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## Calumet District Turns Back On Shank

### AUCTIONEER IS ASKED ABOUT TRICK HORSE

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Consistently Small Audiences to Greet Him in Every City He Appears Seem to Indicate He and Ora Davis, Anti-Klan Candidate of Terre Haute, Are Running About Neck and Neck—Some Indianapolis Figures and Situations Cited After Gary Affair Is Over.

(By Wingfoot)  
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## Jeffersonville Booze Ring Jolted

### ANOTHER KLAN BUSTING SHEET IN THE DISCARD

EDITOR AND PUBLISHERS OF INFAMOUS STATEMENTS AGAINST W. E. TEUBERT, WORLD WAR VETERAN

Accused in Four Affidavits of Libelous Statements Against W. E. Teubert, World War Veteran

MARION, Ind., April 5.—The notorious Indiana Citizens Post, distributed in some Indiana cities under an Indianapolis date line, seemingly is even worse than the average citizen who has heard of it and, maybe, sometimes read it for amusement, suspected.

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### WARSAW IS TO STAGE BIG KLAN AFFAIR AS A CAMPAIGN OPENER

Parade, Fireworks, Closed Meeting and Social Session on Program for Friday Night

Elkhart, South Bend and Knox to Send Bands, and Delegations Are to Come From Many Towns

WARSAW, Ind., April 7.—One of the biggest affairs in Klandom in Indiana for the early spring activity is scheduled for Warsaw Friday night, when Klansmen from all over this part of the state will participate in a closed meeting, preceded by a display of fireworks and a street parade.

Every Klan order in the Thirteenth district is expected to send delegations. Elkhart, South Bend and Knox delegations will be accompanied by bands which will participate in the parade. The program for the fireworks display is elaborate and a beautiful demonstration is expected to awaken the citizenship of Warsaw to the activity of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Warsaw has not been inactive during the winter, but there have not been many public demonstrations because of weather conditions.

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### ELEVENTH-HOUR CALL ISSUED TO ALL AMERICANS

Most Bitter Fight in History of Congress Is On Over Immigration Bill

Foreign Blocks Use Every Available Means to Bring Pressure to Bear to Kill Measure

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The immigration fight is on in dead earnest in congress and every American who wishes to help by wiring his senator or congressman must do so now if he expects to get in before the fight is over. This is the last call. It is the eleventh hour.

In the senate the fight has been on several days. The bill is on the senate calendar as the unfinished business of the senate and comes up every day the senate is in session. It began with a long discussion by the chairman of the senate committee, Senator Colt, of Rhode Island, who told of its many provisions. Senator Colt and the committee substituted the 1910 census on which to base the quota instead of the 1890 census as is wanted by the Johnson bill in the house. The 1890 census will further restrict immigration over that of 1910 by a ratio of something like 150,000 to 130,000 as against 355,000 to 400,000 if the 1910 figures are enacted into law. Klansmen are for the 1890 census if they can not have a stoppage of immigration altogether for five years.

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### JUNIOR BASKET BALL STATE TOURNAMENT AT ELWOOD SUCCESS

Large Attendance and Splendid Sportsmanship Displayed—Medals and Cups Given

Elwood and Kokomo Make Hot Fight for Finals, Latter Winning—Lost Close Game to Ohio Champs

ELWOOD, Ind., April 7.—Junior Klansmen of Indiana had their day here—two days, strictly speaking—Friday and Saturday, when the great basket ball tournament of Indiana of the Juniors was played in the Elwood armory. A program of unusual interest was prepared and carried out during the two days. Musical features were numerous and visitors were entertained throughout the city. One feature greatly appreciated was arrangements made for serving meals at the Christian church. All players were cared for there and many other visitors, and the serving of meals provided a means for social intercourse and for all visitors to become acquainted.

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### INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY THE SCORE

EFFORT OF KLAN TO RID CITY OF VICE GETS BOOST—REVIVAL MEETING HELPS

Organization Is Fought Bitterly by Chief of Police Cole—Mayor Also Antagonistic

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., April 7.—A score of alleged dealers in illicit liquor have been placed under arrest here following indictments returned by the grand jury. It is understood that much of the evidence, if not all of it, was secured by Klansmen, either directly or indirectly. The indictments followed a revival meeting held by certain organizations in Jeffersonville during which Rev. Robert Lewis made a plea to the authorities to clean up the city. Rev. Lewis had the backing of the Klan during his series of meetings here.

It is a well-known fact that bootleggers infest Jeffersonville and that the Klan has for several months past been trying to effect a cleanup through the properly-constituted officials. The Klan has been bitterly fought by Mayor Joseph Warden and Chief of Police John Cole, the latter of whom is alleged to have stated last May that he "would throw all the Protestants in Jeffersonville into the Ohio river."

Fifteen operators of soft drink es-

### LIGHTS SHUT OFF AND MOB STABS IN DARK

RIOTERS THROW LILLY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN DARKNESS AND RUSH KLANSMEN AS THEY BOARD TRAINS AFTER CEREMONY ON HILLSIDE OVERLOOKING TOWN—LIGHTS ARE TURNED ON AS SPECIAL TRAIN PULLS AWAY

Automobiles Are Stopped and Searched and Occupants Questioned by Gangsters Who Employ Tactics Used by Aliens at Perth Amboy—State Police Are Called to Scene—Many Arrests Are Expected in Next Forty-eight Hours

(By Staff Correspondent)

LILLY, Pa., April 7.—Lilly today had seemingly quieted down after the rioting of Saturday night when a mob attacked a party of Klansmen who were quietly boarding a special train to return to their homes after a ceremonial held here. Two men are dead and a number lie injured as a result of the attack in the dark; an attack plainly premeditated by a pro-alien mob who first shut off all the electric street lights and attacked in the dark.

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#### Armistice Record Sticks

The fact that Bill Armistice is Mayor Shank's "political advisor" is

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## FRANKLIN KLANSMAN FLAYS NEWSPAPER

Says Organized Campaign of  
Misrepresentation Is Be-  
ing Carried On

FRANKLIN, Ind., April 5.—Asserting that the Klan has been maligned by its enemies, and that it was not such an organization as those who get their information from the newspapers would think, a well-known citizen here who was not a bit backward about claiming membership in the great order gave some interesting news of Klan activities that is not generally known to the public.

When asked for some concrete evidence as to the good the organization in Johnson county had done, he submitted a typewritten statement to a local newspaper which contained an itemized list of a large number of charities. Although it is not strictly in accordance with Klansman's parade to back up his statements, those interested said, made it necessary to call attention to cases that would otherwise have been kept secret.

The Klansman also said that an organized campaign of misrepresentation is being carried on throughout the land in which campaign the Klan is placed in the worst light possible in order that certain "weak-kneed" individuals who have joined the organization might be persuaded that the Klan is really some "monster."

"All of the press associations seem to have joined in spreading this propaganda," he says, "and many of the big city papers are aiding and abetting the scheme."

#### LAST RITES AT MORGANTOWN

MORGANTOWN, Ind., April 5.—Forty Klansmen in full regalia attended the funeral of Roy Whitaker here last Saturday. An impressive Klan service was held at the cemetery and a large floral fiery cross was laid at the grave of the de-

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J. M. Tillett, former judge, of Peru, and Harvey Cole, also of Peru, have been retained by Mr. Teubert to prosecute the case.

Following the publication of the alleged defamatory and untruthful story, Mr. Teubert said he started an investigation to find out where the

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## ATTEMPT AT ELWOOD TO STOP FREE PRESS

Two Patrolmen, One a Candidate for Sheriff, Order Fiery  
Cross Newsboys Off Streets

ELWOOD, Ind., April 7.—Intimidation of free speech and free press is cropping out again in Elwood. Two patrolmen have taken it upon themselves to attempt to chase boys selling the Fiery Cross off the streets. They have no authority back of them, except their police badges, and they have been careful to issue their orders to the boys when no one was near to interfere with their caristic attitude.

One of the patrolmen in question has set himself up as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Madison county. He is known in political circles as a "has been." He was defeated by the old-line political group at the last election. That group of politicians is also "down and out" in Madison county, but they see a ray of hope in the use of this man's name to get a little of the political spotlight. It is this group that is now bringing the patrolman, who is fighting the Fiery Cross, into the ring as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff.

Americans in Elwood and Madison county have no fear of this group for the candidate for the nomination for sheriff. His campaign is only a verbal nature. His cause will never even get into the county convention, it is said. Political affairs have been cleaned up wonderfully in Elwood and Madison county, due to the awakening of the American citizenship, and these Americans have no intention of stepping aside to give the old element another chance to misrule.

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A large class of candidates will be initiated and the membership will be informed of the plans made for the coming season's work.

## KLANSWOMEN GIVE BIBLES TO SCHOOL

HUNTINGTON, Ind., April 5.—The Women of the Ku Klux Klan of Medina township, Warrick county, presented a Bible to each room of the Green Hill Consolidated school recently, and the appreciation of teachers was shown when a letter was received by the Klanswomen, reading:

"We, the teachers, and all who are interested in the guidance of our American children, the most precious jewels of the earth, wish to thank the Women's organization of the Ku Klux Klan for their gift, and hope that they will keep steadfast in their good work."

#### MRS. MABEL WILLITS DEAD

Mrs. Mabel Willits, wife of Guy Willits, died Tuesday morning. The funeral is to be held Thursday at 10 o'clock at the United Brethren church, Eleventh and Olney streets. Friends are invited. Burial will be at Carmel, former home of Mrs. Willits.

## Davis Urges Back Doors Be Closed on Aliens

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, April 5.—James W. Davis, secretary of labor, has had a wide experience in the administration of immigration laws, and he has discovered that it is practically impossible to make the laws effective while the back doors are wide open all along both of our land frontiers. Mr. Davis has, accordingly, more than once, urged that Congress should apply the rule of quota limitation to British North America, Mexico, Central America and South America. He suggests that it is unwise to close our front doors to immigration and leave our back doors open. More than 63,000 Mexicans entered this country last year. With many of them the standard of living is very low, as compared with real Americans. They are not the most desirable by any means.

Here is another proposition, suggested and recommended by Secretary Davis. These suggestions can be easily incorporated in the new legislation. The advice of Secretary Davis, chief administrator of the immigration laws, should have great weight with congress. His experience in actual enforcement of the laws has given him information which is not in the possession of the legislators.

This country approves of a restrictive policy as to immigration

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Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, has an amendment for which he is fighting to base the quota on the 1890 census and Senator Shortridge, of California, is fighting for his amendment providing for Japanese exclusion.

Senator Reed, of Pennsylvania, author of the senate measure, is also fighting for the senate bill but he wishes to keep the "gentleman's agreement" with Japan, holding that it will be more effectual in the curbing of that immigration than would any exclusion law. The California senators take issue with him on that point and are arguing for Japanese exclusion altogether.

The bill will not come to a vote in the senate for possibly another week as it is believed it will be under discussion that long, perhaps longer.

#### House Bill Up

The rules committee in the house of representatives has brought in a special rule under which the house is to consider the Johnson immigration bill. This is the kind of bill all good Klansmen wish to see enacted into law. It cuts the figures down

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#### WOMEN GET RESULTS

INDEPENDENCE, Ind., April 5.—The Women's organization of the Klan of Warren and Medina townships visited every schoolroom in the two townships March 22 and presented each teacher with a beautiful Bible. Through the efforts of the women's organization of Warren and Medina townships the poolrooms in several places have refused to permit boys to enter their places. The sale of cigarettes to minors has been stopped. This organization has done many good deeds.

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#### Successful Affair

It was the first contest of the kind the Juniors of Indiana have attempted, and it was a success financially, socially and athletically. The attendance for the two days was good, the Saturday and Saturday night crowds being almost capacity.

By winning the contest the New Philadelphia team carried away the championship cup, a beautiful trophy, and the Kokomo team won the cup for the Indiana division. Two medals, one for the best sportsmanship displayed, and one for the best individual player, were awarded. A member of the Kokomo team won the first medal and the second medal was awarded to a member of the Terre Haute team.

Play started Friday and continued throughout the afternoon. It was resumed Saturday morning and continued until Saturday evening, the championship event starting at 8 p. m.

#### Scores of the Events

The scores for Friday and the teams participating follows: Kokomo defeated Indianapolis, 33—23; Alexandria defeated Terre Haute, 24—15; Pendleton defeated Peru, 34—17; Logansport defeated Anderson, 24—15; Elwood defeated Knox, 33—20; Princeton defeated Frankfort, 33—20.

The Saturday results were as follows:

Kokomo 32, North Vernon 12. Pendleton 30, Alexandria 4. Elwood 23, Logansport 10. Kokomo 30, Princeton 26. Elwood 19, Pendleton 15. Final—Kokomo 29, Elwood 17. Kokomo was defeated by New Philadelphia 47 to 30.

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Fifteen operators of soft drink establishments are among those indicted. All the defendants are now at liberty on bonds of \$500 each. All of them have waived arraignment.

The Klan has demonstrated here that it is for the strict enforcement of law and public sentiment has long ago swung in favor of the efforts of the organization to clean up Jeffersonville of certain vice conditions.

#### Chief Cole Bitter Enemy

One of the bitterest enemies encountered by the organization has been Chief Cole. He has been very active against the order and has

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## TERRE HAUTE KLAN PLANS A BIG AFFAIR

Glee Club Is to Put on Minstrel  
Show and Carnival on Klan  
Grounds June 9-14

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 5.—Plans are being rapidly worked out by committees of Klansmen under the direction of the Klan Glee Club of Terre Haute for the big minstrel show, carnival and circus to be given on the Klan grounds, four miles north of the city, June 9 to 14. It is expected to be a gala week for Klansmen from all parts of the state.

The Glee Club has put on some of the most successful amateur theatrical entertainments ever staged in Terre Haute. The organization is known for its ability throughout the state. Some of the best voices in the city are embraced in the organization and musicians of real ability are included in the roster. The special feature, for which the glee club will be directly responsible, is the minstrel show, to be given on the stage in the Klan grounds each day and evening during the week. There is no question in the minds of Terre Haute persons who have seen other minstrels given by the glee club that this feature will be a great success.

Other features of the week's frolic include a Midway, 100x300 feet, filled with diversified attractions that promise to provide good, clean entertainment for Klansmen and their families. A merry-go-round will be provided for the entertainment of children and coasters and rides have been contracted for.

Klansmen of Terre Haute are wideawake and the organization is having a steady growth.

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## SUIT TO BE FILED IN EFFORT TO PREVENT CAR FARE INCREASE

Losh Contends Right of Self-  
Government Is Abridged  
in Commission Law

Test of Contract and Franchise Law  
as It Bears on Municipalities,  
Is Aim of Suit

Papers are being prepared and suit is to be entered within a few days in the fight of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company for an increase of rates. John W. Losh, 538 Coffey street, and his attorney, O. H. Mendenhall, are preparing the papers in the suit, which is regarded as a test of the right of self-government of a municipality so far as this government bears on contract and franchise rights with utility corporations.

Mr. Losh in a plea recently before the Indiana Public Utilities Commission contended that the law creating the commission is faulty, inasmuch as it grants power to the commission to raise rates. It is contended the law impairs the obligation of franchise contracts, contrary to constitutional provisions of the federal and state constitutions, and is an evasion of the right of local self-government, and an unreasonable exercise of police power of the state.

A number of citizens have taken an interest in the contention and will assist Mr. Losh in presenting the matter to the courts. If defeated in the lower courts Mr. Losh asserts he will carry it to the supreme court.

The West Side American Protestant Club is a live organization lined up to prevent the street railway company increasing its rates. This club is holding meetings regularly and is enlisting a large number in the fight for the people in this utility contest.

Mr. Losh spoke at a meeting at Cadle Tabernacle Friday night, at which several thousand men were present. He explained in detail his views of the situation and from frequent applause it was evident many men in the audience were enthusiastically supporting him.

