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# Immigration Bill Passes

## Removal of School 54 Principal Demanded

### MOTHERS' CLUB AROUSED OVER ROMAN RULE

ALLEGE CERTAIN PROTESTANTS WERE BARRED FROM VOTING AT MEETING AND THAT OTHER PERSONS WERE VOTED ILLEGALLY ACCORDING TO THE RULING THAT BARRED THE PROTESTANTS.

No Lincoln or Washington Birthday Programs, But St. Patrick Was Prominently Honored and Protestant Pupils Were Told They Must Wear Shamrocks—Flag Ordered Not Hoisted—Janitor Says Mary McGee Gave the Order.

Adherents of the Roman Catholic educational system have again caused a stir in public school circles of Indianapolis and hundreds of parents of children who attend school No. 54, Dearborn and East Tenth streets, are up in arms over the alleged teachings of foreign ideals, while American principles in many instances are being ignored.

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## Shank Speaks in K. of C. Hall

### Mike Glenn Orders Arrest of Emmet M. Hardin, an Officer of the Law, When He Is Doing His Duty

Because Emmet M. Hardin, a citizen of Indianapolis, a taxpayer, and a constable of Marion county, appointed by Sheriff Snider, was doing his duty in taking statements of an automobile accident, he was haled into city traffic court by Michael Glenn, Roman Catholic head of the Indianapolis traffic department, and ordered held under \$500 bond, accused of impersonating an officer.

Hardin is not a Roman Catholic. He is an active member of an East Side Protestant church. He is a merchant, with a thriving business in East Michigan street, a citizen highly respected in his neighborhood. He has been one of the moving spirits in Liberty Hall, a community organization embracing a wide territory in East Indianapolis. He has been accused by Glenn and other Roman Catholic members of the Indianapolis police force and the Shank administration of being a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Because he hasn't seen fit to deny the charge, Hardin has been a mark for the Roman Catholic policemen in Indianapolis. He has been arrested so many times on false charges that he has made no attempt to keep account of them.

#### Two Incidents Recalled

Two incidents, however, stand out prominently in his mind. One is when he was ordered into police court for parking an automobile in front of a fire plug. The day he was accused of this offense he was in St. Louis and his automobile was in his garage. Another time he was called into traffic court for parking an automobile in a safety zone. On that date he was in Chicago. Both cases were thrown out of court when Hardin produced the evidence that he was out of the city.

The last offense charged against Hardin grew out of an automobile collision at Dearborn and East Michigan streets, April 5. Machines driven by William B. Yetter and George A. Strobel were in collision. Hardin, who was a short distance from the accident, was called to the scene by a witness who reported that a fight seemed imminent. Hardin went to the scene, showed his badge as a constable, took statements of both parties to the accident, the license numbers on the two cars and the names of the owners of the cars.

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#### "Ought to Use Blackjack"

After venting his wrath, and after a remark was made that there were too many H. T. D. A.'s (Horsethief Detective Association officers) in Marion county, and "that someone ought to take a blackjack and beat some of them to death," Hardin was ordered held under \$500 bond charged with impersonating an officer. Some parley followed this order, and Glenn finally said: "Make the bond \$250." Hardin, knowing the schedule of bonds in such cases, drew out \$100 to place a cash bond. That amount is on the turnkey's schedule for such cases. The \$100 was refused in this case, however, and Hardin was forced to make bond for \$250, which he did. He was then ordered to appear in court Saturday, April 19. The case was then postponed on the excuse that the state's witness, an employee of the Shank administration, could not be present. The hearing was postponed until Saturday, April 26.

#### Who Is Mike Glenn?

This is the same Michael Glenn who ran what the police under the Jewett administration termed a "joint" in Indiana avenue. Glenn then complained that the police were "laying on him."

This is the same Michael Glenn for whom the Shank administration created a traffic title that he might be paid a salary more than is paid to police captains, and he is now wearing that title and drawing a salary above that paid to captains. The title was created to put Glenn on the same salary basis with Chief of Detective Mullin, another Roman Catholic favorite of the Shank administration.

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### SENATE O. K.'S HOUSE ACTION BY 62-6 VOTE

POSSIBILITY OF PRESIDENT VETOING MEASURE BECAUSE OF JAPANESE EXCLUSION ACT IS REGARDED DOUBTFUL BECAUSE OF THE OVERWHELMING VOTE IN BOTH HOUSES FOR THE MEASURE.

Here Are the Six Senators Who Voted Against the Measure—Their Names Are Not Hard to Remember—On the Other Hand, Make Mental Note of the Six Roman Catholics and One Jewish Member of the House That Voted for the Bill—They Are True Patriots.

### HEADS PARADE OF TERRE HAUTE JEWS, NEGROES

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Gerry, of Rhode Island.  
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## OKLAHOMA KLANSMEN WIN CLEAN VICTORY

### John R. Hadley, Formerly of Indiana, Anti-Klan Candidate at Tulsa, Badly Defeated

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., April 19.—It was a clean-cut victory for the forces of Americanism at the city primaries and Oklahoma is still in control of the American voters. Tulsa was the center of the heaviest fight, where the anti-Klan forces lined up behind John R. Hadley, while the Klan forces marched to victory behind Herman Newblock. Much to the surprise of the anti-Klansmen, party lines were not drawn as was expected in view of the issue made by the sensational papers.

When the victory was announced in Tulsa, the clean, law-abiding negro voters, held a huge parade celebrating the Klan victory, as the real American negroes realize that they have a friend in the Ku Klux Klan.

John R. Hadley, the candidate for mayor on the Republican ticket at Tulsa, is a former Indiana man. For many years he was an attorney at Marion, Ind. He was ruined financially by dabbling in politics in Indiana.

## ALIENS CAUGHT WITH STILL IN OPERATION

HOPEDALE, O., April 19.—Excitement ran high here Saturday night when two foreigners were cornered in an old mine and a still and a quantity of corn, whisky confiscated. In the confusion, one of the aliens escaped. The other, Luigi Ballo, was captured and taken to jail. Eight barrels of mash were destroyed. It is understood that local Klansmen were instrumental in having the action taken and the incident is a part of the program of the local Klan to clean up the county of law-breakers.

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### With Two Others Bowen Is Accused of Attempting to Vote Women Illegally

HERRIN, Ill., April 19.—Following one of the most hotly-contested primary elections in the history of Williamson county, Herrin Conservatives, whose ticket was almost overwhelmingly nominated, caused the arrest of E. N. Bowen, city judge; John Garavalla, president of the board of health, and Dominick Loni, charged with conspiring to violate the election laws.

The arrests were made on the affidavits of seven women, not residents of the city, that they had been urged by Judge Bowen and the two Italians to vote at the election Tuesday. The affidavits allege that the women were promised protection in event they were caught voting illegally.

The arrests were made by John V. Ford, chief of police of Herrin, Judge Bowen, Garavalla and Loni were locked in jail pending the obtaining of bond. Bond in the sum of \$2,000 each finally was provided with Fred Guthrie, Charles Thomas and Robert McNeill as sureties.

## ANTI-KLAN ATTACK SCATHINGLY REBUKED

### Candidate Forced to Stop His Speech and Retire From Political Meeting at Hobart

HOBART, Ind., April 19.—When Clarence Bretch, an attorney of Gary, running for county prosecutor, took the floor at a campaign meeting recently and began a scathing attack on the Ku Klux Klan, he was hissed to such an extent that he was forced to leave the hall. Bretch attempted to read what purported to be a copy of an application for membership in the order when the Rev. R. Warren Main, pastor of the Hobart Christian church, rose to his feet and interrupted the speaker, shouting that his remarks were out of order and had nothing to do with the purpose of the meeting.

The chairman ruled Bretch out of order and the anti-Klan candidate was forced to leave when it became apparent the hostility was general and he could expect little support from any one in the audience.

# Toner Is Out Against the Klan in His Campaign for Governor

That Edward C. Toner, Republican candidate for governor, is anti-Klan, has come to light again, after investigation along that line had been made by citizens throughout the state who are interested to the extent that they wish to know exactly how each candidate stands.

Toner, in his speeches in various parts of the state, has been posing as a "free agent," and the Klan question has been kept quietly in the background, the issue dodged, and questions on the subject sidestepped with evasive answers.

In a printed announcement of his candidacy, he says: "I will not be a candidate of any clique, faction, or creed within the party," and voters are taking him at his word. In the opinion of many, this statement has a peculiar meaning; a veiled threat against Klansmen can easily be read between the lines.

A letter, reproduced from Toner's own handwriting, and over his signature, has also been broadcast, introducing the "free agent" as a candidate and calling attention to an editorial which is enclosed, and which lauds the elusive candidate to the skies.

One paragraph of the editorial on the man who will not be a candidate of "any clique, faction or creed," reads: "The surest way the party could devise to head on the way to demoralization or defeat would be to name as a candidate for governor a man who would be recognized by the rank and file of the party as

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a "McCray man," a "Watson man," or a "New man."

Perhaps the writer did not stop to think that the name of James P. Goodrich was conspicuous for its absence in the above paragraph, and that the voting public would quickly see the connection between Goodrich, a rabid enemy of Klansdom, and Toner, the "free agent," when it became known that no less a personage than Jack Henley of Terre Haute was Toner's campaign manager.

Henley, long known in politics as a "political leech," is also prominently anti-Klan. He has acted for years as Goodrich's "good man Friday," and wherever he is the messenger boy, Goodrich provides the tip.

It is conceded throughout the state that the Toner editorial enclosed with his "personal" letter, was an open confession that the Goodrich crowd was behind Toner, and it is easily seen today why he has been so evasive on the Klan question.

There comes a feeling of repulsion when one connects anything with the Goodrich administration. Without mentioning numerous other questionable deals during that time, the garbage plant deal still remains a vivid picture of tyrannical imposition on a just and patient public.

Jack Henley was one of the main "ward heeled" at the beginning and throughout the Goodrich administration. What can the people expect from Edward C. Toner with Henley as his criterion?

## GREENVILLE PLANS COMMUNITY REVIVAL

GREENVILLE, O., April 19.—Arrangements have been completed for a week of community revival to start Sunday, April 27. The services will follow those held by the Rev. T. Brewbaker at the United Brethren church, and which were highly successful. These services have been going on for three months and Mr. Brewbaker has received much praise for the work done here. Rev. T. Brewbaker spoke before a great body of Klansmen at the Klan hall.

A caravan of automobiles, filled with Klansmen, passed through the villages of Coleton, Woodington and Pikeville one night last week, headed by a drum corps. A fiery cross was burned in each place while the Klansmen sang patriotic songs.

## SCOVELL IS TO GIVE 'SIGN OF THE CROSS'

Ben Scovell, actor-preacher-soldier of the world war, will give Wilson Barrett's "Sign of the Cross" Sunday evening at the First Presbyterian church. This will be a vivid and touching presentation of the heroic spirit of the martyrs of the early church. Mr. Scovell is a nephew of Sir Henry Irving and comes to Indianapolis highly recommended. He was associated with Harry Lauder in service among the British and Canadian troops in the world war.

Dreammakers in Paris are predicting gowns as short as those of a season or two ago, which shocked the conservative.

## SHANK AND K. OF C. IN A SECRET SESSION

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., April 21.—Samuel Lewis Shank, mayor of Indianapolis, candidate for the nomination for governor on the Republican ticket, running on an anti-Klan platform, spoke to a few persons here recently. However, before going to the hall to present his vaudeville stunts, he was in secret session at the hotel with a number of leading members of the Knights of Columbus of Shelbyville. Stories came out of the secret session that Shank received a number of instructions as to what he was to say and what he should not say. Shank at Terre Haute last week said: "Doggone Ora Davis, he's only in the way. Nobody's runnin' in this campaign but me and Ed Jackson."

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An attempt to create enthusiasm among the 300 present was made by G. Carlton Guy, an Indianapolis city employe, who is drawing weekly pay from the taxpayers of Indianapolis while he scurries around over the state putting on vaudeville shows preceding Shank's political speeches.

### From the Cradle Up

Guy made funny faces and got a few laughs. Then he introduced Mayor Shank's nephew, Samuel, who gave a description of his uncle's career from the cradle onward.

He did not dwell on his uncle's dealings with William Armitage, however, and did not inform the audience of Armitage's police record, nor did he dwell on the fact that the ex-dive keeper was behind Shank in his pitiful race for the governor's chair.

When the Indianapolis mayor (Continued on page 5)

## HAS GALLIGAN RUN AWAY FROM MARION?

### Williamson County Sheriff in Chicago With Two Big Revolvers About His Waist

Press wires under date of April 16 carried a story out of Chicago that Sheriff George Galligan, indicted by the federal grand jury at Danville, Ill., for alleged bribery, was in Chicago ready to face the federal court at Danville.

The dispatch said: "The sheriff with two big six-shooters strapped to his belt was here for that and another purpose. 'I am tired,' he said, 'of being the goat. I knew this bloodshed was coming, and that is why I am here.' He referred to the Herrin election and the shooting of Ross Lisenby when the home of Sam Stearns, Klan leader, was fired on, following the Herrin election. "As far as I am concerned the withdrawal of state troops from Herrin the week before the election and contrary to his request." The question being asked on the streets of Marion is: "Has Galligan run away? If he knew that the home of Sam Stearns was to be attacked, why did he not make an effort to stop the gunmen?"

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## ORA DAVIS SHOWS HIS CLEANUP SPIRIT

### Terre Haute Candidate for Governor Refuses to Permit Slot-machine Prosecution

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 19.—Ora Davis, mayor of Terre Haute, and candidate on the Republican ticket for governor of Indiana, has refused to permit slot-machine owners in Terre Haute to be prosecuted, according to John Smock, chief of police.

Fred J. Dundy, proprietor of a store at Twenty-fifth and Locust streets, was arrested Thursday by Patrolman Wyeth because he had a slot-machine in operation in his store. When taken to police headquarters Dundy was released and Police Chief Smock said that Davis had given permission to Dundy for the installation of slot-machines in the city.

"This action is taken against my will," Chief Smock said, "but, since the mayor has given his permission, it will be necessary to allow these machines to be installed. I have given no permission for their installation and do not intend to do so."

## SUMMITVILLE KLAN HAS LIVELY PARADE

### 2,000 Persons Present in Grove Near City, Where an Interesting Program Is Given

SUMMITVILLE, Ind., April 19.—More than 200 men and women, members of the Knights and Women of the Ku Klux Klan, took part in a parade here Wednesday evening. The parade started in the downtown district at 8 o'clock, headed by a Junior Klansman bugler, the Summitville Klan drum corps and fifty women and 150 men. An automobile bearing an illuminated cross followed the drum corps. The parade was a lively affair.

The procession ended in a grove east of the high school building, where a program was given before 2,000 enthusiastic persons. A prominent business man of Elwood spoke on Klan principles and Americanism. Music was provided and a general good time was had.

