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## TWILIGHT'S THINKINGS

"DOUGH"  
THE LITTLE SCHOOLHOUSE  
THE AMERICAN MOVIE  
BOLSHEVISM

It was the "dough" in Doherty that brought trouble to many politicians.

If you are in politics, look not at the "dough" in the other man's pan.

"Dough" and politics evidently mix no better than oil and water.

"Dough" is all right in the bakery, but raises an investigation when splattered in the vicinity of governmental officials.

"Dough" and a hole make a fry-cake; "dough" and a politician make oil.

The investigated cry in anguish, "Oh, that I had not seen the 'dough' in Doherty; Oh, that I had not yielded to the sin in Sinclair."

Sin for Sinclair and Do for Doherty and thy name shall be as a by-word.

The reward of committing the greatest national sin—the prostitution of a public trust—is "dough."

**THE LITTLE SCHOOL HOUSE**  
The lecturer on "better rural schools" had spent nearly two hours in pointing out the advantages of the consolidated school over the rural one-teacher schools. When he concluded, a man arose from his chair at the head of the hall and addressed his friends and neighbors who were all around him.

"Dear friends it pains me when I think that my good friends and neighbors want to take away our little school house and build in its place a fancy and expensive school. Even now, I can look back when my children were young. I see them with happy smiles on their faces start with the morning sun for the little school house two miles away. No, friends, I can't let you take that school house away, for it is filled with pleasant memories. Tears come to my eyes as I imagine my neighbors and friends tearing down the school house. The woodskeeper said, 'Don't chop that tree, and I say 'Don't chop that tree.'"

The man had no more to say and jumped to his feet and spoke, "I can understand the sentiment that my friends has injected into the opposition to consolidation. I know—why tears come to your eyes, neighbor, as you think of the passing of your little school house. You are thinking of bygone days; you are looking into the past when the saloons were common over the entire nation. You perhaps even now see yourself standing before a bar with your right foot on the brass rail and a mug of beer at your lips. You are associating the so-called good old days with your schoolhouse. As it happens, the particular schoolhouse that you have presented this evening with sobs and sentiment was at one time a saloon that you patronized too frequently for your own good."

**THE AMERICAN MOVIE**  
It's the "screen-style" to present a Protestant minister in the role of a sanctimonious "slump."

When the movie producers run short of ideas for their film stories, it seems that they send representatives into the underworld and take vicious life there as the basis for unusually salacious photoplays which they feature by means of titles which rock with suggestiveness.

If you want your children to get a "colored idea" of life, and a distorted conception of sex matters, permit them to frequently attend the average motion picture show.

We hear a great deal these days about "cleaning the movies," but in spite of all agitation for better screen pictures, one mess after the other comes from studios, revealing that instead of "cleaning the movies," somebody is sneaking them with "sin-slop."

If you really want better motion pictures, concentrate on the ticket office. When you hit the theater owners on the money-bag, they sprawl and whimper "business no good."

Talking about censor boards, a friend suggested that the only way to censor pictures is to censor them. That was a remarkable contention. The trouble with the average censor board is that it exists in name only. We suggest photoplay censorship laws full of fangs, and the establishment of censor boards with a real authority. Wouldn't it be a good idea to put Klansmen and Klanswomen on these boards?

**BOLSHEVISM**  
What's the matter with the Klansman who is "suffering" as described below?

1. He knows how to "run" the organization better than the officers now serving.
2. He is "sour" because he can't use the Klan for personal gain.
3. He insists on re-writing the ritual according to his own way of thinking.
4. He emphasizes his importance as one of the "first" members, demanding that he be personally con-

# GOVERNOR'S RACE TO BE BATTLE

## Klan's Bureau Watches Government

### NEGLECTED TRUTH WILL BE SPREAD BY NEWS AGENCY

Minnesota Fiery Cross Under Supervision of Washington Headquarters

SERVICE NATION-WIDE

Gopher Readers Will Be Presented With an All-State Publication

Almost simultaneously with the dawning of a new day for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Minnesota, comes the first issue of the Minnesota Fiery Cross, the organ of the order.

It is well at the outset to outline the policy by which this publication will be guided from this time on.

News pertaining to the activities of the Klan throughout the United States will be recorded systematically each week. In particular, however, will attention be paid to news of the Klan arising within the borders of the Gopher state, for this paper is first of all the Minnesota Fiery Cross. "State News Letters," dispatched to this paper from the offices of the Fiery Cross publications in the respective states will be found in this issue. These letters present in brief, but comprehensively, news concerning the Klan and news in which Klansmen are interested. Likewise, each week is dispatched from the office of The Minnesota Fiery Cross a similar news letter reporting interesting matters that have taken place in the Gopher state.

**Washington Bureau**  
But even more vital and more far-reaching than the state letters, which are the nucleus of a state Klan news service, is the work of the Washington Bureau of Publications and Education. It is the chief function of the Bureau to keep Klan members throughout the nation posted on the activities of their representatives in the national capital through the columns of The Minnesota Fiery Cross and other publications of the Empire Publishing Company.

Not only have newspapers throughout the country, almost without exception, spread falsehoods and created misunderstandings concerning the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, but they have pursued news policies which have made them guilty of sins of omission as well as commission. They have not told the truth about the activities of officials in Washington. And there's a reason.

Individual newspapers, in cases where they would tell the truth were it obtainable, have been unable to do so, depending entirely upon the large wire services. The Associated Press, The United Press, The International News service, and the subsidiary concerns for the information. Naturally, the wire services, dominated and in many cases owned, by interests which carefully guard many vital facts from the eyes of American voters, have dispatched only such messages as they wish the reading public to see.

Now the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan have their own national news service established at the most important news source in the United States—Washington. Only one interest dominates the Bureau of Publication and Education, and that is the interest of the Average American.

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sulted on all matters previous to bringing them before the rank and file of membership.

5. He is continuously objecting to acceptance of applicants for membership in the Klan without giving any real reasons.

6. He believes that the Klan would go to demotion how-woes if he were not a member of the organization.

7. Without knowing anything about the faithfulness of the Imperial officers he is sure that they intend investigation.

8. He tries to organize a clique of self-appointed authority in order to make life miserable for the organizer and other Klan officials.

9. He is always questioning the motives of enthusiastic Klansmen who are really doing their best to advance the best interests of the Invisible Empire.

10. He doesn't see any good in any committee activity when it happens that he is left out.

11. He growls and he whimpers; he scolds and he curses; he whines and he knocks.

What's the matter with him? Nothing serious boys, just Bolshevism.

### Woman Creates "Scene" at Klan Flag Ceremony

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 18.—The people of Cedarhurst, a village just east of Columbus, O., got their first close-up view of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan recently, when at the close of a business meeting of the Cedarhurst Civic Association, 50 members of the Klan marched into the meeting, and after a short and impressive ceremony, the leader presented a Bible and an American flag to the association.

The surprise of the evening, however, was when a woman, heretofore known as a Protestant, rushed to the front of the hall and objected to the association accepting the Bible and flag.

Her protest was so loudly condemned, however, that no one was left in doubt as to the sentiment of the majority of those present, and on a vote of the audience the gifts were accepted.

### Klan Continues To Sweep Over West Virginia

WHEELING, W. VA., Feb. 20.—Smashing down the mighty offensive of the organized opposition and scattering its fragmented obstacles in thousands of directions, the great spirit of the Ku Klux Klan continues to surge its phenomenal way through West Virginia, leaving in its wake one of the greatest and most powerful organizations ever seen in this state.

In its cyclonic sweep, the big spirit of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is literally combing the land, carrying with it the best citizenship from the cities, towns and countryside. The masses have heard the call of the Klan and are responding to it by the thousands—a response whose parallel is unprecedented.

Unable to take care of the myriad applications for membership in the Klan on account of inadequate hall space, and also prohibited from staging out door initiations on account of inclement weather, hundreds of mastodontic outdoor initiation ceremonies are being planned by West Virginia Klans to be staged in the early spring.

False charges, whispered scandal and unfair, prejudiced press reports have failed signally to check the great growth of the mammoth movement and all obstacles lay stripped of their sugar coating—leaving a big mass of crude, nauseated propaganda, refused and scorned by all fair minded persons.

Practically every township of Newton county Ind., was represented at meeting of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan at Morocco last week. A large class was initiated.

## Ku Klux Klan Is Sweeping Gopher State As Thousands Answer Call

(By PASSERBY)

Minnesota is populated all but solidly with Nordic peoples, and most of these are Protestant. It is no strange, therefore, that the Ku Klux Klan, as a Protestant and American movement, should appeal to them. Each day reveals a keener interest in the movement, which has already made a mark on the great highway which leads to the uplands of Americanism and Christianity. It should not be long before all but a few counties will go completely Ku Klux. Already indications point to an unusual growth in Klan membership within the next few months.

With the opening of spring and the coming of warmer weather, you will see the white-robed Klansmen meeting out of doors in all parts of the state. Also, you may look for large classes appearing for naturalization at selected centers of the various counties. There are few ceremonial meetings such as took place at Albert Lea, Austin and Red Wing last summer.

Every county organization should begin to plan for bigger things in the realm of Klankraft, and concentrate their energies upon needed increases in membership.

Some months ago there was a change in the Klan state administration. The King Kingle was replaced by an Imperial Representative, who comes to the North Star State de-

### ORGANIZATION DIFFERENCES ARE SETTLED

(By MILTON ELROD)  
(Editor-in-Chief, Washington Bureau of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—According to advices received here today from Atlanta, all differences between Dr. H. W. Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, and Col. William J. Simmons, Emperor of that organization, have been amicably settled. The settlement includes the payment of \$140,000 to Col. Simmons and his resignation as Emperor.

Advice also states that degree teams are now being formed which will leave Atlanta at the earliest date possible to confer the Second Degree to all certified Klansmen free of charge.

This settlement coming at this time when the Klan is spreading to all sections of America, and its strength growing each day, is a source of greatest satisfaction to all concerned, and will be received with the greatest rejoicing among the million of Klansmen throughout the country.

The perdition made by The Fiery Cross, of Indiana, last August, that all would be amicably settled has at last become a reality. The Fiery Cross has never entered into the controversy between the two factions, and has always maintained that the differences of opinion between the two men would be settled for the welfare of the Klan.

Under the agreement reached all credentials carried by Kamella field men will be automatically cancelled.

### Find Oldest Alphabet Known to Man

PHILADELPHIA, PA., Feb. 19.—Dr. George A. Barton, professor of Semitics at the University of Pennsylvania, has received a letter from Palestine stating that two French archeologists, working on the site of ancient Phoenicia, have discovered the oldest form of the Phoenician alphabet yet found. It is declared to date not later than 1200 B. C., and from it Greek, Roman, Hebrew and English alphabets can be traced.

The earliest inscriptions previously known in the Phoenician alphabet were upon the Meabite Stone found in 1859, dated 850 B. C., according to Dr. Barton.

### New York Senator Would Tax Pistols



SENATOR COPELAND

Coming from a city where professional gunmen do a thriving business, Senator Royal S. Copeland has proposed a bill in the upper house placing a tax of \$100 on all pistols and revolvers. The purchasers would be registered. He also advocates a tax of \$1 on all bullets. The senator believes, that in this way the habit of gun totting would be materially cut down. The professional gangster would not always be ready to put up a \$100 bond to obtain a pistol. The law further provides a heavy penalty for those apprehended with guns in their possession, who have not obtained the permit and paid the tax.

### Tennessee Klan Drive Is Now in Full Swing

MEMPHIS, TENN., Feb. 18.—Klan leaders throughout the state are making preparation to begin intensive campaigns for the purpose of increasing the membership in Tennessee to 250,000 by August.

Nashville Klan has prepared a program whereby they expect to build a large Klavern and increase their membership at least 5,000 in the next 90 days.

It is planned to put on big drives in Knoxville, Chattanooga and other important points and at the same time use caution in selecting members, and building a permanent and substantial organization.

### Small Town Has Big Ku Klux Organization

WAKARUSA, KAN., Feb. 20.—Wakarusa Klan No. 105 received its charter recently. While this little town has a population of only 170 persons, it has a live "Klucking" organization and every member is striving to do his full duty.

## MAGNUS JOHNSON WILL NOT BE CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Republicans of Gopher State Are Worried Over Strength of Farmer-Labor Party, Is Report—Democrats See a Possible Victory in Three-Cornered Fight.

Candidacy of A. C. Townley, of Non-Partisan League Fame, Is Not Taken Seriously by Political Dopesters in Minnesota—Voters Will Get Facts in This Campaign.

(By TWILIGHT)  
The coming political fight for the governorship of Minnesota promises to be the battle of the decade. Already the three political parties of the Gopher state are setting their artillery for early attacks. However, the leaders in affairs political are looking nervously in every direction and otherwise reveal states of mind. Each party is searching for the "psychological man." There seems to be no agreement as to the necessary attributes of the "psychological man." Yet I frequently hear political dopesters insist that he must be a dirt farmer.

A large number of men has been proposed for the governorship by the various political leaders of the state. Every day brings forth a new man, it seems. I find that the following men are most frequently mentioned in connection with the governorship: Hon. Ole O. Sageng, a bona fide dirt farmer, who resides near Dalton, Otter Tail county, it is believed by many, will be able to carry the Republican standard to victory against all comers. Mr. Sageng has a legislative record that is hard to beat. As a member of the state senate, the Otter Tail county man revealed unusual ability. Hon. Sageng was born in Norway, but came to this country with his parents when a boy of seven. He is a graduate of the Fergus Falls high school.

Notorious O'Donnell of Defunct Un-American Unity League Makes Expose

JURYMAN QUESTIONED

Graft Trial Brings to Light Some Interesting Conditions in Chicago

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 19.—The "Minute Men of the Constitution," an organization headed by General Chas. G. Dawes, and claiming to oppose the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was exposed as a bitter opponent of organized labor here this week. Oddly enough, the expose was brought about by the notorious Patrick H. O'Donnell, former head of the defunct American Unity League.

O'Donnell's record as a jury-fixing attorney, has frequently brought him clients when Irish Catholic politicians here run afoul of the law. One of these cases is now in the courts and the "Chicago Daily News" report of the jury selection is illuminating. The report says: "David W. Duncan, 3515 Flournoy St., a prospective juror, was peremptorily challenged by the defense in the Faherty graft trial when he said he belonged to the Gen. Charles G. Dawes' organization, the Minute Men of the Constitution."

"Patrick O'Donnell, attorney for the defense indicated in questions put to Duncan that his clients may try to show that overpayments of which they are accused were really bonuses to efficient laborers."

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## NEWSPAPER RETRACTS ANTI-KLAN STATEMENT

Students of Alma College Did Not Hold Mass Meeting Condemning Order

ALMA, MICH., Feb. 20.—An article in the Lansing, (Mich.) State Journal, an anti-Klan sheet, caused such indignation among citizens of Alma, Mich., that a resolution was adopted and sent to the Journal, resulting in the retraction of the article.

The article said that Alma had held an anti-Klan demonstration, headed by students of Alma college. The demonstration purported to be over the protest of an article in The Fiery Cross, denouncing the attitude of the president of the college, an out-and-out enemy of the Klan, who has been attempting to mold the student body's mind against the Klan by the usual tactics of misrepresentation.

There was no protest meeting at Alma. Not more than a dozen students, led by an un-American, met in a corner drug store and created a commotion, and this was the only foundation for an 8-column scare head, denouncing the Klan.

The resolution of protest sent the Journal was signed by more than a dozen business men of Alma. The retraction was carried on page one of the Journal, but the protest was changed by the editor to suit his whim.



# CHURCH ELEMENT IN UNITED STATES IS ONLY FORCE OBSTRUCTING PUBLIC EDUCATION, DECLARES DR. EVANS IN INDIANAPOLIS SPEECH

## POLITICIANS SEEK ONLY OWN SUCCESS, NOT COMMON GOOD

Church and State Have Never Been Separated in America, But Constitution Keeps Government Out of Religious Affairs, Asserts Imperial Wizard.

"Our Humanity Will—It Must—Triumph Over Every Obstruction to the Great and Final Accomplishment of Freedom and Justice," Enormous Audience Is Told.

(Special Telegram to The Minnesota Fiery Cross)  
INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Feb. 13.—In one of the most masterly addresses given by any public man in recent years, Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, tonight at Cadle Tabernacle outlined in no uncertain terms, the policy of the organization he heads, on the all-important question of public education.

The Klan, according to Dr. Evans, is in full accord with the provisions of the Smith-Towner education bill, making a place in the president's cabinet for a secretary of education.

The influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in American life today, especially in relation to education, was brought out in the address. It is the hope of the church to hold sway in things temporal as well as spiritual, the chief Klansman declared, and brought forth conclusive proof of his assertion.

The meeting was one of the most important that has been held in American Klandom, and the great hall was crowded to capacity.

The full text of the address, which is worth the study of every Protestant-American as well as Klansman, who seeks the future welfare of the nation and the generations yet to come, is as printed below:

### The Public School Problem in America

Out of his boyhood has come to us the sublimely simple supplication of Abraham Lincoln:

"God help father, help mother, help sister, help everybody. Teach me to read and write. Watch over Honey and make him a good dog. And keep us all from gettin' lost in the wilderness. Amen."

While Lincoln was on his childish knees, phrasing the prophetic prayer that we kept from getting lost in the wilderness, there lived a man made in God's image who preached and practiced the solution of that problem, Horace Mann, the immortal sponsor and patron saint of education in America, believed that—

"The national safety, prosperity and happiness could be obtained only through free public schools, open to all, good enough for all and attended by all."

I have come to speak to you in support of that fundamental American doctrine, to proclaim its importance to every phase of our private and public life, to urge its complete and immediate adoption as the most essential of all national policies.

In his infancy Lincoln had experience with a wilderness in which boys and girls, even men and women, could lose their way—an uncharted, unpeopled expanse of woods and water in which lurked the deadliest dangers. He lived to see those perils disappear. Others, vastly more vital, began to loom large and menacing. His utterances contain many warnings with respect to a new kind of wilderness in which, not citizens, but society, might go astray.

There is no longer a frontier America, but we have a wilderness in which predominates as much of stealth and more of vindictiveness than any jungle ever knew. It does not endanger individuals as much as it menaces society. Out of it crouching creatures no longer spring upon humans to satisfy the pangs of hunger; instead we have creations that prey upon humanity to appease appetites and passions for power. The art and dignity of enactment is being superseded by the unscrupulous science of legal evasion and subterfuge. A spirit of lawlessness is abroad in the land, and fast ranges into an anarchy that is none the less real because garbed in the ermine of respectability and unconnected with red banners and black bombs. Our ideals and traditions are being weakened by disrespect and inattention. Our politicians seek not the common welfare, but their own success. Our schools are in every way inadequate; they have not the institutional standing to which they are entitled; they do not prevent illiteracy, not always promote patriotism; too often they teach a divided allegiance. Many of our churches are becoming bickering centers and sources of ceaseless, strife-engendering controversy, fighting not the forces of evil, but each other, church against church, creed against creed. Out of it all, and because of it all, there has almost ceased to exist that priceless boon to humankind known as news; propaganda, the modern curse of civilization that spawns prejudice and nurtures injustice, has taken its place. Our modern wilderness is full of darkness. Truth, God's truth and man's truth, has become a vagrant—ragged, distorted and discredited by selfishness as never before in human history.

In all things, public and private, truth must prevail. Individually, that means intelligence, health and virtue. Nationally, it means liberty and justice, the safeguarding of our traditions, the fulfillment of our ideals. To civilization, it means security and continued progress onward and upward. To attain truth, we must adopt, without reservation or evasion, not years hence, but now, the kind, quality and quantity of education advocated by Horace Mann.

Had there been a half century ago, we would not now be in a wilderness of chaotic conflicts and confusing controversies. There would have developed less of illness and none of illiteracy. The religious wrangling that again threatens our security and the peace of the world would not exist. Instead of an already menacing growth of divided allegiance, there would be national solidarity. The separation of church and state would be accomplished, rather than so generally inept and purposeless. Had education been foundationally established; had it been extended, and kept free of every perversion; had there been "free public schools, open to all, good enough for all, and attended by all," performing their function of teaching "truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," excluding each and every element having a selfish interest either in ignorance or any distortion of truth, we would not today be in a life and death battle with propaganda.

I submit to you that all through the ages, whenever and wherever God's purposes have been manifest in the affairs of men, resulting in what we call an advance of civilization, that achievement has had as its vehicle a temporary wholesome national life. Through some national entity has come every bit of ground gained by and for civilization. The elements contributing to every advance, have always been law and order, enlightenment, unity, freedom and justice. Interpreted in terms of today, the antithesis of these fundamentals may be stated as lawlessness, illiteracy, inheritable tendencies toward mental and physical degeneracy, disrupting strife and controversy, propaganda instead of truth, and the economic inequities that increasingly threaten the very stability of society.

I now advocate the adequate education of our future citizenship through a free public school system, as I have pleaded for a rigidly enforced immigration, adapted to our ideals and needs. The two remedies go together. Neither alone can re-Americanize and safeguard our sacred institutions. If this country continued to be flooded by inferior peoples whose assimilation is impossible, the task of enlightened advancement will be hopeless. Our differences of the last three decades in this connection has already made it extremely difficult; but if we now place an embargo upon every alien element not in harmony with our requirements, it is not yet too late for the redemption of the republic by means of the public school for children and its auxiliaries for adults. Let immigration of every undesirable type be stopped, completely stopped, until our own illiteracy and internal strife can be superseded by a vigorous, based upon unselfish, unshackled truth, and a patriotism built upon eager, unswerving, unceasing acceptance of the principles that are the very foundation of our government. In the meantime, with the further overburdening of our composite people through unmerited immigration at an end, we can, with some assurance of success, give constructive attention to the emancipation of America from ignorance and prejudice. We can free our beloved country from every darkness and danger.

Our Children the Chief Asset of the State  
You cannot dissociate citizenship from civilization. We have a government, of, by, and for the people. The great problem, then, concerns two vital things: the character and the ability of our composite people. Their development, hitherto neglected, is a

### Educational Policy Outlined By Wizard



DR. HIRAM W. EVANS

In an address at Cadle Tabernacle, Indianapolis, Wednesday, Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imperial Wizard of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan outlined the national educational policy of the order. The meeting addressed by Dr. Evans was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in Indianapolis, which is probably the largest Klan city in the United States.

public responsibility paramount to all other constructive duties of the state.

We are a republic. "The consent of the governed" is the underlying principle of our public life. That being basic, the only sure highway to national success is adequate democratic education.

Every statesman worthy of the name has recognized that its children were the greatest asset of any state, and has based his hope for a glorious national future upon their highest development as individuals and as citizens. Out of each decade from the Declaration of Independence to Teapot Dome, I could summon the most notable witnesses to attest the truth of that doctrine and the necessity for its complete attainment.

In Washington's farewell address we find this counsel, never surpassed by the utterance of any statesman, past or present:

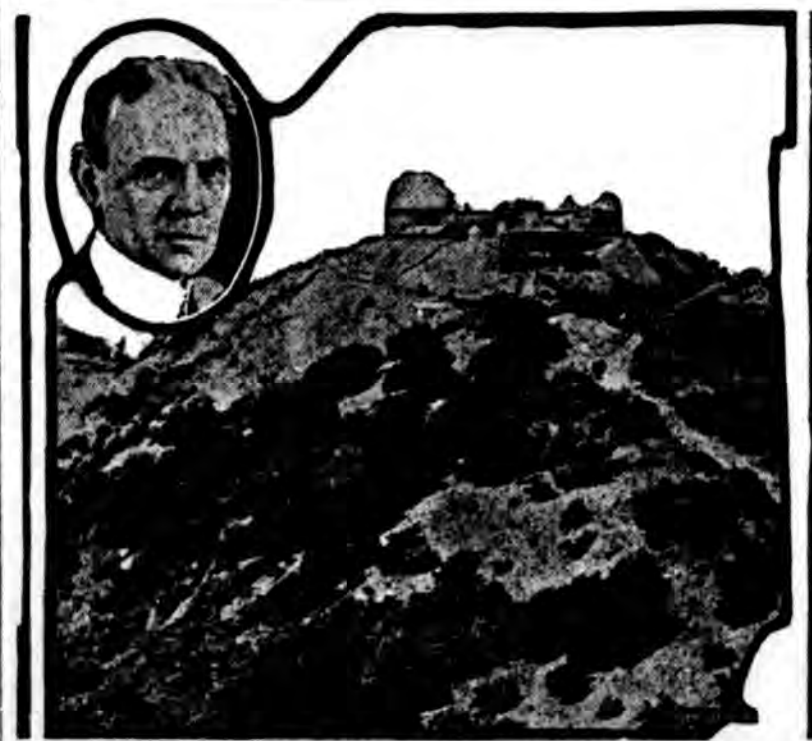
"Promote, then, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge. In proportion as the structure of government gives force to public opinion, it is essential that public opinion should be enlightened."

Let me recall another voice from the days of our infancy. The famous "Ordinance of 1787" contains this historic declaration:

"Religion, morality and knowledge, being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged."

That was our earliest educational statute on a national scale. While it gave legal standing to a mighty principle, it did not provide either the means or the machinery of fulfillment. Two generations later, we find Daniel Webster paying his tribute to its fundamental value:

### Lick Observatory Has Helped Make America World Leader in Astronomical Research



LICK OBSERVATORY AND NEW DIRECTOR

In astronomical research the United States leads the world. The Lick Observatory, illustrated above, located on Mount Hamilton near San Jose, California, is one of the largest in the world. The discoveries made from this point have done much to place the United States in the forefront of astronomical science. There are more observatories in this country than in any other in the entire

"I doubt whether one single law of any lawgiver, ancient or modern, has produced effects of more distinct, marked and lasting character than the Ordinance of 1787. . . . It set forth and declared to be a high and binding duty of government to support schools and advance the means of education."

The greatest American tragedy was not unfolded upon any battle field, or in any series of catastrophes. It exists in the fact that neither the advice of Washington nor the spirit of this ordinance were carried out. That was why Daniel Webster referred to it. In 1866, seventy-nine years after, James A. Garfield, later to occupy the White House, presented to congress an Education Association Memorial from which I quote:

"Your memorialists beg leave to express their earnest belief that universal education next to universal liberty, is a matter of deep national consequence. The perpetuity of republican institutions is not upon the scale of a petty municipality or state, but it covers half a continent and embraces peoples of widely diverse interests and conditions, but who are to continue 'one and inseparable.' Every condition of our perpetuity and progress as a nation adds emphasis to the remark of Montesquieu, 'It is in a republican government that the whole power of education is required.'"

The occasion of that memorial was the fight for more adequate public school education then engaging the attention of thoughtful, patriotic Americans. Of that attempt I shall speak later. I refer to it here because you should understand that this present battle began two generations ago, and also that at no time, from Washington to Lincoln, or since, have the educational facilities of the nation been more than a beginning of what were required for the safety and advancement of a great republic.

In his remarkable book on "Child Labor and the Constitution," Mr. Raymond G. Fuller says:

"What nation shall be greatest among the nations of the 'New World'? That nation shall be greatest that puts children first in its thought, in its politics, in its economics, in its ethics. The nation that accepts the leadership of little children and sets them in the midst of its counselors, that nation will lead all others in the health, intelligence, morality, efficiency and happiness of its citizens and in national prosperity, both material and spiritual. On the quality of nations international peace and progress depend."

To show the extent of our failure, I present the opinion of Dr. Alexander J. Inglis, Professor of Education at Harvard University, who said in 1922:

"In the first place let us recognize that in all parts of this country public education is very, very far from being that which we should all like to see it, that in parts of the country it is almost unbelievably bad, that vocational education has scarcely begun to be recognized, that the amount of illiteracy and near-illiteracy is alarmingly great, that attention to physical education throughout the country is almost negligible, that our large foreign population constitutes a serious problem for education and for society, that most country children do not have anything like a fair opportunity for education, that in many sections of the country short school terms make effective education all but impossible, that a large part of our teachers lack proper education, training and experience—let us recognize all these and many other defects of education too numerous to catalog. They are conditions which cry aloud for reform in the appealing voices of children deprived of their rights as American citizens. They are undoubted and indubitable facts which cannot be ignored."

Why a Department of Education  
Mr. Inglis here speaks of "the defects of education too numerous to catalog." My serious study of the whole problem suggests one fundamental difficulty that is not in any catalog, a handicap that goes back to the beginning of the public school system. In fact, who among you can say when, or how, our public school system began? The public school is the most essential of all American institutions; we all know that; yet, unlike any other great American institution, it did not come into existence with clearly defined, distinctive character. No date or event marks its birth. No national document ever bestowed upon it specific principles and purposes. Nor was the basic question of its relation to government ever fully and finally determined.

I mention these things to show that in this country public school education was never rightly honored by a place in any organic act like the Declaration of Independence, or the Constitution; nor was it ever for more than the briefest time, given deserved recognition in any outstanding federal enactment. It just grew, in almost haphazard fashion, through a kind of vagrant evolution, into what it is today, with only about one-seventh of the efficiency that our national needs demand."

For centuries education was exclusively of, by and for the church. That was yet quite largely the situation throughout Europe at the time of American colonization. The first evidence of change was in Holland and Scotland, and among the Puritans and Huguenots of England and France. Those earliest liberals had a vision of universal education, but there remained in their minds the idea of religious objective.

Then, in the eighteenth century, philanthropy took an interest in education. Next there were charity schools. After that, thank God, came the conception of the American common school, emerging slowly and uncertainly, because, as I have shown, it was an organic orphan, and had to shift for itself.

As the colonies differed, so did their schools. But gradually American education took on a type of its own, although it was not until three quarters of a century after the birth of the republic that the public school, as we now know it, was at all firmly established.

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Pennsylvania offers a good illustration. Notwithstanding William Penn's original requirement that the governor and council "should establish and support public schools," plus the statesmanly efforts of Benjamin Franklin, it was not until 1835 that this commonwealth had a partly tax supported public school system, and for the next two years there was such a clamor of objection as to threaten its overthrow.

The truth is that half our national life was lived without a general public school system, and that, during the last half, public schools have been pitifully inadequate, to which failures can be traced most of the national ills that now beset us.

At the half-way mark two of our greatest Americans entered the arena of battle for this cause. They were Horace Mann of Massachusetts and Henry Barnard of Connecticut. To them America owes the highest, grandest monuments ever erected to her most deserving heroes.

Out of their statesmanship and the labors of others of that period came the effort to give public school education the standing it should have had in the beginning. In 1867, James A. Garfield sponsored legislation to create a department of education. Henry Barnard became the commissioner of education, but without a place in the cabinet. The clock of true progress for America was set back, not days, but decades. In addition to executive duties, this law imposed upon that office the task of investigating the disposition and misuse of previous national land grants in aid of education. There ensued a fight on the part of the secretary of the interior for the right to make the investigations, because his department had handled the grants. It was like the story of political manipulation, and probably graft, that is engaging the public mind today. Politics prevailed. The department of education was demoted to a mere bureau under the secretary of the interior, which it has remained since.

The big thing, the fundamental, all important thing, to be accomplished for the cause of democratic education in America is to give it the recognition, the dignity, the established standing, of a high place in the cabinet.

We are supporting a program that will do two things: (1) Establish a Department of Education, with a cabinet secretary at its head; and (2) Give national aid to our public schools.

The first object far outweighs the

second. It is fundamental, organic, whereas the rest is a matter of efficiency.

If there be the slightest doubt as to what a department of education would mean to the public school system, that doubt will disappear when you understand the attitude toward it of the enemies of democratic education. In a few minutes I shall discuss the forces, or rather the only organized force, that is opposing the American public school system. At this point I desire only to show that this opposition by the Roman Catholic church hierarchy is aimed chiefly at the idea of a department of education. That is what they fear.

You will remember that there was little activity in behalf of the Smith-Towner bill during the Sixty-seventh congress, because of the pending measure to establish a department of public welfare, with education only a bureau in it. With respect to that situation, I quote in part a letter, issued on May 4, 1921, by the National Catholic Welfare Council, as follows:

"It should further be noted that other measures are now under consideration by the leaders in congress, which may obviate the need of opposition to the Towner bill. Should the McCormick bill, e. g.—be passed and the department of public welfare established, the bureau of education would simply be transferred from the department of the interior to the department of public welfare; it would not be erected into a separate department. In that case, the situation would practically be what it is at present."

In other words, the hierarchy does not oppose legislation that leaves matters as they are, with a poor, powerless, undignified bureau of education, instead of a department of education, which would at once and forever suggest to every American that at last our public schools had been given the recognition and standing that should have been their governmental position from the very beginning.

Therefore, I say to you that this part of our program is the all-important part; that there must be no compromise upon this issue.

When we have given public organic significance, as the creation of a department of education will do, while that belated act cannot alone at once remedy the enervating results of one hundred and thirty-five years of neglected duty, of wasted citizenship, it will ease the national conscience and be followed quickly by a new and constantly accelerating educational vigor throughout the republic. It will mark the beginning of a rising tide of common intelligence, health, and virtue among both the native and adopted sons and daughters of America.

The Shameful Inadequacy of Education

The indictment is that "the defects of education are too numerous to catalog." How much more impossible is it to catalog the consequences of these defects. When we face the results of our inadequate public school system, the situation becomes positively appalling.

Each year, there is made for taxation, an appraisal of their material wealth. An inventory, on as exact and scientific a scale, of the much more vital human values has never been attempted. It happened, however, quite incidentally, that the nation was permitted to get a glimpse of the menacing aftermath of educational inadequacy. When our young manhood was conscripted for service in the great war, they were examined, mentally and physically; tests were made and recorded; the results are known. At last we may look squarely at the terrible truth about our composite humanity, and relate its degeneracy directly to the failure of our school system.

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### Important Highlights From Evans' Address on Public Education

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"Here is the issue. Public school education is democratic education. The fight against that system is being waged by and for Catholic parochialism, which is the essence of monarchy."

"But that is not all. In this crucial struggle for the Horace Mann kind and quantity of public school education, we are fighting a battle bigger even than for the final separation of church and state. Democracy itself, the very life of Constitutional government, is at stake."

"After all, education is but the means to an end. In a higher sense, democracy is but the means to an end. In the highest sense, civilization itself is but the means to an end. That end is the triumph of truth, God's truth and man's truth, out of which alone can come the Heavenly blessing of a harmonized humanity here on earth."

AMERICA MUST LEAD THE WAY!

GENESSEE, ILL.—A national lecturer of the Ku Klux Klan addressed a meeting of 500 people at the town opera house recently. At the conclusion of the lecturer's speech, more than 300 of the audience signed up to become members of the organization.

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## FORMER MEMBER MAKES CHARGES AGAINST KLAN

Dorr Says He Joined When  
Mind Was "Immature,"  
Three Years Ago

### NOT AWARE OF AIMS

Makes Baseless Allegations As  
to Aims and Purposes of  
American Movement

DES MOINES, IA., Feb. 20.—"Never let patriotism interfere with business," seems to be the tone of a letter received by the Des Moines headquarters of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan from a local business man, withdrawing his membership from the organization.

It is quite evident that during the time the gentleman in question was affiliated with the organization he failed utterly to understand the aims and purposes of the Klan. He says, "to an immature mind, such as mine was at the time I was initiated into the organization, could accomplish good. Probably it was because his mind was immature, that he failed to see the real purpose of the Klan."

In the communication the charge is made that "unscrupulous persons" take the law into their own hands in the name of the Klan. Newman Dorr, for he is the author of the communication, can not bring forth one proof that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as an organization, or any of its members, ever assumed the authority of the law and carried it into execution.

Took Law-Order Oath  
The Klan is forever bound by the duty constituted authorities of the community which it exists. Three years ago, Mr. Dorr took an oath to uphold them in the execution of their duty. And unless Mr. Dorr has himself taken the law into his own hands, there has been no such attempt in the name of the Klan, for no true Klansman ever has done such.

Neither has the Klan at any time placed a "slur of un-American" on Catholics and Jews. The Klan's enemies have endeavored, time and again, to make the organization appear as an anti-Catholic and anti-Jewish order. This, because it serves unto itself the right to select its own membership.

Were there chaos throughout the land, says Mr. Dorr, there might be a need for such an organization as the Klan. He does not seem to realize that there is "mental chaos" rampant in the nation. And that is the next thing to physical chaos. The Klan is a movement of patriotic, native-born Americans, who seek to prevent a condition in this nation as recently came to pass in Italy, for instance. It seeks to do this solely through legal, constitutional channels.

If the United States was in a condition similar to that of Italy a few years ago, the Klan might be a violent order and take the law into its own hands as did the Fascisti, and as Mr. Dorr falsely claims it now is, as Mr. Dorr falsely claims it now is and does.

Failed to Get Vision  
But the author of the letter has failed to get the vision of his native land today. He has failed to see what there is in store for the future of America. "There is no failure, but failure to serve the purpose," says The Iowa Fiery Cross slogan. And that purpose is restoring the United States to the plane where its founders hoped to have it, and from which it has, in recent years, fallen away.

The full text of the letter is as follows:

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H. E. Rumsey, General Agent  
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Dear Mr. —  
From the letter I received from you the other day, I take it, that in spite of never having paid any dues to the organization, I am still considered as having some sort of membership in the Ku Klux Klan.

"I am writing this to inform whoever it may concern that I do not feel that I have any connection whatever with the organization, and that I regret exceedingly that I ever had. To an immature mind, such as mine was at the time I was initiated three years ago, it would seem from the high sounding expressions of purpose that your society could accomplish a great deal of good. And I have no doubt that in causing the rank and file to wake up and think, you have done some good."

"But a maturer mind contemplates the very serious evils that are apt to result from the activities of your society."

"Unscrupulous persons taking the law into their own hands in imitation, class and creed hatred, and disagreement of the processes of our constituted government. Furthermore, a mature mind resents the despicable slur of un-American thrown upon thousands and thousands of upright, law-abiding, thoroughly patriotic Catholics and Jews who have helped make our country fit to live in."

"Were our States face to face with chaos, such an organization as yours might be the last hope and worth trying, but until that time comes there is no room in America for the Ku Klux Klan."

(Signed) "Newman Dorr."

POCAHONTAS, VA.—Klansmen in full regalia recently visited all the Sunday schools of different denominations in the surrounding territory and presented each school with a \$10 bill.

## New Senator Voted For Hawkeye Solon



SENATOR BRUCE

William Cabell Bruce quickly became one of the most talked-of men in the Sixty-eighth congress, and no wonder. For he is a Democrat and he voted for Senator Albert B. Cummins, Republican, of Iowa, for chairman of the interstate commerce committee. He unqualifiedly endorsed Secretary Mellon's tax program. He is unqualifiedly put himself on record against the bonus.

Within a week of his entrance this junior senator from Maryland had impressed upon Washington the fact that he is a new type of public official—the kind the radicals anathematize and the rock-bound regulars fight shy of.

## RELIGIOUS RALLY IS HELD AT DUBLIN, GA.

Grand Dragon Assured of Support in Spreading Klankraft

DUBLIN, GA., Feb. 19.—The first of a series of religious ceremonies to be held over the state under the auspices of realm headquarters, was observed here Sunday afternoon when the Laurens county court house was filled to overflowing with Klansmen and their friends of Dublin.

The meeting, which was purely a devotional one, was open to the public and was honored by the presence of the Protestant ministry of the city, who occupied seats on the rostrum with the Grand Dragon and his staff. Many aliens were present, among whom were several scores of colored people, who occupied seats in the balcony throughout the services and blended their voices with those of the Klansmen in singing "America," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and other patriotic and religious songs.

Many state and county officials participated in the meeting, at the close of which the Grand Dragon was assured of the support of the better element of the state in his undertaking to carry the gospel of Klankraft to the people of Georgia.

## GOOD CITIZENSHIP FOSTERED BY K. OF P.

Newton, Iowa, Chapter Offers Prizes to Junior High Students

NEWTON, IA., Feb. 20.—Delta Lodge, Knights of Pythias, has offered three prizes to members of the junior class in the Newton high school who will write the best papers on American citizenship. Their papers will be based on work taken in civics during the second semester of the year, and the prizes will be awarded at commencement time.

The Pythians are very desirous that every member of the junior class studying civics participate in the event, for the lodge officers and members want to aid in impressing on students the responsibilities of good citizenship.

The plan on which the Newton Knights are working was suggested by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and has been adopted by 25 different lodges of the order within the state.

MARION, ILL.—Rev. Charles D. McGhee, grand titan of the Ku Klux Klan in Illinois, was the principal speaker at the First Baptist church here January 24. The meeting was open to the public and was given for the purpose of disseminating true information regarding the purposes and practices of the Ku Klux Klan.

## ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN OF KLAN GROWING THROUGHOUT IOWA

(By ONLOOKER)  
The Women of the Ku Klux Klan are spreading throughout the state of Iowa.

In city, town, and hamlet and countryside, the native-born, Protestant American women are coming to the standard of the unfurled stars and stripes and the uplifted fiery cross. Reports reaching the head of the women's organization in Des Moines, are to the effect that great strides in membership and upbuilding of organization work are going on.

In the capital city, Albia, Perry and Marshalltown, especially, are large numbers of new candidates being initiated. Next week, the Des Moines women will naturalize one of the largest classes that has been held for many weeks.

## AMERICAN HOMES AT CROSS ROADS, DECLARES EDITOR

DES MOINES, IA., Feb. 18.—"The American home is at the cross roads," declared P. J. Qrn, editor of The Call of The North, the Ku Klux Klan newspaper for Minnesota, in an address on "The American Home" at the Capitol Hill Church of Christ, Des Moines, Sunday evening.

"The home is the basis of all civilization. Upon it our nation stands or falls," declared the speaker. "The American home today is not all that it should be. Divorce figures are piling up too rapidly; there is not enough love in the home."

"Love is the basis of the home; without it, the home is not complete. There must be the right cooperation between all members of the home. Today that seems to be lacking, with parents following many outside attractions and putting the children to one side as of secondary importance."

Bible at Table  
"Today the Bible is not found on the library table. People seem to be afraid of being called religious. In my home our mother read the Bible and prayed every morning at breakfast. Although that little service at the time seemed tedious and unnecessary, it has been of the greatest benefit through life."

Mr. Qrn related that on visiting the Minnesota State penitentiary at Stillwater, he found the Bible much in evidence. Upon asking a guard if the Good Book helped in the work at the penitentiary, he was assured that it greatly did so. "But in Minnesota, it is against the law to read the Bible in the public schools," he continued. "In some parts of the state where school teachers have read it, it has been ordered out. What is good enough for the criminals by the state is good enough for the school children of that state!" the speaker emphasized.

Need Old-Time Homes  
"We need old-fashioned homes, where the Bible is read and taught to the children. The parents can turn to the old Book to find that which they need to make them the right kind of parents; which will enable them to carry out their duties of parenthood, as they should be carried out."

That the father of the home should not be a dignified aristocrat, but a pal and a companion to his boys and girls, was pointed out by Mr. Qrn, who is the father of two boys and a girl. Many a child's life has been ruined because of the wrong attitude of the father. The parents should teach their children the right attitude toward the sexes. Only in that way can the proper foundation for future homes be laid. "I have seen thousands of wrecked boys and girls whose parents are solely to blame for their children, because they did not teach them the proper thing at the proper time," declared Mr. Qrn.

"The solution to the problem, is for the parents to turn to the Master for their inspiration and guide, to turn to the Bible, for it contains things for all clean tastes."

The service was conducted by Rev. Thomas S. Humphrey, supplying for Rev. N. C. Carpenter.

## Bolsheviks Turn Patriotic Under Klan "Influence"

PITTSBURGH, PA., Feb. 9.—One more example of the influence for good the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are exerting was enacted here last Sunday when a group of Klansmen, scattered over the city, were listening to a bombastic speech on the merits of Nicolai Lenin, he of Bolshevik fame, in the Lyceum theater, arose to their feet at the height of the tirade on American principles, and induced all present to bow their heads in silent tribute to the memory of Woodrow Wilson.

Following this constructive action, the Klansmen, aided, it is believed, by members of the American Legion that were present began singing, "America." Further alleged "red" activity was impossible and the meeting adjourned shortly thereafter.

Not a trace of riotous action marked the stand taken by the patriotic men present, and, although Pittsburgh newspapers carried the story next morning, it was not generally known, nor published, that Klansmen were responsible for the placing of an American touch to what would have otherwise been a radical un-American meeting.

## ACTIVITIES OF WOMEN OF KLAN GROWING THROUGHOUT IOWA

Charity work is being carried on by the women of the Des Moines and many other cities. The members met throughout the week, on some day other than their regular scheduled meeting day, and sew, quilts, clothing, and other necessary articles of living are prepared.

All women's organizations have their committees to visit poor and needy families, and report to the general body. Material assistance is given, either by distribution or by money donations.

At the last meeting of the Des Moines Klanswomen Thursday night, the league of the Des Moines Klansmen spoke. He talked on the necessity of secrecy in the activities of the order and of the practice of cleanliness.

## POLITICIANS SEEK ONLY OWN SUCCESS, NOT COMMON GOOD

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as that there was a six per cent illiteracy in America. The army tests revealed that 34.9 per cent of the drafted men were "unable to read and understand newspapers, and write letters home in the English language."

Remember that a majority of these young men were less than a decade removed from their educational days. This evidence is of failure, not remote, but almost immediately related to the civilization-destroying inadequacies of the present public school system.

Today, in the United States, there is thirty times as much absolute illiteracy as in Germany and Denmark; there is twelve times as much illiteracy here as in Switzerland; six times as much as in Norway and Sweden, more than three times as much as in England, Scotland and Wales.

At the present rate of diminishment, it would take eighty-four years to eliminate illiteracy in this country, taking absolute illiteracy figures, instead of the more depressing army tests. If we accept the latter as a basis, fully five hundred years would elapse before illiteracy were stamped out of our national life.

In the face of such facts, I maintain that no citizen can oppose democratic education in America unless he be an un-American enemy of our institutions.

There are in this country approximately 25,000,000 boys and girls of school age. Were those of university years to be included, the number would reach above 33,000,000.

In 1920, 4,406,437, a total of nineteen per cent of our children between the ages of seven and seventeen, were not attending any school.

Between the ages of seven and thirteen, no less than 9.4 per cent were not attending any school. Of the ages of 14 and 15, 20.1 per cent were not in school.

Among those 16 and 17, 57.1 per cent were not in any school. The teachers in the public schools of America number 555,588. Fifty-four per cent of them have not had normal school training. In the rural schools, 22 per cent of these teachers have had less than two years of education above the elementary grades. Thousands have had no training beyond the eighth grade.

The Hierarchy Opposing Democratic Education  
It is apparent, then, that from every point of view, except that of selfishness, the educational doctrine of the hierarchy is a doctrine of defeat.

It is the doctrine of the hierarchy to oppose the laws and into the life of this nation. Patriotism demands it, common sense sanctions it, every consideration of individual and national welfare pleads its necessity.

Why, then, has this fundamental program not been adopted?

It is because of the opposition of one of the oldest and most powerful special interests in the world today. The hierarchy of the Roman Catholic church stands against America on this issue, the public school, in its every phase, aspect and result is repugnant to the Pope and all his priests. After a point of view, and unbiased examination of the forces for and against this program, I can say to you with absolute certainty that excepting only civic selfishness, the Roman Catholic Hierarchy is the one influence that is successfully obstructing adequate public school education in America.

It is pursuing that course because the hierarchy that has both its governmental and religious headquarters at Rome is now, always has been, and perhaps always will be, opposed to the public sponsorship of institutions of learning. From this point of view, education is prerogative of the church. It refuses to accept secular control or to countenance any result that can or may subordinate the recalcitrant objects of parochialism. Therefore, through its political power, this alien hierarchy says to America: "We will not establish an educational system that sets up in that field an exclusive authority higher than that of the church; public schools shall not be legalized into a standing superior to those of the church."

The hierarchy does not openly, honestly and frankly define either its opposition or the object of that opposition. Instead it resorts to camouflage. What it really says to you is that our educational program for America would be unconstitutional; that national aid to public schools would violate states' rights; that such a system as we propose would be attended by bureaucratic and political perversions. What the spokesmen of the Vatican in America really mean is that the further advancement of democratic education within this republic would be an insurmountable impediment to the papal dream of world-wide temporal domination.

It is not possible to find a single intelligent citizen, whatever his or her preferences, who does not understand that the hierarchy is unalterably opposing democratic education in America. Therefore, in order more clearly to comprehend the causes and effects of that opposition, it will be well at this point squarely to face the fundamental differences between Catholicism and Protestantism.

The Vatican for Church and State  
The hierarchy believes in the closest connection between church and state. We demand, in the name and in the interest of democracy, that they be completely separated. Throughout the centuries this attitude of the Vatican has never changed. It never will. With the

hierarchy, and all its priesthood, always the church is the primary consideration. Even today in America, a hundred and thirty-five years after the adoption of our constitution had made it the basic law of the land that government should not interfere with religion, nor religion with government, neither in the pulpit nor in the press of Catholicism do you ever find country mentioned apart from the church. It is always "church and country," with the "church" coming first. That is their idea, not to have the church auxiliary to the state, but to have civil authority and political power serve the church. I do not criticize those who adhere to that doctrine. I only state the truth as it is, in the conviction, as firmly founded as their opposing belief can possibly be, that no religious organization can even seek much less attain, temporal character without irreparable injury both to church and state.

### Church Control of Education

Throughout the domain of education, it is the theory of the hierarchy, as it is their practice, to teach what to think. We desire that the young be taught how to think, that they may be encouraged to delve deeper and deeper into all the hidden mines of information, in the hope and assurance that the result will be an ever-increasing output of helpful human and divine attainments; that it will bring, at least within the range of possibility, a harmonizing of humanity upon the rock of eternal truth; that finally upon earth, good will to men may become a glorious reality, to atone for the long darkness of misery and strife.

Not even in matters of religion does the hierarchy encourage its subjects, either innocent children, or habituated adults, to exercise real independence of thought or action. Bilevered by the laity is discouraged. I have here a slip and rather offensive reference to this traditional attitude, by the Catholic News, as follows:

"We Catholics have no apologies to make for our church's opposition to private interpretation of the Bible. Every Tom, Dick and Harry isn't allowed by the United States government to interpret the Constitution as he sees fit. The U. S. Supreme Court says the Constitution means thus and so. But to minister deounces Uncle Sam because of that fact. And the Constitution of the United States is much easier for the ordinary mortal to interpret than the Bible. If Protestantism had a supreme court, there wouldn't be so many varieties of religion among the brethren."

Catholics regard education as the prerogative of their religion. We believe that the agencies and objects of education should be publicly sponsored and controlled; that the training of the young is the first duty, the most fundamental function of the state.

Here in another statement of it: "The Catholic church towers above the ages, above nations, above men, mistress of all the forces of education morality." Those are the words of Clara Gerould, Fenwick, from an address before the Knights of Columbus Dining Club at Philadelphia, as quoted in the Catholic Standard and Times.

But there is something far beyond the ethical and moral in the Catholic attitude. Just as the hierarchy seeks political influence in order that more recognition and greater benefits may accrue to the church, so does it have no identical motive in demanding church-controlled education. Here it is, as given expression in the magazine called Ave Maria:

"Every Catholic school today means a dozen flourishing parishes thirty years from today." The hierarchy, as a religious organization, demands the temporal right to dominate education, high and low, because that control would facilitate the spread and acceptance of its own sovereignty in every country affected and finally throughout the world.

The assertion of that attitude is tempered only by the measure of its present power to enforce it. The hierarchy in America today does not make an open stand against all non-religious instruction because it does not at this time dare to go to battle on that issue. What the hierarchy does seek to accomplish, through camouflage, is the prevention of any further advancement of public school education and of any curtailment of the privileges of parochialism. With the first opportunity, having recruited the necessary prestige and power, the Catholic hierarchy of this country would de throne democratic education entirely. They would do that here, as certainly as the process is now going on in church-and-state countries, because the Vatican desires it, and to them all that is good and holy is inseparably associated with papal desires and decrees.

### The Monarchist Idea

There is another fundamental difference, the most basic of all. Catholicism is built and maintains itself, in all its temporal and religious ramifications, upon the monarchical idea of the individual as subject instead of citizen. The doctrine of democracy in its every relation to humanity is exactly the reverse. It exalts the individual, clothing him and her with all the attributes of sovereignty, culminating in civilization's greatest glory and most magnificent triumph, her only final, unfailing safeguard, "the consent of the governed" in all that pertains to public affairs. Every theory, every condition, every hope of democracy centers in the development of the individual, the sum total of which shall be social strength, intelligence and morality.

Here is the issue. Public school education is democratic education. The fight against that system is being waged by and for Catholic parochialism, which is the essence of monarchy.

### Fundamental American Principles On Trial

How is it possible for any parochial power to obstruct public schools in America? The answer goes deep—to the very vitals of our institutions. The truth, terrible and terrifying, is that our institutions have not yet been solidly and lastingly established. The basic principles of Americanism are yet on trial. The failure to provide, adequately and democratically for public school education lies so much in the strength of the opposition as in our own national weakness.

God knows that the cause of education, standing alone, is sufficient to justify a life and death struggle with the hierarchical elements antagonizing its attainment; but this controversy involves other fundamentals; our triumph over parochialism and propaganda must include other and even more foundational vanquishments.

In the present crisis we are confronted by conditions rather than theories. Theoretically, at the very beginning, this nation safeguarded its institutions through the separation of church and state. Actually that was never accomplished.

The pioneers who made America had before them the tragic consequences of church control of government. They, at least their immediate ancestors, knew from personal experience the perils and persecutions of religious controversy. They saw clearly the faithful truth, that religious warfare was always the culminating result whenever and wherever a powerful church left the spiritual field and entered the governmental. They knew that every temporal invasion by a religious organization had invariably left a blood-stained trail of selfishness, cruelty and oppression.

Therefore, in founding this Republic, they intended that there should not be then or ever, any religious interference with the government, nor any governmental interference with religion. Somehow, the emphasis came to be placed upon the second, leaving the first more a matter of implication. The Constitution provides for the utmost religious freedom, which was wise and just; it did not, however, in specific, enclaved language, guard against religious license in the field of government. It was no more and, no less, the intention to do one than the other; but the fact remains that the basic law was left too open, too much subject to abuse, with respect to churchly encroachments upon sovereignty. For generations, little harm resulted. Now, suddenly, after half a century of unperceived growth, the un-American power that developed out of the one-sided freedom has arisen to curtail and confound our efforts in behalf of democratic education.

In other words, we have not yet brought about the separation of the church and state in this country. If you want proof, undisputable, unimpeachable proof, it exists in the fact that today, there is a parochial power more than can and does say to the electors and legislators of America: "Thus far shall you go, and no farther on this issue of education. Propaganda and propagation through the schools, are prerogatives of Pope and priesthood. Public welfare is subordinate to the temporal interests of the hierarchy."

I say to you then—I say to all America—that the winning of this fight for democratic education in-

volves more than the immediate result of such a victory. Standing between us and that achievement is the reactionary, repulsive principle of church and state, the civilization-destroying, war-encouraging power of church over state. The very idea, and every influence of that alignment must be broken and buried beyond resurrection. In and around, above and below, this question is the Vatican attitude of super-human, super-national sovereignty. To that extent the cause of democratic education is inseparably linked with the issue of church and state. Both battles must be fought, and won, together. Otherwise all our efforts for an adequate public school system will be transient and futile.

The only soil in which free schools can flourish is that of a strictly American sovereignty, filled by an undivided allegiance, watered by a patriotism that is undiluted and unadulterated with the sunshine of democracy always and forever shining upon it.

Its Larger Meaning to Democracy  
But that is not all. In this crucial struggle for the Horace Mann kind and quality of public school education, we are fighting a battle bigger even than for the final separation of church and state. Democracy itself, the very life of Constitutional government is at stake.

I do not need to remind you that every great misfortune that comes to humanity is followed, immediately, by monstrous perversions of power. Let democracy's resistance to evil be weakened by any far-reaching calamity, and in that moment the ever alert forces of reaction will spring upon it, seeking the selfish results of oppression and enslavement. It matters not in what form or in whose name the cowardly assault is made. Whether the agency be priestly or political, democracy must pay the price.

Today, in the wake of the great war, with its terrible toll of death and debt, a disturbance that has shaken civilization to the depths, again, reverberating round and round the earth, do we hear the voice of imperialism shouting that democracy has failed, that democracy is receding, that its epitaph may now be written, because its end is near.

Sometimes that voice is the voice of industrialism, sometimes it is the voice of ruling caste power; sometimes it is the voice of the Vatican; but whether it be predatory, political or priestly, it is the voice of reaction.

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### KLANS PROGRAM FOR 1924

1. Militant, old-fashioned Christianity and operative patriotism.
2. Back to the Constitution.
3. Enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment so long as it is a part of the Constitution.
4. Enforcement of present immigration laws and enactment of more stringent laws on immigration.

## Mr. Ryan Proves a Point

Voicing "fear for the future of democracy" in America, because of the move now being made throughout the country to regulate education and strengthen the public schools, James H. Ryan, writing in the Atlantic Monthly, asserts that the Catholics "feel that they have a real grievance against the state" and would regard further moves along this particular line, as "religious persecution."

Although the article is cleverly written, it fails to explain just why the Catholic church should be so concerned about the furthering of facilities for education in America. That is, why the Catholic church should be put in the position as resenting any move made to standardize and promote education. The entire article was, in reality, a protest against the system of education as planned in America, although the system may not be operating to the best advantage at this time to certain influences and just such articles and propaganda as the one in question.

"The state, even at its best," declares Mr. Ryan, "is mechanical, wooden, soulless, and the education it supplies is so tinged and colored by mechanical ideas that it would be little short of miraculous if it succeeded, as a general rule, in producing anything superior and individual."

Inasmuch as the foregoing condemnation is made of the public school and Catholic parochial school is so well spoken of by the writer, it can only be surmised that the whole article is written in defense of the Catholic opposition to the public school. "There is no valid reason," declares Mr. Ryan, "why the state must educate all children in public schools." In those words the writer upholds the Catholic idea most emphatically.

Peculiar as it may seem, Mr. Ryan, despite his other statements, says that "democracy is essentially a religious ideal." In that statement he lays himself open to so many questions that it would take columns of space to reply to them. That is, he does because of the fact that he makes it quite apparent that he favors the Catholic parochial school and finds much fault with the public school.

Democracy is a religious ideal—both wholly a Protestant ideal. This is not a prejudiced statement, but is based on absolute facts which Mr. Ryan can not refute. America is a Protestant nation and the first republic to exist. It has used the public school system for education. For Mr. Ryan successfully refute the statement that democracy is wholly a Protestant ideal, he would be forced to name countries known as Catholic countries, wherein the Catholic church has held full sway, that are democracies. This Mr. Ryan cannot do, as no such countries exist.

If, as Mr. Ryan states, "democracy is essentially a religious ideal, why has not the world democracies where the Catholic church has ruled for centuries and wherein there has been naught but Catholic education? Therefore, as America has had universal education, or a public school system, and is a Protestant country, a republic, should not Mr. Ryan have said that democracy is "essentially a Protestant religious ideal?"

"Nothing," says Mr. Ryan, "could be more dangerous to the continuance of our democracy than a national system of schools." To substantiate this statement, the writer says that it would "engender bitter prejudices, distrusts and even hatred among certain important groups." Just who does the writer mean by "important groups?" He has already said that the Catholics would resent such a move to strengthen the public system of education; does he mean that the Catholic church is so bitter against the system of education in America that its members are filled with hatred and distrust because America would strengthen and better education facilities in the United States?

To lend weight to his argument Mr. Ryan says: "A policy which would close the doors of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, because they are private schools, condemns itself by the weight of its own unreasonableness." It will be noted that Mr. Ryan did not include Notre Dame or other Catholic colleges among those who are to have "their doors closed." Possibly he had several reasons for that, but two of the chief reasons may have been to try to make it appear that certain interests were working to close Protestant colleges (and thereby throwing unthinking Protestants into the ranks of those who oppose public education) and, by inference, that the plans to improve the public schools included the closing of Catholic colleges.

Mr. Ryan resents "with all his soul the unjust imputations of disloyalty hurled at one particular religious school—the Catholic school." After this show of resentment, Mr. Ryan declares that it is "unfair, unjust and immoral," to stamp as disloyal the products of an education the very foundation of which is authority and respect for authority.

"No one," he says, "has a right to cast unjust suspicions on the democracy or patriotism of Cardinal Gibbons." Just why the patriotism of Cardinal Gibbons should be a subject of discussion is not made clear, but inasmuch as the writer has chosen to place Cardinal Gibbons into his article and declares, even though negatively, that the Catholic church dignity has democracy at heart, he can only place that church in the position of not being loyal to the teachings of Rome, because Rome has proven through centuries that she does not favor democracy for the reason stated above. Cardinal Gibbons' patriotism is not a matter of discussion. A man's view on democracy and his patriotism to his country are two widely separate things.

Mr. Ryan states that "George Washington openly favored religious training." Every American knows that and every true American favors religious training. However, these facts have naught to do with the question on which Mr. Ryan wrote. The injection of George Washington's name into his article was as far fetched as that of Cardinal Gibbons. To make his appeal effective, he should have shown that Washington favored Catholic parochial schools. This Mr. Ryan did not do—for obvious reasons, chief of which no doubt, it would be hard for Mr. Ryan to find where Washington declared in favor of Catholic parochial schools. However, Mr. Ryan tried too hard, it would appear, to leave that impression.

Taken all in all, Mr. Ryan's article proved but one thing, and that is that the Catholic church is opposed to universal education as it is known in America—and prefers the same system of education it has used for centuries in the illiterate countries of Europe today.

STATESBORO, GA., Feb. 18.—Statesboro Klan was host to more than 600 visiting Klansmen at a general get-together meeting here last Wednesday evening. The chief of the Grand Dragon of the Realm and the Great Titans of Providence two and three were present and delivered addresses. The meeting was purely social and was held for the purpose of bringing the Klans of Screven and Bulloch counties into a closer union. Until the advent of the Klan, the two counties had indulged in much bitter political rivalry.

With the current issue "Dawn" widely known as "Klanism's most representative magazine," suspends publication to give way to the "Illinois Fiery Cross." The new publication, operated under the supervision of the Klan's Bureau of Publication and Education, will be an eight page, seven column newspaper, and will support the policies of the great patriotic organization. The Bureau's news dispatches from the national capital, feature articles by special writers, and state happenings will be among the most interesting matter in the paper.

## Sparks from the Fiery Cross

By JOHN EIGHT POINT

"The noblest motive is the public good."—Virgil

Very often the Klansmen are all dressed up and KNOW where to go.

The Klan is the POLLS-star of the ship of Americanism.

The darkest hour, Klansmen, is only an hour.

The slacker in local politics who can hide behind the thin skirts of rich grafters and higher-up crooks is too thin an American to look well in Klansman spring styles.

The man who wants to go to work for the Klan and you, and me, can hop right in—he needn't call an employment agency.

Klansmen, all is not gold that glitters—be not misled by vain imaginations.

In this conflict of the Klan against an unreasoning hatred and an unwavering prejudice, success will be on the side that has the most field-workers.

We seek to make the title of "Klansman" the most honorable among men—doing what we teach, living what we preach. Ours is the noblest lineage, ours is the most sacrificial teaching—therefore ours must be the noblest and most sacrificial lives. See us as we are—as we strive to make ourselves—heroic knights, even as the visored knights of old times who went about doing good. We are faced by complex problems; we are defamed by those who refuse to recognize our exalted purpose in the moral as well as political and educational phases of life. Yet we go on undaunted to a victory that means an America restored to the ideals of our fathers. No effort upon our part must be spared. "We sacrifice to serve."

To a Klan Enemy  
How doth the little busy sneak  
Improve each passing day,  
By knocking hard the joyous Klan  
To those who cross his way.

How skillfully he spreads his lies,  
How ceaselessly he toils;  
Each time he sings a song of hate  
With hell he shares his spoils.

In works of labor and of love  
I would be busy, too;  
I'd send this worthless animal  
Down to the Boston Zoo.

Awake at Last  
Philadelphia has at last felt the powerful finger of a real clean-up man. In the "city of brotherly love" great changes are coming off daily which will go far toward refining the quality of love that has been an outstanding type for some time. The white-slave trade is now becoming a down-trodden industry. The immaculate lives of the Philadelphia sops are being illuminated by the searchlight of actual investigation of police conditions. And the heroic medicine that is being prescribed by the mayor and his effective little co-worker is to last for a year. Certainly the crooks and demimondaines will all hike for New York, where the weary cease from troubling at dawn and the wicked are at rest the entire twenty-four hours of the day.

"For Some Time to Come"  
In commenting on the recent statement of the archbishop of Canterbury to the effect that the differences between the Roman Catholic church and Anglicanism are so great as to "prove for some time to come insuperable," the Catholic Union and Times of Buffalo says: "You will notice that the head of the English church remarks 'for some time to come insuperable,' which is another way of admitting that the day will dawn when the difficulties will be removed and the Anglicans will humbly ask admittance to the fold which several centuries ago their forefathers deserted." Humbly ask—ah! A very pleasing statement, and quite worthy to appear in the editorial columns of certain Protestant religious (?) papers that seem, at the present moment, to be excessively unbiased.

Saner, president of the American Bar Association, is against prohibition. The lawyer, one would think, should stand hard by the constitution. Saner says that George Washington used to drink. True; but George Washington was incapable of speaking against the Constitution of the United States. Mr. Saner should not grow insaner.

The house immigration committee, as all know, reported favorably on an immigration bill which would limit the number of immigrants to a 2 per cent of the number of foreign citizens in the United States in 1890. The existing law is based on 3 per cent of the number of foreign citizens in this country in 1910. Any law that reduces the opportunities of the undesirables to get into America is good as far as it goes.

Unnecessary Distress  
Most Klansmen are proud of a nationalism which exalts our flag, our government, above other governments. Most Klansmen find difficulty in understanding why, when charity should begin at home, so many "advanced religionists" are distressed by our Klansman desire to serve our own first. Certainly the country could not bind itself to outside dictation in any matter touching a free people. Our rights and duties are not determined by foreign opinion. Certainly he would be a poor man who did not hold his own possessions a little dearer than the possessions of others. If he believes his government best, a Klansman should not be afraid to say

so. American ideals woven into some of the European warrants might lift a king-ridden peasantry a notch or two above degradation.

The Seven Symbols  
Behold the Book,  
The kind of Book  
That is guide to age and to youth;  
Behold the Cross,  
The kind of Cross  
That lights the fires of truth!

Behold the Flag,  
The kind of Flag  
For a flag-loving man like me;  
Behold the Sword,  
The kind of Sword  
Unsheathed for liberty!

Behold the Water,  
The kind of Water  
That's a symbol of unity;  
Behold the Robe,  
That's the kind of Robe  
That stands for purity!

Behold the Visor,  
The kind of Visor  
That's knightly and American;  
Behold the sign  
Of unselfishness  
Of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan!

Greater love hath no man—non  
sila sed anthar—"not for self, but for others."

The Great Tradition  
Scholarship has been called "the great tradition." It kept learning alive through centuries of barbarism and sensuality. It held despotic rulers from absolute brutality, and it kept tottering courts from unspeakable savagery and debauchery. What happened was bad enough, but without the guiding star of scholarship the destruction of humankind would have seemed certain. And yet, the Klansman believes that there is a greater tradition than the tradition of scholarship. And he hopes to greet the day when it will be nurtured in the bosom of universities no less than in humble homes. This greater tradition is common sense. Scholarship touches life at many points, but common sense guides, informs and disciplines by its logic and sanity in a thousand ways which scholarship cannot reach. Common sense sizes up life's problems, discounts plausible arguments, digs into motives, and is, in brief, the scientific method or idea applied. The Klansman who nurtures common sense in his daily life, and who sees to it that his children are brought up according to its dictates will solve many of the statecraft problems of the inevitable future.

Pressure Groups  
The attention of the Klansman should be called to a new term just coming into use among sociologists and politicians. The phrase is "pressure groups," and refers to organizations that for good or even evil purposes maintain a kind of "lobby" seeking to persuade legislators of national or state authority to do what they think the nation or state should do in respect to their individual aims. Some of these "pressure groups" may be useful in promoting good government, and as such be continued to use. And as such they are undoubtedly an honorable one. If they organize public sentiment to insist on progressive legislation, they are direct descendants of the barons who faced King John at Runnymede and forced from him the Magna Charta—nay more, they are of the race and caste that flooded Independence Hall at the most momentous period in the New World's history.

Exit, Little Jokers  
Tammany, of course, approves the Lindsay anti-Klan bill, but congress will not pay any attention to such miserable rubbish. At best the measure would also react against the Romanist. The very penalties provided to operate in the persecution as well as prosecution of the Klan can easily be construed to fit a Catholic. It must be apparent to all that it is the Romanists who are carrying on the battle, not the Klansmen, who are at present largely interested in a program of moral and political uplift. The cited act is referred to as the "Anti-Intolerance Act," but it undoubtedly belies its name, for it is filled with little jokers of the most hideous and intolerant type.

Serving the World  
Social unrest is said to be the product of the finest idealism the world has ever known. It is pointed out that without social unrest there can be no substantial progress. It is even asserted that the Bible indiscriminately teaches men to forget these things which are behind and to reach forth unto those things which are before. And all of this sounds most beautiful. But the danger is that too great unrest will plunge civilization into an abyss just as was done in historic cycles now long vanished. Without a substantial anchor made fast in the glorious facts of a splendid past, we might easily pass from the irritation of disturbed social vision to the chaos of anarchy. Klansmanship affords a check upon doubtful motive and unconsidered, un-American restlessness. Klansmen recognize that some of the restlessness comes not alone from "fine idealism" but from rank touch with the debased social systems of Europe. The war served to draw America into a closeness that could only result in a sharpening of American purity of purpose with the dregs and filth of the Pit. If those thinkers—that word is complimentary—who perpetually harp upon the necessity of American nearness to Europe would only take their feverish carcasses to foreign shores, leaving Americans to the peaceful development of their lives according to American principles, the whole world would be served.

## Klan Presents Pastor With Illuminated Cross

HUTCHINSON, KAN., Feb. 19.—Eight men in the full regalia of the Ku Klux Klan entered the South Hutchinson Christian church here recently during the services and presented the pastor, Rev. Hugh C. Gresham, with an illuminated cross. The gift was accompanied with a note expressing appreciation of his work. Reverend Gresham expressed his thanks for the gift, praised the work of the great American organization and after a prayer and an appropriate song the Klansmen left the church and disappeared.

The Great Difference  
The Roman Catholic apologists claim the following things for their church: (1) The church is the mediator between God and man; (2) the church is the "regulator" of religious belief; (3) the church is the "director of conscience;" (4) the church is a "fraternity of service and an organ of world-wide propaganda." A little thought makes clear that this type as church is imperialistic and that, on the other hand, the Protestant faith is democratic. Protestantism, however viewed, begins with a protest from the imperialism of super-imposed authority both in faith and practical working. The Protestant does not recognize the church as authority. His working warrant is the Word of God—the Holy Book. He accepts as mediator no ecclesiastical organization—Jesus Christ is his Mediator and Savior. The Protestant church is not in "authority," but an association of like minds who believe in God and His Son. As someone has said, "The genius of Protestantism is the consciousness of the believer that he is an independent personality with needs and rights of his own. God and His soul stand sure though all else perish." Upon this understanding and in this consciousness, the Klan makes its approving effort felt along religious lines. This is the religion of our fathers.

The Klansman will note that there are HOUSE-cleaning committees and house-CLEANING committees—also that some of the committees resemble strikingly the enterprising servant girl, who, when she cleans simply sweeps the dust beneath the bed and draws her pay.

The anti-Klan plank will certainly crack under the weight of a man like Oscar Underwood.

Hideous Blasphemy  
If we urge our congressmen to support a constitutional amendment to forbid child labor in the United States, we shall nobly serve unborn generations of white Aryan children. Millions of little folks will grow to adult manhood and womanhood without deformed spines and stunted mentality. It is the duty of every Klansman to remember that man was created in God's own likeness and that undeveloped, soul-starved, overworked children are in themselves a kind of hideous blasphemy of God and His purpose.

The Racial Jungle  
An opponent of our way of thinking urges a sickly kind of immigration law which shall name as one of its features the creation of a permanent commission—not a bad thing in itself if the commission be the right sort—and declares, "Obviously, if we are to have any immigrants at all, we want those of native force and ability." If we understand the esoteric meaning of the mystic words, "native force and ability," our judgment is that we do not want that sort of immigrant in America at all. There is a great deal of native force about an anarchist or a communist. It is far better, for example, to do without the discoveries of a Steinmetz mind than to harbor an un-American mind that at first pressure is ready to fly to the relief of the Bolshevik.

We believe that clarity of expression in weighty matters is an excellent rule. We should amend the foregoing declaration to read, "If we are to have any immigrants at all, we want those who will be best able to absorb American ideas and fit into American modes of life and thought." Europe, with its wars and intrigues, at the present moment, is a glowing example of what happens when a people of low moral fiber and "native force and ability" mix in a racial jungle.

Aspiration  
You meeta Giovanni,  
Da musica man?  
Heem plays da harpa,  
Heem smash da pian.  
Heem graba da mona  
Whereva heem can—  
But, oh, San Pietro,  
Heem scareda da Klan!  
Heem scareda da Klan,  
Polksa heem geeve da chance,  
For plays da harpa,  
For maka dem dance,  
An' heem dem stuffa  
"Emported from France,"  
Da bootleg heem hide  
Een da hippa heem pants.  
But da Klan spoil heem bizna,  
Da maka heem seek;  
Da watcha heem gooda  
Each night een da week;  
Heem emigrant papras  
Da say een de sneak—  
Da no let Giovanni  
Make mona so queeck.  
Now, poor Giovanni,  
So nobla, beeg man,  
Wanta da ver' most good  
Like da great American;  
But do won't let heem sell  
Da booz so gran,  
An' heem blame it all onto  
Da Ku Kluxa Klan!  
The Female is More Deady  
Now that we come to think of it, Mrs. Catt has denounced the Mon-

## Lost Out On Bok Peace Plan Prize



FRANK HENDRICK

Having lost out on the Bok peace plan contest, Mr. Hendrick, a New York lawyer, makes direct charges of unfairness and collusion in awarding the prize. The League of Nations Nonpartisan association and the Woman's Pro-League council combined to have the prize awarded in favor of their ideas, the lawyer charges.

Her doctrine, Her curse is almost as long, loud and reckless as the celebrated and highly-canonical curse of the Jackdaw of Rheims. Our idea is that the lady should make her anathema even more complete—she should include the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

What One Catholic Says  
It can do no harm to give the broadest publicity to the fact that F. Hugh O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic, member of parliament, blames the priesthood for the Irish situation. His words, in which he denounces the age-old Roman political method, are red hot with sincerity. Mr. O'Donnell, in a recent speech in London, exclaimed: "Material ruin has accomplished, clerical despotism. The priesthood have pauperized as well as demoralized. Their ascendancy has been almost synonymous with ignorance, inanity, mendacity, indigence, dishonesty, slavery and sloth. What they did not steal they have spoiled. They have traded on social revolution; they have sapped the bases of nationhood."

Ogling and Droning  
Anton Lang, the famous protagonist in the Passion Play, says that Americans are too busy to be truly happy. Our memory of Oberammergau is that the village from which Mr. Lang hails was so drowsy and dull in bygone days that life consisted mainly in sleeping through the best hours of the twenty-four and drinking beer the remainder of the day. Undoubtedly the Bavarian outlook could never be ours. What is happiness? Doing a little wood-carving, perhaps? Performing a ceremonial because of an ancient village superstition? Possibly. And yet there are those of us who believe that the joy that lies in leisure leaves a dark brown taste in the mouth. As Americans who are striving to lead industrious, God-fearing, useful lives, we may be losing many of the sleepy delights of the slow-moving European peasant. The Klansman, however, knows that the man who goes to work with a will, interested in the spiritual and educational uplift of his nation, has a bet-

## A KLANSMAN'S CREED

I believe in God and in the tenets of the Christian religion and that a godless nation can not long prosper.  
I believe that a church that is not grounded on the principles of morality and justice is a mockery to God and man.  
I believe that a church that does not have the welfare of the common people at heart is unworthy.  
I believe in the eternal separation of Church and State.  
I hold no allegiance to any foreign government, emperor, king, pope or any other foreign, political or religious power.  
I hold my allegiance to the Stars and Stripes next to my allegiance to God alone.  
I believe in just laws and liberty.  
I believe in the upholding of the Constitution of these United States.  
I believe that our Free Public School is the corner stone of good government and that those who are seeking to destroy it are enemies of our Republic and are unworthy of citizenship.  
I believe in freedom of speech.  
I believe in a free press uncontrolled by political parties or by religious sects.  
I believe in law and order.  
I believe in the protection of our pure womanhood.  
I do not believe in mob violence, but I do believe that laws should be enacted to prevent the causes of mob violence.  
I believe in a closer relationship of capital and labor.  
I believe in the prevention of unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.  
I believe in the limitation of foreign immigration.  
I am a native-born American citizen and I believe my rights in this country are superior to those of foreigners.

## KLANKRAFT

Klankraft adds to the temporal law and spiritual law the imperative obligation of a contract. Upon crossing the portals of a Klan, the "alien" binds himself to every Klansman on earth. Once enrolled among the Klansmen, every Klansman upon earth becomes his brother, and owes him the duties, the kindnesses, and the sympathies of a brother. On every Klansman he may call for assistance in need, protection against danger, sympathy in sorrow, attention in sickness, and decent burial after death. There is not a Klansman on earth who is not bound to go to his relief, when he is in danger. No Klansman can wrong him to the value of anything, knowingly, himself, nor suffer it to be done by others, if it be in his power to prevent it. No Klansman can speak evil of him, to his face or behind his back. Every Klansman must keep his lawful secrets, and aid him in his business, defend his character when unjustly assailed, and protect counsel, and assist his widow and his orphans. What so many thousands owe to him, he owes to each of them. He has solemnly bound himself to be ever ready to discharge this sacred debt. If any Klansman fails to do it that Klansman is dishonest and forsworn; and it is an anathema and meanness in him to obtain good offices by false pretenses, to receive kindness and service, rendered him under the confident expectation that he will in his turn render the same, and then to disappoint without ample reason, that just expectation.

Klankraft holds each Klansman also, by his solemn promise, to a purer life, a nobler generosity, and a more perfect charity. It teaches him to love his race and country, to be ardent in his zeal for the progress and advancement of holy America and her institutions. It teaches him to be ardent in his zeal for the advancement and progress of the Protestant Christian religion.

ter time during his working hours than the languid European ogling his way to boredom on the Riviera or droning his life out in a peasant cot.

Catching the Fever  
Gen. Snedley Butler, of the Marine corps, who was summoned to Philadelphia to clean the city of bootleggers gamblers and bad men of all kinds, seems to be an extraordinary sort of Pied Piper. When he whistles even the hardened cops look nervously over their shoulders. Of 1,200 saloons in Philadelphia 973 have been closed and the pepped-up police are after the rest. The Philadelphia Klansman now smiles sweetly to himself in the glass. It is a remarkable how many of the great and good people in the country are grabbing the Klan idea. "Cleaning-up" is a contagious thought.

## Comparison of English and American Schools

(Scottish Rite News Bureau)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—Dr. John Adams of London university, in addressing the annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association, showed similarities and differences in British and United States schools in a highly original manner. He said, in part: "American schools offer to their pupils education a la carte. In England we give them the course table d'hôte. Here you allow them to pick and choose. There we give them the things that have for so long been required and insist that they take them all without turning aside for other things that they may like better."

The course of study in the United States is the more practical, while that in England is more classical and more in accord with the traditions of the pupils' forebears. "Schoolmasters are more in evidence in England than in this country, where so many women teach. In England there is a schoolmaster to every 34 women teachers, while in the United States the proportion is one to eight. It would be desirable to have more men teachers in the upper grades and in high schools of this country, not because women teachers are less efficient than men, but that boys, as they grow older, need the contact with and direction by men.

## Klan Revival Services Conducted in Indiana

LEWANON, IND., Feb. 20.—A series of meetings announced as a "Klan Revival," is being conducted here under the leadership of the Rev. W. W. Roberts, an evangelist of Crawfordsville. The programs are religious and the public is getting the opportunity to learn more of the principles of the Klan movement. The musical features are under the direction of a singing evangelist of Ohio. The First Christian church, by unanimous vote, has issued an invitation to the Klan organization of the county to hold the services in the Christian church.

With the local Klan thoroughly organized and in a flourishing condition, a farewell party was recently held for the organizer at Kent, O. The affair was attended by several hundred Klansmen and Women of the Klan, and a large class of candidates was initiated.



# REPUBLICANS NOT PLANNING TO DITCH JOHNSON MEASURE

Senator Dictates Statement to Correspondent of Klan's Washington News Bureau, Recalling Former Fights on Immigration Restriction Bills.

Foreign Language Press, Representatives From Foreign-Populated States, and Small Groups of Aliens Trying to Exert Large Influence in Opposition.

(Bureau of Publication and Education)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—Representative Albert Johnson, chairman of the house committee on immigration, today told the writer with emphasis that the Republican chiefs in this city are not planning to shelve the immigration bill. He says such talk always comes up about this time, right after an immigration bill has been introduced in the house and while it is waiting its turn on the floor.

Representative Johnson dictated the following statement for the writer:

"Professional leaders of foreign blocs, aided by paid leaders of other groups which benefit from the continued arrival of aliens, are now boldly proclaiming that they have beaten the proposals for restrictive immigration legislation this year, and that all we may expect to secure is a continuation of the 3 per cent act for one more year. I am positive that the opponents will not be that successful.

"The public, however, should understand that if congress can be coerced, by threats from these representatives of aliens, to lay aside the pending restrictive bill, so that their followers may swarm into the country, the time will soon come when the people of the United States will have lost all control of their own affairs. This is an internal, domestic problem. It is a vital problem, it concerns the future of our country. It must not be controlled by foreign language newspapers and other alien influences. No threat of political sabotage to be worked by aliens in any state or against any political party can be permitted to defeat the consideration. The people of the United States must take hold of it and deal with it as it deserves to be dealt with, or they will see their American institutions fade and disappear under an avalanche of alien thought, alien purpose and alien power.

"America must be kept American. Perfection of restrictive immigration laws must be established now.

## KLANSWOMEN ACTIVE THROUGHOUT INDIANA

Schools at Kewanna Receive Gifts of Flags from Ku Klux Klan

(Indiana State News Letter.)  
Women of the Klan of Chesterton, Ind., recently gave \$25 to the Porter Bible school and \$25 to the Chesterton Day Bible school.

Klansmen recently contributed \$200 to be used in defraying the expenses of a revival being conducted at Dana, Ind., by the Rev. Harry Bell, pastor of the Baptist church.

Each school in Union township and the several rooms of the schools at Kewanna, Ind., have received large American flags, the gifts of Klansmen of the community. The flags were distributed by the Women of the Klan. A letter calling attention to what the flag stands for was presented with each flag.

The Women of Miami county, Ind., received their charter recently. Officers were elected for the year and the organization has started with fine prospects for the future. A large delegation of women, accompanied by the life and drum corps of the Klan attended an open meeting of women at Bunker Hill recently.

## Davis Joins League Neutral Commission



NORMAN H. DAVIS

Mr. Davis has joined the neutral commission of the league of nations, to investigate the Meinel controversy. He is president of the commission, and takes the post in an unofficial capacity, having no connection with the United States government. Mr. Davis was former under-secretary of state and financial adviser of the American delegation to the Paris peace conference in 1918-1919.

measure any further on the program.

Yes, Chairman Johnson admits that the pressure is being put on, but the squeeze play won't work if the people of the country will only get busy and back up congress right now. It is true that congressmen representing foreign centers in New York, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan and elsewhere are being bombarded from home. Of course they are. The same thing always happens when an immigration bill is up for action. These fellows are even going so far as to predict that the passage of the Johnson bill will cost the Republican party thousands of votes, etc., but party leaders have heard the same things before.

**Fighting Johnson Bill**

The Johnson bill is being fought by the Catholics, the Jews, the Italians, and foreigners of all nations. These fellows are undertaking to scare Republican leaders by declaring that an overturn of votes may result in the passage of the bill and swing normally Republican states into the Democratic column. That old game is being worked for all there is in it. Representative La Guardia, of New York City, is one contending for them that the foreign vote of New York City might prove a determining factor in the coming presidential election. A flood of protests against the Johnson bill which bears heavily on the Jewish and Italian quota have reached congress. Italian lodges of Schenectady, Buffalo and New York City have framed resolutions charging that the bill is discriminatory. Even Justice S. A. Cottlow, of the New York Supreme Court, prominent in Italian state organizations, has submitted a memorandum on the bill. It has come in pamphlet form to the president, the cabinet, the senate and senators and representatives in congress. Everybody got them.

As stated by this writer before, Representative Dickinson, of New York, is preparing a minority report for the Democratic members of the immigration committee, which favors a extension of the present law until a commission has more carefully studied the problem.

**Going Ahead With Bill**  
It is now predicted that there are enough southern Democrats who will combine with the Republican Republicans and put through the Johnson bill. It is not believed, at least by Chairman Johnson, that the debate will leave sufficient scars to hurt his party in the presidential election. He predicts the immigration measure will be up for passage on the floor of the house within thirty days.

## GOVERNOR'S RACE WILL BE BATTLE

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The Railroad and Warehouse Commission. The fact that he was appointed to this place by Gov. Preus, some contend, won't help him any should he seek the governorship. Mr. Bowen is an ex-service man, serving as a captain of field artillery with the Eighty-ninth Division. Every body has heard him claiming to know Bowen intimately speaks well of him. He attended the public schools of Nicollet and Blue Earth counties. He is a Republican.

Once in a while R. P. Chase, state auditor bobs up as a possible gubernatorial candidate. He was born at Anoka, this state. He was graduated from the University of Minnesota and the St. Paul College of Law. He succeeded Gov. Preus when the latter was elected state executive receiving the appointment to the state auditorship from the Governor, January 1921 and was elected to the place in 1922.

Mayor Arthur E. Nelson is not infrequently brought forward as a possible candidate for governor. Should he be re-elected mayor with a substantial lead, he then would become a strong contender for the Republican nomination. Mr. Nelson proved a strong vote getter when he was elected mayor of the Sainly City. Many seem to think that he will repeat his former vote pulling record in the coming mayoralty contest.

In the past, Hon. W. L. Nolan has been considered a gubernatorial possibility and he may come forward as such this year. Mr. Nolan is a native of Minnesota. He received his education in the common schools of Minneapolis. As a lecturer he is widely known, having appeared at the Lyceum and Chautauqua platforms throughout the nation. He served as speaker of the lower house of the Minnesota legislature in the 1919, 1921 and 1923 sessions. He is a Republican.

In Red Wing lives a man that not a few careful political observers think can win the governorship easily. That man is Jens K. Grondahl, editor and manager of a daily newspaper, the Red Wing Republican. Mr. Grondahl has a pretty good record as a politician. He has served in the legislature and has a large number of friends over the state, can win because it will be difficult to present anything of a serious nature against his candidacy. The Red Wing man is of Norwegian parentage, and that means something in Minnesota politics. Mr. Grondahl is a self-made man.

The Ramsey county coroner, Dr. C. A. Ingerson, will in all probability be boomed as a candidate for governor. It is possible that his refusal to become a candidate for mayor of St. Paul against the present incumbent, Mayor Nelson, has something to do with an ambition to become governor. A goodly number of business and professional men, as well as tradesmen, think that the Ramsey county coroner showed splendid political judgment in staying out of the Capital City race for the mayorship. Should he have become a candidate for mayor and been defeated, he would have eliminated himself as a potential candidate for governor. Dr. Ingerson is of Scandinavian descent. It is alleged that the Doctor would seek the support of the Farmer-Labor party, this move is being termed the race for the governorship.

It is now generally admitted that United States Senator Magnus Johnson will not consider the governorship. Dispatches from Washington report statements of the junior senator wherein he expresses a desire to run for re-election. Those who are close to Johnson state definitely that the Kimball farmer will not give the governor's chair even passing attention.

The candidacy of A. C. Townley is not taken seriously. It might seem strange to some that his name is even mentioned in Minnesota politics as a candidate for a political office. He has been associating Townley with North Dakota politics nearly entirely except wherein he supported candidates in this state in an official capacity as the head of the Non-Partisan League. However, he is a citizen of Minnesota and has been for some time.

Mayor George Leach of Minneapolis is a firm, sane and sensible man, a determined run for governor. But with stronger men available, it is not likely that the Farmer-Labor party will risk the defeat of its candidates by supporting the four City mayor, who has much opposition in his home community—the city of Minneapolis, as well as over the state.

Hon. Charles Lindbergh of Little Falls also looms as a formidable candidate for governor on the Farmer-Labor ticket.

Will Edward Indrehus seek the governorship via the Democratic party this year? This is a frequently asked question. Maybe Frank Day of Fairmont can give us the correct answer to the query. Indrehus appears the most likely nominee of the Democratic party, it is said.

The supporters of James A. Carley think that he will nose out Indrehus for the Democratic nomination and capture the governorship in a three-cornered fight. There are not a few who think that Carley will not want to be a candidate for governor, preferring, if a candidate at all, to make an effort for the place now held by Magnus Johnson.

Judge Comstock of Mankato has not been forgotten by the Democrats of this state. There are many who would like to see him come forward for the governorship again. Whether or not the judge cares to once more try his luck in the larger political field is not definitely known, although I have heard that Comstock is satisfied to remain on the district bench. But possibly if he comes to think that the political dope going the rounds has any foundation, he may step forth as a gubernatorial candidate. The dope points to a victory by the Democrats in a bitter fight between the Republicans and the Farmer-Laborers, which will split things just enough to make matters lovely for whoever carries the standard of the Jeffersonians.

The coming gubernatorial contest will be a battle royal, filled with surprises, both in June and November. There is no doubt but that the wool will fly in every direction, with the home stretch being on the Johnson ticket. The Minnesota Fiery Cross will watch the political pot as it boils, and fearlessly call a spade a spade. For the first time in many a year the voter will be able to get the facts without fear and favor.

## The Newer Journalism

A new journalism—of doubtful merit—has displaced the excellent papers of a generation or more ago, according to Arthur Reed Kimball in Scribner's. "It is a far cry," he writes, from Charles A. Dana's New York Sun of more than thirty years ago, a model of the best journalism, even though often emphasizing the trivial. The new journalism, a paper confined to four pages, but containing in succinct phrase all real news of the city and of the world, and, above all, distinguished in style, to the bulky paper of today, often sloppily in style and redundant and exaggerated in rhetoric, with its editorials and commentaries buried on some inside page, where they have to be searched out if the reader perchance cares to find them. This change, applying equally to provincial and metropolitan journalism, is due first of all to the need of the value of display advertising.

"Obviously," Mr. Kimball goes on to say, "the number of pages surrendered to advertising requires interpersing among them of a great amount of reading matter to draw attention to the advertising. This leads to the introduction of all kinds of articles, which may have nothing to do with the presentation of the day's news, turning the daily newspaper into a cheap magazine, a catch-all for anything and everything."

## ANTI-KLAN ORGANIZATIONS STILL SQUABBLE IN OKLAHOMA; FINANCES WORRY THEM ALL

(Oklahoma State Letter.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 20.—The anti-Klan Associations of Oklahoma have organized and reorganized four times, and yet another organization meet has been called for February 23, as the call states, "for permanent organization."

The "gravest" problem facing the anti is an agreement as to who will handle the money. In this they have failed utterly to date. Reports reaching your correspondent leave the impression with an outsider that each is afraid of the other, in handling of funds.

Another element of discord is the method of securing funds with which to keep "body and soul together." Reports have it that one element seeks to have the farmer and labor organizations as allies and to accomplish this they wish a strong plank endorsing labor, hoping thereby to ensure the labor vote for political purposes. To date, however, this program has met with poor success.

On the other hand another element wants to defer any reference to laborers and farmers with the hope that the large corporations with plenty of money will come to the financial rescue. This move is being backed by J. C. Walton and his political backers. It is said that Walton wishes to dominate the anti with a platform of \$6.00 admission fees, with \$1.00 for his so-called anti-Klan paper, the remaining \$5.00 to be applied to "overhead expense" in Walton's Loyal Freemen of America.

There is still another element, re-

ferred to by some as the "clothes line" party which hopes to build up a political machine under the name of anti-Klan with an admission fee of \$50. This they claim, will bring in all the "clothes line" variety and build a huge political machine with which to fight the Klan in the coming elections, city, county and state.

From the best information obtainable by your correspondent, it is evident that the thought uppermost in the minds of the "leaders" and "founders" of the anti-Klan associations is the money which they hope to make out of their different organizations. They are using the Klan issue as a side line to further their ends, financially and politically, and at this writing they seem to be almost at the "parting of the ways."

The first State organization in Oklahoma City was officiated by a "red" socialist for president; a vice president who had been convicted of bootlegging and paid a fine as the penalty; and an ex-minister for secretary-treasurer, who had been kicked out of his church and forced to vacate his parsonage by order of the presiding elder of the district.

The Klans of Oklahoma are "kluclung" as never before in the history of that Realm. According to Grand Dragon N. C. Jewett the Klans of Oklahoma are 50 per cent stronger now than they were in 1922 and every Klan in the state is growing stronger with each passing week. The slogan of the Klan in Oklahoma is "300,000 Members in 1924."

## BUREAU TO SPREAD NEGLECTED TRUTH

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Voter. There are no ropes, financial, political or otherwise, tied to the bureau. Its work will be unhampered by any outside influence. It will tell the truth of the conditions in Washington as they exist, and report affairs, truthfully and impartially, as they arise. Then it is up to Mr. Average Voter to make up his mind whether he is to be done about it, and act accordingly.

Only by an intelligent, moral public opinion can a democracy exist. Of late years, the American people have been lacking in truthful information upon which to build such an "intelligent, moral public opinion." It is the prime purpose of the Bureau to furnish that information. Protestant Americans of Minnesota can get it through the columns of the Minnesota Fiery Cross, while their daily papers continue to worry themselves over minor, local political scraps, sensational murders, and divorce "news."

There are now in the United States 30 different Klan publications under the direction and supervision of the Washington Bureau. The news service and editorial service of this department has been built up, and is called "the nerve center" of the organization is open to any newspapers that care to take it.

**Expert Editors**  
A corps of editors—experts in their respective, special fields—has been gathered together. The product of their pens will appear regularly in the Minnesota Fiery Cross. The best trained political observers in the nation are keeping constant watch on the senators and representatives and all the departments of the governmental machinery, for the benefit of the Fiery Cross readers.

The men best qualified to interpret national affairs editorially have been added to the staff. Specialists in matters of the public schools, textbooks and other subjects of prime importance and interest are devoting their entire time to the Bureau. It is through the Bureau that the national Klan organization hopes to accomplish one of its greatest tasks—that of arousing the American electorate to a full understanding of the things which directly concern it, so the present public evils which beset the nation may soon be remedied.

But to return to Minnesota—let it be stated at this time that a similar policy will be pursued in regard to Klan and public affairs in this state. It will be the policy of this paper at all times to be pro-American, pro-Protestant and pro-Klan. In this paper will not falter. There can be no turning to the right or the left. The goal is set, the road is straight and narrow, and the Minnesota Fiery Cross means to journey to the end.

A corps of correspondents is being built up in the state, which will furnish readers with up-to-the-minute news. As the organization grows and the Protestant Americans of the good old Gopher state are aroused to their duty, so will this paper grow.

The fall of the North, established over six months ago, blazed the trail of the Klan in Minnesota. The Minnesota Fiery Cross is a bigger publication. But it is not the "end" of the Klan's journalistic policy. It will be many months before the weekly Fiery Cross newspapers being established in every state, will be enlarged into dailies. Before one can run, he must walk. This paper is walking now, and it intends to take some mighty big strides, and before long it will be running.

The old adage said: "The time has come for all men to come to the aid of their parties." But, conversely, the time has come for all good Protestant American men and women to forget the old parties and rally to the cause which has built America into the world's greatest nation. It is the mission of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Minnesota to weld into one operative body the Protestant Americans of the state. And toward that end the Minnesota Fiery Cross will labor without ceasing, until it can be truthfully said, a new day has come.

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## Klan News Notes From All Parts of Buckeye State

COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—When the principles and purposes of the Ku Klux Klan are thoroughly understood by every true American, there will be no opposition to the movement except from the forces that made the Klan necessary in America, the Rev. Frank G. Markley, pastor of the Lindenwald M. E. church, Hamilton, O., declared in a sermon recently. He said the day was not far off when the Klan would be publicly vindicated.

Safety Director McCune, of Columbus, O., refuses to take the word of a bootlegger against the word of a policeman when the policeman's job is at stake. A patrolman recently was suspended by the chief of police on the testimony of a bootlegger that the policeman has accepted bribes from bootleggers. McCune ordered him reinstated unless other proof could be obtained.

The report of Attorney General Crabbe of Ohio to Governor Donahay that law enforcement conditions have greatly improved at Steubenville, O., is regarded by many persons of Steubenville as merely an attempt to whitewash the local administration for political purposes. Liquor laws are being violated openly, it is said. Crabbe said recently it was simply impossible to enforce the laws strictly at Steubenville because of the large foreign population.

Beilaire, O., recently awoke to the fact that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are still active in this community, notwithstanding the fact that the Klan was "through." A demonstration took place on one of the most disagreeable nights of the winter, when rain was pouring in torrents. Hundreds of persons were attracted by a big burning cross on a hill where it could be seen from practically every part of the city, and an immense crowd turned out to attend a meeting of the Klan.

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# UNFAILING DEVOTION TO KLAN PRINCIPLES HELD BY MEMBERS, CLAIMS STANLEY FROST

No Small Task to Get Four Million Men Into One Body, Says Writer

## INTERVIEWS GOVERNOR

All-American Order Composed of Many Young Men, According to the Outlook

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Some measure of the value of the Ku Klux idea to members of the Klan can be found in the price they pay to join. The amount is not large—\$10 for initiation and \$6 for regalia—yet as the price of getting behind an idea that is considerable. One can join a good many movements for less, and among the people who make up the bulk of the Klan strength even \$15 is not treated with disrespect. Any one who has ever tried to enlist people, at a price, in any general movement will testify that it is no mean achievement to induce four million men to pay anything at all.

To this first cost must be added the fact that most members have joined the Klan in the face of strong public disapproval and often of actual persecution. Add, too, the attitude of members toward the Klan, the serious view they take of its doctrine, their often almost fanatical devotion, and it begins to be plain that the Klan means something rather important to them. It may not be what the Klan stands for officially, it may be something warped or even vicious, but the Klan seems to them to offer something they want badly, something they are willing to pay for both in cash and in service.

When there are four million people held in this way by an idea, there can be no doubt that the idea has power. Imperial Wizard Evans declares that it is the most potent idea in America, and there is some truth in this. But he means the Klan idea as he sees it, and it must be remembered that the real driving force is not his idea, but the thought in the minds of the Klansmen themselves, often something very different.

Perhaps the first thing to do in attempting to get at the spirit which

animates and unites these four millions is to set to one side the extraneous to the movement. They are very noisy and numerous, and it is very easy to mistake them for the real embodiment of the Klan.

As soon as any organization begins to gain power, certain kinds of men join it for personal profit. There will be promoters and organizers, second-rate politicians, business men looking for trade, sharks seeking prey, criminals hoping for protection, and chronic failures who will try anything. The more powerful the organization, the more numerous and active will be these parasites, hypocrites, and grafters. The Klan has its full share of them, and they are often prominent, since high places are the best for the grinding of private axes. But, after all, they are parasites, and do not represent the Klan's great growth. They are important in many ways, for they have influence, but one cannot measure the real Klan by them.

There are such differences between the Klan as it appears in Georgia and Texas, in Ohio and New York, that there is room for doubt whether it actually is moved by a single spirit. Yet I believe that it is; that there is a unifying idea, a certain least common denominator of thought, which may be found and defined. There is, of course, the native, white Protestant supremacy of the Klan creed, but that appears to be a formula of action and a theory of social organization rather than an end or purpose in itself, and it is not by any means always involved in Klan activities. The true spirit seems to be something deeper, and at bottom far healthier, although it sometimes shows in dangerous and even abominable forms.

This fundamental and unifying idea is nothing more abnormal than a passion for reform as Dr. Evans has said. Yet it is abnormal, too, for with the Klan this very common trait has an intensity, a directness, and a concept of personal duty to do something, which are seldom found. And it produces very unusual manifestations. This is partly because the Klan reaches some classes seldom stirred by such sentiments and therefore unfamiliar with the accepted procedure; people of simple, direct, and intense emotions who act accordingly. Partly, too, it is due to the violent prejudices and instincts the Klan doctrine arouses. But whether the immediate aim be the regulation of a neighbor's conduct or the ousting of parochial schools or of corrupt officials, reform of some sort has been the moving spirit of the Klan wherever I have seen it.

This is not a blanket approval—far from it. There can be little debate that the reform spirit on the whole is useful, but only when kept within limits. The line is not well defined; sincere people who disapprove equally of drink, tobacco, gambling and the like are to be found on both sides of the questions of how far one's own virtue should regulate other people's vices; but there is always a saving popular resistance which prevents most reforms from going too far. The Klan aims to go very far indeed, even to the point of attacking questions and employs methods to which we are not hardened, in its programme it applies race and religious standards which we are in the habit of ignoring, and its individual members have aims and use methods considerably farther from normal than the leaders.

Moreover, reform at its best has some unlovely aspects. It always implies a "holier than thou" attitude, it always makes trouble and disturbs the even tenor of life, it is often so beneficial to the reformers that their motives may easily be questioned, and it sometimes shows a narrow, meddling, officious, unjust, and even cruel spirit. Often, too, the pleasure of reforming others appeals more strongly than the good to be done. All these things appear strongly in some members of the Klan; indeed, it often seems that the Klan is demonstrating just how bad reform may be. It is no wonder the opposition is violent. But, however distorted the Klan idea is at bottom nothing more or less than a new and startling outbreak of our good old American habit of rearranging the world. There is much expert testimony that we do this often and worse than any other people on earth.

When all allowances are made for other motives—love of excitement, self-interest and brutality—this reform idea is still to be seen even in the worst of the Klan actions, the night-riding and maltreating of neighbors. This particular phase is worth some study, since if one can understand this it will be easier to understand also some of the less vicious but still dangerous practices of Klansmen.

There is no need to list the evils of night-riding, but it is always worth while to find why comparatively decent people take to doing utterly wrong things. I put this question to the Governor of a State

which has been peculiarly cursed with this evil—a man who has done much to stop violence and has been especially active against Klan mobs. The conditions he describes are still to be found in many places, both in the South and elsewhere.

"You understand that I don't defend mob action in any case or form," the Governor began. "Yet there is something to be said for it—sometimes. There have been cases where I had to admit some sympathy. But I'm afraid this can hardly be understood by you people who live in communities so well protected that police corruption means at worst bootlegging and poker games, and a 'crime wave' means that there is about one chance in fifty thousand that you will suffer from something worse than sneak-theft."

"Try to imagine, if you can, what it would mean to live where it is practically impossible to enforce any law, where intimidation and abuse are customary, theft common, arson not unusual, and murder occasional—all unpunishable. There are such places. Sparse settlement, family feuds, powerful criminal elements, make it almost impossible to enforce law enforcement in these plague-spots. And you can't reform them by the ballot, for the toughs control the elections."

"If any man takes the lead in trying to clean up, he will suffer. If he is not killed, his barns will be burned, his crops ruined, his stock killed or stolen, his women folk insulted. So there has always been a tendency in this State—and some other than from vigilance committees—to handle such situations. You can call it cowardice if you want to, but when a body of unknown men apply pressure to the tough element, they can get results and still be safe from reprisals. Scores of places have been cleaned up in just that way. And when people are suffering like that you can't expect them to worry about the danger that the same methods will be unjustly used some other time."

"That was the condition which gave the Klan its first start in this State. The best people didn't join, of course, and a lot of the uneducated, poor white trash did. Lately the Klan has changed its method and some of the better class are joining. But they'll lose out if they can't keep on cleaning up."

This testimony would be enough, even if standing alone. But the condition seems to have been general in all the States where much night-riding occurred. In my articles on Oklahoma I told how it was the desire to suppress "high-jacking" and bootlegging that led the Klan to its start there. Even in the Mer Rouge horrors—whatever the facts there may be—the Klan action was taken to stop alleged criminal traffic. The motive is always reform; the purpose almost always a decent one.

The Governor, however, did not get at the whole reason for the appeal which night-riding makes to this particular element. It has certain attractions besides reform for simple and direct minds. When Dr. Evans started his campaign which has practically stopped violence as a Klan method, a friend in the South wrote me about it.

"I shall be surprised if the Southern faction agrees with Evans in the matter of violence," he said. "Those methods are the great attraction, the basis of confidence, a manner of executing justice that renders the greatest personal satisfaction."

That "personal satisfaction"—in executing justice, be it noted!—was undoubtedly one of the lures of the white masks until a few months ago. And my friend's estimate was correct, too, for the Evans campaign was followed by a falling off of Klan strength in the night-riding States. There are signs now that a new and better element is joining, but there is no doubt that the method used, as well as the reforms to be made, helped give the Klan its hold.

There is another motive, almost as indefensible as the impulse to mob violence, but easier to sympathize with and far more widespread, which has brought many members into the Klan and is still bringing them. This is the desire to correct evils—often personal ones—which are out of reach of the law, through mass action of various kinds. Most of us hear these ill, especially those of other people, with such grins, shrugs, or curses as our natures call for, but great numbers see in the Klan machinery for reform along just these lines.

"I wish I was as simple-minded as some folks," one circuit judge confessed. "Then I'd join the Klan. One of the things that make a judge's life hard is the wrong for which there is no legal remedy; the unfair but not criminal method of slick crooks; the betrayals of women where more harm than good is done if the law is called in; the oppression of money-lenders; the laziness of men who let their children starve—all so common we take them for granted, and nice folks think they're melodramatic, but all devilish, just the same. I can't do anything about them."

"I can't stand, either, for action against them that isn't based on trial and evidence. But the Klan doesn't worry about that. They are neighbors and know what's happened, and they let it go at that. They want action, and they think that's what they're for and go at it bald-headed. Usually they're right, so far as substantial justice is concerned. I don't blame them—much."

Many Klansmen avow this motive freely enough.

"I joined just to see that they got after —," one friend told me, naming a notorious cheat.

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## America Turns To Its Schools

(An Editorial from The Kansas City Star)

There has been more than a single cause for the unprecedented interest in education in the United States since the close of the war. An important factor has been the lesson demonstrated in the military forces; that is, that trained men rise more rapidly to places of leadership than the untrained. Thousands of men who entered the service came back to complete or begin their education with that lesson in mind. Further, the revelations of a high percentage of illiteracy among drafted men have roused the entire nation to an urgent need of education for all.

But whatever the cause or causes of the development, the advance of education, as indicated in the growth of high schools, larger funds for schools and increased enrollment in all kinds of educational institutions, has been fairly startling. Dr. James R. Angell, president of Yale University, declared last week "we are in the midst of the most unparalleled educational development the world has ever seen." President Angell showed that the number of high schools has increased more than 700 per cent in the last thirty years, and that now there are more than two million high school students, compared with seven hundred thousand thirty years ago. He added:

There are from six hundred thousand to seven hundred thousand students in the colleges, and the number is rapidly increasing. In a state like Iowa the number of students is increasing in leaps and bounds, while the population has not increased at any such rate. The increase may go on until every boy and girl in that state will receive the education that the institutions can give. That is a condition we hope will be arrived at everywhere.

Whether college training is possible for all within any reasonable period, or even desirable, might be open to considerable debate. Means of lifting our standard of living are as serious problems by many college heads. But that a fair degree of education ought to be possible for all is beyond question. That possibility does not yet exist. Some of the inequalities of our educational system President Angell emphasizes. Outstanding among these are the inadequate schools and poorly trained teachers in many of the rural districts. About half the rural teachers "never completed the grades themselves. It is a case of the blind leading the blind."

So America's advance in education has not been general. Illiteracy still is a problem, but fortunately a problem to which serious attention is now being given. For the rural school the chief hope seems to lie in consolidation. That method has been most fruitful in bringing better buildings and better trained teachers. In another decade there ought to be no 1-room schoolhouses, no teachers without special training, and no illiterates. Then America's advance in education will have been, indeed, a national benefit.

## Klan Grows Following Talk in Newton Hall

NEUTON, IA., Feb. 19.—Eight hundred people recently attended a lecture in Graber's Hall, at which the principles and aims of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan were explained. The result, the organizers are growing by leaps and bounds, not only in Newton, but throughout Jasper county.

A special effort was made by the Newton Daily News to publish a garbled report of the gathering and what was said by the speaker.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS.—The Ku Klux Klan of Leavenworth for some time have been forced to hold outdoor meetings, owing to the lack of a suitable meeting place. Ten acres of ground at the summit of Pilot Knob hill have been purchased and the Klansmen are building a klavern large enough to accommodate the rapidly increasing membership. Construction work is being done entirely by the members of the Klan.

COFFEYVILLE, KANS.—Klan sympathizers are said to be forming plans to launch a new morning daily newspaper here. The Morning News is strongly anti-Klan, and local members of the order, tired of its abuse, are seeking to establish a paper that will give them fair treatment.

APPLETON, WIS.—Under the supervision of a former Indiana organizer the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Appleton is growing rapidly. A class of 175 candidates was naturalized last week. Many of the leading citizens of Appleton, Kaukauna, Neenah and Manasha are members.

SUMMERVILLE, PA.—Acting upon information furnished by the Klan of Summerville, the sheriff and two state police of Jefferson county raided a gambling and bootlegging house January 19. The sheriff deputized 40 Klansmen for the work. Seven men were arrested.

## Fiery Cross Burns From Klavern Every Night

ATHENS, GA., Feb. 21.—Athens Klansmen believe in "letting their light so shine," it is evidenced by the erection of a large forty-foot fiery cross on the roof of their Klavern. This cross is to burn from sun down to sun up, 365 days a year. Although one of the younger Klans of the state, it has its own Klavern, which would be credited to cities larger than Athens.

# Authentic Story of 'Bloody Williamson' Raids Related

(By INVESTIGATOR)

HERRIN, ILL., Feb. 20.—If

"Bloody Williamson" were an actuality, the crimson stain would come from the broken hearts of its best citizens; men and women whose home town has been ravaged by rotten politicians, bootleggers, gamblers, resort keepers and their supporters and patrons; men and women who have seen their "Main Street" corrupted into an avenue of pitfalls for sons and daughters; men and women whose lives and works as good citizens were sacrificed by a small group of vicious, lawless men, incited by the basest passions and mad with greed for money and political power.

As a matter of fact, "Bloody Williamson" county exists today only on the front pages of the yellow press, except for that "dark-stained sidewalk" in front of the Home Club, where Constable Caesar Cagle, Klansman, died a martyr last week. He was shot down by the gang that opposes the re-establishment of law and order in the coal fields.

With S. Glenn Young, noted law enforcement officer, acting as chief of police by appointment of John Ford, chief, with Mayor C. E. Anderson, Sheriff George Galligan, Chief Deputy John Layman, Ora Davis, head of the "Flaming Circle," anti-Klan organization, and a score of their assistants, deputies and henchmen under arrest on charges of murder in connection with the death of Constable Cagle, with men of unquestioned integrity, practically all of whom are said to be Klansmen, sworn in as policemen to replace the Anderson-Galligan piratical crew, Herrin is experiencing the restoration of law and order out of chaos, and enjoying the life of a well-regulated community for the first time in many a long day.

The raids led by Mr. Young, and conducted by the best citizens of the county, sworn in as officers for this special duty, have closed up the saloons on the principal thoroughfares, the joints directly across the street from the city hall, and the half a hundred "bootlegging dens" throughout the county. Dozens of whiskey peddlers, gamblers, gun men, and "imported gangsters" are under arrest so this little city is now as quiet and orderly as Chicago's high-brow suburb, Evanston.

Were it not for the nine companies of Illinois National Guardsmen held here for some reason by Sheriff Galligan before there was a hint of trouble, and some hours before Constable Cagle was deced to death by the murder gang, of which the sheriff, himself, is charged with being a member, Herrin with its auto police, and his citizen aides, would be going about its business in its usual way, with the exception, of course, that all the "joints" are closed and the gangsters that have given the community a bad reputation these many years are in jail "Somewhere in Illinois."

Klansmen and other good citizens do not resent the presence of the soldiers. They just feel that their presence is unnecessary; that the state is put to a great expense and the officers and men to a needless inconvenience by the mobilization here. Interviews with more than twenty of the most highly connected business and professional men did not disclose a single one who thought that the soldiers should have been sent here.

News stories asserting that thousands of miners in this district are striking in order to fight the Klan and the good citizens who stand with that organization are untrue. I am authorized to say that hundreds of miners, the men who are known to be steady, honest, hard-working, are members of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The United Mine Workers of America, radical labor organization, to which all union miners must be affiliated, by constitutional provision, to bar its members from affiliation with the Klan, but hundreds of Williamson county coal miners are 100 per cent American first, and pawns of U. M. W. officials last, if at all.

It is true that some miners are bitterly opposed to the Klan. The Italian colony and other foreign groups in this district are large, and these groups are notoriously opposed to Americanized standards of life, citizenship, and law enforcement. It is from this class that Sheriff Galligan, Ora Davis, and other leaders of the "Corruption Ring" recruited their confederates and selected their "hooch" retailers. Some of these men have "laid off" from work in a futile effort to keep in touch with their imprisoned chiefs. They are the so-called strikers.

It is the consensus of opinion expressed to me by a score of representative men, including non-Klansmen as well as members of that patriotic organization, that eighty-five per cent of the total population of Williamson county is in entire sympathy and accord with Mr. Young's clean-up program and will support a movement to make that stalwart officer sheriff of the county as soon as Galligan is convicted of murder or removed from office.

With the best citizens organized for the first time in the cause of civic righteousness and law enforcement, determined to end the lawlessness that has existed here under many mayoral regimes, Herrin and Williamson county face the future with the conviction that even in the coal fields Americanism shall triumph.

## Discover Murder Plot

The conditions that forced Williamson county's best citizens to prepare the laws laughed at by the desperados in public office spawned

many sinister plots and desperate deeds, but even the infamous miners' massacre of eighteen months ago was not so cold-blooded in its awfulness as was the conspiracy that resulted in the slaying of Constable Cagle, the kidnapping of Chief of Police John Ford, his assistant Harold Crane, and the attempted assassination of Law Enforcer Young, Sam Sterns, Exalted Cyclops of the Marion Klan, Abe Hicks, Police Magistrate John Whiteside, Herrin business man and clean-up leader. The failure of the conspirators to murder all of these "marked men" is attributed by Young to "a loss of nerve at the last minute" on the part of the gang leaders who weakened when "Cagle pitched forward on his face when shot in the back."

Constable Cagle was killed Friday evening, February 8th. With his wife he was attending a function, given in her honor, at the Masonic hall. His small son was down town, where he had been observed by the young man. When the youngster started home he was stopped and directed to go to the Masonic hall and inform his father that "There is trouble down at the 'Rome' club over the Jefferson saloon. Come at once." The innocent child delivered the message to his father. Constable Cagle, good officer that he was, responded to the call. As he approached the entrance to the saloon he was met by a gang of men, one of whom struck him in the face. As he fell he was shot twice by other members of the gang, and died on the sidewalk like a dog.

While this tragedy was being enacted, a similar message was sent to Chief of Police Ford. He, with Assistant Chief Crane, responded, and upon entering the "Rome" club, the meeting place of the notorious "Flaming Circle" gang, the gangsters opened fire upon them, disarmed and captured them. During the shooting John Layman, chief deputy sheriff, and one of the inmates of the resort, was wounded.

Law Enforcer Young, with a number of his aides, returning to Herrin from Marion, the county seat, to arrest the murderers and quell the excitement, was ambushed from the roadside. A volley of rifle shots was poured into the automobile occupied by his party. That the party escaped is due to the fact that they rode in a new automobile which had just been presented to Young by the citizens of Williamson county as a token of their admiration, and not in his old car, which was known to law violators in Southern Illinois as the "old gun boat." The car was riddled with bullets, but its driver was unharmed.

The attempt to "get" Young was given added zest last week when members of the "Flaming Circle" imported a half dozen members of the "Eagan's Rats" gang from St. Louis, armed them and made up a "jack pot" of \$5,000 cash, to be given to the man who "bumps him off."

Upon the arrival of Young and his party in Herrin, hurried, but comprehensive investigation revealed the identity of many of the gangsters in the groups that killed Constable Cagle and captured the chief of police and his assistant.

Warrants charging murder were issued against the following: "MAJ" ANDERSON—erstwhile mayor of Herrin, against whom evidence is being secured connecting him directly with the lawlessness that has made this city a by-word throughout the country.

GEORGE GALLIGAN—Sheriff of Marion county, reputed leader of lawlessness in the county, and against whom Law Enforcer Young will seek indictments from the federal grand jury for accepting bribes in connection with liquor cases;

JOHN LAYMAN—Chief deputy, and "brains" of the "Flaming Circle" gang, associate of bootleggers and resort keepers;

HUGH WILLIS—Committeeman of the United Mine Workers of America, "bad man";

ALVIN THOMAS—Deputy sheriff, reputed bootlegger, associate of gamblers;

ELL TROUTT—Mine guard, reputed bootlegger, some time mine guard, and admitted "hard guy";

ORA THOMAS—Head of the infamous "Flaming Circle," deputy sheriff, owner of saloon and gambling hall, under \$10,000 bond for liquor selling, sponsor of the "Eagan's Rats";

HEZZIE BURNS—Deputy sheriff, under charges of bribery, associate of Berger, proprietor of the "Halfway House," liquor and vice dive;

WILLIAM RUFF—Miner, reputed member of the "Flaming Circle";

CARL RUFF—brother of the above, miner and proud of his family name;

JOHNNY MURRAY—Part owner of the notorious Carterville pike roadhouse and bootlegging joint;

HARRY MURRAY—brother and business partner of the above;

Gangsters Resist Arrest  
The true story of the arrest of these men has never yet been told. Press accounts differ in all essential details, and the facts in connection with the battle waged by the desperado fortified in the city hospital against officers armed with warrants for their arrest is disclosed for the first time.

After the murder of Constable Cagle and the capture of Chief of Police and his assistants, the "Flaming Circle" gangsters divided. One group under the leadership of Sheriff Galligan left the city in automobiles with their prisoners, presumably to murder them upon some lonely highway. The other group, under the leadership of the wounded Chief Deputy Layman, repaired to the city hospital three blocks distant from the scene of the murder.

Here they closed the doors and windows, examined their arms and prepared to resist the inevitable effort to place them under arrest.

Law Enforcer Young with his aides,

repaired to the hospital upon learning that the Layman gang was fortified there. Approaching the entrance to the two-story brick building, the officers knocked upon the closed and locked doors, demanding admittance in the name of the law. The answer to the demand was a volley of rifle and revolver shots, fired through the closed doors into the group of citizen-officers. Miraculously, no one was killed. Unable to force an entrance, and not wishing to endanger the lives of patients and attendants within the hospital, Young and his aides withdrew. As they crossed the street, the desperados within the hospital opened fire upon a party from second story windows. Under Young's orders, members of his party shot out the street lights that made them all vivid targets for the snipers. They also fired at the men who exposed themselves at the windows, but could not conduct a general attack because of the danger to hospital patients.

With Layman and his gang in the custody of the military, Sheriff Galligan under arrest, and the morale of the lawless element broken, the captors of the chief of police and his assistant dared not carry out their plan to murder the officers, but holding them in the Marion jail incommunicado throughout Saturday and until Sunday noon, released them with a warning.

Investigation Continues  
With Sheriff Galligan and his deputies under arrest, the county corner, W. H. McCowan, automatically succeeds to the position of ranking officer of the law in Williamson county. He is not looked upon as a strong supporter of the good citizens' clean-up campaign, nor is he expected to be of material assistance in securing evidence against those men under arrest charged with murder, nor in apprehending others who are believed to have been involved.

In view of these facts Acting Chief of Police Young is burdened with the responsibility of bringing the guilty to justice. His office in the city hall is the center of activities and with his citizen-aides he is systematically following up every clue that will be of value in the prosecution of the gangsters who have terrorized this county so long.

Mr. Young told me that scores of men who have been allied in the crimes that have blackened this community are voluntarily giving him information now that the immunity of their leaders has crumbled. These men implicate others, who are immediately sent for and questioned. All testimony is being taken down by stenographers, and it will make up a record that is sure to convict many men who have held positions of public trust in this city and county.

## Leaders See Hope

It is felt here that if the national guard is withdrawn; the men under arrest and their confederates who have not yet been apprehended, brought to honest trial; and permanent injunctions secured against the fifty-two places in Herrin and vicinity that were selling liquor in open defiance of the law; the better element can maintain control of the county and city governments and conduct them as inherently American communities should be conducted.

Among the men who believe this are:

George H. Harrison, president of the First National Bank.

Henry LeMaster, secretary of the Herrin Building & Loan Assn.

H. D. Muelle, leading merchant.

Carl Neilson, manager wholesale grocery.

Dr. L. E. Kane, physician.

Police Magistrate Hicks.

H. A. Bryson, mine official.

H. O. Fowler, leading grocer.

W. H. Smith, garage owner and auto dealer.

Dr. J. S. Channess, physician.

Rev. J. E. Lee, pastor First Baptist church.

Rev. P. R. Giotfelty, pastor First M. E. church.

Charles Cargal, credit manager, Herrin Supply Co.

Rev. W. G. Storey, pastor First Christian church.

City Aldermen C. E. Copeland, Thomas Weitz, C. E. Cunham, Alvin Misker, Carl Nail. (Five out of eight members.)

## Confidence in Young

The best citizens of the county have the utmost confidence in S. Glenn Young, who was sent here at the request of a citizens' committee that could no longer tolerate the open defiance of the law that had come to be characteristic of Williamson county.

Endorsed by high government officials, and empowered by U. S. authorities to act, Young was assured by the Klan that he would have the active co-operation of members of that organization when needed, and its moral and financial support at all times.

He is not a stranger in this section. Young remarked to me, with a characteristic grin, "no wonder these fellows that we've locked up don't like me, and that the bootleggers we've raided think that I'm a nuisance, to say the least of it. Four years ago, when I was a federal agent here, I arrested practically the same crowd on very similar charges that have gotten them into trouble this time."

In addition to the hold that his duties have, a sentimental attachment makes Mr. Young feel at home here. His wife, too, feels that Herrin is her home, for her father, George B. Simcox, was for nine years United States marshal in this district and she is widely acquainted throughout Williamson and surrounding counties. The Youngs have a small son, who with his mother, are the inspiration behind that fearless "two-gun" upholder of law and order, S. Glenn Young.

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## POLITICIANS SEEK ONLY OWN SUCCESS

--Says Evans

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cal or ecclesiastical always that is attuned to the same shrill, snarling key of special interest.

My voice is small, but it is an American voice, and so far as it may reach, I would have it carry to America and to all the world the message that democracy is not dead, nor is that constitutional government, based on "the consent of the governed," going to die. Humanity, especially our humanity, will—it must—triumph over every obstruction to the great and final accomplishment of freedom and justice. There can be no freedom, nor justice, nor happiness, if the powers of privilege in any form predominate. Our people themselves must safeguard their sovereignty, train it, consecrate it, and employ it for the common welfare.

The great issue in this conflict with parochialism, then, is not alone the question of building a composite people into the highest social and political efficiency, nor of that accomplishment plus the safeguarding of our institutions through the actual separation of church and state. To the doctrine of democratic education and the principle of a religious freedom that works both ways, must be added the cause of civilization itself.

The eternal right of mankind to self-government is being challenged throughout the world. If the military forces of an alien power were to enter America, we would repel them with the last ounce of our common strength. But it is a more subtle, more effective, more menacing alien invasion that we are facing—an invasion of militant undemocratic ideas and ideals—a slow, sure assault upon constitutional government.

There is but one unflinching defense against every kind of alienism in America; it lies in adequate, democratic public school education.

We face the hierarchy seeking the uses and results of propaganda in our schools is not alone a religious, but also a governmental organization.

There is proof on every hand. In every country on earth today we can discover evidence of its political activity, although our chief concern should center in its temporal assaults upon our own institutions.

The Vatican itself has a governmental character. At this moment twenty-seven nations have duly accredited diplomatic representatives at the Holy See, seven of them bear-

ing the title and rank of ambassador. And more are to follow.

In this connection, I quote a glowing paragraph from a recent issue of the Messenger of the Sacred Heart:

"The Argentine Republic which is one of the most flourishing states of the southern continent of America, is about to raise its legation to the Holy See to the status of an Embassy, as Brazil, Chile, and Peru have already done. The law has been introduced by the Government, and the Argentine Congress will no doubt soon pass it, whereupon the present minister, Sr. Garcia Haneille, a man of great ability as well as a distinguished poet, will become Argentine's first Ambassador to the Vatican. His appointment will raise the whole number of Ambassadors accredited to the Holy See to eight, while no less than twenty-seven nations have diplomatic representatives."

What the Hierarchy Does to Education

What does all this mean to America?

Particularly, what bearing does it have upon this present all-important issue of education?

I can tell you and out of the mouth of Catholicism itself. Current History, for January, publishes a laudatory article on Mussolini's regime in Italy, by Arnold S. Cortesi, Rome correspondent of the New York Times, accompanied by pictures of the Premier and the Pope, from which I quote:

"The most sweeping reforms of all have, perhaps, been made by the Ministry of Public Instruction. The number of schools has been reduced by suppressing those which became superfluous in towns which have lost population in recent years. The curriculum has been revised in such a way that each school, in addition to preparing the students for the next grade school, also supplies him with a complete education, should he decide to interrupt his studies at any given moment. Formerly his education was not complete until he had finished his course at a university. Religious education has also been made compulsory; not only has the crucifix been ordered to be displayed in all schools, but religious education must also be imparted by teachers who have the approval of the ecclesiastical authorities. \* \* \* The reform which has given rise to controversy, to the greatest controversy has been the limitation of the number of students who can receive free education at the expense of the state. Not only has number of schools been limited, but also the number of students who may attend each school, a minimum of thirty-five for each class having been fixed. If there are more applicants than vacancies, the best students are selected through competitive examination, the remainder being free to attend private schools. The principle underlying this reform has been this: Formerly, when any one could obtain a free education thousands of young men who would have made excellent carpenters, plumbers or manual workers of any kind, obtained degrees in law, medicine or engineering, and then wasted their whole lives, because having a university degree, they considered it below their dignity to return to manual labor, while they were, at the same time, unable to obtain employment in their profession, owing to the steady stream of graduates being turned out of the universities each year. The state, therefore, has decided that only those students shall obtain free education who, through competitive examination, show that they are worth educating, leaving the rest to pay the fees demanded by private schools. This reform, of course, does not apply to elementary schools; indeed, the law making it obligatory for every child to attend elementary school is being applied more strictly than ever before."

Of course, what they call "this reform" does not apply to elementary schools. The hierarchy desires above all else that every elementary pupil be taught Catholicism. Therefore it imposes compulsory attendance upon the youngest boys and girls. Also it provides an obligatory religious curriculum for all such pupils. An article in the La Civita Catholic, published in Rome, and reprinted in the Catholic World, gives a summary of that curriculum for preparatory and all elementary grades. It is too long for insertion here, but its meaning and influences are apparent.

Observe, now, how that church controlled education is operating at this moment in Italy.

The number of free schools has been reduced. And that in the face of the fact that Italy has an illiteracy more than six times greater than that of this country, menacing its disgraceful as it is here. Among her population, ten years of age and over, nearly forty per cent, almost four in ten, cannot read their own language. More than thirty per cent of their army recruits had not even the beginning of educational equipment. The marriages of Italy are 38.7 per cent among illiterates. Yet, despite those conditions, and their inevitable results, the influence of the church is now curtailing educational opportunities.

Each school has been made complete in itself. Instead of encouraging high and higher education, the Vatican thus virtually invites and advises every child to end it all whenever the grade is finished.

Free school attendance has been restricted. Why? To discourage the training of young men who might better be "carpenters and plumbers." Do I need to ask how, in God's name, it is possible to peer into the future and determine both the capacity and

## Mayfield's Enemies Would Unseat Him



SENATOR MAYFIELD

In the new Congressional Directory, Earl B. Mayfield, the new senator from Texas, says his "term of service will expire March 3, 1929." If his political opponents could have their way, his term would end much sooner; in fact they are already at work to unseat him.

He is seated at all. The contest is particularly interesting because it was charged that the Ku Klux Klan bulked large in the question of his election. Specific charges filed last year alleged corrupt manipulation of election machinery.

Former Representative Robert L. Henry of Houston, known as the "fall guy" of the Texas senatorial primary, because he entered with promise of full Klan support only to be double-crossed, went to Washington. He was quickly joined by Cullen F. Thomas, who finished a poor fourth in the primaries. Due to the alleged opposition of the Klan and his failure to hold membership in the invisible empire, Henry, who was a member of congress from the Waco district for twenty years and for two terms chairman of the powerful house rules committee, was expected to be one of the principal witnesses against Mayfield.

Thomas, who married a sister of Morris Sheppard, senior United States senator from Texas, was considered a sure winner in the senatorial contest, until the Klan interposed its influence. He had been a personal friend of the late President Wilson.

the career of any boy ever born? Would democratic America tolerate any such civilization-destroying injustice to her next generation or continue to countenance any influence that would sponsor such a monstrous perversion of opportunity? Instead, we demand that the advantages of education be universal; that no caste, class or creed be excluded. Instead of soliciting, we would prefer the most far-reaching application of the principle of compulsion in school attendance. We are a democratic nation. Our reliance is not upon ignorance. We have no fear of too much education. If the result should be the greatest possible development of mentality and culture even among those of us who toll, God above would smile his approval, and we, with every better and wiser exercise of citizenship. More than that, the eternal law of heredity would be aided, not handicapped and hindered; with every next generation would come a heightened level of common intelligence until finally Pope, potentate nor politician could hope to shackle it for any selfish purpose.

Teachers in Italy are approved by the ecclesiastical authorities. Why? In order that the minds of the young shall be bent and biased by and toward Catholicism. It can have no other purpose. That is what church control means.

There parochialism is nationalized, which is the ultimate aim of parochialism everywhere. No other conclusion is possible. If either righteously or selfishly, the hierarchy believes in its own exclusive right to ascendancy, why should it not in the end seek here the educational situation that has now come to pass in Italy? And having made parochialism a public policy, why is it not equally logical for them, as they are doing, to employ parochialism for purposes of propaganda?

Church, parochialism, propaganda, politics—there you have the complete circle of cause and effect in the whole field of this discussion. Through parochialism the church accomplishes propaganda, and the two together—ecclesiastically controlled schools, teaching the supremacy of hierarchy—lead directly through politics to temporal power.

"Ecclesiastical Legislation"

The Sentinel of the Blessed Sacrament, a Catholic publication, quotes a person whom it calls the Venerable Peter Julian Byrard, as follows:

"The Christian, therefore, owes to Canon Law, to the bulls, decrees and decisions of the Holy Roman Church, which are but the law, the teaching of the Sovereign Pontiff, a filial obedience beyond all control of the civil authorities, who in this regard are without force or sanction."

Read that again, because, it expresses, as you and I must learn, the attitude of the hierarchy towards governments the world over.

Applied to the nation, it means that whenever and wherever the sovereign people of the United States, by constitutionally established processes, through duly elected representatives, enact any statute in conflict with any "bull, decree or decision of the Sovereign Pontiff"—who is the Pope—that the Catholics of America are ordered by the Vatican to disregard that law. In all such conflicts of legal enactment and papal decree, their allegiance is to Rome. They are instructed to act against our sovereignty a higher and to them, more important, more om-

nipotent alien sovereignty. Yet we have boasted, and believed, for nearly a century, a half that the separation of church and state has usually been accomplished in this country.

Our constitution provides for religious freedom. As one result of that feature of the bill of rights, we did not insist exclusively upon church marriage ceremonies; civil marriages were made by the law of the land. To Catholicism and all its subjects that law is null and void. To them it is wholly without "force or sanction." Time after time has gone forth the papal or priestly decree of ignore it, and today, to them, every American child born of a civilly made marriage is illegitimate.

This attitude is by no means confined to the marriage statute. It is the same with anything and everything of a legal nature that may come under papal displeasure. The Catholic magazine called America, makes this announcement to American followers of the Pope:

"Whatever may be effected by public enactment with regard to the rights of men and women before the law, no Catholic is free to obey any legislation which tends to destroy the center of authority in the home."

Why is no Catholic "free to admit"—and of course to abide by—legislative acts of the government of the United States? There is only one answer. It is because his higher allegiance is to a religious hierarchy, not even American in domicile, whose alien decrees can not aside all laws as easily as one law.

I say to you that without law and order neither private nor public welfare is possible. When established authority be undermined, then the very foundations of society will crumble. Only our government itself has the right to say that this law or that law is null and void, by repealing it or by establishing its unconstitutionality. For any law to be ignored either by priest or politician, breeds a spirit of lawlessness, a contempt for constituted authority, which is civilization's deadliest enemy, against which no nation can be too alert.

For centuries the imperialism of a church is even worse. When religion attains and exercises temporal dominion, catastrophe for all concerned is more swift and sure. That is what I condemn, not the American Catholic citizen, but the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

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I voice the hope and prayer that the entire citizenship of the United States may get together and labor together for the fulfillment of humanity's highest happiness here.

My condemnation has been of the political system of the Roman Catholic Church, not of its parishioners, nor of their religion. It is the hierarchy, not the rank and file of Catholics, whose attitude I disapprove.

There is no feeling of intolerance, nor any hatred in my soul. I speak not in bitterness, but out of love. I would that America might be at peace. We and the world have seen enough of religious wrangling and warfare. At least in this country there need be no farther conflict. I say this to you because Protestant and Catholic have identically the same interests at stake, and should be found fighting shoulder to shoulder for the re-Americanization of our common Republic. All Americans are men and women whose days upon earth are far too short to be spent in any save the ways of amity and mutual helpfulness. The common enemies of mankind are sufficient to keep us all engaged. Let there be at least one nation within which humanity may attain and enjoy a blessed harmony of heart and mind.

Humbly, and yet confidently, because the combined experience of mankind throughout the ages confirms both its soundness and its necessity, I now make a Christian proposal for the ending of religious and all other disruptive controversies on American soil.

Let us establish a court for the settlement of every case of falsehood and fallacy, of truth and rectitude. In that court let every element submit its position to the test and verdict of unselfish truth.

It would take time to establish such a court, but once it was in operation there would be no delay nor any injustice in its judgments. A generation would be required to impel the jury, because that jury would be the electorate of the whole country, not one of whom would be permitted to serve until his or her complete competence had been attested by a training in which neither bias nor selfishness had had a part. Once the common mind of such a jury had been emancipated from every influence of prejudice and propaganda, its decisions would be divine. Just. There would come out of it a new kind of jurisprudence, so generally and eagerly accepted that within a few decades all our human might live in harmony without its resentment or guile.

I propose, then, that all of us, Catholic and Protestant submit our difference, to democratic education; that is, a public school system in which the mind of each and every student shall not be bent and biased by any propaganda, industrial, economic, political or religious. Truth would come out of such a system. "The whole truth and nothing but the truth." Factionalism and strife would disappear, because there would be no half truth and perverted truth to give them abortive birth.

After all education is but the means to an end. In a higher sense democracy is but the means to an end. In the highest sense, civilization itself is but the means to an end. That end is the triumph of truth, God's truth and man's truth, out of which can come the heavenly blessing of a harmonized humanity here on earth.

America must lead the way.

## KLANSMEN BELIEVE IN THEIR PRINCIPLES

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"I hear the Klan kind of fixes up things that ain't right," another said. "Well, so-and-so has fixed it up with the store so I can't get good materials, and my work's so bad I can't make a living. I'm going to reform it so it can't be stopped." And join he did.

"My sister's husband is off raising hell in Indiana and don't send her enough to live on," remarked a third. "They've passed word to the Klan out there."

These are only a few. The Grand Dragon of one State told me he got twenty requests a week for action in just such cases; another put his calls at fifty. I believe that, on the whole, the desire for this kind of reform has been more powerful than any other one thing in drawing men into the Klan. It is a very human and often "neighborly" desire, supported by the simpler morality, and it is hard to make "plain-minded" folks see the gross violation of fundamental principles which makes it vicious. I even notice that people who do see this, and disapprove on principle find it hard to work up much indignation over actual cases where they believe the victims are guilty. Action along these lines is not on the official Klan program and is being discouraged by the leaders, but without either the vigor or the success of the campaign against violence.

These two are the great unavowed motives in the Klan. Other motives, still reformatory, follow closely the lines of the propaganda.

"They're going to give Ohio and Indiana the biggest cleaning up you ever heard of," a Veterans' Bureau worker reports. "They're after every thing—drunk officials, crooked business, vice, crime, Sabbath breaking, poor schools, and all the rest."

This is the official Klan program. Even in the "night-riding States" I found many who had joined for these reasons. And everywhere, of course, there are very large numbers who have joined because the Klan seems to them to offer a solution to the great National questions of hyphenism and unassimilated immigration.

This, then, is the nucleus of thought around which the Klan has been built. Reform, sometimes selfish and sometimes public-spirited, sometimes merely meddlesome, sometimes well founded and using the entirely proper methods of opinion and votes. Often it is a mixture of all these elements. The means used are based on the relative state of civilization of the men or the communities in which the Klan has cal-

ed it into action.

But always it is reform of one kind or another, and, however warped or mis-directed, it is almost always aimed at some real wrong or abuse. It may err in ascribing the evils to Catholics, Jews, or aliens, but the evils themselves are real enough.

In other words the Klan movement seems to be another expression of the general unrest and dissatisfaction with both local and National conditions—the high cost of living, social injustice and inequality, poor administration of justice, political corruption, hyphenism, disunity, unassimilated and conflicting thought and standards—which are distressing all thoughtful men. The Klan is strong because it offers what no one else has offered: a solution which is fundamental and all-embracing in that it calls for a return to a time-honored basis and standard. The Klan also, has been wise enough not to promise any complete cure.

So the thing for which the Klansman pays his money, the thing for which he works and which holds his loyalty is simply guidance in carrying out the reforms he demands.

This is the nucleus, but it is not all the Klan. There must be added the accretions which gather to any growing organization and a few which are peculiar to the Klan itself. Among the latter are the "haters" whose prejudices are always strong and who react violently to the Klan propaganda, the hot-heads who are attracted by the chance for mysterious and violent action, the youths who want "fun, romance, and swagger," and the cowards who hope under cover to satisfy private grudges. Among the normal burrs are the "joiners," the people who go with the crowd, those who have definite ends that may be helped by the support of any organization, and the parasites.

The attitude of Dr. Evans, the Imperial Wizard, toward these various motives in Klansmen has been fairly well reported in previous articles. Two further remarks of his bear on the subject. I had pointed out the large number who joined from motives very different from those the Klan avows.

"Human emotions and human motives are the same the world over and since the world began," he replied. "Of course, in a vast organization, with its millions of members, there are bound to be undesirable individuals. This is true in the most serious way during the propagating period. There is an intangible something, however, in the Klan that searches out the hearts of men, and it has been the experience that the man who has joined for selfish or intolerant reasons is very quickly converted or driven out."

"Is not the large part of the membership of the unbalanced, hot-headed type of young men?" was another question.

"No, I would not say that," he declared. "I would say that the Klan is composed of young rather than old men, but it is the young men of the balanced minds who are the stamina of the Nation. I have seen audiences of many kinds, and I will say that Klan audiences will compare very favorably with any audience you have ever seen."

It is impossible to make more than a guess at the proportion of the various motives which lead men to join the Klan. It differs in every community. But, taking the country as a whole, I should guess that the parasites number less than five per cent of the whole, the actual haters and trouble-hunters another five per cent, and the "joiners" about twenty per cent. The remaining seventy per cent seem sincere reformers, however mistaken. About half of them, I believe, are moved largely by the desire to remedy things which cannot be reached by law—the largest single element—and most of the rest by hope of local reform of some rather valuable kind. Those actually moved to join by the National aims of the Klan I should not put above ten per cent. But all of these motives overlap, and I should also guess that at least seventy per cent of the Klansmen would work with some vigor for local reform and most as many would support the National program.

There is one more thing about the composite mind of the Klan which may be interpreted in different ways but cannot be ignored. This is a certain intensity, purposefulness, sometimes unselfishness, which the Klan seems to infuse into the bulk of its members. There is, of course, a great background for emotionalism in the Klan aims and forms of appeal; the Klan seizes on this, strengthens and uses it. To many Klansmen the Klan doctrine has come with the force of revelation, sacred, over-mastering, and with most of the elements of religious conversion.

The result depends on the character of the man, but it is to be felt in some form in every contact with the Klan. It rises sometimes to the pitch of fierce fanaticism, with all the shocking and terrible splendor of that form of obsession. Nothing less, for example, could have held the Klan paraders standing in the streets

of Carnegie while brickbats and bullets felled a quarter of their number. This was the martyr spirit. But this same intensity may also produce a narrow, intolerant, irascible attitude, impatient of opposition or question, which classes all outsiders as enemies, and strikes with equal vigor at crime, corruption or criticism. A correspondent in Dallas writes about this:

"I have reason to believe I know the psychology of the Klansmen. It is a modern Mohammedanism more than anything else. And great is the Grand Titan. It is semi-religious, yet it is a religion of violence, propagated by violence, and its adherents are modern fuzzy-wuzzies in business clothes. No more cowards than other men, but selfish, egotistic, and dangerous modern fanatics, and at the slightest show of disagreement the sword is brought into play and the 'Christian dog' is slain. (Except that the sword is the six-gun.)"

There is truth in this condemnation, yet it would fit Cromwell's Ironsides or the Salem Puritans—any strongly convinced body of men. The Klan spirit does not run to men in Ohio and Indiana, where the Klan strength is now centered, but there seems a matter of the customs of the country. It is nearly as intense as in Dallas and similar places even if less raw and it can better be called devotion or consecration than fanaticism. Certainly that is the pitch at which the Klan leaders try to hold it. But the difference in spirit between the two extremes of the Klan is one of degree; there is still the semi-religious feeling, the resentment toward opposition, the narrowness and often intolerance. It is more than a coincidence that everywhere the Klan is linked with and supported by the narrower, less liberal churches, and that most of its members are "Fundamentalists." In Ohio, for example, all the Protestant churches are more or less involved except the Congregationalists and Unitarians.

This, then, is the mind of the Klan as nearly as it can be seen. A mind with mixed motives, generally well-intentioned, confused, warped and illogical, or sane and clear, in different individuals. It includes purposes very different from those the leaders profess, and prejudices and hatreds they are trying to control. And the whole is driven by an intense emotionalism which makes it a tremendous power, and makes it doubly a menace wherever it goes wrong.

The means by which the Klan makes this power effective, its methods and weapons it uses, and the extent of the control which the leaders have over the mass of members will be reported in the next article, "The Power of Invisibility."

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## HISTORY REPEATS ITSELF IN THIRD PARTY MOVEMENT

Radical Senators From Northwestern States Are Exerting Large Influence on Actions of Congress—Most of Them Are off Republican Reservation.

Conventions Have Been Scheduled for Next Summer to Adopt Platforms and Nominate National Candidates—LaFollette's Name Looms Large on Political Horizon.

(Bureau of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Is this to be the year when another big third party movement is to be started in this country, is a question that is being heard discussed nowadays in the National Capital. So many radical senators have come to the senate lately that the great northwest is beginning to feel its power in this direction.

Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, has been in the senate a long time, and he always has been an insurgent, always off the Republican reservation. He thinks no more of attacking the Republican party than he does the Democratic party, in fact, most of his attacks have been made on the party that claims to elect him from time to time.

Senator Hiram Johnson, of California, is another senator who strays away from the Republican reservation whenever he feels like it. He, too, does not hesitate to attack the Republican party whenever he feels in the mood to do it.

Then there is Senator Brookhart, of Iowa, a newcomer, a radical of the radicals. Senators Frazier and Ladd, of North Dakota, line up with the same bunch.

**On Party Reservations**  
Minnesota last year elected two Farmer-Laborites and turned down both of the old political parties. Senators Magnus Johnson and Shipstead nearly always line up with the Republican insurgents or the Democrats to help defeat the Republicans.

Senator Borah, of Idaho, is off the Republican reservation most of the time. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, is also most independent in his thought and action. He fights the administration in the senate about as much as he fought Uncle Joe Cannon in the house when the latter was speaker. Senator Norris has been joined by another independent man in Senator Howell of the same state, this year. However, the new senator from Nebraska is showing more signs of being regular than Senator Norris has ever shown.

In the recent voting, Senator Capper, of Kansas, Senator Harrell, of Oklahoma, and Senator Norbeck, of South Dakota, seem to have joined the other insurgents.

It is noticeable that most of the senators named belong to the agricultural farm bloc in the senate, and it seems they are sticking close to one another. And on the Democratic side of the chamber we notice that Senators Dill, of Washington, and Wheeler, of Montana, are inclined to belong to the same crowd and vote with them on numerous occasions.

**May Hold Convention**  
Thus it is shown that about 15 senators are inclined in the same direction. There are enough of them

on the Republican side of the chamber to make life miserable for the majority party at this session of congress.

All of this gives rise to the comments that are heard about the probable coming out of a third party movement this year. Already one or two such gatherings or third party conventions have been scheduled for meeting this coming summer to adopt a national platform and nominate candidates for a national ticket. Just who will be picked to head such a party or ticket is yet problematical, but Senator La Follette's name has been heard mentioned more than that of any other, and it is well known that he has had presidential ambitions ever since he entered public life. It is well known that this element in the two parties has been busy trying to get Senator La Follette to make the race as a third party candidate, but up to this time he has not given his consent, but there are many persons in Washington who profess to believe that he will be the one chosen and that he will give in and stand for nomination and election.

A third party movement, with the greater portion of such element coming from the Republican party, will repeat the history that was made back in Roosevelt and Taft campaign days. That's why the Democrats of the country are taking on such courage after their disastrous defeat of four years ago. They believe they see a big fighting chance this year, especially if they can succeed in getting a third party in the field, and the political wind is blowing in that direction just now.

### Klanswomen Active Throughout Kansas

TROY, KAN., Feb. 18.—The Women of the Ku Klux Klan are rapidly coming to the front in the northeast section of the state. Wathena and Elwood now have strong organizations and are in the midst of campaigns to increase the membership to still greater proportions. The organization in St. Joseph has ambitions to become as great in its membership as is the men's order in that city, and is working to that end. Splendid educational work is being conducted in this section of the state.

## Radio Helps Entertain Tubercular Patients In Veterans' Hospital No. 68 At Minneapolis, Minn.



EX-SERVICE MEN LISTENING TO EXPLANATION OF RADIO

The patients at the United States Veterans' Hospital No. 68 at Minneapolis, Minn., receive much enjoyment from the radio outfit recently installed there. The apparatus was installed at the instigation of Dr. Walter K. Foley, chief of the hospital. This physician believes that one of the greatest factors in health is a right state of mind, and consequently he counts the radio a real asset to the hospital. In the photograph he is shown explaining details of the radio to a group of tubercular patients.

## SENATOR HEFLIN, ACCUSER OF TEXAS LAND FRAUD AGENT, DENIES KLAN MEMBERSHIP

(Bureau of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Senator Hefflin, of Alabama, denies that he is a member of the Yu Klux Klan, or that he ever was a member; and he also denies that he is directing or leading in the management of Senator Mayfield's contest for his seat in the senate. He charges that R. B. Creager, of Texas, has injected the Ku Klux Klan into the situation in order to hide his own land frauds which the senate is about to investigate. In a speech in the senate on this phase of the matter Senator Hefflin said:

"I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have never been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have never met with or had conferences with the attorneys for Senator Mayfield in the contest pending against him. I am not directing or managing his contest. I have not heard a senator mention that contest in two months.

"I will say in this connection that long before the Ku Klux Klan was heard of in Texas I made a speech at Austin, invited there by the legislature of the state to speak on the cotton question. One night while I was there I delivered a speech to the dear old ladies of the Confederate Home and the present distinguished junior senator from Texas introduced me, and I was a guest at his home.

"I repeat, I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have not been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. I have not met with the lawyers representing Senator Mayfield in his contest; neither am I directing or managing the management of that contest. These statements refute and show to be false the statements made by this man R. B. Creager, who is seeking to inject something into the situation behind which he can hide."

Guess that will hold Mr. Creager for awhile. He will now be obliged to cook up another excuse if he wants to throw the blame on the Klan.

## TO ENTERTAIN KLANSMEN MICHIGAN CITY, IND.—Klansmen here are preparing to entertain the convention of the Thirteenth Province of the Realm of Indiana, February 22.

It is expected to be one of the biggest days of Klansmen have ever enjoyed in northern Indiana.

## Thought He Saw a Robbed Klansman

(From Afton Star-Enterprise)  
Last Sunday evening H. T. (Heine) Schoen had a rather unpleasant experience over near Thayer. It will be remembered that the evening was dark and gloomy, with a slight rainfall. Heine had been over to Des Moines and was on his way home and when he reached the Cook hill south of Thayer he saw something which startled him for a second. Something white in human form was standing in the road with a light in its hand, waving it back and forth as if to stop him. At first he thought it was an optical illusion, caused by an off brand of refreshments, but as he drew nearer he saw that it was a real person. His imagination was running wild, and he thought perhaps it was a member of the Ku Klux Klan, or perhaps someone wanting to rent him the civic league room. But with a clear conscience and an empty flask, he applied the brakes, and it proved to be a fellow creature in distress. The station agent from Cromwell had got into the ditch and needed assistance. A daughter was injured, so Heine went to Thayer and secured assistance.

Among other things which Presbyterians will be urged to do without for the sake of their contributions will be amusements, luxuries, and even necessities, so far as possible. They will be asked to give up a stock, a bond, a piece of jewelry, some article of personal property, a ticket to a concert, or a few gallons of gasoline for an unnecessary pleasure trip, and to add to their gifts to the church as liberally as possible, doubling their portions in every practicable instance. They will be reminded that during war time they gave up meat, wheat, sweets, money, time and convenience. They are now asked to make as liberal sacrifices in behalf of the program of the church for the Christianizing of the world. Moderator Wifhart in his official call states that America is trembling between paganism and Christianity; that from Alaska to Porto Rico, the Presbyterian Board of National Missions is grappling with the powers of darkness, and that the future destiny of America is at stake; that in the Far East a terrible race is on between chaos and Christianity, and that unless Christianity wins chaos will come again.

Two of the largest Klan demonstrations to be held in the state of Pennsylvania are scheduled within three days of each other within the next two weeks. The first is to be held at Coraopolis, Saturday night, February 23, and will consist of a huge parade, demonstration and initiation. Monday following, February 25, the Klansmen will assemble at New Castle, where a repetition of Saturday's activity will mark the beginning of a long list of activity on the part of Klansmen in Pennsylvania.

Terre Haute has been overrun with every class of criminals. Citizens and policemen have been murdered on the streets by holdup men, and 17 gasoline filling stations have been robbed in a comparatively short time. Few, if any of the criminals have been caught. Davis has announced his candidacy for the nomination for governor on the Republican ticket, and his platform includes promises of law enforcement

and reduction of taxes. He made the same promises in his campaign for mayor and eight months after his election the taxes of Terre Haute were increased sharply.

A notorious attorney, who has served his term in the federal prison, attempted to put over an endorsement of Davis at a meeting of the Bar Association of Terre Haute recently, but he was so severely sat on that further attempts probably will not be made.

**Infatuate 100 Klansmen**  
More than 100 candidates were initiated into the Terre Haute order of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at a meeting last week. It was one of the worst nights of the winter, a pouring rain raging, but several hundreds attended the ceremonial, the work being exemplified by the Sugar Creek unit. A week before Vigo county Klansmen were guests of the Lost Creek unit, where a large class was initiated.

## ACTION STARTED TO INVESTIGATE CREAGER FRAUDS

Senator Hefflin Gets Results From Disclosures on Floor of Senate

## TEXAN IS IN HIDING?

Attorney James R. Page, of Kansas City, Mo., Knows Rio Grande Situation

(Bureau of Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 15.—Senator Hefflin, of Alabama, has finally gotten action on his resolution to have an investigation into charges of fraudulent land operations in Texas in the Rio Grande Valley. The senate has ordered the investigation made and the inquiry is to be conducted by the committee on postoffice and post roads.

While this investigation will take in the operations of all land companies in that section of the country, it will especially investigate the operations of the Alamo Land & Sugar Company, of which R. B. Creager, Republican national committeeman from Texas, is president. Creager is the same man who proposes to put a crimp in the Ku Klux Klan by having the Democratic party and the Republican party insert planks in their respective platforms in national conventions this coming summer hostile to the Klan.

## To Stop Complaints

Senator Hefflin said in a senate speech yesterday that he had information that Creager had at one time secured an injunction from a state court to prevent people defrauded from writing their complaints to government officials and send their tales of woe through the United States mails. That showed Creager's pull with both the postoffice department and the state courts.

Senator Hefflin also charged that Creager had come to Washington and was in hiding somewhere directing a campaign of abuse and slander by mail to the various senators, trying to stop the proposed investigation.

According to Senator Hefflin, his source of information comes from one James R. Page, attorney, of Kansas City, Mo., who is the man who has been through some of the preliminary work in the Rio Grande valley. He says Page is the man who forced through the indictment of W. E. Stewart, for whom this man Creager is now receiver. Stewart was the head of the Stewart Land Company and he was indicted on 16 counts which carried a penalty of 30 years in the pen. Senator Hefflin said that Page was not a member of the Ku Klux Klan as had been charged but that Page had even made speeches against the Klan in Missouri in 1922.

## Reads Extracts

Senator Hefflin read into the Record extracts from Collier's Weekly, the Country Gentleman, Kansas City Journal and others to show of the "rickety and fraud" perpetrated on the people in the Rio Grande Valley by the various land companies in that section. Mr. Creager seems to be connected with most of them as an attorney in addition to being president of one of them which some people proclaim is the worst one of the whole bunch.

Senator Hefflin introduced into the Record yesterday the following letter from a widow who lost nearly \$9,000. "Dear Senator, I am for you, and pray God you will get your investigation through. I was robbed by the Swallow Land Co. (This is Creager's company) of nearly \$9,000, and I understand R. B. Creager is an official of said company. If you get your investigation through you may count on me, if allowed to do so, to show that I was robbed of nearly

Objections of Secretary of States Hughes to the Johnson bill, particularly with regard to the provisions which practically would exclude Japanese from the United States, was up for consideration today by the House committee.

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## May Count Texas Ballots Monday

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Word comes from the senate committee on privileges and elections that the subcommittee will begin counting the Texas ballots the first of next week, perhaps next Monday. In the contested election case of Senator Mayfield, of Texas, this contest was filed by George E. B. Peddy, of Texas, an opponent of the junior senator from Texas.

Forty deputy sergeants-at-arms have been going over the state of Texas for the past thirty days, visiting every county, and collecting the ballot boxes and tally sheets used in the senatorial election last year. It has been some job, and now the subcommittee has a tremendous job ahead of it in seeing what the ballots show.

## Administration Is Endorsed by Klan in Jackson, Tenn.

JACKSON, TENN., Feb. 18.—At a meeting of Jackson No. 45 Klan Realm of Tennessee a few nights ago the Klan unanimously endorsed the Imperial Wizard Dr. Hiram Wesley Evans and his official family, in the disposition he has made of many trying problems recently and pledged their utmost confidence, profound respect and loyal support to him and his administration.

## Quiet Reigns in Nation's Capital During Week

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Things are about as quiet in the senate this week as they were noisy last week. Senators are getting their breath, apparently, as last week they talked themselves hoarse on the oil scandal and trying to bring about the enforced resignation of Secretary Benby. President Coolidge's speech in New York on Lincoln's birthday anniversary seemed to take all the sap out of those senators who fought the administration last week, and now they are watching the reaction. They have their ears to the ground to hear what the people have to say.

## HELP LIFT CHURCH DEBT

BURLINGTON, KAN., Feb. 18.—While the board of stewards of a local church were sitting around the table trying to devise plans for lifting the church debt, seven men in the regalia of the Ku Klux Klan appeared, and after a short prayer at the altar, presented the board members with an envelope containing \$26.50. Then they retired as silently as they had come.

\$9,000. I am a widow with two girls to educate. I am now employed by the above hotel at \$12.50 a week as maid, and I can hardly get by on it."

"Very respectfully,  
Mrs. Mary Hoffman."

## Federal Official Perhaps?

"Mr. President, I have one letter that suggests that one federal official, high in authority, may receive commissions from these land sales. The hearings will disclose whether that is true or not," said Senator Hefflin. "There are hundreds of people stranded in the valley, duped by these land companies, and defrauded out of all that they possessed. I am fighting for them. Let the truth be known and let justice be done. That is all I ask," concluded the senator from Alabama.

And the man most concerned is R. B. Creager and he is the man who wants the Klan abolished. Guess R. B. will have troubles of his own before he gets through with the senate and the senator from Alabama. Why does Creager want the kibosh put on the Klan?

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