

# Terre Haute Is Shocked

## Kentucky Governor Signs Bible Bill

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### EXCESSIVE PROPAGANDA A BOOMERANG

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Borah Continues to Fire Volley of Hot Shot, and Even Broadside Is a Warning

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WASHINGTON, March 24.—There is rapidly crystallizing a sentiment all over the country that is being reflected in the daily press from day to day the feeling of the people that Congress is dilly-dallying, putting in too much time on investigations and not enough on the real legislation that is expected. Republicans in the Senate are crying that the Democrats are playing politics, making campaign material for the coming campaign in these investigations and the Democrats retaliate by declaring that the Republicans have no legislative program before them and that no legislation is being held up or back by reason of the investigations.

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Colossal Demonstration Proves Overwhelming Majority to Be With Ku Klux Klan

HERRIN, Ill., March 26.—Carl and Earl Shelton, brothers, and members of the "Flaming Circle," have been indicted for the murder of Caesar Cagle, constable, on the streets of Herrin on the memorable night of Friday, March 8.

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(Special to The Fiery Cross)

ELWOOD, Ind., March 24.—Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank, of Indianapolis, whose official acts are about to be investigated by the Indianapolis polis, whose official acts are about to be reported, spoke here before a handful of people Saturday night. He was introduced by Mark Wittings, who, having been in the undertaking business for many years, was regarded the appropriate person for the job. It was evident, however, that to reverse a certain well-known saying, he "came to laud him and not to bury him." The burying process has been deferred until the second week in May, when the voters of Indiana, if they all feel as they do in Elwood, will go to the polls to vote for a nominee for governor.

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### GREAT VICTORY WON BY LAW AND ORDER ELEMENT

MEASURE HAD BACKING AND MORAL SUPPORT OF KLANSMEN—HOUSE ACTION WAS UNANIMOUS

Only Seven Votes Against It in Senate—Constitution Bill Also Passed—Now Awaits Signature

(Special to The Fiery Cross)  
FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—With the signing by Governor Fields of the "Bible bill," passed by the general assembly here, a great victory is believed to have been won by the citizens of Kentucky who believe in law enforcement and those influences that will have much to do with the mental attitude of the next generation.

The bill had the backing, morally at least, of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, though the organization never publicly was associated with its introduction or the work connected with pushing it through both houses. It passed the Senate by a vote of 30 to 11 and passed the House unanimously, which is regarded remarkable.

Governor Fields has been busy receiving messages congratulating him on the signature of the bill.

Constitution Bill

The assembly passed another bill, which is awaiting the signature of the governor, a bill which would provide for the teaching of the constitution in all schools of the state, both public and private. This bill passed both houses with only a little difficulty and sentiment all over the state, from what can be learned here, is strongly in favor of the proposed law.

However, the work of the Protestant forces aligned behind the Bible bill is not completed. The bill provides that "it shall be the duty of the state board of education to prepare and publish a course of Bible study including both the Old and New Testaments for the use of high school pupils throughout the state. On providing the course of study by the state board of education to all high school principals, it shall become the duty of, and the said high

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Bootleggers Safer Outside, Running Wild, Than in Cell—Armstrong, Who Has Been in Office 15 Months, Has Made No Attempt to Close Any of the Many Roadhouses Violating the Law—Federal Authorities and Horsethief Detectives' Association Make One of the Biggest Hauls of Illicit Liquor—Other Notorious Places Raided—Underground "Tipping" Business Thrives

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However, someone, somewhere has “pulled a boner” and the foes of restricted immigration are now “crying enough” on the propaganda output. The straw that seems to have fractured the camel's vertebra is the story carried by the Associated Press out of Rome in which an American pope was hinted. In fact, the story which was carried under date of March 9th declared that Catholics in America were now asking just how soon there would be an American pope. This story has created havoc.

“Propaganda,” declared one worried congressman, “is all right, but at this time there is too much vatican stuff. The American Protestant

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# Junior Klan Tourney Opens in Elwood Mar. 5

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

ELWOOD, Ind., March 25.—All details except those of a minor nature have been completed for the holding of the Junior Ku Klux Klan basket ball tournament here next week in which from twelve to sixteen teams from over Indiana will tangle and the winner will engage in battle with the champion team of Ohio. The games will be played Friday and Saturday in the armory here and the winner will face the Ohio team at 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Teams will come here from Frankfort, Anderson, Indianapolis, Kokomo, Logansport, Terre Haute, Princeton, Alexandria, North Vernon, Peru and other points in the state. A list of all towns which will compete in the tournament has not been completed at this time. They will be given to the public the first part of next week. Those teams farthest removed from Elwood will not leave their respective cities until after school hours Friday; their games being scheduled for Saturday. The first elimination game will start at 6 o'clock Friday night. The schedule thus arranged will not take any player away from school until after school hours on Friday as several of the towns are within two hours' ride of Elwood. The play on Saturday morning will begin at 8 o'clock in the morning.

**Gold Cup for Winners**  
The Indiana team which wins the elimination games will clash with the Ohio champions on Saturday night. The Ohio elimination games begin Friday of this week. The winner of this game will be awarded a gold loving cup.

There will also be two medals awarded. One medal will go to the best all around player during the series and the other will be awarded to the player showing the best mental attitude.

The churches of Elwood are planning to banquet the players and all preparations have been made to take proper care of the visiting players.

The present outlook shows that the games will be largely attended. The armory in which the games will be played seats 2,200 persons. Intense interest is being shown in the games in Ohio as well as in Indiana.

Detailed information of the tournament may be secured by writing Postoffice Box 1622, Indianapolis.

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There is the immigration question, not yet up for passage. It is out of committee in the House and waiting its turn for action.

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The applause in the courtroom brought forth an order from the court for everything to be done in an orderly manner. The continuous mention of Glenn Young's name at the beginning of each indictment elicited a round of hearty laughs. Delos Duty assumed the side of the

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## CREAGER APPEALS TO JEWS TO HELP HIM

Same Gentleman Is About to Be Investigated for Alleged Land Frauds in Texas

(Bureau Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, March 24.—R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman for Texas, has a three-column article on the front page of the Jewish Spectator, the oldest Jewish journal published in the south, at Memphis, appealing to the Jews of the country to support him in his fight against the Ku Klux Klan. He declares the Klan a menace to American institutions and tells of his fight to have both political parties adopt a plank in their respective platforms condemning the Klan.

Mr. Creager appeals to racial prejudice in his article and winds up by declaring that he is working with all his power to have the Klan condemned and put out of business.

This is the same Creager who is about to be investigated for land frauds in the Rio Grande valley in Texas and whom Senator Hefflin declares he will help put behind the bars before he gets through with him.

**ALLEGED GAMBLERS NOT TRIED**

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 25.—Two alleged gamblers arrested here recently in their lair over the Army Goods store in St. Clair street have not been brought to trial. It is intimated that should pressure be brought which would force the cases to court, Charles Morris, county attorney, would look somewhat with disfavor on such measure.

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Mr. Shank spoke in the Alhambra theater owned by one Joseph Fike and on his arrival in the city was shown over the town by Abe Levi, a local merchant in odds and ends of metal, who told all about the Klan.

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**AND THE PRIEST PAID**

Twin brothers, little fellows, sell The Fiery Cross in a northern Indiana city. Recently at the railway station one of the twins accosted a priest of the Roman Catholic church with a request to buy. “No,” said the priest, “it is not my choice of reading.” The boy was away and about his business, when the twin brother came on the scene. He, too, approached the priest with the same request. Somewhat perturbed, the priest said: “Did I not tell you I didn't want your paper?” “No,” replied the boy; “maybe it was my twin brother.” The priest, thinking he was the butt of a joke, said: “If you will convince me you have a twin brother and that it was he who called on me, I will buy your paper and give you 25 cents for it.” It was only the matter of a minute until the first twin was brought to the Roman Catholic clergyman. He looked closely at one boy, then the other, and said: “Well, I haven't seen two children so much alike in my whole life. Here is your quarter,” and he took a copy of The Fiery Cross. The train drew up to the station as the conversation ended and the priest turned to the coach that stopped in front of him. Addressing a man at an open window, he said: “Here is a newspaper that costs me a quarter. Take it and read it!”

**WAKING UP AT LOGOOTEETEE**

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Now, Mr. Sheriff, is there any reason why we should not have a new sheriff, who will make an honest effort to clean up Vigo county?

## LONGWORTH PROMISES IMMIGRATION ACTION

Pledges His Word That Johnson Measure Will Come Up Early in April

(Bureau Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, March 24.—According to a promise made to Representative John L. Cable, of Ohio, by Nicholas Longworth, majority leader, the Johnson immigration bill will come before the house for vote within the next ten days. Opponents of the bill had been seeking to delay its consideration, thinking that such action might lead to a continuation of the present 3 per cent measure.

Congressman Cable, one of the sponsors of the immigration bill, was determined that a vote be reached with the least possible delay, so he obtained the following written promise from Mr. Longworth: “The house must give immediate consideration to the appropriation bills for the support of the regular functions of government, and in the next ten days those appropriation bills now on the calendar—the navy, the army and the independent offices appropriation bills—will in all probability be disposed of.”

“The immigration bill will be considered immediately following the passage of these bills, and you may advise those who have made inquiry of you that the measure will be reached for consideration about the first of the month, and certainly following the passage of the appropriation bills referred to.”

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**Decides to Squeal**

He called a relative, once he made up his mind, and sent the relative to a judge of the court with the information that Raymond Powers wished to appear before the grand jury and tell some of the things going on in Terre Haute and Vigo county. Sheriff Armstrong and William McGurk, prominent Knight of Columbus, Armstrong's chief deputy and confidant, were out of town. Powers got to the grand jury. What he was supposed to have told enraged Armstrong until his passion almost consumed him. That night in the jail, Raymond Powers was so badly beaten that he was not presentable in court the next day. The mystery surrounding this assault has not been explained, unless the prosecuting attorney and the grand jury

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