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

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"IN PROPORTION AS THE STRUCTURE OF THE FIERY CROSS IS A PUBLIC OPINION THAT PUBLIC OPINION SHOULD BE ENLIGHTENED.—WASHINGTON."

Shank's 'Vice Drive' Fizzles

Mayor Tells Catholics To Arm Klansmen Win at Flint Polls

GIGANTIC HOAX BLOWS UP AS DAMAGE SUITS ARE THREATENED

"STRENGTHEN MILITARY OF ROMAN ORDER"
FRANK X. SCHWAR, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF BUFFALO AND SUPREME PRESIDENT OF KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN, URGES CATHOLICS TO MAKE READY FOR WAR ON PROTESTANT ORGANIZATION—CONDEMNATION FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF BOLD WORDS.

Armed "departments" are "more essential than ever before," he declares in speech in Bison City. "Roman Catholics Make Better American Citizens Than Protestants"—Makes Veiled Allusion to Defeat of Al Smith in Long-Drawn-Out Battle in New York.

(By Staff Correspondent)

BUFFALO, N. Y., July 21.—Condemnation in some quarters, it is declared, has followed the words of Mayor Frank X. Schwarz, of this city, who, in a speech before the Roman Catholic Knights of Saint John, declared that the Roman Catholic order, of which he is supreme head, should "concentrate on their military department." Their was no "beating about the bush" in the speech, it was asserted that that particular Buffalo mayor, who also asserted that who participated in the phase of the Knights activities is now more essential than ever before.

FIERY CROSS NEWS-BOY AT GREENSBURG KILLED IN ACCIDENT
Lestcoe Wagner, Thirteen Years of Age, Is Run Down by Ford Truck
Members of Junior Klan Act as Pallbearers: Victim Loved by All Who Knew Him

Special to The Fiery Cross
GREENSBURG, Ind., July 19.—The funeral of Lestcoe Wagner, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wagner, was held at the home in Washington street, Friday morning, July 19, at 10 o'clock. The funeral was held at the Memorial hospital Wednesday, after having been hit by a truck while riding a bicycle on his way to help deliver milk. He was The Fiery Cross newsboy in this city and was greatly admired by all who knew him.



Immediately following the accident he was rushed to the hospital but his injuries were so serious that nothing could be done to save his life. He recovered consciousness before he died. The funeral was held at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Wagner.

"BRAND THUGS" ARE SOUGHT BY KLANSMEN
ORGANIZATION AT FONTICAF FEELS REWARD FOR ARREST OF CULPRITS

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FONTICAF, MICH., July 22.—Added impetus has been given the hunt for those guilty of the branding of Rev. Orin Van Loan, by the posting of a reward for the capture of the brand "K. K. K." for a twofold purpose: first, to take suspicion from themselves, and secondly, to try to secure a portion of the \$500 reward.

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Sits Up With Chief of Police to "Put Down" Protestants Should They Appear
Newport Minister Aids Family of K. of C. Official Killed in Auto Accident

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With impeachment proceedings hinted and the "passing of the buck" by Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank, the so-called drive against vice in Indianapolis has come to a fizzling end. Murders, bootlegging, cutting affairs, hold-ups and burglary continue to flourish as Mayor Shank indulges in arguments with citizens through the newspapers.

Just what steps will be taken to check the many murders and banditry in Indianapolis, and by the police department under Chief Rikhoff, who has just returned to the city from a trip to Canada, is not known. The evident attempt to befuddle the citizens with a thought that an actual effort was being made by the police department, which is in turn with dissemination Chief Rikhoff, to better certain vice conditions which exist in Indianapolis has no major criminals. The fact that no major criminals were caught and that those of the notorious bootleggers were caught in the drive, in which it is alleged that he and his associates were arrested, while professional bandits did a most flourishing business, has convinced most of the citizens that the police department is not doing its duty.

BITTER CONDEMNATION FOLLOWS DERACING OF CAGLES MONUMENT
Rubbing of Crude Oil on Face of Murdered Man's Grave—stone Excites Citizens
Knights of Klaming Circle Desperate in Fight on Klan in Williamson County, Illinois
(By Staff Correspondent)
MARION, Ill., July 22.—The unveiling of the monument to Cagle, a familiar name in Williamson County, who was shot in cold blood by an

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cles, not entirely opposed to such
organizations as the Knights of Saint
John, that Mayor Schwab would not
be so categorical in his speech, but
was pointed out, it is known that
Roman Catholic organizations have
military departments, it is believed
that the Roman Catholic mayor
should not have hurried the fact into
the face of Protestants, while urg-
ing that these departments be
strongly discouraged in the
American organizations. Included
in the list of "un-American organiza-
tions" is the Ku Klux Klan, to which
the mayor made veiled mention.

Should Push Military
"I am thoroughly convinced," de-
clared Mayor Schwab in his speech,
"that the military department of or-
der shall be encouraged and as-
sisted and pushed ahead on all oc-
casions." The foregoing, coupled
with other remarks, has been con-
sidered by many as a serious
misunderstanding in Buffalo as well
as in other parts of the United States
who read his remarks in the news-
papers. It is understood, however,
that much of what he said was not
carried over press wires.

At another point he said: "There-
fore, let us become stronger and
more united. Let us have a strong
world, in order to prove to the
woman is loyal to his church." Many
persons have been wrestling with
that particular sentence in an effort
to fathom just what Buffalo's execu-
tive meant by those words. It is
understood that Mayor Schwab
organization which had recently
shown his power," and it was taken
that he referred to the influence
wielded by Klansmen which had
been successful in defeating Al Smith
in the race for the presidential nom-
ination. It is believed that Mayor
Schwab, in making these attempts
to condemn the six million Protes-
tants composing the Ku Klux Klan.

Call to Arms Significant
In the opinion of many thousands of
the Roman Catholic, it is significant
New York convention, is significant.
Reading Schwab's paper carried on
Arms for War. It is being freely
circulated in Buffalo, and is being
back on bulletins from that halloo have
fallen."

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sciousness before death and recog-
nized his parents and sisters, who
were notified at once.

The justice that applied for mem-
bership in the Ku Klux Klan, the
Junior Klan, although the bad not
taken. The members of the Junior
Klans were members of the Junior
Klan. Among the fraternal offerings
was a cross of red roses sent by the
women of the Ku Klux Klan. It is
lived by his parents and four sisters.
The accident east a gloom over
Greensburg as the boy was forced
throughout the city. The truck
which struck the boy is the property
of the Decatur County Independent
of the Flery Cross and was driven
by F. M. McCoy.

BICKNELL KLANSMEN
BANQUET ON RIVER
BICKNELL, Ind., July 19.—On last
Monday night Unit Number Five of
the Ku Klux Klan of this county fol-
lowed the regular business session
with a banquet on the banks of the
Wabash river. The banquet was
immediately preceding the banquet
a ceremonial was held at which a
large class of candidates was initi-
ated.

During the evening a speaker
addressed an excellent address which
was received with much applause.
The program was held at the home
of the Klan in the near future.
The Klan organization is progress-
ing nicely here and it is expected
that more arenas like that held last
Monday will be given for the benefit
of the Klansmen who are becom-
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perienced in many a day.

The race was made between three
candidates, Homer Vette, a former
scarfier, and Mayor David R. Cuth-
bert. The race was held again
after being recalled by the
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(By Staff Correspondent)
MAYNARD, Ill., July 22.—The van-
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mies of the Klan have done other
one act perpetrated by these per-
sons who are affiliated with the
Knights of the Flaming Circle, a
Roman Catholic organization formed
to combat the steady growth of the
Klans in this county. It remained
in the hands of the Klan, and
act is heard on every hand. Non-
Klansmen as well as Klansmen have
had a part in condemning the
desecration.

Crude oil was used by the vandals
and was rubbed into the face of the
monument in the town of Maynard,
Ill. The vandals were caught
and taken to the police station. The
Klansmen who committed the outrage
are, they know full well, a leading
citizen declared today, that Caesar
Cagle can not be hurt by such repre-
sentations. Cagle is a nine-year-old
Slovakian woman, a nine-year-old
son and gray-haired parents suffer
from such an act.

Called From Meeting and Shot
Mr. Cagle met his death when, on
Monday night, he was shot down by a
convicted murderer, who was
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Just what steps will be taken
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Chief Rikhoof, who has just re-
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The fact that no major criminals
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and herded into the police station,
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tressed the drive was a radical one at best.

The chief trouble with it
appears is that damage suits against
the city now loom. It is probable
that a more hesitance effort to appre-
hend criminals was never made by
a police department. It remained
for Mayor Shank however, to flog
the drive, by declaring that he called a police
captain to his home "to talk him
he had been informed that gambling
and prohibition laws were being
violated in three places in the
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wood cemetery in Garyville. As
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Last Wednesday, when informed
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