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MONUMENTAL FARCE RIVALS THAT OF FAKE TELEGRAM "FROM PRESIDENT"

Minnesota Methodists Do Not Stand With The Hamline "U" Prexy in Anti-Klan Activities.

(BY WINGFOOT)

That Frank C. Sidney, secretary of the National Vigilance Association, will have much more "explaining to do in regard to the indiscriminate use of names of business men and college presidents whom that organization gave out as members, is seen in the investigation being conducted by The Fiery Cross. All indications now point to the whole matter being a monumental farce perpetrated on the people and a gigantic hoax foisted upon the newspapers which carried the story and the "list of names already in the association."

On last Saturday, Secretary Sidney "admitted an error" in the use of the name of Dr. Robert Ale, president of Butler College. Just now the error occurred is a matter of conjecture for the reason that Dr. Ale has protested the use of his name before it was given out. A statement by Dr. Ale, following the unauthorized use of his name, brings to light the fact that he had written the Vigilance Association two different times declaring that he was not in sympathy with the movement and would not allow his name to be used.

Directory Evidently Used
Due to the fact that denials of any connection with the Vigilance Association are coming from every part of the country, it would appear that names were taken at random from a directory, especially in view of the fact that Aven Nelson, given as president of Wyoming University, retired from that position more than one year ago. Also, he denies, in a telegram to The Fiery Cross of having "committed the university to any such program" as that laid out by the Vigilance Association, which is formed, according to the newspaper dispatch, to "wage an intensive country-wide campaign looking to the disintegration of the Ku Klux Klan and kindred organizations."

The story, which came out of Washington, D. C., and which was printed in the daily press in all parts of the country, is fast taking on the appearance of being a part of that systematized effort now being made to convince the public that certain leaders in the business world and the leading educators of the United States are opposed to the Klan. It fits in nicely with that part of the organized opposition's attempt to make it appear that the Klan is "dwindling."

The following telegram in reply to a query by The Fiery Cross, is illuminative of the tactics employed by the amalgamated enemies of this country, and is from Stephen B. L. Penrose, president of Whitman College, of Walla Walla, Wash.

"Just returned home. I was not an original incorporator of the National Vigilance Association and know nothing of its real purposes. I was notified on October thirty-first by a letter from a man in Washington personally unknown to me that I had been appointed a member of the National Committee of the National Vigilance Association, an organization which I had never heard of before. It was described as having for its objects the promotion of patriotism and regard for law and without suspicion, I accepted the appointment but stipulated that I assume no duties or obligations. Since that time the newspapers have ascribed an anti-Klan motive to Vigilance Association. I have written to Washington for authentic information. If the organization is anti-Klan I will withdraw from it."

Radio Head Makes Denial
David Saroff, head of the Radio Corporation of America, New York and whose name appeared in the list as a member, has declared that he does not belong. This information was contained in a telegram to The Fiery Cross. Samuel P. Leeds, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Atlantic City, declares that his name was used without authorization.

A telegram from A. S. Newlands, secretary for Mr. Leeds, reads: "Samuel P. Leeds has been in hospital for three weeks. He is not a

member of National Vigilance Association. His name used without permission or authority."

In view of the questionable tactics used by the alien opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, this information is not surprising. One of the names used was that of John Sherwood Jones of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Information from there is that Mr. Jones is unknown at Bryn Mawr College as well as at the Bryn Mawr postoffice.

Dr. P. L. Campbell, of the University of Oregon, located at Eugene, and who is named on the "list" by the Vigilance Association, enters a denial. He says: "Have no knowledge of my name being connected with National Vigilance Association. Know nothing of organization other than through occasional newspaper paragraphs."

Thus does the gigantic hoax thoroughly in keeping with that perpetrated by the alien opposition to the Klan, in giving a fake message from President Coolidge to the press, grow into volume and once again show to the world the depths to which those persons opposing the Ku Klux Klan will stoop.

"Use of Name Unauthorized"
Rust Rhees, president of Rochester University, one of the "members" of the new organization, in a crypt wire says: "Use of my name by National Vigilance Association is unauthorized." And yet these men behind the National Vigilance Association, who would have all America believe them to be sincere, use the methods displayed by them in foisting on the newspapers of America, a list that has the very earmarks of having been taken from a directory. In the case of President Ale of Butler College, this virtuous association used his name over his protest and after it had received two letters from him declaring that he would not be a member.

This organization, one of the heads of the hydra-headed, un-American Unity League, which is sponsored by Joe Roach, assassin, and Pat O'Donnell, jury fixer, is evidently following in the footsteps of its parent organization and heralds its existence to the world with a lying list of names of persons, some of whom had never heard of the organization. Being a part and parcel of the amalgamated enemies of America, it also follows in the footsteps of the Knights of Columbus, an organization which, while our late president was still buried, sent to the press a fake message from the new president, a message which they afterward "admitted was a mistake." Now comes the Vigilance Association with another fake story and then "admits" the use of President Ale's name an "error."

Their actions are those of the Ancient Hibernians, an organization which serves notice on the governor of Indiana and the President of the United States that it will "use its own methods" to eliminate the Ku Klux Klan. Possibly the fake list is a part of their methods.

Ellen F. Pendleton, president of Wellesley College, in answer to a telegram from The Fiery Cross, wires: "No authorization given for use of name as one of the incorporators of National Vigilance Association."

To date only two telegrams have been received in which the senders acknowledge their connection with the National Vigilance Association. One was from a colored professor in Wake Forest, N. C., and the other from a dignitary of the Roman Catholic church in St. Paul, Minn. This man took pains to qualify his connections as purely one of wishing law and order. Other answers to telegrams declare that some of those listed as "members" have been in Europe for months.

With Backs to Wall
The amalgamated enemies of America are now fighting with their backs to the wall as the Klan continues to be augmented with sterling

red-blooded Americans who realize the menace of the alien interests that now cast its shadows across the fair face of our country. The reprehensible tactics used by the opposition to the Klan, including slander, lies, faked messages, lying lists, paid propagandists, assault and battery, murder and every other scheme that can be contrived in the cunning brains of trained plotters, are only reacting in favor of the Ku Klux Klan. What explanation can the National Vigilance Association offer to the public for printing a list such as appeared in the daily newspapers? Possibly it feels that none is needed; that these organizations of aliens have so long been faking news and insulting the intelligence of Americans that the public will stand for it and that the men who have been maligned by fake messages and lying lists have no recourse but denial and that these denials will be swallowed up in the vast amount of news.

Founded Upon Deceit
The National Vigilance Association has proved to the world that it is founded on deceit; that it has used the names of prominent men, not only without authorization but under protest of those men, and that every indication points to the association having used a directory from which to get the names of their now punctured attempt to convince America that the educators of this country are against the Klan.

Their entire procedure is that of the crafty alien who for centuries past has been steeped in deceit, schooled in intrigue and drilled in secret and reprehensible plotting.

The organization burst into print with a lie and as it has shown no signs of life it will most probably be left to lie where it falls.

K-K-K
Who does John Bull?
Whose uncle is Uncle Sam?
What makes a piston ring?
How much does the milky way?
How much is Kenilworth?
Who fixes the broken news?

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH W. Rothwell, Minister

Claremont, Minn., Nov. 24, 1923.

Dr. Samuel F. Kerfoot,
President Hamline University,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Doctor:

It is with deepest regret that I notice in the Minneapolis Journal of November 13 that you have been named a member of a body the purpose of which is to destroy the Ku Klux Klan.

Please understand that I hold no brief for the Klan, but am at a loss to understand why you should be expected to lend your aid to overthrow an organization whose only crime, as far as I can find out is that it is opposed to the political activities of the Roman Catholic Church.

I am the more surprised when I recall that Cardinal Daugherty has publicly denounced the work of your own great Church in Italy; and has accused the Methodists of being "revilers and seducers" of innocent Italians. (See the Protestant of January 23, page 171). That you should be asked to help destroy those who are opposed to the Roman Catholic Church's stranglehold on our political, educational, and judicial systems is a poor exchange for the "bouquets" already referred to.

However, if you are of the opinion that the Klan is unnecessary and that it is guilty of all the things its Roman Catholic "friends" (?) say about it, perhaps you can suggest something in its place that can be used to further "law enforcement" which cannot be controlled by the Roman Catholic Church.

I presume it is hardly necessary for me to remind you that the policy of said church, is, and always has been to either "rule or ruin" it is only because it cannot do the former that it desires the latter in the case of the Klan.

I wonder what would happen if you were asked to become a member of a committee to see to it that every member of the Knights of Columbus was asked to withdraw from all the orders named in the article I have already referred to?

Trusting you will maintain the great traditions of the Methodist Church by refusing to act on the "National Vigilance Committee. I remain,

Yours for fair play,
W. ROTHWELL.

Oregon Klansmen Celebrate

TWO SOLID MILES OF MARCHING MEN THRILL VAST CROWDS

AEROPLANE IS A FEATURE

Over 6000 Klansmen were present at the great state demonstration held at Salem, November 10. Of that number, 5800 were in full regalia and took part in the spectacular parade with masks down.

Several different checks were made by official observers, and the results show that the parade was two miles long. The Klansmen marched four abreast in columns eight feet apart, and there were 1450 solid lines of white robed figures in orderly procession. The marchers covered a distance of over five miles.

The parade was led by the Stars and Stripes and the Fiery Cross. Following were two Klansmen on horseback and behind these were machines carrying state officers of the Klan and Royal Riders of the Red Robe. Tom Akers, head of the Imperial Klan Intelligence Bureau was the official representative of Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon for the Realm of Oregon, who was unable to attend on account of illness. The Representative of Imperial Regent Royal Riders of the Red Robe, Grand Klaliff Grand Kligrapp and Great Titans for the state, and Exalted Cyclops of local Klans were also in autos. The machines were followed by a band, of which there were three in the entire parade; one from Eugene, one from Albany and the Scotch Kiltie band from Portland.

The Royal Riders were given the place of honor in the line of march. Their costumes were electrically illuminated with tiny light bulbs, and their red robes made a spectacular contrast to the pure white robes of their Klansmen brothers. Following the Riders, the Klansmen marched four abreast in imposing array. Behind them, in machines, were the aged Klansmen who were unable to stand the strain of the five-mile line of march.

The parade would have been augmented by several hundred more Klansmen, but these latter were unable to secure robes, due to the exceptional demand for them earlier in the week.

The feature stunt of the evening was revealed just as the parade started to move off. At that time an airplane, flying 1,000 feet over the dome of the state Capitol, was observed by the crowds below, with a giant Fiery Cross emblazoned on the wings. The plane circled the Capitol building several times, and then started off to follow the entire route of the parade. Then, from an elevation of 1,000 feet, the aviator climbed to a distance of 4,000 feet, so that the cross appeared to be standing vertically in the air. It was at this time that the apparent phenomena of a Fiery Cross high in the heavens could be plainly seen from Albany, a distance of 20 miles south of Salem. Returning to the former elevation, the sign was changed to the words: "Join K. K. K." and the aviator again circled the city.

The two special trains leaving Portland were unable to accommodate the crowds, and about 50 Klansmen and women were left behind. The Fiery Cross was placed on the front of the first special, when it took on the crowd at Tenth and Washington.

The Portland Klansmen paraded from the train at Salem to the state fair grounds. The Klans were well represented from every Klavern in the state of Oregon.

The entire facilities of the state fair grounds were used by the Klansmen and the ladies who attended the meeting. Approximately 2,500 meals were served at the grounds by the ladies from the combined Protestant churches of Salem.

After the parade, the Klavern was opened in the race track enclosure by the Grand Klaliff of Oregon. The Klansmen were inside the enclosure, and the grandstand, capable of seating 5,000, was comfortably filled by spectators. A 40-foot Fiery Cross was lighted in the race track. The Royal Riders were given special recognition, and escorted inside the Klavern to join in the ceremonies.

Speeches were delivered by Tom Akers, who talked on behalf of Fred L. Gifford, the Grand Dragon of Oregon; V. K. "Bearcat" Allisan, Imperial Lecturer; the Patrol Chief of the Royal Riders and J. R. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1, who presented the charter to Salem Klan.

A large class was initiated by Salem Klan before the parade. The initiation was conducted by C. C. Star, Klaliff of Salem Klan. Star was in charge of, and directly responsible for the entire demonstration, which was conceded to be the biggest and best ever held on the Pacific coast.

The Western American, official Klan paper for the state, was represented. One member of the staff carried a large banner on which were the words "Read the truth about the Klan in The Western American, official paper for the K. K. K., R. R. R., and W. O. K. K. K."

Major Luther I. Powell, Klaliff for Portland Klan, who was in Salem also, participated in the parade.

An important part was played by the Field Marshal of the Salem Klan who, with 100 aides, policed the grounds and cared for the hundreds of machines that were parked near the race track.

BIG PRICE FOR BIBLE
Martha Washington's family Bible was sold recently in New York City for \$3,700. The Bible was printed in Oxford in 1783 and contains the manuscript record of Lawrence Lewis, George Washington's nephew, and his wife, Eleanor Parke Curtis, Washington's adopted daughter, and the births of their eight children.

K-K-K
An indissoluble union of indestructible states, one flag, one country, one destiny.—Daniel Webster.

NO FOREIGN SCHOOLS FOR OKLAHOMA NOW

Petitions Start in "Oregon Law" Movement, and Hot Battle is Seen Ahead With Ku Klux Klan and Masons Standing for American Plan of Education

K-K-K
Oklahoma City.—Oklahoma will be the second state to sound the death knell to parochial schools within its borders!

Petitions under the initiative law already are being drawn up and it is predicted there will be little or no trouble in obtaining the 42,000 signatures required here before the proposed measure can be filed with the Secretary of State.

Catholics in Oklahoma can thank Aldrich Blanke, "Czar Jack's" former right hand man, for starting the move!

Indignant over Blake's activities, intended to force Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to disperse with their regulation uniforms, Klansmen and Protestants in general are preparing to "hit back" by introducing the measure which will abolish parochial schools in the Sooner State.

The measure has been drawn up by leading attorneys of the Invisible Empire and is said to be "air tight" and will stand all constitutional attacks made upon it.

It provides for the compulsory attendance at the public schools of all children until they have finished the eighth grade.

Admit Klan Can Do It.
The power of the Klan in such an initiative petition possibly would be greater than with any proposition that might be advanced by the Invisible Empire. It would not be necessary to go outside the Empire in Oklahoma to obtain the required 42,000 signatures to place the measure on the ballot and put it to a vote.

The bill also would have the backing of thousands of Protestants, not Klansmen, who are opposed to parochial schools.

A similar petition was launched two years ago, but the plan was not decided upon until too late to circulate the petitions and collect the required number of signatures to place the question on the ballot.

"Beat Minnesota to It," Cry of Oklahoma
While similar school measures have been getting under way in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana for more than a year, it appears that Oklahoma will beat the others to the honor of being the second state to make public schools paramount.

This step was first accomplished two years ago in Oregon, when the measure was submitted to a vote of the people and adopted by a large majority.

The fact that the measure carried at the time that Klansmen were swept into office leads many to believe the bill was sponsored by the hooded organization. This has never been denied by the Klan, although the petitions were circulated under the name of the American Liberty League.

As a fact, Masonry led in the Oregon movement and supports the plan elsewhere, as it will here.

As soon as Oklahoma obtains the required number of signatures (and it is predicted that will take less than two weeks) the bill will be filed with the secretary of state and probably will be in its final form by next November.

"Get busy, Minnesota, or we'll beat you to it!" Oklahoma Klansmen say.

K-K-K
It was in Czechoslovakia. The lights were dim. Suddenly a man came running out of a side street.

"What's the matter?" asked a curious policeman.

"I am frightened," gasped the runner.

"What frightened you?" excitedly. "Just passed a bad Czech!"

OKLA. CZAR DEPOSED

K-K-K
Ousted As Governor, He Will Carry Fight to U. S. Supreme Court

Self Appointed Dictator Declared Incompetent Among Many Other Charges

K-K-K

(By Staff Correspondent)
Oklahoma City, Okla.—A Glutton for punishment, former Governor Jack Walton, self-appointed czar of Oklahoma, has now signified his intention of taking his fight to retain the governorship of Oklahoma to the Supreme Court of the United States. Ousted by a unanimous vote of the legislature, the arrogant former engineer still persists in continuing his fight which was lost before it was started.

Not for one minute forgetting the dramatic, he, on last Friday engaged in more theatricals by leaving the senate during the trial after engaging in a lurid speech in which he denounced the "unfairness" of the trial. This merely marked another "high spot" in his sensational career both as mayor of Oklahoma City and governor of this state. It is expected that his case, if he insists on continuing his hopeless fight, will go before the U. S. court some time next month.

Machine Guns Recalled
Walton's worst enemies admit his fine sense of the dramatic. Now that his race is run they recall its high spots—how he won the farmers by his overall campaign, the mammoth barbecue, still unpaid for, the machine guns trained on the court house and the statement credited to the governor that "he would tell the people when to go to bed" and that the legislators "would ride through blood to their bridge bits" if they tried to convene against his orders.

Walton's career has been merely a series of sensations which died a dismal death when absolutely no defense was presented for on the many charges preferred against him. He was found guilty on eleven charges of the sixteen presented by the legislature. The removal vote stood forty-one to nothing, and upon his removal as governor of the state, Lieutenant-Governor Trapp became the state's chief executive.

How the Voting Stood
The other votes taken by the legislature were as follows:
That he exceeded his pardon and parole powers. Vote, 41 to 0.
That he placed his personal chauffeur on the state health department pay roll—35 to 6.
That he padded the state pay roll—38 to 3.
That he prevented the assembling of a grand jury—39 to 1.
That he suspended the right of the writ of habeas corpus—40 to 1.
That he issued a \$10,000 deficiency certificate for the state health department when no deficiency existed—37 to 4.
That he issued a deficiency certificate for \$4,000 for a state negro orphan's home in order to provide salaries for two negro barbers whom he ordered placed on the pay roll of the institution—40 to 1.
That he attempted to prevent a special state election to be held Oct. 2—37 to 3.
That he exceeded the legal limit of election expenses—23 to 13.
That he solicited gifts and contributions for expenses of his office after he was elected—Unanimous.

Is Voted Incompetent
That he is generally incompetent—36 to 4.
The charges on which he was acquitted were:
That he used his official position to obtain personal property and credit—23 to 18. (Lacking the necessary two-thirds majority to convict.)
That he received a \$60,000 bribe to approve an appropriation for a state business academy—26 to 14.
That he refused to permit the execution of the law providing capital punishment—31 to 30.
That he illegally named a large number of known criminals and irresponsible persons as state police—24 to 17.
That he illegally named Charles J. Baskin, a member of the state legislature, as a district judge—12 to 29.

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"WESTERN CIVILIZATION AT DANGER POINT"

"Western civilization, having overthrown its old authorities and idols, stands at the danger point before the birth of a new order," Glen Frank, editor of the Century Magazine, told Twin City alumni of Northwestern University, meeting at the Curtis hotel recently.

In battering down many of its old standards, Mr. Frank said the world has thrown up sufficient raw material for a new renaissance and a new reformation. He expressed doubt, however, that the world would take advantage of its opportunities.

Quoting Mr. Frank again, "Having bowled over a lot of old authorities looking for the new, we are confronted by two dangers. The first is that we may try to beat a hasty retreat to the old shelters, and the second, that we may give up and go on hunting. If the fun-bunting is based only on a desire to forget our troubles, it may be dangerous. If, however, it is based on insight and understanding, it may be very well that it is the thing the world needs."

Modern prophets attempting to foretell the future of the race are divided into three schools, Mr. Frank said. The first holds the conviction that we are headed into a new dark age, the second holds the idea expressed by H. G. Wells that we are plunged into an era of unbridled frivolity, and the third that civilization is in the morning hours of a new renaissance.

Speaking at a convocation at the University of Minnesota, later, Mr. Frank called for complete freedom of speech, assembly and press.

"It is well to understand," he said, "that there must be those in democracy who have radical ideas. They dispel stagnation and arouse conservatives to better government. The American people, as a whole, have common sense. Above all they are not rattle-brained type which waits for the raving fanatic to set them afire with radical ideas."

"THE GREATEST NATIONAL QUESTION"

Senator George Wharton Pepper of Pennsylvania, told the Women's Roosevelt Republican club of Illinois some few days ago that prohibition enforcement is, perhaps, at the moment, the greatest national question.

"It is the manifest duty of all executive officers of state and nation to use all the resources at their command to make the law a reality and not a sham," said the Pennsylvania senator. "I have heard a lot of talk about amending the Volstead act, but I have never seen a concrete proposal on that subject which seemed to me either socially wise or constitutionally sound. I have enough confidence in the judgment and self-control of our people to believe that in 10 years' time those who now break the law will either have changed their point of view, died or become unpopular."

Once there was a private who said the army helped him win the war. Recently we met a fellow who admitted that the Protestants HELPED the Knights of Columbus defeat the Germans in the late war.

THE BIBLE, THE FOUNDATION

OF THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC

Upon the principles of the Bible, they founded their Civil and Religious institutions, and the first American Public Schools were founded by law for the expressed purpose of teaching American children to read "The Scriptures."

For over half a century the only book in any American Public School was the Bible, from which the boys and girls who became the fathers and mothers of the American Revolution learned their letters and to spell and to read in their little log school houses, as did Abraham Lincoln in the little log cabin where he was born, learn his letters, then to spell and read out of his mother's old English Bible, at her knees and before he was ten years old, when she died, he had read it through three times.

Because of their Bible education the children of Colonial times became fit to become the founders of the American Republic which they founded upon the principles of the Bible, the basis of all moral laws in all civilized lands, and because Abraham Lincoln was imbued with the teachings of the Bible from his mother's breast to the day of her death, he was fitted to become the savior of his country, and the Liberator of a race from human slavery, the best-loved American that ever lived.

If America is to remain the America of Washington, who declared: "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible," and of Lincoln, who said: "In regard to The Great Book, I have only to say that it is the best book which God has given to men,"—then this book must be reopened to the children of America in the Public Schools of our Republic, as it was open to them from the foundation of our nation, until foreign influences interfered seeking to supplant American Public Schools with sectarian parochial schools.

The message of President U. S. Grant to the children of America, sent in response to a request for a Centennial message to them, should be inscribed over the doorway of every American Public School, as follows:

"Hold fast to the Bible as the sheet anchor of your liberties; write its precepts on your hearts and practice them in your lives. To the influence of this book we are indebted for the progress made in civilization, and to this we must look as our guide in the future."

The Truth That Makes Men Free is the only thing that can keep them free, and the Bible is the only bulwark of liberty, in the present and for the future as it has been in the past.—Searchlight.

It would be fine if some parents were as much concerned about the welfare of their children as they are their chickens.

An investigation revealed that ONLY seven per cent of the men and women behind the bars of penal institutions of this country were public school graduates. Where are you sending your children—to the American school or the other kind?

The editor was in Winona recently and there heard about an interesting incident. A Jew was "cussing" Klansmen in a most "tolerant" manner. He said presently loud enough so that several in a Winona hotel heard him, "Show me a Klansman and I show you a blankety blank coward." A Minneapolis traveling salesman who happened to be a Klansman heard the Hebrew "spouting." The six-foot Klansman stepped up to the Jew and said, "I'm a Klansman, now show me the blankety blank coward." "They" registered considerable mental uncertainty, but finally forced his tongue into action so that he could speak, and said, "Vell, Meester, just look at me."

If Heavyhash of the St. James "Windypenny" would drink a "home brew" made according to the following recipe he could write an anti-Klan editorial with a steamshovel "kick." Hunt for 13 days in the vicinity of a slough to get a sense of scents. Later chase three bullfrogs down an unlighted alley and gather the "hops." Place "hops" in a twenty-gallon jar and add one gallon of floor wax, three quarts of carefully selected tacks, a large piece of black bark and seven bars of yellow laundry soap. Let mixture stand until the blue moon shines in full. Then scrub a mule with the concoction so that it will absorb some "kicks." Now strain mixture through an I. W. W. sock so it won't work. The "spirits" should be ready for immediate consumption.

Old Levang in his "Levang's Weekly" says, "The Ku Klux Klan cannot do the right thing the wrong way." The platitude in the statement is fully understood by the Klan and the movement emphasized it long before the Lanesboro editor read and repeated it, adding, of course, the words "Ku Klux Klan."

Jack (Kock) Roach of Pine Island, Minn., a butterbutter, states that he'll watch all Pine Island businessmen and when they join the Klan there'll be something in action. Come, you red-blooded Protestants of Pine Island and "call the bluff" of the mackerel-snapper.

WISE COUNSEL FROM A JEWISH EDITOR

"We counsel Jews," says the editor of the "American Hebrew," writing soberly of the efforts of Catholicism to inveigle men of Semitic origin into joining the nights of the Flaming Circle, "not to ally themselves with this or any other organization, secret or open, for combating the Klan."

It is sound advice which the "American Hebrew" offers readers. What has Catholicism ever done for Jewry other than to boycott, persecute, flay and slay members of that race? The Jew has far more reason to fear the Knights of Columbus than to harbor any fear or dislike of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The latter demands absolute loyalty to America. Has the Jew the slightest hope of justice in any other country? The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan insist upon obedience to law. What chance would the Jew have against his innumerable foes, even in this land, if laws were unenforceable? The Klan proclaims the supremacy of the American public school system over any other form of education attempted in or proposed for this republic. Where could young Jewry obtain schooling but for the public school?

Safety and happiness for the American Jew are only possible through the ascendancy of Ku Klux Klan ideals in American government and American social life. Let those ideals be destroyed, and no Hebrew citizen's property or political rights or life would be worth a farthing.

No wonder the quick witted, far seeing editor of the "American Hebrew" cries out against his race having any part in the opposition to the Knights of the Invisible Empire?

THINK IT OVER

Who are our most active agitators? Immigrants.

What has done most to reduce the wages of American labor? Immigration.

How do we increase our percentage of illiteracy? Immigration.

Why does Catholicism grow more rapidly than Protestantism? Immigration.

Who are our most flagrant violators of the Eighteenth Amendment? Immigrants.

Who are the Bolsheviks, the bombers, the assassins? Immigrants. Who can vote after living in this country four years while you must live here twenty-one before you can vote? Immigrants.

Why is the population of the United States less than 55 per cent of white American-born percentage? Immigration.

If all these things are good for America; if they tend to make America a better place for Americans to live, then the Klan has no place here. If they are inimical to the best interests of Americans then it is your duty to be a Klansman and to impress upon those who make our laws that we want America to be American.—Selected.

THE MIDDLE CLASS

One cheap sort of criticism which the Klan is facing is the remark one occasionally hears that the organization is hopelessly "middle class" in its membership.

Probably that statement is true. There is a sense in which the term is a high compliment. The Boston "middle class," for example, is considerably more "high-brow" than the wealthy caste. Almost every starting achievement in science and in art has been made by a man from that group of "ordinary people" that lies between the very rich and the sadly poor. Edison is certainly "middle class" as to ancestry; Dr. Steinmetz, the electrical wizard, sprang from "hot polloi." From the middle class came practically all of the great American writers—Poe, Hawthorne, Howells, O. Henry, and the rest of our distinguished literati. From the "middle class" came also Shakespeare, Dickens, Keats, Raphael, Mozart, and mighty Beethoven. When driven to revolution, the "middle class" has furnished its Danton, its Robespierre, and its Marat. When war knocked at the world's door up sprang Grant and his peers from the "middle class."

No doubt it is true that the Klan is "middle class." And if so, it is in excellent company!

CIRCULATION MANAGER

IS SEEKING POSITION

Because of his activities in behalf of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan the circulation manager of a Georgia newspaper has been discharged by the owner of the sheet who is opposed to this order.

He is a man of efficiency and experience in this line and is willing to work 30 days for any employer on trial in order to prove his ability. Any person who knows of a suitable opening for this Klansman is asked to write the Imperial Night Hawk, P. O. Box 1204, Atlanta, Ga.

O Music! sphere-descended maid, Friend of Pleasure, Wisdom's aid! —Collins.

Deeds show what we are; words, what we would be.

SCOTTISH RITE ENDORSES OREGON SCHOOL AMENDMENT AND COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Supreme Council, 33rd Degree, Reaffirms Support of Towner-Sterling Bill.

Endorsement of the Oregon school bill, compulsory attendance in the public schools, amendment of the National Constitution to compel children of school age to attend public schools, establishment of a national university at Washington supported by federal money, separation of church and state, opposition to every attempt to appropriate public money for the support of sectarian institutions, and inculcation of patriotism were the outstanding features championed by Scottish Rite Masonry at the supreme council meeting of the 33d degree, Southern Jurisdiction, held in Washington, D. C., from October 14 to October 20, inclusive.

The supreme council conferred the 33d degree upon 190 illustrious Masons and raised approximately 300 32d degree Masons to the rank of Knight Commander of the Court of Honor during the session which commemorated the 123d year of the existence of Scottish Rite Masonry in the United States. (A complete list of the Masons honored with the 33d degree and the rank of K. C. C. H. can be found on page 6).

Weldner Resigns Perry W. Weldner, 33°, secretary general of the supreme council, tendered the council his resignation on the opening day of the sessions. No action had been taken on his request when The Fellowship Forum went to press.

Mr. Weldner, who has taken a very important part in Scottish Rite Masonry for many years, declared the press of personal business forced him to reach his decision to retire from his honored position. He has large banking and other business in Southern California.

George Fleming Moore, 33°, past grand commander of the supreme council and sovereign inspector general for Alabama, asked to be transferred from active membership in the body to an emeritus member.

Bronze Statue Presented A bronze bust of James D. Richardson, grand commander, who has finished his labors on this earth and has gone on to the Sacred Temple of the Grand Architect of the Universe to receive his just reward in heaven, was presented to the supreme council by Fernando Cuniberti, 33°, official representative of Raoul V. Palermi, 33°, grand commander of the Supreme Council of Italy.

The Supreme Council of Italy presented the supreme council here with a bronze bust of Past Grand Sovereign Commander Moore, April 14, 1920.

The Supreme Council of Paraguay sent Dr. Marcel G. Gutierrez to the supreme council's meeting as the official representative of that jurisdiction. Mr. Cuniberti kissed the American flag as a symbol of the devotion and loyalty that Italian Scottish Rite Masons have for their brethren of the United States. The visitors were led to the throne by Past Sovereign Grand Commander Moore.

Educational Program The educational program favored by the supreme council follows:

1. A federal department of education with a secretary in the President's cabinet, and federal aid for public school purposes under the absolute control of the states.

2. A national university at Washington, supported by the government.

3. The compulsory use of English as the language of instruction in the grammar grades.

4. Adequate provision for the education of the alien population, not only in cultural and vocational subjects, but especially in the principles of American institutions and popular sovereignty.

5. The entire separation of church and state and opposition to every attempt to appropriate public money, directly or indirectly, for the support of sectarian institutions.

6. The American public school, nonpartisan, nonsectarian, efficient, democratic; for all the children of all the people; equal educational opportunities for all.

7. The inculcation of patriotism, love of the flag, respect for law and order, and undying loyalty to constitutional government.

Grand Commander Cowles in his allocation said:

"To this meeting, in the one hundred and twenty-third year of the life of our supreme council, I give you a cordial welcome, and, using an old form of Masonic salutation, I greet you at all points of the triangle, which is the great Masonic symbol of liberty, equality and fraternity."

In support of the Oregon school bill he said:

"The outstanding, most successful, and most encouraging of all happenings, largely brought about by Scottish Rite Masons, under the able leadership of P. S. Malcolm, 33°, grand master of ceremonies of our supreme council and sovereign grand inspector general in Oregon, to whom the greatest credit is due, was the adoption by the state of Oregon in popular election, by substantial majority, of a measure for compulsory

attendance of all children at the public schools."

Catholics Fought "Private and parochial schools and other interests fought the bill, but the strongest opposition was from the Roman Catholics. Reading and observation make me believe that lack or no lack of religious instruction in the public schools is not so much feared by them as the fear that, if their children attend any school not taught by their own teachers they will lose faith in their own doctrines and creeds. They are afraid of competition with other religions that are more in accord with modern thought."

"In addition to awakening the people to the situation there is a reflective influence in the Roman Catholic publications throughout the land."

"Other states have and doubtless others will consider the matter of all children attending the public schools (indeed such a law failed of passage in one state legislature by one vote), because it is of so much importance and means so much to the future safety of the national government."

The sovereign grand commander reported the fraternity in most prosperous and harmonious condition. The total membership of the Southern Jurisdiction now exceeds 250,000. There are an equal number in the Northern Jurisdiction and two-thirds of the Scottish Rite Masons of the world are in the United States.

A recommendation was made that the supreme council establish and maintain a hospital for the benefit of Masons afflicted with tuberculosis.

Towner-Sterling Bill Support of the education bill known as the Towner-Sterling bill was reaffirmed and the campaign in support of the movement for a department of education with a secretary in the President's cabinet and carrying federal aid for the public schools will be pushed aggressively.

The Rev. Elmer I. Goshen, D. D., 33°, of Salt Lake City, grand chaplain, Tuesday said:

"We have talked much about Americanization and yet we have failed and are failing to instill the fundamental principles of patriotism and a knowledge of, and therefore respect for, the sacred institutions of American history in the minds of our foreign-born citizenship. The unscrupulous agitator would be shorn of his power if an adequate program of Americanization were provided and carried into effect."

"The separation of church and state is one of the sacred things bequeathed to us by the founders of our liberties and he who does not protect this great fundamental principle is recreant to the great Americans of the past and a traitor to the life of today."

CONGRESSMAN TELLS OF IMMIGRATION PERIL

"The melting pot in America, clogged by tens of thousands of unassimilable foreign-born immigrants, has ceased to function, and American cities are becoming veritable alien islands," says Congressman John L. Cable of Lima, Ohio.

"The greatest invasion of this country ever attempted by foreign-born persons began at 12:01 A. M., July 1 last," declares Congressman Cable, who has devoted much study to the immigration question. Influx of the quota for the new fiscal year, under the restrictive immigration law, began July 1 when fleets flying foreign flags and carrying thousands of immigrants were approaching American ports.

"Nothing is so important to a nation as the proper selection of the kind of people seeking to make up its population. We have no room for undesirable. The modern melting pot is ceasing to function. The alloys will not fuse."

"Of the 14,000,000 foreign-born in our country less than half are naturalized. About 3,000,000 cannot speak the American language, while an equal number cannot read it. Our large cities are veritable alien islands in the United States. Even the post office department advertises its postal savings system in 24 languages. Tens of thousands of foreign-born are here unlawfully Steamship companies, through the European press, are placing advertisements, indicating how our immigration laws may be violated by traveling on their lines to Cuba. These conditions should not exist."

"Congress should enact promptly a national alien registration law under which those here unlawfully should be sent back to the country whence they came. Those unnaturalized, here lawfully, should be given opportunity for an education. Then, if they reject our country and its constitution, let them return to the country of their choice. We have room for but one language and one loyalty—to the United States."

Prophecy of Decline We have at least one very clearly marked indication of the "decline and fall of our American Empire." It is this:

Returns from the census bureau to date show that in spite of our increasing population, there are fewer marriages and more and more divorces. This statement is based on statistics for eleven states—Delaware, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Vermont, Montana, South Dakota and Nevada.

Compared with the year 1916, the last time figures were given, there were in 1922 in these eleven states, 13,592 fewer marriages and 31,136 more divorces.

Only two of the states—New Hampshire and Minnesota—show more marriages in 1922 than in 1916. Massachusetts and New Jersey together report 5758 fewer marriages in 1922 than in 1916.

While the marriage business in Massachusetts and New Jersey slumped, the divorce mill increased production. Courts in these two states granted 1785 more divorces in 1922 than in 1916.

Strangely enough, Nevada, in spite of its famous Reno, shows only 91 more divorces than marriages in 1922. However, in 1916, there were 353 more marriages than divorces.

The marriage and divorce question indicates an unstable state of society which is prophetic of danger, and which calls for more serious consideration than many seem to think.

—The California Voice.

THE WHITE ROBE

There are now a band of people That some do not understand Who are working for the uplift Of this great and glorious land.

Why they wear those white robed garments We'll try to make you understand; 'Tis a true and honest emblem Of a brave, noble man.

There is so much agitation About the crimes that have been done, Worked by enemies of civilization For vengeance on the K. K. Klan.

We must always do our duty; Love and honor be our stand; Trusting in the Savior's bounty, For a free and holy land.

—A. K. K. K.

"A man's Americanism ought to be more compelling than his thirst."—Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania.

A fatal habit settles upon one like a vampire and sucks his blood.

"Truth, crushed to earth, will rise again. The eternal length of years are hers—

While Error—wounded—writhe with pain, And DIES, AMONG HER WORKSHIPPERS."

UNDER COVER

OF RELIGION

According to their own admission, Roman Catholic priests of Pennsylvania are allowed "something above 15 gallons of alcoholic wines per year for sacramental purposes. As the custom of that church is for the priest to withhold the cup from the people and himself alone partake, the conclusion one naturally comes to is that a priest may indulge himself to a fair degree in intoxicants and remain under cover of religion.—Northwestern Christian Advocate.

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SYMMETRICAL YOUTH

MORGAN TELLS S. P. A. EDUCATION SHOULD COMBINE SCHOLARSHIP AND PRACTICAL TRAINING

That the average American youth orders an education in the same manner as he orders a haircut or shave was the assertion of Arthur E. Morgan, president of Antioch college, Yellow Springs, Ohio, before the open forum of the Saint Paul Association Wednesday.

"His idea of an education is that of a cut and dried commodity that comes bound up in text books of higher learning and is purveyed only in colleges over a four-year period," Mr. Morgan said.

Mr. Morgan, who until two years ago was an engineer, gave up his chosen profession to tackle the problem of education along new lines, which he is working out in experimental stages at Antioch.

Believing that the true object of a college or university is to turn out symmetrical, well balanced human beings, scholarly and at the same time practical, Mr. Morgan has done things with the curriculum at Antioch that have set educational precedent.

In the first place he has lengthened the course to six years. And each semester has been divided into five-week periods, one of which is spent by the student in class rooms and the next in practical employment at factories, stores and business places of nearby Ohio towns.

Mr. Morgan declared that the principal objection to most colleges is that they give either purely technical or a purely educational course. Courses at Antioch include the broadest, most cultural subjects and at the same time teach self-reliance and commercial ability.

Mr. Morgan said that among the students are men and women from wealthy families who are getting their first taste of practical life through jobs as book agents, salesmen, office boys, clerks and day laborers.

The system of education established there has its monetary advantages for the average freshman last year earned within \$250 of his school expenses and the average senior paid his expenses out of the money obtained from his outside work.

While the system has been in operation only two years and has not been given an opportunity to display its worth through achievements of its graduates, Mr. Morgan said that several of the students already added deserted their school course to accept responsible positions, although this is a practice which is discouraged.

My prayer for myself and for all readers of this paper is that we shall help to pass into others this transcendent freedom known by those whom the Son makes free.—Exchange.

NO SUCH THING AS "GODLESS SCHOOLS"

CAMPAIGN WAGED AGAINST PUBLIC EDUCATION IS CONDEMNED IN PROVIDENCE PULPIT

Washington, D. C.—The ringing words of the Rev. A. Mason Brown, delivered in the annual "Scotch Night" sermon of the First Presbyterian Church of Providence, R. I., have received much favorable comment in Capitol City educational circles.

Speaking of the campaign being waged against the public school by those who could abolish it in favor of sectarian schools, Dr. Brown said: "See to it that it does not succeed. Don't stay asleep at the switch too long. Do what you can to defeat it and preserve the American school."

"I am sick of hearing that we have Godless schools. Take the public school child who is brought up in a good home, and has an hour a week in a Protestant Sunday school, and he is one of the best. Search the records of the prisons and reformatories and you will find few of them there."

"The school is not the place to teach religion. No state has ever succeeded in teaching religion. And just as we can't teach religion in the schools, neither should we allow it to be attacked there."

—K-K-K

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ORIGINAL VICTIM OF FLOGGING IS JAILED

—K-K-K—
Man Who Causes Martial Law Held in Kay County.

—K-K-K—
Newkirk, Okla.—Hantman Tulsa, who received 115 lashes and who was the cause of Governor Walton's first investigation of Oklahoma whippings together with the subsequent declaration of state martial law, is held here in the county jail.

He paid a vagrancy fine at Ponca City early in the week and was promptly rearrested by county officers on the same charge. He is being held, however, for investigation in connection with an \$8,000 store robbery at Ponca City, on Sunday, October 14. Hantman told a local deputy that he did not believe the Ku Klux Klan conducted the whipping he received.—The Oklahoman.

—K-K-K—
KLUCKS!

Cop: What is your business?
Prisoner I am a locksmith.
Cop: Well, what were you doing in that gambling house we just raided?

Prisoner: When you came in, I was making a bolt for the door.
—Punch Bowl.

—K-K-K—
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WHAT EVERY MASON SHOULD KNOW

(Taken from Christian Science Monitor of Nov. 17, 1919)

In these days when the nation appears to be turning with new interest to the faith of its founders, and time-honored maxims and slogans are once more coming into use, many a reader of history, refreshing his knowledge of the early struggle for independence will, no doubt, come upon the well known trial, "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," without discovering anything, in the early popularity of these words, to suggest a Masonic relationship. Probably there are even members of the Masonic order who have never concerned themselves with such an implication. Yet anyone, within or without the fraternity, taking the trouble to search for facts, will very likely be surprised to find how generally the leading men concerned in establishing the United States as a Nation were Masons. All the familiar historical incidents, when re-read in the light of Masonic facts, assume a new interest, if not a new significance. "Paul Revere's Ride," so well celebrated by Longfellow's verse, might be famous likewise as a Masonic exploit. Not only was Revere himself a Mason; but so was Robert Newman, who hung the signal lantern in the Old Church, and so, also, was William Dawes, who gave the alarm by way of Roxbury, as Revere did by way of Charlestown. James Otis, the Bostonian, whose pamphlets inveighed against the arbitrary measures of the crown and paved the way for revolution, and Patrick Henry, whose eloquence in the Virginia House of Burgesses helped to bring the South to the support of the cause, were Masons; so were Samuel Adams, Joseph Warren, and Josiah Quincy, who joined with Otis and Revere in laying plans for the Revolution at the Green Dragon Inn. The famous Boston Tea Party, according to the information gathered by Madison C. Peters, in preparing a little volume on "Masons as Makers of America," was projected in the residence of a Mason, and its descent upon the ships at T Wharf was led by members of St. Andrews Lodge, headed by Paul Revere, then one of its junior officers.

It is a matter of fairly common knowledge that Masonic names were numerous amongst the signers of the Declaration of Independence. As a matter of fact, there were 56 signers, and all but six were members of the fraternity. The signer of the completed document, formally representing congressional action, was a Mason, John Hancock. Masons who took a hand in drafting the Declaration were John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Robert Livingston. Some say that Thomas Jefferson, also a member of this committee, was likewise a Mason. Certainly Richard Henry Lee was. He drew up the preliminary resolutions on independence. And Masons largely composed the convention which met at Charlotte, N. C., in May, 1775, to prepare the so-called Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on lines similar to those followed later in the principal declaration. With such a showing in the preliminaries of national experience, Masonic participation was only to be expected in the actual inception of government. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that 50 Masons sat in the Constitutional Convention in 1787. With such a showing in the preliminaries of national experience, Masonic participation was only to be expected in the actual inception of government. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that 50 Masons sat in the Constitutional Convention in 1787. With such a showing in the preliminaries of national experience, Masonic participation was only to be expected in the actual inception of government. It is not surprising, therefore, to find that 50 Masons sat in the Constitutional Convention in 1787.

PROTESTANTS GAVE U. S. INDEPENDENCE

We read so much false propaganda these days it is refreshing to learn the truth now and then. Catholic historian would have us believe the Catholics gave to us our Constitution and were the fathers of our laws of religious freedom. They have gone far enough to state on several occasions that had it not been for the loyal Catholics we would never have had a free government in this country. Let's look into the records a little and see to whom we owe our ideals of government.

The Irish Roman Catholics, who make so much fuss and write so many books as to their part played in the establishing of our nation, did not begin to come over until after the government was founded. The Irish who did assist were all Protestants. At the time of the Revolution nearly all the Irish here in America were Protestants (so the records show). Bunker Hill was named by the Protestant Irish after Bunker Hill just outside of Belfast, Ireland. The Protestant Irish gave the name of Londonderry to a town in New Hampshire. Gen. John Stark, who won the battle of Bennington, Vermont, was a Protestant Irishman. The "Cradle of Liberty," Faneuil Hall, was named for a Protestant, a French Huguenot. An Irish Protestant stands in the front rank of Revolutionary heroes and was three times governor of New Hampshire—John Sullivan.

A Protestant Irishman settled and named Ulster county, New York; he was the father of Gov. George Clinton. Practically all the Irish in West Virginia were Protestants, as was western North Carolina. The population of South Carolina was solidly Scotch-Irish Protestants. Kentucky and Tennessee were populated almost entirely by Scotch-Irish Protestants. Protestants in Mecklenburg, North

Carolina, on the 20th of May, 1775, first asserted Americans to be free and independent people. The Declaration of Independence, given to us in 1776, was signed by 14 Irish Protestants. These are the Irish Rome talks so much about but she fails to tell us they were Protestants. From their story you would believe—or rather they word their books so as to lead you to believe—were Catholics. Bear in mind there was only one Roman Catholic who signed the Declaration of Independence—Charles Carroll by name. He, together with Benjamin Franklin, were sent up into Canada among the French Catholics in the dark, dismal days of the Revolution, seeking aid, and the Catholics turned him down. If you remember history you will understand why the Continental Congress had passed a resolution condemning the Pope for his nefarious acts. This, possibly, had some bearing on the case.

The Declaration of Independence is in the handwriting of a Protestant, Charles Thompson. It was first printed by an Irish Protestant, Capt. Thomas Dunlap. It was first read to the people by another Irish Protestant, Capt. John Nixon. Thirty-nine general officers in the Continental Army were Irish Protestants. The hero of Stony Point, Col. Anthony Wayne, and Col. John Edgar Howard, the hero of the Cow Pens, were both Protestant Irish, as was also Col. William Campbell of Virginia, who won the Battle of King's Mountain with Scotch-Irish volunteers.

Capt. Daniel Morgan, Gen. Thomas Forrest, Daniel Boone, Gen. Sam Houston and George Roberts Clarke were all Protestant Irish. Until the police forces of the various cities were organized, Irish Catholics did not come over in any great numbers.—"Dawn."

In Memory of

"Jack (ass) Walton"

THE AMERICAN LEGION

BY SANBALLAT

I hold that any man who registered for war, and stood ready to go to Europe, or anywhere else, for America, WHETHER OR NOT THAT MAN WAS CALLED UPON TO DO SO—MAKES NO DIFFERENCE IN HIS PATRIOTISM.

There are some men who got into a uniform, and went straight into the jaws of hell and death, because they stood for the principles that make America great, and out of the jaws of death, such came back, and WE RESPECT THEM.

There were some men who never got further than a mule corral, in some section of the country distant from their home, and all they learned about war was how to curry and clean mules, and WE RESPECT THEM.

Some men went to encampment, and then over seas, and then into the trenches, and then over the top, and then into the jaws of death, and then—"WESTWARD HO!" and WE RESPECT THEM.

No matter what their color, not what their creed, they were Americans, and as Klansmen, WE RESPECT THEM.

No matter whether born in this country, or naturalized citizens, they were Americans, and they proved it, and all such WE RESPECT, because we are Klansmen, and because we love America and Americans.

There is no man, who when the time came for the testing, and who did his part, no matter how small, but what WE RESPECT HIM.

We respect the American Legion, because it is made up of all sorts of men, who are Americans.

We respect the American Legion, because in convention assembled it DID NOT ENDORSE THE KLAN. There is no more reason that it should endorse the Klan than it should endorse any other secret fraternal organization.

We respect the American Legion, because on that same occasion it did not condemn the Klan. THERE IS NO MORE REASON FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION CONDEMNING THE KLAN THAN THERE IS FOR IT TO CONDEMN ANY OTHER SECRET, FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION.

We respect the American Legion, because on that same occasion it adopted a resolution, which reads: "Whereas, membership in the American Legion is made up of those who served our country in time of great national stress without distinction as to race, color, creed or class; and

"Whereas, the American Legion is pledged to the orderly enforcement of our laws through lawful agencies; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the American Legion in national convention assembled this 17th day of October, 1923, that we consider any individual, group or individuals or organization which creates, or fosters racial, religious or class strife among our people, or which takes into their own hands the enforcement of the law, determination of guilt or infliction of punishment to be un-American, a menace to our fundamental law; and, be it further

"Resolved, that we consider such action by any individual, groups or organizations to be inconsistent with the ideals and purposes of the American Legion."

Because the Legion stands for just the same things as advocated by the Klan for eight years, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan stand on the same high ground that the Legion has taken by resolution.

More Respects
But there are more respects that we wish to pay, beside those to the men who answered America's call in their hearts.

Those are to the men who have gone off half cocked, and have, without trying to learn the truth, drawn an incriminating against the Ku Klux Klan.

So—if there were among those hosts of the American Legion in convention, men who voted for those resolutions, who had in their mind that there were a charge that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was doing the things that the resolution condemned, for such men we have the most thorough contempt, and charge them with being hypocritical liars and dastards, and to be men who do not know the truth, who do not want to know the truth.

The Klan was not organized to take law into its own hands, not to set creed against creed, nor race against race, however false and treacherous self-seeking demagogues have tried to make it so appear.

The slightest investigation on the part of anyone would prove that the Klan is really the one great agency that stands for the best interests of all men, and for the rights and guarantees of all men, under the Constitution.

Hope It Is Plain
This writer hopes that it's perfectly plain to all, no matter who they are, whether they be the most prominent preacher in his own town, or the weakest preacher in a small town; whether it be the greatest hero belonging to the American Legion, or the humblest mule skinner of Uncle Sam's army, who is now in the Legion, that men who will indict an organization in the unfair and

un-American manner as described above, even IF IT IS ONLY IN THEIR OWN HEARTS. There is no excuse for such paltry conduct, when the slightest investigation in almost any direction proves that the Klan is a highly patriotic organization of the best people.

All Amks
It makes no difference to us who the person is, or however exalted his position, when we read a speech that casts calumny and abuse on the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan our blood boils with righteous indignation, and we naturally turn to characterize the speaker for what he actually is.

At one time the president of the United States, seemed to this writer to be casting stones by immundo and suggestion, at our beloved order, and this writer IMMEDIATELY CRITICIZED HIM FOR HIS FALSE ATTITUDE. We cared not for his person, if perchance he meant the Klan, because falsehood is falsehood, whether circulated by the President or the street sweeper.

At one time the President was reported as having sent a telegram felicitating the Knights of Columbus. We immediately criticized him and castigated him for what we thought was the unwisest of conduct.

The governor of Texas, after he had played politics through a campaign, and assured himself, that he had been re-elected, took a dirty underhanded fling at the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and we did not hesitate to call his hand, and to tell him that he was the cheapest sort of a politician.

Many other lesser lights have done the same, only to discover that wherever this paper circulates, and it circulates far and wide, their false and cowardly conduct has been heralded.

When members of the American Legion, in the midst of the people, where this writer's influence is felt, have attempted to ride into office by throwing mud on our beloved order, this writer has done his very best to prevent their election, and in most cases, has seen them defeated BECAUSE HE HAS TOLD THE TRUTH ABOUT THEM.

There Is No Difference
We take the ground that there is no difference. We know the Klan inside. We know for what it stands, and WHENEVER ANY PERSON, MAN OR WOMAN, HIGH OR LOW, HAS LIED AND FALSIFIED AGAINST THE KLAN, BY SUGGESTION, INNUEUDO OR BY DIRECT ACCUSATION, IN CHARGING IT WITH ANY OF THE MANY GRAVE CRIMES AGAINST THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF THE COUNTRY, THE STATE OR THE CITY, WE HAVE BEEN PROMPT TO DENOUNCE THEM.

It makes no difference whether those persons have been the greatest in the community or the country, or the very lowest. Priest or prelate, President or dogcatcher—it makes no difference, all who lie against the Klan must expect the sharpest and most caustic criticism from this writer. He refuses to permit his great secret order from being made the object of unjust calumny and attack, unresented.

Liars and Dastards
We know a liar when we see one. A dastard cannot hide from us. There is no respect of persons with us. All are alike who traduce the good name of the Klan. Talk about my splendid secret organization, and treat it ill, and you have talked about and treated me ill. Talk about it at your peril, if you fear for a verbal castigation of your hide. We cannot love the Klan as we do, and knowing it from the inside as we do, and mince words in telling all who lie against it that they are liars, and that the truth is not in them.

Tha intended for all—from the highest to the lowest, no matter whether found in the American Legion, or in the President's cabinet. I HOPE I HAVE BEEN PLAIN.

—K-K-K—
SLEEPER, AWAKE!
"Awake, thou that sleepest!"
'Tis the dawning of day.
The mists of the darkness
Are fleeing away.

Awake thou from slumber
That fetters thy soul;
There is work to be done,
Ere thou reachest the goal.

The evil of darkness
Has spread o'er the land.
The standard of God
We must keep in our hand.

The Klan has arisen,
In the power of GOD'S might,
Upholding the CROSS
That is flaming with light.

STAND FORTH! Learn the power
Of the LUMINOUS CROSS
That burneth away
From the gold all the dross.

Stand forth in thy manhood,
Every one of the KLAN.
'Tis an HONOR to be
AN AMERICAN!

—Ann A. Merican.
—K-K-K—
You may paint with a very big brush, and yet not be a great painter.
—Carlyle.

BAR ASSOCIATION PLACES OKEN ON THE PRINCIPLES OF KLAN

—K-K-K—
ATTORNEYS WOULD "CREATE ANEW THE PROPER SPIRIT PATRIOTISM"

Detroit, Mich.—That the principles of the Ku Klux Klan have been indorsed by the American Bar Association and the Detroit Bar Association, has become known here following the appointing of a committee on American citizenship by the local association upon the request of the former. Twelve local attorneys are to serve upon the committee.

"It has become painfully apparent that anti-American propaganda, attacks upon our Constitution, prejudice against courts, indifference of our people to the duties of citizenship now prevailing," declares W. Millis, president of the association in a letter to the committee, "all call for the need of activity not only to meet any passing and incidental adverse movement in the above direction that may become apparent, but to engage in a sustained and intelligent effort to combat unwholesome influences, and to counteract the same by creating a new and maintaining a proper spirit of patriotism and obedience to law."

Newspapers Will Squirm
The fact that the bar association so strongly declares its belief in the principles of the Ku Klux Klan will place certain newspapers in Detroit in a most peculiar position. These dailies have been making every effort to impress upon the minds of their readers that the Klan is not law-abiding and that its members are but a "gang of irresponsibles," will now have a hard time explaining away the fact that the American Bar Association now advocates the very things the Klan stands for and that the local association stands back of and endorses the Klan principles.

Continuing, the letter by President Millis reads: "It seems peculiarly fitting that the members of the bar should by their united efforts meet and combat the challenges to our American government and American ideals."

The Ku Klux Klan is battling with every ounce of its strength to maintain American ideals and to know that the American Bar Association is bent on helping in this great undertaking gives added strength to its efforts. Never before have the institutions of America been so menaced as they are at this time; alien propaganda fills the newspapers as those insidious influences at work to destroy Protestantism and Americanism labor through channels of chicanery in their unholy efforts to uproot and leave to decay the ideals upon which America, the greatest and grandest country the world has ever known, was founded by those seeking freedom of thought and release from ancient dogmas and superstitions.

To Furnish Literature
Among the literature which, according to the letter to the committee, will be furnished the local association by the national body, is information in detail on the subjects of "Law requiring the teaching of the Constitution," "Celebration of national holidays," and articles pertaining to press publicity, community programs, etc.

"I am confident," says Mr. Millis in his communication, "that the committee named can and will render an important and far-reaching service to our city and the country at large, by the intelligent effort that they will bestow upon this most vital subject."

That the bar association endorses the principles of the Klan is seen and emphasized by the paragraph following the above in which Mr. Millis expresses his confidence that the committee will work in general in harmony with the plans of any program worked out by the American Bar Association, to the end that the rising generation will be given help to acquire a "proper knowledge of our government and patriotic sentiments and beliefs that are so essential to citizenship."

The endorsement of Klan principles by the bar association will no doubt be a blow to those who are fighting the Klan and the newspapers that will have to camouflage the fact.

—K-K-K—

THE FIERY CROSS

Oh, God! On Freedom's soil with free men's hands
We rear the Symbol free hands gave.
Rise, stately Symbol! Holding forth
Thy Light and Hope to all who lie in darkness and in chains.
Belt the earth with watchfires! By thy torch uplift!

Oh, God! Trace on mid air Thy Eternal Will
In signs of fire. Let man be free.
Shine far! Shine free! a guiding light
To Reason's way and Virtue's aim;
A lightning flash the wretch to smite
Who shields, in Rome, his license with Thy name.

—M. G.

IDEALS OF JESUS MUST BE PUT BACK INTO THE HOMES OF AMERICA

—K-K-K—
Flag and Bible Should be Placed Side by Side, Declares Rev. P. H. Packard, in Missouri

—K-K-K—
Address

(Kansas City, Mo., Star.)

"The old-time wholesome American home life and home training must be restored, and the Bible must have a place side by side with the American Flag in our public schools, if we would stem the moral and economic crisis which imperils our country today."

This was the declaration of the Rev. Paul Henry Packard, of Des Moines, Iowa, who spoke at an evangelistic service at the Hyde Park Christian church.

"The ideals of Jesus must be put back into the homes of America," declared Mr. Packard, in blaming lack of home training and too little knowledge of the Bible for the immorality and social unrest of the present day. "The Bible is barred from the public schools in at least twelve of our states," continued the evangelist. "In many cases anti-religious doctrines are replacing the Bible."

Gives a Chicago Catechism
"In Chicago twelve thousand boys and girls attend an anti-religious Sunday school each Sunday afternoon."

"Here is the catechism they are taught to believe:

What is God?

God is a word used to designate an imaginary being which church people have themselves devised.

How did man originate?

Just as did all the animals of the field by evolution from a lower kind.

Has man any mortal soul such as Christianity teaches?

Man has no soul; it is only an imagination.

Is it true that God has ever been revealed?

As there is no God, He could never be revealed.

What is heaven?

Heaven is an imaginary place which the churches have devised as a charm to entice believers.

Who is Jesus Christ?

There is no God, and there can therefore be no Son of God.

Will Christ return on the judgment day?

There is no judgement day; that is all a fable, so preachers can scare the people and hold them in their grasp.

Man has no soul, neither had Christ a soul; all these things have been invented by the churches.

Do we owe duty to God?

There is no God, and, therefore, we owe Him no duty.

What is our duty when we have learned there is no God?

We should teach this knowledge to all whom we meet.

Is Christianity desirable?

Christianity is not desirable, because it makes us spiritual cripples.

What is our duty when we have learned that Christianity is not desirable?

It becomes our duty to help eradicate Christianity from the United States.

Bible Needed For The Young

"These doctrines are being taught by a radical element in many of the cities of the country," declared Mr. Packard. "To counteract these teachings, we should give our boys and girls the Bible teachings which will make them good citizens."

"There are at present more divorces in a single year in the United States than Canada has had in seventy-five years; three and a half million dollars is being spent every day to suppress crime in this country. The only remedy for these conditions is the Bible."

"In Oregon there is a law that provides every child of school age shall be educated in an American public school. That law safeguards American life and traditions. We need just such a statute in every one of our states."

"Parents should take more interest in the welfare of their children, and there should be more of the old-time family attendance at church."

—K-K-K—
WHY?

When any wrong's been done,
And no one knows the guilty one,
All the papers in the land
Blare it out in headlines grand—
'Tis the Klan—that awful Klan!
But whenever widow poor
Finds aid brought right to her door,
And though everyone be sure
It's the Klan,

Not a word, not a line,
In those papers do we find
Of the deed so kindly fine.
Why do papers hate the Klan?
No I'm not a brother Klan,
Merely just an outside man,
Who would like to understand
Why the papers won't be fair—
Give the Klan its honest share
Of the praise when it plays square.

L. I. L.
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—K-K-K—
"Death never comes too soon, if necessary in defense of the liberties of our country."—Judge Story.

—K-K-K—
Are you a real Klansman or merely a pretender?

PLEADS WORLD PEACE

—K-K-K—
"CONSECrated CITIZENSHIP
NECESSARY"—EVANS

Imperial Wizard Outlines World-Wide
Conditions in Armistice Day
Address; Says World Is
Armed Camp

Addressing an Armistice Day celebration of members of the Ku Klux Klan of Illinois, Ohio, Michigan and Indiana at Fort Wayne, Ind., Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of Atlanta, Ga., pleaded that the day be made an anniversary both of burial and resurrection, the sepulchre of war and the birthplace of peace.

He did not discuss the Klan or its internal problems in his prepared speech.

He detailed at length the cost of the World War, both in men and money, and added, "because it was a war to end war, and to make the world safe for democracy, we put in more than we had to give."

"Despite its holy purpose," continued Dr. Evans, "the man power, the armaments and the resources of a combination of the mightiest nations proved powerless to bring peace on earth, good will to men."

Today the world is virtually an armed camp. There is no fighting, only because whole purposes are too exhausted, too impoverished to fight. There is no sign of permanent peace. Out of it have come no instrumentalities, no institutions to make peace possible. The great loss is that war breeds war.

"We must have a compulsory educational system to reach and uplift every future citizen," he said. "It must be publicly sponsored and paid for, without a single parochial exception. There should be a cabinet department of education, second to none in its public importance."

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POLITICAL HATS ARE IN THE AIR

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Johnson are William Gibbs McAdoo, Woodrow Wilson's son-in-law, and Senator Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama. The two latter candidates are Democrats.

"Dark Horses"

Other "potential candidates," who are "awaiting the call of the Democratic party," are Henry Ford, Senator Ralston and James E. Cox, who was defeated by the late President Harding.

Gov. Al Smith, Catholic, of New York, is another "dark horse," who secretly covets the Republican nomination, but has made no formal announcement as to his candidacy.

Senator Underwood opened his campaign two weeks ago in Texas with a speech in which he denounced masked organizations. The Alabama Senator was formerly a bitter ender for the League, but since his return from Europe he has modified his attitude and is "on the fence" on this issue.

Favor Reduced Taxes

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Smith's wet platform has caused a rift already in the Democratic ranks of New York State.

The spectre of the Ku Klux Klan will invade the political horizon of 1924. Democratic women of New York held a meeting in New York City last week, at which Mrs. Julia Wheelock, "Mother of the American Legion," warned the New Yorkers that their favorite son, Al Smith, could never be President, because the Ku Klux Klan would prevent the election of any Catholic, with his divided allegiance to the highest office of the land.

The Klan landslide in the municipal elections three weeks ago, which swept all of the states that held "off year" elections and put six staunch Northern States in the alignment of "Klan States," has forced leaders of both major parties to realize that the Klan will be a great issue in the Presidential elections.

Party bosses at a conference at French Lick Springs, Ind., last week and the early part of this week discussed the Democratic campaign, relative to the Klan.

Charles F. Murphy, Tammany Hall boss, and Thomas Taggart, chief of the Indiana Democratic forces, were non-committal on their attitude towards the patriotic organization, but it was intimated that Mr. Taggart was in favor of the party asking a definite stand on the question. George S. Brennan, Chicago Democratic boss, also attended the conference.

Recent public utterance of Senator Ralston, who was elected by the Klan forces, are taken as an indication of the stand Mr. Taggart believes in taking. There is little doubt that Mr. Taggart and Senator Ralston have come to an agreement in reference to the Klan.

The conference is said to have ended in an agreement for an anti-McAdoo bloc. Brennan and Murphy are "wets" and favor Smith's candidacy, while Mr. Taggart hopes to nominate Senator Ralston, via the anti-McAdoo bloc. Mr. Taggart insists that the party cannot afford to nominate a "wet" standard bearer.

The "anti-McAdoo bloc" conspiracy is designed to place Underwood and McAdoo into a deadlock, so bitter that neither delegation will retire in favor of the other. This will leave both delegations ready to accept Senator Ralston and the conspirators hope to nominate the Indiana man through this "coupe de etat."

Love thyself last; cherish thou hearts that hate thee; Corruption wins not more than honesty; Still in thy right hand carry gentle peace,

To silence envious tongues.—Shakespeare.

Necessity is a violent school mistress.

I-N-D-I-A-N-A

—K-K-K—
ATTAINS GOAL OF 500,000 ACTIVE MEMBERS

Hoosiers Put On Huge Celebration At Fort Wayne; 15,000 Kluxers In Parade; 1,200 Cincinnati Kluxers Attend

The best of Klondom of Indiana, the visiting delegation from Michigan and Ohio gathered in Ft. Wayne Saturday in celebration of Armistice Day and to hear Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard, and other Klan officials.

The meeting at Fort Wayne was primarily in celebration of attaining the goal of 500,000 in Indiana. Feature of the affair was the night parade with over 15,000 in line, and conservative estimates of newspaper men of 75,000 spectators and visitors from out of state and Indiana, 7,000 from Ohio and 15,000 from Michigan.

The feature that was unusual was 1,200 Klansmen with a 100-piece band from Cincinnati, Ohio, who made the long trip in a special train, only for the privilege of participating in the night parade. In his address, Dr. Evans declared that, "on this occasion in celebration of Armistice Day, that despite that holy purpose, the manpower, the armaments and the resources of a combination of the mightiest nations on earth, all proved powerless to bring peace on earth and good will to men."

"Today the world is virtually an armed camp. There is no fighting only because whole peoples are too much exhausted, too terribly impoverished, to fight. There is no sign of permanent peace; out of it have come no instrumentalities, no institutions to make peace possible."

There is no thinking man or woman in all Christendom who does not realize that further warfare would wreck the world. Nor is it possible anywhere to find rational human beings who are not agreed, and determined, that a saner, safer, surer, more Christian way of ending war itself must be found."

Declaring that the only answer is a "militant spirituality with direct leadership, and that our own American life is being gradually destroyed by the infiltrations of the forces of hate, greed," he emphasized the problem of immigration, declaring that "this nation is our home, that we built it, that we protected it and that we should and did cherish it beyond all possibilities."

Dr. Evans declared that, "any immigrant, to be desirable and to be an asset to America, must come within an inherent capacity for our kind of citizenship," and emphasized the necessity for a Protestant, white, American, Anglo-Saxon for the spiritual and political guidance of America and the world.

Among others who made short talks was Charles G. Palmer, Grand Dragon of Ohio, and D. C. Stephenson, formerly Grand Dragon of Indiana, and lovingly referred to by Indiana and Ohio Klansmen as "the old man." He decried the Federal reserve system "as the organized betrayal of America," and condemned them for their inadequacy and failure to render farm relief measures, and urged support of the "battle of American citizenship to secure operative patriotism to drive selfishness, greed and corrupt politics from the high places as well as the low places in American government."

He advocated conservation of natural resources, government control of water power and a return to the fundamentals of the Constitution in all its phases.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK UP KLAN MEETING

Mayor of Barnesville Fails in Attempt to Break Up Big Klan Meeting

A large Klan meeting at Barnesville Tuesday evening was interrupted by the appearance of the night patrolman who bolted through the door of the Creamery Hall where the public school in a lecture on the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The officer took the speaker by the arm and asked the speaker to follow him and told the audience that the meeting was over. When asked by members of the audience as to the charges, he stated that he didn't know but he said the mayor had ordered him to stop the meeting and arrest the speaker. The audience then demanded of him to bring the mayor to the hall which he did. When the mayor was asked about the charges, he stated that there were none, but that he wanted the meeting broken up. The audience then hooted the mayor and officer until they left the hall and the meeting continued.

After the meeting, the speaker presented himself to the mayor's place of business for arrest, but the mayor said that their object was merely to break up the meeting.

When acts of this kind occur it simply boosts those who are wronged and justifies organizations for free speech and a free press.—Fergus Falls Free Press, Nov. 15, 1923.

ROMANS IN VETERANS' BUREAU CAUSED TRIAL OF PROTESTANT

—K-K-K—
Papal Senator Caused Investigation and Secured Appointment of Catholic as Prosecuting Council to Crucify Mason.

Col. Charles R. Forbes, Mason, former director of the United States Veterans' Bureau, is being crucified on the black cross of Romanism, if certain events in the course of the promulgation of the present investigation are to be taken as criterion.

The investigation, according to those well on the inside of the affair, which has never yet been brought out before the Senate committee, had its inception at the American Legion convention in New Orleans in 1922.

Forbes Defeated Roman

The New York state delegation, made up largely of and dominated altogether by Roman Catholics, went to New Orleans with instructions from the hierarchy that "Bill" Deegan was to be put over as commander. With a great whoop and cry the delegates from the Tiber raised the cry that "Old Bill Deegan," whom they sought by this appellation to surround with a halo of veneration and reverence, must be elected commander. They sought to stampede the convention and sweep Deegan into office in the excitement of their demonstration for him.

Col. Forbes, attending the convention, saw the course things were taking, and knowing Deegan's connection and his record, rose on the floor and called attention to a theretofore unknown fact—that Deegan was not an overseas man. That finished Deegan. Owsley, an overseas man, was chosen, and the Catholics were forced to come away with the second best office—that of chaplain.

Roman Conspiracy

Then it was that the Catholic edict went forth that Forbes must be gotten. All efforts of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, whose ramifications extended into all parts of the Veterans' Bureau, were put into force to bring out everything it possibly could to discredit the Forbes administration.

A reporter for the Washington Herald, a Hearst newspaper, John A. Kennedy Catholic, was working daily in the Veterans' Bureau gathering news. The word was passed through the Romanist organization permeating the establishment to feed this reporter with all the stories that could be found tending to show that Forbes was crooked. This one man turned up more "evidence" against Forbes than any six men of his mediocre ability could procure without the aid of some vast and well-working machine behind him.

Flynn Behind Plot

Then he, with his managing editor, M. J. Flynn, also a Catholic, went to New York for a personal interview with William Randolph Hearst, to induce him to throw the whole Hearst machine in Washington into the fray to cause a gigantic expose of Forbes from the Atlantic to the Pacific. But Mr. Hearst evidently saw the use, and exercising one of those independent streaks of his, he refused to have anything to do with it, holding that it was a matter purely local to Washington. However, he granted Flynn and Kennedy permission to pursue their "expose" in the Herald as they had been doing.

In the meantime the Catholic roar had reached the United States Senate, where David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, a Catholic, introduced the resolution which provides for the committee that is now investigating the Forbes affair. Walsh firmly expected to be made chairman of the committee, but for some inexplicable reason the then Vice President, Coolidge appointed Senator David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, Mason, as the chairman of the committee.

Catholic Prosecutor

Thus curbed, Walsh was forced to content himself with working in Maj. Gen. James F. O'Ryan of New York, Catholic as counsel for the committee. That O'Ryan has done yeoman service for the hierarchy in this appointment is evident.

This article is not written in extenuation of any wrongs that Col. Forbes may have committed, but is for the purpose of showing to the people of the country some of the things that have taken place behind the scenes of which it is not aware and which, for some reason, have not been brought out in the investigation.

To date nothing of a "graft" or criminal nature has been proved on him. His principal accuser is Elias H. Mortimer of Philadelphia, who admitted he became acquainted with

Col. Forbes through a desire to get some rich government contracts for his friends and to obtain rich graft "pickings," and because he was frustrated in this design he turned on Forbes like an ungrateful cur and is snarling at his heels.

Mortimer, according to the evidence, brought his wife to Washington as a pawn in the scheme to play her to Forbes and through her get the contracts he sought.

The entire case has been surrounded with the usual Catholic smoke screen, and the main issue has been lost in the haze. Forbes was accused of dishonesty and graft, and all that has been proved against him is that, in a measure, he "fell" for the wiles of a pretty woman.

Col. Forbes' enemies were called and recalled to the stand and made various charges reflecting upon the colonel. Their testimony was not limited in any way, and on some occasions when Col. Forbes or his attorneys would "pass the lie" or object to testimony of witnesses as unfair or incorrect the defense was immediately warned by the court of inquiry to cease display of emotions.

Although the prosecution was not handicapped in any manner, the defense was informed Monday that "the committee had decided not to hear any further witnesses in defense of Col. Forbes for lack of time." The defense immediately protested this decision, but the committee's ruling was not changed. James S. Easby Smith, counsel for Mr. Forbes, then notified the court that this ruling had prevented the defense from presenting "a full and adequate defense."

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