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# Americans Win in House

## Prosecutor Absent, Peru Cases Continued

## JOHNSON BILL PASSES AND STAGGERS FOE

### "NO BIBLE IN SCHOOL," SAYS MAYOR DURGAN

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY PERSONS INCLUDING TEN POLICEMEN HEAR SPEECH IN EVANSVILLE — PAID ADVERTISEMENTS FAIL TO PULL CROWD TO HEAR "PERPETUAL MAYOR"

"Is Durgan Really Running for Governor or Fighting Bible in Public Schools?" Is Now Asked—Connection With Catholic Organization Brings Question—His Methods Are "Marvelous!"

(By Wingfoot)

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Ft. Thomas Institution Again Revealed in High-handed Methods of Bluffing

Mother Superior Stands Ground Brazenly Until Threat of Suit for Possession Is Made

(Special to The Fiery Cross) NEWPORT, Ky., April 14.—Newport is asking for an answer to this question:

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LaGuardia, Italian Congressman, Opposed to Immigration Bill, All Fussed Up

Flays Cable of Ohio and Reads From Editorial—Admits He Is Scared of American Activity

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Representative LaGuardia, an Italian congressman from New York, who is fighting the Johnson immigration bill with all his might and main, is evidently a reader of The Fiery Cross for he knows what is being said in various editions of The Fiery Cross and he put a lot of it in the Congressional Record in his speech on April 8.

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Three Have Been Found Guilty and Sentenced—Gypsy Blue Has Disappeared and His \$1,000 Bond Has Been Forfeited—Police Fail to Serve Warrant on George Pope, Who Also Is Missing—Liquor Is Scarcer and More Difficult to Get

PERU, Ind., April 14.—Because of the absence of the prosecutor from the city, the cases of four men charged with violation of the liquor laws here were continued today in circuit court. The trial of the four, which is expected to bring out some interesting facts concerning the brand of police protection and law enforcement this city enjoys, will provide the last details concerning a "cleanup" campaign here that was started last December when officers of the prohibition enforcement division at Indianapolis came to the city and found there was little difficulty in buying liquor.

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OVERWHELMING VOTE REFLECTS SENTIMENT OF COUNTRY AS 322 CONGRESSMEN DECLARE IN FAVOR OF BILL TO STOP ALIEN INFLUX—FOREIGN FORCES IN DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO "REPAIR DAMAGE"

Every Method of Wire Pulling Is Put Into Play as Temperament of American People Is Mirrored in Action Taken by House—Hurried Conference and Frantic Efforts Follow Shock of Saturday

(By Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 14.—By an overwhelming vote the House on Saturday passed the Johnson immigration bill and Americans won a victory over the forces of foreigners that fought to the last to defeat those who would have America remain American. The vote stood 322 to 71 and the provision fixing the 1890 census as the basis for a 2 per cent quota.

The one-sided vote has thrown a bombshell into the ranks of the alien and pro-alien interests who are trying to stop all drastic immigration legislation. Hurried conferences were called and today frantic efforts are being made to hold up the bill in the senate or to change the provisions in such a way as to "kill" the worth of the bill.

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#### The "Year Book" Blunder

"We have heard much in Indiana of the Bible being good literature, but there recently fell into my hands a piece of literature called 'The Indiana Year Book for 1922,' that, as a piece of literature is better literature just at this time to our citizens than the Bible."

Immediately following that blunder, many friends who had openly stated they intended voting for and

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### VERMILION COUNTY STAGES BIG AFFAIR

Klan Parade at Clinton Largest Demonstration of Kind Ever Held in the Community

CLINTON, Ind., April 14.—The largest parade ever held in Vermilion county was staged in Clinton Saturday night. A large cross, was burned on Main street. "The Old Rugged Cross" was sung and all knelt in silent prayer. The line of march was formed and passed through the main part of town. The Junior Order of United American Mechanics and an organization of Orangean participated. Music was provided by two bands.

After the parade an open meeting was held at the Coliseum. A state speaker was present and gave an address. The Coliseum was filled to capacity.

### DAVISS COUNTY KLAN HAS SOCIAL AFFAIR

ELNORA, Ind., April 14.—More than 300 Klansmen and Klanswomen attended a get-together meeting last Monday evening. A delightful program was carried out, consisting of talks by county officers, music and readings, followed by a lunch provided by the women. Both divisions of the order made extensive plans for future activities in Daviess county.

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## MURPHY FINDS KLAN GUILTY OF LILLY RIOT

INDIANAPOLIS MAN RUSHES INTO PRINT IN NEW YORK WITH VERDICT BEFORE TRIAL

More Roman Propaganda in Effort to Cry "Thief, Thief" to Detract From Guilty Ones

Charles O'Brien Murphy, 115 East Fall Creek boulevard, former vice-president and general manager of the Merchants Heat and Light Company, Indianapolis, has rushed into print and found the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan guilty of rioting, murder, rape and everything else the Romanists are happy at doing whenever a disturbance is started at a Klan demonstration. Mr. Murphy's true bill, his arraignment and his verdict of guilty in this case is occasioned by the shooting down of Klansmen at Lilly, Pa., recently by an organized gang of Lilly citizens. Even the biased newspaper reports of the affair could not be construed as placing the blame for rioting and shooting on the heads of the Klansmen, who were holding a peaceable parade in the town of Lilly.

The newspaper reports told of the lights being turned off when the parade started, of a fire hose being turned on the leaders and of the mob firing into the parade as it ended at the railroad station. It was shown by the newspaper accounts of the affair that the Klansmen made no attempt to fight back until they were overwhelmed by the gang.

#### What Witnesses Say

An article in this issue of The Fiery Cross contains the statements of railroad men, dispatchers and parolists of what happened at the railroad station. These men tell of how when the Klansmen were attempting to board the train, a rain of bullets were fired into the crowd. One Klansman of Lilly was killed and

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(Special to The Fiery Cross)

GARY, Ind., April 14.—Clarence Bretsch, "anti-Klan" candidate for nomination for county prosecutor, today feels, if newspaper stories are correct, that he averted "a riot and possible loss of life" at Hobart last Thursday night. According to the story, the "riot" was averted when Mr. Bretsch gracefully (or otherwise) withdrew from the hall in which candidates were speaking when, upon his start to denounce the Ku Klux Klan, he failed to receive such applause as would be expected by most, in an alien-settled district.

There was, however, no applause. A deadly silence prevailed. According to some, the silence was "so thick that it could have been cut with a knife." Whether or not this is an exaggeration, Mr. Bretsch realized his mistake in attacking the Klan, which did so much in cleaning up certain vice conditions in Gary.

Mr. Bretsch withdrew and left the floor to other candidates, even though, according to his statement in a local newspaper, he had "paid the rent on the hall from his own purse."

### JOINT SESSION HELD BY TIPPECANOE KLAN

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 12.—The men and women of Tippecanoe Klan met in joint session Tuesday. The meeting was arranged as a get-acquainted affair and it was a splendid success. Several good speakers, including a state official, were present and some interesting talks were made. The hall was crowded to its capacity and everyone apparently enjoyed the occasion hugely. This is a sample of many meetings being held in county. Refreshments are served at these meetings and entertaining programs are provided. Tippecanoe county is surely showing signs of becoming one of the strongest Klan counties in the state.

## STATE TROOPS GUARD LILLY PROTESTANTS

MINISTER'S WIFE HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM BULLET OF GANGSTER'S GUN

Allen Depositors Make Run on Bank — Claim President Holds American Ideals

(By Staff Correspondent)

LILLY, Pa., April 14.—All during the week just closed Protestants of this place have been forced to stand the insults and taunts of the Roman Catholics who far outnumber them. Americans are subjected to jeers, and the foreigners, practically all of whom are Roman Catholics, have clearly shown their real attitude to Protestantism and Americanism.

Crude oil was thrown on the floral pieces sent to the home of Floyd Paul, Protestant, killed by a bullet when the mob attacked Klansmen here as they boarded a special train after a ceremony Saturday night a week ago. Paul was not a Klansman.

Ed McManany, Joseph Bradley and Dan Carney, Roman Catholics, are said to be held in the Ebenezer jail, charged with being the leaders of the riot, and the twenty-six Klansmen are still held, although it is not known on what charge, as they were merely defending themselves from the onslaught of a murderous horde of Romans and other foreigners, who have used such tactics on the enlightened for centuries back.

It is said that any stranger in town who has American features is looked upon with suspicion at the present time and that it is actually dangerous for anyone to be on the streets who is not known to be either foreign-born or a Catholic.

State police are now on guard and are watching closely the little band of Protestants for fear that they might become victims of foul play by

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#### Reads Fiery Cross

"And in The Fiery Cross of Friday, March 28, 1924, we find that the energetic gentleman from Ohio, Mr. Cable, put the floor leader of the majority on record and required him to do so in writing, according to the

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### ST. PAUL CHURCH ENTERTAINS KLAN

ST. PAUL, Ind., April 14.—A large number of men and women of the Klan gathered at Wanesburg United Brethren church Tuesday evening to show their appreciation of the work the Rev. Mr. Middlediff is doing in the community, and after presenting the pastor a substantial purse, an interesting program was carried out, including the burning of a large cross, an interesting speech by the leader, the singing of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "The Old Rugged Cross" and other songs, after which the crowd dispersed feeling well paid for their efforts in the cause of Christ and pure Americanism.

### PERU WOMEN'S DRUM CORPS GIVES DINNER

PERU, Ind., April 14.—The drum corps of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan gave a cafeteria dinner Saturday night in the hall here, which was attended by more than 300. The dinner was followed by a social time that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The drum corps consists of sixteen drums and eight sifes and is thought to be the only organization of its kind in the country.

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Big Parade Opens Up Season of Outdoor Events for Patriotic Order

Throngs Cheer as Procession Moves Through Streets—Bands and Floats Numerous

(By "Radio")

WARSAW, Ind., April 12.—This city was alive with people last night who came from far and wide to witness the big Klan parade which took place at 8 o'clock. The parade was complete from band to float and made a wonderful impression on those who witnessed it.

A band from Elkhart headed the long procession which marched through the main part of the city while thousands along the side lines cheered themselves hoarse. All streets were filled with automobiles and the town resembled a Mardi Gras while the parade was in full swing.

Another band from South Bend followed a long line of Klansmen in full regalia. Then came floats of various kinds, many of them giving the ideals of Klankraft in picture form.

The long rows of Klansmen, white clad and silent, was an inspiring sight and the red glow of the flares gave an added touch of fantasy that left an impression long to be remembered.

The Women of the Klan were also present in the parade, and as they passed along the line of march were greeted enthusiastically by the great crowds.

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#### Burden of Proof

Before the final vote was taken a discussion arose over the section regarding the "burden of proof." The following amendment was finally made on a vote of 197 to 193:

"Whenever an alien attempts to enter the United States the burden of proof shall be upon such alien to establish that he is not subject to exclusion under any provision of the immigration laws; and in any deportation proceeding against any alien the burden of proof shall be upon such alien to show that he entered the United States lawfully, and the time, place and manner of such entry into the United States, but in presenting such proof he should be entitled to the possession of his immigration certificate, if any, or of other documents concerning such entry in the custody of the department of labor."

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### THREATEN 'TO GET' CLEANUP LEADERS

Certain Elwood Element Hopes to Intimidate Those Getting Evidence of Law Violations

ELWOOD, Ind., April 14.—This city is due for a genuine housecleaning, and certain persons know of the movement on to drive out a certain element that has persisted in breaking the laws. As a result, threats have been heard that several of those interested in cleaning up the town will lose their places, some of them semi-official, unless the movement is stopped.

There are a number of persons who insist if action to close certain illegal business continues pressure will be brought to bear from certain sources that will cause the leaders in the clean-up affair to suffer. As evidence against those in the nefarious business is accumulating these threats become more persistent and bold. It has been found that investigators have been handicapped in many ways.

However, with a determination to carry the work forward, these men have increased their zeal, aided by an astonishingly large number of good citizens who recognize the seriousness of the matter. Rumblings and threats may continue, but the clean-up is as sure to come as the sunrise is sure.

