

# Minnesota Klorero Plans For Progress

## WALTON OFFERS TO RESIGN KLAN DELEGATES FROM EVERY PART OF MINN. ASSEMBLE AT ST. PAUL

THE OKLAHOMA SWASHBUCKLER IS STILL TRYING TO KEEP IN THE PUBLIC EYE

Oklahoma Grand Dragon Freed On Rioting Charges.

Cleared by Justice; Legislators Ready to Impeach.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Oct. 10.—Rioting charges against N. C. Jewitt, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma, and two other men were dismissed late today by Justice of the Peace, Leo B. White after a preliminary hearing.

The charges grew out of the flogging here more than a year ago of E. R. Merriman.

The Oklahoma legislature completed final arrangements to-night for launching impeachment proceedings against Governor J. C. Walton.

In separate caucuses, both houses of the assembly chose their leaders for the special session which begins Thursday and afterwards the legislators announced they were ready for the fray.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Governor J. C. Walton wants to show his good faith in his fight against the Ku Klux Klan. How does he want to show his good faith? The despot feels himself slipping on the plank which the people of Oklahoma greased most plentifully, and in one last frantic effort shouts for a "chance to show good faith." Being a very "bashful" man, "Jack" just couldn't say it loud enough—well, anyway, he will step down from his throne, providing the legislature passes an anti-Klan law. Dictator to the last breath of his political life, he will be—that now is clear.

With the legislature in special session by rights from the people, now an absolute certainty, Walton knows that on the tomorrow he'll need a job and wants his anti-Klan supporters to believe that he was sincere in his "bulldoggering," and, therefore, entitled to a splendid position. "Not for a minute did he expect Oklahomaans, as a whole, to pay much attention to his 'dictation,'" as laid before the legislature; the legislators are laughing right out loud, for the man is actually getting "funnier" every day.

Walton Burning Midnight Oil  
The Oklahoma governor must be taking a correspondence course in "bill-writing." We are quite sure that Alcoholic Smith of New York is seeing to it that "Jack" gets the course absolutely free. It is hard, perhaps, to learn who assists King Jack I in his lessons, but it is evident that he has learned a little about the "New York Way" which was born in the mind of foreignism now dominating New York.

Walton's Bill a la K. K.  
Briefly, the governor's bill prohibits the use of the mask by secret organizations in Oklahoma and provides that all such orders shall file complete membership lists with the regularly appointed civil authorities.

Walton knows very well that his bill will not, as a law, "kill" the Ku Klux Klan in Oklahoma any more than a similar law in New York ended the Klan there. It is, therefore, apparent that the Oil State executive is still "acting" for the benefit of the "outside."

The members of the Oklahoma legislature seem to be unanimously opposed to accepting the executive's terms or taking any dictation from him from now on.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Oklahoma has spoken—and in no uncertain tones. The citizenship of this state, represented and led by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, demands the impeachment of Governor Jack Walton and the end of "Waltonism."

The people still rule. A republican form of government still prevails and

the vast majority of Oklahomaans will not be denied their inalienable rights as Americans by a few demagogues, politicians and self-seekers.

At this moment Walton is trying to find some legal loophole through which he may jump and so escape the indictments of a righteously enraged people. His injunctions, appeals, and other legal maneuvers mean nothing, however, except that he would continue to act the despot by refusing to bow to the will of a constituency that demands nothing less than his immediate removal from the political arena of the state to which he almost brought disgrace.

His impeachment will be brought about immediately.

It is conceded here that had it not been for the Ku Klux Klan Walton would have intimidated the citizenship into submission to his tyrannical mandates. The Klan's Lincolnian slogan that this is "A government of the people, by the people, for the people" was made manifest here Tuesday when thousands of emergency officers sworn into duty from the one hundred per cent Americans of the Klan, made possible a public election that the despot would have prevented by force of arms because his "throne" was at stake.

The election, recognized as legal by the Secretary of State and practically every state and county official, with the exception of a few of the Governor's personal appointees only indicated the public's attitude as to the desirability of Walton's impeachment by a four to one vote, but showed that his financial integrity was questioned.

A bonus bill that would have placed \$55,000,000 in the governor's hands for expenditures was also defeated. Of this total \$30,000,000 was to have been used in making loans for home building, etc., and it was generally understood that only those who were "right" would receive loans. The governor had hoped to get his hands on the \$55,000,000 before the Federal government voted a bonus for all veterans.

Another question which, if carried, might have cost \$15,000,000, was state question No. 125, refunding to depositors all the money stolen or lost by incompetent bankers in the state banks which failed. The administration of this fund also would have helped to build up a political machine.

Both measures were defeated.

Aroused Bitter Feeling

The Governor's fight against the Klan has not only kept this state under martial law for weeks, but has aroused a bitterness between racial and religious groups that will result in strife and bloodshed for a generation to come. Before he launched his publicity-seeking campaign against the Klan this state had few troubles other than those caused by the immune and pardoned criminals who operated under the protection of "Waltonism." Now the public is determined to use aggressive measures to wipe out "Waltonism." The honor of the state will now be preserved even if some one is hurt in the effort, say the best citizens and most loyal Americans.

The keynote of the situation was sounded by Rev. H. C. Williams, pastor of the University Place Christian church, who said:

"When the facts are known, as they surely will be, the present governor will be found only a tool of an invisible government which seeks to destroy American institutions, the public schools and the right to worship God according to the dictates of conscience."

"He ruthlessly has trampled under foot rights which the Constitution has guaranteed should never be denied; he has attempted to bring odium upon our courts and law-enforcing officers by releasing men charged with contempt of court; he has nullified their efforts to bring criminals to justice. Without reason or necessity he has engaged in riotous conduct."

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KLANSMEN AGAIN ATTACKED BY MOB

Scene Is This Time Shifted to Reading, Pa., Gathering. ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Many Narrow Escapes From Hurling Of Bricks and Stones.

Reading, Pa.—Emulating the spirit of the Carnegie mob rioters, who caused the death of one Klansman and wounded many others, a bigoted mob waited to attack members of the Ku Klux Klan and others who were invited to a public meeting of the order last week, assembled in Odd Fellows Hall, 8th and Franklin streets.

During the progress of the meeting a big crowd of anti-Klan sympathizers gathered in front of the building in which the meeting took place. They were waiting for the close in order to make the attack on those inside. Some of the law violators, unable to restrain their impatience, hurled bricks and stones through the windows. One man was seriously injured and several women fainted.

Mob Waits Outside

After the assemblage was dismissed the real trouble began. Those who had been waiting outside the hall stood in close formation at the entrance to the building and began hooting and jeering the men leaving the meeting. At the same time some of the mob began following those who had been in the hall. So intent was the vicious mob on administering physical punishment to the Klansmen that many leaving in automobiles were pursued by vindictive Roman Catholic sympathizers. Those who left the building on foot were followed also. From the time the meeting disbanded until long after midnight the vindictiveness of the mob held full sway. Many of those who were eyewitnesses marveled that the casualties were not even greater than the Carnegie affair. It required the full power of the police force of the city to control the situation.

Excitement Prevails

The meeting itself was the scene of some considerable excitement. The Rev. Fair, who Klansmen say believes his name, attended the meeting for the purpose, it is said, of creating trouble and making himself conspicuous at the same time. This minister recently spoke at the annual banquet of the Lions club, at which time he took occasion to assail the Klan and in his remarks stated that he hoped if the Klan attempted to parade in Reading that the citizens "would give them the same treatment they received in Carnegie, Pa., last month." Despite his known opposition to the Klan, he was invited to make a prayer. He declined the invitation. Later, during the course of the main speaker's talk, a man who sat behind the Rev. Fair asked his opinion of the actions of the mob when a brick was thrown through the window. The supposed man of peace replied to the question that "there would be more than that happening if the meetings were not discontinued." This man then called Rev. Fair "yellow," which greatly aroused his ire. He jumped to his feet, exclaiming that he had spilled his life's blood in France and from his actions indicated that he was going to spill some more of it in America. Level-headed persons in the audience succeeded in quieting the parties to the controversy. At the close of the meeting the speaker asked for some minister to offer prayer. The Rev. Fair showed his respect for his brother of the cloth and religion by remaining seated while the prayer was offered.

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Under the historical old elm at Corydon, in the shade of which was framed the Constitution of Indiana more than one hundred years ago, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan held a meeting last week that was attended by thousands of patriotic Americans. That the Klan is growing there was seen in the large attendance and the enthusiasm displayed by those present.

MER ROUGE AFFAIR AGAIN IN LA. COURT

NOVEMBER 5TH FIXED AS DATE OF TRIAL OF TWELVE MEN CHARGED WITH MISDEMEANORS.

Bastrop, La.—Twelve persons against whom bills of information were filed several months ago by Attorney General Coco charging misdemeanors in connection with the hooded-band activities in Morehouse parish which resulted in the flogging and disappearance of Watt Daniel and T. F. Richard on August 24, last year, waived arraignment and entered pleas of not guilty in district court here this week.

None of the defendants, which include Capt. J. K. Skipworth, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse parish Ku Klux Klan; Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge; T. Jeff Burnett, former parish deputy sheriff, and nine others, appeared in court, but were represented by W. H. Todd, Bastrop attorney. District Judge Fred M. Odom fixed November 5 as the date for the trials. Not more than two days will be required to dispose of the cases, which are non-jury cases and will be heard by the judge, according to court officials.

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PIPESTONE KLAN ISSUES A MONTHLY

"KALUMET KLAN KRONICLE" MADE ITS INITIAL APPEARANCE ON OCTOBER 1

A small but "peppy" monthly published by the Pipestone County Klan made its initial appearance, October first.

It is needless to say that the anti-became somewhat bewildered when they first picked up a copy of the "Kalumet Klan Chronicle." We can hear the "haters" talk in whispers, as they look nervously in every direction. "The men who sent out that darn sheetlet ought to be driven from our county." Of course, it would be natural to expect that the "snappers" will do everything in their power to intimidate any and all real Americans actively applying the principles of Klankraft. Pipestone County Klansmen, however, do not fear the devil and all his co-workers, so will go ahead ever mindful of what it means to be a militant American and Protestant.

On the front page under the headline "Pipestone County Keep Faith" we read, "Pipestone county has kept faith with the pioneers of old, joining hands with a pioneer cause—the Ku Klux Klan. This summer has witnessed the burning of four crosses, each one of which gave out in its fiery light the message of Pipestone's progress."

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NATURE FURNISHED CROSS

Pipes Leading To Gas Wells Bring Fuel For Big Cross.

Douglas, Kan.—Monday night the Douglas Klan No. 60, of Douglas, held an open air meeting at Fox-Bush field, nine miles east of Douglas. A large crowd witnessed the ceremony. A class of 26 candidates were naturalized. The main feature of this open air meeting was the big natural gas cross which was supplied with flames from live gas wells. This wonderful display is due entirely to the effort of the Tidal Farm boss. The meeting was enjoyed by everyone.

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BLOOMINGDALE HAS BIG KLAN MEETING

Bloomington, Mich.—A large crowd gathered here one evening last week to hear a well-known speaker give an address on the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in which the principles of that organization were explained thoroughly, much to the approval of the crowd.

Membership in the order here is on the rapid increase and was further accentuated by the recent speech.

A fiery cross was burned and brought thunderous applause from the throng.

Klans in all parts of Minnesota send delegates to state Klorero called at St. Paul, October 7.

On the evening of the 6th the delegates then in the Saintly City were invited to a frolic, where St. Paul Klansmen royally entertained their visiting brothers putting on a series of "stunts" that brought continuous uproars of laughter. It is rumored that many Klansmen spent the "wee" hours of the "morning after" sewing vest buttons to their proper places on the quite useful part of a man's clothes. Klansmen present at the Saturday evening session all agree that they had a "crackjack" of a time and look forward to the next statewide meeting of hundreds of Klansmen.

The Sunday all-day session began at 10:30 A. M. The morning meeting was devoted to introductions, so that Klans officials and laymen might get better acquainted with one another. At this meeting it was revealed that twenty-seven fieldworkers were now active in the state and that many more were ready to begin work in a few days, thus bringing the number of organizers in the state considerably over thirty. We heard many delegates state that they were much pleased to learn that men of weight and manly fiber were serving the Great Movement as fieldworkers. And it's a fact that there isn't a scapegoat in the ranks of the K. K. K. organizers active on the "battle front." We certainly are glad that real men answer the call for service in the cause of Klankraft.

The afternoon meeting was one filled with inspiration. The King Klankraft for Minnesota went into detail on matters pertaining to organization, laying out carefully the machinery necessary for an active Klan. Many were surprised to learn how simply and effective an intricate organization can function when Klansmen are alert, and aroused to the tremendous demands of Americanism.

The King Klankraft pointed out that the Invisible Empire calls for unselfish service. He said, "The Klan is not a one-man organization, but a movement made effective through co-operation." The King Klankraft emphasized the importance of a membership which understands fully that many real men can accomplish more than a few. He urged the need for a united Protestantism overflowing with love for God, Home and Country. Throughout his address the head of Minnesota Klankraft stressed the need for a vision clear enough to bring the realization that the Ku Klux Klan as a move-

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Whereas, a unity of purpose alone can bring real progress;

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# ARE ALL KLANSMEN OUTLAWS?

(Editorial From The "Daily Oklahoman")

Governor Walton's proclamations would indicate that no one in Oklahoma except the governor has the courage to fight the Klan. It would appear that he is a David going out single handed to slay the hooded Goliath. The world at large is led to believe that Governor Walton is now and always has been the arch enemy of the Klan and the champion of a terror stricken and Klan ridden people. The public is also led to believe that every one who does not heartily applaud every act of the governor and endorse his substitution of bayonet rule in place of civil rule in Oklahoma is either a Klansman or a subsidized tool of the Klan.

A brief review of some Klan history in Oklahoma may refresh the governor's memory. Shortly after the Klans were first organized in Oklahoma the Daily Oklahoman was the first and only newspaper in the state to publish the expose of the Invisible Empire and all of the minute details of its organization throughout the United States as discovered and exposed by the New York World. From the very outset the Oklahoman took an uncompromising stand against masked assemblies, a creed of religious intolerance and rare hatred and the tendency to usurp the functions of legal government and the execution of the law in the hands of masked and hooded marauders.

While the Oklahoman day after day, both in news and editorial columns denounced the Klan, what was Governor Walton doing?

Governor Walton at that time was mayor of Oklahoma City and on one occasion he permitted a parade of 1,500 hooded Klansmen through the main streets of Oklahoma City and he had the police of Oklahoma City, who were entirely in his charge, maintain order among the gaping crowds while the Klan parade was under way.

Again, while the Oklahoman was persistently opposing the Klan and while Mayor Walton was running for the office of governor, it is claimed by the Oklahoman Leader, which was his organ and supported him in that race, that he called them up on the telephone and asked them to hold back in their opposition to the Klan as he wanted the votes and support of the Klansmen. Again, when Jack Walton was sworn into the highest office of the state, the Oklahoman was still consistently criticizing and opposing the Klan, while Walton, as governor, appointed dozens of prominent Klansmen to state offices in his administration. His appointment of Dr. Davenport as state health commissioner is only one instance of his picking out Klansmen for members of his executive family.

Again, while Walton was governor and while the Oklahoman was still opposing the Klan, Governor Walton made no effort to prevent a well advertised meeting of the hooded throng of Klansmen at Belle Isle, north of the city, where the fiery cross was held on high and scores of new members were initiated into the masked order. Was the governor con-

sidering membership in the Klan when he, as mayor, permitted hundreds of white robed Klansmen to parade through the main streets of Oklahoma City? Was he thinking of the votes of Klansmen when he appointed numbers of Klansmen to offices which he, as governor, had the appointive power to fill.

If he knew that the invisible government had supplanted the visible government in Oklahoma, why did he, as governor, permit the public demonstration of the Klan and the initiation of scores of Klansmen to take place in view of thousands of people and within two miles of our domes capitol?

Wherein is the governor consistent when in view of these facts he proclaims himself the arch enemy of the Klan and denounces the Oklahoman as being controlled and run by the Klan although it was the first and has always been the most consistent opponent of the Klan in the state.

The Oklahoman joins the governor in denouncing the mob whippings, masked raiders, secret orders fostering religious and racial intolerance, but it will not join with the governor in urging citizens to shoot masked Klansmen who have broken no existing law and it deprecates what it believes to be his unlawful acts when he trains machine guns on the place where a legally called grand jury has been summoned to meet and when he seeks to incarcerate without a fair trial members of the Klan and refuses to permit them the right which every American citizen has, to be brought before a court on a writ of habeas corpus to allow a court to determine whether or not the imprisonment is lawful or otherwise.

Governor Walton has forgotten that Klansmen are citizens and as such are entitled to liberty, free speech, the right of assembly, the right of fair trial by jury, the right to the writ of habeas corpus when unlawfully imprisoned, and the right of every consideration and protection which is guaranteed to every American citizen, under both our state and national constitutions.

Governor Walton would have it appear that only Catholics, Jews and anti-Klansmen are now citizens and that a Klansman is ipso facto an outlaw. More than once the governor has said that he will pardon any man who kills a hooded Klansman and he does not even stipulate that the Klansman must have previously broken some law.

The Oklahoman does not believe in some of the tenets of the Klan, nor does it believe in its methods, but it knows and Governor Walton knows that thousands of good, law abiding citizens in this state are members of the Klan and they have just as much right to run for office and to hold office as anti-Klansmen. If they transgress any law they are entitled to the same fair trial as would be accorded any other citizen.

In denying constitutional and legal rights to Klansmen, Governor Walton has himself broken the laws and violated the constitution which, in his oath of office swore to uphold.

Of its people to seek redress at the voting booths would have been bowed in shame.

The outcome was a defeat for Gov. Walton, rather than a victory for the Ku Klux Klan, for the battle cry of the "revolution" was "We Want Neither Klan nor King." Fighting the common foe, Klansmen and anti-Klansmen alike strapped on their guns and stood side by side at the polls to see that the voters got a square deal. Hurriedly organized, the "ballot box revolution" gave Oklahomans opportunity to express their attitude on a foolish and unnecessary dictatorship.

As for Gov. Walton, little need be said. Like every other dictator in history, he chose a worthy movement to deceive the people. His fight on the Klan was the vehicle for furthering his selfish purposes. The virtue which lay in the movement at the start became vice when misapplied.

The nation is proud that Oklahoma chose the sane way to correct a wrong.—St. Paul Daily News.

# THE KLAN IS NO HAVEN FOR HATE-VENDORS

By H. J. MANDEVILLE.  
(From "The Dawn.")

One by one, as the battlements of prejudice are torn down by the undefeated armies of truth, enemies of the Ku Klux Klan retreat to new points of expected vantage from whence they hope to pour a barrage of condemnation that will rot the oncoming white-clad hosts led by the flaming cross of Christianity and flying the banner of loyalty to American ideals.

Claims that the Klan is a self-dispenser of law have been sent to the discard by thinking people who realize that the accusations have never been substantiated.

The howl against the mask and secret membership has failed with the awakening knowledge that this must be since all else has failed.

Charges that the Klan has no right to exist because of its selective membership have been discredited by pointing to the Catholic and Jewish orders and the societies of foreigners that exist in this land, allowing none but natives of their land or subscribers of their faith to become members.

But the cry of "intolerance" continues. The voices are weakening but now and again the plaintive wail of the opposition is heard to sound the claim that the Klan is an anti-Catholic, anti-egro, anti-Jewish order. It remains but an echo of the nationwide cry of "wolf!" that went up at the Klan's inception.

Shortly this stronghold of opposition will die at the hands of public opinion. Men who joined the order expecting to have within its meeting places a spot where they could give vent to the bigoted hatred for those who held not their beliefs, are being weeded out by banishment or are leaving of their own accord when they find that meetings of Klansmen are not for the purpose of planning a night of lawlessness, plotting revenge against personal enemies or given over to expressions of hate against those who are denied admission to the meetings because of their religious belief or nativity.

Men so spineless that they would say behind locked doors what they fear to express in public, thinking that in a Klan meeting they are amid brother haters, are finding that the \$10 has not bought them a special privilege to vent their spleen in safety.

The Klan has but one aim—the best interests of America. The Klan is "going down the white alley" minding its own business. If there are enemies who persist in sticking their noses into the right-of-way they are bound to be bumped.

The Klan is not going out of its way to fight those who oppose it; but if these people persist in unpatriotic motives, insist on fostering things that are not in accord with the ideals of American liberty and governmental form it is only reasonable to expect that the Klan will oppose them. Those people have gotten in the way, have meddled with the machinery of democratic government.

A true Klansman respects the devotion of a Catholic to his faith. He has no quarrel with the Catholic people or their religion. He admires the force they display in fighting for the things they think are right. But he does differ with the seat of Roman Catholicism. The Pope, in his plans for unity of church and state and his neverending attempts to wield a power over our government as he

sits on a foreign throne, is meeting the opposition of the Klan, a united opposition.

Klansmen have not forgotten that the negro is not in this land by his intent. He was brought here by the white man and it is the duty of the white man through the generations to look to his best interests. It is a duty handed down to him by his ancestors. But the Klan does not believe that the negro should be held in the light of a martyr or that he should be exalted. This is a white man's land and the white man SHALL govern. But in his government he shall make provision to care for the negro the same as any citizen.

True Klansmen respect the Jew for his love for race and his clinging to fellow men. There is compassion for the Jew who has felt heaviest of all races the wrath of the Supreme Being. The greatest hatred for the Jew is created by jealousy. His money-making proclivities have caused the greatest opposition. Lack of belief in the divinity of Christ is the only bar between him and membership in the Klan that is not universal.

Some say the Klan lives in the face of opposition because of the national reaction to foreign immigration. Others say that it is because of prohibition.

The Klan admits the indictment. These and other as urgent needs are the basis of the great growth of the order. Does anyone deny the Klan the right to exist on such a platform? Have we not all felt the pressure of cheap labor from abroad, lowering property values because of undesirable neighbors who live the life of another land that is not up to the standards of civilization that hold in America, seen prohibition violated openly by persons who do not have proper respect for the laws on the statute books, and witnessed the lowering moral standard and pressure of foreign principles in this land?

Indeed we have; and we are awake. The Klan is not built by high-pressure commission men. The Klan is built by its members. The few hundred organizers of the Klan in this country could never have rolled that a membership of 5,000,000 native-born, white, Protestant gentile men in the space of three years unless every member had been bringing in his quota of new applicants. Members seek members in the brotherhood because they realize its value and want their worthy and eligible friends to join with them in this great duty.

Not a day passes that some unorganized section of Iowa does not send a call to Klan headquarters for an organizer to start a branch of the organization in its community. This demand is created by need and not by adjectives coupled together in high-sounding phrases and coming from the mouth of an organizer. It is true over the land.

The Klan will play a part in politics. It has the right as has the Democrats or Republicans, the Socialists or Progressives. But the Klan is free to choose its candidates from any political belief and is not bound by party loyalty to support candidates whom they know in their own hearts are not worthy.

The Klan grows in the face of tremendous opposition because it is a house built upon a rock. Hate is the sand foundation; truth the rock upholding everlasting endeavor for the cause that is right.

ILLITERACY GREATEST IN PAPAL COUNTRIES

The following figures from "The Minute Man," official publication of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, gives the illiteracy percentage in both Catholic and Protestant countries:

Roman Catholic and Parochial School Countries

Ireland—17 per cent.  
Belgium—18 per cent.  
Austria—26 per cent.  
Hungary—40 per cent.  
Italy—48 per cent.  
Chile—49 per cent.  
Argentina—54 per cent.  
Cuba—56 per cent.  
Portugal—73 per cent.  
Mexico—75 per cent.  
Spain—78 per cent.  
Brazil—85 per cent.  
Guatemala—92 per cent.

Protestant and Public School Countries

Germany—1-10 of 1 per cent.  
Denmark—1-5 of 1 per cent.  
Switzerland—3-10 of 1 per cent.  
Sweden—3-10 of 1 per cent.  
Scotland—3-4 per cent.  
Holland—4 per cent.  
England—5-4-5 per cent.  
United States—7-7-10 per cent.

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I saw a cow slip through the fence,  
A horse fly in the store;  
I saw a board walk up the street,  
A stone step by the door.

I saw a mill race up the road,  
A morning break the gloom;  
I saw a night fall on the lawn,  
A clock run in the room.

I saw a peanut stand up high,  
A sardine box in town;  
I saw a bed spring at the gate,  
An ink stand on the ground.

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Many a young couple agree to marry and that's the last thing they agree upon.

—O. Flery Cross.

# A SECRETARY OF EDUCATION

By HUGH S. MAGILL.

What benefits will accrue from a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet? In the first place, it does not mean that the Federal Government proposes to assume the control and administration of education. Such an attempt would be clearly unconstitutional, nor would it be for the best interests of our public schools. The schools must be kept in close touch with the people whom they serve and be subject to their immediate supervision and control. The Federal Government can set up standards and show why such standards should be accepted, but the authority of final decision in all educational matters must remain in the states where it is placed by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Education Deserves a Full Recognition

The establishment of a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet will give to education the recognition which it justly deserves because of its vital importance from the standpoint of national welfare. Thru such a department the Federal Government could promote education, as it has promoted other great interests over which it does not have control. Examples of promotion without control are found in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Labor.

When our Government was established it was decided, after very careful deliberation, to place the administration of the different departments then created under officials appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. At first there were but three such departments, the Department of State, the Department of the Treasury, and the Department of War. The heads of these departments together with the Attorney General, appointed by Washington, were his immediate advisors and came to be known as the President's Cabinet.

Realized Need Brought More Departments

In 1798 Congress established the Department of the Navy, and a fifth Cabinet office was created. In 1829 the Postmaster General was elevated in rank and made a member of President Jackson's Cabinet. In 1849 the Department of the Interior was created to take charge of Indian affairs, which had been under the control of the War Department and of the public Lands, which had been under the Treasury Department. To this new department were assigned also the Pension Office from the War Department, the Patent Office from the State Department, and several other bureaus.

These seven Cabinet members were each in charge of a department which administered affairs over which the Federal Government had absolute control under the provisions of the Constitution. It was thought then that there would be no further additions to the President's Cabinet. In 1862 the Bureau of Agriculture was created, and a few years later the Bureau of Education. It soon became apparent that agriculture could not obtain the recognition which its importance in relation to national welfare justified without being represented in the President's Cabinet, and thereby being enabled to obtain directly the attention of Congress. Accordingly, the agricultural interests of the country started a movement for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture, with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet at its head.

Opponents Argued Then as Now

The opponents of this movement argued that in as much as the Federal Government had not been granted authority by the Constitution to control agriculture it was illogical, if not unconstitutional, to create such a department. Those who favored the creation of such a department conceded that the Federal Government could not control agriculture, and frankly stated that they did not wish such control. But they claimed that it was within the province of the National Government to promote agriculture and that because of the importance of the subject from a national standpoint agriculture should receive such recognition and promotion. The Department of Agriculture was created in 1889, the Federal Government thereby establishing the principle of national recognition and promotion without national control.

Why Does Education Remain in a Subordinate Bureau?

While the controversy over the establishment of a Department of Agriculture was going on, the educators of the country urged the establishment of a Department of Education, insisting that education was of no less importance to national welfare than agriculture. Altho their claims were not successfully refuted, their petition was not granted, and education has remained until this day in a subordinate bureau of the Department of the Interior. This is probably due in part to the fact that educators have not been as persistent and effective in urging the promotion of education as have the sponsors of

other interests, and also to the fact that certain private interests have always opposed the development of public education.

A few years later the representatives of commerce and of labor set up their claims for Federal recognition, and as a result of their persistent efforts the Department of Commerce and Labor was established in 1903 for the recognition and promotion of these two important interests. In 1913 this Department was separated into the Department of Commerce and the Department of Labor, each with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet.

In the light of this history it is necessary only to show that education is vitally related to national welfare in order to justify its recognition and promotion by the establishment of a Department of Education with a Secretary in the President's Cabinet. This is so evident that it would seem hardly necessary to offer arguments in its support. When it was found that of the 2,400,000 drafted men between the ages of 21 and 31 more than 700,000 could not read and write, the Federal Government came face to face with education as a question of the greatest national importance.

Importance of Education Has Again Been Emphasized

When another 700,000 of these young men had to be rejected from military service because of physical defects, most of which could have been prevented by proper attention and instruction in youth, the importance of education from the national standpoint was again emphasized. No one will contend that our country as a whole is not deeply interested in the Americanization of our foreign population, all of whom have been admitted to our shores under national laws.

But there is still deeper significance to public education from the standpoint of national welfare. It was recognized by our forefathers at the very beginning of our government. The Ordinance of 1787 declares that "Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to free government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged." It must be conceded by all that the security and perpetuity of a government of the people is dependent upon an enlightened citizenship. If we are to develop a civilization which shall stand the severe tests of the coming years, the right kind of education must be promoted thruout the entire nation. To give the greatest impetus to a movement for universal education of the right sort, there must be the stimulating influence of a national purpose.

A question of such transcending importance, so vitally related to the security and prosperity of our country, cannot be disregarded by the national government and left entirely to the states and local communities. National ideals cannot be realized by states and communities unaided by national encouragement and support. There must be the unifying influence of a national incentive that education may accomplish the greatest good and make the largest contribution to national welfare.

Department of Education Will Not Be Autocratic

The National Government thru its Department of Education will exercise no autocratic power in the realization of this end. It will stimulate and encourage but it can never dictate. It will make a thorough investigation of all educational questions, and a comparative study of the educational systems of all the states. It will then suggest certain educational standards, based upon this broader knowledge, which should be attained in all the states in order to preserve our free institutions and make possible the realization of our highest national ideals. The Secretary of Education, because of his high official position, will always have a hearing. What his department proposes will receive the consideration of the President, of Congress, and of the people of the country.

Thru national promotion and stimulation standards will be raised in all states. The day will be hastened when it can no longer be said that millions of American citizens cannot read the Constitution, nor even their ballots, a condition which humbles our national pride and is fraught with the gravest danger.

The perpetuity and prosperity of our nation demand that it give all possible encouragement and assistance to the states in the development thru education of a citizenship physically and intellectually sound, and imbued with the spirit and ideals of true Americanism. Thus only can our Republic be made safe, efficient and enduring.

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Spake an Oklahoman to the Despot: "May I eat the breakfast which I have honestly earned?"

The Governor made answer: "Eat no eggs for I will not tolerate nothing with Klux in them."



**A KANSAS DISGRACE**

Christian Church Closed By Protestant Enemies.

After Failing to Remove Protestant Pastors, Enemies of Americanism Secure Court Order That Closes Edifice.

Troy, Kan.—Evangelist Edward Clutter of Troy, Kansas, states that he is a one hundred per cent American, a Mason, an Odd Fellow, and a member of the A. P. A. He is a graduate of Cotner university and post graduate of Engene Bible university. He is a Christian minister but takes no part in the ecclesiastical machinery of the Disciples of Christ denomination. He has evangelized from the Gulf of Mexico to far north in Canada, establishing churches, and under his labors more than ten thousand people have been converted. Last January he accepted the pastorate of the Christian church in Troy, Kansas, and all went well until one Sunday in June a number of men in white robes quietly and orderly marched into the church and took seats, giving closest attention to the special flag day sermon on the subject, Americanism and Christianity. Immediately some of the enemies who had been boasting that they had removed the Baptist minister from Troy, got busy, with the result that when about a month ago Mr. Clutter introduced a National K. K. K. speaker and led in prayer at a great meeting near Troy, pressure was brought to bear so that the next day Mr. Clutter was informed by two members of the board that his services were no longer required.

The next Sunday part of the board met while the evening services were in progress and voted to give written notice that Mr. Clutter should close his work in sixty days. The following Sunday evening an audience of three hundred was present, and the Christian church being supposed to be a democratic institution having congregational government, the congregation voted by a large majority to retain the minister.

It was also voted that a short meeting should immediately be held by Mr. and Mrs. Clutter.

On Monday night a large audience was present, but on Tuesday the servants of the enemy got busy, hired Catholic lawyers and with Joe Griffin, manager of the White Eagle Filling Station, Charles Marble, Jr., principal of the Troy high school; M. F. Earhart, Samuel Blauser, H. D. Kent, Jr., John Malloy, J. C. Dittmore, and Wm. Etherton, all farmers, as plaintiffs, went before Judge C. W. Ryan, and filed restraining orders against Mr. Clutter preaching or permitting others to hold services in the church. The sad thing about the matter is that some of these men had once pledged themselves to true Americanism, but under the influence of the two first named submitted themselves to this un-American and un-Christian act.

On Wednesday night Mrs. Clutter conducted the services, and the next day a large padlock was placed on the door barring her and many others from divine services in a house dedicated to the service of God in a country whose constitution gives to its citizens the right of free speech and peaceable public assembly.

Declaring that it was the duty of every citizen in Carnegie, Pennsylvania, to help in finding out who Abbott, Rev. James M. McQuilkin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Carnegie preached a ringing sermon last Sunday. Citizens of all denominations crowded his church to hear him.

In the First Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. S. L. Mills, pastor, spoke to a congregation which filled the edifice on "The Meaning of the Fiery Cross as it Burns on the Hills."

**60,000 AT HOUSTON**

Great Assembly Demonstrates Klan Strength in Texas.

Houston, Tex.—The greatest crowd ever assembled in South Texas watched the gigantic Klan initiation at the Gulf Coast Speedway Saturday night. More than 60,000 people were present.

The grandstand was crowded to capacity and more than 12,000 automobiles jammed all highways leading to the grounds.

The crowd began arriving at six o'clock. Half an hour later cars were moving slowly toward the racing grounds four abreast. More than an hour was required to get from the end of Main street to the stands, a mile away.

All south Texas was represented. Beaumont, Port Arthur, Orange, Galveston and other towns and cities were represented by large delegations.

A corps of hooded and robed sentinels directed traffic through the jam. Automobiles were deserted on the sides of roads and the occupants pushed their way into the grounds.

In clear audible terms, the Exalted Cyclops announced that the time had arrived for the candidates to bow beneath the fiery cross and assume the obligation to the American flag and the emblem of the Invisible Empire.

As the great fiery cross blazed in the darkness, a hush fell over the crowd. A gifted speaker delivered a remarkable address on the great principles of the Klan. His speech was received with deafening applause.

The degree team took its station and the exalted cyclops called the body to attention. The march through the long lines of hooded and robed members of the great American order to the sacred altar of the invisible empire was begun by the unannounced.

Every ear was strained as the conductor issued the oath of the Klan to the candidates. Each repeated the solemn vow in unison.

The great throng was thoroughly Klan. Frequent outbursts of applause greeted the members as they went about their work.

The ceremonial ended shortly before midnight. It was an hour later before the cars untangled themselves and the last of the spectators had gone.

It was two hours later when fire was discovered in the stands.

The grandstand accommodated more than 5,000 spectators during the ceremonial and was reduced to ashes before morning.

No one knows how the grandstand caught fire. Firemen say it might have been a lighted cigarette dropped carelessly through the seats or some hair-brained enemy of the Klan seeking revenge through the antics of Nero.

The great demonstration proved that the Klan spirit has a greater hold on south Texas today than ever before. The Jews shuddered. The Catholics foamed at the mouth and Father Kirwin turned an epileptic somersault in Galveston.

The Klan today is the strongest institution in this section of the country. It will be the next time you hear from it.

The United Irish Societies, meeting in Chicago last week voted that "America" was not a patriotic song because its air is similar to the British national anthem.

Pontiac Klan, Realm of Michigan, held a big open air ceremonial last week which was attended by several thousand Klansmen from adjoining Klantons. This is the second big open air naturalization held there during the past few months.

**KLAN STILL WINNING FAVOR IN MOREHOUSE**

Like Oklahoma Attack, Frame-up Really Helped Order.

In view of the Oklahoma force it is interesting to recall what effect the frame-up on the Klan in Morehouse parish, Louisiana, has had up to the order. The pastor of a Baptist church in Ashley county, Arkansas, which joins Morehouse parish, gives this account of Klan activity.

"The Klan in 12 months time has revolutionized law and order conditions in Ashley county. It has worked entirely through the courts. It has not one case of 'rough stuff' to its credit. Its methods have been orderly and exceedingly effective.

"It is making its influence felt in this community, just as the Morehouse Klan is doing, by co-operating with the officers and the courts in maintaining the law and enforcing it in an orderly way. The Klan here, as well as in Morehouse parish and all other Klans is composed of the clean, law abiding element of the community. In the state the Klan influence is the same as in the community, on a wider scale.

"The press everywhere has deliberately declined to publish the facts about the Morehouse parish trouble, preferring to champion the cause of the Parker-Coco plot to put Protestants out of business in Catholic Louisiana. The Klan never murdered Watt Daniel and T. F. Richards—most people in Morehouse parish where the trouble occurred, believe that Richards is now alive and in Mexico. Disinterested people who heard the so-called investigation last January do not believe that the bodies taken from the reptile-infested waters of Lake La Fourche in a good state of preservation, four months after the hot 24th of August were the bodies of Daniel and Richards; such people believe the bodies were deliberately put in the lake by enemies of the Klan—a part of the Parker-Coco plot.

"The general attitude of this community is favorable to the Klan. Its numbers have multiplied many times in these parts since the Parker-Coco persecutions began; a few weeks ago 25,000 Klansmen initiated a class of 1,000 near Little Rock. I believe that more than 75 per cent of all the ministers of Protestant denominations in this part of the country are members and they are all loyally supporting it. I speak from personal knowledge as to membership of Protestant ministers being a member myself.

"The Klan, by its vigilant efforts and firm stand for law enforcement has made the Volstead prohibition statute function in a marked degree throughout Arkansas."

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**CORONER'S JURY DOES NOT FIX CHARGES**

FAIL TO HOLD MAN IN CARNEGIE CASE

Responsibility for the slaying of Klansman Thos. E. Abbott was not fixed by Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, coroner's jury inquest last week. The jury found Abbott came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by a person or persons unknown and recommending that the person or persons be apprehended and held for the grand jury on a charge of murder. Two commonwealth witnesses, Harry Albright, Carnegie, and B. F. Hellings, Wilkensburg, identified Patrick McDermott, Carnegie undertaker, as shooting at Abbott.

Albright, who is not a Klansman, has known McDermott fifteen years, he declared, and remonstrated with McDermott when he saw him shoot asking why he shot in "cold blood."

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CHICAGO KLAN COMES BACK INTO FOLD

Chicago Klan Number 11, misled by insidious propaganda against the national administration of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was one of three Klans in the United States which last month severed connections with the Imperial Palace, Atlanta, Ga.

On Monday, September 24, this Klan, by a unanimous vote of the membership at a well attended meeting, declared their loyalty to the national administration and the Grand Dragon of Illinois. They requested that they be allowed to affiliate with the national organization once more. Their petition was granted by the Grand Dragon.

Requests from the other two Chicago Klans which temporarily left the organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan to the effect that they be permitted to again affiliate are being considered by the Grand Dragon of Illinois. There are thirty-one Klans in Chicago.

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**WALTON OFFERS TO RESIGN**

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out expenditure of the people's money upon the inconsistent pretense of maintaining a visible government.

"The constitution of the state of Oklahoma as originally adopted defines the rights of its citizens, and any officer who ruthlessly tramples upon these sacred guarantees deserves the scorn and condemnation of every right-thinking citizen. The governor of Oklahoma should be impeached as speedily as possible, if human rights, the integrity of our courts, and the orderly administration of justice are to be maintained."

The keynote was echoed when "Ragen's Colts," a notorious gang of Roman Catholics from Chicago's "back o' the yards" district, wired the governor that their organization had voted \$5,000 to defray the expenses of an "expeditionary" force of gunmen to Oklahoma points as reinforcements for Walton's fighters.

The racial and religious feeling aroused is the work of the "Waltonites." The opposition of the Klan to Governor Walton and its demand for his impeachment is not based upon the fight he has made against the organization but because of his un-American conduct in office.

Among the reasons for his removal from office are:

He has refused to permit execution of state laws most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

Abused the pardon and parole power.

Authorized numbers of persons to carry arms.

Appointed convicts as peace officers.

Recognized the right of a minority to rule and dictate the policies of state government.

Excited class antagonism and endeavored to array class against class, and religion against religion, thereby to gain his political aims and desires.

Directed certain clergies to shoot and kill others, offering immediate pardons.

Assumed legislative authority "in opposition to the constitution and laws of the state."

Appointed multitudes of new officers and sent them throughout the state to harass the people and "make them bow to his acts of despotism."

Called out the National Guard without just cause, placed the state under martial law without just cause, and has stationed soldiers in certain communities without reason therefor.

Through threats and otherwise sought to render the military independent of and superior to the civil powers.

That he is establishing, in effect, a dictatorship to supplant constitutional government, and using the military forces . . . to enforce his decrees.

That because of his opposition to an initiated legislative petition providing for the convening of the legislature, which petition had been signed by more than 50,000 legal voters of this state, he caused many departmental clerks, at state expense and in open violation of our statutes, to spend much time in an endeavor to find discrepancies in said petition; that after a special grand

jury had been called by the district judge to investigate into these unlawful acts, he, in his eagerness to avoid such investigation and the consequences thereof, and to secure immunity therefrom, arbitrarily and without lawful excuse, declared martial law in the whole state; . . . and by military force refused to permit the courts of justice to function.

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**RAGEN'S COLTS CHICAGO'S MOST NOTORIOUS GANG**

Ragen's Colts, Chicago's most notorious gang, is made up entirely of Irish Catholics from the Stock Yards district. Headed by Frank Ragen, a former county commissioner, and operated as an "Athletic club," this gang has been the instigator of riots, murder, and every form of disorder known.

Its members have been guilty of numerous crimes.

When this gang, numbering 2,500 members, voted \$5,000 to send terrorists to the aid of Oklahoma's chief executive he wired their leaders that he needed financial help even more than additional gunmen. The "Colts" are now raising funds among the Irish Catholics to continue the battle against the Ku Klux—and they have sent more than 100 gangsters into Oklahoma since Tuesday's election to "help" the governor.

The "Colts" precipitated the race riots here in July, 1919, in which 36 white people and negroes were killed. Their record was such that even John J. Garrity, Irish Catholic chief of police, suspended their "club" license and kept them from operating during his term in office.

Upon reorganizing the "Colts" offered their services to officials of the so-called American Unity and suggested a campaign of intimidation against the Ku Klux Klan in Chicago.

This gang was investigated when the Dawn's printing establishment, and the business houses of a number of advertisers were bombed early this year.

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