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Minister Poisoned After Fight On Vice

LETTERS URGING IMMIGRANT ACT SWAMP JOHNSON

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Senate Fight Is Warming Up and More Restrictive Law Is Desired Than the House Bill Calls For—Harris Proposes Amendment Cutting 2 Per Cent Quota to 1 Per Cent—Burton of Ohio Is Out With Plea for Japs in His Argument to Defeat Measure.

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RESOLUTIONS URGE CONGRESS TO ACT ON IMMIGRATION BILL

Mystic Tie Klan No. 39, Logansport, Sends Word to Senators and Representative

Big Klan Membership in Cass County Acts as Cult in Urging Protection Against Foreigners

LOGANSPORT, Ind., March 31.—Mystic Tie Klan No. 39, Logansport, has passed resolutions urging the passage of the Johnson immigration bill unamended, and a copy of the resolutions have been sent to Senators Watson and Ralston and to Representative Samuel E. Cook, of the Eleventh district.

The big Klan membership in Cass county is a unit for the immigration bill and it has been busy letting the citizens know of this measure and what it means to America. The resolutions are drafted and sent to Washington are as follows:

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Mayor Shank Has Our Sympathy but Not Our Votes, Says Dillsboro

ARMSTRONG IS WEAK IN CITING HIS RECORD AS SHERIFF OF VIGO

Work of Pussyfooting Politician Seen in His Plea for Voters to Support Him

Citizens Give Many Reasons Why He Should Not Be Elected to Office for Second Term

(Special to The Fiery Cross) TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 29.—Frankly admitting that "burglaries, liquor law violations, gambling, robberies, murders and other major law violations" have flourished under his administration, and therefore under the administration of Ora Davis, mayor of Terre Haute and candidate for nomination for governor of Indiana, Fred Armstrong, sheriff of Vigo county, has announced his candidacy for re-election.

In his announcement as a candidate for the nomination for re-election, Mr. Armstrong says:
The office of sheriff of Vigo county is a very important one. A person holding that position should be one of experience, one who has had many years of actual experience.

Yes, the voters of Vigo county agree with Mr. Armstrong in this as far as he goes, but he doesn't go far enough. Experience is fine; it is needed, but a more important asset than experience is essential in an officer of the law in these days. And that asset is honesty. An honest intent on the part of the officer to do exactly his duty as sworn to when he becomes an officer. The great majority of voters of Vigo county question Mr. Armstrong's intentions. His record in office has been as near a complete failure as it were possible, all things considered.

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The recent beating administered to Raymond Powers in the county jail

(Special to The Fiery Cross) DILLSBORO, Ind., March 29.—"Mayor Shank has our sympathy but not our votes," is the way the citizens of Dillsboro voice their sentiments following a speech made here by the mayor of Indianapolis, who is, despite the rebuffs encountered in all parts of the state, persisting in running for the nomination for governor.

That Mr. Shank's appearance in Dillsboro was a fiasco is not denied by the half-dozen supporters here. It is said the reception given Mr. Shank was so cool that it became pathetic. It is understood that he attempted to make a speech at a local sanitarium but for various reasons proper arrangements could not be made.

The fact that an undertaker presided at his meeting in Elwood, which also was a failure, and that Mr. Shank had intentions of speaking at a sanitarium, is regarded by some as ironical. That the Shank boom, if there ever was one, has burst long ago is not to be doubted in view of the way in which he is being received. In other words, it is conceded by friends that his aspirations to be governor of Indiana are dying a sure, although somewhat lingering death.

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VACCINATION ORDER AROUSES PARENTS TO DETERMINED PROTEST

Society for Medical Freedom Meets and Outlines Plans to Contest Illegal Edict

Resolutions Drawn and Unanimously Adopted Indicate Active Fight Is to Follow

Aroused by the edict of the board of health of Indianapolis that no child should return to school in the city of Indianapolis following the spring vacation this week until vaccinated against smallpox, more than 400 persons gathered Monday night in the main assembly hall of the Denison hotel to protest against Russian-like edicts in America.

The edict or order was founded on an Indianapolis ordinance compelling vaccination, vesting the authority in the secretary of the Indianapolis board of health. This ordinance, which is illegal because an Indiana statute provides that no one who demurs against vaccination is compelled to submit to it, is being forced on the people at the will and without authority by the health board.

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MT. CLEMENS PASTOR AND WIFE VICTIMS OF LAW BREAKERS' IRE

Better Element Aroused by Attempt to Kill Man Who Led Fight Against Bootleggers

Couple Now Lie in Hospital in Most Serious Condition—Foreigners Active

(By "Radio")

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., March 29.—This city, as well as the whole county, is agog with excitement and indignation over the poisoning of the Rev. Thomas G. Sykes, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who has worked unceasingly against the bootlegging that has held Mt. Clemens in its grasp so long.

The better element is also aroused to the point where it would be foolhardy at this time for politicians to continue along old lines that have, according to public opinion, brought about the present condition.

Politics, and nothing but politics, say citizens, is responsible for the minister and his wife being at the point of death at a Detroit hospital, as a result of the attempt to assassinate the man who led the fight against liquor, crime and vice.

If it were not for political graft, and the lack of proper sentences to offenders who are haled into court and known positively to be guilty, it is asserted, Mt. Clemens would have long ago been cured of the cancer that has been eating into the vitals of her moral status.

There are, and have been, men in certain political positions, it is alleged, who are just as guilty morally of poisoning Rev. Sykes and his wife as are the thugs who actually placed the poison in the milk.

The laxity of the law, say citizens here, in bringing about the arrests of bootleggers, and the seemingly utter disregard of the courts in meeting out justice in this respect, has caused the moral degenerates to work so boldly and openly that the bootleg ring has grown to powerful

BUTCH WALTERS, IN TROUBLE, IS FORCED TO QUIT

BETRAYED CONFIDENCE OF WOMAN WHO SOUGHT HIS ASSISTANCE IN CAPTURING HUSBAND, A NOTORIOUS LAW VIOLATOR—CHANCE FOR ARREST OF MAN WANTED FOR SERIOUS CRIMES THROWN AWAY.

Elwood Newspapers Go to His Assistance in Covering Up Misdeeds in Attempting to Continue to Fool the Public—His Statements of Wonderful Record Made in Office Played Up in Eloquent Style—His Attempt to Hush Up Affair Fails.

(By Staff Correspondent)

ELWOOD, Ind., March 31.—C. D. ("Butch") Walters is no longer chief of police of Elwood. Charges were preferred recently against Walters by a number of Elwood citizens and after due hearing he was forced to resign March 25, two of the police commissioners rendering a verdict of guilty against him after the evidence was weighed, checked and found correct in every detail.

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Hon. Albert Johnson,
Chairman Immigration Committee,
House Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:
As the immediate restriction of immigration is vitally necessary to the welfare of our country, the undersigned, a resident and voter of New York, earnestly believes:

1. That the need is for a complete stoppage of immigration for a period of at least five years.
 2. That the maximum concession to be tolerated would be a 2 per cent quota based on the immigration census of 1890, as provided for in the Johnson bill.
 3. That there is great need for a national alien registration law, providing for registration of all aliens and the immediate deportation of those unlawfully here.
- Further, as the unassimilability of certain races is apparent, there should be no hesitancy in saying so in plain English and taking an open course without subterfuge to limit their entry.
- Realizing the futility of addressing congressmen from New York
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Fiery Cross Finances Are in Excellent Shape

No date has been set for the hearing of the receivership suit filed against The Fiery Cross, and which was characterized as a "friendly suit" by Ernest Reichard, president of The Fiery Cross Publishing Company, who entered the suit.

Harry Bloom, business manager, has stated that the finances of the company are in excellent shape, and further said that under the contract held by Mr. Reichard, no salary was due the latter at the time he fled his suit. Salary had accrued, Mr. Bloom said, but was not due until April 1, Mr. Reichard's salary for the month, under the contract not being due until the end of the month for which it was paid. The letter of this contract had not been carried out in regard to when the salary was paid. Mr. Reichard, Mr. Bloom said, and until March 1, the salary had been paid in weekly allotments at the end of each week. This fact, it is believed, is what led to the misunderstanding.

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BRAZIL KLANSMEN SERVE REFRESHMENTS

BRAZIL, Ind., March 29.—Following the regular meeting of Brazil Klan Friday night, at which a large class was initiated, refreshments were served in the hall and a general get-together meeting was held. Several talks were made by local Klansmen, which displayed the enthusiasm and the spirit of Klankraft in this community. The movement is marching forward rapidly here.

LIMA KLANSMEN AT REVIVAL

LIMA, O., March 29.—A delegation of Klansmen entered Grace M. E. church Sunday evening, where a revival is in session, and presented purses of money to the Rev. Thomas Clark Henderson, the evangelist, and the Rev. D. R. Kelly, pastor of the church. The revival has been very successful.

\$2,000 TO HOSPITAL BY LOGANSPOK KLAN

LOGANSPOK, Ind., March 31.—The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan voted Wednesday night to set aside \$2,000 to be used for furnishing five rooms in the new Cass county hospital. This is the largest pledge made by any organization in Cass county for the hospital. Other lodges and civic organizations have agreed to furnish one or two rooms. It is estimated it will cost \$200 to furnish a room properly.

Mystic The Klan also voted Wednesday evening to give \$100 for the Near East Relief.

SCHNEIDER HEARS MINISTER

SCHNEIDER, Ind., March 29.—The Rev. C. M. Smithson, of Hammond, spoke here Monday evening to a large audience on Americanism. The Klan movement in this community is progressing rapidly. The organization is live and active and its membership is growing.

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Point to Powers Case

The recent beating administered to Raymond Powers in the county jail after Powers had appeared voluntarily before the grand jury, has helped to arouse the voters of Vigo county to the conditions existing.

Mr. Armstrong, in his announcement, does not go into detail as to his record. It is simply a politician straddling every question that confronts him. Here is what he says regarding his record in office:

My records here and at the jail are my best recommendations to the voters of the county. Court records will bear out my statement that my work has brought the very best results.

Generalities, pure and simple. The
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SCHOOLS AT DETROIT FOUND INADEQUATE

Acting Mayor, Member of K. C., Spends Much Time in Lauding Immigration

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

DETROIT, Mich., March 29.—The cry for more public schools is on the lips of all Detroiters today, and is by far the most important subject to be considered by the city officials. Acting Mayor Martin, while not having the supervision of the schools directly under him, is being criticized by many who assert that he is spending too much time in making speeches for those who would fill our country with foreigners, while the time could be better spent in fighting for immediate relief of the school congestion.

Acting Mayor Martin is a Catholic, however, and as the Roman church stands solidly behind the parochial school system of forcing one certain religion on the pupil, and displays an arrogant attitude against the public school of America, it is doubtful if the acting mayor will take any step toward aiding in the relief of such a critical situation. There are now 2,000 school children in Detroit and facilities for only 50,000 children.

Mayor Martin, in his fight against the barring of immigration, naturally has such followers as the Poles of Hamtramck, so many of whom dislike the sound of a voice speaking English. Also, the foreign population of Mt. Clemens, dealers in
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Fund Is Arranged That May Be Lent to Candidates Who Have No Immediate Income

Gibson County Knights Also Plan an Intensive Membership Campaign This Spring

PRINCETON, Ind., March 29.—With plans being made for an intensive campaign and membership drive in the coming months by the senior Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Junior organizer in Gibson county is likewise perfecting plans for increasing his organization.

Recently the Junior organizer, backed by officials of the senior organization, set on foot plans whereby Gibson county will take the initiative and keep up its record as the leading county in Indiana in the point of Junior memberships in proportion to population. A definite plan announced includes the creation of a fund by members of the senior organization, whereby eligible boys, although lacking the necessary
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BASKET BALL SCHEDULE

The following is the schedule of the state basket ball tournament of the Junior Klansmen at Elwood, Friday and Saturday, April 4 and 5:

- Friday**
- Kokomo vs. Indianapolis, 2 p. m.
 - Alexandria vs. Terre Haute, 3 p. m.
 - Deva vs. Pendleton, 4 p. m.
 - Anderson vs. Logansport, 7 p. m.
 - Elwood vs. Knox, 8 p. m.
 - Frankfort vs. Princeton, 9 p. m.
- Saturday**
- Winner of 2 p. m. vs. North Vernon, 8:30 a. m.
 - Winner of 3 p. m. vs. Winner of 4 p. m. at 9:30 a. m.
 - Winner of 4 p. m. vs. Winner of 3 p. m. at 10:30 a. m.
 - Winner of 5 p. m. vs. Winner of 8:30 a. m. at 11:30 a. m.
 - Winner of 9:30 a. m. vs. Winner of 10:30 p. m. at 2:30 p. m.
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 - Indiana vs. Ohio Champions at 7:30 p. m.

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The protest meeting Monday night unquestionably proves that there is a large body of Indianapolis citizens who stand as strongly for medical freedom as for religious freedom. These 400 or more parents showed determination to fight for their rights and the rights of their children in the public schools of Indianapolis.

A resolution presented and adopted unanimously indicates what this body of citizens intends to do in its fight for freedom. The resolution follows:

Whereas, The Indiana Society for Medical Freedom believes in and works for the upholding and
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DUGAN, BOOTLEG KING, AGAIN IN THE TOILS

Marion Authorities Believe This Time They Have "the Goods On" the Master Conviver

MARION, Ind., March 31.—Bill Dugan, the notorious king of bootleggers here, is again in trouble, and with him facing court charges are a number of his Roman Catholic henchmen, bootleggers directed by his master hand in the affairs of evading the law.

Dugan has faced many courts, judges, lawyers, prison doors, and state farm sentences, but he is as wiggly and as sly as an eel. In most cases he either escapes with a small fine and a suspended sentence or gets off scot free. The evidence at times disappears, the lawyers have a way of finding loopholes for their clients or the courts fail to get the right evidence to convict.

Marion has some peculiar underground and backdoor information bureaus. Everyone who knows anything about Marion knows Bill Dugan has the reputation of being in the bootlegging business continually. "Anyone on the street will tell you this. Bill enjoys the reputation and evidently there is some fire where so much smoke continues to curl above the houseposts. Bill continues to prosper. From an urchin of the street he has grown wealthy, a man of great power in certain circles. He enjoys this, too.

However, the present case is somewhat different from past experiences Dugan has had. In his own language, the authorities seem to have "the goods on him." Later developments only will prove this. Nevertheless, Dugan and his bootleg army are greatly concerned, apparently.

Will they escape this time, the citizens of Marion are asking?

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Rev. Sykes Headed Drive

The drive against them last winter, headed by the Rev. Sykes, assisted by his church people and the Ku Klux Klan, resulted in the most complete shake-up the "ring" had ever had, and it took the rising up of the entire county to get justice after the herd had been rounded up by the state police.

One noticeable feature of the famous raid was the fact that the little groups that huddled close together near the jail, trying to find out just what members of the "gang" were being brought in, were practically all of foreign mien. Guttural tones of southern Europe issued cautiously from their midst as a casual stranger passed by. Swarthy faces.
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PRINTERS PLEAD FOR IMMIGRATION ACTION

Resolutions Indorsing Johnson Bill, Based on 1890 Quota, Sent to Watson, Ralston, Moores

A group of Indianapolis printers, members of Typographical Union No. 1, have adopted resolutions urging the two United States senators and the representative in Congress from the Indianapolis district, to work for and support by their votes the Johnson immigration bill now before the Congress.

The resolutions, which follow, were signed by the printers and a copy sent to Senators Watson and Ralston and Representative Moores:

Whereas, we believe there exists a strong insidious lobby at our nation's capitol organized to defeat the Johnson immigration bill;

Whereas, we, as voters of the great commonwealth of Indiana, deem it imperative that a stringent immigration law, based on the 1890 quota, be passed at this session of the Congress, that our beloved country would not suffer by the influx of an unassimilative foreign horde;

Therefore, we would earnestly and respectfully urge you to support the Johnson immigration bill, both by your influence and by your vote when it is brought before your august body.

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Walters had an unsavory reputation which he persistently lived up to and the citizens of Elwood who knew of his escapades were forced to act last week because of one of the most shocking affairs that has been revealed here in the history of the police department. The act had its inception in the private room of the police chief and could not be ignored. The further the story was traced the worse it became and when Walters was faced with the charges he was frantic to retire from office under what he thought would be a hushing up of the affair, but it is one of those cases that a few persons in authority have not the power to hush up. As the investigators traced the story, they found it led from the police chief's office to an Alexandria hotel.

Woman's Confidence Betrayed

A woman who came to Walters for aid in finding her husband had an unwilling part in the affair, and it is through this woman that the evidence was obtained, substantiated by affidavits of other persons, that forced Walters to vacate the post of chief protector of the womanhood of Elwood. It was through misrepresentation that the woman was taken to the hotel at Alexandria. She obtained no assistance from the Elwood police chief in finding her husband and when she escaped from Alexandria she was stranded in Elwood.

She was found in this condition by an agent of an organization that is doing things, not only in Elwood but throughout Indiana and the nation. To this man she told her story and she aided him in getting the evidence and affidavits sworn to in the presence of the sheriff of Madison county and one of his deputies. It was evidence of such nature that no board of police commissioners could overlook, yet only two of the three commissioners of Elwood were willing to return a verdict against Walters. These two commissioners, however, could not be intimidated and they stood boldly for justice. Even then
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