

STEVENS AFTER
SWANK'S SCALPSays Swank Is
Getting too Chesty
And Must Quit

Windy Is Experiencing Some Difficulty In Finding a Reason for Canning the Chief.

Newark, O., Jan. 2.—And now His Most Puissant Highness, Stevens the Windy One, has trained his guns upon the erstwhile sharer of his honors and perquisites—particularly prequisites—Chief of Police Charles Swank.

Various reasons are given for Windy's sudden change of front, but probably the real reason is that Swank has seen how rapidly Windy's influence has dwindled and is ready to throw in with the Fitzsimmons-Taylor-Harris bunch.

Another reason for Swank's desperation is the refusal of Windy to permit Swank to run for sheriff last fall. And the fact that Swank was given a boost in salary didn't heal the sore spot—not by a jug full.

Now Windy is tearing his shirt—likewise his shrimpy—in an effort to get rid of Swank. He can't prefer charges without involving himself—and the civil service commission belongs to the Fitzsimmons-Taylor-Harris gang of Klanarchists, also known as the Independent Klan of the North. That organization, by the way, is the old K. K. K. under another name. All the difference lies in the fact that the officers do not have fancy titles, and that is because the rank and file couldn't spell the various titles.

FULK ST. CKS CARDS ON
BUDGET COMMISSION

When Clamorous Fulk was a member of the council finance committee he pulled a stunt that was decidedly unethical, to say the least.

The Budget Commission had held a meeting and apportioned the available city funds to the various departments. This budget was sent to the city council for approval.

At this point Fulk, as a member of the finance committee, got in his dirty work. He was not satisfied with the way the money was apportioned, nor the amount appropriated and secretly and without authority, changed the ordinance to suit himself, presenting the altered ordinance to the council as coming from the budget commission.

As the council had confidence in the Budget Commission the ordinance was passed without close inspection.

This may be news to some council members, but the records will prove it to be true.

Moral—Keep your eyes open when dealing with Clamorous Fulk.

WILL THE NEW PUMP
WORK WHEN INSTALLED

That is a question agitating the minds of those familiar with the Hooven, Owens, Rentschler Co., of Hamilton, Ohio, who have contracted with the Klanarchist administration to furnish a pump for the water works at a cost of about \$50,000.

As a matter of fact, this company never made a pump of the size contracted for, and this city is placed in the position of paying for the experiments of the pump company.

Of course the fact that the H. O. R. company was a K. K. K. concern gave them an edge on other bidders. In fact there are those who go so far as to say that the successful bidders knew exactly what they were bidding against when their bid was submitted.

In any event, it would be the part of wisdom to have the new pump inspected thoroughly by a really competent disinterested engineer before the city accepts it. To get a disinterested engineer it will be necessary to bar any member of the K. K. K. In this case K. K. K. stands for Krooked, Krookeder, Krookedest. May be poor grammar, but it's the truth.

HOW THEY SPENT CHRISTMAS.
Windy Stevens—explaining why to
(Continued to Page Three)PREACHERS ARE
SPREADING HATE
AND INTOLERANCE

Men Filling Logansport Pulpits Scorn Bible Teachings.

KASS COUNTY KOOTIES

Logansport, Jan. 2.—As the curtain is being rung down on the year 1924, and we are celebrating the anniversary of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem, the source of love, the Saviour of all mankind, be they Jew or Gentile, white or black, American or foreign born, we had hoped that we had reached the end of the string, so far as the ministers, who stand for intolerance in concerned.

But such is not the case, as the Wheatland Avenue M. E. Church is brought to our attention, and we are told that the great majority of the members of this church are members of the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Hartley is the man who plays the stellar role, as preacher, claiming to feed the sheep, but from all the data we can glean we are suspicious that his flock are mostly made up of a Buttin' Brigade, namely, "Goats." We sincerely believe that that sort of religion will soon be a part of history, as the members of that church or any other church who are desirous of leading Christian lives and who possess a Bible and read the commandments therein, which commands each and every one of us to "Love God above all things and our neighbor as ourself," hear their minister preach anything contrary to the commandments of the Master, will turn in disgust and seek the religion of the minister who preaches "Jesus and Love." We had hoped that perhaps, some of those bigoted ministers would become imbued with the Christian spirit, and sell their hammer and buy a horn and line up with the rest of us in the ranks of Christ Jesus, the only 100 per cent man that was or ever will be born. We would like to meet the man or woman living in the world today, who has the brass to claim perfection, 100 per cent Eh? That is just what the Post Democrat is showing up, the supposed one hundred percenter. That reminds us of the Biblical story, the Pharisee and the Publican, of course, all Ku Kluxers stand with the Pharisee.

Despite the fact that the Bishops of the Methodist church denounced and condemned the organization, known as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, at their National Conference, still some of their pulpits are filled with insincere men, who profess Christianity. How much longer the community will be infested with that species of preacher, remains to be seen. Logansport dumped one apostate, in the personage of Simons, of the Main Street Methodist, also "Ju-Ju" Wachintz, old Cal Swininger's right hand bower, who found College Hill and Cass County too hot, and (Continued to Page Four)

COL. WM. SIMMONS NOT
BLAMED FOR KLAN EVILS

Disillusionment!

There are something like two hundred thousand klansmen and former klansmen in the state of Indiana. There are also thousands of women who became members of the order.

It would be idle to declare that the majority of these people were not convinced that they had joined an organization which stood for the things its leaders declared it stood for.

How basely they were deceived becomes apparent as the real purposes of the klan leaders unfold themselves.

Using the Holy Bible and the flag of our country as their chief exhibits, Imperial Wizard Evans and his staff of confidence men have prostituted christianity, betrayed their country and deceived and robbed their own followers in order to enrich themselves and attain political power.

Those who joined the Ku Klux Klan were impressed by its platitudes. To be a "one hundred percent American," at a trifling cost of ten dollars, seemed to them an inestimable privilege.

Gazing upward at the starry emblem of freedom they were blissfully oblivious of the immediate "split" of the ten dollar purchase price of Americanism. If their glances had been earthward they would have witnessed an immediate meeting, behind the barn, of Wizard Evans, Grand Dragon Bossert and the lesser grafters, each claiming his particular percentage of the ten dollar fee.

In subscribing to separation of church and state, belief in God and resistance to the program of any individual, organization or church that holds its allegiance to any foreign power, either ecclesiastic or temporal, to be superior to its obligations to the government, the klansman was bunkoed into paying ten dollars for the acquirement of a diploma which is graven in the heart of every good citizen, Catholic, Protestant, Jew, Gentile or Negro.

The klan leaders craftily commercialized the virtues. Imposing upon the natural tendency of good citizens to love their country, protect their women and stand for proper obedience to the law, Evans and his gold brick specialists placed these precious attributes of good citizenship on the shelves of commerce and sold them in ten dollar packages to all who would buy.

Indiana klansmen today are a sadly disillusioned lot. Eighty percent of those who joined have dropped out and of the twenty percent remaining the majority are staying in either for the money there is in it or for some other selfish purpose.

The thing that killed the klan in Indiana was the discovery that its leaders are all crooked and insincere and that the klan is being operated by its southern boss as a hate machine and a murder factory. Those who opposed the klan knew these things from the start, but the members were loth to surrender their belief in their leaders.

I know hundreds of klansmen in Muncie and I do not believe that one of them, in his heart, hates the Catholic, Jew or Negro. Practically all of them were induced to join in the belief that they were becoming members of a great protective organization. Nothing was said by the "kleagle" who snared them about whipping negroes, closing the parochial schools, disfranchising Catholics, demonetizing the Israelite, packing juries, controlling judges and mayors, prosecuting those who oppose the klan and protecting its criminals and running the politics of the nation.

But these things all cropped out. Negroes and whites were indiscriminately beaten in Texas, Oklahoma, Georgia, Louisiana and other southern states. Murder became a common thing. Law and order became a mockery and courts in many localities degenerated into mere instruments of torture for the Ku Klux Klan.

When Wizard Evans publicly announced a few months ago that the klan was not in politics, every klansman knew him to be an unmitigated liar. The trouble with Evans and his crew is that they pressed their luck too long with the iron dupes. They made the mistake of lying too crudely.

To be a good liar one should use some ingenuity and when Evans told his own people that the klan was not in politics, and then openly ordered his henchmen in every state to get into politics, it was even too much for klansmen. They also grew weary of hearing klan "lectures" cursing Catholics, Jews and Negroes in the privacy of the "klavern" and then feeding the general public with the old stuff about the klan being the Negro's best friend and that it has nothing in the world against the Catholic and Jew.

They also grew very tired of giving up their money to a bunch of grafters who gave them nothing in return for it except a promise that further collections would be made.

It is now "the morning after the night before" with a vast majority of Indiana klansmen. They have had a bellyfull of hate and are fed up on hot air. They blush when they remember how they used to stray abroad at night, masked and clad in a nightshirt which only served to emphasize and exaggerate the size of the boggans peeping out below.

They want to forget it all and become rational, normal citizens again. In Muncie the klan has practically disappeared. The (Continued to Page Two)

Founded Klan With
High Ideals, Which
Others Disgraced

Continuation of "Origin of the Klan" Showing How Scheming and Disreputable Persons Spread Hatred and Intolerance and Entered Politics for Gain.

(By George R. Dale)

In the first of my series of articles on the old klan, appearing in the issue of December 19, I involuntarily did an injustice to William Joseph Simmons, the founder of that organization, by the publication of one paragraph which requires a fuller explanation than was given at the time.

It was stated, "The founder of the klan of today, William Joseph Simmons, declares it to be a 'reincarnation' of the Ku Klux Klan of 1866-1871 and its history of murder, outraged and political treachery for the past five years bears out this claim to perfection."

Strange as it may seem to some, who know my persistent and determined opposition to the Ku Klux Klan, Col. Simmons is my personal friend, whom I hold in great esteem, and I want my readers to get the proper angle on Colonel Simmons' conception of the klan and what it degenerated into after the mercenaries took it in hand.

Greek Letter Screen
Used By Klansmen
In New York State

New York, Jan. 2, 1925.—The Ku Klux Klan, commonly inclined to lurk behind mask and sheet, has decided in the State of New York to withdraw still further from the public view, surrendering even its name in favor of Greek letters such as college societies adopt as symbols of classic learning, if Klan records brought to the attention of State officials here are to be trusted.

There has been incorporated in New York an organization known as Alpha Pi Sigma, significant, it is said of A. P. S., which in turn are the letters standing for "American Patriotic Society," a name sometimes used in Klan activities. When the incorporation papers were filed with the Secretary of State, their significance was not known to either that official or the State Attorney General.

Alpha Pi Sigma is described as "a purely fraternal, patriotic society," and the papers add that it will own and control all regalia necessary in its affairs and will hold meetings in groves. Its affairs are to be nationwide. Speaking of Colonel Simmons, he says:

"In justice to Colonel Simmons, who incidentally no longer has connection with the organization, because of its departure from the paths charted for its feet to tread, I desire to correct the impression that the present program, policies and practices were contemplated or had origin in his mentality. His great heart is sad and his soul is in anguish over the prostration of his 'brain child,' its departure from the road of high idealism and its present wanderings in the slough of despond."

Klansmen Sentenced
For Robbing Church

Burlington, Vt.—William C. Moyers, Ku Klux Klan organizer, has been sentenced to from two to three years at hard labor in the House of Correction, at Windsor, Vt., after pleading guilty to the charge of grand larceny from St. Mary Cathedral here, last August. William E. McCready and Gordon Wells, implicated with Moyers in the robbery, received sentences of from four to six months at hard labor. McCready and Wells pleaded not guilty and were convicted of petit larceny after a jury trial.

It was brought out that Moyers received \$4 out of every \$10 initiation fee paid by Klan neophytes. (Continued to Page Three)

He then cites some of the idealistic plans of Colonel Simmons including a great university, a tubercular sanitarium and hospitals for the treatment of narcotic addicts, concluding under this head with the bitter declaration that "the Klan of today is unable to show, as the result of any program they may have, two bricks joined together with mortar, intended for the uplift, the education or the physical healing of sick and suffering humanity."

This remarkable letter concludes with the following paragraphs: "These things were the 'envisioned' of Colonel William Joseph Simmons and to which he dedicated himself for their fulfillment. That these idealistic and humanitarian programs (Continued to Page Three)

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Prosecutor Ogle has decided not to prosecute two residents of the city of Detroit, who happen to be stockholders in the Hub company. The two men were indicted by the "all women" grand jury and the decision not to push the prosecution came after the attorney general's office gave Sheriff Hoffman the haw-haw when he attempted to secure requisition papers. Ogle is quoted as saying that he thinks the attorney general was in error in refusing to permit the extradition of the indicted individuals. If the attorney general only had a bright lawyer like Van Ogle to advise him he could avoid all these unnecessary mistakes.

Horrors! That perfervid oration of Dr. Botkin was wasted on the desert air. The city building is to be erected after all. Well, Doc got it off his chest, anyhow, and that's something.

The city council battened a thousand as usual when it met to elect a new member to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Fred Fromouth. The new man is said to be a one hundred percenter. If he's not he ought to feel lone-some in that crowd of republican kluckers.

We note in the current issue of the "Fellowship Forum" the national mouthpiece of the Ku Klux Klan, published at Washington, that Worley Cortner, a former Muncie street car motorman, is now lecturing in the west for the Klan. The Forum gave a "heart renderin" account of the way Worley presents a flag and a bible to a bunch of benighted kluckers in a little red school house out in Idaho. Well, what they don't know out in Idaho won't hurt 'em, and since it seems to be easy money for Worley, and since he seems to be keeping his face straight and getting away with it, far be it from us to give him away.

John Brady is in jail for contempt of Lance Coons' court. John is the fellow who said he burned D. C. Stephenson's yacht and then skinned it back. He took part in the prison vaudeville at the jail Christmas eve, reciting "The Boy Stood on the Burning Deck" in a manner that brought tears to the eyes of even the most hardened bootlegger in the gallery.

ENEMIES OF THE NATION.

Discussing the aftermath of the Ku Klux Klan in Buffalo, N. Y., when it ran its course in a short time, ending in two murders and the publication of the Klan list of memberships by the chief of police. The Catholic Union and Times of that city asks:

"What has the Klan of Buffalo accomplished? Friendships have been divided and enmities made; deceptions have been practiced and perjury committed; suspicions have arisen and lies as black as the hinges of hell have been told; division, strife, discord, murder, blackmail, espionage, threats—these are the evil fruits that have grown on the evil tree called Klan. Its honor rooted in dis-honor stood, and faith unfaithful left it falsely true. Conceived in sin and born in iniquity, the Klan proved itself to be the spawn of hell."

But this is just what was planned by those who conceived the Klan as an agency for dividing the American people, and particularly as a means of breaking up labor unions. In Buffalo it has done the work it was planned to do. In other places it is accomplishing it more gradually. Most of the organizers who are making easy money, the poor "suckers" who are paying the initiation fees and the public that is harried by the antics of the Klan usually think that the Klan is an anti-Catholic movement. It is that because—and only because—it can create dissension and division more easily by utilizing religious prejudice than in any other way.

The Klan is lawless, un-American and dangerous. It leaves its victims a prey to fanaticism and wild hallucinations. The pity is that there should be so many people who are simple enough to fall victims to its propaganda. And a greater pity it is that there should be found men so depraved as to seek their own selfish purposes by taking advantage of ignorance and prejudice among the people of this country. They are enemies of the nation that shelters them.—True Voice.

THE EVANS CONSPIRACY.

The Post-Democrat has in its possession one of the original documents mailed out December 9 by "Grand Dragon" Walter F. Bossert to the "exalted cyclops" of the Ku Klux Klan of each county in the state of Indiana.

This document refers particularly to the Klan's legislative program, and the part the Klan is to take in the work of the Indiana state legislature, which convenes next week.

It is headed "Official Document, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Realm of Indiana" and is addressed to "All Exalted Cyclops and Chiefs of Klokan." It is signed, "Walter F. Bossert, Grand Dragon, by W. Lee Smith, Chief of Staff."

Bossert urges these various Klan leaders to send him an immediate report on the Klan members of the legislature from their counties and casually writes: "We, of course, will in due time call a meeting of such senators,

representatives, joint senators and joint representatives and will notify you of the meeting in order that you can notify these officials."

Reading further we find this. "You know we have a program which we propose to launch in the legislature that is causing OUR COMMON ENEMY and certain other antagonistic elements much concern. * * * You can help us protect and save our program by giving this your immediate attention."

Thus we have the documentary evidence that the Ku Klux Klan, ruled by a Texas dentist, is preparing to make the laws of Indiana. Evans gives orders to Bossert, the latter passes the order on to "all exalted cyclops," and finally the representatives and senators are to take their orders from the cyclops.

In his letter to his flunkies, the "cyclops," Bossert speaks of "our program which we propose to launch in the legislature. "Who is the "we" referred to and what is this program?

The "we" is one Hiram Evans, an obscure dentist from Texas, who rules in the "imperial palace" at Atlanta, Georgia. If the "program" referred to is put through the legislature, Indiana laws will not be made by the chosen representatives of the people of the state, but by the edict of the spawn of rebellion and secession.

As to the "program," the Evans crew makes no pretension of concealing its purposes. Assuming to control the legislature, this treasonable gang hopes first of all to abolish the parochial schools in Indiana and to enact a law making it compulsory for all children of school age to attend the public schools. If this law is passed it will be a criminal offense to send pupils to private schools.

The Klan caused such a law to be enacted in the state of Oregon, a short time ago, which was immediately declared unconstitutional by the supreme court of that state, but it is a part of "our program" in Indiana, and it is to be enacted in this state provided a sufficient number of Klan senators and representatives will take orders from the imperial wizard.

The "program" also calls for "white supremacy" which directly calls for Jim Crow legislation patterned on Texas lines and is ultimately to result in the practical disenfranchisement of colored voters.

The conspiracy further contemplates a complete reorganization of all state departments by the appointment of men and women to all executive positions who are pledged to take orders from the imperial palace.

It is hardly likely that the "program" will go through. It is true that a majority of the legislators are Klansmen and former Klansmen, but there is ample reason to believe that enough of them will rebel to defeat the ambition of Hiram Evans, to make Indiana a mere chattel of an invisible empire.

Elsewhere in this issue may be found the story of Judge Ben Lindsey's most recent election, written by himself. Ben Lindsey delivered an address here a few months ago. Judge Lindsey fought the Klan in the last election and the Klan fought him, but as usual he came out victorious. Read what Judge Lindsey has to say about the Klan.

THE JURY BOX.

Jury Commissioners John Hampton and Jake Cavanaugh met Monday and drew the grand and petit jurors for the January term. The petit jury is composed of six men and six women and the grand jury is also evenly divided, three men and three women.

The law requires that the names of citizens shall be placed in the jury box and drawn out by the jury commissioners. The law doesn't say anything about drawing out an equal number of men and women. This has been done so often by Hampton and Cavanaugh that it has ceased to excite much comment.

It is not even regarded strange any more that so many "repeaters" find their way on juries. We notice, for instance, that Ephriam McConnell has been drawn on the jury.

We remember distinctly that this ancient bird was on the jury that convicted the editor of the Post-Democrat of "libeling" the fat slob Roeger. The names of such people as McConnell easily find their way in, and out, of the jury box.

CONGRESS FACES NUMEROUS TASKS

Many Bills To Be Considered Before House, Senate Ad-journ March 4.

MUSCLE SHOALS PROBLEM

Washington, Jan. 2.—With the Christmas recess at an end, Congress faces legislative tasks that are expected to keep the House and Senate working at top speed until the close of the present session, March 4.

The Muscle Shoals problem, vexing as ever, still has right-of-way in the Senate, which also faces a showdown next week on the question of sustaining the presidential veto of the postal salaries bill and is pledged before the windup of the session to take action on the Isle of Pines treaty.

On the House side, appropriation bills continue to have priority, with leaders planning to dispose of the McFadden bank bill and perhaps the rivers and harbors authorization measure during January.

Supply Bills Passed.

The House already has sent three of the dozen annual supply bills to the Senate. A fourth—the treasury post office measure carrying more

than three-quarters of a billion dollars and incidentally the largest peacetime appropriation bill in congressional history—will be disposed of this week, clearing the way for the army supply bill, which next will have right of way.

Thus far, the Senate has failed to take up any of the appropriation bills. With less than ten weeks remaining before Congress must adjourn sine die, leaders recognize the necessity of speeding action on these proposals and it is expected that the next few weeks will see several of them on their way to the President.

Reformatory's Needs \$996,644

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 2.—Joseph E. Hennings, chairman of the executive board of the state reformatory, Saturday announced that \$996,644 was the estimate placed by Superintendent Miles of the institution at Pendleton on the cost of completing the structure.

The legislative budget committee that inspected the institution included Senators Robert Moorehead, Indianapolis, and Walter Chambers, of Newcastle; Representatives, L. A. Pittinger, Muncie; Thurman Gottschalk of Berne.

DISSILUSIONMENT

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good feeling that existed before Bill Cahill began vending his hate pills has been restored in some measure. This is as it should be. There is no reason on earth why people should go on hating each other forever.

Personally I have no feeling of hatred toward any man living. I would step out of my way today to perform a personal service for my bitterest enemy. That does not mean, however, that this newspaper will not continue to attack dishonesty and malfeasance in office, or that it will abandon its policy of naming names and exposing to the public the identity of those who are exploiting them for selfish purposes. It is simply an expression of my personal feelings, for the benefit of both my friends and enemies, who may have gathered that the policy of the Post-Democrat has been dictated by personal animosity, rather than a desire to perform a service for the community.

JUDGE LINDSEY AND THE KLAN.

Ben B. Lindsey is famous throughout the country because of his work for civic betterment as Judge of Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court of Denver. In an article written for the New York World and St. Louis Post-Dispatch, he tells of his recent campaign to succeed himself. It was the most exciting election in Denver's history and Judge Lindsey won. The following are copious excerpts from his article:

After the hardest battle I have ever had, even in the days of the beast and the jungle when both political machines were against me because of the part I took in the exposure of the crimes of privilege, I won out for the tenth time in 25 years.

The particularly bitter character of the contest I have just passed through was due in large measure to the fact that I chose to openly and actively oppose the Ku Klux Klan that became an active political factor in this state during the present year. The Klan celebrated its first victory in August with the election of a Klan Mayor, whose recall had been attempted. I took part in that fight because, among other reasons, I felt it was the beginning of Klan domination in this city and state.

The Ku Klux Klan had swept like a prairie fire. It is said that this is the way of the Klan when it is first introduced into some localities and we certainly got our fill of it. It was like the stampede of the herd full tilt, and it seemed almost as useless to try to stop its mad, head-on rush. There was no rhyme or reason in it. I was the only candidate for any office that bucked this rush by appearing at anti-Klan meetings. At some of these meetings, the lights were put out or there were noisy demonstrations, cat-calls, hisses, boisterous and idiotic laughter and every form of insult that could be devised to interfere with the right of free speech.

The conduct of the women at one or two of these meetings cannot be likened to anything outside of that of women before the tribunal at the French Revolution, demanding the blood of their victims.

In 25 years I have been on the bench, I have had the honor, with the help of our people, to write and place on the statute books some 52 items of law for the protection of women and children. All of this service for women hadn't the slightest effect in stemming the fury of Klan women who appeared at some of these meetings.

I recall one woman, who was screaming in my face, and thus addressing me: "You cur, you dirty cur, you dirty cur!" I encountered this woman outside of a hall and I said: "Madam, why do you call me a dirty cur?" having in mind all that I had done and helped to do for women like that. She screamed in my face: "You are not 100 per cent American, you are against the Klan." It was utterly useless to reason with such people. They had simply gone stark mad over the Klan. They had paid \$10 a head to hate somebody and they were getting their money's worth.

Although I am a Methodist and a thirty-second degree Mason, I was accused of being a Jesuit and in league with Rome to overthrow the Republic, all because I would not keep silent about the Klan. I was falsely accused of filling the House of the Good Shepherd Laundry full of Protestant slave-girls or otherwise relegating them to a fate too filthy to mention. And then there was the poison-squad of women pole-cats, who knew no limit to the whispering of scandals and lies against both myself and my devoted wife. Thousands of the dim-wit and moronic type that go so much to make up the Klan—especially the hoodlum element—in which it so largely abounds—readily accepted all of this filth as gospel truth and they delighted to peddle it from door to door.

In no campaign have I ever seen such stark madness, such bitterness, such hatred. It was mostly working people to whose interest I have devoted so much of my life and whose children have profited most by our legislation, who became the victims and dupes of the Klan and therefore did most perhaps to crucify me. Of course they did not know what they were doing. They are the ready victims of that inferiority complex that gives them the feeling of exaltation with its accompanying delusion of grandeur when they read the Klan literature and are called "men of the most sublime lineage the world has ever seen the only sure fire 100 per cent Americans." They went into the Klan by the thousands and of course furnished the strength that enabled the charlatans to capitalize their ignorance into money and political offices.

It is a clean-cut victory over the Klan, whose monstrous un-Americanism I have no apology for opposing in the past as I always shall in the future.

WHAT IT DID TO NILES.

Niles, Ohio, birthplace of William McKinley, is a drab little town of about 10,000, with its population engaged in iron and steel manufacture and other industries. Its population is divided almost equally between natives and foreign born. It is one of the last places one would select for an outbreak of race prejudice.

Yet klan and anti-klan sentiment has crystallized to such an extent that the town is divided into two armed camps after a day of open warfare in which a dozen were wounded and with hostilities ready to break out the moment troops are withdrawn.

The latest outbreak had its beginning in a klan parade. It seems that the mayor is a klanman and the sheriff is opposed to the klan. The opposition to the klan formed what is known as Knights of the Flaming Circle. The klan got a permit to parade. The Knights of the Flaming Circle protested and the mayor was urged to withdraw the permit. Klansmen insisted that they would parade and the Knights of the Flaming Circle advised women and children to stay indoors on that eventful occasion.

The klan proceeded with its parade and the shooting began. Both sides suffered casualties. Now the town is torn into factions, neighbors are armed and threatening, and when peace is restored, bad feeling will still be there.

The element to which the klan is opposed has not been the cause of any disturbance, and so far as the public knows, the city itself was quiet and peaceful until the klan decided to parade the streets to demonstrate its contempt for those opposed to the klan, no less than to flaunt its "Americanism" in the faces of men and women who are total strangers to the composition of a 100 per cent American, if the klan's estimate of himself fills that description.

It is inconceivable that a body of men would presume to engage in the enterprise of exhibiting their superiority, if such superiority exists. It is incomprehensible that an organization would go out on the streets with the purpose of inviting hostilities, even if it were not incomprehensible that such an organization should exist.

The country does not know yet for what purpose the klan exists. It does not know why it should parade its intolerance. In fact, no one knows just what the shooting was about except that it was the culmination of feeling engendered by men who set themselves up to be better than other men, but who, in fact, are contemptible in their effrontery.

COL. WM. SIMMONS

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have been replaced by rapacious greed for power and personal preferment, by political machination and chicanery, by blasted hopes and betrayed humanity, by programs of

character assassination and creeds of hatred, by the crucifixion of the great heart and soul of the inspired genius who gave birth to what might have been America's greatest motivating power for good, constitute a tragedy unequalled in the annals of history.

WHY HE QUIT

"After months of fighting this condition from within, in the endeavor to affect corrections which would restore the organization to its original contemplated course, and thus save it from further prostitution and destruction, through intrigue deprived of administrative or executive authority, that brave heart finally acknowledged defeat and announced to the world his retirement from the organization and made his severance complete through resignation from membership therein.

It is therefore manifestly unfair and unjust that he be credited with the responsibility of 'horribleness of the present state of affairs' within the organization and its degenerating effect upon American civilization and the peace, happiness and prosperity of our nation, the unity of the people and the sanctity of our institutions."

BOTH WENT WRONG

That the klan of today and the klan of the reconstruction period have followed parallel lines and that both degenerated from their original purposes and fell into the hands of unscrupulous adventures, is a matter of history.

Immediately following the civil war the klan was organized to prevent negro political domination of secession states. The solid south was democratic and the federal administration was republican. The southern states, but lately at war with the north, were rebellious and furious at what they conceived to be the federal policy of encouraging the freedmen, who constituted a large majority of the citizenship of the south, to place these heretofore solidly entrenched democratic strongholds in the republican column.

The southerner, being a democrat and a rebel, and writhing under defeat, hated the republican party with the hatred bred of a four year war which laid waste the sunny south. The klan was conceived as a protective idea, to prevent the republican, or radical, party from ruling conquer'd Dixie.

Still secretly loyal to the Confederacy the men of the south welcomed the Ku Klux Klan as a weapon of further defense against their conquerors, and they flocked to it in great numbers and through its agency the political tide was turned.

The leading citizens of every community of the south were active in the klan in its earlier days, but it was not long until an irresponsible membership made the organization so odious because of the flogging and murder of negroes all over the south, that no respectable citizen cared to be publicly known as a member and only the lowest and most ignorant

elements of society kept the machinery of the thing going in its declining days.

When the government was finally forced to step in and suppress the Ku Klux Klan, because of its atrocious crimes, hundreds were prosecuted, convicted and sent to prison.

CONSPIRACY TRIALS

In the federal trials at Columbia, South Carolina, where over fifty members of the York county klan were placed on trial for conspiracy, the presiding judge was a northerner, a republican and a bitter foe to the Southern Confederacy. The republican party controlled the machinery of the court and the defendants were forced to go to trial before a jury of twelve republicans, nine of whom were negroes.

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HOW IT IS DONE

The editor of the Post-Democrat who was forced to go to trial on a ridiculously insufficient charge before a klan judge and jury, after having been indicted by a klan grand jury, without a chance in the world of acquittal, regardless of testimony which would have caused an unprejudiced jury to return a verdict of acquittal without leaving the jury box, can somewhat appreciate the feeling of Dr. Edward T. Avery, ex-confederate soldier and leader of the York County, South Carolina, klan, when he was forced to go to trial before Judge Bond and a jury made up almost wholly of colored men, who belonged to the race against whom the crimes ascribed to the klan had been committed.

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