, then I am ready to conclude that our American government is in the balance.

"The greatest question in our land today is the moral question. This is vital to government. When more than 25,000 girls are lost in our country every year something is wrong, and I presume there are just as many boys lost, if not more. What a stream of young life is running to ruin! They are lost to themselves, to their homes, to society, to human welfare, and to the uplift of the government. When our city centers run rampant with vice of every kind and our government forces seem helpless to cope with it, there is need of alarm as to the future.

"The home is the future of all government. A nation of homes is a nation of strength. Children who have no government in the home have little regard for it in the nation. If home and marriage ties wane, what have we left upon which to maintain our government?

"We must begin with childhood, not with old age, in building good government. We need in our public schools the grounding of our young people in lessons of obedience and morals.

"The righteousness which we need so much in American government means simply doing rightly. The impulse for righteousness is spiritual. We find the source of it indicated on the coins in our pockets on which is stamped, 'In God We Trust.' These words reveal where we should place our trust and look for our defense.

Character Makes Government

"The fate of a nation is largely determined by the character of its public officials. Let us stand behind and support our officials, but if they are evil, let us change them. Let us have no rascals in office. Hence, we come back to the fundamental principle in government, by stating that character in its leadership is essential to stability. Greatness can not be given to a man; it can only be formed from within.

"Our government will stand in ratio as it is permeated with the love and spirit of Christ. Nothing can keep the heart of the individual or the nation right except God. It is love that makes patriots. Our political support must be given to true patriots, if this patriotism is to be maintained."

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knees, phrasing the prophetic prayer that we be kept from getting lost in the wilderness, there lived a man made in God's image who preached and practiced the solution to that problem. Horace Mann, the immortal sponsor and patron saint of education in America, believed that:

"The national safety, prosperity and happiness could be obtained only through free public schools, open to all, good enough for all and attended by all."

I have come to speak to you in support of that fundamental American doctrine, to proclaim its importance to every phase of our private and public life, to urge its complete and immediate adoption as the most essential of all national policies.

In his infancy Lincoln had experience with a wilderness in which boys and girls, even men and women, could lose their way—an uncharted, unpeopled expanse of woods and water in which lurked the deadliest dangers. He lived to see those perils disappear. Others, vastly more vital, began to loom large and menacing. His utterances contain many warnings with respect to a new kind of wilderness in which, not citizens, but society, might go astray.

There is no longer a frontier America, but we have a wilderness in which predominates as much of stealth and more of vindictiveness than any jungle ever knew. It does not endanger individuals so much as it menaces society. Out of it crouching creatures no longer spring upon humans to satisfy the pangs of hunger, instead we have creations that prey upon humanity to appease appetites and passions for power. The art and dignity of enactment is being superseded by the unscrupulous science of legal evasion and subterfuge. A spirit of lawlessness is abroad in the land, and fast ripening into an anarchy that is nonetheless real because garbed in the ermine of respectability and unconnected with red banners and black bombs. Our ideals and traditions are being weakened by disrespect and inattention. Our politicians seek not the common welfare, but their own success. Our schools are in every way inadequate; they have not the institutional standing to which they are entitled; they do not prevent illiteracy, not always promote patriotism; too often they teach a divided allegiance. Many of our churches are become bickering centers and sources of ceaseless, strife-engendering controversy, fighting not the forces of evil, but each other, church against church, creed against creed. Out of it all, and because of it all, there has almost ceased to exist that priceless boon to humankind known as news; propaganda, the modern curse of civilization that spawns prejudice and nurtures injustice, has taken its place. Our modern wilderness is full of darkness. Truth, God's truth and man's truth, has become a vagrant—ragged, distorted and discredited by selfishness as never before in human history.

In all things, public and private, truth must prevail. Individually, that means intelligence, health and virtue. Nationally, it means liberty and justice, the safeguarding of our traditions, the fulfillment of our ideals.

To civilization it means security and continued progress onward and upward. To attain truth, we must adopt, without reservation or evasion, not years hence, but now, the kind, quality and quantity of education advocated by Horace Mann.

Had that been done a half century ago, we would not now be in a wilderness of chaotic conflicts and confusing controversies. There would have developed less of illness and none of illiteracy. The religious wrangling that again threatens our security and the peace of the world would not exist. Instead of an already menacing growth of divided allegiance, there would be national solidarity. The separation of church and state would be accomplished. Our patriotism would be operative, rather than so generally inept and purposeless. Had education been foundationally established; had it been extended, and kept free of every perversion; had there been "free public schools, open to all, good enough for all, and attended by all," performing their function of teaching "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," excluding each and every element having a selfish interest either in any ignorance or any distortion of truth, we would not today be in a life and death grapple with propaganda.

I submit to you that all through the ages, whenever and wherever God's purposes have been manifest in the affairs of men, resulting in what we call an advance of civilization, that achievement has had as its vehicle a temporarily wholesome national life. Through some national entity has come every bit of ground gained by and for civilization. The elements contributing to every advancement have always been **law and order, enlightenment, unity, freedom and justice.** Interpreted in terms of today, the antithesis of these fundamentals may be stated as **lawlessness, illiteracy, inheritable tendencies toward mental and physical degeneracy, disrupting strife and controversy, propaganda instead of truth, and the economic inequities that increasingly threaten the very stability of society.**

I now advocate the adequate education of our future citizenship through a free public school system, as I have pleaded for a rigidly enforced immigration, adapted to our ideals and needs. The two remedies go together. Neither alone can re-Americanize and safeguard our sacred institutions. If this country continues to be flooded by inferior peoples whose assimilation is impossible, the task of enlightened advancement will be hopeless. Our indifference of the last three decades in this connection has already made it extremely difficult; but if we now place an embargo upon every alien element not in harmony with our requirements, it is not yet too late for the redemption of the republic by means of the public school for children and its auxiliaries for adults. Let immigration of every undesirable type be stopped, completely stopped, until our own illiteracy and internal strifes can be superseded by a literacy based upon unselfish, unshackled truth and patriotism built upon eager, unqualified, uncoerced acceptance of the principles **that are the very foundation of our government. In the meantime, with the further overburdening of our composite people through unmergeable immigration at an end, we can, with some assurance of success, give** constructive attention to the emancipation of America from ignorance and prejudice. We can free our beloved country from every darkness and danger.

Our Children the Chief Asset of the State

You can not disassociate citizenship from civilization. We have a government, of, by and for the people. The great problem, then, concerns two vital things: the **character** and the **ability** of our composite people. Their development, hitherto neglected, is a public responsibility paramount to all other constructive duties of the state.

We are a republic. "The consent of the governed" is the underlying principle of our public life. That being basic, the only sure highway to national success is adequate democratic education.

Every statesman worthy the name has recognized that its children were the greatest asset of any state, and has based his hope for a glorious national future upon their highest development as individuals and as citizens. Out of each decade from the Declaration of Independence to Teapot Dome, I could summon the most notable witnesses to attest the truth of that doctrine and the necessity for its completest attainment.

In Washington's farewell address, we find this counsel, never surpassed by the utterance of any statesman, past or present:

"Promote then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."

Let me recall another voice from the days of our infancy. The famous "Ordinance of 1787" contains this historic declaration:

"Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

That was our earliest educational statute on a national scale. While it gave legal standing to a mighty principle, it did not provide either the means or the machinery of fulfillment. Two generations later, we find Daniel Webster paying this tribute to its fundamental value:

"I doubt whether one single law or any lawgiver, ancient or modern, has produced effects of more distinct, marked and lasting character than the Ordinance of 1787. * * * It set forth and declared it to be a high and binding duty of government to support schools and advance the means of education."

The greatest American tragedy was not unfolded upon any battle field, or in any series of catastrophies. It exists in the fact that neither the advice of Washington nor the spirit of this ordinance were carried out. That was why Daniel Webster referred to it. In 1866, seventy-nine years after, James A. Garfield, later to occupy the White House, presented to Congress an Education Association memorial from which I quote:

"Your memorialists beg leave to express their earnest belief that universal education, next to universal liberty, is a matter of deep national

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1. Militant, old-fashioned Christianity and operative patriotism.
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.

Mr. Ryan Proves a Point

Voicing "fear for the future of democracy" in America, because of the move now being made throughout the country to regulate education and strengthen the public schools, James H. Ryan, writing in the Atlantic Monthly, asserts that the Catholics "feel that they have a real grievance against the state" and would regard further moves along this particular line, as "religious persecution."

Although the article is cleverly written, it fails to explain just why the Catholic church should be so concerned about the furthering of facilities for education in America. That is, why the Catholic church should be put in the position as resenting any move made to standardize and promote education. The entire article was in reality, a protest against the system of education as planned in America, although the system may not be operating to the best advantage at this time—to certain influences and just such articles and propaganda as the one in question.

"The state, even at its best," declares Mr. Ryan, "is mechanical, wooden, soulless, and the education it supplies is so tinged and colored by mechanical ideas that it would be little short of miraculous if it succeeded, as a general rule, producing anything superior and individual."

Inasmuch as the foregoing condemnation is made of the public school and Catholic parochial school is so well spoken of by the writer, it can only be surmised that the whole article is written in defense of the Catholic opposition to the public school. "There is no valid reason," declares Mr. Ryan, "why the state must educate all children in public schools." In those words the writer upholds the Catholic idea most emphatically.

Peculiar as it may seem, Mr. Ryan, despite his other statements, says that "democracy is essentially a religious ideal." In that statement he lays himself open to so many questions that it would take columns of space to reply to them. That is, he does because of the fact that he makes it quite apparant that he favors the Catholic parochial school and finds much fault with the public school.

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Sparks from the Fiery Cross

By JOHN EIGHT POINT

"The noblest motive is the public good."—VIRGIL

Very often the Klansmen are all dressed up and KNOW where to go.

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The Klan is the POLLS-star of the ship of Americanism.

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The darkest hour, Klansmen, is only an hour.

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The slacker in local politics who can hide behind the thin skirts of rich grafters and higher-up crooks is too thin an American to look well in Klannish spring styles.

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The man who wants to go to work
For the Klan and you and me.
Can hop right in—he needn't call
An employment agency.

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Klansmen, all is not gold that glitters—be not misled by vain imaginings.

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In this conflict of the Klan against an unreasoning hatred and an unwavering prejudice, success will be on the side that has the most field-workers.

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The road to every Klavern is paved with the promises of Holy Writ and the noble deeds of a patriotic ancestry.

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We seek to make the title of "Klansman" the most honorable among men—doing what we teach; living what we preach. Ours is the noblest lineage; ours is the most sacrificial teaching—therefore, ours must be the noblest and most sacrificial lives. See us as we are—as we strive to make ourselves—heroic knights, even as the visored knights of old times who went about doing good. We are faced by complex problems; we are defamed by those who refuse to recognize our exalted purpose in the moral as well as political and educational phases of life. Yet we go on undaunted to a victory that means an America restored to the ideals of our fathers. No effort upon our part must be spared. "We sacrifice to serve."

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To a Klan Enemy

How doth the little busy sneak
Improve each passing day,
By knocking hard the joyous Klan
To those who cross his way.

How skillfully he spreads his lies,
How ceaselessly he toils;
Each time he sings a song of hate
With hell he shares his spoils.

In works of labor and of love
I would be busy, too;
I'd send this worthless animal
Down to the Boston Zoo.

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Awake at Last

Philadelphia has at last felt the powerful finger of a real cleanup man. In the "city of brotherly love" great changes are coming off daily which will go far toward refining the quality of love that has been an outstanding type for some time. The white-slave trade is now becoming a downtrodden industry. The immaculate lives of the Philadelphia cops should begin at home, so many "advanced religionists" are distressed by our Klannish desire to serve our own first. Certainly the country could not bind itself to outside dictation in any matter touching a free people. Our rights and duties are not determined by foreign opinion. Certainly he would be a poor man who did not hold his own possessions a little dearer than the possessions of others. If he believes his government best, a Klansman should not be afraid to say so. American ideals woven into some of the European warrants might lift a King-ridden peasantry a notch or two above degradation.

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The Seven Symbols

Behold the Book.
The kind of Book
That is guide to age and to youth;
Behold the Cross,
The kind of Cross
That lights the fires of truth!

Behold the Flag,
The kind of Flag
For a flag-loving man like me;
Behold the Sword,
The kind of Sword
Unsheathed for liberty!

Behold the Water,
The kind of Water
That's a symbol of unity;
Behold the Robe,
That's the kind of Robe
That stands for purity!

Behold the Visor,
The kind of Visor
That's knightly and American;
It is the sign
Of unselfishness
Of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan!

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Greater love hath no man—**non sylba sed anthar**—"not for self, but for others."

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The Great Tradition

Scholarship has been called "the great tradition." It kept learning alive through centuries of barbarism and sensuality. It held despotic rulers from absolute brutality, and it kept tottering courts from unspeakable savagery and debauchery. What happened was bad enough, but without the guiding star of scholarship the destruction of humankind would have seemed certain. And yet, the Klansman believes that there is a greater tradition than the tradition of scholarship. And he hopes to greet the day when it will be nurtured in the bosom of universities no less than in the humble homes. This greater tradition is common sense. Scholarship touches life at many points, but common sense guides, informs and disciplines by its logic and sanity in a thousand ways which scholarship can not reach. Common sense sizes up life's problems, discounts plausible arguments, digs into motives, and is, in brief, the scientific method or idea applied. The Klansman who nurtures common sense in his daily life and who sees to it that his children are brought up according to its dictates will solve many of the statescraft problems of the in-

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Monday, February 4

Senate—Met at noon; adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

Official notice of the death of former President Woodrow Wilson was given by Minority Leader Robinson, Arkansas, who eulogized the deceased. He was joined by Majority Leader Lodge, Massachusetts, one of Mr. Wilson's most uncompromising political foes. The tributes both men paid to the memory of the former president were beautiful and most impressive.

Adopted a resolution appointing a committee to attend the funeral "as a mark of respect to one who has held such eminent public station" and the president pro tempore designated Senators Lodge, Warren, Smoot, Edge, Brandegee, Republicans, and Robinson, Overman, Glass, Sheppard, and Edwards, Democrats, to represent the senate.

The Teapot Dome oil investigating committee notified former Secretary Fall that he need not appear until Friday, by which time the senate will have acted on the committee's request for readoption of the original resolution granting it full authority.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 12:15 p. m.

Democratic Leader Garrett, Tennessee, formally announced the death of former President Wilson and paid tribute to his life, character and public services.

In moving an adjournment Republican Leader Longworth spoke briefly in eulogy of the former president, and Speaker Gillett was authorized to appoint a committee to represent the house at the funeral.

The Winslow bill to appropriate $11,500,000 for purchase of the Cape Code canal was approved by the commerce committee.

Tuesday, February 5

Senate—Not in session; adjourned on Monday until Thursday noon out of respect to the memory of former President Wilson.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 4:34 p. m.

Considered general measures on the calendar, passed a flood of minor bills.

Representative Wainwright, New York, defended the air service against the recent attack of Representative Nelson, Wisconsin.

Continued consideration of the supply bill for the treasury and postoffice departments, and approved the item of $10,629,970 for prohibition enforcement.

Speaker Gillett signed the Walsh resolution for the employing of counsel in the naval oil reserve cases and sent it to the senate where, after the signature of President pro tem Cummins has been affixed, it will go to the White House.

The speaker appointed a committee consisting of eleven Republicans and twelve Democrats to represent the house at the funeral of former President Wilson.

Republican members of the ways and means committee approved a 25 per cent reduction in all personal income taxes payable this year. It was decided that the tax on jewelry should be placed at 5 per cent, with all articles valued under $40 exempted. Treasury experts estimate that the reduction in income taxes

mittee full authority to go into every phase of the oil situation in the investigation now under way.

Adopted, also, without discussion and unanimously, a resolution directing the secretary of the interior to take immediate steps to recover from the Standard Oil Company of California sections 16 and 36 in the Elk Hills, Cal., naval oil reserves.

Debate on the resolution calling for the resignation of Secretary Denby was resumed by Senator Reed, of Missouri, who assailed former Secretary Fall, E. L. Doheny, Harry F. Sinclair and Mr. Denby. The subject was also discussed by Senators Edge, New Jersey, and Pepper, Pennsylvania.

Senator Bruce, Maryland, again broke with his party and in a brief speech said he could not support the resolution, because it not only sought to deny the inalienable right of an American citizen to a trial before his peers, but because it sought to exercise a power the Senate did not possess.

Passed a large number of bills of minor importance.

Made public the text of the treaty of friendship, commerce and consular rights negotiated with Germany.

An investigation of the affairs of the shipping board and the Emergency Fleet Corporation is provided for in a resolution by Senator King, Utah, the resolution charging that those bodies have spent approximately $3,500,000,000, have assets now not exceeding $200,000,000 and claims against them exceeding that sum.

Chairman Spencer, of the senate privileges and elections committee, issued a public reprimand to Hume Graves, a deputy sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, selected by George E. B. Peddy, for statements said to have been made with regard to the Mayfield election case.

Acting on the advice of counsel, the oil investigating committee decided to abandon further efforts to examine former Secretary Fall on the ground that possible immunity might make successful prosecution in the courts, if ordered, doubtful.

Chairman Lenroot gave out a letter received from E. L. Doheny fixing the amount of money paid the McAdoo law firm by his concern at $150,000 instead of $250,000 as formerly testified by him, adding that none of it related to any of the matters under investigation.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 6:05 p. m.

Laid aside the interior department appropriation measure and considered the resolution for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the issuance of tax-exempt securities.

The new revenue bill, providing for a complete revision of federal taxes and for a 25 per cent reduction in 1923 income taxes, was reported to the house by a vote of 15 to 3, eight Democrats merely voting "present."

Free use of the mails would be accorded the widow of former President Wilson under the terms of a resolution introduced by the chairman of the postoffice committee.

Friday, February 8

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 5:50 p. m.

Debate continued on the Denby resignation resolution, Senators Walsh, Montana, and Heflin, Alabama, assailing Denby. Senator Borah, Idaho, opposed the resolution

Wig-Wags From Washington

How certain things do come back to plague or tease a politician or a political party, especially when stenographers take down notes, transcribe them and they find their way into print. And that's another piece of politics.

Senator Willis, of Ohio, has had read by the secretary of the Senate into the Congressional Record the nominating speech of some fellow who in the last Democratic national convention in San Francisco placed Edward L. Doheny in nomination for vice-president of the United States by the Democratic party. This is the same Doheny who is now in the limelight in the oil scandal. Republicans in the Senate enjoyed seeing their opponents squirm in their seats during the reading of this speech.

Senator Spencer, chairman of the senate committee on privileges and elections, is out with a public reprimand of Hume Graves, of Texas, one of the deputy sergeant-at-arms of the senate, selected by George E. B. Peddy, who is contesting the election of Senator Mayfield, of Texas. The other day this man Graves gave out an interview in which he proceeded to say what the members of the United States senate would have to do in the contested election case. Senator Spencer gave out the following statement:

"My attention has been called to the statements which a deputy sergeant-at-arms of the United States senate has made regarding irregularities which he claims were found by him in connection with the ballot boxes in Texas, which he was employed solely, with a companion representing the other side, to collect and forward to the United States postoffice for transmission to the sergeant-at-arms.

"Any such comments are entirely out of place and outside the duties of the deputy sergeant-at-arms in the matter.

"I very much regret any attempt to prejudge in any way this case, which must be decided entirely by the evidence as it is submitted in the presence of both parties, before the regularly constituted committee of the senate and gossip of the kind to which my attention has been called can not be too severely reprimanded."

Senator Spencer said his work of gathering the ballots in Texas was about completed or otherwise he would have Graves removed from his job.

Are You One of These?

The Oklahoma Citizen asks these questions:

Did he send in his application and then wait three or four weeks before venturing up to the klavern to take the initiation?

Does he absent himself from meetings as regularly as if there were a death in his home every Tuesday night?

Does he send his dues in by mail?

Is he one of those hard-to-find persons you can't count on when the antis try to put over a political coup?

Does he somehow get awfully interested in the weather when you make some remark to him concerning the affairs of the order?

Check up on him, boys.

He is probably one of those skim-milk fellows who thought his $10

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To lend weight to his argument Mr. Ryan says: "A policy which would close the doors of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, because they are private schools, condemns itself by the weight of its own unreasonableness." It will be noted that Mr. Ryan did not include Notre Dame or other Catholic colleges among those who are to have "their doors closed." Possibly he had several reasons for that, but two of the chief reasons may have been to try to make it appear that certain interests were working to close Protestant colleges (and thereby throwing unthinking Protestants into the ranks of those who oppose public education) and, by inference, that the plans to improve the public schools included the closing of Catholic colleges.

Mr. Ryan resents "with all his soul the unjust imputations of disloyalty hurled at one particular religious school—the Catholic school." After this show of resentment Mr. Ryan declares that it is "unfair, unjust and immoral," to stamp as disloyal the products of an education the very foundation of which is authority and respect for authority.

"No one," he says, "has a right to cast unjust suspicions on the democracy or patriotism of Cardinal Gibbons." Just why the patriotism of Cardinal Gibbons should be a subject of discussion is not made clear but inasmuch as the writer has chosen to place Cardinal Gibbons into his article and declares, even though negatively, that the Catholic church dignitary has democracy at heart, he can only place that person in the position of not being loyal to the teachings of Rome because Rome has proven through centuries that she does not favor democracy for the reason stated above. Cardinal Gibbons' patriotism is not a matter of discussion. A man's view on democracy and his patriotism to his country are two widely separate things.

Mr. Ryan states that "George Washington openly favored religious training." Every American knows that and every true Christian American favors religious training. However, these facts have naught to do with the question on which Mr. Ryan wrote. The injection of George Washington's name into his article was as far fetched as that of Cardinal Gibbons. To make his appeal effective, he should have shown that Washington favored Catholic parochial schools. This Mr. Ryan did not do—for obvious reasons, chief of which no doubt, it would be hard for Mr. Ryan to find where Washington declared in favor of Catholic parochial schools. However, Mr. Ryan tried too hard, it would appear, to leave that impression.

Taken all in all, Mr. Ryan's article proved but one thing and that is that the Catholic church is opposed to universal education as it is known in America—and prefers the same system of education it has used for centuries in the illiterate countries of Europe today.

CONTRIBUTION FOR CHURCH

ST. PARIS, O., Feb. 9.—A large delegation of Klansmen visited the Honey Creek Baptist church north of Addison recently at the closing service of an evangelistic meeting conducted by the Rev. H. U. Rough. The church was filled to capacity when the Klansmen silently appeared. They took part in the services and at the close presented a sum of money to the minister to be used in his work. The visitors were warmly welcomed and the contribution was gratefully received.

COST OF HILARITY BOOSTED

LOGAN, O., Feb. 9.—On the theory that all who can afford to get drunk at prevailing prices of liquor can afford to pay a stiff price for the privilege, Mayor John Wolf has announced that hereafter $25 and costs will be the minimum fine for drunkenness in this city. In the olden days the usual price was $1 and costs, amounting to approximately $11, but the mayor believes the cost of hilarity should keep pace with other things.

sacrifice to serve."

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To a Klan Enemy

How doth the little busy sneak
Improve each passing day,
By knocking hard the joyous Klan
To those who cross his way.

How skillfully he spreads his lies,
How ceaselessly he toils;
Each time he sings a song of hate
With hell he shares his spoils.

In works of labor and of love
I would be busy, too;
I'd send this worthless animal
Down to the Boston Zoo.

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Awake at Last

Philadelphia has at last felt the powerful finger of a real cleanup man. In the "city of brotherly love" great changes are coming off daily which will go far toward refining the quality of love that has been an outstanding type for some time. The white-slave trade is now becoming a downtrodden industry. The immaculate lives of the Philadelphia cops are being illuminated by the searchlight of actual investigation of police conditions. And the heroic medicine that is being prescribed by the mayor and his effective little co-worker is to last for a year. Certainly the crooks and demimondaines will all hike for New York where the weary cease from troubling at dawn and the wicked are at rest the entire twenty-four hours of the day.

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"For Some Time to Come"

In commenting on the recent statement of the archbishop of Canterbury to the effect that the differences between the Roman Catholic church and Anglicism are so great as to "prove for some time to come insuperable," the Catholic Union and Times of Buffalo says: "You will notice that the head of the English church remarked, 'for some time to come insuperable,' which is another way of admitting that the day will dawn when the difficulties will be removed and the Anglicans will humbly ask admittance to the fold which several centuries ago their forefathers deserted." Humbly ask—ah! A very pleasing statement, and quite worthy to appear in the editorial columns of certain Protestant religious (?) papers that seem, at the present moment, to be excessively unbiased.

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Saner, president of the American Bar Association, is against prohibition. That is sad. A lawyer, one would think, should stand hard by the constitution. Saner says that George Washington used to drink. True; but George Washington was incapable of speaking against the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Saner should not grow insaner.

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The house immigration committee, as all know, reported favorably on an immigration bill which would limit the number of immigrants to a 2 per cent of the number of foreign citizens in the United States in 1890. The existing law is based on 3 per cent of the number of foreign citizens in this country in 1910. Any law that reduces the opportunities of the undesirables to get into America is good as far as it goes.

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Unnecessary Distress

Most Klansmen are proud of a nationalism which exalts our flag, our government, above other governments. Most Klansmen find difficulty in understanding why, when charity and sensuality. It held despotic rulers from absolute brutality, and it kept tottering courts from unspeakable savagery and debauchery. What happened was bad enough, but without the guiding star of scholarship the destruction of humankind would have seemed certain. And yet, the Klansman believes that there is a greater tradition than the tradition of scholarship. And he hopes to greet the day when it will be nurtured in the bosom of universities no less than in the humble homes. This greater tradition is common sense. Scholarship touches life at many points, but common sense guides, informs and disciplines by its logic and sanity in a thousand ways which scholarship can not reach. Common sense sizes up life's problems, discounts plausible arguments, digs into motives, and is, in brief, the scientific method or idea applied. The Klansman who nurtures common sense in his daily life and who sees to it that his children are brought up according to its dictates will solve many of the statescraft problems of the inevitable future.

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Pressure Groups

The attention of the Klansman should be called to a new term just coming into use among sociologists and politicians. The phrase is "pressure groups," and refers to organizations that for good or even evil purposes maintain a kind of "lobby," seeking to persuade legislators of national or state authority to do what they think the nation or state should do in respect to their individual claims. Some of these "pressure groups" may be useful in promoting good government, and as such their lineage is undoubtedly an honorable one. If they organize public sentiment to insist on progressive legislation, they are direct descendants of the barons who faced King John at Runnymede and forced from him the Magna Charta—nay more, they are of the race and caste that flooded Independence Hall at the most momentous period in the New World's history.

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Serving the World

Social unrest is said to be the product of the finest idealism the world has ever known. It is pointed out that without social unrest there can be no substantial progress. It is even asserted that the Bible indiscriminately teaches men to forget these things which are behind and to reach forth unto those things which are before. And all of this sounds most beautiful. But the danger is that too great unrest will plunge civilization into an abyss just as was done in historical cycles now long vanished. Without a substantial anchor made fast in the glorious facts of a splendid past, we might easily pass from the irritation of disturbed social vision to the chaos of anarchy. Klannishness affords a check upon doubtful motive and unconsidered, un-American restlessness. Klansmen recognize that some of the restlessness comes not alone from "fine idealism" but from rank touch with the debased social systems of Europe. The war served to draw America into a closeness that could only result in a besmearing of American purity of purpose with the dregs and inks of the Pit. If those thinkers—that word is complimentary!—who perpetually harp upon the necessity of American nearness to Europe would only take their feverish carcasses to foreign shores, leaving Americans to the peaceful development of their lives according to American principles, the whole world would be served.

Representative Wainwright, New York, defended the air service against the recent attack of Representative Nelson, Wisconsin.

Continued consideration of the supply bill for the treasury and postoffice departments, and approved the item of $10,629,970 for prohibition enforcement.

Speaker Gillett signed the Walsh resolution for the employing of counsel in the naval oil reserve cases and sent it to the senate where, after the signature of President pro tem Cummins has been affixed, it will go to the White House.

The speaker appointed a committee consisting of eleven Republicans and twelve Democrats to represent the house at the funeral of former President Wilson.

Republican members of the ways and means committee approved a 25 per cent reduction in all personal income taxes payable this year. It was decided that the tax on jewelry should be placed at 5 per cent, with all articles valued under $40 exempted. Treasury experts estimate that the reduction in income taxes to be paid this year will mean a saving to the taxpayers of the country of $225,000,000.

Wednesday, February 6

Senate—Not in session.

Oil investigating committee was also in recess out of respect to the memory of former President Wilson.

House—Not in session; adjourned over the day because of the funeral of former President Wilson.

Thursday, February 7

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 5:10 p. m.

Readopted, without debate, a resolution giving the public lands committee investigating.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 6:05 p. m.

Laid aside the interior department appropriation measure and considered the resolution for a constitutional amendment to prohibit the issuance of tax-exempt securities.

The new revenue bill, providing for a complete revision of federal taxes and for a 25 per cent reduction in 1923 income taxes, was reported to the house by a vote of 15 to 3, eight Democrats merely voting "present."

Free use of the mails would be accorded the widow of former President Wilson under the terms of a resolution introduced by the chairman of the postoffice committee.

Friday, February 8

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 5:50 p. m.

Debate continued on the Denby resignation resolution. Senators Walsh, Montana, and Heflin, Alabama, assailing Denby. Senator Borah, Idaho, opposed the resolution on the ground that it related to a question solely within the jurisdiction of the executive.

President Coolidge announced his approval of the Walsh oil lease cancellation resolution but declaring that he expressed no opinion concerning the statements in the preamble, that it was for the courts to determine the legal effect of the circumstances.

Silas H. Strawn, of Chicago, and Atlee Pomerene, of Ohio, were nominated as special counsel for the government in the oil lease cancellation cases. Nominations referred to the public lands committee.

Adopted without debate a resolution offered by Senator LaFollette, Wisconsin, directing the public lands committee to investigate the circumstances by which the Honolulu Consolidated Oil Company secured extensive contracts in naval reserve No. 2 in California.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 6:20 p. m.

After two days' debate, defeated the resolution proposing a constitutional amendment prohibiting the issue of tax-exempt securities by a vote of 247 to 133, which was seven less than the requisite two-thirds vote.

Saturday, February 9

Senate—Met at noon; in session most of the afternoon.

Debate continued on the Denby resignation. Agreement reached during the day to vote on the resolution and all amendments on Monday afternoon next.

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House—Met at noon; in session most of the afternoon.

Working on appropriation measures.

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.

I believe in the limitation of foreign immigration.

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

Sees New Alien Law

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Representative Samuel D. McReynolds, of Tennessee, member of the House committee on immigration, is out with a statement to the effect that "with the expiration of the present law, June 30, Congress will pass a more stringent immigration law than we have ever had before in this country."

This statement will meet with a hearty amen from the whole country where red-blooded Americans live. It's the answer to the demand which has come from the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan all over this nation.

gathering the ballots in Texas was about completed or otherwise he would have Graves removed from his job.

Are You One of These?

The Oklahoma Citizen asks these questions:

Did he send in his application and then wait three or four weeks before venturing up to the klavern to take the initiation?

Does he absent himself from meetings as regularly as if there were a death in his home every Tuesday night?

Does he send his dues in by mail?

Is he one of those hard-to-find persons you can't count on when the antis try to put over a political coup?

Does he somehow get awfully interested in the weather when you make some remark to him concerning the affairs of the order?

Check up on him, boys.

He is probably one of those skim-milk fellows who thought his $10 initiation fee would be a "good business investment."

He was a joiner for business reasons.

The Kiwanis, Rotarians and other clubs oust absentee members. Their members get right or get out.

Any man who can't attend meeting at least once in three months ought to be suspended, dues paid or no dues. It isn't a fat treasury that makes an organization effective.

Check 'em up, boys.

Show those fifty-percenters that they made a darn poor investment when they joined the Klan "for business reasons."

Highway a Scenic Wonder

YAKIMA, Wash., Feb. 9.—The new Yakima highway to be opened for traffic early in the spring is a scenic wonder, the most remarkable in some respects in the entire country. Some of the outstanding features of this new highway are:

The deepest rock cuts in the United States, 90 and 98 feet.

A 238-foot tunnel through a great rock ridge.

Winds through a forest of petrified stumps, remains of huge trees alive before the lava rock buried them.

Clings to sides of rock cliffs 1,000 to 1,500 feet above the Yakima river.

Eleven times the road plunges through or under rock canopies.

Thirty-six-mile stretch of this new highway cost $1,000,000.

Eliminates three summits of the Cascade mountains, one higher than famous Snoqualmie Pass.

Passes through an altitude with minimum snowfall permitting all winter traffic.

The Corner Stone

EVANSPORT, O., Feb. 12.—The following inscription was printed on the fly-leaf of Bibles distributed among Tiffin county schools recently by Knights of the Ku Klux Klan:

"We believe the free public school to be the corner stone of good government and that those who are asking to destroy it are enemies of our republic and unworthy of citizenship."

Every man's nature is concealed with many folds of disguise.—Dawn.

Scorn the proud man that is ashamed to weep.—Dawn.

MICHIGAN CITY IS TO HAVE BIG GATHERING

Thirteenth Province Realm Convention Arranged for February 22

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 9.—Klansmen of Michigan City are preparing to entertain the convention of the Thirteenth Province of the Realm of Indiana here February 22, Washington's birthday anniversary. It is expected to be one of the biggest days Klansmen have ever enjoyed in northern Indiana.

The program is to include many features. Bands and other musical organizations are to be here from several Indiana cities and speakers of national reputation are to have a part in the program. The ideals and principles of the organization will be set out vividly and intelligently by the speakers. The program has not been completed, but it is assured the entertainment features will be elaborate and interesting.

Northern Indiana is to be billed so thoroughly as to leave no doubt in the minds of Klansmen that Michigan City is to be prepared to welcome all visitors.

MARY E. TOMPKINS BURIED AT ELWOOD

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

ELWOOD, Ind., Feb. 11.—Sixty members of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan attired in the regalia of their order attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary E. Tompkins on last Tuesday. The funeral services were held at the Christian church, Rev. E. S. DeMiller officiating. The burial was in the local cemetery and the last rites were held at the grave by the Women of the Klan, of which organization Mrs. Tompkins had been a member.

Mrs. Tompkins during her life in Elwood had been held in the highest esteem by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. The pastor delivered a most glowing tribute to her high character and loving and loyable nature. A huge floral cross was placed at the grave immediately before the departure of the Women of the Klan organization.

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tions at every turn and that agents of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice had hounded him constantly. His work took him all over the country gathering this evidence; he received telegrams calling him off the work, but he paid no attention and went right ahead for he was working secretly under the direction of President Harding.

With the death of President Harding a noted change came over Mellon and Daugherty, according to Brewer. Congressman King says the very officials Brewer is working under are trying in every conceivable way to discredit him. Charging that treasury officials already have destroyed some of the evidence, Representative King said: "There is no telling to what extent the country has been flooded with duplicate Liberty bonds." He said the treatment Brewer has received at the hands of Burns' men and the secret service is shameful. He also asserts that Daugherty has repeatedly tried to dismiss Brewer from the service since President Harding's death, but that President Coolidge has kept him in the service over Daugherty's objections.

Afraid of Evidence

Brewer told the twenty-six members of Congress that he feared his evidence would be stolen, as various attempts have been made to gain possession of the evidence he had collected. Members of Congress then persuaded him to take the matter into court for his own protection as well as protection to the government. He then gave the keys to his safety deposit boxes to Congressman King for further protection.

Brewer enters a further plea that the defendant officials be restrained from destroying the securities of Liberty loan issues now in the treasury, which are necessary to determine whether they are duplicates of bonds not yet surrendered. He says treasury officials have been grinding up bonds that have been cashed.

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Later, Brewer said, he personally appealed to Secretary Mellon to cease the destruction of duplicate bonds, which he regarded evidence and Mellon ordered the destruction to cease. He says hundreds of duplicate bonds were destroyed in the macerating machine. The treasury department then demanded an inventory of bonds in possession of

HIGHLIGHTS IN ADDRESS BY IMPERIAL WIZARD

religious ramifications, upon the monarchial idea of the individual as subject instead of citizen.

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Public school education is democratic education. The fight against that system is being waged by and for Catholic parochialism, which is the essence of monarchy.

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The failure to provide, adequately and democratically, for public school education lies not so much in the strength of the opposition as in our own national weakness.

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The pioneers who made America had before them the tragic consequences of church control of government. They, at least their immediate ancestors, knew from personal experience the perils and persecutions of religious controversy.

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Now, suddenly after half a century of unperceived growth, the un-American power that developed out of the one-sided freedom has arisen to curse and confound our efforts in behalf of democratic education.

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The only soil in which free schools can flourish is that of a strictly American sovereignty, tilled by an undivided allegiance, watered by a patriotism that is undiluted and undefiled, with the sunshine of democracy always and forever shining upon it.

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Democracy is not dead, nor is constitutional government, based on "the consent of the governed," going to die.

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The eternal right of mankind to self-government is being challenged throughout the world.

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There is but one unfailing defense against every kind of alienism in America; it lies in adequate, democratic public school education.

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The Vatican itself has a governmental character. At this moment twenty-seven nations have duly accredited diplomatic representatives at the Holy See, seven of them bearing the title and rank of ambassador. And more are to follow.

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No religious organization ever has or ever can dominate education without an aftermath of disruptive strife.

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I do not for a moment contend that America will ever submit to a degree of church control of education which would lead to the battlefield, but I do say, with the tragic experiences of centuries supporting me, that each and every bit of ground gained by and for parochialism in our schools will dilute truth, diminish democracy and feed the flames of destructive controversy exactly in proportion to the extent of that influence.

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My condemnation has been of the political system of the Roman Catholic church, not of its parishioners, nor of their religion. It is the hierarchy, not the rank and file of Catholicism, whose attitude I disapprove.

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FIRST PUBLIC APPEARANCE IN INDIANAPOLIS

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concern. Our experiment of republican institutions is not upon the scale of a petty municipality or state, but it covers half a continent and embraces peoples of widely diverse interests and conditions, but who are to continue 'one and inseparable.' Every condition of our perpetuity and progress as a nation adds emphasis to the remark of Montesquieu, 'It is in a republican government that the **whole power of education is required.'**"

The occasion of that memorial was the fight for more adequate public school education then engaging the attention of thoughtful, patriotic Americans. Of that attempt I shall speak later. I refer to it here because you should understand that this present battle began two generations ago, and also that at no time, from Washington to Lincoln, or since, have the educational facilities of the nation been more than a beginning of what were required for the safety and advancement of a great Republic.

In his remarkable book on "Child Labor and the Constitution," Mr. Raymond G. Fuller says:

"What nation shall be greatest among the nations of the 'New World?' That nation shall be greatest that puts children first in its thought, in its politics, in its economics, in its ethics. The nation that accepts the leadership of little children and sets them in the midst of its counselors, that nation will lead all others in the health, intelligence, morality, efficiency and happiness of its citizens and in national prosperity, both material and spiritual. On the quality of nations international peace and progress depend."

To show the extent of our failure, I present the opinion of Dr. Alexander J. Inglis, professor of education at Harvard University, who said in 1922:

"In the first place let us recognize that in all parts of this country public education is very, very far from being that which we should all like to see it, that in parts of the county it is almost unbelievably bad, that vocational education has scarcely begun to be recognized, that the amount of illiteracy and near-illiteracy is alarmingly great, that attention to physical education throughout the country is almost negligible, that our large foreign population constitutes a serious problem for education and for society, that most country children do not have anything like a fair opportunity for education, that in many sections of the country short terms make effective education all but impossible, that a large part of our teachers lack proper education, training and experience—let us recognize all these and many other defects of education too numerous to catalog. They are conditions which cry aloud for reform in the appealing voices of children deprived of their rights as American citizens. They are undoubted and indubitable facts which can not be ignored."

Why a Department of Education

Dr. Inglis here speaks of "the defects of education too numerous to catalog." My serious study of the whole problem suggests one fundamental difficulty that is not in any catalog, a handicap that goes back to the beginning, and before the beginning of public school system. In fact, who among you now can say when, or how, our public school system's original requirement that the governor and council "should establish and support public schools," plus the statesmanly efforts of Benjamin Franklin, it was not until 1833 that this commonwealth had a partly tax-supported public school system, and for the next two years there was such a clamor of objection as to threaten its overthrow even then.

The truth is that half our national life was lived without a general public school system, and that, during the last half, public schools have been pitifully inadequate, to which failures can be traced most of the national ills that now beset us.

At the half-way mark two of our greatest Americans entered the arena to battle for this cause. They were Horace Mann, of Massachusetts, and Henry Barnard, of Connecticut. To them America owes the highest, grandest monuments ever erected to her deserving heroes.

Out of their statesmanship and the labors of others of that period came the effort to give public school education the standing it should have had in the beginning. In 1867, James A. Garfield sponsored legislation to create a department of education. Henry Barnard became the commissioner of education, but without a place in the cabinet. In addition to executive duties, this law imposed upon that office the task of investigating the disposition and misuse of previous national land grants in aid to education. There ensued a fight on the part of the secretary of the interior for the right to make the investigation, because his department had handled the grants. It was like the story of political manipulation, and probably graft, that is engaging the public mind today. Politics prevailed. The department of education was demoted to a mere bureau under the secretary of the Interior, which it has since remained. Barnard resigned. The clock of true progress for America was set back, not days, but decades.

The big thing, the fundamental, all important thing to be accomplished for the cause of democratic education in America is to give it the recognition, the dignity, the established standing, of a high place in the cabinet.

We are supporting a program that will do two things: (1) Establish a department of education, with a Cabinet secretary at its head; and (2) Give national aid to our public schools.

That first object far outweighs the second. It is fundamental, organic, whereas the rest is a matter of efficiency.

If there be the slightest doubt as to what a department of education would mean to the public school system, that doubt will disappear when you understand the attitude toward it of the enemies of democratic education. In a few minutes I shall discuss the forces, or rather the only organized force, that is opposing the American public school system. At this point I desire only to show that this opposition by the Roman Catholic church hierarchy is aimed chiefly at the idea of a department of education. That is what they fear.

You will remember that there was little activity in behalf of the Smith-Towner bill during the Sixty-seventh Congress, because of the pending measure to establish a department of public welfare, with education only a bureau in it. With respect to that situation, I quote in part a letter, issued on May 4, 1921, by the National Catholic Welfare Council, as follows:

"It should further be noted that other measures are now under consideration by the leaders in Congress which may obviate the need of opposition to the Towner bill

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Five years in practice

Health Possible to Spinal Sufferers

Chiropractic Health Talk No. 43
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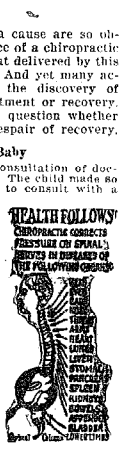
Among the babyhood threats against a life of health and happiness are the spinal fevers and other spinal disturbances which may come from falls or accidents to which childhood is subject.

Ailments due to such a cause are so obviously within the province of a chiropractic health service such as that delivered by this office, that it would seem unnecessary to say so. And yet many accept the very common belief prevalent before the discovery of chiropractic, that such diseases were beyond treatment or recovery. But with the advent of chiropractic it becomes a question whether any youthful sufferer from such ailments need despair of recovery.

Brain Fever Crossed Eyes of This Baby

"William Edward was fourteen months when a consultation of doctors was called and they decided he had brain fever. The child made so little progress under their care that I asked them to consult with a chiropractor, which they refused. I then called a chiropractor and in five days the child was on his way to recovery. His eyes were crossed by the fever but they became straight under continued adjustments. Today he is normal in every way."—William Devaney, Chiropractic Research Bureau, Sworn Statement No. 1387C.—Indianapolis.



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WOMEN OF KLAN OF NEWTON COUNTY BUSY

MOROCCO, Ind., Feb. 9.—In spite of the cold weather and bad roads, the Women of the Ku Klux Klan of Newton county held an enthusiastic meeting in the K. of P. hall in Morocco Thursday night. Most of the townships of the county were represented at the meeting. Several women appeared in full regalia during the ceremony when a large class was initiated. The county officers are getting into the harness in fine shape and great things are planned for the organization by the officers and the various wideawake committees.

ADDRESS ALL MAIL TO FIERY CROSS—NOT TO INDIVIDUALS.

GLANCY FUNERAL IS LARGELY ATTENDED

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Feb. 12.—The funeral of Mrs. Isaiah Glancy, who died at her home three and one-half miles west of Hartford City, January 20, was held January 23 at the Methodist church a short distance from her home. The funeral was one of the largest attended ever held in that community. The services were conducted by the Rev. M. F. Dawson, of Veedersburg, assisted by Klansmen and Women of the Klan. Six sons-in-law were the pallbearers. Men and women of the Klan organization were present and contributed beautiful floral pieces, one being a cross. The Women of the Klan conducted a short service at the grave. The husband, seven daughters and two sons survive.

Davis—Two Rare Birds—Durgan

Ora Davis Again Is Out With the Usual Promises

Ora D. Davis, mayor of Terre Haute, where crime has run rampant during his administration, has officially announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor of Indiana. In his announcement he says:

"The principal planks of my platform," he said, "will be law enforcement and lower taxes. These, of course, are the stereotyped phrases used by all candidates, and are meaningless terms unless the

George H. Durgan Pulls Another of His "Boners"

Mayor George R. Durgan, of Lafayette, who has announced he is a candidate for the nomination for governor of Indiana on an anti-Klan platform, is continually springing jokes. His latest was at a civic association meeting in Lafayette recently.

It will be recalled that of an audience of estimated at 3,500 in Tomlinson Hall recently, when he made the announcement of his candidacy, about 3,000 marched out of the hall when Durgan referred to the Indiana Year Book of 1922 as being better reading than the Holy Bible. The Indianapolis

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IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL USE FIERY CROSS WANT ADS

Political Adv.—

WM. D. BEANBLOSSOM FOR COUNTY CORONER

Wm. D. Beanblossom for coroner of Marion county, announces his candidacy in this issue. Mr. Beanblossom has been in the undertaking business at 1321 West Ray street for the past ten years and has been a resident of Indianapolis fifteen years. His friends predict for him success. He is a Republican and goes before the spring primary willing to "let your conscience be your guide."

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A week after President Harding's funeral, Brewer asserts, Attorney-General Daugherty demanded his resignation. Two weeks later another demand was made. He then received a peremptory order to report to the department of justice where he was summarily dismissed.

When President Coolidge was apprised of the situation, he sent for Charles G. Washburn, an attorney of Worcester, Mass., to hear and consider the evidence. Following this, Brewer asserts he was directed by President Coolidge to proceed in spite of the attorney-general.

Later, Brewer said, he personally appealed to Secretary Mellon to cease the destruction of duplicate bonds, which he regarded evidence and Mellon ordered the destruction to cease. He says hundreds of duplicate bonds were destroyed in the macerating machine. The treasury department then demanded an inventory of bonds in possession of Brewer. He also asserts that his personal chests were broken open by a Mr. Cunningham, an assistant to Burns, chief of the secret service. Brewer alleges that secret service men followed him across the country to California when he was gathering this evidence.

Let's Have the Truth

Congress ought now to go on record for a complete investigation in this matter. Let's have the truth, no matter who it hurts or on whom it reflects. If Brewer is a nut, let's know the facts. If Burns and his crowd have hounded an innocent man in doing his duty, let's know the reasons for it and get the truth. If President Harding was deceived let's find it out. Let's ascertain why Daugherty wishes Brewer removed from his job. If people working for the government in the bureau of engraving and printing have printed the Pope's head on one dollar bills, let's know why and by whose order. If the same people printed duplicate Liberty bonds, let's find out about it. The charges are so grave that it should be probed to the bottom. And let there be no whitewashing. Let's have the truth, even if a campaign is coming on, no matter whether it injures the Protestant or anti-Protestant side. And if we have crooks in the government service, let's get rid of them, no matter whether they are Protestants or non-Protestants. And Burns might be called on the carpet, too, for his activity. Why should the secret service department of the government be found working against the President of the United States and his special agent? Let the truth come out with a bang.

And incidentally, let's find out how much government time and government money has been spent by Burns and his secret service men in sectarian persecution of the activities of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Forgery of Naturalization Certificates Is Discovered

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The forging of Uruguayan naturalization certificates, to enable Europeans to enter the United States as Uruguayans has been disclosed. The Uruguayan law requires a residence of five years before citizenship papers are granted an immigrant. Certificates were obtained in great numbers by false declarations of witnesses who apparently were members of a strong organization which has ramifications in Argentina and Brazil.

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The Vatican itself has a governmental character. At this moment twenty-seven nations have duly accredited diplomatic representatives at the Holy See, seven of them bearing the title and rank of ambassador. And more are to follow.

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No religious organization ever has or ever can dominate education without an aftermath of disruptive strife.

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I do not for a moment contend that America will ever submit to a degree of church control of education which would lead to the battlefield, but I do say, with the tragic experiences of centuries supporting me, that each and every bit of ground gained by and for parochialism in our schools will dilute truth, diminish democracy and feed the flames of destructive controversy exactly in proportion to the extent of that influence.

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My condemnation has been of the political system of the Roman Catholic church, not of its parishioners, nor of their religion. It is the hierarchy, not the rank and file of Catholicism, whose attitude I disapprove.

IS THIS PART OF THE SYSTEM?

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President Wilson. The $250,000 fee story went broadcast on the press wires. Every newspaper in the land carried it. In a few days Doheny sent a letter to the committee stating that he was mistaken in the amount. He should have said $120,000, he said. This never got to the public. But all the truth was not even told then. Doheny should have said that the $150,000 was paid to the law firm of which McAdoo was a member. McAdoo is the only one to tell this true story and the publicity is nil. McAdoo asserts he never knew his law firm had such a client. That as it may be, he is entitled to his story. But back of it all Washington sees much more than a "black eye" for McAdoo. Washington sees a well-laid plan for boosting Smith, the Catholic governor of New York, for the nomination for president. As some proof of this betting in New York has swung about $50 to $100 that Smith will be nominated at the Democratic convention in New York for president of the United States.

'CLEAN CITY FIRST,' CITIZENS ASK OF DAVIS

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house. This woman also stood with pencil and paper it was said, taking numbers of automobiles forming the funeral procession.

KLANSMAN IS BURIED

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Feb. 11.—Fifty Klansmen in full regalia took part in the funeral services and burial of Clyde Swalls, of Glenn Ayr, who was laid at rest in Highland Lawn Cemetery here last Sunday afternoon. The pastor of the Glen Ayr M. E. church officiated. There were eighty cars in the funeral procession and many beautiful floral offerings were sent by a host of friends. A large floral cross of red roses was among the flowers.

AVALANCHE FELLS FOREST

VIENNA, Feb. 9.—An avalanche sweeping down Hubertalp today, entirely uprooted a forest of 3,000 trees.

from being that which we should all like to see it, that in parts of the county it is almost unbelievably bad, that vocational education has scarcely begun to be recognized, that the amount of illiteracy and of near-illiteracy is alarmingly great, that attention to physical education throughout the country is almost negligible, that our large foreign population constitutes a serious problem for education and for society, that most country children do not have anything like a fair opportunity for education, that in many sections of the country short terms make effective education all but impossible, that a large part of our teachers lack proper education, training and experience—let us recognize all these and many other defects of education too numerous to catalog. They are conditions which cry aloud for reform in the appealing voices of children deprived of their rights as American citizens. They are undoubted and indubitable facts which can not be ignored."

Why a Department of Education

Dr. Inglis here speaks of "the defects of education too numerous to catalog." My serious study of the whole problem suggests one fundamental difficulty that is not in any catalog, a handicap that goes back to the beginning, and before the beginning of public school system. In fact, who among you now can say when, or how, our public school system began? The public school is the most essential of all American institutions; we all know that; yet, unlike any other great American institution, it did not come into existence with clearly defined distinctive character. No date or event marks its birth. No national document ever bestowed upon it specific principles and purposes. Nor was the basic question of its relation to government ever fully and finally determined. I mention these things to show that in this country public school education was never rightly honored by a place in any organic act like the Declaration of Independence, or the Constitution; nor was it ever, for more than the briefest time, given deserved recognition in any outstanding federal enactment. It just grew, in almost haphazard fashion, through a kind of vagrant evolution, into what it is today, with only about one-seventh of the efficiency that our national needs demand.

For centuries education was exclusively of, by and for the church. That was yet quite largely the situation throughout Europe at the time of American colonization. The first evidences of change were in Holland and Scotland, and among the Puritans and Huguenots of England and France. Those earliest liberals had a vision of universal education, but there remained in their minds the idea of religious objective.

Then, in the eighteenth century, philanthropy took an interest in education. Next there were charity schools. After that, thank God, came the conception of the American common school, emerging slowly and uncertainly, because, as I have shown, it was an organic orphan, and had to shift for itself.

As the colonies differed, so did their schools. But gradually American education took on a type of its own, although it was not until three quarters of a century after the birth of the republic that the public school, as we now know it, was at all firmly established.

No one will deny that it was always the intention to have adequate education in America. Private and public declarations of that high purpose are abundant; but the trouble was, and is, that the cause of public education was never given the sanction and standing, yes, and the security, that could be obtained only through basic legal recognition of its paramount importance.

Pennsylvania offers a good illustration. Notwithstanding William

a department of education, with a Cabinet secretary at its head; and (2) Give national aid to our public schools.

That first object far outweighs the second. It is fundamental, organic, whereas the rest is a matter of efficiency.

If there be the slightest doubt as to what a department of education would mean to the public school system, that doubt will disappear when you understand the attitude toward it of the enemies of democratic education. In a few minutes I shall discuss the forces, or rather the only organized force, that is opposing the American public school system. At this point I desire only to show that this opposition by the Roman Catholic church hierarchy is aimed chiefly at the idea of a department of education. That is what they fear.

You will remember that there was little activity in behalf of the Smith-Towner bill during the Sixty-seventh Congress, because of the pending measure to establish a department of public welfare, with education only a bureau in it. With respect to that situation, I quote in part a letter, issued on May 4, 1921, by the National Catholic Welfare Council, as follows:

"It should further be noted that other measures are now under consideration by the leaders in Congress which may obviate the need of opposition to the Towner bill. Should the McCormick bill be passed and the department of public welfare be established, the bureau of education would simply be transferred from the department of the interior to the department of public welfare; it would not be entered into a separate department. In that case the situation would practically be what it is at present."

In other words, the hierarchy does not oppose legislation that leaves matters as they are, with a poor, powerless, undignified bureau of education, instead of a department of education which would at once and forever suggest to every American that at last our public schools had been given the recognition and standing that should have been their governmental position from the very beginning.

Therefore, I say to you that this part of our program is the all-important part; that there must be no compromise upon this issue.

When we have given public school significance, as the creation of a department of education will do, while that belated act alone can not at once remedy the enervating results of one hundred and thirty-five years of neglected duty, of wasted citizenship, it will cause the national conscience and be followed quickly by a new and constantly accelerating educational vigor throughout the republic. It will mark the beginning of a rising tide of common intelligence, health, and virtue among both the native and adopted sons and daughters of America.

Shameful Inadequacy of Education

The indictment is that "the defects of education are too numerous to catalog." How much more impossible is it to catalog the consequences of those defects. When we face the results of our inadequate public school system, the situation becomes positively appalling.

Each year there is an assessment of our material wealth. A survey, on as exact and scientific a scale, of the much more vital human values has never been attempted. It happened, however, quite incidentally, that the nation was permitted to get a glimpse at the menacing aftermath of educational inadequacy. When our young manhood was conscripted for service in the great war, they were examined, mentally and physically; tests were made and recorded; the results are known. At last we may look squarely at the terrible truth about our composite humanity.

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scented at the meeting. Several women appeared in full regalia during the ceremony when a large class was initiated. The county officers are getting into the harness in fine shape and great things are planned for the organization by the officers and the various wideawake committees.

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was one of the largest attended ever held in that community. The services were conducted by the Rev. M. F. Dawson, of Veedersburg, assisted by Klansmen and Women of the Klan. Six sons-in-law were the pallbearers. Men and women of the Klan organization were present and contributed beautiful floral pieces, one being a cross. The Women of the Klan conducted a short service at the grave. The husband, seven daughters and two sons survive.

Davis—Two Rare Birds—Durgan

Ora Davis Again Is Out With the Usual Promises

Ora D. Davis, mayor of Terre Haute, where crime has run rampant during his administration, has officially announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor of Indiana. In his announcement he says:

"The principal planks of my platform," he said, "will be law enforcement and lower taxes. These, of course, are the stereotyped phrases used by all candidates, and are meaningless terms unless the candidate tells how he is going to do it.

"I am going to lower the taxes by enforcing the law and by giving an economical administration of the business of the state."

Here is the platform he ran on for mayor of Terre Haute. These questions were propounded by citizens who wished a clean city:

"Will you clean up the moral conditions of Terre Haute?" he was asked.

"Yes."

The mayor now blames a Methodist minister with the crime conditions in Terre Haute.

"Will you promise to effect a reduction in city taxes?"

"Yes."

City taxes were raised on August 31, 1922, eight months after Mayor Davis took office.

"Will you positively order your chief of police to clean up bootlegging establishments?"

"Yes."

Here are a few of the things that have happened since Mayor Davis took office:

Salary of chief of police raised to $2,600, and he was ordered not to go outside the city limits to arrest bootleggers. (Roadhouses just outside the city where liquor is sold openly, many citizens assert.)

Seventeen gasoline stations held up and robbed in as many weeks.

Murders recorded almost weekly.

Members of city council convicted of bootlegging. Protest against his holding seat in council ignored.

Yes, Mr. Davis is some joker. In the face of his record as mayor of Terre Haute, is it possible he thinks he can fool the people again with the promises he has continually broken? We think not.

George H. Durgan Pulls Another of His "Boners"

Mayor George R. Durgan, of Lafayette, who has announced he is a candidate for the nomination for governor of Indiana on an anti Klan platform, is continually springing jokes. His latest was at a civic association meeting in Lafayette recently.

It will be recalled that of an audience of estimated at 3,500 in Tomlinson Hall recently, when he made the announcement of his candidacy, about 3,000 marched out of the hall when Durgan referred to the Indiana Year Book of 1922 as being better reading than the Holy Bible. The Indianapolis daily newspapers attempted to show that the marchout was a "near riot." Otto Ray, city councilman of Indianapolis, caused the arrest of a city fireman and a companion, on the charges of inciting a riot. The case has never come to trial in court, being delayed by Ray when called for hearing. The Indianapolis board of works has reinstated the fireman, and therefore the case is a dead issue in court.

Nevertheless, Mr. Durgan seems to be proud of his remarks against the Holy Bible. He still is "pulling boners," as a Lafayette man puts it. This man says that Durgan long ago was "discounted" by citizens of Lafayette. "Durgan is a joke, not a joker in the estimation of Lafayette citizens," the man who told of his appeal for applause says. "He has no idea of ever being nominated for governor of Indiana, but he really thinks he is a big man. When it came time for him to speak at the civic association meeting recently, he prefaced his speech by remarking: 'When I speak I create a riot.' Then he smugly gazed out over his audience and awaited the applause he expected. All in the audience knew what he was referring to, but the Bible is not a butt for jokes with all citizens. Durgan was not in his own crowd. The silence was so dense, figuratively, it could have been cut with a knife. One could have heard a pin drop in any part of the room—and still Durgan awaited the applause, until it became painful. Finally even he, the man of brass, became embarassed, and attempted to go on with his set speech, but it, apparently had left him. After hesitating and stammering and starting and stopping, finally he made a few remarks and gave the center of the stage to another speaker."

This is the comment of a Protestant citizen of Lafayette. It indicates the direction of the breeze stirred up by Durgan's "boner" in Indianapolis. Lafayette is not made up solidly of citizens of the Durgan stripe, even if he is mayor of the city. Durgan has about run his race there.

The Peril of Narcotics

By L. S. L. in The Good Citizen

A new peril is facing the people of the United States—the peril of narcotic addiction. The use of narcotics, especially among the young, is increasing with alarming rapidity. And it can not be attributed to prohibition as many would try to make us believe. It is not the whisky addicts who have been deprived of their stimulant who are forming the drug habit, but the young people—boys and girls—who have never been addicted to liquor.

Opium has been used for many centuries. It became a menace to Asia, especially China, under the exploitation of a powerful trading company. China finally passed a law prohibiting its use. Chemists discovered how to make morphine from opium about one hundred years ago. This is being more commonly used now than opium.

About fifty years ago a chemist discovered how to make cocaine from the leaves of the cocoa plant, a plant that grows in Peru and other South American countries.

In 1898 a chemist discovered how to make heroin from opium, a drug that is four times as powerful as morphine.

These drugs were first used in the practice of medicine; they were used to alleviate pain and were thought to be a great blessing to mankind.

Millions of Addicts

It is said that addicts to these various drugs now number millions in the United States. Many of these addicts formed the habit through having the drug used by physicians to alleviate pain. After using it for a short time they found themselves unable to stop and as a result became confirmed drug users.

When once the habit is fixed the addict considers his drug as paramount. It becomes a matter of life and death to him. In order to get it he will lie, steal, rob, or even in extreme cases commit murder. It is estimated that more than nine-tenths of the murders, hold-ups and daring robberies are committed by drug addicts.

The scripture says, "For the want of knowledge my people perish." It was because of a lack of knowledge that the larger portion of addicts formed the habit. A magazine at hand says: "Recruiting goes on chiefly among the young. The average age of the heroin addict is twenty-three. He must have been recruited before he was twenty. Peddlers are recruiting in the schools. The method is very simple. The young people are given a 'snow party.' The 'snow' is heroin. It is at first supplied free. Just a little on the wrist and a whiff constitutes a 'party.' Such a 'party' once a day will make an addict of a high school boy or girl in a short time." The government report states that a boy will become an addict inside of ten days and a mature man inside of thirty days.

Moral Principle Vanishes

These peddlers who give the "snow parties" are addicts and are peddling in order to get a supply for themselves. When one becomes addicted to any of these drugs all moral principle is gone, at least when it involves the satisfying of the craving for the drug. The drug user is soon incapacitated for work and the drug he must have, so he resorts to any means to obtain it. The narcotic trust, or "dope ring," has a virtual monopoly of the narcotic supply. Its members secure the drug for a few dollars an ounce. They charge the addicts more than a dollar a grain, in most cases more than $500 an ounce.

Many of the drug peddlers work for recruits among the pupils in the public schools. The young people have no idea what they are doing when they begin to take a "whiff" of cocaine or heroin. An investigation has recently been made of 100 text-books on physiology and hygiene used in the public schools in the United States.

Textbooks Incomplete

Out of eighteen text-books widely used in high schools, five contain nothing whatever about narcotics. In the other thirteen text-books less than two pages, on an average, is devoted to the consideration of the subject. Only eight authors state that opium is a narcotic drug; only nine that its continued use results in an almost unbreakable habit; only six that certain "patent medicines" contain opium; only four that laudanum is opium dissolved in alcohol and only four that paregoric is a dilute solution of opium.

One thing that greatly helped in bringing about prohibition was that the school books gave the facts concerning the use of liquor, that it is poisonous to the human system, etc. Now we must begin a campaign against habit-forming drugs. Parents and teachers should demand that text-books be used giving the truth regarding such drugs. We are sure that none of you want to see your son or daughter a drug addict, but thousands are becoming drug users through these so-called "snow parties" or through the influence of some other addict, and have the habit formed before they are aware of its terrible effects. May you who read this do all you can to enlighten your own children and others.

Freedom an Abused Word

GEORGETOWN, O., Feb. 9.—"Freedom is one of the most used and abused words in the English language," writes Austin D. Winters in the Georgetown Gazette. "A large proportion of modern humanity, however, has a poor conception of the meaning of freedom. The eyes of the world are turned toward America as a haven where freedom reigns supreme, but the fact is apparent that a lot of so-called Americans are demanding that the government should protect them in the enjoyment of the privilege of violating the laws of the land. Protection should be afforded people from banding for the preservation of those institutions which alone can insure the future freedom of America.

"It does not require any exceptional brilliancy, however, to see that the day is dawning when the camouflage is going to be removed and where we shall each one show that we are an American or give reason for hiding behind the Stars and Stripes. Then the American press will give the soul developing people from banding for the preservation of those institutions which alone can insure the future freedom of America.

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and relate its degeneracy directly to the failure of our public school system.

The census returns had been telling us that there was a six per cent illiteracy in America. The army tests revealed that 24.9 per cent of the drafted men were "unable to read and understand newspapers, and write letters home in the English language."

Remember that a majority of those young men were less than a decade removed from their educational days. This evidence is of failure, not remote, but almost immediately related to the civilization-destroying inadequacies of the present public school system.

Today, in the United States, there is thirty times as much absolute illiteracy as in Germany and Denmark; there is twelve times as much illiteracy here as in Switzerland; six time as much as in Norway and Sweden; more than three times as much as in England, Scotland and Wales.

At the present rate of diminishment, it would take eighty-four years to eliminate illiteracy in this country, taking absolute illiteracy figures, instead of the more depressing army tests. If we accept the latter as a basis, fully five hundred years would elapse before illiteracy were stamped out of our national life.

In the face of such facts, I maintain that no citizen can oppose Democratic education in America unless he be an un-American enemy of our institutions.

There are in this country approximately twenty-five million boys and girls of school age. Were those of university years to be included, the number would reach above thirty-three million. In 1920, according to census statistics, we had 23,042,637 children between the ages of seven and seventeen. The grade and high schools, then, should be providing the best of educational opportunities for at least that number.

In 1920, 4,405,437, a total of 19 per cent of our children between the ages of seven and seventeen, were not attending any school.

Between the ages of seven and thirteen, no less than 9.4 per cent were not attending any school.

At the ages of fourteen and fifteen, 20.1 per cent were not in school.

Among those sixteen and seventeen, 57.1 per cent were not in any school.

The teachers in the public schools of America number 655,589. Fifty-four per cent of them have not had normal school training. In the rural schools, twenty-three teachers have had less than two years of education above the elementary grades. Thousands have had no training beyond the eighth grade.

Opposing Democratic Education

It is apparent, then, that from every point of view, except that of selfishness, the educational doctrine of Horace Mann should be written into the laws and into the life of this nation. Patriotism demands it, common sense sanctions it, every consideration of individual and national welfare pleads its necessity.

Why, then, has this fundamental program not been adopted?

It is because of the opposition of one of the oldest and most powerful that they be completely separated. Throughout the centuries this attitude of the vatican has never changed. It never will. With the hierarchy, and all its priesthood, always the church is the primary consideration. Even today in America, a hundred and thirty-five years after the adoption of our constitution had made it the basic law of the land that government should not interfere with religion, nor religion with government, neither in the pulpit nor in the press of Catholicism do you ever find country mentioned apart from the church. It is always "church and country," with the "church" coming first. That is their idea, not to have the church auxiliarate the state, but to have civil authority and political power serve the church. I do not criticise those who adhere to that doctrine. I only state the truth as it is, in the conviction, as firmly founded as their opposing belief can possibly be, that no religious organization can even seek, much less attain, temporal character without irreparable injury both to church and state.

Church Control of Education

Throughout the domain of education, it is the theory of the hierarchy, as it is their practice, to teach **what to think.** We desire that the young be taught **how to think,** that they be encouraged to delve deeper and deeper into all the hidden mines of information, in the hope and assurance that the result will be an ever-increasing output of helpful human and divine attainments; that it will bring, at least within the range of possibility, a harmonizing of humanity upon the rock of eternal truth; that finally "peace on earth, good will to men" may become a glorious reality, to atone for the long darkness of misery and strife.

Not even in matters of religion does the hierarchy encourage its subjects, either innocent children or habituated adults, to exercise real independence of thought or action. Bible-reading by the laity is discouraged. I have here a flippant and rather offensive reference to this traditional attitude, by the Catholic News, as follows:

"We Catholics have no apologies to make for our church's opposition to private interpretation of the Bible. Every Tom, Dick and Harry isn't allowed by the United States government to interpret the constitution as he sees fit. The United States supreme court says the constitution means thus and so. But no minister denounces Uncle Sam because of that fact. And the Constitution of the United States is much easier for the ordinary mortal to interpret than the Bible. If Protestantism had a supreme court, there wouldn't be so many varieties of religion among the brethren."

Catholics regard education as the prerogative of their religion. We believe that the agencies and objects of education should be publicly sponsored and controlled; that the training of the young is the first duty, the most fundamental function, of the state.

Here is another statement of it:

"The Catholic church * * * towers above the ages, above nations, above men, mistress of all the forces of education morality."

Those are the words of Clare Gerald Fenerty, from an address before the Knights of Columbus Dining Club at Philadelphia, as quoted in the Catholic Standard and Times.

But there is something far beyond

"I Believe in the Tenets of the Christian Religion"

A Sermon on Why the Ku Klux Klan Is Here, Preached by the Rev. L. C. Emerick, Pastor of the Church of Christ, Carrollton, Ohio.

CARROLLTON, O., Feb. 2.—Opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, for the most part, comes from the class whose questionable business is being endangered by growth of the organization they are criticizing, said the Rev. L. C. Emerick, pastor of the Church of Christ, in a recent sermon on the text, "I Believe in the Tenets of the Christian Religion."

The sermon was heard by an audience which filled every seat and every available inch of standing room. Many were unable to gain admittance to the church and stood outside the doors to listen. The pastor said in part:

"There has been some objection to the organization of the Ku Klux Klan. Some people have objected to the forming of such an organization by the native white Protestant Americans. But why? The Jews have their organizations to which you and I can not belong. The Roman Catholics have their organizations to which you and I can not belong. In every center of foreign population in America there are organizations of foreigners to which you and I can not belong. If organization is a good thing for them, why not for the native white Protestant Americans? If the organization of one class is accepted as a good thing, or not condemned, why should fault be found with others who avail themselves of this same privilege? Men learned and wise have seen fit to disagree with the principles of the Klan, to which no one objects. But there are those who for other reasons have uttered carping criticisms, and an unthinking crowd of pups have been yapping the same sentiments.

Foes of U. S. at Work

"Every student of political economy and civics tells us there are disintegrating influences at work in America. That there are people who are profiting from the existence of the degrading and destructive influences goes without saying. If they were not profitable, no one would be interested in them. These carping criticisms of the Klan, for the most part, come from the class whose questionable business is being endangered by growth of the organization which they are criticizing. That these disintegrating influences and forces must be counteracted is believed by all who have the best interests of America and American ideals and institutions at heart. The Klan has come into existence to supply loyalty and those facts necessary to intelligent citizens of this country in order that they may be prepared to save America for Americans, and that under God the principles for which the Stars and Stripes stand shall not perish from the earth.

Klan membership consists, according to some conservative estimates, of about three or four millions of the respectable middle classes. The very fact that this membership is increasing at the rate of 70,000 a week is evidence that this organization is filling a need and that its principles are sound, sane and safe. It would be impossible to gather together such numbers on any different conditions. The Protestants planted on the four corners of their towns, respectively, a church, a schoolhouse, town hall and a library. The ministers were the first teachers and the people were taught to read in order that they might read their Bibles. Out of this school started by the church has grown the present much-cherished institution — the American public school. The first compact by which the governed agreed to govern themselves was that formed by the Protestants in the Mayflower. Our constitution is a direct outgrowth of this, as it came up through the articles of confederation and the Declaration of Independence.

Give Time to Christ

"If we give God the place He should have, then we must give time and place to Christ. We can show our love and respect for Christ by the spirit we manifest toward His church. His church had not been established, for He says, "I will build my church," and to certain individuals who were carefully instructed and trained, He commits the obligation to establish it. This is done, and we have His church. You will be good Klansmen in proportion as you are faithful to the church of your choice.

"May God's blesing rest upon you as you and your organization continue to resist and denounce evil. Remember also that Jesus upheld and recommended the good. There are large numbers of people who are looking to you for recommendations. They are willing to follow your leadership. Your strength lies at the polls, and with the assistance to your membership given by the multitude of sympathizers there is nothing right and good for the American public which is not within your power. Continue to uphold and recommend good, and you will continue to grow in righteousness to the exaltation of our nation and flag.

Klan Emblem Sacred

"You have taken the cross as your emblem, and no organization can look unto this cross which lifted Jesus up between heaven and earth and go far wrong. Jesus said, 'If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me,' and in lifting up His cross you are ennobling the world. No one can look on a burning cross without sensing a little of the price paid by Jesus for the sins of the world and go from that scene without a conviction to live a little better. Because you believe in the tenets of the Christian religion, the uplifted cross, righteous living in state, home and church, you have been welcomed here tonight. Continue to uplift that cross and you will guarantee to Americans the America for which their blood has been shed and under God the Stars and Stripes shall float over a land whose cherished ideal is the pursuit of happiness and righteousness."

The speaker was applauded frequently during his sermon.

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of knowledge my people perish." It was because of a lack of knowledge that the larger portion of addicts formed the habit. A magazine at hand says: "Recruiting goes on chiefly among the young. The average age of the heroin addict is twenty-three. He must have been recruited before he was twenty. Peddlers are recruiting in the schools. The method is very simple. The young people are given a 'snow party.' The 'snow' is heroin. It is at first supplied free. Just a little on the wrist and a whiff constitutes your own children and others.

Now we must begin a campaign against habit-forming drugs. Parents and teachers should demand that text-books be used giving the truth regarding such drugs. We are sure that none of you want to see your son or daughter a drug addict, but thousands are becoming drug users through these so-called "snow parties" or through the influence of some other addict, and have the habit formed before they are aware of its terrible effects. May you who read this do all you can to enlighten your own children and others.

Freedom an Abused Word

GEORGETOWN, O., Feb. 9.—"Freedom is one of the most used and abused words in the English language," writes Austin D. Winters in the Georgetown Gazette. "A large proportion of modern humanity, however, has a poor conception of the meaning of freedom. The eyes of the world are turned toward America as a haven where freedom reigns supreme, but the fact is apparent that a lot of so-called Americans, as well as foreigners within our gates, misinterpret the true meaning of freedom.

"The corner stone in the foundation of America is the guaranty of freedom to worship God according to the dictates of conscience. Let us remember, however, that taking the freedom to deny God is just the reverse of using freedom to worship Him and it should be dealt with accordingly.

"America is full of un-American propaganda today, fostered by the devil's agents and strangely enough backed largely by professing American daily papers and socalled American societies who are doing all in their power to keep the American people from banding for the preservation of those institutions which alone can insure the future freedom of America.

"It does not require any exceptional brilliancy, however, to see that the day is dawning when the camouflage is going to be removed and where we shall each one show that we are an American or give reason for hiding behind the Stars and Stripes. Then the American press will give the soul developing truth to the American people. The American children will be given an opportunity to know that there is a God, and will become acquainted with his given word through an every day contact therewith in school as well as in home and church. They will be given an opportunity to know what conscience is and how it works and thereby be enabled to heed its dictates. Last but not least, children shall then be guided by American examples set forth by their elders. And those who are not content with our American brand of freedom will find the ships still running to the lands which produce their professed favorite brand of freedom."

U. S. Park on Upper Mississippi

The Isaac Walton league, composed of 100,000 American lovers of clean sport, of nature, and of life in the open, and representing the thought of millions of others, has actively subscribed to Senator McCormick's bill for the establishment of the Upper Mississippi National Wild Life and Fish Refuge, says the Chicago Tribune. It is a step which does credit to the league and to the country.

Such spots as the 300-mile stretch of islands, stream and marsh land of the upper Mississippi are all too rare in this country of prairie, plateau, desert, and mountain. Its continued existence is menaced by the utilitarian American instinct which seeks to drain it and plant the spawning grounds of the fish to alfalfa or wheat, and fill the duck marshes with orchards. As it lies it is a beautiful and valuable asset to the nearby states and the country in general. If drained it would be merely inferior farm land, worth, perhaps, $100 an acre.

It seems a pity, and an economic and social error. Hunting and fishing are primitive human instincts. Seldom nowadays do they bring in really needed food for maintenance of the people, but they do contribute color to some otherwise colorless lives, health to others, and relaxation and rest for more serious tasks to many. Both activities, unfortunately, have come to be more or less of a rich man's privilege. Much of our game has been killed off or driven into restricted areas. Many of our streams and lakes have been almost stripped of fish.

In the upper Mississippi valley region there is an opportunity to protect both fish and game for the enjoyment of the present generation and the benefit of posterity. The area is comparatively valueless for any other purpose. It may properly be devoted to this purpose, but it can not be so devoted without governmental action.

The middle west has no great national parks. Most of them lie in the west. A few, mostly of historical interest, are in the east and south. It would be fair and wise for the government to make this area, rich in most of the natural advantages which make the out of doors attractive, into a national park.

Man's Best Friend, the Cow

There is cause for disquietude in the report of the Agricultural Department that the number of cows in New York state has decreased by 28,000 in 1923, as compared with 1922, the number being 1,400,000 and 1,428,000 respectively. In the same time the state's horses have declined from 510,000 to 505,000. That second reduction is ascribed to the automobile, but it should be counted among the merits of that invention, for the horse, faithful servant as he has been to man all through the ages, can be spared as fast as he can be replaced by a mechanical successor with more than his powers and none of his faults, however it may be as to that successor's own faults.

The case of the cow is different. Everything considered, she propably is the most valuable of the few animals that really have been domesticated, and for the many valuable services she performs there can be no substitute.—New York Times.

ages of seven and thirteen, no less than 9.4 per cent were not attending any school.

At the ages of fourteen and fifteen, 20.1 per cent were not in school.

Among those sixteen and seventeen, 57.1 per cent were not in any school.

The teachers in the public schools of America number 655,589. Fifty-four per cent of them have not had normal school training. In the rural schools, twenty-three teachers have had less than two years of education above the elementary grades. Thousands have had no training beyond the eighth grade.

Opposing Democratic Education

It is apparent, then, that from every point of view, except that of selfishness, the educational doctrine of Horace Mann should be written into the laws and into the life of this nation. Patriotism demands it, common sense sanctions it, every consideration of individual and national welfare pleads its necessity.

Why, then, has this fundamental program not been adopted?

It is because of the opposition of one of the oldest and most powerful special interests in the world today.

The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church stands against America on this issue. The public school, in its every phase, aspect and result, is repugnant to the pope and all his priesthood. After a most thorough and unbiased examination of the forces for and against this program, I can say to you with absolute certainty that **the Roman Catholic hierarchy is the one influence that is successfully obstructing adequate public school education in America.** It is pursuing that course because the hierarchy that has both its governmental and religious headquarters at Rome is now, always has been, and perhaps will be, opposed to the public sponsorship of institutions of learning. From its point of view, education is a prerogative of the church. **It refuses to accept secular control or to countenance any result that can or may subordinate the recruitive objects of parochialism.** Therefore, through its political power, this alien hierarchy says to America: "You shall not establish an educational system that sets up in that field an exclusive authority higher than that of the church; public schools shall not be legalized into a standing superior to those of the church."

The hierarchy, of course, does not thus state its attitude. It does not openly, honestly and frankly define its opposition or the objects of that opposition. Instead it resorts to camouflage. What it really says to you is that our education program for America would be unconstitutional; that national aid to public schools would violate states' rights; that such a system as we propose would be attended by bureaucratic and political perversions. What the spokesmen of the vatican in America really mean is that the further advancement of democratic education within this republic would be an insurmountable impediment to the papal dream of world-wide temporal dominion.

It is not possible to find a single intelligent citizen, whatever his or her preferences, who does not understand that the hierarchy is unalterably opposing democratic education in America. Therefore, in order more clearly to comprehend the causes and effects of that opposition, it will be well at this point squarely to face the fundamental differences between Catholicism and Protestantism.

The Vatican for Church and State

The hierarchy believes in the closest connection between church and state. We demand, in the name and in the interest of democracy, followed by the United States government to interpret the constitution as he sees fit. The United States supreme court says the constitution means thus and so. But no minister denounces Uncle Sam because of that fact. And the Constitution of the United States is much easier for the ordinary mortal to interpret than the Bible. If Protestantism had a supreme court, there wouldn't be so many varieties of religion among the brethren."

Catholics regard education as the prerogative of their religion. We believe that the agencies and objects of education should be publicly sponsored and controlled; that the training of the young is the first duty, the most fundamental function, of the state.

Here is another statement of it:

"The Catholic church * * * towers above the ages, above nations, above men, mistress of all the forces of education morality."

Those are the words of Clare Gerald Fenerty, from an address before the Knights of Columbus Dining Club at Philadelphia, as quoted in the Catholic Standard and Times.

But there is something far beyond the ethical and moral in the Catholic attitude. Just as the hierarchy seeks political influence in order that more recognition and greater benefits may accrue to the church, so does it have an identical motive in demanding church-controlled education. Here it is, as given expression in the magazine called Ave Maria:

"Every Catholic school today means a dozen flourishing parishes thirty years from today."

The hierarchy, as a religious organization, demands the temporal right to dominate education, high and low, because that control would facilitate the spread and acceptance of its own sovereignty in every country affected and finally throughout the world.

The assertion of that attitude is tempered only by the measure of its present power to enforce it. The hierarchy in America today does not make an open stand against all non-religious instruction because it does not at this time dare go to battle on that issue. What the hierarchy does seek to accomplish, through camouflage, is the prevention of any further advancement of public school education and of any curtailment of the privileges of parochialism. With the first opportunity, having recruited the necessary prestige and power, the Catholic hierarchy of this country would dethrone democratic education entirely. They would do that here, as certainly as the process is now going on in church-and-state countries, because the vatican desires it, and to them all that is good and holy is inseparably associated with papal desires and decrees.

The Monarchist Idea

There is another fundamental difference, the most basic of all. Catholicism is built and maintains itself, in all its temporal and religious ramifications, upon the monarchical idea of the individual as subject instead of citizen. The doctrine of democracy in its every relation to humanity is exactly the reverse. It exalts the individual, clothing him and her with all the attributes of sovereignty, culminating in civilization's greatest glory and most magnificent triumph, her only final, unfailing safeguard, "the consent of the governed" in all that pertains to public affairs. Every theory, every condition, every hope, of democracy centers in the development of the individual, the sum total of which shall be social strength, intelligence and morality.

Here is the issue. Public school education is democratic education. The fight against that system is being waged by and for Catholic pa-

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the degrading and destructive influences goes without saying. If they were not profitable, no one would be interested in them. These carping criticisms of the Klan, for the most part, come from the class whose questionable business is being endangered by growth of the organization which they are criticizing. That these disintegrating influences and forces must be counteracted is believed by all who have the best interests of America and American ideals and institutions at heart. The Klan has come into existence to supply loyalty and those facts necessary to intelligent citizens of this country in order that they may be prepared to save America for Americans, and that under God the principles for which the Stars and Stripes stand shall not perish from the earth.

Klan membership consists, according to some conservative estimates, of about three or four millions of the respectable middle classes. The very fact that this membership is increasing at the rate of 70,000 a week is evidence that this organization is filling a need and that its principles are sound, sane and safe. It would be impossible to gather together such numbers on any other basis.

"Neither Fools Nor Suckers"

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"You have said that you belive in the tenets of the Christian religion. I want to talk a little while about these. The first tenet we shall look to is God. It is well that Americans should believe in God. A country which has such a noble Christian heritage, the very rubric of which was Protestantism, should be deeply thankful to God. It is a sad comment on American life that the first English words learned by the foreigner should be profane. Worse that profanity should be heard so commonly upon the playgrounds of our public schools and upon our streets. I said America should be Protestant and that we owe our heritage of free government to them. Every good gift we have, every institution which has been a real benefit to our country, came from God through their hands, hearts and minds.

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ANOTHER PAROCHIAL SCHOOL IS PLANNED

Announcement at Ironton Creates Much Comment—Not Needed, It Is Said

IRONTON, O., Feb. 9.—Athough the pubic school buildings and other public school facilities of this city are amply able to take care of all the children of school age here, both elementary and high, yet announcement has been made that the erection of a large parochial school building by the local St. Joseph's Church congregation is assured. The estimated cost of the building is $115,000, and it is proposed to place a new parochial school building in South Sixth street, between Quincy and Chestnut streets.

Just what the purpose is for building additional parochial schools in this city is not easily understood, particularly when the city school system is fully able to take care of the schooling situation here, and could easily absorb the pupils now

No Commoner Dared Invade Czar Fall's Ranch Paradise

THREE RIVERS, N. M., Feb. 9.—The ranch, home, and irrigation plant of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior and former United States senator from New Mexico, are the principal and only objects of interest here. Still, no photographs are allowed to be taken of or on Senator Fall's property nor were they before the Teapot Dome oil lease scandal. Nowhere are to be found post card views of the property of the biggest citizen of Three Falls, N. M.

The tree lined boulevard to Fall's home begins a hundred yards from the railroad depot and is marked "Private Road." The Fall residence is a big frame structure with a long glassed-in porch annex. Lights from the home can be seen for ten or twelve miles along the Carrizozo road past Three Rivers. The former secretary can look from his front door and see the Sacramento mountains, eight or nine miles away, which are snow topped nine months of the year.

Swimming Pool Near Home

Two reservoirs are near the ranch home. One is a swimming pool, equipped with diving platform and spring board. Water runs from this pool into a pasture bordering the private boulevard where there are numerous blooded horses and Shetland ponies. From the other depressed tank a pipe line (water) extends north to watering troughs in an almost limitless pasture where cattle graze.

Along the fertile valley, through which three tree-lined rivers flow, are extended Fall's two-story green barn and stable, which is about twice as large as the average ranch house in the valley. Six or seven big farm houses and shacks for Mexican tenants are near. A scattering of Mescalero Indians live in tents on the ranch. All of Three Rivers, excepting a few railroad shacks, belongs to Fall.

Fall Owns the Postoffice

He owns the trading station and the postoffice. The postmaster store manager boasts that he works for "Senator" Fall, and when motorists stop for gasoline the postmaster tells them, "We have none but the best because it's Sinclair," and he leads the way to the gas pumps.

Construction work being done by the E. P. & S. W. railroad is of great benefit to Fall's property. An old river bed south of the Fall boulevard, and southeast of the Fall trading station, bends around and goes under the railroad track a quarter mile from the depot. In the event of a cloudburst Fall's home, store, and postoffice would be threatened. A work train is guarding against that.

Dam Prevents Flood

A rock dam made of heavy bowlders swings along back of the store in a protecting semicircle. Railroad poles are used to make a big breakwater near the dam. The dam is twelve feet wide and six feet high and winds for one-third of a mile. It turns the water under the bridge, where it should go, and protects Fall's land.

The Harris ranch, mentioned in hearings by the Senate committee, was offered bankers and land experts for $8 an acre. The offer was refused for the reason that it was too high. The water supply made it worth more to Fall than to any one else, and that is said to be why he paid $110,000 for it.

The value of Fall's land is hard to estimate. The irrigated land is worth $150 an acre. Still, Fall has many sections leased for 3 cents an acre a year, but this is reported to be state land.

WOMEN OF THE KLAN OF PERU GET CHARTER

Delegation and Fife and Drum Corps Attends Meeting of Women at Bunker Hill

PERU, Ind., Feb. 11.—The Women of the Miami county Ku Klux Klan received their charter recently. The charter was presented by two women from the national headquarters. Officers were elected for the year and the organization has started on the new year with an interest that is sure to obtain wonderful results.

By unanimous vote the women gave a vote of thanks to the organizer who has worked so diligently for success. A short time ago a purse was presented to her and a shower was arranged, at which many beautiful articles, proving the appreciation of the women, were presented to her.

A large delegation of women, accompanied by the fife and drum corps of the Klan, attended an open meeting of women at Bunker Hill recently. An interesting program was presented and elaborate refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The organizer of the Miami county women received a beautiful bouquet, the gift of Bunker Hill women.

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The Women of the Ku Klux Klan had charge of the ceremonies, both at the church and at the grave. Mrs. Brandon was buried in a Klan robe. Six Klanswomen acted as pallbearers.

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Flag Given Each School at Kewanna by Klansmen

KEWANNA, Ind., Feb. 9.—Each school in Union township and the several rooms of the schools in Kewanna received a fine large American flag recently from Klansmen of the community. The flags were distributed by the Women of the Klan. Several weeks ago the women presented a Bible to each school room. A letter, calling attention to what the flag stands for, was presented with each flag.

ates Much Comment—Not Needed, It Is Said

IRONTON, O., Feb. 9.—Athough the pubic school buildings and other public school facilities of this city are amply able to take care of all the children of school age here, both elementary and high, yet announcement has been made that the erection of a large parochial school building by the local St. Joseph's Church congregation is assured. The estimated cost of the building is $115,000, and it is proposed to place a new parochial school building in South Sixth street, between Quincy and Chestnut streets.

Just what the purpose is for building additional parochial schools in this city is not easily understood, particularly when the city school system is fully able to take care of the schooling situation here, and could easily absorb the pupils now enrolled in the existing parochial schools.

New High School Completed

The new Ironton high school has recently been completed at a cost of $800,000. It is a magnificent structure of three stories, with 42 rooms. Departmental rooms are provided for home economics, manual training, business, mechanics, an auditorium, a swimming pool and a gymnasium.

The Ironton schools are organized on the so-called six-and-six plan, so that the building will be used by the pupils above the sixth grade. All children, therefore, who attend the public schools, and who are normally classified in their studies, will be above 12 years old when they go to this building, which will be devoted exclusively to high school work.

There are two parochial schools here with an enrollment of about 460 pupils. As the public school facilities are well able to take care of all these children, there is no need, so many citizens say, why these private schools should exist.

The enrollment of the public school is 2,200 in the grades, and 975 in the high school.

Program Un-American

In America, it is pointed out here, the policy is to send all children of school age to the public schools that they shall all receive a common training in citizenship, and obtain, by precept and example, a common patriotism. The tendency of the times is to abolish all private schools by law, to assure the true American instruction to which all children born and reared in America are entitled.

Ft. Worth Klan to Have Home to Cost $200,000

FT. WORTH, Tex., Feb. 11.—Plans have been drawn and the contract given for the erection of a klavern here by Ft. Worth Klan, No. 101. The building will cost $200,000. A large site has been bought, and when completed the klavern will be one of the finest fraternal buildings in the city. There will be an auditorium with a seating capacity of 5,000.

The klavern will be dedicated in May, 1924, and Klansmen of Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arizona will be asked to join in the ceremony.

ficers were elected for the year and the organization has started on the new year with an interest that is sure to obtain wonderful results.

By unanimous vote the women gave a vote of thanks to the organizer who has worked so diligently for success. A short time ago a purse was presented to her and a shower was arranged, at which many beautiful articles, proving the appreciation of the women, were presented to her.

A large delegation of women, accompanied by the fife and drum corps of the Klan, attended an open meeting of women at Bunker Hill recently. An interesting program was presented and elaborate refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. The organizer of the Miami county women received a beautiful bouquet, the gift of Bunker Hill women.

The organization is alive and active in Miami county.

MINISTER RECEIVES GIFT OF KLANSMEN

CLAY CITY, Ind., Feb. 9.—Klansmen of Clay City did a handsome thing here recently, when a committee was sent to the home of the Rev. E. A. Parker, of the Free Methodist Church, a small and struggling congregation, and left a sizable cash contribution and a shower of canned fruits, groceries and canned vegetables, enough to last the family of Mr. and Mrs. Parker and their four children several months. The gift was gratefully received and the Klansmen were well repaid for their efforts by the sunshine brought to the faces of the father and mother and children.

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Fundamental American Principles on Trial

How is it possible for any parochial power to obstruct public schools in America? The answer goes deep—to the very vitals of our institutions. The truth, terrible and terrifying, is that our institutions have not yet been solidly and lastingly established. The basic principles of Americanism are yet on trial. **The failure to provide, adequately and democratically, for public school education lies not so much in the strength of the opposition as in our own national weakness.**

God knows that the cause of education, standing alone is sufficient to justify a life and death struggle with the hierarchical elements antagonizing its attainments; but this controversy involves other fundamentals: **Our triumph over parochialism and propaganda must include other and even more, fundamental vanquishments.**

In the present crisis we are confronted by conditions, rather than theories. Theoretically, at the very beginning, this nation safeguarded its institutions through the separation of church and state. **Actually that was never accomplished.**

The pioneers who made America had before them the tragic consequences of church control of government. They, at least their immediate ancestors, knew from personal experience the perils and persecutions of religious controversy. They saw clearly the fateful truth that religious warfare was always the culminating result whenever and wherever a powerful church left the spiritual field and entered the governmental. They knew that every temporal invasion by a religious organization had invariably left a blood-stained trail of selfishness, cruelty and oppression.

Therefore, in founding this Republic, they intended that there should not be, then or ever, any religious interference with government, nor any governmental interference with religion. Somehow, the emphasis came to be placed upon the second, leaving the first more a matter of implication. The Constitution provided for the utmost religious freedom, which was wise and just. It did not, however, in specific, ironclad language, guard against religious license in the field of government. It was no more, and no less, the intention to do one than the other; but the fact remains that the basic law was left too open, too much subject to abuse, with respect to churchly encroachments upon sovereignty. For generations, little harm resulted. Now, suddenly, after half a century of unperceived growth, the un-American power that developed out of the one-sided freedom has arisen to curse and confound our efforts in behalf of democratic education.

In other words, we have not yet brought about the separation of church and state in this country. If you want proof, undisputable, unimpeachable proof, it exists in the fact that today there is a parochial power that can, and does, say to the electors and legislators of America: "Thus far shall you go, and no farther on this issue of education. Propaganda and propagation through schools are prerogatives of Pope and priesthood. Public welfare is subordinate to the temporal interests of the hierarchy."

I say to you, then—I say to all America—that the winning of this is the voice of industrialism. Sometimes it is the voice of ruling caste power; sometimes it is the voice of the Vatican; but whether it be predatory, political or ecclesiastical, always that voice is attuned to the same shrill, snarling key of special interest.

My voice is small, but it is an American voice, and so far as it may reach, I would have it carry to America and to all the world the message that **democracy is not dead, nor is constitutional government, based on "the consent of the governed," going to die.** Humanity, especially our humanity, will—it must—triumph over every obstruction to the great and final accomplishment of freedom and justice. There can be no freedom, nor justice, nor happiness, if the powers of privilege in any form predominate. Our people themselves must safeguard their sovereignty, train it, concentrate it and employ it for the common welfare.

The great issue in this conflict with parochialism, then, is not alone the question of building our composite people into the highest social and political efficiency, nor of that accomplishment plus the safeguarding of our institutions through the actual separation of church and state. To the **doctrine** of democratic education and the **principle** of a religious freedom that works both ways, must be added the **cause** of civilization itself.

The eternal right of mankind to self-government is being challenged throughout the world. If the military forces of an alien power were to enter America, we would repel them with the last ounce of our common strength. But it is a more subtle, more effective, more menacing alien invasion that we are facing—an invasion of militantly undemocratic ideas and ideals—a slow, sure assault upon constitutional government.

There is but one unfailing defense against every kind of alienism in America; it lies in adequate, democratic, public school education.

The Vatican a Government

We must face the ugly and menacing fact that the hierarchy seeking the uses and results of propaganda in our schools is not alone a religious, but also a governmental organization.

There is proof on every hand. In every country on earth today we can discover evidence of its political activity, although our chief concern should center in its temporal assaults upon our own institutions.

The vatican itself has a governmental character. At this moment twenty-seven nations have duly accredited diplomatic representatives at the Holy See, seven of them bearing the title and rank of ambassador. And more are to follow.

In this connection, I quote a gloating paragraph from a recent issue of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart:

"The Argentine Republic, which is one of the most flourishing states of the southern continent of America, is about to raise its legation to the Holy See to the status of an embassy, as Brazil, Chile, and Peru have already done. The law has been introduced by the government, and the Argentine Congress will no doubt soon pass it, whereupon the present minister, Sr. Garcia Mansilla, a man of great ability as well as a distinguished poet, will become Argentina's first ambassador to the vatican. His appointment will raise the whole number of ambassadors accredited to the Holy See to eight, while no less than twenty-seven nations have diplomatic representatives."

What Hierarchy Does to Education

What does all this mean to America?

ates being turned out of the universities each year. The state, therefore, has decided that only those students shall obtain free education who, through competitive examination, show that they are worth educating, leaving the rest to pay the fees demanded by private schools. This reform, of course, does not apply to elementary schools; indeed, the law making it obligatory for every child to attend elementary school is being applied more strictly than ever before."

Of course, what they call "this reform" does not apply to elementary schools. The hierarchy desires above all else that the elementary pupil shall be taught Catholicism. Therefore, it imposes compulsory attendance upon the youngest boys and girls. Also it provides an obligatory religious curriculum for all such pupils. An article in La Civita Catholica, published in Rome, and reprinted in the Catholic World, gives a summary of that curriculum for preparatory and all elementary grades. It is too long for insertion here, but its meaning and influence are apparent.

Observe, now, how that church-controlled education is operating at this moment in Italy.

The number of free schools has been reduced. And that in the face of the fact that Italy has an illiteracy more than six times greater than that of this country, menacingly disgraceful as it is here. Among her population, ten years of age and over, nearly 40 per cent, almost four in ten, can not read their own language. More than 30 per cent of their army

ascendancy, why should it not in the end seek here the educational situation that has now come to pass in Italy? And having made parochialism a public policy, why is it not equally logical for them, as they are doing, to employ parochialism for purposes of propaganda?

Church, parochialism, propaganda, politics—there you have the complete circle of cause and effect in the whole field of this discussion. Through parochialism the church accomplishes propaganda, and the two together—ecclesiastically-controlled schools, teaching the supremacy of the hierarchy—lead directly, through politics, to temporal power.

"Ecclesiastical Legislation"

The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament, a Catholic publication, quotes a person whom it calls the Venerable Peter Julian Eymard, as follows:

"The Christian, therefore, owes to Canon Law, to the bulls, decrees and decisions of the Holy Roman church, which are but the law, the teaching of the sovereign pontiff, a filial obedience beyond all control by the civil authorities, who in this regard are without force or sanction."

Read that again, because, it expresses, as you and I must learn, the attitude of the hierarchy towards governments the world over.

Applied to this nation, it means that whenever and wherever the sovereign people of the United States, by constitutionally established processes, through duly-elected representatives, enact any statute in conflict with any "bull, decree or decision of the sovereign pontiff"—who is the enemy, against which no nation can long contend and endure. **The Supreme Court of the United States is at Washington, and not in Rome.**

No government can become imperialistic without ultimate disaster to itself and to every land it brings under subjection. That is the verdict of history, to which there has never been an exception. The imperialism of a church is even worse. When a religion attains and exercises temporal dominion, castatrophe for all concerned is more swift and sure. That is what I condemn—not the American Catholic citizen, but the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

For centuries education was almost exclusively church controlled. Practically no other education existed. That was the period of the great religious wars. Religious education and religious warfare were simultaneous. Never in all the annals of mankind was cause and effect more closely related or more clearly defined.

It made no difference whether it was Catholicism or Protestantism that had aggressively or in self-defense thus usurped this function of the state. Always it led directly and inevitably to civil strife and martial conflict. No religious organization ever has or ever can dominate education without an aftermath of disruptive strife.

The degree to which the religious influence prevails in schools will determine, invariably and inevitably, the extent of the resulting disturbance for humanity.

I do not for a moment contend that America will ever submit to a degree of church control of education

In the Honeycomb Cobweb in Washington

Some Light on the Premature Publication of the O'Ryan Report Is Made Clear by Former Employe of Public Printing Plant—The Conditions Now and a Review Looking Backward

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—"Senator Reed and his colleagues on the special committee investigating the Veterans' Bureau deplore what they characterize as a premature publication of the report of General O'Ryan, the committee's counsel."

Publication of the above sentence recently by this newspaper brought forth a reply from a man living in Covington, Ky., formerly employed in the government printing office in Washington, and he proceeds to give a few facts for the benefit of the public and they come from a man formerly on the inside and who ought to know whereof he speaks. He says:

"Perhaps I can shed some light on that 'premature stuff.' Copy sent to the government printing office naturally passes through the hands of many men and women. In the past committee reports were not published in the Congressional Record but just the same there were forty-four proofreaders employed, so you can guess pretty closely where the leak is and there are likely to be half a dozen such leaks between copy and proof.

"I know now how much information got by during the world war from the G. P. O. and I also know that it went to Baltimore (head of the Papal See in the United States), thence to the Vatican at Rome. How do I know? I worked there; seeing is believing.

Back to Cleveland's Time

"My mind also runs away back, to be exact, to the time of Grover Cleveland's second term. The public printer at that time was not a Protestant and he hailed from New York. His foreman of printing, strange to say, was the one white man in the entire building who was wearing Masonic jewelry and held his job because of real merit, as well as being supported by such wily politicians as Matt Quay and Don Cameron. A yellow negro night watchman also wore a blue lodge mark. But in time I learned that many Masons worked there but there were too many of them who kept their lodge emblems out of sight in order to hold their jobs. That's how strong the alien influence was in those days. A great majority of the employes, both men and women, at that time were non-Protestants. And I want to assert, without fear of contradiction, that a priest could place more people at work in that institution than a United States senator could.

"One of my buddies is still on the job in the G. P. O. in Washington and keeps me posted. On my return from France he tried to get me back into my old job but there was nothing doing. I want to say that the non-Protestants control the unions and the unions control nearly all the jobs. They "barred" me out in spite of the fact that I was a returned wounded yet.

In Other Departments Also

"But things are the same in other government departments in Washington, I mean the same influence is felt in the veterans' bureau, federal boards, and you know what you wrote about the shipping board recently. It's the same old story over and over.

This same influence which is at work trying to undermine Protestants and Protestantism in all government departments, reaches out and takes in even vocational training. There is a fellow named Neal out at Pittsburgh who knife's every Mason or Protestant who applies; any non-Protetant can get all the law allows.

"In Washington there is or was a year ago a man by the name of ———, lawyer and politician connected with the veterans' bureau, who denied every fellow who came along if he was a Protestant. That man is just plain rotten he was so fanatically inclined.

"Getting back to the government printing office again, it is lucky for us that Italy was fighting with the allies during the world war. What would have happened if Italy had been on the German side can be readily guessed for Italy knew everything going on through those religious fanatics, who hold church before they do country. Also, they believe the "end justifies the means," so they stop at nothing.

Work That Must Be Done

"Mr. Editor, I know this is striking at the very heart of a certain church power that is running rampant in our government departments and on that account I want to, if possible, strike a fatal blow in what I say, especially insofar as church and state is concerned. It will be no easy task to get rid of these people for our departments in Washington are honeycombed with them. One Texas member of congress tried to "show them up" three years ago but he didn't succeed because their influence goes on today and they have the opportunity to change "copy" on a man if they want to; they can even add vulgarities in speech never used by a congressman whom they are after and get away with it. Every claim that Texas congressman made was true; I am in position to know what I am asserting.

"This job is too much for me to fight alone; it is work for the Klan and MUST BE DONE. How can we best work to accomplish it?"

They are not of, by, nor for, America. I speak not of them when I voice the hope and prayer that the entire citizenship of the United States may get together and labor together for the fulfillment of humanity's highest happiness here.

My condemnation has been of the political system of the Roman Catholic Church, not of its parishioners, nor of their religion. It is the hierarchy, not the rank and file of Catholicism, whose attitude I disapprove.

There is no feeling of intolerance, nor any hatred, in my soul. I speak not in bitterness, but out of love. I would that America might be at peace. We and the world have seen enough of religious wrangling and warfare. At least in this country there need be no further conflict. I say this to you because Protestant and Catholic have identically the same interests at stake, and should be found fighting shoulder to shoulder for the re-Americanization of our common republic. **All Americans are men and women whose days upon earth are far too short to be spent in any save the ways of amity and mutual helpfulness.** The common enemies of mankind are sufficient to keep us all engaged. Let **there be at least one nation within which humanity may attain and enjoy a blessed harmony of heart and mind.**

Humbly, and yet confidently, because the combined experience of mankind throughout the ages confirms both its soundness and its necessity, I now make a Christian proposal for the ending of religious and all other disruptive controversies on American soil.

Let us establish a court for the settlement of every case of falsehood and fallacy versus truth and rectitude. In that court let every element submit its position to the test and verdict of unselfish truth.

It would take time to establish such a court, but once it was in operation there would be no delay nor any injustice in its judgments. A generation would be required to impanel the jury, because that jury would be the electorate of the whole country, not one of whom would be permitted to serve until his or her complete competency had been attested by a training in which neither bias nor selfishness had had a part. Once the common mind of such a jury had been emancipated from every influence of prejudice and propaganda, its decisions would be divinely just. There would come out of it a new kind of jurisprudence, so generally and eagerly accepted that within a few decades all our humanity might live in harmony without its restraint or guidance.

I propose, then, that all of us, Catholic and Protestant, submit our differences to democratic education; that is, a public school system in which the mind of each and every student shall not be bent and biased by any propaganda industrial, economic, political, or religious. Truth would come out of such a system—"The whole truth and nothing but the truth." Factionalism and strife would disappear, because there would be no half truth and perverted truth to give them abortive birth.

After all, education is but the means to an end. In a higher sense, democracy is but the means to an end. In the highest sense, civilization itself is but the means to an end. That end is the triumph of truth, God's truth and men's truth, out of which alone can come the heavenly blessing of a harmonized humanity here on earth.

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I say to you, then—I say to all America—that the winning of this fight for democratic education involves vastly more than the immediate result of such a victory. Standing between us and that achievement is the reactionary, repulsive principle of church and state, the civilization-destroying, war-engendering power of church over state. The very idea, and every influence, of that alignment must be broken and buried beyond resurrection. In and around, above and below, this question is the Vatican attitude of superhuman, supernational sovereignty. To that extent the cause of democratic education is inseparably linked with the issue of church and state. Both battles must be fought, and won, together. Otherwise all our efforts for an adequate public school system will be transient and futile.

The only soil in which free schools can flourish is that of a strictly American sovereignty, tilled by an undivided allegiance, watered by a patriotism that is undiluted and undefiled, with the sunshine of democracy always and forever shining upon it.

Its Larger Meaning to Democracy

But that is not all. In this crucial struggle for the Horace Mann kind and quantity of public school education, we are fighting a battle bigger even than for the final separation of church and state. **Democracy itself, the very life of constitutional government, is at stake.**

I do not need to remind you that every great misfortune that comes to humanity is followed, immediately, by monstrous perversions of power. Let democracy's resistance to evil be weakened by any far-reaching calamity, and in that moment the ever alert forces of reaction will spring upon it, seeking the selfish results of oppression and enslavement. It matters not in what form or in whose name the cowardly assault is made. Whether the agency be priestly or political, democracy must pay the price.

Today, in the wake of the great war, with its terrible toll of death and debt, a disturbance that has shaken civilization to the depths, again, reverberating round and round the earth, do we hear the voice of imperialism shouting that democracy has failed, that democracy is receding, that its epitaph may now be written, because its end is near. Sometimes that voice at the Holy See, seven of them bearing the title and rank of ambassador. And more are to follow.

In this connection, I quote a gloating paragraph from a recent issue of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart:

"The Argentine Republic, which is one of the most flourishing states of the southern continent of America, is about to raise its legation to the Holy See to the status of an embassy, as Brazil, Chile, and Peru have already done. The law has been introduced by the government, and the Argentine Congress will no doubt soon pass it, whereupon the present minister, Sr. Garcia Mansilla, a man of great ability as well as a distinguished poet, will become Argentina's first ambassador to the vatican. His appointment will raise the whole number of ambassadors accredited to the Holy See to eight, while no less than twenty-seven nations have diplomatic representatives."

What Hierarchy Does to Education

What does all this mean to America?

Particularly, what bearing does it have upon this present all-important issue of education?

I can tell you, and out of the mouth of Catholicism itself. Current History, for January, publishes a laudatory article on Mussolini's regime in Italy, by Arnold S. Cortesi, Rome correspondent of the New York Times, accompanied by pictures of the premier and the pope, from which I quote:

"The most sweeping reforms of all have, perhaps, been made by the ministry of public instruction. **The number of schools has been reduced** by suppressing those which became superfluous in towns which have lost population in recent years. **The curriculum has been revised in such a way that each school, in addition to preparing the student for the next grade school, also supplies him with a complete education, should he decide to interrupt his studies at any given moment.** Formerly his education was not complete until he had finished his course at a university. **Religious education has also been made compulsory; not only has the crucifix been ordered to be displayed in all schools, but religious education must also be imparted by teachers who have the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities * * *** The reform which has given rise, however, to the greatest controversy has been the limitataion of the number of students who can receive free education at the expense of the state. **Not only has the number of schools been limited, but also the number of students who may attend each school, a minimum of thirty-five for each class having been fixed.** If there are more applicants than vacancies, the best students are selected through competitive examination, the remainder being left free to attend private schools. The principle underlying this reform has been this: Formerly, when any one could obtain a free education, thousands of young men who would have made excellent carpenters, plumbers or manual workers of any kind, obtained degrees in law, medicine, or engineering, and then wasted their whole lives, because, having a university degree, they considered it below their dignity to return to manual labor, while they were, at the same time, unable to obtain employment in their professions, owing to the steady stream of graduates coming from the universities. The reform" does not apply to elementary schools. The hierarchy desires above all else that the elementary pupil shall be taught Catholicism. Therefore, it imposes compulsory attendance upon the youngest boys and girls. Also it provides an obligatory religious curriculum for all such pupils. An article in La Civita Catholica, published in Rome, and reprinted in the Catholic World, gives a summary of that curriculum for preparatory and all elementary grades. It is too long for insertion here, but its meaning and influences are apparent.

Observe, now, how that church-controlled education is operating at this moment in Italy.

The number of free schools has been reduced. And that in the face of the fact that Italy has an illiteracy more than six times greater than that of this country, menacingly disgraceful as it is here. Among her population, ten years of age and over, nearly 40 per cent, almost four in ten, can not read their own language. More than 30 per cent of their army recruits had not even the beginning of educational equipment. The marriages of Italy are 38.7 per cent among illiterates. Yet, despite those conditions, and their inevitable results, the influence of the church is now curtailing educational opportunities.

Each school has been made complete in itself. Instead of encouraging high and higher education, the vatican thus virtually invited and advises every student to end it all whenever a grade is finished.

Free school attendance has been restricted. Why? To discourage the training of young men who might better be "carpenters and plumbers." Do I need to ask how, in God's name, is it possible to peer into the future and determine both the capacity and the career of any boy ever born? Would democratic America tolerate any such civilization-destroying injustice to her next generation or continue to countenance any influence that would sponsor such a monstrous perversion of opportunity? Instead, we demand that the advantages of education be universal; that no caste, class or creed be excluded. Instead of soliciting exclusion, we would prefer the most far-reaching application of the principle of compulsion in school attendance. We are a democratic nation. Our reliance is not upon ignorance. We have no fear of too much education. If the result should be the greatest possible development of mentality and culture even among those of us who toil, God above would smile His approval, and we, also, with every better and wiser exercise of citizenship. More than that, the eternal law of heredity would be aided, not handicapped and hindered; with every next generation would come a heightened level of common intelligence until finally pope, potentate nor politician could hope to shackle it for any selfish purpose.

Teachers, in Italy, are approved by the ecclesiastical authorities. Why? In order that the minds of the young shall be bent and biased by and toward Catholicism. It can have no other purpose. That is what church control means.

There parochialism is nationalized, which is the ultimate aim of parochialism everywhere. No other conclusion is possible. If either righteously or selfishly, the hierarchy believes in its own exclusive right to teaching the supremacy of the hierarchy—lead directly, through politics, to temporal power.

"Ecclesiastical Legislation"

The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament, a Catholic publication, quotes a person whom it calls the Venerable Peter Julian Eymard, as follows:

"The Christian, therefore, owes to Canon Law, to the bulls, decrees and decisions of the Holy Roman church, which are but the law, the teaching of the sovereign pontiff, a filial obedience beyond all control by the civil authorities, who in this regard are without force or sanction."

Read that again, because, it expresses, as you and I must learn, the attitude of the hierarchy towards governments the world over.

Applied to this nation, it means that whenever and wherever the sovereign people of the United States, by constitutionally established processes, through duly-elected representatives, enact any statute in conflict with any "bull, decree or decision of the sovereign pontiff"—who is the pope—that the Catholics of America are ordered by the vatican to disregard that law. In all conflicts of legal enactments and papal decree, their allegiance is to Rome. They are instructed to set against our sovereingty a higher and to them, more important, more omnipotent alien sovereignty. Yet we have boasted, and believed, for nearly a century and a half, that the separation of church and state had actually been accomplished in this country.

Our constitution provides for religious freedom. As one result of that feature of the bill of rights, we did not insist exclusively upon church marriage ceremonies; civil marriage ceremonies; civil marriages were made the law of the land. To Catholicism and all its subjects that law is null and void. To them it is wholly without "force or sanction." Time after time has gone forth the papal or priestly decree to ignore it, and today, to them every American child born of a civilly made marriage is illegitimate.

This attitude is by no means confined to the marriage statute. It is the same with anything and everything of a legal nature that may come under papal displeasure. The Catholic magazine called America, makes this announcement to American followers of the pope:

"Whatever may be affected by public enactment with regard to the rights of men and women before the law, **no Catholic is free to admit any legislation which tends to destroy the center of authority in the home.**"

Why is no Catholic "free to admit"—and of course to abide by—legislative acts of the government of the United States? There is only one answer. It is because his higher allegiance is to a religious hierarchy, not even American in domicile, whose alien decrees can set aside all laws as easily as one law.

I say to you that without law and order neither private nor public welfare is possible. When established authority be undermined, then the very foundations of society will crumble. Only our government itself has no right to say that this law or that law is null and void, by repealing it or by establishing its unconstitutionality. For any law to be ignored, either by priest or politician, breeds a spirit of lawlessness, a contempt for constituted authority which is civilization's deadliest foe.

Ecclesiastical Control Menace

Let us, then, consider the menace of church control of education from the American Catholic citizen, but the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

For centuries education was almost exclusively church controlled. Practically no other education existed. That was the period of the great religious wars. Religious education and religious warfare were simultaneous. Never in all the annals of mankind was cause and effect more closely related or more clearly defined.

It made no difference whether it was Catholicism or Protestantism that had aggressively or in self-defense thus usurped this function of the state. Always it led directly and inevitably to civil strife and martial conflict. No religious organization ever has or ever can dominate education without an aftermath of disruptive strife.

The degree to which the religious influence prevails in schools will determine, invariably and inevitably, the extent of the resulting disturbance for humanity.

I do not for a moment contend that America will ever submit to a degree of church control of education which would lead to the battlefield, but I do say, with the tragic experiences of centuries supporting me, that each and every bit of ground gained by and for parochialism in our schools will dilute truth, diminism democracy and feed the flames of destructive controversy exactly in proportion to the extent of that influence.

In the last century and a half religious education has declined. Simultaneously religious wars have disappeared. That is why I attach such paramount importance to this fight for democratic education. "The national safety, prosperity and happiness"—and peace—can be safeguarded in no other way.

I know that if, throughout the ages, there had been adequate education—public school education—conducted upon a plane high above propaganda, 90 per cent of the miseries and misfortunes that have befallen humanity would have been averted.

And, likewise, as we are Christian citizens, seeking the highest harmony and happiness for all humanity, we must unabatingly and uncompromisingly combat every other kind of propaganda in our schools.

War is the great curse of mankind. War always has its origin in religion, racial or economic causes. Unless the world again embraces the fatal folly of religious education, church conflict will remain in its grave. To bar parochialism and leave the gates ajar to the teaching of racialism or industrialism, will not insure peace. That blessing will never be attained until education is completely and everlastingly emancipated from every prejudice and every selfishness.

Let Americans Get Together

This country contains no element that will not be richly and increasingly benefitted by the development of public schools, nor any element that will not be injured, financially, socially, and spiritually, through the failure to adopt such a program. All that being true, and it is true beyond dispute, **every element in America, Protestant and Catholic, should stop fighting each other and unite for the accomplishment of a correct and adequate public school system.**

There are hierarchies and political systems, of alien character and alien domicile, which would not profit by democratic education in America.

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