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COURT ACTION BREAKS ROMAN GRIP ON GIRLS

COURT DECLARES CONSTITUTION VIOLATED—ONE GIRL GOES INSANE BEHIND CONVENT WALLS—ESCAPED VICTIM TELLS OF HUNDREDS OF PROTESTANTS HELD CAPTIVES—MANY RELEASES CAUSE CONSTERNATION AMONG ROMAN HEADS.

Mildred Armstrong and Viola Grant Tell of Cruelties—Electric Shocks, Dungeons and Bread and Water Diets Are Charged—Bertha O'Donnell of Columbus Is Latest to Find Freedom by Action of Civil Courts.

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

COLUMBUS, O., Sept. 13.—Bertha O'Donnell, of this city, is today free after having spent sixteen years of her life behind the barred doors and windows of a convent. Her legal freedom has now been attained and was brought about following her escape from the Convent of the Good Shepherd. Protestants kept the girl in hiding until the probate court granted her release. During the several weeks intervening between her escape and the action of the court, she was constantly guarded following the appearance of strange persons about the home where she now lives.

Miss O'Donnell is now living with her uncle, C. T. Trowbridge, at his home, 30 Dana avenue. Shortly after her escape an attempt was made to

MARION COUNTY KLAN TO HOLD POSTPONED CEREMONIAL FRIDAY

Hiawatha Gardens to Be Scene of First Open Gathering Near Indianapolis

Public Invited to Meeting—Initiation [illegible]king and Band Concert on Evening's Bill

Elaborate arrangements for the first public Klan ceremonial in the vicinity of Indianapolis, which was to have been held last Friday night, at Hiawatha Gardens, will be carried out Friday night, September 19, by Marion County Klan No. 3. Rain, which fell intermittently throughout the day last Friday, forced the postponement.

In the face of threatening weather, several thousand persons gathered at Hiawatha Gardens last Friday for the ceremonial. A heavy mist that fell during the evening failed to drive any people away from the gathering. The crowd disbanded only when the Exalted Cyclops of the Marion county Klan explained that unfavorable weather conditions would interfere with the spectacular demonstration that had been arranged. He asked those present to consent to a postponement of the ceremonial in order that the work might be given under the most favorable circumstances.

To Hear Speakers

Included in the plans for the gathering are the initiation of more than a thousand candidates, addresses by national speakers for the Ku Klux Klan and a band concert by noted musicians.

This outdoor public demonstration will mark the climax of the Indiana Klan's summer activities, and delegations from many cities throughout the state are expected to be present. Autoists who wish to drive to Hiawatha Gardens, may reach the scene of the cere-

PATRIOTS WIN IN ELECTIONS ALL OVER U. S.

KLANSMEN SCORE VICTORY IN COLORADO PRIMARY—FRIENDS NAMED

Foes of Organization Fail to Name Candidate in Georgia—Gillett Wins in Massachusetts

(By Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Protestant America's victory at the polls in Maine, where William H. Pattengall, bitter foe of the Klan, was swept to defeat by the friends of Ralph O. Brewster, is reflected in the elections of other states in different parts of the country.

In the Colorado primaries the patriotic forces scored great victories in nominating Rice W. Means for senator and Judge Clarence J. Morley for governor. Klansmen were active in campaigning for both Means and Morley. This triumph follows close on the heels of Klansmen's participation in the successful movement to rename Benjamin F. Stapleton mayor of Denver. The mayoralty election in Denver was placed on an out-and-out Klan basis by Stapleton's opponent, Dewey C. Bailey, who made the American organization an issue in the contest by his repeated bitter denunciation of the Protestant order.

Gets Record Plurality

Foes of the Ku Klux Klan in Georgia combined in an attempt to nominate ex-Governor Thomas W. Hardrick for senator on the Democratic ticket, but their efforts were checkmated by loyal Americans of Georgia, who gave Senator William J. Harris one of the largest pluralities a candidate for senator has ever received in that state. Senator Harris obtained 275 unit votes to 30 for

ENORMOUS CROWDS AT THREE-DAY AFFAIR IN FOUNTAIN COUNTY

Vermilion County, Illinois, Is Winner of Prizes Offered in Parade Event

Defense Day Is Observed—Carnival Acts Furnish Entertainment—Complete Program Carried Out

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

VEEDERSBURG, Ind., Sept. 15.—By far the largest crowds which ever gathered in this city attended the three-day meeting and celebration held by the Klan on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The demonstration closed Saturday night following a great parade led by 160 mounted Klansmen in full regalia. The complete program as planned was carried out without interruption and in the fullest detail.

Vermilion county, Illinois, won both the prizes offered for the largest delegation of Klansmen from other points, to take part in the procession, and the trophy awarded the Klavern which had the finest float in the parade. The meeting was held in Hub park. Defense day was observed on Friday, the day given over to the Junior Klan for its activities.

Much Entertainment Offered

During the three-day event there was much entertainment offered the visiting Klansmen and Klanswomen. Thursday was given over to the activities of the latter and Saturday was for the Klansmen. Delegations of Klansmen and Klanswomen came from many points while individual Klansmen and their families attended from all parts of western Indiana and eastern Illinois.

Many speakers delivered stirring addresses throughout the meetings and band concerts were plentiful. Many carnival features furnished a part of the entertainment. The event proved to be one of the most

CHIEF BODY OF KLAN TO MEET SEPT. 23

SECOND IMPERIAL KLONVOKATION TO GATHER AT KANSAS CITY

Dr. Evans Calls Legislative Branch of Organization for Biennial Session Next Week

ATLANTA, Ga., Sept. 15.—The Second Biennial Imperial Klonvokation of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will assemble on September 23, in Kansas City, Realm of Missouri. This time and place has been officially set by Dr. H. W. Evans, the Imperial Wizard, in accordance with the rules laid down in Article VI, Section 1 of the constitution and laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Convention hall will be the place of assembly in Kansas City.

The Imperial Klonvokation is the legislative body of the Klan and has original jurisdiction in creating and amending the constitution and laws of the order. It also has power to make regulations "concerning Realms, Provinces, Klans, and officers. It meets biennially in the month of September, the day and place to be set by the Imperial Wizard.

May Obtain Cards

Any Klansman desiring to attend the Imperial Klonvokation may do so by obtaining a courtesy card, which will be furnished by the officer in charge of their Realm. Blanks for the purpose will be supplied to those requesting them. These certificates must show that both the holder and his Klan are in good standing.

Upon presentation of these certificates to the credentials committee, Klansmen will be furnished with the necessary credentials to occupy

VICTIM CRAWLS TWO MILES AFTER ALIENS COMPLETE BEATING

Gangsters Continue Brutal Attacks on Klansmen—Man Stripped of Clothing

Fifth Assault Suffered by Salesman of Klan Newspaper—One Man Arrested

(By Staff Correspondent)

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 16.—One arrest has followed the latest depredation of the alien secret organization operating in Cincinnati and which is believed to have its headquarters in this city. Other arrests are momentarily expected following the identification of the man arrested by Thomas Lowe, cripple, who was blackjacked and beaten here on last Tuesday night at about 11 o'clock. Lowe's wooden leg was stolen and after beating him the alien ruffians left him without clothing and he was forced to crawl two miles before securing aid.

Lowe, who lives at 124 East Thirteenth street, is a salesman for an official Klan paper and is 45 years of age. This is the fifth assault on Lowe by the amalgamated enemies of America. At this time he is slowly recovering from the beating. A fearful gash was cut in his head by a blackjack. Local newspapers stated that he was robbed of $3, but that is in error as all the ruffians stole was his wooden leg and a number of Klan newspapers he had with him at the time of the assault.

Ordered Into Car

On Tuesday night Lowe was nearing his home when a large automobile drew up to the curb and two men got out. One of them pressed a pistol to his chest and ordered him into the car. As he was getting into the machine he was struck from behind with a blackjack. He was taken to a lonely spot on the Winton road, where his assailants stripped him of

POPE VOICES HIS RIGHT TO DIRECT VOTES

ROMAN POTENTATE DECLARES IT HIS DUTY TO DICTATE TO CATHOLICS THE WAY TO CAST BALLOT IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS—VATICAN THROWS RESERVE TO WIND IN GIGANTIC EFFORT TO CAPTURE PRESIDENCY.

Al Smith Fails to Appear at Opening of Davis Campaign in New York—Disgruntled Governor Holds Conference With LaFollette, Who Shoulders Roman Banner After Empire State Executive Is Beaten in Convention—Gotham Newspapers Doubt Tammany Hall's Sincerity.

(By Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—Rome has thrown down the gauntlet!

In so doing the pope has caused more or less consternation in the camp of certain politicians in America who have endeavored to keep the fact that the Roman Catholic church is in American politics in the background. However, the statement by the pope, made to university students attending the eucharistic congress and carried by the Associated Press under a Rome date line on September 10, stamps indelibly the Roman Catholic church's part in politics and things temporal.

"When politics comes near the altar," said the pope, "the religion, the church and the pontiff have not only the right but the duty to give directions and indications to be followed by Catholics."

The foregoing, coming from the supreme head of the Roman Catholic