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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Students Trample U.S. Flag

100,000 to Attend Klan Celebration

INDIANAPOLIS PREPARED FOR DEMONSTRATION

NIGHT PARADE TO MARK GREATEST GATHERING IN HISTORY OF INDIANA KLANCRAFT IN CAPITAL, SATURDAY—PRACTICALLY EVERY CITY IN STATE TO SEND DELEGATIONS, MANY ACCOMPANIED BY BANDS

Kokomo is First to Register, Promising to Send Mounted Squad, Band and Drum Corps—State Fairgrounds to Be Scene of Varied Program in Afternoon—The Line of March

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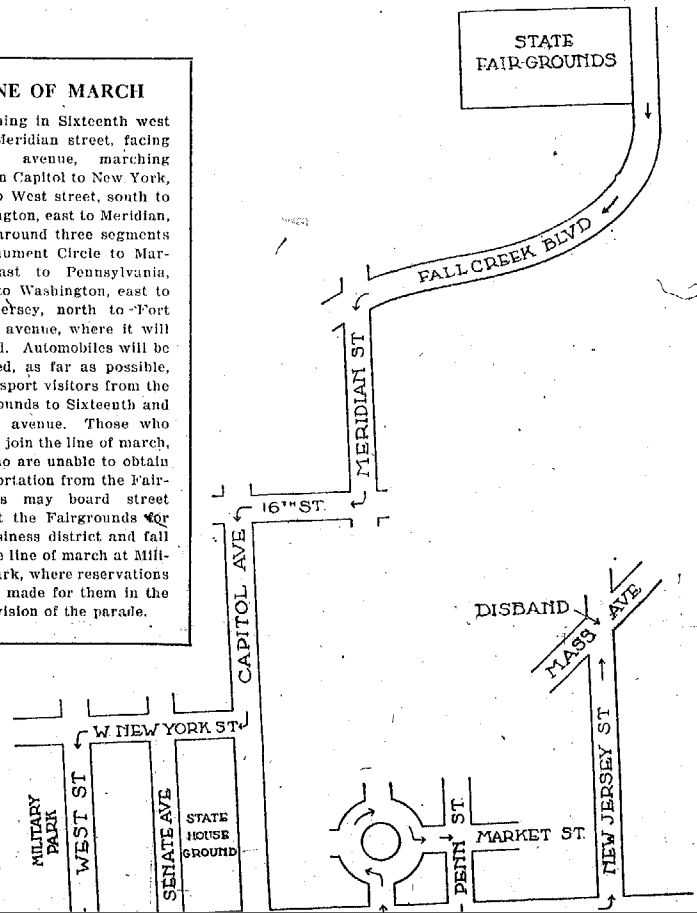
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Plans for the entertainment at the

7000 Present to Get Charter

Diagram of Klan Parade in City Saturday

LINE OF MARCH
Forming in Sixteenth west from Meridian street, facing Capitol avenue, marching south in Capitol to New York, west to West street, south to Washington, east to Meridian, north around three segments of Monument Circle to Market, east to Pennsylvania, south to Washington, east to New Jersey, north to Port Wayne avenue, where it will disband. Automobiles will be provided, as far as possible, to transport visitors from the Fairgrounds to Sixteenth and Capitol avenue. Those who wish to join the line of march, and who are unable to obtain transportation from the Fairgrounds may board street cars at the Fairgrounds for the business district and fall into the line of march at Military Park, where reservations will be made for them in the last division of the parade.



NOTRE DAME MOB BEATS MEN AND WOMEN; POLICE TARDY TO ACT IN RIOT

Members of Band Brutally Beaten and Instruments Demolished by Cursing Gangsters—Autos Stopped and Protestant Occupants Assaulted—Non-Catholic Officers Necessary to Curb Riot—Brute Lacerates Baby Girl's Face With Powerful Blow

Mob, Angered by Primary Result in St. Joseph County, Goes Mad—Desire by Klansmen to Avoid Bloodshed Probably Saves Many Lives—Newspapers Print Ridiculous Story—Klan Gains Thousands of Supporters Among Former Antagonists—Masonic Pins Bring Derisive Cries

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MARION COUNTY KLAN, NO. 3, ELECTS OFFICERS IN PRESENCE OF IMPERIAL WIZARD

Members of Imperial Court Also Honored Guests—Plans for \$100,000 Headquarters

Seven thousand Indianapolis and Marion county Klansmen gathered Friday evening at Caddle Tabernacle, following the announcement that the Marion county organization was to receive its charter. The streets leading to the entrances to the tabernacle were filled at 7 o'clock and the doors were not to open until 8 o'clock. Parking space within a radius of five blocks of the tabernacle was filled long before 8 o'clock, and as the doors opened the immense auditorium quickly filled. It was one of the most demonstrative audiences that ever assembled in the great auditorium.

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Plans for the entertainment at the State Fairgrounds include a wide and varied program, starting early in the afternoon, with musical selections by bands, quartets, choruses, and other musical organizations, for which the Klan membership is famous. The musical feature will close with a concert in front of the amphitheater from 4 to 5 o'clock by the massed bands. Speakers of nation-wide reputation will deliver addresses at stated times throughout the afternoon, and refreshments will be served to any and all visitors. One musical feature that is regarded of more than passing interest will be provided by the Imperial quartet, composed of four brothers, all residents of Indianapolis.

The State Fairgrounds provides ample room for the gathering of an immense crowd, and here the divisions will be formed by the officers of the parade.

Hardin Grand Marshal

E. M. Hardin, of Indianapolis, has been named grand marshal of the parade. With his assistants, he will

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ACTIVE CAMPAIGN ON IN MONROE COUNTY

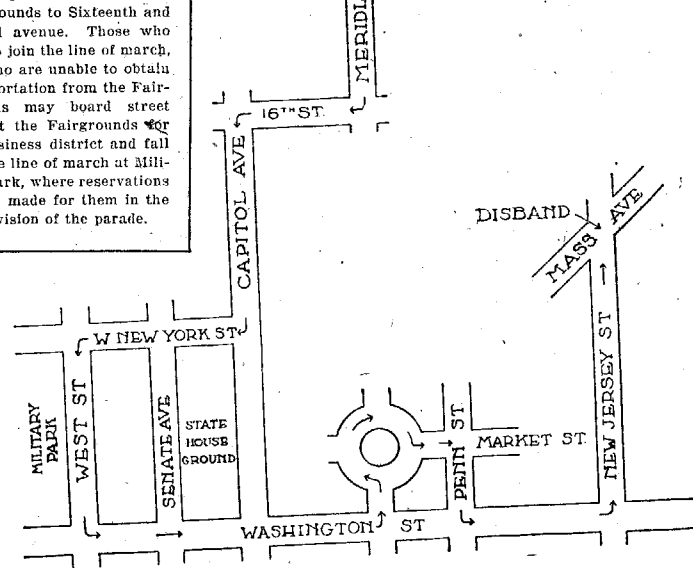
Parades and Open-Air Meetings in Many Places Part of Education Plan

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., May 22.—Monroe county Klan No. 15 is conducting a series of open-air meetings over the county which are being received with much favor. The purpose of these meetings is the discussion of the most prominent problems before the American people of today. Some of the most important of these questions under discussion are the public school problem, immigration and the eighteenth amendment.

Large crowds at Ellettsville, Harrodsburg and Smithsview viewed Klan parades recently and listened to addresses. The Monroe county drum corps provided music and a quartet was received with much enthusiasm.

The burning of a fiery cross closed each of these meetings. The meetings are a part of the educational program that the Klan has laid out to extend over a period of four weeks, beginning May 19.

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BOTH HOUSES ADOPT CONFERENCE REPORT ON IMMIGRATION

Only Nine Senators Vote Against Acceptance—Exclusion Effective July 1

Few Minor Changes Made, But Bill Probably Is Stronger Than Originally

(Bureau Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, May 19.—In the Senate on May 15 the conference report on the immigration bill was adopted by a vote of 69 to 9, and the bill was ready to go to President Coolidge for action. It provides for Japanese exclusion effective July 1, notwithstanding the attitude of the President on that subject.

The nine senators who voted against the conference report and were therefore against the immigration bill were: Colt and Gerry, of Rhode Island; Frazier and Ladd, of North Dakota; McLean, of Connecticut; Owen, of Oklahoma; Shipstead, of Minnesota; Sterling, of South Dakota, and Walsh, of Massachusetts.

Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts, is the only one of the nine senators mentioned who is a well-known Roman Catholic. All the others are listed as Protestants and fought the report on various other grounds.

Problem for President

Thus the question is up to President Coolidge, the conferees of both houses of Congress having agreed on their report and that report having been accepted by the House and the Senate.

A few minor changes have been made in the bill in conference, but if anything the conference bill is more restrictive in its features than the House or Senate bill in the first place. Congress refused absolutely to accede to the wishes of the President on the Japanese exclusion clause and the conference bill makes

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Deny Illegal Names Appear on Petitions in School 54 Fight

That a determined fight is still being made to have Mary McGee, principal of School No. 54, removed to another school at the end of the present term, was learned Monday when information was given out that a petition, to be presented to E. U. Graff, superintendent of schools, is still being circulated. Those who are back of the fight for the transfer of Miss McGee, deny that any of the names on the petitions, are those of persons outside the district of School 54. It is charged by certain parents that American ideals have not been put before the children in the proper way and that there was no proper observance of Lincoln's or Washington's birthdays. St. Patrick's day has also figured in the many charges and countercharges which have filled the air for the past several weeks.

FIRST DEMONSTRATION IS GIVEN AT WINSLOW

PETERSBURG, Ind., May 13.—The first demonstration of the Ku Klux Klan in this county was at Winslow Saturday night. In spite of the downfall of rain, there was a large crowd of visitors and Klansmen and Klanswomen who paraded as though there were no unfavorable conditions for a demonstration. The great enthusiasm displayed by the local organizations at Winslow has done much for the cause of Klanscraft in this section of Indiana.

THE HIGH PRIVILEGE

"It is the high privilege and sacred duty of those now living," said James A. Garfield, "to educate their successors for the inheritance that waits them." In this true American spirit, influenced by this sublime sentiment, the Klan urges its Knights forward to unflinching battle for its ideals.

DIAL WOULD LOWER IMMIGRATION BARS TO 'SAVE THE SOUTH'

South Carolina "Open Shopper" Would Bring in Italian Laborers

Needed, He Says, to Replace Negro Who Has Tired of Low Cotton Mill Wage

(Bureau Publication and Education) WASHINGTON, May 20.—Senator Dial, of South Carolina, cotton mill owner, violent "open shopper," and reactionary Democrat, is a queer makeup in the Senate. He wanted the immigration barriers removed in order that an army of Italian agricultural workers may be brought into this country. This is the only way, so he says, that the Southern agricultural situation may be saved, because the Southern negroes are flocking to the North, attracted by the comparatively high wages paid in the industrial establishments.

The Minute Man published at Charleston, calls attention to the fact that Senator Dial's reply to the letter sent him asking his support for an educational bill was disappointing. "Another letter was addressed to him and the answer to it was of such nature that we could only conclude that Senator Dial was aligned with the Romanists in their desperate efforts to wreck our public school system. And now he wants to import more of the scum of Europe in order to 'save the Southern agricultural situation,'" the Minute Man says.

In a previous issue of the Minute Man was an article from a Baltimore trade paper pointing to the danger of immigration. In that article statistics were given as to the number of foreign-born in the various states of the union. South Carolina had only one per cent of foreign-born within her borders, but now comes Senator Dial with a proposal to

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Dr. Evans stated the reason for his visit was to deliver the outline of the charter in person. He read this outline and asked whether it was the desire of those present to request a charter. Unanimous vote of the audience proved without doubt that the organization was ready for the charter, and Dr. Evans gave place to Grover A. Smith as temporary chairman of the meeting, who announced that a nominating

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BRAZIL IS TO HAVE BIG DEMONSTRATION

Visitors From Many Cities to Arrive Night of May 30 for Big Air Fair May 31

BRAZIL, Ind., May 15.—Plans are nearing completion here for a mammoth day of festivities including a picnic, to be given by the Clay county Ku Klux Klan, and to which the public will be invited. Although preliminary entertainment will begin the night of May 30, the big day of festivities will be the 31st and will continue until midnight.

Speakers of state and national repute will deliver addresses. There will also be several good bands, quartets, etc., to provide special music, and refreshment will be served for everybody. A big parade and a public initiation will be held in the evening at the park. The local Klan is expecting visitors from all parts of the state and adjoining states. Stands, shows, contests and other forms of amusements are being arranged.

aiding the churches

PETERSBURG, Ind., May 13.—About sixty Klansmen and Klanswomen visited the Mission church Sunday and following appropriate exercises, presented the trustees of the church with a purse containing a sum of money. Klansmen are visiting many of the Protestant churches here, giving donations as they see fit.

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GREAT CELEBRATION DRAWS THOUSANDS TO FRESNO, CALIF.

Fiesta and Fun Frolic in Full Swing in Fairgrounds Near City

(Special to The Fiery Cross) FRESNO, Calif., May 19.—Fresno is in the midst of the biggest Klan celebration ever held west of the Rocky Mountains. The twelve-day fiesta and fun frolic opened Saturday with a rush. The feature of the opening day was a Klan wedding and this ceremony attracted wide attention. The newlyweds received, as a wedding present, the deed to a beautiful home in this city. Among the other wedding gifts were almost unnumbered articles from business men of the city and friends. The wedding took place in the presence of thousands of visitors.

The fun frolic is being held in the Fresno County Fairgrounds, where 40,000 visitors can be accommodated in the grandstands.

Features are on the program for each day of the twelve. Monday the Oakland women's degree team, under the direction of Mrs. T. S. Moody, wife of the vice-imperial representative of California, conferred the ceremonial on hundreds of candidates for membership in the order of the Women of the Klan.

The big ceremonial feature is set for Saturday, when hundreds of candidates will be made members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. This ceremony is to be open to the public, the visitors to be admitted to the grandstands. The ceremony is to take place in the quarter stretch in front of the main stands. H. C. Quick, Klingle, will have supervision of the ceremony, directing the degree team of Oakland, which arrived in Fresno in a special train. The famous fifty-piece band of Oakland accompanied the degree team, and will provide the musical program for the day.

The Fiesta proper is being held in the largest tent ever erected in California.

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The police, or what is estimated as about 40 per cent of the force, were handicapped by the fact that the students went in large squads in different parts of the city. To all appearances the whole attack had been carefully planned. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the students have long bragged that the Klan could not "put on" anything in South Bend. The theory that the students were merely attacking Klansmen is exploded in the fact the Masonic pin was a subject of attack.

The trouble started at about 8 o'clock Saturday morning when large squads of students began to gather around the headquarters of the Klan where there were only about five Klansmen. Rocks, eggs and potatoes were piled in the street in front of headquarters, which is in the third story of a downtown business building.

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Then began the general rioting throughout the city, carried on by the students against all Protestants or any person with an American flag. Autos with flags were stopped and the occupants beaten; the flags were torn to rags and trampled on the ground. When appeals came from American citizens not to stone and trample flags, students cursed and said they "were not American flags."

One of the worst outrages of the Klan in California.

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