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"STAR" STICKS TO LIES

A SENATORIAL PUZZLE: "FIND THE CHARGES"

Resolution in Mayfield Case Has So Many Earmarks of a "Trumped-Up" Affair that No Charges Can Now Be Found by Those "Interested."

Washington, D. C.—Senator Mayfield, Democrat, of Texas, has scored first blood in a preliminary skirmish in the Senate in the case where his opponent is seeking to have him ousted on the grounds of "excessive expenditures and illegal practices."

Senator Borah of Idaho, started the ball rolling when he objected to the wording of the resolution coming from the audit committee of the Senate authorizing the privileges and elections committee to make an investigation of all charges made to the Senate, all counter charges and any other charges which might arise in connection with the Texas contest. Senator Borah said it was absurd and ridiculous to think that anyone can presume to make any sort of charges against a United States senator and have an investigation made without disclosing in detail what those charges are; in other words, without disclosing to Senate and to the senator concerned the exact nature of all charges. He denounced it as unfair to the senator involved, to the Senate which had a right to know on what grounds a senator is to be tried and he called for an explanation.

Demand Nature of Charges
Senator Borah was joined by Senators Brandegee of Connecticut; Robinson of Arkansas; Walsh of Montana; Shields of Tennessee; Heflin of Alabama; Norris of Nebraska; and Fletcher of Florida, all demanding to know the nature of the charges filed against the member from Texas.

Senator Spencer of Missouri, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, defended the wording of the resolution and said the papers filed with the Senate and referred to his committee for consideration were so voluminous that neither he nor any member of the committee had yet had time in which to go over them and digest the entire nature of all the charges. He said as nearly as he could get at the case that the charges referred to "excessive expenditures and illegal practices."

The senators who jumped all over the wording of the resolution and objected to it demanded that Senator Mayfield first be given due notice of all the charges contained in order that he might be the better prepared to meet what is coming up and that if any other charges are to be

made or any other thing trumped up against him that he be promptly notified. This Senator Spencer promised in the Senate he would do and then all objection was withdrawn. The resolution was then passed; it not only authorizes the committee to go ahead and make the investigation complete, but appropriates money for the necessary expenses of the committee, the right to subpoena witnesses, hire stenographic help, send for ballots and ballot boxes and gather any and all sorts of information in connection with the case in the discretion of the committee.

It was most gratifying to Senator Mayfield and his friends to sit and listen to the proceedings on the floor of the Senate recently for it was all sprung without warning and it tended to show that the Texas senator is not without friends in the Senate. The way they rallied around him in an effort to give him a square deal was some sort of satisfaction to a man who is about to face his accusers in a contest. It also tends to serve notice on every Tom, Dick and Harry in the country who desires to make charges against a United States senator that they must play the game in the open, put their cards on the table face up and show their hands without any effort at concealment. If charges are to be made against a senator the Senate insists on knowing the exact nature of the charges in detail and not in glittering generalities.

To Meet in January

The subcommittee of the Senate committee on privileges and elections has been called to meet some time in January for the purpose of beginning the hearings on the election contest case of Senator Mayfield of Texas. Chairman Spencer has just sent out the call to the other members of the subcommittee who are, besides himself, Senators Ernst of Kentucky, Green of Vermont, Neely of West Virginia, and King of Utah.

The first day will most likely be devoted to agreeing to the methods of procedure and arranging same with the attorneys on both sides of the case. And each side will most likely state to the committee the charges as they are made, what Mr. Peddy, Senator Mayfield's opponent, expects to prove, etc.

Hawkins sharply criticized a religious denomination which is opposed by the Klan. Cries of "liar" arose from the rear of the hall.

When members of the Klan made efforts to quell the disturbance about 50 men left the hall, tearing the doors from the hinges and hurling bricks back through the doorway. A fight ensued but Hawkins and his wife hurried into a waiting automobile. They had just started to Wilmington when they were attacked.

ANTI KLAN PAPER BUSTED
St. Louis, Mo.—Beams from the St. Louis Star, bitter anti-Klan paper of this city, no longer are to be cast upon citizens of the Mound City.

Defeated in its two-year fight upon the Ku Klux Klan, The Star is to pass into the hands of the St. Louis Times which, while not recognized as a publication favorable to the Klan, has at least, since newspapers throughout the country started their fight on the Klan, been fair to the organization.

HOLDS MINISTERS HIGH
I would rather be a preacher of righteousness today than to be the greatest executive in America, because the prophet occupies the place of sovereignty.—Dr. James E. Freeman, Bishop of Washington, D. C.

KLAN IS FORTUNATE IN ITS IMPERIAL OFFICERS



That the Ku Klux Klan is fortunate in its present Imperial officers is patent to everyone who will "read as he runs." When Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans took over the reins of leadership in November, 1922, the organization was almost bankrupt. Its assets were in reality far below its liabilities. The first survey of the body showed Dr. Evans that the income was not keeping pace with the outgo. Merely swapping dollar for dollar, as it were.

Then it was that the Imperial Wizard began to look for the leaks. And he found them a-plenty. He immediately took proper lawful and legal steps to make correction, and then "Hell broke loose in Georgia." Every parasite that had been instrumental in bleeding the Klan white was up in arms because Dr. Evans refused to be more than a rubber stamp, so to speak. The Imperial Wizard cancelled contracts which, while apparently made in good faith by former officials, were wholly inimical to the welfare and prosperity of the Klan. The inflow of thousands of dollars were going into the pockets of individuals and not into the exchequer of the organization, as he rightly believed. Personal gain appeared to be the sole motive, and not the upbuilding of a great patriotic and Protestant organization, as its Klorman professed. The finances of Klansmen had been juggled to suit the whims and fancies of a clique of freebooters.

How do we find the organization now, financially and numerically speaking? The membership more than doubled, and over a million dollars in cash, and no liabilities, besides obligations of \$238,000 having been met of a former regime. Added to that is the robe plant and printing office installed and paid for. Printing supplies cut half in price and the cost of robes reduced, besides the robe fund placed to the credit of local organizations. The many legal battles wherein the Klan has had to fight for its life have all been paid for and still more than a million dollars excess. Also the local organizations retain a much larger share, to say nothing of the share returned to state bodies as their share of the per capita tax, with which to carry on educational work.

In all truth and candor the Ku Klux Klan has much to be thankful for this year, 1924, A. D., which it had not in 1922. And that thanks is due Dr. H. W. Evans and his official family in the administrations of the Imperial offices for the benefit of Klansmen throughout the nation.

ST. PAUL STUNG AGAIN, SISTINE CHOR A FAKE

ANGLO-SAXON KLAN IS FORMED IN AUSTRALIA
—K-K-K—
Is Patterned After Klan of United States, and Has Same Christian Ideals
—K-K-K—

Sydney, N. S. W.—The Anglo-Saxon Klan of Australia was formed recently, and is sweeping the country. It is patterned after the Ku Klux Klan of the United States, and has Christianity for its main tenet.

Discussing the Klan, Captain Chaplain J. C. Wilson said:

"We want no religious squabbles, and we do not intend to make any fight on the Roman Catholic Church as a religious institution, but the Klan will unalterably and unequivocally oppose any move of the Catholic church, or of any other church individual, or organization which attempts to bring about a combination of church and state in Australia."

"No Jew will be admitted to the Order, as the whole of its teachings are those of Jesus Christ. It would be unjust to allow the Jew to enter when every meeting would be out of harmony with his religious convictions."

"The Klan is not anti-labor, as is proved by the fact that a large percentage of the American Klan membership is composed of union and non-union elements of labor in all parts of the United States; neither is it anti-capital, unless capital should become tyrannical in its attitude toward the state or its people."

Among the principles for which the organization stands are:

"Suppression of graft by public office holders; preventing the cause of mob violence and lynching; sensible and patriotic immigration laws; separation of church and state; and freedom of speech and press, a freedom of such that does not strike at or imperil our government or the cherished institutions of our people."

SCHOOL NATION'S HOPE
The hope of the world lies not in the laws of nations, but in the cradles of nations; not in the parliaments, but in the high schools.—Ida Clyde Clarke.

DAILY NEWSPAPER SITUATION OF TWIN CITIES NO BETTER WITH MINNESOTA "STAR" IN FIELD

WHY DO DAILY PAPERS DEAL IN FALSEHOODS?

With a wild outburst of joy, a group of men set forth upon an activity which was supposed to result in the establishment of a newspaper which would fearlessly tell the truth, pointing out emphatically that no individuals or special interests would be able to control the editorial policy of this newspaper.

It was not strange, therefore, that a large number of people in Minnesota looked forward to the appearance of an independent newspaper which would dare to publish the truth and nothing but the truth. Many people all over the state went down into their jeans and purchased stock in this proposed newspaper. Eventually, the Minnesota "Star" appeared. Its first issue was greeted with glee, but as the days went by, even the staunchest supporters of the enterprise began to realize that the Minnesota "Star" was as unfair as any of the other metropolitan dailies in the Twin Cities. Each day proves conclusively that the Minnesota "Star" does not intend to be a newspaper without bias. Minnesota journalism was never more cursed than when the "Star" appeared on the scene? Robert M. LaFollette is reported to have made the statement, during the Shipstead-Kellogg political battle, that, from what little he had seen of the "Star," he wished that that daily would be as fair to the other side as it is to its own side. That clearly states the editorial situation in which the "Star" finds itself.

So far as the Ku Klux Klan is concerned, the "Star" has been just as malicious as any of the dailies of the kept press. Recently, the "Star" came out editorially re-emphasizing a mess of lies, which point to the Ku Klux Klan as the instigator of the Mer Rouge murders. Surely the editor of the "Star" knows the facts. He has revealed himself unfit to fill the editorial chair of the "Star" through his deliberate distortion of facts pertaining to the Mer Rouge affair. To a man up a tree, it looks as if the editor of the Minnesota "Star" is more concerned about damning the Klan than he is presenting the facts relative to Klan matters. In this he is not any different than the editors of the metropolitan dailies of the United States. He has tried to hang the Mer Rouge affair on the Ku Klux Klan, when investigations have proved that the Klan is absolutely innocent. By little evasive questions, he makes an effort to give a semblance of truth to a deliberate falsehood. By so doing, he writes himself down as a newspaper man who lets fancies take the place of facts.

Bob Schuler, of Los Angeles, is the editor of Schuler's Magazine, one of the fairest and most fearless of publications in the United States. The Reverend Schuler is not a Klansman, but, nevertheless, he is not afraid to lay before the people—facts. Dear Reader, we leave it to you. The Minnesota "Star" said we did—facts say we didn't. In order to present the matter properly, we shall retell the story of the Mer Rouge murders, as it appeared in Schuler's Magazine for December. You can't accuse Schuler's Magazine of being a Ku Klux publication, for it's nothing of the kind. We present, as follows, Bob Schuler's article:

Something altogether new and startling has appeared, hidden over among the dailies. Dr. John A. Langford and Dr. Charles W. Duvall, unquestioned authorities as pathologists of national reputation, who conducted autopsies on the two mutilated bodies that were supposed to have been those of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richards, of the "Mer Rouge mystery," have come forward with a voluntary statement to the effect that the bodies examined by them could not have been in the lake, from which they were supposed to have been taken, more than forty-eight hours, and that such was their verdict at the time they examined the bodies.

The newspaper headlines are "New Mystery in Mer Rouge Slaying," "Mystery Deepens in Louisiana Slaying," "Added Mystery in Ku Klux Tragedy," etc. Quite mysterious, this, isn't it? The mystery to this writer is that Governor Parker of Louisiana and his fellow conspirators are not speedily arrested, and this dastardly "planting" of two bodies in the lake near the Mer Rouge sited to the bottom.

Months and months ago, this magazine announced the fact that it was a scientific absurdity and a physical impossibility for two bodies to remain in that semi-tropical lake for months and come out in the state of preservation which characterized the two bodies in question. I knew then that those bodies were shipped into Mer Rouge in trunks, having been furnished by a medical school within the state, and so stated.

But here comes the proof. And one immediately wonders why the statement of these two medical authorities failed to reach the public when the sensation was on the front page, under heads two inches to the letter. Who saw to it that the verdict of these two gentlemen, prominent pathologists, never reached the readers of the daily news? There were more than a hundred reporters on the grounds, mostly Roman Catholics, it is true, but reporters just the same. Everybody was reading about it, and excitement ran riot. How does it happen that the proof of the "planting" of these two bodies is announced months after the facts of that "planting" were known to the forces that were "pulling" the "frame-up" and their newspaper representatives?

Mystery, indeed! There may have been a mystery, but there is no mystery left. This is the plainest thing that sane men have been called upon to face for many a day. It is now as clear as the sunlight of noon. All that story of two bodies weighted down in the mud of a lagoon, fastened with wires to some kind of torture machine that had been used to break their bones, inch by inch, and finally blasted loose, tons of explosives having been used for the purpose—all that story was and is 100 per cent premeditated falsehood.

There is no doubt left in any sane man's mind but that the fiction published by way of propaganda all over the nation was known to be fiction by the very newspapers themselves at the time of publication. It is unthinkable that these reporters should have been unaware of the fact that two such eminent authorities had declared it impossible for these bodies to have remained in those waters more than forty-eight hours. That the whole thing was a Roman conceived plot, deliberately planned, as Rome always plans her great deceptions; that the "planting" of these "stiffs" from the medical school was deliberate and for the purpose of making possible a nation-wide deception; that the Mer Rouge tragedy was only a tragedy in that the public was misled purposely in wholesale fashion—that this is the mystery and the only mystery is now as clear as day.

Governor Parker deserves to spend the rest of his life in the state penitentiary for having headed such a dastardly plot. His Romish confederates and cohorts deserve the contempt of all righteous, honorable and just men for having stooped to such a base and un-American campaign of false propaganda. The daily papers of the nation deserve the rebuke of every man who holds the truth to be worth while, for having permitted their columns to be used by the plotting forces to thus deceive the people of America. Why should thinking men ever again believe what they read in the daily papers, following this exposure, this statement of the two great scientists who conducted the autopsies, and announced then as they announce now that those bodies had been "planted" in the lake within forty-eight hours of their removal therefrom.

WARM TRIBUTE PAID TO DAVE KEITH BY BRO. KLANSMEN

—K-K-K—
Former St. Paul Mayor Mourns Death of Ceylon Friend and Lauds Him as a Model Citizen
—K-K-K—

At the funeral services held at Ceylon, Minnesota, among the many floral tributes appeared a thirty-inch Fiery Cross, made of white carnations, and attached to a pedestal of red carnations, with a fifteen-inch pillow made of white carnations. On the pillow appeared the three letters, "K. K. K."

This beautiful tribute of love held the center of the many flowers which had been contributed by friends and relatives of the deceased. Klansman Keith, shortly before embarking upon the journey to that land from whose bourn no traveler returns, asked that he might be remembered by Brother Klansmen and their remembrance expressed by a floral display.

Klansman Keith was a man of vision, a keen observer, a loyal American and a devout Christian. The former Mayor of St. Paul, Larry Hodgson, sent the following letter to the Fairmount Sentinel, which was published in that newspaper on Monday, January 7th.

Editor Fairmount Sentinel:
Yesterday's Sentinel just received, brings me the sad news that Dave Keith has passed into the Great Silence.

Shocked and grieved as I am, my first thought is one of deep and profound gratitude that I knew this splendid man and felt the radiant goodness of his loyal and unpretentious friendship.

It was wonderfully good to know Dave Keith. He was a human man, a kindly, generous, tolerant, helpful, man; a power for good in his community; a citizen of broad and keen vision, equipped to serve the public need, and giving that service wholeheartedly without thought of reward. No man ever called on him for help in vain. He held himself at the command of his fellows glad and eager to be useful. He was uncompromising in the midst of life's troubles and perplexities. He took one day at a time, gave his best, and lived above worry and doubt. He never paraded his virtues, never sought acclaim, and was satisfied to live modestly, humanely and without pretense.

To be Dave Keith was to feel that life was a very worth while enterprise, filled with warmth, jollity, gentility and goodness. To remember him will always be an inspiration, a revival in the heart springs of gracious and unflinching joy.

In the midst of his own sickness he was always anxious about others; and in his last days he visited several friends who were ill, seeking to cheer and comfort them.

Martin county will long remember a citizen so sterling in character; and all who knew him will treasure his memory as one faithful in friendship and beautiful in service.

His magic was not far to seek. He was so human! Whether strong or weak,

Far from his kind he neither sank nor soared, But set an equal quest at every board;

No beggar ever felt him condescend, No prince presume; for still himself he bare

At manhood's simple level; and wherever

He met a stranger, there he left a friend.

Sincerely,
L. C. HODGSON.

St. Paul, Minn.,
January 4, 1924.

BIBLE IN SCHOOLS
Berkley, Mich.—By a unanimous vote the local school board recently passed a resolution to the effect that all pupils in the public schools here shall have portions of the Bible read to them each day.

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THE CALL OF THE NORTH will strive to give the American viewpoint on published articles and separate the dross from pure gold in the current news of the day.

F. J. ORN, Editor in Chief.

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WHEN WILL IT END?

By SANBALLAT

A Klansman walked into my office, beamed a sigh, and sat down to rest. Upon inquiry as to why he seemed so "heavily laden with grief," he remarked that he wished that all of this misunderstanding, turmoil and persecution would stop. This seemed reasonable, yet I have reflected over that very same matter many times and I have come to the conclusion that it is better that things should continue as they are. It seems harsh that I should recommend that Klansmen welcome intolerance against their order, and persecution of it, BUT I DO.

It is under fire that the morale of the soldiery is proved. It is from out of the fire that the true metal comes. It is because of the fire that the temper is produced. Strength comes only after all dross has been removed, and the true temper given. Had the Klan been other than it is, had the Klan had easier sailing than it has had, the Klan would be one of those lack-interest organizations that has to send the sergeant-at-arms into the highways and byways to shoo in enough members to make a quorum. The Klan would have died in the burning, or died of initiation.

We cannot prevent persecution. It is, therefore, best to put up with it. In fact it is best to court it. Welcome any one who comes ignorantly on the field to attack the Klan. Let those try it who from dark designs or from sheer intolerance and bigotry would offer to destroy the Klan. You can't help it, so tolerate, aye, welcome it. I will explain why. The riddle of the universe has been solved by the Maker of the universe. It was so simple in its explanation that men overlooked it entirely, and continue to overlook it as the ages roll on. Looking for something difficult, they have despised the simple things of their experience and hence have neglected that great diamond, the solution of that great riddle. God made it so plain that a wayfaring man, though a fool, need not err therein. God made it so plain that he who runs may read.

Written by the Finger of God
"Surely God hath written it with His own finger, in plain language, concluded the wisest man who ever lived, the poet, the singer, the preacher," yet the Holy Spirit of God hath in these times directed that I again indite it. "Accordingly Solomon in about one score words again summed up the whole thing, when he recorded these words of Almighty God: Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter; fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man." "Isn't it plain? Isn't it simple? Wouldn't it be ideal if all men would get its full meaning? But they do not. The result is that men in their attempts to solve that same riddle have written whole libraries of books since Solomon's time. Further, they will continue, in future generations, to pile up library after library of books on the same subject, and when all is said and done and written, they must, if they get the solution, go back to the beginning and take the words of Solomon, or similar expressions of the same kind, written under the direct supervision of Almighty God.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are highly important. But not nearly so important to man as the correct solution of the whole matter. Man who fails to make his peace with God, and live under the direction of the Almighty, has made the great mistake. There is no other mistake to such a man. All other things are the slightest of incidents to him who has outlived himself from the Kingdom of God. The Klan is highly important, but YOU ARE URGED TO FORGET ALL OTHER THINGS, INCLUDING THE KLAN, IF YOU HAVE NOT MADE PEACE WITH GOD, and feel that you are a son of God, and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. I would not have any man misunderstand that great question, nor would I have it obscured by workings or ritual of any secret organization, nor would I have it treated on a par with any other question in the world. I sincerely hope that I make that supremely plain.

If the Klan were not important, it would not be treated to the persecution that has been meted it. Presidents, governors, supreme court judges, and men in all walks of life would not have gone out their way to cast a stone at the Klan had it been anything but important. Such people do not fight unimportant things. The Klan is important because it has a purpose, a great purpose. Because of its great purpose comes the persecution. To keep it to its great purpose there must come persecution. There is no good cause alive today that has not suffered persecution. The better and

greater the cause, the more severe the persecution. To temper men's souls to do big things men must be tried in the fire. Persecution is the best of temper for Klansmen.

How Do You Know?

Ask me how I know that persecution is the best form of temper for Klansmen, and I will tell you because when the Klan has been persecuted the members of the Klan have rushed together, regardless of any personal differences, and have stood shoulder to shoulder, man to man, and heart to heart with each other in a common defense of that great order to which they have given solemn promise never to permit it to perish from the earth—excepting at the dictation and under the hand of Almighty God. Ask me how I know persecution is the best form of temper for the Klan, when I ask about me and see the Klan being persecuted in one form or another, from the slightest of persecution to the highest forms, in every village, hamlet and city of this universe; and at the same time I see men all over his land rushing to the Klaverns and asking that their names be written on the membership rolls of the Klan. I ask me how I know persecution is good for the Klan, when I see men who were but sympathizers with the Klan, coming to the Klan and saying, "Brother, I want to enroll under the banner of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

Only Beginning To Grow

Ask me how I know persecution of the Klan is good for the Klan, when on every side I see women's organizations espousing the same principles, gathering momentum in leaps and bounds, and membership by the hundreds of thousands. Ask me how I know persecution is good for the Klan, when I see a junior order of Klansmen coming along with a rush. Ask me how the Klan will prosper on persecution, when I see the 100 per cent naturalized Americans, who hold to the Protestant Christian faith, insistently demanding that they be recognized in an order of their own, affiliated with and standing for the same principles for which the Klan stands. Ask me how I know that it is good for men's souls to be tried, when I talk to Protestant Christians and find that not one in ten is against the Klan, but that all know it is high time that the Protestant men and women of America amalgamate themselves into one great mobile, cooperative body, to withstand the onslaughts of hell that have been made against their religions, their church, and the word of God. Ask me that question when I can see that persecution has made it possible for all to say the Klan is only beginning to grow.

Persecution is the whip that has done more to stiffen the backbones of Protestants than any other cause. It has brought them together as nothing else could have done. They recognized the worthiness and the high principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and they welcomed that agency to weld them together into one mass of militant men and women who desired to march to higher things under the Cross of the Master. They recognize that marching to the tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" in defense of the things for which the Protestant church holds sacred, and those things for which "Old Glory" stands, they would be irresistible.

Welcome, then, all forms of persecution, whether it be an ordinance passed by the narrow-minded officials in a Kansas town at the request and upon the insistence of religious bigots and intolerant, or whether it be the assassination of Klansmen, as in the case of Klansman Abbot at Carnegie and many others throughout the country. Welcome it whether it be the attempt to subjugate the minute men of the Klan who reside in Topeka, or the poor creeps who sold Klan papers on the streets of Cincinnati. Welcome it whether it be the firing of a newsboy in a Louisville police court for selling a Klan newspaper, or the attempt of 5,000 mobbers to snuff out the lives of 150 Klansmen of Perth Amboy, N. J. Welcome it whether it be the "frame up" of a Louisiana governor or that of the lawless governor of Oklahoma.

Welcome it, for out of it all we shall see a new man coming from the Klans. We shall see a new forward march of the religion those men represent. We shall see those men wedded to the great ideals of America. We shall see the constitution of states and that of the nation exalted, because of that renewed man who has gone through the fire as a Klansman and has sacrificed all to the principles on which this Protestant Christian nation is founded—that superstition and ignorance might perish from the earth,

WOULD CURB POWER IN CONTEMPT SENTENCES

Washington, D. C.—The sixty-day jail sentence for contempt, imposed against Comptroller Charles L. Craig of New York and affirmed by the United States Supreme Court, will result in a demand at the coming session of Congress for legislation to curb the power of federal judges in contempt cases.

Senator Norris, Republican, member of the Senate judiciary committee, who formerly was a judge of the Nebraska state courts, said:

"The almost unlimited power of federal judges to hold in contempt persons against whom they may take offense because of some word or act displeasing to the court ought to be curbed."

Walsh Also Favors Move
"In fact, I am strongly for curbing the broad powers of the federal courts in a great many respects."

Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, also a member of the Senate judiciary committee, said he would favor legislation by Congress to require trial by jury in cases of contempt, not committed in the presence of the court. The Craig case is such an example.

Senator Walsh recalled the fact that such legislation has been advocated from time to time for the past fifteen years.

He cited House Bill 15,657, before the Sixty-third Congress in 1914, which sought to put into effect the right of trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt. This bill passed the House, but died in the Senate.

Demands Trial by Jury

The Senator said: "I have long contended that in cases of alleged contempt not committed in the presence of the court, so as to act as an obstruction to a trial while in progress, the right of trial by jury should be accorded. I shall support legislation to that end."

Senator Walsh made a vigorous speech on the floor of the Senate in support of the House bill in 1914 when he said:

"It can be easily demonstrated that such a departure, instead of weakening the administration of justice, would extend the power and influence of the courts by assuring to them in greater measure the esteem of the people invited to co-operate

in enforcing their decrees."

"The power to punish for contempt is said to be 'arbitrary in its nature.' 'Recognizing the liability of judges who are only human, there is scarcely a state in the Union that has not legislated to restrict and limit the exercise of it."

Argument Was Answered
"The fact is that trial by jury in cases of contempt has long prevailed in the state of Kentucky."

"There is not an argument that can be advanced in opposition to trial by jury in contempt cases that is not equally an argument against the jury system as we now know it."

"It has been advanced that Congress is without power to make such provision for the trial of cases of indirect contempt."

"But that question is set at rest by the decision of the supreme court in Ex Parte Robinson (19 Will, 505), a case in which the famous contempt statute of 1831 was considered. 'The attack having been made upon the law as an invasion of the inherent power of the court, it was pointed out that the inferior federal courts are not created by the constitution, which simply authorizes Congress to establish them.'"

"Congress can give to them such jurisdiction within the limit fixed by the constitution as it sees fit."

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Oklahoma Masons Will Build Six Story Edifice at Ponca City

PONCA CITY, OKLA.—The joint Masonic bodies of Ponca City have broken ground for a Masonic temple, and work on the building will go forward at once. The building will be six stories high, and all but the top floor will be used as office suites. George H. Brett is chairman of the committee which worked out plans for the erection of the temple.

There are 500 Blue Lodge Masons in Ponca City, 200 Shriners, 200 Chapter, 150 Commandery, and 150 members of the Scottish Rite club.

Alfred Marland lodge, No. 503, named for the late Alfred Marland, oil magnate, is working on plans for the erection of a temple to cost \$100,000. The site and \$100,000 were the gifts of E. W. Marland, son of the man for whom the lodge is named.

COLLEGES 'SWARM WITH KLANSMEN,' SAYS

DELEGATES

New York.—Astonishing indeed, to the uninformed was the news which delegates brought here to the fifteenth annual National Inter-Fraternal Conference concerning the swift growth of the Ku Klux Klan in all American universities and colleges not dominated by Catholicism or Jewish influences.

"The Ku Klux Klan," declared Dr. Thomas Arkle Clark, dean of the University of Illinois, in his report on organizations actively related to school life, "whatever may be said for and against it, is gaining a remarkable foothold in our colleges both North and South. It must be given consideration in this conference, in my opinion."

"Swarming With Klansmen"
More emphatic still was the statement of an Iowa delegate. "The middle West colleges," he reported, "are simply swarming with young Klansmen. They are in every department of university work, and they usually represent the very best elements of the student body. As a result of Klan work among our young men, we are having a revival of study of the federal Constitution and of American history such as I have never before known. It is my sober opinion that this country is on the verge—if not already entering—the most stupendous patriotic crusade ever marking any nation's history."

More Power Yet Coming to Klan
A college president from a Southern school, who was at the conference because in New York on business, and who insisted he spoke without relation to fraternal bodies, gave it as his opinion that the entrance of Ku Klux Klanism into American colleges is only beginning to make its power felt. "It is almost the first attempt in our national history," he said, "to interest young citizenship in good citizenship outside periods of war. I would have believed that the undertaking

could be so successful. The colleges of the Southern states—it is so in my own school, and other educators tell the same story—are feeling the ground swell of Klan enthusiasm. Our young men talk Klan principles, shape their reading to conform to ideals which the Klan has awakened, and are gradually shaping their daily acts, especially with respect to dawning political responsibilities, to conform to their Klan belief."

"Patriotism in Action"

The National Inter-Fraternal Conference, so far as can be learned, took no formal action with respect to outlining the attitude individual Greek letter societies should assume toward the Klan.

"It is patriotism in action—patriotism pure and simple," an officer of Phi Beta Kappa declared soberly. "We could no more take unfriendly action toward the Klan than we could pass a resolution against the singing of the 'Star-Spangled Banner,' or the practice of saluting the flag. If politicians and interested newspapers want to risk Klansmen, they're welcome to risk their bones any time they think it safe. That isn't what our Greek fraternities are for, however. This is an American country, anyway."

Majority of Students Belong

Discussions of the subject among students themselves, who were drawn to the Hotel Pennsylvania where the conference was held, evoked surprising facts. It was said that a majority of the students of every Protestant and state educational institution in Ohio and Indiana are members of the Klan, if eligible. Texas college men are even more strongly represented in the organization. The various state universities, although having many Jewish students, seem as well organized by the Klux forces as are Protestant institutions. Far Western schools are said to show like conditions.

WARNS AGAINST TIDE OF RADICALISM

"It is estimated on competent authority that there are 1,500,000 radicals in this country who are clamoring for a change in the nature of our government from its present form to one of various degrees of communism," says R. E. L. Saner, president of the American Bar Association. "It is said there are 400 newspapers and periodicals that represent similar views and that they are read regularly by 5,000,000 people. It is also said that \$3,000,000 was spent during the last year in behalf of 'red' propaganda."

"We submit that the time has come when members of the bar should bestir themselves in a unified effort to meet this challenge. Such unified activity has, as a matter of fact, been already too long delayed. 'Thinking men see at the present

time the issue being very clearly drawn in our country between stability and radicalism; between the forces of real progress and retrogression; between government under a written constitution as established by our fathers and a government by the mob. The conservative influence of the American bar is sorely needed and should by all means be exercised to its fullest extent in meeting this issue."

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NOTHING NEW.

"I see that Marconi has invented a device by which you can see through brick walls."

"Somebody invented that long ago."

"Who was it, I'd like to know?"

"The man who first thought of putting windows in 'em."—The American Boy.

TELLS HOW PRESS EDUCATES PEOPLE

You often hear of how accurate the news dispatches furnished by the Associated Press are and how any intimation that some of the dispatches might be a little doctored or that certain details are suppressed are hooted at by the newspapers maintaining this service. In this section of the state we had a little first-hand knowledge of the Morehouse affair and were in position to check up on the "accurate" news sent out about it. Some of you who heard the testimony at the recent misdemeanor trials were no doubt surprised to see how little of the testimony favorable to the defendants and "agin" Governor John M.'s little comedy-drama was published, and your conviction that certain news associations were not always non-partisan were strengthened.

To date there has been no senatorial investigation into the attitude of the Associated Press towards the K. K. K., but there has been an investigation along another line that is enlightening, as witness the following:

How the Press "Educates" the People to Please Chiefs of Big Business
(Special Correspondence)

Madison Wis.—In the October issue of LaFollette's Magazine the following charge is made:

"A coal operator appearing before the Calder committee of the United States Senate admitted that the extortionate prices charged the American people for coal in 1920 may have received \$600,000,000 in excessive profits."

"This is an operators estimate of what the educational campaign of the National Coal Association in 1920—conducted through the columns of the daily press—cost the people of the United States."

LaFollette's gives a history of this educational campaign, based on the hearings of the Senate committee on manufactures.

How Newspapers Were Bribe
Early in 1920 the members of the National Coal Association were facing a most embarrassing situation. There was a surplus of coal, and the coal mine owners were in a quandary as to how to dispose of it without cutting prices.

An advertising fund of \$500,000 was raised through an assessment on the members of the association, and the money was spent with daily newspaper all over the country. The object of this advertising campaign was to convince the people that there was a shortage of coal instead of a surplus.

The newspapers not only printed the advertisements but supported the claims of the coal mine owners in their editorial columns.

The Associated Press was induced to become a party to this effort to "scare" the people.

Reaching the Associated Press
On that point LaFollette's quotes from an address delivered by Francis S. Peabody, "one of the principal operators of the country," before a secret meeting of the National Coal Association held in Cincinnati. Here is the story Mr. Peabody told his fellow coal mine owners:

"After our last directors' meeting in Chicago I was able, through my personal acquaintance and friendship with Mr. Melville Stone of the Associated Press, to get his assistance in Chicago."

"I called him up while we were holding our meeting, told him what we were doing, and asked him, 'As a

matter of favor, will you send out three or four hundred words by mail, to be released at a certain date to every daily throughout the United States taking the Associated Press service?' He agreed to do so."

The effort of this story in the Associated Press was described by Mr. Brewster, another coal mine owner, who spoke after Mr. Peabody had concluded. Mr. Brewster said:

"I saw an example of the benefit of this particular publicity. The matter that Mr. Peabody had sent out by the Associated Press appeared in the St. Louis papers, and each one of the papers wrote an editorial on it."

"The next day after these editorials appeared five contracts were delivered to our office which had been hanging fire. We were standing pat on certain prices, and the people were inclined to lock horns with us."

"Those editorials reminded those particular customers, who had expected a much greater reduction in the price of coal than we were willing to give them, that there was going to be difficulty in getting coal this winter."

"As I said before, here were five contracts mailed into the office with letters stating that they had read his story in the papers and thought they had better get back under cover."

Jenkins' "Confidential" Story
LaFollette's also quotes a letter from Mr. Jenkins, vice president of the Hutchinson Coal Co., written in October of 1920, in which Mr. Jenkins explains how he "doctored" the story sent out from Cleveland by the Associated Press.

The Associated Press carried a news report of over 1,000 words to its 3,500 or more newspaper plants written by its Cleveland manager after consultation with the publicity director.

It is not straining the fact—and this is imparted in the utmost confidence—to say that the Associated Press story was, to a very large extent, the word-to-word product of the publicity department.

The great advantage of this report from the operators' viewpoint lay in the fact that the National Coal Association nowhere was quoted as authority for the Associated Press making them on its own responsibility.

In this way they were of more convincing effect than had they been qualified with the inference of parsanship.

Commenting on these revelations, LaFollette's Magazine says:

"The people should bear in mind, however, that while this campaign to educate them was in progress, and while they were being urged to buy coal on account of a shortage, the shortage reported by the press had no existence in fact."

In support of this LaFollette's quotes from the report of the Calder committee on the Senate. This report showed that the country had produced 556,563,000 tons of bituminous coal in 1920, as compared with 458,063,000 in 1919 and that the railroads had moved 25 per cent more coal weekly in 1920 than in 1919.

"So there was no coal shortage or coal transportation shortage," declared the Calder committee, which, it will be remembered, was headed by a Stanpat senator from New York.

If there was an investigation, the Sergt. wonders what the findings would be.—Sergt. Dalton's Weekly.

CLEVELAND MAYOR REFUSES TO HALT FUNERAL BY KLAN

Cleveland, Ohio.—Mayor Kohler was chatting with other officials in his office the other day when a very agitated man entered and declared in a voice trembling with emotion that he had a duty to perform.

"The Ku Kluxers are going to have a parade," he said, almost hysterically.

"What of it?" demanded the mayor. "Let 'em parade as long as they do no harm. I'm not going to stop 'em."

"Don't you realize," persisted the informant, "that the Klan is un-American?"

"I don't give a whoop. Do you accuse me of being a member of the Ku Klux Klan?" demanded Kohler indignantly.

"Well, I can't prove it," was the reply, "but I can tell you that you are in sympathy with them."

"I've made my bed," continued the mayor, "and I'll lie in it."

"You dare not stop the Klan from parading?"

"I'll not stop any fraternal orders as long as they are law-abiding," Kohler said. The objector wilted.

Just at this moment the chief of police entered and the objector turned upon him with the query: "How about it, Chief? Wouldn't you stop a Klan parade?"

"Is there anything wrong about it?" asked Chief Gaul.

The objection appears to have been based on plans of Klan members to attend the funeral of a brother in full regalia, but the officials said they were without legal means of preventing the parade.

I SAT ALONE

I sat alone with my conscience
In a place where time had ceased,
And we talked of our former living
In the land where the years increased;
And I felt I should have to answer
The question it put to me,
And to face the answer and question
Throughout an eternity.

The ghost of forgotten actions
Came floating before my sight,
And the things that I thought were
Dead things

Were alive with a terrible might;
And the vision of all my past life
Was an awful thing to face,
Alone with my conscience, sitting
In that solemnly silent place.

And I thought of a far-away warning
Of a sorrow that was to be mine,
In the land that was then the future,
But now is the present time;

And I thought of my former thinking
Of the judgment day to be,
But sitting alone with my conscience
Seemed judgment enough for me.

And I wondered if there was a future
To this land beyond the grave;
But no one gave me an answer,
And no one came to save.

Then I felt that the future was present,
To this land beyond the grave;
For it was but the thought of my
past life
Grown into eternity.

And the vision passed away;
And I knew the far-away warning
Was a warning of yesterday;
And I pray that I may not forget it,
In this land before the grave;
That I may not cry out in the future,
And no one come to save.

And so I have learnt a lesson
Which I ought to have known before,
And which, thought I learnt it dream-
ing,
I hope to forget no more.

So I sit alone with my conscience,
In the place where the years increase,
And I try to remember the future,
In the land where time will cease.

And I know of the future judgment,
How dreadful so e'er it may be,
That to sit alone with my conscience,
Will be judgment enough for me.

—Pall Mall Gazette, 1888.
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IGNORANT ALIENS

ARRESTED AT MEET

foiled in Attempt to Kidnap Klan Speaker—Hurl Eggs From Crowd
—K-K-K—

Marshall, Mo.—Despite the occasional throwing of eggs, and an attempt on the part of Klan enemies to kidnap him, a well known speaker from Oklahoma, talked for nearly two hours here recently before an audience of 1,000 persons. His lecture included a history of the Ku Klux Klan, and showed the need of such an organization.

Chief of Police Mattox, who is said to be strongly opposed to the Klan, at the request of the mayor escorted the offenders from the theater, but declared that the leader of the gang was "just a boy," not a "bad fellow," and was like many other boys of his age. The "boy" to whom he referred is 35 years old.

This anti-Klan demonstration has served as a turning point in the progress of the Klan in Marshall and it is now receiving the strong and open support of the representative citizens.

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GIRLS' BAND PLAYS AT MUNCIE MEET; 3,000 IN PARADE

Muncie, Ind.—Between 2,000 and 3,000 marchers, both men and women, participated in the Ku Klux Klan parade held here recently. The parade was the final event of an all-day meeting of the Ku Klux Klan organization from various cities in Indiana and Ohio.

Addresses were given at the fair grounds by national speakers of the organization. Music was furnished by a band and several quartets. A public meeting was held, at which time, according to officials, 2,121 candidates took the obligation of the Order. The ceremony was performed in the center of the race track and was witnessed and heard by hundreds who assembled in the grandstand.

Immediately after the ritualistic work Klansmen formed in line, proceeding from the fair grounds to Walnut street, south in Walnut street to Seymour street, west in Seymour street to High street and north in High street to the fair grounds. In the procession were four bands, including one girls' band and one men's and one women's drum corps and several floats.

After the parade a mammoth display of fireworks was given at the fair grounds.

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PUZZ-Z-Z

The telephone is not making much progress in Russia. And no wonder. Fancy a man going to the phone and shouting:

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RED WING GOVERNOR CANDIDACY PUSHED

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J. K. Groudhall, Newspaper Man, Former Legislator, Held Able to Unite Party
—K-K-K—

Red Wing, Minn.—Claiming that Jens K. Groudhall, publisher and editor of the Red Wing Daily Republican, is the only gubernatorial possibility, who could align all the factions of the Republican party in the state, friends are launching a "Groudhall for governor" drive in all sections of the state.

Plans are under way to organize county and township Groudhall clubs throughout the southern part of the state, within the next few weeks, and backers of the editor's candidacy for the Republican nomination are now traveling through the state, working up favorable sentiment for the movement.

Mr. Groudhall, although not making any effort to stop this movement, says he does not desire to become a candidate, but followers of the former legislator say that, if the nomination is placed before him, he will accept.

They point out that their prospective candidate is the only possibility in the Republican field who could weld that party together, and that his work in the legislature years ago would carry him through a successful fight against any candidate the Farmer-Labor or Democratic parties could produce.

They also say that Southern Minnesota has no representation in the state constitutional offices, and that the section of the state is entitled to a "chance at the governorship."

Among those who are active in launching the candidacy of the editor are: R. W. Putnam, Albert and Barney Seiz, Harris F. Anderson, H. L. Hjermstad, W. L. Bakke, S. L. Kaldem, N. C. Lien, E. H. Lidberg and H. E. Uim, all of Red Wing; Dr. W. J. Cochran, Lake City; Louis Carlson and Ed Ackerman of Frontenac, and former State Senator Stebbins of Rochester.

TOWNLEY PLANS TORUN FOR GOVERNOR IN 1924 REPORTED

—K-K-K—
Question Whether He Would File in Farmer-Labor Primaries or Seek G. O. P. Nomination
—K-K-K—

Race for Senatorship If Johnson Will Seek Preus' Post Also Rumored
—K-K-K—

Arthur C. Townley founder and late head of the Nonpartisan league, may take a flyer in Minnesota politics on his own account next year, according to a report current among his friends. The story is that he plans to run for governor, but there is some question whether he would file in the Farmer-Labor primaries or try for the Republican nomination.

Mr. Townley always has opposed third party action and made a fight last year both in Minnesota and North Dakota for his "balance of power" plan of working within the old parties. In a broken field of several Republican candidates for governor, he would stand a chance of winning, it is believed, even though most of his political kind were in the Farmer-Labor primaries.

Another report is that Mr. Townley hopes to induce Senator Magnus Johnson to run for governor next year and in that event will run for the senatorship himself. He is in Colorado working on his new farmers' organization, and could not be reached to affirm or deny the reports.

When he organized the Nonpartisan league, Mr. Townley was a citizen of North Dakota, but he was born and brought up in Minnesota and for the last three or four years has been a resident of the Twin Cities. Though more than once he has been declared down and out in the affairs of the Nonpartisan league, he has come back each time and whenever there was occasion for it, he has shown his power over the rank and file of the league.

FORD PLANS GREAT EXTENSION IN 1924

—K-K-K—
Expects to Spend More than \$110,000,000—Waterway Improvements in Plans
—K-K-K—

Detroit, Mich.—Extensive improvement of waterways looking to the development of an all-water route from Green Island, N. Y., to Detroit; completion of a plant, the erection of which has been started, at St. Paul, Minn., an addition to the Kansas City assembly plant, and extension of business throughout the South and West, are among the items set forth in a statement by the Ford Motor Company in its expansion program for 1924.

An official of the company close to Mr. Ford, was authority for the assertion that the statement covered improvements which would call for an expenditure of from \$110,000,000 to \$150,000,000 during the year.

CRIPPLED NEWSBOY IS AGAIN ATTACKED

—K-K-K—
Salesman for Fiery Cross in Cincinnati Found Unconscious on Street
—K-K-K—

Cincinnati, Ohio.—For the second time within a few months, Thomas Lowe, a cripple, Cincinnati agent for The Fiery Cross, was beaten almost into unconsciousness by unidentified persons a few days ago. He was struck in the back of the head with a blackjack, police say, and when found he was unable to give a description of his assailants.

Some months ago Lowe was kidnapped, taken to a vacant house and subjected to extreme torture in an attempt to make him reveal certain information about the Klan. On his refusal, he was placed in an automobile, taken across the river into Kentucky and thrown from the machine while it was traveling at a high rate of speed.

ST. JOE HAS NEW HOME

—K-K-K—
Making Plans for Huge Temple Near the City
—K-K-K—

St. Joseph, Mo.—Klan headquarters were moved from Third and Edmond streets (the old board of trade building) to the corner of Sixth and Edmonds streets on January 1. This is the Center Building, and the entrance is Sixth, first door north of Edmond. The quarters will be central, handy, and nicely fitted up, and as usual, open to the public.

St. Joseph has also arranged for a tract of land near the city, and will get busy right away building a meeting place, a Temple, to seat several thousand people. The grounds will be made beautiful, and the arrangements to make it something of a pleasure place, where games and picnics, ceremonies and other things will find room and things to please and attract. Later fuller details will be given. All this evidences that Klanism is still alive in this city, and that Klan No. 4, is neither asleep nor dead.

"Many big things are already being planned for the coming few months. The Klan of St. Joseph, and The Independent are going concerns, and are both large on the map, not only of this city, but their light is shining in the dark places, to cheer and enlighten, far and near. Who said the Klan was decaying?"

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PAPAL DELEGATE AT WHITE HOUSE

By GILBERT O. NATIONS, Ph. D.
Washington, D. C.—The delegate of the Pope to the United States, Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, recently called at the White House and the hierarchy of Rome is giving out to the Roman press in its clip sheet service at the National Capital the boastful statement that many congressmen, who were here before the hyphenated Papal delegate had to wait while he was immediately shown into the President's office and very graciously received in an extended audience. The statement of the hierarchy is in part as follows:

"When the delegate and his party arrived at the White House, there were many members of Congress waiting to see the Chief Executive, but the delegate was ushered into the President's office without delay. President Coolidge received him most graciously. He asked the Archbishop regarding his previous service, and on being told that he had served in China and India, the President questioned him concerning both of those countries. On leaving the White House the Papal delegate and his secretary posed for several photographs in front of the mansion."

Pope Leo XIII established the Papal delegation at our National Capital as a diplomatic station, but so far our government has never officially recognized the Papal envoy, though it is accustomed to accord the delegate many attentions and preferences approaching perilously near to recognition. The Pope now has regular diplomatic relations with more than half the civil powers.

The only possible reason for location of the Papal delegate in an imposing mansion at 1811 Biltmore street in the diplomatic section of Washington is because the Pope regards him as a diplomatic envoy. Washington city has no ecclesiastical importance to the Church of Rome. No Roman prelate is enthroned in the Capital City. That city is a mere suburb of Baltimore in the Papal system and all its Roman churches and priests and institutions are subject to the Archbishop of Rome enthroned at Baltimore. But Washington is the center and headquarters of American politics. That is why the Pope located his delegate in the Capital City instead of a Papal stronghold like New York or Baltimore or Boston or Chicago.

Unofficial report says several June brides are learning to cook.

POPE GETS HARDING MEMORIAL BOOK

—K-K-K—
Rare Volume Withheld From American Citizens
—K-K-K—

Washington, D. C.—Information appearing in the daily papers that printers of the government printing office had produced a very beautiful book as a memorial to President Harding. Only a hundred copies were produced and the forms destroyed so that no additional copies would be available. Of course, it was designed to be a very extraordinary rare memento to the select few permitted to possess it.

To add to its rarity and sentimental value, President Coolidge and Secretary of State Hughes autographed 18 of the 100 copies. The Herald gave a partial account of the disposition made of the 18 in these words:

"Copies of the latter will be given to the President, Secretary of State Hughes, Chief Justice Taft, former President Woodrow Wilson, C. Bascom Slemph, Dr. George T. Christian, Public Printer George H. Carter, the International Typographical Union, the Vatican in Rome and the Library of Congress."

Is the Vatican better entitled to such an expression of American patriotism than senators and representatives in Congress, forty-eight governors of states and a hundred million citizens of the United States?

IT DOESN'T SURPRISE US ONE TEENEY BIT

—K-K-K—
DO "CASEY'S" DEFRAUD THE GOVERNMENT IN FINANCING THEIR OFFICIAL ORGAN?
—K-K-K—

Since the Knights of Columbus claim that they are law-abiding people, we are interested in getting at the exact facts in what appears to be a neat get-away with Uncle Sam, in an evasion of the postal laws, says Shuler's Magazine.

We note in a recent number of "Columbia," the official organ of the Knights of Columbus, a statement of their financial record during the past twelve months. They announce a circulation of 775,000 in round numbers. Their subscription price is \$1.00 per year. If these are bona fide subscribers, as the law requires, their treasury would have received from subscriptions the sum of \$775,000. The law provides that in clubs not less than 50 per cent of the subscription price must be charged.

Let us suppose that every subscriber on their books has been thus obtained—then they would have received \$387,500 in that manner.

The publishers of "Columbia" declare in their financial report that they took in during the year \$82,380.31 for advertisements carried in the publication. Adding to this the amount they would have received for subscribers at the 50 per cent rate which is the minimum the law allows, they would have a total on their books of \$469,880.31. And yet the financial report in question declares that the total amount taken in during their entire legitimate operations was only \$100,299.86.

The publishers concede in their report that they took in for subscriptions only \$129,368. Here is something for the United States postal authorities to look into—that is, unless Rome has a special understanding with the government by which she is permitted to evade the law.

Certainly, some clever Casey might have swiped \$369,587.45. In that event the publishers of "Columbia" might write me a vote of thanks for the suggestion. We observe that they claim their entire expense for publications for the year to have been \$405,916.45, which would leave them a neat balance of \$63,916.82, which they could have used in combating the Ku Klux Klan—that is, if they had really received 50 cents for each subscriber, which is the least that the law permits, and the advertising amount which they publish.

But whether it was poor business methods or evasion of the law or clean-cut graft, they announce a deficit of approximately \$300,000. Evidently there is something as crooked as a corkscrew somewhere. If we did business that way, we would be in jail inside of a week.

Anyway, what's a \$300,000 deficit to Rome, if she's putting over propaganda? Why she can take it out of the amount still on hand from the war chest fund she collected from Protestants, just before the war closed, by the aid of the government.

And yet it would be interesting to know whether Uncle Sam has been "horn-swoggled" in the matter of the taking of these 775,000 subscriptions, or whether some bright lad has laid by a few plunks out of the treasury.

WHOLE HOPE IN RELIGION
The hope of the world lies in religion as the realization of God and the practice of brotherhood.—Dr. Joseph Fort Newton.

Doctors claim a new rheumatic serum, limbs stiff joints quicker than sitting on a tack.

FORTY PROTESTANTS ARE DISCHARGED BY U. S. SHIPPING BOARD.

—K-K-K—
Catholic Ax is Wielded in Great Fury—Admiral Benson Has Part-Same Tactics Used as When Joe Tumulty Packed Board With Men of Own Religion.
—K-K-K—

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—Forty-six employees of the U. S. Shipping Board were separated from their jobs last Monday and the Catholic ax was wielded with great fury. In the number were five or six K. C.'s, just enough in the big bunch of Protestants to make it appear that it wasn't just a religious decapitation. Of course, the few Catholics let out will find a way to be reinstated, as has been the case so many times, when their parish priest gets busy with the powers that be. It's no secret that Catholic priests do visit the shipping board offices every time there are any favorites let out and they invariably find a way to get them back in again. In the bunch let out this week were eight good Masons; they will have a hard time to secure reinstatement for there is no secret that the shipping board is dominated and controlled by Catholics and Jews, just as it always has been from the start in the days when one Joe Tumulty ran things in the White House and had his brother Felix Tumulty scouting around daily in the shipping board offices finding places for Joe to fit Catholics into fat jobs.

Admiral Benson might know. The wholesale decapitation came this week as a result of the decision to make a \$90,000 reduction in the force and Department Chief D. A. Burke just had to let them go in bunches. Just why the shipping board always manages to let the ax fall on the necks of so many Protestants and so few Catholics is one of the questions that one must guess. Of course the fact that Admiral Benson is a Catholic and the head of the Knights of Columbus in Washington might have an important bearing on the situation. Then there is Mr. O'Connor, a nice Irish name, that Catholic written all over it, that greatly assists the others on the board; of course we must not overlook Mr. Lissner, who is a prominent Jew member of the board. It is a fact, however, that there is one Presbyterian member of the board and still another member is said to be a Mason, but there never was a time when two could outvote three.

What a bloody time this Catholic ax has had in the shipping board since the World War. The Tumulty crowd in its palmist days had the place packed with 15,000 employees and now it is whittled down to about 3,000 of which number the writer is assured is about 75 to 80 per cent Catholic. When a Catholic is let out, as a blind, he manages to get back, for his priest is on the job within a few days. He makes no secret about it; he goes right down to the shipping board and demands action and gets it. But when a Protestant finds himself on the outside he is out of luck.

Rip Snorting Masons
There was a time when the Masons of prominence in the shipping board were rather chummy; in fact, they organized the Anchor club, and do you believe it those fellows got into the habit of going out to lunch together? When Admiral Benson got wind of it he said such a thing must stop immediately. The iron fist came down hard and the Masons had to go to lunch one at a time and they were lonely.

There was Commander J. G. Journe, who is regarded as one of the strongest Masons in the District of Columbia. He was an ex-commander in the navy department and down in the shipping board he was made chief of the vessel distress section. His activities down there in calling a spade a spade got him in bad with the Benson crowd and the first thing he knew his head had dropped into the basket. It's still there.

Former Acting Controller L. M. Stevens was another Mason to go and Ed Linz was another member of the Masonic club to be on the outside looking in. These fellows knew too much of the inside workings and they have gotten better jobs on the outside working where only merit counts. They can go to lunch with all the Masons in Washington if they want to and no one to chop

off their heads. They now rank as top notchers among the C. P. A's in this city and wear no man's collar.

Activities Were Too Many
Elmer Rogers was another active Mason whose activities were too much for Tumulty and Benson. This good old Hoosier from Logansport is now making big money working for himself as a contractor on the outside and he is piling up a bank account which cannot be taken away from him.

Oh, yes, Ray Worsham was another member of the Masonic club, but he is lunching uptown nowadays where Masons can gather together without being ousted from their jobs. Mr. Worsham has gone into business for himself and is making more money now than he made in the shipping board.

Here's another fellow, but the writer isn't going to divulge his name for he is still on the job inside working every day but Sunday. He isn't a Mason, but he is a good fellow, anyway. His trouble is that favorite Catholics are promoted right over his head every now and then. He has had several years' experience at sea in loading ships and handling same. He knows his business. But that doesn't count, especially if he is a Protestant, which in this case he is. The other day a Catholic was put over him who has never been on the ship and doesn't know the slightest thing about ships or the shipping business. He admits it and says:

"I don't know anything about this business; you go ahead and act, get out the letters and I'll sign them; you know this work and I don't."

ALABAMA WILL STOP CONVICT LABOR SYSTEM

—K-K-K—
Governor Will Take Necessary Steps to Carry Out Pledge
—K-K-K—

Birmingham, Ala.—Gov. Wm. W. Brandon recently stated that he would abolish Alabama's present convict lease system at an early date. It is understood that negotiations were under way between the state convict board and the coal operator whose mines employ convict labor will soon be successful in consummating a change from the present system.

The last legislature extended the leasing system and placed it at the will of the government. By doing this they nullified a law passed which ended the system December 31, 1923.

A bitter fight of a nation-wide significance has been waged upon this system. The anti-lease advocates have by the governor's action practically won their fight.

ARIZONA KLAN'S SEEK MURDERER

—K-K-K—
Reward Is Offered for Conviction of Woman's Brutal Slayer
—K-K-K—

Phoenix, Ariz.—In the interest of justice the Ku Klux Klan of Salt River valley have offered a reward to the person or persons who shall furnish information to the officers of the law that shall lead to the apprehension, conviction and legal execution of the brutes who murdered Mrs. Boudreau at the Monroe school building on November 12.

The murder of Mrs. Boudreau was one of the most fiendish in the crime annals of Arizona.

ROMAN TOLERANCE
Kimberlyville, Pa.—Catholic hoodlums invaded a Protestant church here that was rented to the Ku Klux Klan and, after heckling the speaker, Dr. J. H. Hawkins, began a tirade of curse words that only the filthy alien mouth can express. After being chased from the building these toughs bombarded the audience with Irish confetti—bricks.

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NEW LIGHT SHED UPON SISTER MARY ETHEL

—K-K-K—
Klan Failure to Support Her After Fight Shows Facts
—K-K-K—

"The case of the reputed ex-nun Sister Mary Ethel, which attracted some attention several weeks ago, in Kansas City, has been brought again into the limelight by the action of her attorney, a prominent Klansman of Kansas City, in resigning from the Klan, alleging that the Klan is fighting his client," says the Menace.

"Mrs. Steep, otherwise known as Sister Mary Ethel, was attacked by a Roman Catholic woman named Ghio, apparently without good cause, and the newspaper reports at the time stated that the Ghio woman was the aggressor. Later inferential reports indicated that Mrs. Steep not only defended herself but did a little hair pulling on her own account. The Menace was friendly to the lecturer in our first and only notice of the affair, basing our stand upon the evident fact that the Romanist was offered the opportunity of speaking from the platform in her own behalf but refused and preferred to conduct her side of the case with her nails and fists.

"Subsequently it developed that the alleged ex-nun did not claim to have ever been an inmate of any convent in this country, making it doubly hard to disprove her claims to having been a real nun, but she did claim to have been in a convent in Burmah and in Manchester, England. It also developed that she is in a sense a protegee of a certain professionally patriotic paper published in southwest Missouri, and has been conducting a Question and Answer department in that paper intermittently from time to time.

"The Menace is receiving inquiries regarding his alleged ex-nun, to none of which it is able to reply definitely. It is possible that she is what she claims, but it is worthy of note that prominent anti-Romanists of England claim to have never heard of her. It is just as well for patriots to carefully consider the possibilities which has resulted in arraignment of the Klan against her, because it does not seem possible that the Klan would oppose and assist in the prosecution of any legitimate ex-nun, unless such a person were dangerously nihilistic and anti-American.

"This 'ex-nun' may be working in the interests of the circulation department of the paper referred to, and in that case the paper's well-known antagonistic attitude towards the Klan might also be considered. It should be remembered that the main owner of the paper in question came out against the Klan a few months ago and launched its own so-called 'American Klan,' accusing the head of the Klan of attempting to turn the organization over to Rome by admitting Roman Catholics to the Order. Although this statement on his part was absolutely denied and he himself branded as a traitor to the organization; he has for some time been trying to placate the general membership and Sister Mary Ethel seems to have been selected as a fitting lieutenant to do the work."

WHY THE ALARM?

Frost, in "The Outlook" for December 26, continues his expose of the Ku Klux Klan. He says, "the Giant now strips for action." He means by this that it is insisting on its love of peace, order and lawful redress of all wrongs. He claims Evans has done this to place the Order right with the outside world, but doubts if the "reformation" be real. He intimates that Imperial Wizard Evans is an arbitrary despot and the rest of the Order blind followers.

Mr. Frost, however, says it is a good plan we have followed, and doubts if there is any good way to break up the Order. He has learned that the senseless propaganda of Rome has brought in more members than any other agency. He fears the political power of the Klan. We have but to close ranks and stand firm for real 100 per cent Americanism to cause many more of the opposition to "see the strong man arousing himself from sleep" and preparing to care for his own.

BY THE WAY

We saw a presidential possibility lose two votes when a certain kind of auto hit a fence.

AN OPEN LETTER TO KR. KERFOOT

Dear Mr. Kerfoot:
I regret very much to note the fact that you, as a representative Protestant, are not able to see far enough ahead to realize the smallness of your action in allowing your name to be used in connection with such an organization as The National Vigilance Committee.

While attending Hamline I always thought of you with the deepest respect and always enjoyed hearing you discuss various subjects in Chapel and elsewhere, and was greatly surprised to learn from the daily papers that a man of your calibre and intelligence should be so easily led by the un-American forces that oppose the KU KLUX KLAN. I still believe that there must have been some misunderstanding, or that you must have been misinformed as to the work of our great organization or you would not have taken the stand that you have.

As a member of The Invisible Empire for some time, I am in a position to know whereof I speak, and I say to you in all sincerity that I have never seen any instance of law violation or dishonesty in the workings of the Ku Klux Klan. If anything of the kind had happened, I would certainly have discontinued my membership.

Be fair, Doctor. Study up a little on this organization and also on the ones that are opposed to us, and I know you will see the light and be as great a booster for the Three K's as I am.

Yours truly,
18'

A VOICE OF AN "ALIEN"

It does beat the band how many aliens know all about "the split in the Klan," while it is utterly impossible to find one Klansman who ever heard anything of it! We've been Klansmen for a long time; have visited Klans all over the country and are regular in attendance, but we are unable to hear anything about it until we read some of the Catholic press service dispatches or talk to aliens. Think it over!

Any poets in the crowd? Step right up, brother, and let us see what you have. You don't have to be a Longfellow or a James Whitcomb Riley.

Three Cape May (N. J.) men have caught 1,500 pounds of fish. Anyway, they swear they did.

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