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Church Officers Bar Klan

IMMIGRATION NOT SET ASIDE, JOHNSON SAYS

PRESSURE BEING BROUGHT FROM MANY SOURCES TO DELAY IT

Nation Is Urged to Get Behind Congress Now—Political Pressure Being Uncovered

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the house committee on immigration, told the writer with emphasis that the Republican chiefs are not planning to shelve the immigration bill. He says such talk always comes up about this time, after an immigration bill has been introduced in the house and while it is waiting its turn on the floor. Representative Johnson dictated the following statement for the writer:

"Professional leaders of foreign blocs, aided by paid leaders of other groups which benefit from the continued arrival of aliens, are now boldly proclaiming that they have beaten the proposals for restrictive immigration legislation this year, and that all we may expect to secure is a continuation of the 3 per cent act for one more year. I am positive that the opponents will not be that successful.

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INDIANAPOLIS MAYOR SAYS HE FAVORS QUIN FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Tells City What to Do About Telephone Merger and Other Things

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 19.—Just when most of the church organizations of this state are writing their state senators and representatives and passing resolutions favoring the bill now before the Senate of the general assembly which would do away with the pari-mutuel race law, providing for legalized gambling on Kentucky race tracks, Samuel L. Shank, the mayor of Indianapolis, who seeks to become governor of the Hoosier state, breezed into this city the other day and in a speech before the Exchange Club announced that he did not want to see any law passed that would do away with the Kentucky Derby.

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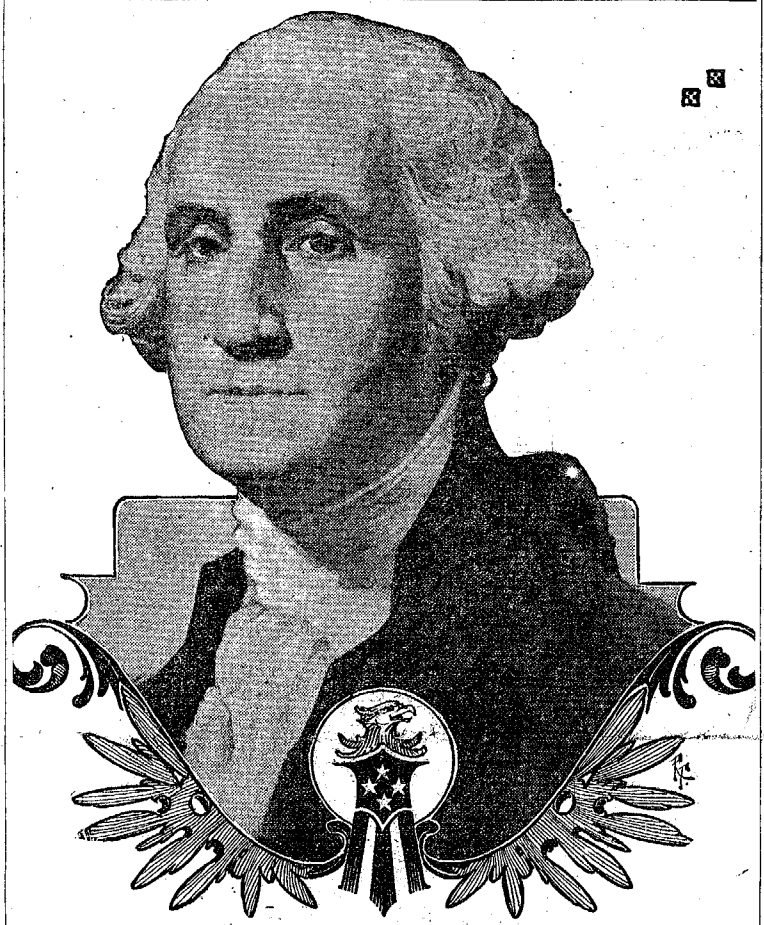

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BIBLE IS READ IN DELPHI HIGH SCHOOL

Efforts of Junior Klansmen Successful—Y. M. C. A. Bible Study Contest

DELPHI, Ind., Feb. 16.—After many attempts the Bible has been placed in the Delphi high school through the efforts of the Junior Klansmen. Two mornings each week the Bible is read to the entire student body. Each Monday morning a member of the faculty reads a passage and each Friday morning a passage is read by a pupil selected by the faculty. The school administration is heartily in sympathy with the movement.

In addition to the Bible study started by the school administration, the Bible study contest sponsored by the Indiana Y. M. C. A. is being well received by the student body. An attendance of 100 per cent was recorded at the first meeting. It is regarded fortunate that the Y. M. C. A. should promote the Bible study contest at the same time the school administration is putting the Bible in the schools.

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Casts Longing Eyes at Seat of Federal Judge Who Would Be Appointed in Case Measure Providing for Two Federal Judicial Districts in Indiana Passes Congress—Said to Be Actively Boosting His Own Candidacy

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 18.—Two trustees of the First Christian Church here will attempt to explain next Sunday morning their reasons for opposition to holding a Klan funeral in the church building. The trustees are L. J. Kirkpatrick and Conrad Wolf, both attorneys here, and both, it is said, strongly opposed to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Wolf is said to be actively working for the appointment of federal judge in case the Hickey bill, now in Congress, is passed. The bill provides for the creation of another federal judicial district in Indiana.

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"America must be kept American. Perfection of restrictive immigration laws must be accomplished now. Each year of delay makes action more difficult."

Chairman Johnson admitted that

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ATTICA MINISTER TALKS ON AMERICA

ATTICA, Ind., Feb. 16.—One of the largest audiences that ever attended a church service at the U. B. church was present Sunday night to hear the Rev. Louis Holloway, preacher, on "Making Us Real Americans." The auditorium of the church and the Sunday school rooms were filled to overflowing.

The minister stirred his listeners with his remarks and their appreciation was shown in applause. The service was made more effective by the Rev. Mr. Holloway's song, "The Fiery Cross," which was sung by the light of the candle of truth. The lights in the church were turned out and the burning torch held in the hands of a Klansman represented the candle of truth.

MARION KLANSMEN VISIT TWO CHURCHES

MARION, Ind., Feb. 16.—About sixty members of Mississinewa Klan No. 14 visited the Ninth Street M. E. church and the Highland Avenue M. E. Church Sunday evening. The ministers of each church welcomed the visitors and their sermons were addressed particularly to Klansmen, in which the principles of the organization were praised. Contributions of money were given to each church by the Klansmen.

Large Crowd Present When Klansmen Donate

WHEATFIELD, Ind., Feb. 18.—The Rev. O. Riley, who is conducting a series of revival services at Walker Center, five miles south of this city, recently was presented with a donation by Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On the night the donation was made, the building was crowded. The evangelist thanked the Klansmen for their donation.

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Unusual Services Attract So Many People Two Meetings Are Held Each Night

LEBANON, Ind., Feb. 18.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are conducting a Klan revival meeting at Lebanon. A few weeks ago the First Christian church offered the building for such a meeting and the Klan accepted. The Rev. Arthur Cash, minister of the church and one of the foremost ministers of the conference, suggested the plan and he is a power in this meeting. The Rev. Willie Roberts of Crawfordsville is the evangelist in charge and Mr. Klingler of Ohio the evangelist singer.

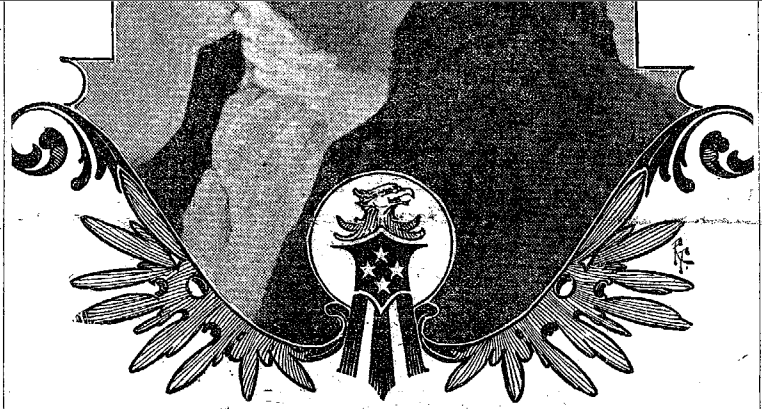
The service is conducted exactly as any gospel revival. The twelfth chapter of Romans is read at each service. The evangelist has used such subjects as "Awake, Thou Sleeper," "Recleaning the Wells of Sharon," "Home" and "The Conversion of Saul." He pleads for people to accept Christ and unite with the church. His applications of the scripture and the Klan are wonderful and he is making recruits for the Klan the same as the church.

The crowds have been beyond expectations. The second evening and each evening since it has been necessary to hold a service beginning at 6:30 and the second service at 8 o'clock. Even then there were times the crowds could not be accommodated.

This is an experiment, entirely new and original to the promoters, but an experiment that has carried weight entirely beyond expectations.

ATTICA KLANSMEN ENJOY A BANQUET

ATTICA, Ind., Feb. 16.—At the close of a business meeting and initiation of Attica unit, Fountain Klan No. 71, Monday evening, February 11, a surprise was sprung on those present, when the doors to the dining room were opened and a spread, prepared by the Women of the Klan, was ready to be served. It was a great feed, and enjoyed by all. A pianist played while the men enjoyed the banquet. The retiring organizer of the Women of the Klan was called on for a speech and this was followed by a talk by the county E. C., giving a review of the work accomplished and outlining a program for the future.



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"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."—From Washington's farewell address.

Dangers of Unrestricted Immigration

Extracts From a Speech by Elton Watkins, Representative in Congress From Oregon, Delivered in the House of Representatives February 2

[We have no room for the insane, the criminal, the anarchists, the nihilists, or those incapable of becoming American citizens, or those unwilling to absorb and assimilate, or those unwilling to pledge allegiance to our flag and nation, and to place the allegiance due it above that conceded to any other flag, government, or power—political, ecclesiastical, racial, civil, or religious. The landing upon our shores of the classes aforementioned is a menace to our country and its institutions and should cease forthwith. But let Americans bear in mind that it requires more than a passive resistance to keep these aliens from our shores. It necessitates everlasting and eternal vigilance, supported by an unbending patriotism saturated with and solicitous for the welfare of posterity and the perpetuity of our common country.

Let us therefore, one and all, dedicate our lives to the service of America and henceforth insist that every man who lands on our fair shores be worthy and well qualified for citizenship in this the greatest and grandest country ever built by man, and, finally, let us require him to accept and subscribe to the creed laid down by Theodore Roosevelt: That he must be an American in name, in deed, in truth, and in fact from the time he lands on American shores until he is laid away in an American grave.]

Mr. Watkins—Mr. Chairman, I rise for the sole and single purpose of submitting some observations on what I believe to be the most important question confronting the American people, namely, the immigration problem. There is pending before this House a score of measures dealing with this most vital matter. The committee on immigration has been holding meetings nearly every day since the convening of this session of the Congress, and one has but to sit there in that committee to visualize the prejudices, the diversities, the complexities, the manifold ramifications of this all-towering, planet-wide, paramount question.

It is a matter, Mr. Chairman, which concerns every man, woman, and child, not only in the United States but throughout the whole world, because enveloped in it is race supremacy. It is vitalized because it affects every phase of our economic, social and political life; it is fundamental because in it are rooted all foreign and nearly all domestic questions; it is paramount because on it is actually bottomed the very perpetuity of our own matchless American government.

An Imperative Duty

There is no panacea for our infliction, since our troubles are chronic and complex, but we face the supreme moment in the affairs of our beloved country, and consequently our duty is passing imperative. It is necessary that we set our own house in order, for if we do not the beginning of the end will soon dawn, because in the place of our sturdy pioneer race will rise a mongrel one, an unstable and bastardized population, where character and merit would have no recognition to leadership, but might and greed only would be supreme.

The committee on immigration, of which I have the honor to be a member, has already prepared a bill known as H. R. 6540, purporting to alleviate the perils and mitigate the dangers confronting and encompassing us.

In order that you may approach, solve and settle this matter from the standpoint of the United States, and the United States alone, and to the end that you may visualize the menace enveloped in this dominant question, let me here and now submit to you some facts most pertinent and germane to the question.

This is a nation of something over 105,000,000 persons, divided as to color and nativity as follows:

Approximately 58,000,000 are native white, of native parentage.

Approximately 37,000,000 are foreign born or of foreign-born or mixed parentage.

Approximately 10,000,000 are colored people.

Approximately 1,000,000 of other races.

Some New York City Figures

In New York City 53.4 per cent of the male population 21 years of age and over is foreign born. (Census Monograph I, p. 106.) In the great state of Illinois the foreign-born male population 21 years of age and over nearly doubles the native white male 21 years of age and over, the foreign born totaling 613,797, whereas the native whites only number 344,319. (Statistical Abstract, U. S.,

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NINETEEN RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ASK IMMIGRATION CHECK

Resolutions Suggest Amendments to Johnson Bill—Aim at Tightening Measure

Extension of Quota to Apply to Canada, Mexico and Central America Urged

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 17.—Representatives of nineteen religious and welfare organizations meeting in this city Friday recommended in resolutions the extension of quota restrictions to apply to Canada, Mexico and countries of Central and South America.

The convention approved the Johnson immigration bill pending in Congress with the following amendments:

That the annual limitation of 3 per cent of the number of foreign-born of each nationality resident in the United States as of the

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ROME, Feb. 16.—On the eve of the Italian national election, the Italian Catholic party has been threatened by an internal split, the gravest crisis it has faced since its foundation. The insurgents are being led by former Secretary of the Treasury Fellippo Meda, one of its leading members. He refuses to be listed in the party if the extremist element, headed by Deputy Migioli, is included. Other powerful members who hold the same view as Meda are Signors Milani, Longinotti and Micheli, who at one time were members of the cabinet. The new party, which originally opposed the election laws as advocated by Mussolini and known as the National Union, seem to be gaining ground rapidly and its candidates are openly favoring the Fascisti government.

EVANGELIST RECEIVES DONATION FOR WORK

LOOGOOTEE, Ind., Feb. 18.—Klansmen of this vicinity recently presented the Rev. Sutch of the Free Methodist church of Mt. Calvary with a large donation in acknowledgment of his services to the community. The Klan committee sat in a body near the front of the church during the services and presented the purse at the close of the sermon. The minister is holding a series of revival meetings at the church and much good is resulting.

Bootlegger's Whisky Burns Like Kerosene

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 16.—When a policeman arrested John W. Brown, negro, as a suspected bootlegger, and searched him for evidence, he found that Brown was the real thing. He carried two half-pints of corn whisky in his socks and another half-pint in his sleeve. When the liquor was tested by Judge Seidel in police court, it was found to be 110 proof and burned like kerosene when a match was applied to it. Brown was fined $500 and costs. William Matthews, another negro, was fined $100 and costs for illegal possession.

MRS. MINTON TO LECTURE

Mrs. Minton, wife of Major Minton, of the American Rescue Mission, will speak to women only Sunday afternon at 2:30 o'clock at Troub Memorial Presbyterian Church, 750 Cottage avenue. Her subject will be: "Morals of the Convent, or Behind the Convent Walls." Mrs. Minton will speak at an open meeting for men and women at the same place at 8 o'clock Sunday evening.

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FRIENDS PAY HONOR TO CHARLES RADER

Funeral at Lebanon One of Largest Ever Held There—His Tribute to the Klan

LEBANON, Ind., Feb. 18.—"How artistic its workings. Just think, it is building a nation and homes for our children and our children's children. Its principles and purposes are just like a seed, which, if planted, will grow that we may reap abundantly." These are the words of Klansman Charley Rader, spoken but a few hours before death came to him.

Charley Rader was a laboring man and lingered with tuberculosis about a year, but was not allowed to want. He said: "I would rather have my friends than to have a million dollars and have no friends."

He sure had friends. The Central Christian church was crowded at the funeral services. When the family stepped to the street after the services a long line of Klansmen were in waiting and led the way to the cemetery. The line of marching men and vehicles was almost a mile long.

This was one of the largest attended funerals held in Lebanon in many a day.

WOMEN OF KU KLUX KLAN MAKE DONATION

AMO, Ind., Feb. 18.—Just as the choir was singing "The Old Rugged Cross" at the conclusion of a church service here recently, a committee of six of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan presented the church with a donation and a letter thanking the minister and congregation for the good that was being accomplished because of active church work.

KLAN HAS SPECIAL NIGHT AT REVIVAL

KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 18.—Tonight was Klan night at the revival services being conducted here by Bob Jones, evangelist. The tabernacle was filled with Klansmen and others. The meeting was advertised as specially for Klansmen for a week and the evangelist preached a sermon that coincided with Klan principles.

Creager Is Squirming Under Fire of Heflin

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman for Texas, who would wipe the Ku Klux Klan out of existence by having both the Republican and Democratic parties make such declarations in their national platforms in conventions assembled this coming summer, seems to have his hands full of troubles, judging from the things United States Senator Heflin, of Alabama, is saying about him on the floor of the Senate nowadays. And that is not all, either.

Senator Heflin has introduced a resolution to have Creager and his land company or companies in the Rio Grande valley in Texas thoroughly investigated and the resolution has gone to the senate committee on public lands, which has unearthed the Teapot Dome scandal.

Senator Heflin said on the floor of the senate that if the information he had regarding alleged land frauds in Texas was true, Creager should be in the penitentiary.

"And if I can get the investigation I want," Senator Heflin said, "I believe we can put him in the penitentiary." Senator Heflin then proceeded to have the secretary of the senate read into the Congressional Record letters and telegrams from several persons who alleged fraud in land sales in the Rio Grande valley in Texas.

What an Attorney Thinks

A few excerpts from them will tend to show the public what defrauded people think of Creager and the company or companies he represents, as follows:

An attorney by the name of Willett in New York wrote: "I regard his (Creager) statement as a piece of brazenness in view of the proof which was made in the case I handled in the federal district of western New York. Everything so far as I have seen in the evidence can be proved to the letter. I have written both the postoffice department and department of justice concerning the investigation and prosecution of the land operators, and I know of no action taken by either department in regard to the Creager outfit.

"In 1919 some relatives of mine were induced by the Alamo Land and Sugar Company, R. B. Creager, president, to go on an excursion to Hidalgo county, Texas, where they were induced to buy land known as first-lift land bordering on the Rio Grande river at that point. The methods used was to get as much cash as possible from each victim, take the balance of one-half in notes on a contract for the purchase of this land, which was sold at from $250 an acre up. My relatives were signed up for nearly $24,000, which was the accumulation of three generations and was practically all they were worth. They gave notes for $10,000 in addition to the cash payment. The notes were afterward transferred to a farm mortgage and loan company and action brought to collect. We secured a judgment against the company, not only in default of the notes, but an affirmative judgment for the amount of money my clients paid to the Alamo Land and Sugar Company. Testimony was taken by deposition in several states, including the deposition of Creager and C. H. Swallow. The notes in question were not payable to the Alamo Land and Sugar Company, but to Charles H. Swallow and under the contract the title was to be accepted by the purchasers on the certificate of Creager. C. H. Swallow and Company was composed of two people, R. B. Creager and Charles H. Swallow.

Many Others Defrauded

"Many other suffered a like fate, except that some of them paid the full purchase price in cash and there was no one of them, so far as I know, who did not lose every cent they put into it.

"The land sold was subject to perennial overflow of the river and in the fall of 1919 the land was covered with twelve to fifteen feet of water. There was no market value whatever for this land. It was considered in the locality as worthless and was not worth a dollar.

"The Alamo Land and Sugar Company was in co-operation in the selling of the land with various other operators, including W. E. Stewart, of Kansas City, and the latter was indicted and convicted of fraud on sixteen counts about a year ago."

The same writer, writing to Senator Copeland, of New York, about it said: "Men past middle life have been induced to go on these trips and have been separated from their money and savings without a hope or a chance of recouping their losses."

Other Testimony

Letters were read into the Record from D. A. Higdon, of Kilmichael, Miss.; O. B. Clevenger, of Point Isabel, Tex.; and J. C. Renie, of Reyno, Ark., all of the same tone telling of losses suffered through this man Creager and others. Mr. Clevenger says: "R. B. Creager has been and is the attorney of several of the infamous outfits, hence his squawk'."

A. E. Martin, of Weslaco, Tex., wired Senator Heflin as follows:

"Referring your resolution relating to land companies operating fraudulently in valley, is true. Land being sold right now at two and three times market value by herding prospects, like cattle, not allowing home seekers to meet or talk to others than wicked hirelings of companies. Creager's company among worst now operating."

Senator Heflin said in conclusion: "I know that this man (Creager) has accumulated a good deal of money, and if the information I have is correct he has accumulated it in crooked and fraudulent and corrupt fashion. Instead of trying to intimidate a United States senator and throttle an investigation he ought, if this testimony is true, to be in the penitentiary."

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Women of Klan As a Guard of Honor

The above photograph was taken at the funeral of Mrs. Eva Stotdard, wife of Elmer Stotdard, of Indianapolis, at the grave in the cemetery at Butlerville, February 4. More than sixty Women of the Klan attended the burial as a guard of honor. The body was taken to Butlerville, the former home of Mrs. Stotdard, from Indianapolis, accompanied by an escort of Women of the Klan. Women of the Klan of Jennings county met the funeral party at the train at Butlerville and accompanied the body to the grave, where the women conducted short services. Many beautiful floral pieces were contributed by Women of the Klan and Klansmen.

RABBI WISE AGAIN ATTACKS THE KLAN AT DEMOCRATIC SESSION

Every Member of Organization a Traitor, He Asserts

After Taking an Hour in Telling of Its Growth He Says He Is Not Worried

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 16.—In the second of a series of lectures against the Klan under the auspices of the National Democratic Club of New York, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, of the Free Syngogue, branded the Klan as "the last word in Christlessness," in an address Saturday night.

The National Democratic Club of New York seems to be catering to the anti-American and anti-Christ interests of the nation in that it is sponsoring a series of lectures by persons who have no interest in Protestantism or in America other than so far as they are able to make the government their tool in changing the fundamental ideals and institutions to conform to theories entirely foreign to all standards established in the years and the privations of the founders of the republic.

In accord with the objects of the political machine of New York state, Rabbi Wise was asked to address his message of anti-Protestantism and anti-Americanism, in which the Rabbi not only said that the Klan was the "last word in Christlessness" but that he "charged the Ku Klux Klan with treason to America," and he had no more than let these words flow from his eloquent lips than he said that he had a "feeling of revolt" whenever he saw the "cross in the hands of a Klansman," and should like to "tear it out of their hands."

Attack on Americanism

These remarks, as excerpts from the address of the rabbi, clearly indicate the trend of his whole speech

INITIATION TAKES PLACE AT VICKSBURG

VICKSBURG, Mich., Feb. 16.—In spite of snow-covered roads, some of which were almost impassable, a large crowd attended a meeting held by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan here last Tuesday evening.

The speaker of the evening, gave an address that was received with great interest by those present and very frequently applauded.

Before the speaking took place, a large class of candidates was naturalized in the initiation ceremonies of the order.

GOVERNOR IS URGED TO INSIST ON PROBE IN DICKSON MURDER

Cumberland County Prosecutor Has Been Slow to Act—Only Witness Ill

Father of Girl Slain Is in Jail, and Accuses His Father in Hospital of Crime

BRIDGETON, N. J., Feb. 16.—Citizens of Cumberland county are incensed over the lack of action on the part of Prosecutor Ward in seeking out the truth in connection with the death of Emma Dickson, September 22. As a result it is probable that a committee of citizens will call on Governor Slizer in the near future asking that a special prosecutor be named to handle the case.

Mystery has surrounded the death of Miss Dickson, 15 years old. Her body was found buried in a shallow pit near her home and it was evident that she had been murdered. However, no arrests were made.

A little over a week ago, Benjamin Dickson, grandfather of the murdered girl, confessed to four men that he had seen his son kill the girl in a fit of anger. According to the story told by Dickson, 82 years old, the girl's father had forbade her to go to a certain place, and she disobeyed his orders. He awaited her return, and when she entered the

KLANSMEN PROTECT CHURCH THREATENED BY LAWLESS GANG

Jamesburg Citizens Awakened by Plot to Blow Up Property

Members of Order on Guard to Protect Minister and Other Dry Leaders

JAMESBURG, N. J., Feb. 16.—The law-abiding citizens of Jamesburg continue to hold the upper hand in the strife between the bootleggers and Americans, which had developed over the activities of the Rev. Mr. Eubank in aiding the authorities of the law in enforcing the Constitution of the United States.

It will be recalled that in an effort to thwart the vigorous campaign against the illicit liquor dealers, plots had been made to bomb the Presbyterian church of which the Rev. Mr. Eubank is pastor, during revival services. The plotters thus would not only destroy property, but also would endanger the lives of many of the good citizens of the community.

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Order Highly Respected

Menace of the Movies

(By Col. Billie Mayfield)

Three years ago, you will remember it, I told you people that the cause of this moral depression over America was due to the movies and had no connection with the war, to which it has been attributed by many.

Today the American people are beginning to learn the source of the present-day degeneracy.

The school of the movie is solely and absolutely responsible for the evil that saturated the social life of the day.

I told you three years ago where the source of infection was and begged for an operation, and you laughed.

Today students of social conditions are beginning to realize that I was right, and measures are being gradually taken to remedy the evil.

Ohio and Pennsylvania are the only states in the Union that have censor boards that censor. The one in Texas is a joke, a positive joke. Any picture on earth can get by in Texas. It is a pitiable fact. I have seen them show "Creation," wherein naked women disported vulgarity under the hypocritical and disgusting protection of an alleged Biblical story. Two worst type of sex stories are unfolded. The worst type of sex stories are unfolded to the children of this state, under the protection of censor boards.

Ohio and Pennsylvania have taken the lead in the matter of censorship. "Broad minded" censors who see in vulgarity a touch of progress, have no place in those two states.

I tell you that not 3 per cent of the pictures made in Hollywood are fit to be shown to the children of this nation.

"The Woman of Paris," Charlie Chaplin's disgusting production wherein a confirmed rake is made a hero and the prostitution of a young girl is glorified has been barred in those two states. The refined and cultured people of those states have rebelled.

Little children in those states will not be raised on the theory that violation of the moral code is but a venial fault; little children, in those states, will not be taught the roses and raptures of vice, in their character forming and impressionable years, as is daily done in Texas.

The pictures of today deify the priesthood and damn the Protestant religion.

They are chock a block with propaganda calculated to destroy the sanctity of the home. Such plays as "Virtuous Wives," "The Wife's Secret," "His Neighbor's Wife," "Foolish Wives," and kindred plays all glorify the joys of broken marital vows. One Hollywood magazine refers to the marriage license as "an old-fashioned document." All that propaganda is continually emanating from screen headquarters. Old Satan himself, were he the reigning czar of Hollywood, instead of an assistant, couldn't design more soul destroying propaganda than is daily coming out of that great cancer on American life, with approval of every censor board in America save those of Ohio and Pennsylvania.

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were induced to buy land known as first-lift land bordering on the Rio Grande river at that point. The methods used was to get as much cash as possible from each victim, take the balance of one-half in notes on a contract for the purchase of this land, which was sold at from $250 an acre up. My relatives were signed up for nearly $24,000, which was the accumulation of three generations and was practically all they were worth. They gave notes for $10,000 in addition to the cash payment. The notes were afterward transferred to a farm mortgage and loan company and action brought to collect. We secured a judgment three times against the company, but prospects, like cattle, not allowing home seekers to meet or talk to others than wicked hirelings of companies. Creager's company among worst now operating."

Senator Heflin said in conclusion: "I know that this man (Creager) has accumulated a good deal of money, and if the information I have is correct he has accumulated it in crooked and fraudulent and corrupt fashion. Instead of trying to intimidate a United States senator and throttle an investigation he ought, if this testimony is true, to be in the penitentiary."

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In accord with the objects of the political machine of New York state, Rabbi Wise was asked to address his message of anti-Protestantism and anti-Americanism, in which the Rabbi not only said that the Klan was the "last word in Christlessness" but that he "charged the Ku Klux Klan with treason to America," and he had no more than let these words flow from his eloquent lips than he said that he had a "feeling of revolt" whenever he saw the "cross in the hands of a Klansman," and should like to "tear it out of their hands."

Attack on Americanism

These remarks, as excerpts from the address of the rabbi, clearly indicate the trend of his whole speech in which he used the Klan as a direct objective in his underhand attack on Americanism and the Christ.

As the rabbi continued his address, apparently encouraged by the hearty applause of a few political henchmen who have nefarious ends in view, he became encouraged with the flattery, which no doubt accounts for the loss of reasonable common sense in a few of the statements he made. This same flattery on the part of certain political henchmen, playing for the Jewish and Roman Catholic vote of the East, gave the rabbi enough bravado to make a sweeping challenge to the Klan to hire a hall anywhere in America for him to tell them something; he did not make himself clear as to the subject matter and the conclusion which has been drawn is that he would again attack Christianity and Americanism.

Hazy Tirade

Undoubtedly the Klan would be glad to accommodate the rabbi if his purse is so lean and his Jewish brothers are so poor that they could not provide a hall. The Klan will provide a hall for him if he had something of a constructive nature to talk about, rather than a rambling attack against some group of American citizens who are endeavoring to protect and shield that "conception that shall be ample generous as the ideal that long obtained in American life," of which the rabbi raved about. However it is doubted whether these words were understood by the rabbi himself.

$197,262,000 Is Value of Live Stock on Ohio Farms

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Livestock on Ohio's farms and ranges January 1 was valued at $197,262,000 according to estimates of the United States department of agriculture. The value of horses and of milk cows was exactly the same, $61,040,000, the highest of any class of stock. Monetary worth of all classes of live stock was given as:

Mules — $2,848,000; 32,000 head, valued at $89 each.

Horses—763,000, valued at $80 a head, or a total of $61,040,000.

Milk Cows—1,090,000 valued at $56 a head, or a total of $61,040,000.

Other cattle—840,000, valued at $31.10 a head, or a total value of $26,124,000.

Sheep—2,115,000, valued at $7.63 a head, or a total of $16,440,000.

Swine—3,077,000, valued at $10 a head, or a total of $30,770,000.

BRIDGETON, N. J., Feb. 16.—Citizens of Cumberland county are incensed over the lack of action on the part of Prosecutor Ward in seeking out the truth in connection with the death of Emma Dickson, September 22. As a result it is probable that a committee of citizens will call on Governor Silzer in the near future asking that a special prosecutor be named to handle the case.

Mystery has surrounded the death of Miss Dickson, 15 years old. Her body was found buried in a shallow pit near her home and it was evident that she had been murdered. However, no arrests were made.

A little over a week ago, Benjamin Dickson, grandfather of the murdered girl, confessed to four men that he had seen his son kill the girl in a fit of anger. According to the story told by Dickson, 82 years old, the girl's father had forbade her to go to a certain place, and she disobeyed his orders. He awaited her return and when she entered the front gate of the yard, he struck her over the head with a club. The girl fell dead, her skull crushed. It is alleged that the father then went to the back of the house, got a wheelbarrow, placed his daughter's body in it and took it to the back yard where he buried it about one foot under the surface of the ground. It was found there a short time later.

Cross Brings Confession

Apparently little effort was made by Prosecutor Ward to investigate the crime. The story is said to have come out recently when a Ku Klux Klan cross was burned in the neighborhood of the Dickson home. The grandfather witnessed the burning of the cross and was so disturbed that he could not sleep. Finally he confessed to four men that his son committed the crime and that he was a witness. Thompson Dickson, the father of the murdered girl, was arrested and is now in the Cumberland county jail.

He asserts that his father killed the girl to gain possession of $1,200 left to Emma Dickson by a recluse whom she had befriended. The father admits that after the grandfather had killed the girl, he helped him dispose of the body because "there was nothing else to do." Officials are inclined to scout the story advanced by Thompson Dickson and are working on the theory that the story told by the grandfather, Benjamin Dickson, is correct.

Old Man Seriously Ill

The old man suffered a collapse after he confessed that his son killed the girl, and is in the Port Elizabeth hospital in a serious condition. It is feared that he may die and in that event the prosecution will have to be based on the statements of the four men to whom the grandfather confessed.

It is known that the Ku Klux Klan has been interested in this case and for some time has been gathering evidence. That some intimation of this must have reached the ears of Benjamin Dickson and that his conscience must have been troubling him, is evident from the salutory effect which the burning of the fiery cross in that neighborhood had on him.

The citizens of the community have held a mass meeting and have voted to ask Governor Silzer for a special prosecutor in the event Prosecutor Ward does not act quickly. It is believed, however, that some action will be taken as soon as the condition of the grandfather is determined.

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Order Highly Respected

The high respect in which the organization is held is manifested every day by remarks of praise heard on every street corner. It has proved itself, contrary to enemies of law and order, to be the rallying point for the good and the respectable people and they are responding. It has been estimated that three times as many men would answer the Klan summons now as answered the call when given for the protection of the church.

Those who would tell the malicious stories about the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan dare not peddle their wares in Jamesburg now.

Lincoln's Secretary Is 89

MADISON, N. J., Feb. 16.—William O. Stoddard, civil war-time private secretary to Abraham Lincoln, Tuesday passed the anniversary of the martyred president's birthday in quiet at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Harold S. Buttenheim. Stoddard, who is eighty-nine years old, although feeble and totally deaf, spends most of his time reading.

As editor of an Illinois newspaper, Stoddard wrote the first editorial advocating Lincoln for president when the tall rail-splitter was unknown nationally. The editorial appeared in the Central Illinois Gazette in May, 1859. Stoddard served three months in the army until 1861, and then became private secretary to Lincoln, serving until 1864. He is the author of several books dealing with the life and presidency of Lincoln, and also of many works of fiction and history.

4,000 at Funeral; Full Klan Ritual Conducted

HAMILTON, O., Feb. 16.—More than 4,000 persons, among whom were several hundred Klansmen, attended the funeral of Charles Stock, recently at Seven Mile. The full Klan ritual was used in the service and it was the first funeral ceremony ever conducted by Klansmen at Greenwood, where the burial took place. The services were held at Bethel church and the Klansmen met the cortège at the entrance to the cemetery. The Rev. H. A. Dickman conducted the ceremony.

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Vanderlip Scores Public Men in Teapot Scandal

OSSINING, N. Y., Feb. 16.—In the course of an arraignment of public officials, past and present, Frank A. Vanderlip, financier, and in his early career a newspaper reporter, in a Rotary Club address here Tuesday night criticised the sale of "a certain Marion newspaper."

"A certain Marion newspaper sold for $550,000, when it was well known to every one that it was not worth half that sum," he said.

Two young men of no financial standing purchased it. Everybody in Washington, including the newspaper correspondents, knew this, but no one wanted to lift up the edge of a shroud.

"Where did the money come from? Where did it go? These are matters of public interest. The last administration stands challenged. We can not wait for Congress or the courts, especially when we remember that Mr. Daugherty is attorney-general."

"Undesirable Investigators"

Then the banker whirled into the Teapot Dome scandal. He attacked Senator Walsh's associates and the senate investigating committee, saying several of them are undesirable investigators of any moral question.

"The Senate," he said, "did not go further in investigating Secretary Fall because Fall was ready to peach and what he would have said would have gone into high places. They didn't dare."

Vanderlip called upon President Coolidge to demand the resignations of Secretary Denby "and every other official besmirched in the public mind."

In the same address Vanderlip paid his respects to Senator Reed of Missouri and said that Reed was a political skunk and if he were dusted with asafetida it would perfume him.

Vanderlip said, discussing his speech, that he had no proof of the rumors that were current for months regarding the Marion newspaper.

Would Have Investigation

"My purpose," said Vanderlip, "in bringing it to public notice is to encourage an investigation of gossip concerning a dead president, gossip which is outrageous, if untrue.

"I have made no formal request to President Coolidge for such an investigation. He might say that it is not his business and it may not be, but it seems to me that a newspaper could best conduct the inquiry—if the publishers abandon their policy of silence toward gossip which they have heard. I have no unusual sources of news.

"But I have profound faith in the honesty and courage of President Coolidge and his ability to clean a very dirty house. We should give him our sympathy and patience and not criticise him yet. He probably felt that he came to his office by an accident of death and that he should continue the cabinet and policy to which he fell heir.

"The committee failed to call Fall to testify, not because they were afraid he would not talk, but because they were afraid he would talk too much. I don't think Senator Walsh was a party to this and do not include him in my statement that several of his associates were undesirable investigators of any moral question. I think he is extremely acute and almost fanatically high-minded."

Visiting the Schools

When did you last visit the school in which your children spend a large share of their waking hours during the formative period of their lives? Do you know whether that school is sanitary, healthful, warm and safe? Do you know whether the course of study is wisely planned? Do you know whether the teachers are properly trained and safe persons to intrust with the future of your children?

Those are legitimate and important questions to put to parents in Chicago and elsewhere. No one connected with the school department should object to them. In fact, school administrators and teachers should welcome them for they know that, with interested parents, the schools will be able to get the support they need and must have if they are to function efficiently.

Many fathers spend a great deal of time in the careful study of their business affairs. They pursue for hours market pages, reports and tables that may tell them, or indicate to them what stocks are going to do tomorrow or the next day. Why is it so hard for them to get up any interest in the things that will determine how their sons and daughters will live tomorrow or the next day, or the day after that?

Some mothers will spend hours in studying the effect of a ribbon here, or a feather there on a hat. Why is it that many of them will not be as interested in the effect of a moral and cultural training, such as the schools give, on the lives of their boys and girls?

Education is at once one of the most expensive and the most important functions of government. Yet it gets the active attention of very few of the citizens. We are missing a great opportunity and neglecting a great duty when we do not watch the schools and co-operate with them.

The school years are important and impressionable years in the life of any child. Often the youth of the land are more influenced by some fine and devoted teacher, or by some beloved playmate than by the parents to whom God gave the responsibility of their upbringing.

We can not show too much interest in the schools. We ought to know about them and we ought to help them. Important as are the things of business and society, mankind has found no more important duty than the improvement of the race for the service of both God and man. We owe more attention to our children and their schools.—Dawn.

FOXES DEVOUR EACH OTHER

METLAKATLA, Alaska, Feb. 16.—George East has just learned the sad and expensive experience that blue little animals on the rocky island, East left for the mainland on business. Bad weather prevented landing on his island for two weeks

SOUTH DAKOTA KLAN IS AIDED BY SPEECH MADE BY OPPOSITION

Speaker at Yankton Makes Many Allegations But Fails to Convince Audience

Catholics Play Deep Game in Effort to Balk Growth of Organization

(Special to Fiery Cross)

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 16.—A most peculiar situation obtains here in which the Catholics of the community, through pulling wires and the spread of propaganda, have succeeded in getting certain Protestants, who are not familiar with the true principles of the Klan, to fight that organization while they (the Catholics) sit by and "watch the fun."

The Klan in Yankton is a new thing, although it is organized and functioning and has a rapidly increasing membership, and certain Protestants in this city have not realized that the Catholic church is the real and most bitter foe of the organization and is spending millions of dollars to crush it because of its staunch stand for Protestantism and Americanism. This lack of information of the part of some of the Protestants in Yankton has quickly been taken advantage of by the Catholics.

However, a sermon by a Protestant minister in which he attacked the Klan as un-Christian and un-American, has done much to aid the cause of the Klan rather than hinder it. The sermon was preached recently in the Congregationalist church by the Rev. H. H. Lindeman. While the minister made many charges against the Klan, he failed to substantiate any of them or to even explain just why the charges were made. This fact caused many in the congregation to begin to wonder and the result has been that the whole has given aid to the Klan where it was expected by the speaker to harm it.

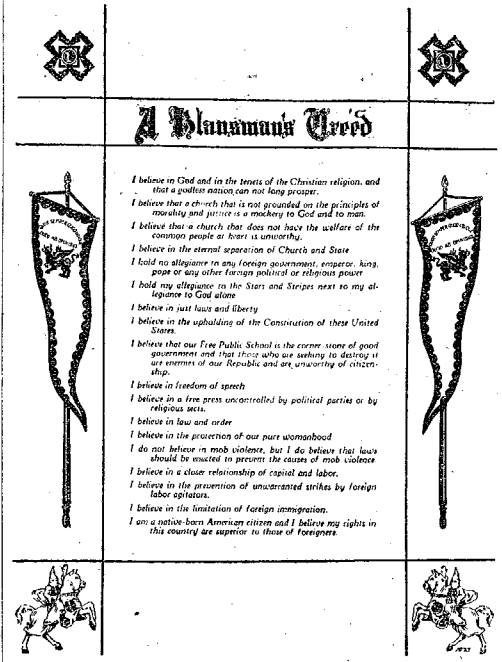
Speaker Makes Admission

As an illustration, the minister said: "In addition to ignoring and flouting the law and often corrupting administration, the Klan violates the spirit of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence in trying to deprive certain classes of citizens of the rights, liberties and opportunities guaranteed them in the basic law of the land." It was noted by scores in the audience that the speaker said the Klan "violated the spirit of the constitution" but failed to say that it violated the constitution. In this he admitted that the Klan did **not** violate the constitution and at the same time admitted that he was merely voicing an opinion.

In just what the Klan intends to derive citizens of their rights he did not say. This would have been greatly appreciated by his audience and was really expected by many thereafter he made the allegation. Naturally, he failed to point out that each and every Klansman is bound by oath to uphold the constitution and that all citizens are granted equal rights by that same constitution.

Taken all in all the address was a long string of allegations and opinions and grew more or less tiresome as the vast majority of

Demand for Creeds Is Great



The demand for Klansmen's Creeds has been steadily increasing during the past week. The Creeds, which are four times as large as the above reproduction, are done in two colors and are suitable for framing. They are being given to Fiery Cross readers and are mailed in self-sealing tubes on receipt of coupon to be found on page seven.

TRIBUTE PAID KLAN; NOT INTENTIONALLY

Columbus Dispatch "Blames" Members for Flood of Letters Urging U. S. School Law

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 16.—"The Ku Klux Klan in Ohio evidently is getting busy in behalf of legislation to create a federal department of education," observes the Columbus Dispatch. "Senator Fess' office is being flooded with propaganda which bears evidence of having been inspired by that organization." One letter from Youngstown, written with lead pencil on brown wrapping paper, says:

"My request—I want that educational bill brought out.

(Signed) "K. K. K."

Most of the communications are written on postal cards. C. J. Davis of Youngstown sends the following:

"Educational bill providing for department of education must be reported at once without substitution."

A "woman voter" sends this message from Youngstown:

"I am one of the thousands of women and men that demand a report on the educational bill. See that we get it."

"I, as a Protestant mother of

KLAN ORGANIZERS WIN IN CALIFORNIA COURT

Attempt Is Made to Drive Them Out of Monterey—Threatened After Being Freed

MONTEREY, Cal., Feb. 16.—George Puterbaugh and Harold Palmer, tried on vagrancy charges in connection with an attempt to organize a branch of the Ku Klux Klan here, were found not guilty by Police Judge Ernest Michaelis. The defendants advertised in the local papers their intention of organizing the Klan in this city. After being placed under arrest on vagrancy charges and released on $500 bonds they were escorted out of town by F. W. A. Cording, chief of police, and told not to return until time for their trial.

Threats of violence against the acquitted Klan organizers were made by Romanists sympathizers after the decision of the court was made known. The Klansmen will pay no attention to these threats and will proceed with the organization plan so rudely disturbed by the chief of police and other Romans.

POLICE STATIONED AT

One Who Sees Not Dimly

AKRON, O., Feb. 16.—"A God-fearing, law-abiding citizen can not be terrorized by any organization, whatever its origin, its name or its creed because he has done nothing for which he need be censured," says an article in the Akron Beacon-Journal of recent date, "and the Klan is only interested in those who disobey the law and whom the law can not, or more often will not punish.

"If the truth were only known, the majority of our judges, our doctors, our lawyers and prominent business men are members of the Klan; they are men who stand high in the regard of community; law-abiding, God-fearing citizens vested with the trust and honor of their fellowmen.

"The Klansmen presented a flag and a Bible to one of our high schools, and were pronounced of evil intentions because they covered their faces with a mask. It is the same 'evil, masked mob' that is helping to build churches; that is contributing to the support of our Christian missionaries abroad; the same 'wicked, lawless element' that has in more than one instance gone to the aid of a stricken family whose loved husband and father has been taken from them; it is the same 'rotten, corrupt political machine' that gave the sum of $1,500 to the Salvation Army. Incidentally, I wonder why none of these gifts were returned? Surely the Salvation Army, that wonderful organization of high ideals and noble motives, which did so much for our boys over there, should not accept anything from the Klan. Do they not know that money coming from such a source is tainted?

"Because the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan wear masks and do not show their faces to a curious world, and thus publish their good deeds abroad, 'they are ashamed to have the world know they belong to the Klan.'

"It was the Beloved Master who said 'Let not thy right hand know what thy left hand doeth,' and when He had performed some miracle, or healed some unfortunate one of his afflictions, He bade him keep his council 'and tell no man of these things.' He must have been ashamed to have anyone know of the great work He was doing.

"I am not a member of the Klan, but I am an American, and I believe in fully investigating my subject before I voice my opinion on the same. "BROAD MINDED."

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We can not show too much interest in the schools. We ought to know about them and we ought to help them. Important as are the things of business and society, mankind has found no more important duty than the improvement of the race for the service of both God and man. We owe more attention to our children and their schools.—Dawn.

FOXES DEVOUR EACH OTHER

METLAKATLA, Alaska, Feb. 16.—George East has just learned the sad and expensive experience that blue foxes, unless fed, will eat up each other. East last year stocked a small island northwest of here with several dozen pairs of foxes, spending many thousand grains of gold dust in the deal. Establishing the little animals on the rocky island, East left for the mainland on business. Bad weather prevented landing on his island for two weeks and upon returning seventeen adult foxes had been eaten. Foxes, while able to obtain much food along the beaches, must be fed regularly at least once in two days. East's cash loss is $4,000.

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opportunities guaranteed them in the basic law of the land." It was noted by scores in the audience that the speaker said the Klan "violated the spirit of the constitution" but failed to say that it violated the constitution. In this he admitted that the Klan did **not** violate the constitution and at the same time admitted that he was merely voicing an opinion.

In just what the Klan intends to derive citizens of their rights he did not say. This would have been greatly appreciated by his audience and was really expected by many thereafter he made the allegation. Naturally, he failed to point out that each and every Klansman is bound by oath to uphold the constitution and that all citizens are granted equal rights by that same constitution.

Taken all in all the address was a long string of allegations and opinions and grew more or less tiresome as the vast majority of those in attendance expected to be given facts and figures showing that the Klan was un-American and un-Christian. One of the weakest points of the attack was in which he condemned the Klan for practically no other reason than being Protestant. The Rev. Lindeman did not say so in as many words, but did say that the "Klan is sectarian while Christianity is universal." From that statement, many of those in attendance declared, their own church could be condemned because it is sectarian. Also, according to the views of many who heard the address, the speaker believes that Catholic church has the right to organize only Catholic organizations but the Protestants have not. Also that the Catholic church is not sectarian.

The views expressed by Rev. Lindeman were much the same as those put out by the alien interests now fighting the Klan backed by the Catholic church which realizes that the Klan is the strong arm of Protestantism.

Reports being received from all parts of the state show that the Klan is growing at a fast pace in this state and that such addresses as that delivered by Rev. Lindeman are a help rather than a detriment to the Protestant cause.

LONDON TO UNDERGO A CLEANUP CRUSADE

LONDON, O., Feb. 16.—The first public statement ever issued by the Ku Klux Klan of London and Madison county appeared recently in a newspaper advertisement, signed by the kleagle, which announced that "the Klan is going to clean up London and Madison county."

It is known that the liquor and gambling laws have been persistently and flagrantly violated, not only in London, but in the county, and it is said the constituted authorities either are unable or unwilling to enforce them.

Rumors of contemplated action by the Klan have been current in London for several weeks, but the advertisement was the first formal announcement by the organization of its plans. While it is understood that the Klansmen will not attempt to conduct raids, the members will cooperate with the police and county authorities in uncovering the evidence, and then will insist that the laws be enforced.

create a federal department of education," observes the Columbus Dispatch. "Senator Fess' office is being flooded with propaganda which bears evidence of having been inspired by that organization." One letter from Youngstown, written with lead pencil on brown wrapping paper, says:

"My request—I want that educational bill brought out.

(Signed) "K. K. K."

Most of the communications are written on postal cards. C. J. Davis of Youngstown sends the following:

"Educational bill providing for department of education must be reported at once without substitution."

A "woman voter" sends this message from Youngstown:

"I am one of the thousands of women and men that demand a report on the educational bill. See that we get it."

"I, as a Protestant mother of Youngstown, demand that you bring forward in the Senate the educational bill which you are holding back and allow action on it," says another.

Senator Fess is advising his Ku Klux correspondents that they should direct their communications to Representative Dallinger of Massachusetts and Senator Borah of Idaho, chairmen of the committees on education in the two branches of Congress.

BIGGEST THING IN MAINE IS THE KLAN

Organization Is Growing Rapidly—New Klavern Dedicated—Carnival Planned

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 16.—The new klavern of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was dedicated here Thursday night, February 14. The grounds include eight acres and the buildings include a banquet hall 165x60 feet and an auditorium on the second floor 130x60 feet, with a balcony, which gives a seating capacity of 3,000. Offices attached provide headquarters for the state organization, and an old residence in front of the building has been arranged for social affairs. The Women of the Klan held a Valentine party in the recreation rooms Friday night.

Plans have practically been completed for a six-day carnival to be given on the grounds of the klavern in March. The carnival will be open to Klansmen and their friends. All the attractions of a regular circus will be placed on the grounds.

The movement of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is the biggest thing in Maine today. The organization has swept the state with a wave of progress that can not be computed in mere figures, but the membership spreads to every nook and corner of the state.

GENEVA TO HONOR WILSON

GENEVA, Feb. 16.—To commemorate Woodrow Wilson's choice of Geneva as the seat of the League of Nations, the city council has decided to name a street after him.

On July 1 last year the registration of motor cars and trucks in the United States totaled 13,002,427.

in connection with an attempt to organize a branch of the Ku Klux Klan here, were found not guilty by Police Judge Ernest Michaelis. The defendants advertised in the local papers their intention of organizing the Klan in this city. After being placed under arrest on vagrancy charges and released on $500 bonds they were escorted out of town by F. W. A. Cording, chief of police, and told not to return until time for their trial.

Threats of violence against the acquitted Klan organizers were made by Romanists sympathizers after the decision of the court was made known. The Klansmen will pay no attention to these threats and will proceed with the organization plan so rudely disturbed by the chief of police and other Romans.

POLICE STATIONED AT 7 YOUNGSTOWN CLUBS

Liquor Found at Two Places Raided—Resistance Encountered at One

YOUNGSTOWN, O., Feb. 16.—Under orders issued by Chief of Police Kedgwin Powell, patrolmen have been stationed at seven Youngstown clubs to watch for violations of the liquor and gambling laws. This action follows recent police raids on the Elks and the Progress clubs, the latter a Jewish organization.

When the police entered the Progress club, it is said, they encountered resistance on the part of R. B. Haith, the porter, who was arrested on a charge of interfering with an officer. Haith also is alleged to have pushed a buzzer when he saw the police approaching.

He entered a plea of not guilty when arraigned in court and it is understood the club has engaged a lawyer to defend him.

ERIE RAILROAD TESTS TRAIN CONTROL DEVICE

Officials Report Successful Demonstration of Invention to Prevent Collisions

PORT JERVIS, N. Y., Feb. 16.—Officials of the Erie railroad and of the Train Control Corporation of America, Tuesday witnessed what they termed a successful test of an automatic train control device on the steep five-mile grade between this city and Graham, N. Y.

During the demonstration a passenger train and locomotive followed a New York bound express at high speed and for three blocks the control device prevented the second train from overtaking the express, signals indicating to the engineer the condition of the track ahead and the location of the express train. The test was characterized by Chief Signal Engineer Cooper, of the Erie railroad, as a "100 per cent success." The Interstate Commerce Commission recently ordered ninety-four railroads to equip their trains with control and safety devices within two years.

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KLAN'S PROGRAM FOR 1924

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.**

The K. C. on the Defensive

Seeking "a verdict" and denying in toto, "each and every charge made by the Imperial Wizard, Dr. Evans," that the Catholic church opposed public education, the Knights of Columbus have again burst into print in paid advertisements. As a rule, the Knights manipulate the wires in such a way as to get publicity free of charge, such as the faked message from President Coolidge when our former President, Warren G. Harding, was yet unburied. This time, however, the Knights paid for the publicity in four-column advertisements.

In the ads which appeared last week, the Knights of Columbus, in "proving" the Catholics are not opposed to the public schools, used that threadbare, timeworn and stereotyped phrase of declaring that the Catholic church is not opposed to public schools because Catholics pay taxes to help support the schools. Do the Knights of Columbus wish Americans to believe that the only thing which would prove to the world that the Catholic church did not believe in free public schools would be for each Catholic to arm himself and resist the collection of taxes?

Does the fact that each American pays taxes year in and year out, the great bulk of which goes to pay war debts and maintain war machinery, mean that there are no persons in America who do not believe in war? Most assuredly it does not. No more than it means the Catholic church favors the public schools because Catholics pay taxes, a part of which go to maintain the public school. However, according to the advertisement by the Knights of Christopher Columbus, the Catholics merely "contribute" their share to the upkeep of the public school. Any sane mortal knows—just as the Knights of Columbus know—that because any person pays a tax assessed by the proper officials, does not mean that the person paying that tax is in favor of that thing for which the money might be used.

Should one come out openly and declare that the Knights of Columbus did not favor a republic form of government, but believed in virtual serfdom, these same Knights would become highly incensed. And yet, to use their same line of reasoning, they do believe in monarchial governments because the Catholics of Europe pay taxes to support them. This statement may sound a bit far fetched but it is every bit as reasonable as the statement made by the Knights of Columbus—that is, that the Catholic church believes in free public schools because Catholics pay taxes ("contributions" according to the Knights of Columbus) to support those same schools.

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From the above reasoning, one would be prone to believe that where there are less schools and less education, the Catholic church thrives best, so why do they have schools in America at all? Because under our government, a child must attend school and therefore the Catholic children would be forced into the public school. Rather than have the children

Sparks from the Fiery Cross

By JOHN EIGHT POINT

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

Klansmen, a word to the wise is enough—but you've got to choose the right word.

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The principles of the Klan make clear the fact that the man who denies Christ in politics will not be loyal to Him in anything else.

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There is no reward for the patriot who is always "going to become a Klansman," but never delivers.

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Little drops of courage,
Little grains of "sand,"
Make our mighty Ku Klux
Known throughout the land.

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Moses broke the ten commandments—but he had nothing on a lot of present-day politicians.

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The Klan is moral T. N. T.

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You can not buy Klannish deeds with dollars, nor can you destroy their good effects by campaigns of hatred.

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Dago dialect is a naturalized rival of Bostonese, every word being a sentence. For example: Nickybanan; tenacessadoza.

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Nobody can tell what a man will do towards cleaning up his home town by the noise he makes at church.

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There are heroes in our common life
Unknown to wealth and fame;
They go about their daily tasks
Unmoved by praise or blame;
Their motive is the common good;
They have a noble creed;
They are the nation's right hand men—
Knights of the Worthy Deed.

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We are the new crusaders—the Klan—marching embattled against the Saracens of graft, illiteracy and crooked statescraft.

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If God had no more mercy on mankind than some of the uninformed intelligentsia have on the Klan, the world would have been rolled in a scroll long before the fig-leaf skirt went out of fashion.

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The effect of liberal education is making itself felt as far as California. At Leland Stanford courses are to be given in "cheering." A good yell leader will receive credit for his vocal athletics. We wonder, though, how much credit is given the students who memorize a Bible verse each day and read the constitution once every year or so?

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The Klansman will note that there are HOUSE-cleaning committees and house-CLEANING committees—also that some of the committees resemble strikingly the enterprising servant girl, who, when she cleans, simply sweeps the dust beneath the bed and draws her pay.

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The anti-Klan plank will certainly crack under the weight of a man like Oscar Underwood.

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Aspiration

You meeta Giovanni,
Da musica' man?
Heem playa da harpa.
Heem smash da pian'.
Heem graba da mona
Wherevra heem can—
But, oh, San Pietro,
Heem scareda da Klan!

Heem scareda da Klan,
Folksa geeve heem da chance,
For playa da harpa,
For maka dem dance,
An' heem sella dem stuffa
"Eemported from France,"
Da bootleg heem hide
Een da hippa heem pants.

But da Klan spoil heem bizna,
Da maka heem seeck;
Da watcha heem gooda
Each night een da week;
Heem emigrant papras
Da say ees de sneak—
Da no let Giovanni
Make mona so queeck.

Now, poor Giovanni,
So nobla, beeg man,
Wanta do ver' mos' good
Like da great 'Merican;
But da won't let heem sella
Da booza so gran',
An' heem blame eet all onto
Da Ku Kluxa Klan!

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What One Catholic Says

It can do no harm to give the broadest publicity to the fact that F. Hugh O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic member of parliament, blames the priesthood for the Irish situation. His words, in which he denounces the age-old Roman political method, are red hot with sincerity. Mr. O'Donnell, in a recent speech in London, exclaimed: "Material ruin has accompanied clerical despotism. The priesthood have pauperized as well as demoralized. Their ascendancy has been almost synonymous with ignorance, inveracity, mendicancy, indigence, dishonesty, slavery and sloth. What they did not steal they have spoiled. They have traded on social revolution; they have sapped the bases of nationhood."

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Ogling and Droning

Anton Lang, the famous protagonist in the Passion Play, says that Americans are too busy to be truly happy. Our memory of Oberammergau is that the village from which Mr. Lang hails was so drowsy and dull in bygone days that life consisted mainly in sleeping through the best hours of the twenty-four and drinking beer the remainder of the day. Undoubtedly the Bavarian outlook could never be ours. What is happiness? Doing a little woodcarving, perhaps? Performing a ceremonial because of an ancient village superstition? Possibly. And yet there are those of us who believe that the joy that lies in leisure leaves a dark brown taste in the mouth. As Americans who are striving to lead industrious, God-fearing, useful lives, we may be losing many of the sleepy delights of the slow-moving European peasant. The

DAILY INDEX OF AMERICAN CONGRESS

Monday, February 11

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

Passed the Robinson resolution requesting the president to demand the resignation of Secretary of the Navy Denby by a vote of 47 to 34. All efforts to modify the resolution were rejected.

Began consideration of the interior department appropriation bill.

Senators Adams, Colorado, and Walsh, Montana, opposed confirmation of Messrs. Strawn and Pomerene as special counsel in the prosecution of the oil cases on account of disqualification because of lack of experience in litigation of that character and because of their connection with "big business."

Attorney-General Daugherty wrote Senator Willis, of Ohio, asking for a hearing on the Wheeler resolution requesting his resignation.

William G. McAdoo explained to the oil investigating committee his professional relations as attorney for the Doheny interest, declared they were in good faith and had absolutely nothing to do with the leasing of naval oil reserves.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 4:45 p. m.

Passed a gasoline tax bill and sent it to the Senate.

Representative Connally, of Texas, in a speech made a demand that the state department investigate the failure of the German Embassy in Washington to lower its flag out of respect to Woodrow Wilson. He added that if no explanation was forthcoming he would request a congressional investigation.

Four reports on the tax reduction bill, differing widely on the question of income and surtaxes, were submitted to the House by members of the ways and means committee.

Discussing the bill for the extension of the life of the War Finance Corporation before the banking committee, Representative Dickinson, of Iowa, charged that that organization was responsible in part for the drastic banking situation in the midwest states.

Tuesday, February 12

Senate—Not in session. Senators attending Lincoln Day banquets and making speeches.

Immigration committee ordered an unfavorable report on the resolution of Senator Harris, Georgia, proposing a five-year suspension of all immigration.

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

Passed the supply bill for the support of the postoffice and treasury departments, carrying a total of approximately $729,000,000.

Ways and means committee sidetracked a soldier bonus bill until the tax reduction bill has been disposed of by the House.

Wednesday, February 13

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 4:58 p. m.

In a brief statement referring to the announcement of President Coolidge with respect to the Denby resignation resolution as adopted by the Senate, Minority Leader Robinson declared that public opinion would force the president to remove every official connected with the oil re-

History Censorship Fight Is Started by Princeton

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 16.—It henceforth will be impossible to use in New Jersey schools any history which quotes certain statements of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt and others, if a bill before the legislature passes, according to a resolution adopted by the Princeton University faculty in protest against what they regard as interference with the right of free speech, of free investigation and of the teaching of the truth. The bill applies to both public and private schools.

"Nearly every one of our leaders has made mistakes," said a well-known professor. "They were men and not demi-gods. If we are to profit by experience, their failures and weaknesses should be pointed out. The best of our histories would be excluded.

"Henry Adams' history of the United States, with its record of our distressing incompetence in the war of 1812, would have to go. Theodore Roosevelt's volumes in the American Statesman's Series could not stand the test. The opinions of our presidents on their contemporaries could not appear. General Dearborn, after whom Fort Dearborn was named, was a man of indecision. General Hull was tried for treason. Must we rank them with the heroes?"

Professor Dana Carleton Munro, head of the history department, pointed out that the bill would prevent the use of files of certain newspaper articles taking an attitude of criticism, as well as the great majority of authentic books on history.

New Lincoln Stories

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Two rare Lincoln manuscripts, the existence of which he declared was heretofore unknown, were shown to members of the House of Representatives and commented on by Representative Henry Rathbone of Illinois in his Lincoln's birthday address before that body.

The first of these was a copy, written in Lincoln's handwriting, of his favorite poem, "Oh, Why Should the Spirit of Mortal Be Proud?" "According to the story which goes with this copy," said Mr. Rathbone, "Lincoln was so overcome by the death of his first love, Ann Rutledge, that his friends feared he would commit suicide.

"He had learned the poem by heart," said Mr. Rathbone, "and often repeated its stanzas as solace for his melancholy. It is said to have been the only thing in which he seemed to find comfort, and his copy of the poem has never been reproduced."

The other manuscript was a letter written by Lincoln to a political friend shortly after his defeat by Douglas for the Senate in 1858. In this letter he expressed the opinion that he would sink out of sight politically, but that he did not regret having made the race because it afforded him an opportunity to champion the principles in which he so firmly believed and to advance the cause of liberty and justice.

The text of this letter follows:

Springfield, Nov. 19, 1858.

Henry Asbury, Esq.

My dear Sir:

Yours of the 13th was received some days ago. The fight must go on. The cause of civil liberty must not be surrendered at the end of one, or even one hundred, defeats. Douglas had the ingenuity to be supported in the late contest as the best means to break down, and to uphold the slave interest. No ingenuity can keep those antagonistic elements in harmony long. Another explosion will soon come.

Yours truly,

A. LINCOLN.

In the handwriting of Henry Asbury, to whom Mr. Lincoln's letter was written, is this notation on the letter: "On the 13th I had written him a cheerful letter not to give it up; so the above is his glorious answer."

ity member of the ways and means committee.

Republican House leaders expressed their willingness to have the House take up the Muscle Shoals legislation immediately after the vote on the tax reduction bill.

Thursday, February 14

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 6 p. m.

Senator Heflin, Alabama, in a speech made a flat denial that he is or ever was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and declared he had had no conferences with managers of Senator Mayfield's contest, as charged in an open letter by R. B. Creager, of Texas.

Virtually the entire afternoon was passed in executive session considering the promotion of Lieut.-Col. Duncan K. Major to be colonel. No conclusion was reached.

The immigration committee held further hearings on pending immigration measures, with Commissioner General Husband and H. H. Curran, commissioner at New York, giving their views of the selective fea-

expectedly ordered an adjournment until February 25.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

General debate continued on the tax reduction bill, an agreement being reached to take up the income tax rates next Tuesday, leaders on both sides predicting that under this arrangement completion of the measure within two weeks will be possible.

Republican Leader Longworth said a poll of the Republicans had shown that ten less than a majority of the House would agree to a maximum surtax of 25 per cent, the bill as reported carrying the 25 per cent proposed by Secretary Mellon.

The immigration committee decided to postpone until next week consideration of Secretary Hughes' recommendations on restrictive immigration legislation that Japan be placed on the same quota basis as other nations.

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This is not an idle assertion. Its proof is in the history of Spain, Italy and parts of Ireland where the Catholic church rules and where illiteracy is the greatest.

That was a remarkable meeting at Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Wednesday evening, February 13, when Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, appeared before an audience that filled every available space in the great auditorium—an auditorium which is said to seat 11,000 persons. Around the entire auditorium persons stood against the walls as solidly as they could wedge in. On the outside from 6 o'clock until long after 8 o'clock the jam was terrific, a solid mass of people unable to gain entrance. They waited for hours, hoping by some means to gain entrance. It is unfortunate that these people were unable to hear the address on "The Public School Problem in America," for it was an unusual address—an eyeopener to many. The reception accorded Dr. Evans could not help but impress on him, from a public view, the great cause he is leading. It was one of the greatest outpourings of people—if not the greatest—in the history of Indianapolis. It is proof, added proof, that the public is awake and aroused to the conditions of the day.

Thanks and appreciation are registered here to the Rev. Percy James, director, and each and every member of that wonderful musical organization, the Cadle choir, for the part each had in the meeting at Cadle Tabernacle, when Dr. Evans was a guest of Indianapolis. The splendid music provided by this choir before the address of Dr. Evans added in a great measure to the pleasure and enjoyment of the thousands who crowded into the tabernacle.

Jasper Women of Ku Klux Klan Meet

JASPER, Mich., Feb. 16.—A meeting of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan took place in Bakers Hall here last week, and although the weather was cold and bitter, a very good sized crowd was in attendance.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the singing of "America," after which a speaker was introduced who gave a wonderful talk on the principles of the order and was received with much enthusiasm by those present.

A fiery cross in the hall made a beautiful appearance while the ceremonies were taking place.

Precious Stone Found in U. S. World's Biggest

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—What is held to be the largest uncut precious stone in the world is a flawless black opal, discovered in this country and now said to be in the office of a government official here in Washington. The gem contains approximately twenty-one cubic inches, weighs 2,572,332 carats, and is valued by the owners at $250,000. The colors are translucent blues and greens with a little red. The famous Viennese opal, which was without equal until the American specimen was found, weighs 1,658,927 carats, but has a number of flaws.

mankind than some of the uninformed intelligentsia have on the Klan, the world would have been rolled in a scroll long before the fig-leaf skirt went out of fashion.

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The effect of liberal education is making itself felt as far as California. At Leland Stanford courses are to be given in "cheering." A good yell leader will receive credit for his vocal athletics. We wonder, though, how much credit is given the students who memorize a Bible verse each day and read the constitution once every year or so?

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The Klansman will note that there are HOUSE-cleaning committees and house-CLEANING committees—also that some of the committees resemble strikingly the enterprising servant girl, who, when she cleans, simply sweeps the dust beneath the bed and draws her pay.

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The anti-Klan plank will certainly crack under the weight of a man like Oscar Underwood.

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Hideous Blasphemy

If we urge our congressmen to support a constitutional amendment to forbid child labor in the United States, we shall nobly serve unborn generations of white Aryan children. Millions of little folks will grow to adult manhood and womanhood without deformed spines and stunted mentality. It is the duty of every Klansman to remember that man was created in God's own likeness and that undeveloped, soul-starved, overworked children are in themselves a kind of hideous blasphemy of God and His purpose.

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The Racial Jungle

An opponent of our way of thinking urges a sickly kind of immigration law which shall name as one of its features the creation of a permanent commission—not a bad thing in itself if the commission be the right sort—and declares, "Obviously, if we are to have any immigrants at all, we want those of native force and ability."

If we understand the esoteric meaning of the mystic words, "native force and ability," our judgment is that we do not want that sort of immigrant in America at all. There is a great deal of native force about an anarchist or a communist. It is far better, for example, to do without the discoveries of a Steinmetz mind than to harbor an unAmerican mind that at first pressure is ready to fly to the relief of the Bolsheviki.

We believe that clarity of expression in weighty matters is an excellent rule. We should amend the foregoing declaration to read, "If we are to have any immigrants at all, we want those who will be best able to absorb American ideals and fit into American modes of life and thought." Europe, with its wars and intrigues, at the present moment, is a glowing example of what happens when people of low moral fiber and "native force and ability" mix in a racial jungle.

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The Female Is More Deadly

Now that we come to think of it, Mrs. Catt has denounced the Monroe doctrine. Her curse is almost as long, loud and reckless as the celebrated and highly-canonical curse of the Jackdaw of Rheims. Our idea is that the lady should make her anathema even more complete—she should include the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States!

dishonesty, slavery and sloth. What they did not steal they have spoiled. They have traded on social revolution; they have sapped the bases of nationhood."

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Ogling and Droning

Anton Lang, the famous protagonist in the Passion Play, says that Americans are too busy to be truly happy. Our memory of Oberammergau is that the village from which Mr. Lang hails was so drowsy and dull in bygone days that life consisted mainly in sleeping through the best hours of the twenty-four and drinking beer the remainder of the day. Undoubtedly the Bavarian outlook could never be ours. What is happiness? Doing a little woodcarving, perhaps? Performing a ceremonial because of an ancient village superstition? Possibly. And yet there are those of us who believe that the joy that dies in leisure leaves a dark brown taste in the mouth. As Americans who are striving to lead industrious, God-fearing, useful lives, we may be losing many of the sleepy delights of the slow-moving European peasant. The Klansman, however, knows that the man who goes to work with a will, interested in the spiritual and educational uplift of his nation, has a better time during his working hours than the languid European ogling his way to boredom on the Riviera or droning his life out in a peasant cot.

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Catching the Fever

Gen. Smedley Butler, of the Marine corps, who was summoned to Philadelphia to clean the city of bootleggers, gamblers and bad men of all kinds, seems to be an extraordinary sort of Pied Piper. When he whistles even the hardened cops look nervously over their shoulders. Of 1,200 saloons in Philadelphia 973 have been closed and the popped-up police are after the rest. The Philadelphia Klansman now smiles sweetly at himself in the glass. It is remarkable how many of the great and good people in the country are grabbing the Klan idea. "Cleaning-up" is a contagious thought.

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The Great Difference

The Roman Catholic apologists claim the following things for their church: (1) The church is the mediator between God and man; (2) the church is the "regulator" of religious belief; (3) the church is the "director of conscience;" (4) the church is a "confraternity of service and an organ of world-wide propaganda."

A little thought makes clear that this type of church is imperialistic and that, on the other hand, the Protestant faith is democratic. Protestantism, however viewed, begins with a protest from the imperialism of super-imposed authority both in faith and practical working. The Protestant does not recognize the church as authority. His working warrant is the Word of God—the Holy Book. He accepts as mediator no ecclesiastical organization—Jesus Christ is his Mediator and Savior. The Protestant church is not an "authority," but an association of like minds who believe in God and His Son. As someone has said, "The genius of Protestantism is the consciousness of the believer that he is an independent personality with needs and rights of his own. God and His soul stand sure though all else perish." Upon this understanding and in this consciousness, the Klan makes its approving effort felt along religious lines. This is the religion of our fathers.

Tuesday, February 12

Senate—Not in session. Senators attending Lincoln Day banquets and making speeches.

Immigration committee ordered an unfavorable report on the resolution of Senator Harris, Georgia, proposing a five-year suspension of all immigration.

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

Passed the supply bill for the support of the postoffice and treasury departments, carrying a total of approximately $729,000,000.

Ways and means committee sidetracked a soldiers bonus bill until the tax reduction bill has been disposed of by the House.

Wednesday, February 13

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 4:58 p. m.

In a brief statement referring to the announcement of President Coolidge with respect to the Denby resignation resolution as adopted by the Senate, Minority Leader Robinson declared that public opinion would force the president to remove every official connected with the oil reserve leases.

Making his first speech in the Senate, Senator Ralston, of Indiana, discussing the question of taxes, declared that Secretary Mellon's figures on tax-exempt securities failed to support his conclusions that they are responsible for decreased revenues in the higher brackets. He advocated that all incomes under $5,000 be exempt from taxation.

Senator Harris, Georgia, speaking on taxation, declared that the failure of Secretary Mellon to "increase personal exemption credits" was the chief objection to his plan for tax reduction.

Senator Fletcher, Florida, in a speech characterized the policy of the shipping board as being "marked by hesitation, halting politics, and confusion."

Adopted the Heflin resolution for an inquiry to be conducted by the postoffice committee, into charges of fradulent land operations in Texas.

Senator Wheeler, Montana, submitted a resolution providing for a Senate inquiry into the alleged failure of Attorney-General Daugherty to take action looking to the prosecution of Doheny, Sinclair and others implicated in the oil reserve lease scandal.

Senator Oddie, Nevada, member of the special committee that investigated the Veterans' Bureau, reiterated his belief that a "ring" within the bureau "has so manipulated things that they have made it difficult for Director Hines to learn all that is actually going on in the bureau."

Oil investigating committee subpoenaes Frank A. Vanderlip, retired New York banker, and Earl C. Schuyler, a Denver attorney, to appear and give testimony.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 4:10 p. m.

Passed the Senate bill extending the life of the War Finance Corporation until December 31.

A resolution by Representative King, of Illinois, calls for an investigation by the banking committee into the administration of the department of justice and of the treasury as to cancellation, destruction and duplication of government securities.

Representative Jeffers, Alabama, renewed his charges of irregularities in connection with the income tax payments of Harry F. Sinclair and E. L. Doheny, oil magnates.

House Democrats in a party caucus bound themselves to support the tax reduction plan put forward by Mr. Garner, of Texas, ranking minority member of the ways and means committee.

Republican House leaders expressed their willingness to have the House take up the Muscle Shoals legislation immediately after the vote on the tax reduction bill.

Thursday, February 14

Senate—Met at noon; recessed at 6 p. m.

Senator Heflin, Alabama, in a speech made a flat denial that he is or ever was a member of the Ku Klux Klan and declared he had had no conferences with managers of Senator Mayfield's contest, as charged in an open letter by R. B. Creager, of Texas.

Virtually the entire afternoon was passed in executive session considering the promotion of Lieut.-Col. Duncan K. Major to be colonel. No conclusion was reached.

The immigration committee held further hearings on pending immigration measures, with Commissioner General Husband and H. H. Curran, commissioner at New York, giving their views of the selective features of the various bills.

Senator LaFollette made public a report submitted by Basil M. Manly, director of the people's legislative service, charging nation-wide profiteering in bread and that creation of a "colossal bread trust is impending."

The public lands committee instructed Chairman Lenroot to inform the president that the nominations of Silas Strawn and Atlee Pomerene as special counsel in the oil cases were unacceptable. Before the president received this information a message withdrawing the name of Mr. Strawn was on its way to the Capitol.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:35 p. m.

Proceeded with consideration of the tax reduction bill, with an agreement to terminate general debate at 4 o'clock next Monday afternoon.

Chairman Green, of the ways and means committee; Garner, of Texas, ranking minority member, and Mills, of New York, took up most of the day with speeches. The debate was enlivened with partisan speeches, provoking many personal exchanges.

Friday, February 15

Senate—Met at noon; adjourned at 6:10 p. m.

After considering for six hours in executive session the promotion of Lieut.-Col. Duncan K. Major to be a colonel in the army, the Senate confirmed the promotion by a vote of 43 to 24.

The postoffice committee authorized Senator Moses, New Hampshire, to designate a subcommittee to investigate the alleged Texas land frauds under the Heflin resolution.

Frank A. Vanderlip, New York banker, told the oil investigating committee his Ossining speech referred only to rumors and that he had no facts whatever concerning the sale of the Marion, Ohio, Star by the late president. Mr. Vanderlip came in for public censure and a rough cross-examination by members of the committee for giving public utterance to mere rumors.

The public lands committee gave its approval to the appointment of Owen J. Roberts, of Philadelphia, and former Senator Pomerene, of Ohio, as special counsel in the oil cases, but Democrats announced their intention to fight the confirmation of Pomerene on the floor of the Senate. The committee at the conclusion of the day's hearings unexpectedly ordered an adjournment until February 25.

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House—Met at noon; adjourned at 5:50 p. m.

General debate continued on the tax reduction bill, an agreement being reached to take up the income tax rates next Tuesday, leaders on both sides predicting that under this arrangement completion of the measure within two weeks will be possible.

Republican Leader Longworth said a poll of the Republicans had shown that ten less than a majority of the House would agree to a maximum surtax of 25 per cent, the bill as reported carrying the 25 per cent proposed by Secretary Mellon.

The immigration committee decided to postpone until next week consideration of Secretary Hughes' recommendations on restrictive immigration legislation that Japan be placed on the same quota basis as other nations.

Saturday, February 16

Senate—Met at noon; went into executive session in a short time to permit members to fight over more confirmations.

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House—Met at noon; continued general debate on the tax reduction bill for most of the afternoon.

ANOTHER ALIEN CAUGHT

LAFFERTY, O., Feb. 16.—A fine of $1,000 and a prison sentence of one to five years were imposed on Mike Lazerick, following his conviction on a charge of manufacturing whisky. The alien insisted that he was hired by a merchant to watch the stuff, but didn't succeed in making his alibi stick.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS WANTS EXPLANATION

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and J. A. Kautz, one of the owners of the Kokomo Tribune, the afternoon paper. Be it known, however, that Mr. Kautz is not in Indiana and was in no manner responsible for the attitude of the trustees. Kirkpatrick and Wolf constituted the board and the board ruled the Klan could not hold its ritualistic services in the church.

When it became known what the attitude of the board would be, there was a storm of protest and the Men's Bible class called for an explanation as to why an American organization could not participate in the funeral services for a deceased member.

While there are no figures available concerning the percentage of members of the church that belong to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, it is said the percentage is large, both among the men and women and the congregation is widely separated on the question, some favoring, others against the action of the trustees.

Pastor Not Consulted

The Rev. M. H. Gerrard, pastor of the church, had nothing to say concerning whether the Klan funeral might be held.

Conrad Wolf has been active in Republican politics in this county for some years. It is known that he is one of the few persons in this part of the state who favor the Hickey bill, which would create two federal court districts in the state. However, he has, it is said, an ulterior motive in favoring this particular bill. Ordinarily, Conrad Wolf would not care much whether there was one or fourteen federal districts in Indiana. The "nigger" in this particular woodpile is the fact that Wolf has designs on the judicial seat for the second district in case the bill is passed.

Just recently one of the local papers carried a story purporting to contain the views of Senator Ralston in which he would not be averse to Wolf being nominated to this all powerful position in case his nomination were acceptable to the powers that be in the Republican party.

That the People May Know

In view of Wolf's attitude in the matter of refusing a member of his own church permission to be buried by Klansmen, local members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are sounding the tocsin throughout the State concerning the manner of man this is who seeks federal patrimony of such nature as to require the highest order of impartiality and dignity.

Akron Minister Resigns to Take Up Work of Klan

AKRON, O., Feb. 16.—The resignation of the Rev. Earl Anneshansley, pastor of the Goss Memorial Church, has been accepted by the consistory and he will leave the Kenmore church in about three months. The pastor is also president of the council, and, should he leave the city, it will be necessary to appoint a new man to fill his place. Mr. and Mrs. Anneshansley are popular and have been active in Klan work for many months. They have accepted a place with the national organization, and, after April 1, will devote their time to the work of the Ku Klux Klan.

It often develops that divorce trials are harder to endure than marriage trials.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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lution favoring the merger of the two companies.

A request for additional traffic men brought more advice from Shank. He said people did nothing but indorse everything nowadays that caused more municipal expenditures and then kicked because of the tax rate.

A basket of potatoes was presented Shank by the club in commemoration of his regime as potato king of Indianapolis. "Colonel" Braden, the alleged chief of police here, was present at the meeting.

ORGANIZATIONS ASK IMMIGRATION CHECK

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census of 1910 be preserved in the new law.

That this quota shall apply to all countries. In the present law the quota does not apply to the countries of North and South America.

That quota or immigration certificates shall be required and given through the state department consular officers, minus objectionable features, such as thumb prints, declaration of intention of becoming a citizen of the United States, etc. The present law requires no such quota control.

That the number of immigration certificates each month for each nationality shall be equal to 10 per cent of ten calendar months of annual allotments. The present law allows 20 per cent.

That the fine of transportation companies be increased to $500 for each deportation of excess quota.

That the family be considered as a unit, with better definition as to nationality.

That the status of students be better defined and provisions made for temporary admission, under parole and bond.

The organizations represented at this meeting were the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Methodist church, the Presbyterian Board of Missions, the National Lutheran Council, the Home Missions Council, the Baptist Board of Home Missions, the National Congregational Council, the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, the International Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Council of Women for Home Mission, the Travelers' Aid Society, the Immigrant Publication Society, the Near East Relief, the New York Society of the Methodist Episcopal church, the Committee of Reference and Counsel, the Foreign Mission Council of North America, the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and the World Alliance for International Friendship Through the Churches.

100 EAST LIVERPOOL KLANSMEN ON A VISIT

EAST LIVERPOOL, O., Feb. 16.—A delegation of more than 100 members of the East Liverpool Klan, accompanied by their own band, attended a big Klan meeting Sunday at Follansbee, W. Va. The Klansmen chartered a special car for the trip and many others joined them along the way. The Klonklave was a huge success, according to those who attended. The program included inspiring addresses by national Klan leaders, patriotic music and other interesting features. Several thousand members from various units in West Virginia were present.

IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SELL USE FIERY CROSS WANT ADS

Milton McCord, to every local in the city and central body, and every new delegate there was through the circulation of that communication. I have been a member of the organization for some time and never have I seen any discrimination of any description, from either side. We have carried on an open and above-board, honest and square political campaign for the best interest and welfare of the working class, to choose and elect candidates who declare themselves for justice and a square deal for the working people—that includes farmers and industrial workers.

"I also note that they are contemplating forming another organization. I think not. The American Federation of Labor sponsors only one political action league.

"Hoping I have been to the point and explained fully, I remain

"Yours respectfully,
"EMIL SALSBURY.
"Vice-Chairman N. P. P. P. A. L."

GEORGETOWN PLANS BIG DEMONSTRATION

Noted Lecturer to Explain Aims and Principles of Klan Movement

GEORGETOWN, O., Feb. 16.—An invitation has been extended by the Ku Klux Klan of Georgetown and Brown county, to all persons who seek a better understanding of the Klan and its purposes, to attend a lecture at the auditorium here Wednesday evening, February 20.

One of the greatest Klan lecturers in the United States has been engaged to make an address. Great interest has been shown in the announcement of the meeting and a huge throng is expected to attend.

"Those who have been skeptical toward the organization should come out to this lecture and be convinced of the great principles of the movement," the Georgetown Gazette says. "Those who are doubters should come and get their eyes open. Those who have been deceived and have been led to believe that the organization is trying to crush out any certain religion or doctrine should come and learn the truth. * * * You have heard this organization cussed and discussed by persons who were prejudiced or were working for its destruction, now you have the opportunity to hear it explained so you can draw your own conclusions."

Freeman Seeks Sheriff Nomination in Primaries

Announcement has been made by Charles W. Freeman of his candidacy for the nomination as sheriff of Marion county in the coming primaries on the Republican ticket. He now is a constable in the office of William Conner in Center township.

ONE BOOTLEGGER "AWAY"

DEFIANCE, O., Feb. 16.—Steve Brehlick, 30, an alien, who is said to have accumulated no mean fortune by the manufacture of synthetic liquor, has retired from business for an indefinite period. How long, Brehlick doesn't know exactly, but, according to the judge who sentenced him, it will be from one to five years. The brand of stuff produced by the foreigner, it is said, would make the consumer throw rocks at his own windows and he found a ready market. Brehlick was taken to the Ohio penitentiary by Sheriff Adrian Miller a few days ago.

The wrist contains eight bones, the palm five, and the fingers fourteen.

34.1 per cent of the total population of the state.

An Alarming Situation

In many of the basic industries we find the foreign born outnumbering the native born to an alarming degree. In the copper mines we find 65.4 per cent foreign born. What I mean by that is that out of every 100 persons employed in that industry sixty-five are foreign born, and the same thing applies to these other percentages.

Mr. Kincheloe—Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. Watkins—Yes.

Mr. Kincheloe—I am in hearty sympathy with the position of the gentleman. I think there are too many aliens in this country now who are not loyal to our flag, and I was wondering the gentleman being a member of the immigration committee, whether when the immigration legislation comes upon the floor, we would have an opportunity to vote on the proposition of whether we will stop immigration entirely in this country for the next two or three years in order to assimilate what we have now.

Mr. Watkins—Before I finished I expected to answer that question and tell the gentleman just what he would have to vote on, but since he has asked the question, and in order that it may be answered now, I will say that the gentleman may have a chance to vote on suspension of immigration. If I had had my way, that is the very bill that would have been written and presented here, but the bill that is written will be based upon the 1890 census, allowing 2 per cent of that number to come in plus 200. For instance, if Greece, according to the census of 1890, is entitled to have 100 people enter under this proposed bill, she would then be allowed 300.

Mr. Kincheloe—It will be a selective system, practically—the same as the present law?

Mr. Watkins—It will be selective in a degree.

I understand the city of New York, the city of my good friend Mr. LaGuardia, is now contemplating bringing a suit for the collection of millions of dollars against the United States government for allowing so many aliens to come into the country who are entering charitable institutions of the state of New York, yet here we have the spectacle of people in New York urging the immigration committee, members of Congress, to let more aliens into this country.

Mr. LaGuardia—Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. Watkins—Yes.

Writes Own Indictment

Mr. LaGuardia—The gentleman talks about the claim of the city of New York. Does the gentleman know that these unfortunate aliens are inmates of the insane asylums on account of the industrial conditions that put them there?

Mr. Watkins—I do not know that, despite the fact that I have given the subject considerable study.

Mr. Wingo—Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. Watkins—Yes.

Mr. Wingo—If that condition is true, as the gentleman from New York states, certainly you ought not to add to it and make it worse by bringing in more?

Mr. Watkins—Certainly. He writes his own indictment. On January 1, 1910, the census will disclose that there were 10,588 prisoners in penal or reformatory institutions in New England, and that 36 per cent of them were foreign born. In the middle Atlantic states that same document will disclose that there were 23,673 in like institutions, and that 31 per cent of them were foreign born. In the east north central states there were 16,250 in penal institutions and 20 per cent of them were foreign born. The attorney-

many. We can not assimilate them, we can not absorb them, they are not our kind. Now, the next table is, it seems to me, a more vicious indictment than the last one. That table discloses 11,088 people in the almshouses in New England; 5,705 were foreign born, more than 50 per cent, in the middle Atlantic states 23,772 were found in the poorhouses; 11,712 of them were foreign born. In the east north central states 21,358 were in the poorhouses, and of these 8,388 were foreign born. There were 6,366 in the west north central states, of whom 2,371 were foreign born. This same document discloses that in New England there were 289,700 illiterates, and of that number 257,207 were foreign born. In the middle Atlantic states there were 865,382 illiterates, and the foreign born were 760,010. Those were illiterate persons 10 years of age and over.

6,000,000 Unnaturalized

Today, Mr. Chairman, America has approximately 6,000,000 unnaturalized foreigners within her borders. Fifty-one and four-tenths per cent of the population of the United States live in cities; 48.6 per cent live in the country. There are more than 2,000 newspapers and periodicals printed in foreign tongues in the United States.

Now, Mr. Chairman, what indictment do these figures write against us? None other, sir, than that we have been traitors to our trust, miserable miscreants worshiping at the shrine of Mammon and thinking of prosperity instead of posterity; because I tell you, sir, that these statistics demonstrate beyond the peradventure of a doubt that the foreign born within the hollow of his hand holds the destiny of this mighty nation, for you know, sir, that the balance of power in this country rests in a few of our industrial states. You also know that these various states are controlled by the respective industrial centers therein, and if within these industrial centers a majority of the people are foreign born, then in the final analysis the foreign born is supreme.

"God Give Us Men"

Mr. Chairman, these are just some of the unhealthy conditions lurking in our midst. I could go on and on and on delineating circumstances in our industries, our cities, and our commonwealths, which would make our American blood shudder to ponder the consequences. The facts submitted warrant us in directing our attention to the question and dedicating our talent to its solution. It is not a partisan question, but one demanding the unadulterated Americanism of every last American in this great American land.

Let us therefore, one and all, dedicate our lives to the service of America and henceforth insist that every man who lands on our fair shores be worthy and well qualified for citizenship in this the greatest and grandest country ever built by man, and, finally, let us require him to accept and subscribe to the creed laid down by Theodore Roosevelt: That he must be an American in name, in deed, in truth, and in fact, from the time he lands on American shores until he is laid away in an American grave. [Applause.]

Naval Academy to Drop 103 For Failing Studies

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 16.—One hundred and three midshipmen will be compelled to resign from the Naval academy because of failures in mid-semester examinations, academy authorities have announced. Most of those found deficient belonged to the fourth or lowest class, seventy-seven members of which will have to leave. There were no delinquents in the senior class.

all sorts of pressure is being brought to bear, but he says:

"I have been a member of this immigration committee fifteen years and we have about the same thing to contend with every time an immigration bills comes up. We hear from about the same kind of people and pressure is exerted from about the same sort of sources each time. Certain interests are always against us in this matter. We hear from the churches and Sunday schools in behalf of letting the Armenians and Syrians come in; there is the naturalized alien element wanting more of their people over here and they work against an immigration bill, of course; take the foreign language newspapers, we always have them against us; then there are certain manufacturing interests who maintain their own associations or organization whose business it is to get labor, foreign labor, into this country, and they are always working against an immigration bill, unless we were willing to throw wide open the gates and bid all come in."

What to Count On

Chairman Johnson says the country can count sure on an immigration bill this year, no matter how strong is the pressure to prevent. He figures that the quota law will be re-enacted and he hopes to keep in the bill the requirement of examination at all ports of embarkation. He admits that a compromise may be forced as between 1890 and 1910 with respect to the quota. But he also says he is absolutely convinced that the 2 per cent will be kept in the bill and not a return to 3 per cent as in the present law. He denies that his plan has been abandoned for this session. He says such talk is the result of propaganda from those opposing restrictive immigration.

Chairman Johnson denies that he ever hoped to have his immigration bill considered on the floor of the house ahead of the tax reduction bill, which is now on. He did have hopes of having immigration follow immediately the tax reduction measure but says a slight switch has been made in order to pacify the southern fellows and keep them from talking to death and consuming too much time with the tax bill. A deal is said to have been made with the southern crowd to bring in right after the tax bill the Muscle Shoals proposition and such a program has been agreed on. Chairman Johnson says it is his understanding that the immigration bill is to follow the Muscle Shoals measure and he predicts that the immigration bill will be reached in about thirty days. It is estimated now that it will take from three to four weeks to get through the tax reduction bill and the Muscle Shoals measure, then will come in the immigration measure in say four weeks from now. Mr. Johnson will not agree that the bonus measure is likely to crowd the immigration bill back one more notch on the program. He is of the opinion that the bonus may come later on in the session but is not ready now; therefore, it will not crowd back the immigration measure any farther on the program.

Yes, Chairman Johnson admits that pressure is being put on but the squeeze play won't work if the people of the country will get busy and back up congress now. It is true that congressmen representing foreign centers in New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and elsewhere are being bombarded from home. Of course they are. The same thing always happens when an immigration bill is up. These fellows are going so far as to predict that the passage of the Johnson bill will cost the Republican party thousands of votes, etc., but party leaders have heard the same things before.

Fighting Johnson Bill

The Johnson bill is being fought by the Catholics, the Jews, Italians

Democratic column. That old game is being worked for all there is in it. Representative LaGuardia, of New York City, is one contending for them that the foreign vote of New York City might prove a determining factor in the coming presidential election. A flood of protests against the Johnson bill, which bears heavily on the Jewish and Italian quota, have reached congress. Italian lodges of Schenectady, Buffalo and New York City have framed resolutions charging that the bill is discriminatory. Even Justice S. A. Cotillo, of the New York Supreme Court, prominent in Italian state organizations, has submitted a memorandum on the bill. It has come in pamphlet form to the president, members of the cabinet, and senators and representatives in congress. Everybody got them.

As stated by this writer before, Representative Dickstein, of New York, is preparing a minority report for the Democratic members of the immigration committee. Dickstein favors an extension of the present law until a commission has more carefully studied the problem.

Going Ahead With Bill

It is now predicted that there are enough southern Democrats who will combine with the Republican regulars and put through the Johnson bill. It is not believed, at least by Chairman Johnson, that the debate will leave sufficient scars to hurt his party in the presidential election. He predicts the immigration measure will be up for passage on the floor of the house within thirty days.

PASTOR SCORES KANSAS CITY VICE; JUDGE CALLS HIM BEFORE HIS COURT

The Rev. Baxter Waters, pastor of the Budd Park Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo., who was haled before Circuit Judge Thad Landon because of his severe criticism of the courts and vice in his sermon the day before, preached to "standing room only" the next day. His topic was "My Summons to Court."

All over the city the same scenes were being enacted. Practically every church reported a record attendance, the ministers having boldly announced that they would denounce Judge Landon's action in no uncertain terms.

Mr. Waters recounted the sermon which resulted in the summons to court, in which he compared conditions which had prompted the prophet Micah to plead for more practical justice with conditions existing now in Kansas City.

The courts were corrupt in those days, the minister had said. The poor were robbed without recourse to law, and there was no justice. He then drew a parallel with the present times, when, he asserted, tricky lawyers packed juries and the tendencies of judges to be too lenient were responsible for the crime wave.

"I am going to criticize conditions here as long as they warrant it," he said. "Judge Landon cautioned me to return to my pulpit and comment only on matters I had facts about."

The Rev. Charles F. Aked, pastor of the First Congregational Church, also strongly condemned the judge's action in his sermon. He used as his topic: "Judge Landon—His Law and His Logic."

"This is not a matter concerning one judge," he said. "It affects the entire judiciary of the city, and all judges should repudiate the action of Judge Landon.

"Are we who live in a republic going to submit to an office usurping powers over a citizen which would not be tolerated in any monarchial country in Europe?" he asked.

A great leader learns his business by being a good follower.—Dawn.

PLATFORM ADOPTED BY PROGRESSIVES

Will Await Action of Democrats and Republican Before Selecting Candidate

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—After adopting a statement of policy advocating many advanced political ideas, the National Conference for Progressive Political Action adjourned Tuesday afternoon to await action of the nominating conventions of the two major political parties.

The conference instructed its national committee to call a convention of "workers, farmers and progressives," at Cleveland, starting July 4, "for the purpose of taking action on nomination of candidates for the offices of president and vice-president."

The Cleveland convention, coming after the Republican and Democratic meetings, will enable the Progressives to take inventory of the political field, it was explained by delegates. On results of the two conventions depends the action of the Progressive meeting.

JOINT MEETING HELD IN CLINTON COUNTY

WILMINGTON, O., Feb. 16.—Klansmen, Women of the Klan and Junior Klansmen met in a joint open meeting here the evening of February 7. A splendid musical program was given and two excellent speeches were heartily enjoyed. A lunch was served following the program, and a general good time was had. The organizations are growing rapidly in Clinton county.

BURNING CROSS APPROVED

ATHENS, O., Feb. 16.—The appearance of a huge fiery cross recently in front of an alleged negro dive at Porter, a village in Gallia county, has created much discussion and, according to the Athens Messenger, "it seems that the demonstration met with the general approval of the community." It is said that the cross was burned by a delegation of Klansmen from Pomeroy Bend and hundreds of persons gathered to watch it.

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ALBANY DISTURBED OVER THE ANTI-KLAN LAW; MOVE TO REPEAL

Assemblyman John Boyle Introduces Bill—Klansmen Not Apparently Interested

Walker Measure Severely Criticised and No Attempt Made to Enforce It

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The legislative halls have been buzzing in the last week, due to the bill introduced by Assemblyman John Boyle to repeal the Walker anti-Klan law which was passed by the assembly last year.

The bill was dropped into the legislative mill like a bombshell, as there had been no intimation that such a thing would be attempted. It is indicated that there will be a fight all over again. The strength of the Klan advocates is unknown and again there has been a question raised as to whether the Klan will muster its forces in any drastic attempt to have the law repealed. The action of Assemblyman Boyle took everybody by surprise and if he is connected with the Klan forces, Klan opponents are at a loss to know what the next move of the Knights will be. Assemblyman Boyle has stated that he was born in the north of Ireland and consequently is not eligible to membership in the Klan.

Law Condemned

The Walker law has been severely criticized, not only by the friends of the Klan, but also by its enemies. Advocates of the Walker law admit that it has failed to accomplish its purpose. They admit that the Knights have failed to adhere to its provisions, the same as most of the other secret fraternal societies. It is also said that opponents of the Klan are afraid to push any action, for other societies would be compelled at the same time to report their lists of memberships, which is not desirable in certain cases of the Klan opposition.

Then, again, it is rumored that there are officials who openly advocate the Walker law, but who at the same time the less official action towards its enforcement is taken, the better pleased they will be. Perhaps this phase of the fight is not to be overlooked. The professional politician, who makes his living off the state, is not unmindful of any phase of an important public issue.

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The Ku Klux Klan, whatever its faults, has one quality much prized by moralists. **It gets action, wasting no time in vain debate. In fact, there is reason to believe that this admirable trait is the chief reason for the tremendous hostility it has aroused. Most of us endure very calmly all sorts of opinions or projects so long as they remain safely elocutionary. It is when the ideas come to life and bite some one that loud anathemas arise. The Klan certainly gets this much tribute from its enemies.**

The effect which the Klan produces on the community is the final test of the power and success of the whole movement, and to a large extent of its justification. Its whole purpose is to produce action; it makes almost no attempt to spread ideas outside its own actual or prospective members; its discussions are no disputations over theory. Often it can not even state its own case clearly. Everything is aimed toward the single purpose of changing our community and national life; for this the Klan has built up its autocratic generalship, its solidly welded unity, its secrecy, its terrorism and its intense emotionalism. And because of all this heaped-up power and this singleness of purpose, **the impact when the Klan does strike is terrific, even though it is often invisible.**

Seldom Seen

In its actual methods of reforming society, as well as in the general system and strategy described in the previous article, the Klan is seldom seen and never heard. It is often, perhaps usually, impossible even to know for certain that it is the Klan that acted, no matter how evident the results may be. The thing is done—that is about all that can be known in any one case. It is a heavy hand that strikes, yet it is as if a spectre held the weapon or directed the blow. Only through comparing what has happened in many different places can the methods by which the Klan acts be fairly, clearly traced.

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popular mind. There is doubtless a menace but the Klan "bluffs" the public far beyond its real strength or its real ruthlessness, just as we all try more or less to make those with whom we deal feel that we are a bit stronger or a bit more determined than we actually are. The Klan "works its bluff" to perfection. The ordinary citizen comes to believe that it is a cruel and determined monster of unknowable strength, working by diabolic methods, through invisible agents guided by infernal acumen and able to hurt him through every means that a man dreads. Since so much is unknown, his fears are always exaggerated.

There may not be, and in most Klan towns there never had been any actual demonstration of force. But unless they are themselves attacked men do not care to become involved in a trouble they can not measure. This holds the bulk of any community neutral and leaves those whom the Klan does attack unsupported and undefended. Klan officials deny that they try to terrify people; I can not say that they do but this condition of being "bluffed to a standstill" is the first fact to be noted in any Klan community, and so far as my experience goes is never missing.

This fear of the Klan is often so effective that no further weapon is called for; a decree has only to be issued to be obeyed. Probably a great many decrees which never come from the Klan are also issued and obeyed. But when there is resistance the Klan applies with scientific precision either social ostracism or a boycott, or both. After a single demonstration of these there is seldom need of further first action, and usually none is taken unless for definite punishment or to drive some person from the place.

Not Illegal Methods

Let me hasten to say that I am not accusing the Klan of illegal conspiracy in these measures. **There is no order to Klansmen to ostracize or stop trading with the obnoxious person; information is simply given that these persons are obnoxious. The distinction may seem small, but I believe this method has been declared legal in various cases where labor boycotts were involved. Klansmen are free to act on this information or not as they choose, but they all seem to choose to act.** Let me quote Dr. Evans on this:

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in cases where people are hostile to the Klan or are guilty of un-American practices or of serious misconduct, Klansmen will withhold patronage as individuals. If it becomes generally known that certain firms, for example, have discharged employes for no other reason than that they were Klansmen, it would naturally react against that firm with other Klansmen. It is also natural that Klansmen and sometimes local Klans having information of this kind should disseminate it. But a Klansman is always free to act as he pleases on such information."

The first move of a Klan when it starts to clean up a town seems to be among its own members. It makes them behave; several have complained to me that since joining they were no longer allowed to drink! The Klan has rules of conduct and a system of trial and punishment inside itself which are most effective. Nor are the crimes it punishes only those against fellow members. There is little doubt that the level of conduct is raised among men who join.

The second move is against outsiders, usually against men or women who have offended against the Klan's moral ideas. These are rather strict, being set by the same literal-minded, church-going class of decent people who have given us prohibition, demand strict observy. of the Sabbath, and have no sympathy for any sexual indulgences. Often the victims are Catholics, Jews and aliens, but I have learned of no case in which there was not some definite charge of misconduct against them, as well as the general fact of their faith or race.

Cost of Booze Soars

Bootleggers seem to be the favorite objects of attack; the Klan crusade against them at Herrin, Ill., has been widely advertised and has been imitated in hundreds of towns. I find that in some dozen places from which I have information the price of liquor—the best gauge of law enforcement—has risen from 2 to 500 per cent since the Klan took hold. Dope peddlers come in for attention, social vice is censored, grafting officials are taken care of, places of amusement regulated, unfair business dealing punished. But there is also much effort put into regulating personal conduct. I have stories of Klan influence being brought to bear on men who maintained illicit relations with women, who failed to support their families, drank or gambled too heavily, or in general "acted scandalously."

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HOUSEKEEPER SLAIN; PRIEST UNDER ARREST

Attempt Made to Bar Policemen From Parish House After the Shooting

PITTSBURGH, Pa., February 16.—Shot through her heart, Miss Anna McDonough, forty-five years old, housekeeper in the rectory of St. Francis Xavier's Roman Catholic Church, was killed instantly Wednesday afternoon. Rev. John J. Grady, pastor of the church for twelve years, was held on a charge of murder.

Grilled by Acting Inspector Kane, at the police station, Father Grady is said to have admitted the shooting, but declared it was accidental, although two empty shells were found in the chamber of a revolver.

Miss McDonough's body was removed to a morgue by Deputy Coroner John T. McQuad and Mullen Jackson, who told police they were admitted to the parish house only after much heated argument with another priest who declared "there is nothing wrong here." The deputy coroners said their authority was questioned by a priest who apparently had taken charge of affairs after the tragedy.

France to Operate Plane Service to West Africa

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A new airplane service between Toulouse, France, and Dakar, West Africa, is to be started in April. Working in conjunction with the steamship lines, it will shorten the time for transmission of mails between Europe, South Africa and South America by nine days.

The service will be carried out by sixty planes.

DEATH RATE LOWER; 1923 WAS GOOD YEAR

One of Healthiest 12-Month Periods in History, Insurance Figures Show

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The year 1923 was distinguished as one of the best health years in the history of the United States and Canada, according to the statistical bulletin of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company for January just issued. The figures presented were compiled from the mortality records of 15,000,000 Metropolitan industrial policyholders, most of whom live in the urban districts, and are therefore more directly affected by welfare agencies.

The death rate for this important cross-section of the American people as represented in the Metropolitan figures was 8.9 per 1,000 in 1923; in 1922 it was 8.8, and in 1921, the record year, 8.7. These are the best three years in the sanitary history of the United States and Canada, as is proved by the rates for their industrial populations for such prior years as 1919 (10.6), 1917 (11.6), 1913 (12.0) and 1911 (12.5).

Radio Heard 7,880 Miles

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The General Electric Company has announced receipt of a letter containing the log of a radio program broadcast here January 4, and received at Cape Town, South Africa.

Every number contained in the log checked with the program as broadcast. The air line distance from Schenectady to Cape Town is 7,880 miles.

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SEES AMERICA AS A DUMPING GROUND

Mayor Simmonds in Plea to Government Club for Strict Immigration

NEW YORK CITY, Feb. 16.—At the meeting of the Government Club Monday afternoon, Major A. P. Simmonds, former liaison officer of the war department and now connected with the secret service, said the foreign nations are making America their dumping grounds for the disposal of undesirable citizens. He asserted that this country had no right to set up an immigration law on the basis of quota until it had established abroad a board or commission empowered to pass on the intellectual, physical and moral qualifications of the immigrants before they are permitted to sail for this country.

He pointed out that a native-born American must live in the United States twenty-one years before he was permitted to vote. He said the three or four years the immigrant is required to spend in this country before he receives the privilege of voting is far too short of the time necessary to inculcate an appreciation of American principles. It was these people, he said, who gathered in community groups throughout the country and became the direct mouthpiece of the Third Internationale of Russia. He urged the women of the Government Club to exercise their vote in eliminating from public office any individual known to have principles inimical to the best interests of the United States or who permitted such persons to propagate their theories under their jurisdiction.

GALION KLANSMEN AT FUNERAL

GALION, O., Feb. 16.—More than 100 members of the Ku Klux Klan attended the funeral of Ivan Davis here recently. After brief services at the home the cortege proceeded to the First M. E. Church at Iberia, where the Klansmen took part in the rites. The Rev. E. S. Collier officiated. A beautiful floral fiery cross was conspicuous among the tributes to the dead Klansman.

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Un-American Politicians Sit in Many Courts

Consternation has seized those who are fighting to keep American gates open to the flood of immigrants and with the leading publications of the country taking up the fight on unrestricted immigration and which was started by the Ku Klux Klan, there is much hurrying and scurrying among the pro-alien interests, says Dawn.

In the World's Work for January, in an article entitled the "Immigration Peril," it is pointed out that it takes only a sixty months' residence in this country for "an Anatolian shepherd or a Russian mujik to be entitled to sit in judgment as a 'peer' in an American court."

Magazines and newspapers are each day bringing forth new and vital reasons why the gates of the United States should be closed against the great influx of foreigners who do not only bring themselves to America but bring their theories along with them. The pro-alien interests are now realizing more than ever that the battle started by the Ku Klux Klan to keep America clear of European ideals and practices, is one that can not be stopped.

Alien Lawyers

In citing the fact that out of more than eleven thousand lawyers in New York City, more than 50 per cent are of foreign birth, or foreign parentage, the writer in the World's Work says:

"Not so long ago, Elihu Root, speaking before the American Bar Association, dwelt on the many and complex questions, such as the effects of taxation, the social structure, justice to the poor and injustice to the rich. He hoped that these and divers other important questions would be solved by the application to the new conditions of the old principles of justice out of which grew our institutions. But to do this, he observed, we must have men who understand **those principles, their history, their reason, their spirit, their capacity for extension, and their right application.** In other words, we must have a Bench and Bar of the highest intellectual and moral integrity, deeply versed—stepped one might say—in the learning and the spirit of our laws and of our jurisprudence. Yet, as he pointed out, a very large part of our new accessions to our legal profession, particularly in the large cities, are of young men who have come from the countries of eastern Europe, from countries where there was a highly developed jurisprudence, and having necessarily, by inheritance, all those predilections and fundamental ideas which differentiate the continental systems of jurisprudence from the Anglo-American system. These young men come here—and they are coming to our bar by the tens of thousands—with continental ideas born in them. No cramming for an examination will get them out. They are not to be learned or disicarned out of a book. Those ideas can be modified or adapted to our ideas only by contact with life—contact with American life—taking in, in the processes of life, some conception of what the American thought and feeling and underlying basis of honesty and justice are.

"Proud of Polish Judge"

"Contrast this with the editorial statement, in a Polish paper published in New Jersey, translated as follows: 'We pride ourselves on having a Polish judge here, and a Polish clerk there,' followed by an appeal for the Polish voters to 'stand together' if they want more offices. Contrast the warning spoken before the highest national assembly of American lawyers with the situation in some of our largest cities and states where many of the magistrates in our lower courts and not a few of the judges in our higher tribunals are either foreign born or of foreign extraction. Contrast it with the fact that in the richest and busiest metropolis of the United States of some eleven thousand lawyers, **more than 50 per cent are of foreign birth or of foreign parentage.**

"No less a careful and judicial body than the committee on legal education of the association of the bar of the city of New York, under the chairmanship of the dean of the Columbia Law School, has gone on record with this finding which I have emphasized to the bar with little knowledge of American institutions and with little or no appreciation of those ideals and traditions which have in the past dominated the spirit of our Anglo-American legal system. **The result is that the bar is carrying an almost insupportable burden of a large membership unfitted by education or experience to bear its responsibilities and without the inclination which comes naturally from familiarity with our institutions, to maintain its traditions.**

Jury Box Important

"But what shall we say of that other burden of alienage upon our legal system—the burden of mental and moral alienage upon the system of trial by jury? Let us bear in mind that **the ultimate enforcement of the law rests upon the jury box;** that under the constitution of every state in the Union, no member of the state can be deprived of any of the rights or privileges secured to citizens 'unless by the law of the land, or **the judgment of his peers.'** It is a serious problem enough when the 'law of the land' is becoming subject more and more to 'interpretations' by lawyers and judges culturally alien to our juridic life and traditions; but a subtler danger is developing through the cultural alienage of vast masses of foreign born or foreign minded 'peers' who today sit in judgment in the jury boxes of American courts. It takes only sixty months' residence in this country (and that residence may be in the non-American environment of a foreign "colony" in our midst)' and the most simple of tests in the veneer of 'Americanization' to make an Anatolian shepherd or a Russian mujik entitled to sit in judgment as a 'peer' in an American court. It is enough to state it to show not merely the absurdity but the grave danger of such a free and easy system. And those well-intentioned, but thoughtless Americans, who are so anxious to 'naturalize' the newcomers as quickly and in as great numbers as possible, ought to bear in mind that such crude and surface 'citizenship' has its repercussions not only on our political institutions but on that great legal system which, through the centuries, the Anglo-Saxons have carefully built up as bulwarks of self-government of and by the people."

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King's Mummy Case, Like Golden Idol, in Coffin

An American correspondent, one of the first persons admitted to the tomb of King Tutankhamen, when it was uncovered by the Carter party working for many months in opening the tomb, has sent the following story to the United States:

At the first view of this magnificent golden coffin, with the face, shoulders, breast and arms of the Pharaoh standing out in boldest relief on the metal, one realized that this discovery was indeed an event in the annals of Egyptology.

Nothing has ever been found in Egypt before resembling this colossus of gold with its strangely natural, oddly captivating face and supreme dignity of line. The only parallel one can call to mind is the great stone effigy carved on the lid of the sarcophagus of Merenptah, the reputed Pharaoh of the Exodus.

The sight of the sheets of gold gleaming on the mummy case of Tutankhamen tells its own tale of the reward that awaited the enterprise of the ancient tomb robbers and readily explains why, of all the sepulchres of Egypt's old rulers, only Tutankhamen's has been inviolate.

Like a Great Golden Idol

When the correspondent entered the tomb he found a sheet of glass laid across the open sarcophagus beneath the cracked granite lid which hung from its tackle some three feet above. The first sight of the dead King's effigy was overwhelming. It might have been a huge golden idol. An incredibly bizarre effect was lent by the solid, folded head dress, the long curved golden beard, the thickness of a ship's cable and the gigantic flail and crook grasped in the great hands.

One felt that the scientists were right in proclaiming the discovery the greatest in the history of Egyptology, even, as many claim, in all archaeology.

It was in the presence of a gathering representing the elite of Egyptology that the lid of the great pink sarcophagus was raised, and the stupendously magnificent mummy case, covered with plates of solid gold, was brought to light.

The Great Dramatic Moment

The moment was the most dramatic in the history of the dramatic discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb. By general consent of those present the mummy-form case immeasurably surpasses in splendor and beauty even the previous magnificent treasures the excavators in this tomb have brought to light.

The mummy case is perfectly intact. The Pharaoh is represented in high relief, more than twice life size, all covered in sheet gold, his serene and beautiful face exquisitely incised, with glittering eyes of Aragonite and a long upcurved beard of solid gold.

The flail and sceptre which the king grasps in his crossed hands are gilded wood more than three feet long. From the waist down the broad wings of protective goddesses meet across the knees to shield the Pharaoh from danger.

When the lid was raised the mummy case was found to be covered with three thicknesses of linen, browned with age. This linen, when rolled up, disclosed to the bewildered eyes of the excavators, as one of those present said, "a gleaming, golden man." The mummy case stands in a coffin on what seems to be a wooden sleigh on which doubtless priests dragged it to the Valley of the Kings.

Are We to Have a Third Party?

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Is this to be the year when another big third party movement is to be started in this country, is a question being discussed nowadays in the national capital. So many radical senators have come to the Senate lately that the great northwest is beginning to feel its power in this direction.

Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has been in the Senate a long time and he always has been an insurgent, always off the Republican reservation. He thinks no more of attacking the Republican party than he does the Democratic party. In fact, most of his attacks have been made on the party that claims to elect him from time to time.

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Will this group of senators be able to nominate candidates for a national ticket. Just who will be picked to head such a party or ticket is yet problematical, but Senator LaFollette's name has been heard mentioned more than that of any other and it is known that he has had presidential ambitions since he entered public life. It is also known that the progressive or radical element in the two parties has been busy trying to get Senator LaFollette to make the race as a third party candidate. He has not yet given his consent, but there are many persons in Washington who profess to believe that he will be the one chosen.

A third party movement, with the greater part of its support coming from the Republican party, will repeat the history made back in Roosevelt and Taft campaign days. That is why the Democrats are taking on such courage. They believe they see a big fighting chance this year, especially if they can succeed in getting a third party in the field and the political wind is blowing in that direction.

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In the recent voting Senator Capper of Kansas, Senator Harreld of Oklahoma and Senator Norbeck of South Dakota seem to have joined the other insurgents.

It is noticeable that most of the senators named belong to the agricultural farm bloc in the Senate and it seems they are sticking close to one another. And on the Democratic side of the chamber Senators Dill of Washington and Wheeler of Montana are inclined to belong to the same crowd.

Fifteen "Raring" Senators

About fifteen senators are inclined in the same direction. There are enough of them on the Republican side of the chamber to make life miserable for the majority party at this session of Congress. All of this gives rise to the comments heard about a third party movement. One or two third party conventions have been scheduled for the coming summer to adopt a national platform and

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Federal control of motion pictures will be supported by churches and reform agencies of the United States, according to a plan being worked out at a conference here recently. The bill which delegates to the conference have advocated has been introduced in Congress by William D. Upshaw (D.), representative from Georgia, referred to the committee on education, of which Frederick W. Dallinger (R.), representative from Massachusetts, is chairman, and is expected to have a hearing in about two weeks.

The bill provides for a federal motion picture commission of seven members, including the federal commissioner of education, ex officio, and two women. It is provided that two members of the commission must be lawyers, two to be teachers and at least one to have experience with the motion picture business as member of a state or city board of censorship or commission on motion pictures.

None of the members of the commission shall be "organization men or women, so-called, of any party." The commission shall license films for interstate and foreign commerce, and upon payment of a fee of $25 will examine scenarios to determine whether they conform to the set of standards which the bill imposes as a requisite for licensing.

The bill does not compel the submission of films for licenses; but it prohibits the carriage and transportation of any unlicensed film in interstate commerce, or the exportation to a foreign country and importation from a foreign country of any unlicensed film.

The intention was to delay introduction of any bill until after the conference in order to give the motion picture producers an opportunity to state their case. Refusal of Will H. Hays to attend was the reason for bringing out the bill in advance of the conference, said Canon William Sheafe Chase of New York in the keynote speech.

He charged the industry with being under fire as a trust, said that it has been conspicuously successful in its political activities to block government regulation and questioned how much it was being used as a weapon to attack the Christian Sabbath, to control authors, and to force up the prices charged to exhibitors.

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Vatican Moves Stealthily to Gain Political Grasp

PARIS, Jan. 27 (Special Correspondence of the Christian Science Monitor).—That the Vatican is making strenuous efforts to recover and to extend its political power in the world, and especially in Europe, can not be disputed. An example of its activities was lately given in these columns. But evidence of the fresh attempts to increase the temporal power of the Roman Catholic Church is above all to be found in the agreement between the French government and the Vatican to permit the formation of diocesan associations under the French law. In the Separation Act of 1905, "associations cultuelles" were provided for, but the pope, in view of the disestablishment of the church, refused to sanction these bodies, forbidding any recognition of the new regime.

The quarrel between France and the Vatican has lasted over eighteen years, and the present accord follows on the negotiations sought by the French government and conducted through the medium of its ambassador to the Vatican. The pope has held aloof, and the nuncio at Paris has not wooed but has been wooed. Even now the pope accepts, after many French concessions, with an air of tolerance, and indicates that still more is wanted. He is merely allowing France to pay court to him.

Expenses Provided For

The diocesan associations are empowered to provide for the upkeep of Roman Catholic worship under the authority of the bishops, in communion, with the Holy See, and in conformity with the constitution of the Roman Catholic Church. They will be able to hold property and to hire and take under their management buildings used for Roman Catholic purposes. It is expected that in view of the security given by the government and the approval of the pope, the associations will attract support, and the Roman Catholic Church in France will now enter a period of increased prosperity. Beyond doubt we are witnessing a great "forward" move, and it is somewhat amazing to find those who were most anti-clerical now advocating the cause of the Vatican.

Something like a revolution has taken place in the convictions of the highest French authorities. They are willing to give the Roman Catholic Church facilities which it accepts ungraciously, and submit to the pope's description of the separation act as "iniquitous." It would be interesting to inquire how the separation of church and state is iniquitous; and that France should allow such an expression to pass without challenge is itself a significant fact. Indeed, the pope only agrees to the associations for a period of trial and regards them as the "first installment of that full freedom which the church continues everywhere to claim." By freedom is apparently meant complete domination.

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It is now asked that the seminaries, the episcopal palaces, and so forth, should be returned to the church, and the associations should be allowed to grow rich on the gifts of the "faithful." It is further asked that France should go farther and authorize the congregations, that is to say, the monks and nuns who set up their schools and exercised a powerful influence on French public life until they were dispersed, to return and exercise their power. It is even asked that a new conception of scholastic neutrality should be adopted. Hitherto, it is represented, this scholastic neutrality has consisted only in maintaining public schools, theoretically neutral with regard to confession, but in practice, it is asserted, hostile to Roman Catholic beliefs.

Back to Clerical Domination

These schools are accused of having encouraged popular revolt and of "having compromised the very existence of the nation which they have dechristianized." In short, France is invited to go back to the days of clerical domination. "If a fairy," writes M. Herve, without blushing, "were to offer one of three things to France, the immediate settlement of reparations, the left bank of the Rhine, or a complete reconciliation between Rome and the republic, it would be the reconciliation that she would choose without hesitation." This is the state of thought which is now manifesting itself in France, and the Roman Catholic Church may well chuckle over its triumph. There can be no doubt that the offensive which has begun will be pursued.

COMMITTEE REJECTS FALL INDIAN POLICY

Questions Legality of His Ruling Permitting Leasing of Red Men's Lands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—What friends of the American Indian claim was an attempt by ex-Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall to exploit the lands of the nation's wards was revealed when a subcommittee of the house committee on Indian affairs refused to approve a policy started by Fall.

The story uncovered by the subcommittee — Representatives Dallinger of Massachusetts and Brumm of Pennsylvania, both Republicans—began during the Fall administration, when a question developed over the rights of the Indians to the minerals and oils in lands allotted to them under executive order. Fall took up an act of February 25, 1920, allowing mining of coal,

Klan Has Made Enemies, Frost Says

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few of the better breed of old residents.

In the town which is the center of this community a young man who is steady, hard working and fairly trustworthy, was living with a notoriously vicious woman. He was called to the 'phone one evening and advised to leave her. The speaker argued at some length, explained that the example was bad, made the proper bringing up of children harder, and so forth. A week was allowed for action. At the end of that time a second brief warning was given that he would regret it if he was not rid of the woman in three days.

A Case in Question

He kept her. On the fourth day he lost his job, for plausible reasons. The next day his landlord demanded an exorbitant raise in rent, for plausible reasons. He found that supplies were cut off, the milkman disappeared, the butcher's wagon failed to stop, and when he went to the stores he could get little attention. At some he was flatly told that his trade was not wanted. By the end of the week only one man would sell him food and this grocer—who had defied a telephone warning—was brought into line within the next week by the loss of nearly 70 per cent of his trade.

The fight—if it can be called that—was over inside two weeks. The young man moved to a hovel some miles into the country, where friends were at hand. As this is written he is still out of work, living precariously on his friends' charity. Such further orders as have come over the telephone of that town have been instantly obeyed.

As an example of the use of the boycott in punishment, let me submit a list read at a meeting of the Klan in northern Ohio. It is written from memory and incomplete, but nearly enough exact to do for illustration. The speaker made no recommendation of action. He said, in effect:

"I wish to tell you some of the things your fellow townsmen have done. The Elite clothing store sells half-cotton goods as pure wool. Arthur Fredericks, a doctor, is a dope user. John Polaris, a restaurant keeper, has been trafficking in women. Michael O'Flynn's soft drink parlor sells white mule. Walter Peters got a slice of that paving contract graft. Jim Brady, the cigar store man, has a starving wife in Omaha and has been making love to some girls here. Benjamin Strauss, the dry goods man, underpays his girls, and besides expects too much of them—you understand. Fred Preston's drug store will give you white stuff if you know the sign. John Barton joined the Klan just to get trade, and has been turned out." And so on. It was an amazingly inclusive list and on its face showed neither race nor religious persecution. Klansmen there boast that more than sixty men and firms have been put out of business in that town for reasons like this. It seems to work, for when the crowd got back to town late that night, not one went into Polaris' restaurant, though it was empty, they were hungry and some had to wait an hour to be served at other restaurants.

Information for Officers

It should be noted that in some vigorous efforts to convince law officers of it, there is evidence that in Klan counties it is hard to get convictions of Klansmen. One instance occurred at Macon, Pa., where several men were on trial for night-riding. The first man up was acquitted, and when the second man was arraigned the Grand Dragon sent a message, which was read to the jury, **that the Klan did not support him nor wish anything but justice.** On the same evidence as in the first case the jury hung. It seems clear that in sending that message General Forrest admitted his own belief that the first jury had been swayed by fear of the Klan.

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Yet there is objection. Almost everywhere that the Klan appears there soon develops very bitter opposition. **This comes not merely from the vicious and criminal classes hit in the reform campaigns. That is to be expected and is a good symptom. It comes also, of course, from Catholics, Jews and aliens and has apparently resulted in strengthening the unity of these classes, thus producing an effect directly opposite to that at which the Klan aims. I say "apparently" because while there are many statements that this is the case I have been unable to obtain from the Knights of Columbus or the B'nai B'rith answers to letters asking for the facts. But this opposition also was to be expected, and in so far as parts of these classes have been working for class or anti-American interests, it is also wholesome.**

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Dr. Evans declares that the Klan does not try nor wish to control or influence any court. The Klansmen's oath, he said, will not prevent his telling the truth about his membership in the Klan or anything else. To think that a judge would be influenced by fear of the Klan would be an indictment of that official, he says, and "there is no more need for a public official in the exercise of his duties to fear a Klansman than there is for him to fear the Republican or Democratic parties, if as much, because both parties are in politics and the Klan is not."

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Asserts, Also, He Is Not Leading Fight for Mayfield's Seat in Senate

Mayfield Controversy, He Says, Has Not Been Mentioned for Two Months

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16. Senator Heflin, of Alabama, denies that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan or that he ever was a member. He also denies that he is directing or leading in the management of Senator Mayfield's contest for his seat in the Senate. He charges that R. B. Creager, of Texas, has injected the Ku Klux Klan into the situation in order to hide his own land frauds which the Senate is about to investigate. In a speech in the Senate on this phase of the matter Senator Heflin said:

"I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have never met with or had conferences with the attorneys for Senator Mayfield in the contest pending against him. I am not directing or managing his contest. I have not heard a senator mention that contest in two months.

"I will say in this connection that long before the Ku Klux Klan was heard of in Texas I made a speech at Austin, invited there by the legislature of the state to speak on the cotton question. One night while I was there I delivered a speech to the dear old ladies of the Confederate Home, and the present distinguished junior senator from Texas introduced me, and I was a guest at his home for dinner. On that occasion I learned to know him fairly well, and his charming wife and fine boys. That was in 1917, five years before he became a candidate for the Senate. I remarked at that time that this man would go to the Senate some day. He had been railroad commissioner of the state for ten years, and a distinguished Texas Democrat, now a member of the Austin commission, said to me: 'He will go to the Senate whenever he runs. He is one of the most popular and able young Democrats in the state.' My personal friendship for him and his family dates back to 1917. I am also the friend of the senior senator from Texas (Morris Sheppard) and his splendid family.

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Guess that will hold Mr. Creager for awhile. He will now be obliged to cook up another excuse if he wants to throw the blame on the Klan.

Bergdoll's Skull Thick

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Honor and a rousing welcome were accorded Lieutenant Corliss Hoover Griffis on his arrival in Chicago Tuesday. He expressed his gratitude to those who aided in effecting his release from a prison in Germany, where he was confined because of his efforts to kidnap Grover Cleveland Bergdoll.

"We'd have got Bergdoll, too," Griffis said, "only his skull was too thick for a blow with a pistol butt to knock him unconscious."

Many of the men who fought with Griffis in his old outfit, the 131st infantry, were present.

KLANSMEN'S BAND PLAYS SELECTIONS

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 18. The Hamilton County Klan band recently gave a number of selections at a meeting of Klansmen held here. The band is newly organized and consists of some of the best musical talent in this city. It contains fifty-five pieces at present, but soon will have 100 pieces. The band is receiving wonderful support from the Hamilton county organization.

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Questions Legality of His Ruling Permitting Leasing of Red Men's Lands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—What friends of the American Indian claim was an attempt by ex-Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall to exploit the lands of the nation's wards was revealed when a subcommittee of the house committee on Indian affairs refused to approve a policy started by Fall.

The story uncovered by the subcommittee—Representatives Dallinger of Massachusetts and Brumm of Pennsylvania, both Republicans—began during the Fall administration, when a question developed over the rights of the Indians to the minerals and oils in lands allotted to them under executive order. Fall took up an act of February 25, 1920, allowing mining of coal, phosphate, shale, gas and sodium on the public domain, and decided that although national forest lands and others taken over for military purposes were excluded from this act, the Indian lands were not.

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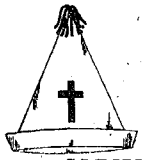

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Information for Officers

It should be noted that in cases like these the effective strength of the boycott is far greater than the Klan membership. This is due to the spread of information—or rumors—about the man under attack which bring in the support of many outsiders. These may be mere back-fence gossip, but they are more likely the development of "whispering campaigns" to a fine art.

A final means used by the Klan in its clean-up is the laying of information before the regular law officers, and bringing pressure to bear on them. This is the only means officially sanctioned by the Klan of affecting conduct, and is being used increasingly. The fund of information the Klan gathers makes it extremely effective, both in inducing the officers to act and in providing evidence for them to act on. It is wholly commendable.

In some parts of the country there is a strong belief that even though night-riding has stopped, the Klan still murders men. Since no case of the kind has ever been proved, it is added that if the man detailed as executioner is ever brought to trial, the Klan through its influence with law officers and jury sees that he is acquitted. I can not do more than report this belief. These rumors are to be expected in any section where shooting is common and are current concerning any powerful organization there. Possibly they are sometimes true, though I have never heard of one being proved. If any Klan has been guilty it has been perfectly successful in escaping justice. But if the charges are true they affect only about a quarter of the present Klan, for in the territory where the bulk of its strength now lies I have not found even a whisper of violence.

Opponents Base Own Argument

The question of how much legal officers favor Klansmen in places where the organization is strong is, however, a serious and universal one. Most people believe that there is little chance of a Klansman ever being brought to justice. This belief has somewhat weakened since Philip Fox was convicted of murder in Atlanta; incidentally the growth of the Klan jumped after this happened. The opponents who had confidently predicted that he would be freed and had emphasized the control the Klan was supposed to have over Georgia courts, found themselves caught in their own argument. My own opinion—I have met Fox and must admit a liking for him—is that the Klan does not control the Georgia courts and also that it made no effort to have Fox freed, but able to the Klan unless it puts pressure on the law officers, a matter almost impossible to prove.

On the whole, however, there is a good deal to show that the general effect of the Klan crusades has been good. The circuit judge quoted in a previous article told me that in his district the Klan had done "substantial justice"; an Oklahoma judge confirmed this. Both said that the general morality and decency had been improved. My own observations agree with this. This judgment is, of course, entirely apart from any question of the good or evil of the methods employed.

The same thing is true of crimes, even of crimes of violence, in spite of the general beliefs about the Klan. The Klan information bureau has statistics which show a decrease in crime in the states where the Klan is strong. For Louisiana they show 30 per cent less crime in the last two years and in Texas about the same, together with an increase in convictions. Statistics from such a source are subject to challenge, of course; but it is certain that lynching, which might be supposed a peculiarly Klannish crime, has decreased more than half in the year of the Klan's great growth. **There are several instances where Klans have helped sheriffs prevent mob violence.**

While on the subject of crime it may be well to give Dr. Evans' statement about the Mer Rouge affair, since that is often cited as a complete condemnation of the Klan. This is the first official statement that has come from a Klan leader on the subject, and denies both that Klansmen were guilty or that the Klan refused to help the prosecution.

True Story Never Told

"The true story of Mer Rouge has not been told," he said. "That is about all the Klan knows about it. It does not know who was guilty nor of what they were guilty. It does know that the prosecution of the case has been proceeding on a wrong theory and against the wrong men. It has been accused of not aiding the prosecution; it has had no information that it could give. Some such information, as yet unverified, has recently come to us. If that information proves correct it will be given to the authorities and the truth will be learned at last."

In all this Klan crusading there has been much talk of abuse of innocent people and of punishment inflicted for the mere fact of opposing the Klan when there were no charges of crime or misconduct. Here again the situation is foggy. Undoubtedly there have been cases of mob violence when there was no least justification for it, and many of these have occurred at times and places where the Klan was active. The Klan's denial of responsibility in such cases is not convincing, since the conditions which make such outrages possible, if not the outrages themselves, are due to the Klan. In fairness it must be added that the proportion of these cases to the total activities of the Klan is very small, and that most of them that I have heard of took place before the Evans reforms.

One more point: Dr. Evans and the other leaders are now trying to stop "meddling"—with the private conduct of people, as they have stopped night-riding. The rule has been laid down that the Klan shall never take direct action, and that no case shall be acted upon except through the regular law officers under enacted statutes. Dr. Evans believes that "meddling" largely has been stopped, but I am forced to disagree with him. The cases I have cited are all recent and in northern and eastern states. There is reason to believe that the evil is decreasing

cause being against the Klan in many places among the very native white Protestants to whom it is expected to appeal. The reasons for this are rather obscure, since it seems to be based only in small part on charges that the Klan has been unjust in individual cases, and is frequently accompanied by the admission that it has done good. The reasons given are vague and not fundamental; disapproval of secrecy of espionage, or the statement that "nobody's got any business doing such things."

There are many people, of course, who hate the Klan merely because they fear it, and never acknowledge that reason. But the real cause of the most serious opposition seems to me to lie in the complaint against meddling. On analysis it shows three sound reasons against the Klan methods, even against the modified methods the leaders are trying to enforce. The first is that public opinion and our own accustomed punishment of obnoxious persons are often unjust and unfair, imply a right to judgment which can not be well maintained, and are tempered by varying opinion in the community as a whole. The evils, overlooked and ignored in ordinary social relations, become magnified and self-condemning when they appear on a large and organized scale.

In the second place, there is a vast difference between pressure applied by the community as a whole and a similar pressure applied, even in the same ways, by a part of the community which has arrogated full power to itself. In the third place, there is no safeguard that the power of the Klan will not be perverted at any moment to all kinds of personal desires—spite, jealousy, revenge, ambition or plain meanness.

The objections to the Klan on the ground of secrecy and espionage are loud but very often do not ring true. Most of those I have heard have been from men who themselves belong to organizations more or less secret and more or less accustomed to use espionage. They are anxious for laws which will stop the Klan from using those weapons, but balk when any attempt is made to provide laws which will stop all organizations from using them. This probably accounts for the futility of all anti-Klan laws so far passed. There are, of course, a few men who are clear-sighted and public-spirited enough to see these things as evils in themselves. Many of them are fighting the Klan, but they do not single it out for hatred above other bodies.

Hate Lies Hidden

At any rate, the opposition is there. In some places it has divided quiet communities into hostile factions. In others it is at present hidden, held down by fear of the Klan, but ready to spring into action if ever that fear dies. **The Klan, I believe, will be stunned to find how great a backing will arise at its first sign of weakness.** The storm which followed the collapse of the Know-Nothings made their name a hissing for two generations, and this will not be less. This suppressed hatred also makes it certain that if the Klan does start to break up, its fall will be even faster than its growth.

Important as are these social activities of the Klan, its political power and its results in that field are even more so. It can only be through politics that it may carry out its official aims; it is only in politics that it can even make its social reforms permanent. The Klan denies that it is in politics, yet in the same breath Dr. Evans declares that its program "must result in political action and can be carried out in no other way." The Klan in politics and what it means in the government of America and particularly in the coming election, will be taken up in the next, and final article.

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