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# THE FIERY CROSS

"IN PROPORTION AS THE STRUCTURE OF GOVERNMENT GIVES FORCE TO PUBLIC OPINION, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD BE ENLIGHTENED."—WASHINGTON.

"THERE IS NO FAILURE EXCEPT FAILURE TO SERVE THE PURPOSE"

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## Dynamite Used to Kill Loogootee Klansmen

### ARMED THUGS DEPUTIZED BY CITY OFFICERS

STREET LIGHTS TURNED OUT WHEN PARADE STARTS—FIERY CROSS AGENT'S STORE WRECKED AND TRAVELING REPRESENTATIVE ARRESTED FOR SOLICITING SUBSCRIPTIONS

Mayor Consents to Parade if Line of March Doesn't Pass Nearer Than a Block of Roman Church—Great Meeting Is Held With 20,000 Visitors Present—Marchers Receive Tremendous Applause as They Pass Through Streets—Several Hundred Initiated.

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Program Includes Splendid Address, Fireworks, Music by Band and Quartet

DETROIT, Mich., April 28.—Fifteen thousand red-blooded American citizens gathered in a large field north of the city Saturday night at a meeting of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan which lasted until late into the night.

The meeting was the second outdoor affair of the season for the local Klan, and a class of candidates numbering more than 1,000 was initiated into the order.

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Writ of Habeas Corpus Ignored and Force to Obtain Prisoner Was Necessary

Tennessee Case Shows How Far Rigel's Ave Overridden by Persons Determined on Certain Plans

JONESBORO, Tenn., April 26.—Bessie Earle, a pretty, vivacious girl of 14 years, has been rescued from the clutches of Catholicism by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on a writ of habeas corpus, tried before Judge Dave Vine. The parents of the girl are estranged, and the mother, a drug addict, swore out a warrant before the juvenile court of Knoxville for her arrest on a charge of delinquency. The warrant, it was argued by counsel, was two ways out of jurisdiction since it was obtained in one county for a resident of another county, and served by an officer of still another county.

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COMMUNITY QUOTA DRIVE FAILS BECAUSE OF LIES CIRCULATED BY FACTIONS

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(Special to The Fier Cross)

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Aroused by Picturing Protestant Ministers in Churches Continually in Disagreeable Light

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The Protestant Americans, and this takes in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, are getting their dander up over the way the motion picture people of the country have been putting over things on them in the moving picture films shown every day and night in the picture houses of the country. The Bureau of Publication and Education has had something to say on this subject before and favorable reaction is beginning. It has come to a point where the Protestants of America are getting together and standing together on this question in a united way. And it's about time, for it seems that the producers of these films have gone to seed on non-Protestant propaganda and have taken rather a delight in portraying life in a one-sided view, which is favorable to Roman Catholics and

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Police Have Failed to Make Headway—Too Many Cases of This Kind Not Prosecuted

(By Staff Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, O., April 26.—As two members of the Ku Klux Klan, who were kidnapped and thrown from a speeding machine after having been beaten by thugs numbered among those opposed to the American organization, are slowly recovering from the wounds received at the hands of their assailants, every effort is being made to apprehend those responsible for the outrage. These efforts have been spurred by the posting of a \$2,000 reward by the local Klan.

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Drunk Man Known to Neighbors as Priest Manning, Gives Name of E. J. Burns at Police Station—Fights With Policeman When Arrested But Is Worried in Pitch Battle—Gives Address as 845 Greer Street—City Directory Lists Same Address Under Name of Manning.

(By "Radio")

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#### Class Legislation

This ordinance was so evidently class legislation that the authorities of Logoootee probably had no idea of attempting to enforce it, but rumors reaching Indianapolis a few days ago that 200 thugs were being sworn in as deputies to prevent the meeting caused a delegation of officers of the Klan to visit Mayor Browning, Roman Catholic, and protest against the city authorities taking the stand in an effort to prevent Americans holding a peaceable meeting in an American city.

Among the rumors spread in the towns and cities in the neighborhood of Logoootee was one that an offer of the town had issued an order to the deputies "to shoot to kill any man in Klan uniform who attempted to leave an open driving in Logoootee." This story was taken up with Mayor Browning by the officers.

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Cincinnati, Newport and Other River Cities to Send Delegations to Alexandria

NEWPORT, Ky., April 23.—Klansmen of Newport, Cincinnati and other cities on the river on both the Ohio and Kentucky sides are planning to send large delegations to the celebration of the Women of the Klan are to hold at the Alexandria fairgrounds, Friday afternoon and evening, May 30.

The affair is being arranged strictly by the Women of the Klan, but Klansmen, Juniors and all others interested in the Klan movement are cordially invited.

The program planned is an exceptionally interesting one. Some noted speakers are to be present and addresses of great interest are promised. Refreshments are to be served and the women have paid particular attention to the musical features.

Alexandria is twelve miles south of Newport on a fine state highway. Parking space for hundreds of automobiles is available at the grounds.

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Jennings county Juniors are grateful to one of the leading business men who presented them with a large flag.

Now that the baseball season is on, the Juniors are organizing a team and expect to play several big games this summer.

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The maximum sentence provided for the offense charged against the governor is five years.

McCray's resignation as governor was expected momentarily Tuesday afternoon.

## Education's Fight for Recognition

In Literacy and Education the United States Stands Tenth Among Civilized Nations.

The United States is unique among the civilized nations of the world in that it fails to recognize education as one of the fundamental interests of the nation.

When the president of the United States calls his cabinet together for conference and advice, agriculture is so recognized. The one concern of the secretary of agriculture is the advancement of the nation's agricultural efficiency. Congress, in 1923, authorized appropriations for the use of the department of agriculture to the amount of \$145,500,000.

The 1923 Digest of Appropriations lists in detail the specific purposes for which this sum was voted by congress. The following are representative: more than a half million was appropriated "for investigating the disease of hog cholera and for its control or eradication by such means as may be necessary—either independently or in co-operation with farmers' associations, state or county authorities." Six hundred thousand dollars was voted "for the payment of indemnities on account of cattle slaughtered in connection with the eradication of tuberculosis from animals." More than a half million was provided "for investigating the food habits of North American birds and other animals in relation to agriculture, horticulture, and forestry" and for similar investigations.

#### Interests Represented

In the president's cabinet, commerce is recognized as a paramount national interest. The secretary of commerce speaks for the business interests of the nation. Congress, in 1923, appropriated twenty-one million dollars for the work of this department.

When the president's cabinet meets, one member is present whose

#### SYNOPSIS OF STERLING REED BILL

The Education Bill Would

1. Create a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet.
2. Create a National Council of one hundred representative educators and laymen.
3. Encourage the States, by Federal aid, to meet five educational needs of National importance:
  - a. The removal of illiteracy;
  - b. The Americanization of the foreign-born;
  - c. The promotion of physical education;
  - d. The training of teachers;
  - e. The equalization of educational opportunities.

sole interest is the welfare of labor. Nearly nine million dollars was provided for the work of the department of labor by congress in 1923. There was an appropriation of \$225,000 "to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners of the United States. The sum of \$242,000 was appropriated for the maintenance of a bureau to collect

statistics of peculiar significance to the wage earners of the nation.

Why is the federal government so generous in making appropriations for the advancement of the nation's agricultural interests, in assisting in the solution of the great problems of modern business and industry, and in guarding the welfare of labor—while at the same time the most niggardly appropriations are made for investigations which would profoundly influence public school practice in the direction of greater efficiency? Is it because the people of the nation fail to appreciate the crucial part played by the public school in a democracy? Those who know the sentiment of the nation would not accept this explanation.

#### Education Not Represented

The answer is found in the organization of our federal government. Commerce and industry have a voice in the nation's government. Herbert Hoover constantly keeps the welfare and the problems of the nation's great business interests before the president and his cabinet. When the secretary of commerce discusses the nation's business interests, the nation listens. His prestige and ability command the attention of congress. His recommendations for legislation designed to advance industry are not lightly passed by. A Wallace and a Davis similarly stand ever ready to speak for agriculture and for labor.

Education has no such representation. Education is submerged in the department of the interior, which includes a diversity of national interests. Of the 1923 appropriation of \$328,000,000 for the department of the interior, \$161,990 was for the use of the United States bureau of education as such—or less than one

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During a platform meeting in which Protestant ministers of all denominations took part, 400 men and women of the Ku Klux Klan headed by a band, marched into the auditorium and presented the minister with a pledge of \$1,000. This little church has had a struggle, but met its indebtedness when subscriptions totaling more than \$65,000 were pledged. A member of the Klan replied to the speech of thanks from the minister of the church and after a few selections by the band the Klansmen filed out.

More than 500 persons were unable to get in the church for the ceremony and the people were packed in the aisles and every available space.

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The girl, fourteen-years-old, tried to break away, but was held by the man who drew money from his pocket and put it in her hand. He insisted she accompany him. The girl finally freed herself and a number of persons gathered to protect her.

The drunken man immediately turned his attention to a boy close by, and viciously kicked him, it is alleged by witnesses. The father of the boy, being one of the witnesses, rushed to the scene and knocked the clerically dressed individual to the ground. In the mixup the father was struck a vicious blow in the face.

According to the witnesses, the drunken man continued cursing and swearing and calling for some one to bring him a gun.

"He was continually wanting to fight, and was at all times cursing and shouting that he wanted to kill

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## Teachers of School No. 54 Deny Story of Discard

Brookside School No. 54 Indianapolis, Ind., April 28, 1924.

To the Editor of The Flery Cross.

Dear Sir:

The undersigned, the full teaching force of School No. 54, demand of you the name or names of the Protestant teachers in this building who stated that "they have been working under a great handicap in keeping the school up to American standards." We wish to state that we are most heartily in accord with Miss McCee and sue, port her at all times in her splendid efforts to instill the highest ideals of Americanism in the minds of the children of this district.

We further wish to state that the statements concerning this school in the April 23 issue are false, and that those who made such statements have exposed themselves to a very serious charge.

We believe this school to be very fortunate in having a corps of workers who, led by their principal, are trying to maintain the highest standards of co-operation and tolerance which America must sanction if the constitution remains.

- Signed:
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| Winifred Clark   | F. W. Sumner       |
| Helen Underheide | May Jane Headley   |
| Mae Parsley      | Georgia Kline      |
| Edith Hutcheson  | Mary E. McNeeters  |
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## Subscription Impostors Active in Indianapolis

Friends of The Flery Cross should be on the alert when approached by solicitors for this paper. The attention of this office has been called to a solicitor representing himself to be one A. W. Starkey and as being employed by The Flery Cross to solicit subscriptions. We have no agent by this name and the party representing himself to be A. W. Starkey is soliciting subscription money and is not turning the money into this office. Readers who have subscribed through him are requested to mail their receipts to this office and due credit will be given.

Reports are being circulated in certain districts to the effect that the new daily paper, "The Indianapolis Commercial and The Daily American" is to take the place of The Flery Cross. This statement is a misrepresentation of the facts. We are not connected with "The Indianapolis Commercial," the paper which ran a so-called expose of the Klan in December, 1923. "The Daily American" is sponsored by Milton Blod, who was on the staff of The Flery Cross at the time "The Indianapolis Commercial" ran the series of anti-Klan articles.

Do not be misled by persons who would lead you to believe that there is a combination of papers out of Indianapolis serving the Klan. "The Flery Cross" is the state organization paper and favors no faction. The paper is owned by the state organization, published for the state organization, and read by members and friends of the state organization.

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