

Klan Demands Clean City

Condemned Klan—Now Seeks Support

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Klansmen Sweep Flint Election

ALIENS HIT BY RULING

NEW YORK, March 8.—Federal Judge Learned Hand ruled Wednesday that the wives and minor children of resident aliens are not admissible in excess of the immigration quotas unless it is shown that the resident alien married when on a temporary visit abroad. The decision is expected to stop immediately the influx of immigrant women and children, permitted to enter under the so-called Gottlieb and Markarian cases.

MARTINS FERRY MASS MEETING A SUCCESS

1,500 to 2,000 Persons Crowd School Auditorium—1,000 Are Turned Away

MARTINS FERRY, O., March 8.—A mass meeting held Sunday afternoon, March 2, by the Ku Klux Klan of this city, when the public was invited, was a successful affair, and has been the subject of much comment the last few days. The meeting was held in the local high school auditorium, which was packed to capacity. It was estimated that from 1,500 to 2,000 persons were able to obtain admittance and approximately 1,000 were turned away.

A twelve-piece orchestra entertained the audience, adding quite a lot of pep and enthusiasm. A solo by a Klansman was the opening number on the afternoon program. Following this another Klansman walked on the stage holding out an American flag. Immediately the audience came to its feet, saluted the stars and stripes and sang "The Star-Spangled Banner."

The members of the Martins Ferry board of education were then presented with seven American flags, one for each of the seven public schools of the city. This part of the program was unexpected and

Foreigners Active Against the Immigration Bill

CHARGES OF PERJURY MAY BE MADE AGAINST M'LEAN IN FALL CASE

Washington Publisher's Story of \$100,000 Loan Places Him in Unenviable Position

His Special Leased Wire Into Office of White House Makes Good Thunder for Democrats

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Judging from all the writer has seen and heard in the Senate lately and from the sort of evidence that has been dug up by the oil investigating committee, it begins to look as though the Democrats in the Senate are going to make all the campaign material they can out of the disclosure that Ed McLean, publisher of the Washington Post and Cincinnati Enquirer, has had a special leased wire running into the White House offices. Also, it is reported that McLean has been employing the same telegraph operator on the Washington end of this wire that operates for the White House.

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WASHINGTON, March 8.—Representative Cable, of Ohio, in a speech on the floor of the House, advocated formulation of an "American bloc" to combat what he termed a "foreign bloc," working against the Johnson immigration bill.

Representative Rankin, of Mississippi, asserted that Democratic members of Congress are receiving letters threatening them with a Republican administration next year if they allow the Johnson bill to pass. Representative Cable said the same was true on the Republican side. So it seems the "foreign bloc" is working on both parties, trying to play one against the other and threatening both of them.

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Coolidge, on Republican Side, Appears to Have Practically Clear Sailing to Date

Johnson Shows Little Strength and LaFollette Has Quit—Hot Race of Democrats

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Speaking of politics it might be well to take a look at the situation as it appears now, especially on the Republican side of the fence. Seventy-four delegates to the Republican national convention have been chosen and President Coolidge has bagged them all. The list now stands: Iowa, 29; Virginia, 15; Kentucky, 26; South Carolina, 4 at large.

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FLINT ELECTIONS EXPLODE PROPAGANDA THAT THERE ARE ONLY FEW KLANSMEN

Men Favorable to Organization Will Have Control of the City Council

(By "Radio")

FLINT, Mich., March 10.—It is conceded here today that Klansmen at the polls won a sweeping victory and one of the defeated candidates has already made a statement in which she is chagrined to learn the Klan is so strong in Flint. The defeat of Mrs. Clara Abbott in her race for re-election to the city council "caused considerable surprise," according to newspaper reports. In her statement, Mrs. Abbott admitted that the council will be controlled by men favorable to the Klan.

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One Member of Commission Said to Have But Recently Taken Out Naturalization Papers—"Flagrant Law Violations Must Stop"—Mayor Guthrie, Klan Opponent, Removes Street Commissioner—and Fills Place With Citholic—Once Called Council to Vote on Ordinance Framed to Balk Klan Parades.

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One newspaper made the statement that if he is elected, "he will stand hitched." A prominent business man, member of the Peru Klan, after reading the statement declared, "That Mr. Bearss will stand hitched before and during the campaign and not after he is elected, because he will never be elected."

Believed to Be Catholic
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It has been proven by the testimony of Washington bankers that McLean did not have sufficient money in banks here to have covered his two checks totaling \$100,000, had Mr. Fall seen fit to cash same. The checks were never cashed and were later returned to McLean. People now profess to see in that transaction deception and refer to it as a smoke screen thrown out to blind and hide Mr. Doheny, who really did loan Fall the money.

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Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has practically taken himself out of the presidential race for the Republican nomination and this narrows the Republican field to a contest between the president and Senator Johnson.

William M. Butler, manager for Coolidge, said recently that reports coming to him from all parts of the United States convinced him that President Coolidge will get at least 900 out of the 1,109 delegates to the Cleveland convention.

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A few of the things charged by the Klansmen follow: "We have reason to believe that there are at all times law violations going on with the police, police chief and police commissioners' knowledge and that there have been instances when places of business have been tipped off before an attempt was made to raid them.

"We have further reason to believe that the present police chief was forced to sign a statement in answer to the grand jury instead of the police commissioners making a statement over their own signature.

"In one instance, the owner of a building in which a soft drink parlor is located, has left instructions to call him before such place is raided which would give him ample (Continued on Page 5)

Klan Is Attacked By K. of C. at South Bend

(Special to The Fiery Cross)
SOUTH BEND, Ind., March 10.—That the chief opposition to the Ku Klux Klan comes from the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations was emphasized here when at an initiation held by the Roman Catholic organization, members took the opportunity to attack the Klan.

While it seems impossible to many citizens of South Bend that Mayor Eli F. Seibert does not know that the Knights of Columbus are bitterly opposed to Protestantism, the mayor spoke before them and "praised their high ideals." The mayor also took occasion to take a slap at the Klan organization. While he did not mention the Klan, and in reality did practically nothing that the Klan does not believe in, he did use stereotyped phrases that have become known as those used by enemies of the American organization in their effort to create the impression that the Klan is not what it really is.

Albert Veneman, a Knight from Evansville, declared that he "did not fear that the Klan would destroy the Catholic church." Klansmen in South Bend merely laughed at the statement inasmuch as they know the Klan is not trying to destroy the Catholic church. They know that they have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States

and that this same constitution gives all citizens the right to worship as they desire.

Politics Not a Religion
Klansmen, however, as a member of the Klan here put it, "do object to the Roman Catholic hierarchy attempting to run the affairs of America." Dabbling in politics is not a form of worship, it was pointed out.

Dr. C. A. Lippencott, who is known as a Protestant, said: "The most dangerous man in our country today is the man who tries to stir up religious hatred. We should resist him to the limit by trying to overcome the evil he is spreading with our own good."

By these words, Dr. Lippencott, who was formerly a Presbyterian minister, attempted to create the impression that the Klan is guilty of doing such things.

One of the things which Dr. Lippencott did place before the people of South Bend, is the great contrast in Protestants and Catholics. While the affair was strictly Catholic and an initiation of men into the Knights of Columbus, a former Protestant minister together with other Protestants appeared and joined with the Catholics in condemning a Protestant organization.

"Can anyone," asked a man who belongs to both the Klan and the Masonic order, "imagine a Catholic priest appearing at a Masonic meet- (Continued on page 5)

LOGAN JUNIORS BURN CROSS

LOGAN, O., March 8.—A 25-foot cross was burned here recently by the Junior Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The sky was lighted for an hour and a half as the cross burned. It attracted much attention. The Junior order is growing rapidly here and much activity is shown.

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The Fight on the Johnson Immigration Bill

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Under the present 3 per cent American immigration law more than enough Poles have registered at the American consulate in Warsaw, Poland, to await their turn for American visas to fill Poland's quota for two years to come. Should the Johnson immigration bill, setting a quota of 2 per cent, pass the American Congress, the number of applications on hand would fill the quota from Poland to the United States for four years.

The registrations of Jews and Poles in the American consulate have reached 60,000. As proof that there is a powerful political pressure being brought to bear in Washington, attention is called to the mail reaching the consulate in Warsaw. It is said in the last few months seven out of every ten letters received have been from senators and representatives in Congress pleading that special favors be shown Jewish immigrants. Occasionally a letter asks special consideration for some Pole.

The pressure was increased to the Helweg Immigrant Aid Society. Under the direction of Isadore Hershfield, former president of the organization and an immigration lawyer, an active lobby is maintained in Washington. It is said by officers in Washington that Hershfield receives a salary of \$30,000 a year for his work.

But the Jews are not the only organized body attempting to defeat the Johnson bill. The steamship companies have a big lobby in Washington and it is busy day and night. It is said that eight steamship companies stand to lose millions of dollars annually if the horde of immigrants are shut off. Immigration authorities in the Baltic states estimate that these companies have collected approximately 300,000 prepaid passages from American relatives of foreigners who expect to be brought to the United States. This sum is said to total \$40,000,000. This money alone is a gold mine for the steamship lines. The greater number of the foreigners booked could not leave for America for two or three years. Their passage money is drawing interest, naturally, for the steamship companies, and immigration authorities assert that a part of this interest money is providing the expenses of the steamship lobby in Washington. The lobby is working directly to kill the Johnson bill, but as a last resort, and in event it is unable to prevent passage of the bill, lawyers are busy attempting to inject hidden clauses to make the law ineffective.

ROOSEVELT'S OPINION OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

In the syndicated articles, "Letters of Archie Butt to His Mother," appearing in many of the metropolitan newspapers of the day, a reference to the church of Rome recently slipped in, evidently uncensored by some of the higher ups in the newspaper game. Mr. Butt was telling of a Methodist meeting addressed by President Roosevelt. The conversation referred to below took place after the meeting between the president and Mr. Butt. Mr. Roosevelt, in commenting on the meeting, said:

"The growth of the Episcopal church in the cities is marvelous. The Methodists do not seem to make much advance in the cities, but their growth is largely in the country and in new territory.

"I think the organization of the two churches is very similar, and, after all, organization tells in the long run. I should not like to be quoted especially after my appeal for religious tolerance, but the Catholic church is in no way suited for this country and can never have any great permanent growth except through immigration, for its tongue is Latin and entirely at variance with the dominant thought of our country and institutions."

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