

# KLAN FIGHTING TO "WINDY" STEVENS CONTROL ASSEMBLY A JOKE FINANCER

## Jackson Starts Ship Of State On Perilous Voyage

**The "Old Man" 'Banished' By Hiram Evans, In Control Of Situation, And The Bossert Gang Will Lose In Proposed Klan Legislation, Muncie Bunch Given The Cold Shoulders**

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Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—Indiana has swapped governors again and Major Ed Jackson has started on his perilous voyage. Never in the history of Indiana has a governor taken the reins of office which will be put squarely up to the new chief executive.

The Ku Klux Klan nominated Ed Jackson. The klan was united at the time of the primary campaign. At that time D. C. Stephenson, known in klan parlance as "The Old Man," was until that time the supreme power in the order. He was "banished" by Hiram Evans, the imperial wizard, and Walter Bossert became the Grand Dragon and the titular head of the political department of the klan.

But the "Old Man" retained his power with the klux rank and file and Bossert found himself at the head of a divided army. Outside of the klan Stephenson has more power over Hoosier kluxdom than Bossert with his general's commission.

## FRIENDS OF EX- GOV. M'CRAY WILL ASK HIS RELIEF

**Claim Freedom Would Be  
of Great Aid To His  
Creditors.**

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Jan. 14.—A carefully planned movement to secure the release of former Governor Warren T. McCray from the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., where he is serving a term of 10 to 20 years for using the mails to defraud, has already been launched by his friends and attorneys, it was learned here yesterday.

The movement is more or less subrosa and those who are back of it are awaiting for the first opportunity which is likely to bring them success.

It has been suggested to creditors of the former governor, it is understood, that if he were released from prison he could help to straighten out his financial affairs for the benefit of the creditors. This is regarded by local attorneys who helped to put McCray into bankruptcy as a piece of subtle propaganda. They believe that the affairs of the governor are in such a shape that he could do little toward unscrambling them.

"The crimes for which he was sentenced could easily be multiplied 50," one of the attorneys said. "Mr. McCray deserved what he got and more. The public has no possible conception of the state of his affairs."

If the attorneys who represented the local banks which forced the former governor into bankruptcy were to ask his release on the ground that he could benefit his creditors by helping them drag his business out of the hole, President Coolidge might lend them an ear, it is said. But there is every indication that the local attorneys are content to allow McCray to continue to teach the men's Sunday school class in the Atlanta prison.

It was learned yesterday that one local man has written to President Coolidge asking clemency for McCray. (Continued to Page Four)

It will be recalled that the Post-Democrat early in the game predicted that the battle for power between the two klan leaders, Bossert and Stephenson, would come after the election. It came and Stephenson holds the whip hand.

### Bossert Is Licked.

Bossert's candidate for the speakership, Freeman of Kokomo, was defeated by Leslie, backed by Stephenson, who seems to be ace high with Governor Jackson and the republican state committee.

One hundred guests attend the inaugural dinner given in honor of Gov. Jackson Monday night and it was noticed that D. C. Stephenson and his "chief of staff", Fred Butler, were among the guests while the name of Walter Bossert did not appear on the guest roll. The Muncie guests were Mr. and Mrs. George Ball.

Joe Huffington, a klan leader of Evansville, has established headquarters at the Lincoln hotel and klan members of the legislature who belong to the Bossert faction are frequently seen going in and out of his rooms. In order to make themselves solid with the suckers over the state who paid ten dollars for the privilege of hating Catholics, the Bossert gang is trying to round up enough votes in the assembly to pass the compulsory education law, the purpose of which is to force the parochial schools to close their doors and compel all Catholic children to attend the public schools.

The galling defeat of the Delaware county republican organization, which sought to defeat Cal Faris for house parliamentarian, has caused considerable quiet amusement around the state house. W. H. Williams Jr., Muncie Postmaster and political boss of Delaware county, assisted by Sheriff Hoffman, Prosecutor Van Ogle and other organization luminaries, merely got the horse laugh. Cal got the job and he is not a klansman, either. The Muncie machine republicans enlisted the aid of Walter Bossert, the grand dragon of the klan, in their fight on Faris, but Speaker Leslie, said to have been quietly encouraged by Governor Jackson and D. C. Stephenson, named Faris for the place.

### Too Much Territory.

This merely goes to emphasize the well known fact that the Billy Williams machine has no standing whatever with the republican party outside of Delaware county. It is pretty well understood that the Williams gang lost what little standing they had with Governor Jackson when they

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## BOOZE!

The grand jury, on adjourning the other day, made a report to Judge Dearth, in which the declaration was made that the police department for the past four months had been very lax in its efforts to apprehend violators of the liquor law.

In connection with this bald statement it was asserted that the sheriff, Harry Hoffman, and his aids, were worthy of complimentary notice for their conscientious efforts to break up the liquor traffic, or words to that effect.

As an antidote for this poisonous dose of hot air we can think of but one thing to say, and that is "APPLE SAUCE!"

On election night the republican machine celebrated its great victory by a drunken party at the Hotel Roberts. The management of the hotel contributed the booze and food, as a sort of a token of regard for the gang that had made its headquarters on the third floor of the hotel during the campaign.

Sheriff Hoffman, republican county chairman, was a prominent figure in this Bacchanalian feast of Belshazzar where unlimited liquor was served and drank in honor of a republican victory. Other prominent officials took part in the drunken orgy.

Booze and food were free to all who cared to partake. Drunken songs and ribald laughter could be heard for a block in either direction from the hotel. No effort was made to conceal from the public this disgraceful proceeding.

The grand jury should have been more specific and should have censured the police for not raiding the Hotel Roberts and arresting Sheriff Hoffman and others who were making a mockery of law observance.

This drunken orgy, being a matter of general knowledge, should have been investigated by the grand jury, but it was not. Instead the sheriff was praised for what the grand jury pleases to term his efforts to curb violations of the liquor law.

It is highly improbable that Judge Dearth has been kept wholly in ignorance of this notorious drinking party. If he knew of it, we leave it to the public to surmise what his opinion may be of the report made by the grand jury, in the light of the real character and habits of the sheriff who received such fulsome, and unmerited, praise.

Whatever other faults he may have, Judge Dearth is not a booze heister and we believe that he is sincerely and conscientiously opposed to the illegal manufacture and sale of liquor and the drinking habit in general.

If Judge Dearth has really kept himself informed concerning the personal habits of some of his closest political and official friends he cannot but be aware of the fact that the drunken party at the Hotel Roberts is only one of a series of such disgraceful performances.

A booze party held at a private home during the campaign was attended by national political celebrities as well as a choice gathering of local booze fighters, including a number of females. Everybody got gloriously drunk, including the women.

These things are notorious in Muncie. The facts concerning these open violations of the law are easily ascertainable and if the grand jury and the prosecuting attorney had cared to do so they could have secured the evidence and returned indictments.

This thing of making goats out of a few poor laboring men and sending them to prison for having a pint of white mule hidden under the bed or in the woodshed, while public officials, sworn to uphold the law are allowed to violate the liquor law openly and impudently, is making a mockery of justice in the city of Muncie.

If Judge Dearth really wants the law enforced, regardless of whom may be hit, he cannot but be aware that he can never get a real grand jury investigation that would serve to check this evil, as long as Prosecutor Ogle directs the activities of the investigating body.

Ogle himself has been a participant in some of the drunken political didoes and simply will not act, where himself and his friends are involved. A real grand jury, presided over by a real prosecutor, could very easily do the business. If Judge Dearth hopes to obtain, and keep, the respect and good will of the public, he must divorce himself wholly from political associates in office who make light of the law they are supposed to uphold.

## Kass Kounty Klan School Superintendent Backs Anti Parochial School Bill

LOGANSPOUT, Ind., Jan. 16.—posed to the parochial schools, and Supt. Ira Kessler is sitting on a yet he placed the Bible in the Cass tack as Kludd of K. No. 39, watching county schools. In a nut shell, he pledged members of the Klux Klan is simply opposed to all things Catholic. Ira K. K. K. shows that Americanism, is not the supreme objective of the Klan, or of himself, as anti-parochial school bill. The anti-parochial school bill is the first on superintendent of Cass county schools. Imperialism, ostracism, in-

tolerance legislated religion is their supreme objective. The program laid out by the Klan is far from being constructive to the principle of true Americanism. It is destructive to the highest ideals of manhood and womanhood. We are watching with interest as to the number of revolutions the wheels of the Klux machine will make before some real member of the House throws the much needed monkey wrench in their wheels.

Our state universities, colleges, high schools and public schools are committed to a purely secular system of education (excepting in the (Continued To Page Three.)

## His Statements Are Ridiculous

**Says Councilman, Who Says That Only Rigid Economy Will Pull City Through Financial Difficulties.**

Newark, O., Jan. 15.—"Ridiculous" was the brand applied by a Newark councilman to "Windy" Stevens' statement that Newark was well able to finance water main extensions and a fire alarm system. As a matter of fact the city is in bad financial shape and under the present klanarchist administration things are going from bad to worse. This administration has another year to run and using the first year as a criterion, the second year will find the city on the rocks.

Instead of practicing economy wherever possible, the Klanarchists have overlooked no opportunity to throw away money with both hands. It is no exaggeration to say that at least \$20,000 has been literally "thrown away" during the past year. Neither Windy Stevens nor Clamorous Fulk seem to have the slightest idea of the value of municipal money or credit and proceed on the theory that "there is plenty more where that came from."

How much longer will the people of Newark stand for these "drunken sailor" finances?

### A LITTLE EXPLANATION

SEEMS TO BE NEEDED  
The report of Clerk C. B. Keller of the municipal court shows some imposing figures, but a careful reading of these same figures leaves the reader in doubt as to just what they are worth.

The report shows that 2132 cases were tried in the court, including 303 cases of intoxication and 156 liquor cases.

The gross revenue of the court was \$23,623.66. Keep that in mind.

Of the 156 liquor cases several were fined \$1,000 and costs, several more \$500 and costs and practically all the rest of them \$200 or \$300 and costs.

Now 156 cases at the low rate of \$200 each would produce \$31,200, to say nothing of the \$1,000 and \$500 fines. Why the discrepancy?

Now, understand, no one is charging any officer of the court with dishonesty. Far be it from such.

But, however, and notwithstanding, what of the hundreds of traffic violation fines at \$10 per, dragged from the purses of poorly paid mechanics and debt-harassed farmers?

The statement has been made that most of the traffic fines were remitted. If that is the case what is the use of employing the entire police force to tag automobiles, only to have the alleged offenders fined and the fines remitted? Is the municipal court a vaudeville show or a court of justice? I dunno.

It is possible that there is an explanation that will "explain" this confusing matter and Newark people are anxiously waiting for it, bearing in mind the old axiom, "Figures won't lie, but liars will figure."

### SMITH POOL ROOM

#### PATROL HOUSE ANNEX

Because Smith, who runs the Orpheum pool room, is a good Klan-archist, he was permitted to operate punch boards for weeks after the privilege was withdrawn from others. This pool room is next door to the patrol station, and after the Klan-archist policemen got tired of punching the bag in the gym at the patrol station they stepped across the alley and punched the board for a change.

It was only when a "soft drink" parlor with a bootlegging annex, put up a holler that Sugar Murry told Smith to let up for a while, as they could not afford to get the "cash" bootleggers sore.

So the police now have more time to look for the slayer of Dennis Beatty.

### IS MURRY WORKING FOR KOLLIER'S COURT?

Why should Officer Harry Murry (Continued to Page Two)

## FIVE MEN AWAIT DEATH IN CHAIR AT MICHIGAN CITY

**One Man To Die Friday;  
All Have Appeals Filed;  
Largest In History.**

Michigan City, Ind., Jan. 13.—Within the shadow of the electric chair in the state prison five men are pacing narrow cells on "death row" and wondering whether the day will come when they will be hanged.

Two of the prisoners are scheduled to pass down the dark corridor to the electric chair this month.

### Mexican to Die Friday

The first to die, unless something intervenes, will be Jose Castro, a Mexican, who shot and killed Paul Budich, Indiana Harbor detective sergeant, last March. He was convicted in the Lake county Criminal court, Castro's electrocution is slated for early Friday morning. Castro's case has been appealed to the state Supreme court, and he is hoping for a stay of execution and favorable action of the high tribunal.

Pete Vergoliat, Gary child murderer, is to be executed Jan. 30, according to present plans. He was convicted in the Lake county Criminal court last October, for murdering a 9-year-old girl after assaulting her.

John Thomas Shaw, colored, will pay with his life Feb. 20, for the brutal murder of Mrs. Helen Hager Wheelchel at Indianapolis, last winter. He was sentenced in a Marion county court.

Joseph Parker, who was convicted in the Vigo Circuit court for assisting in the murder of Stephen Kendall, a Terre Haute detective, is booked to die in "the chair" May 19. He has been granted two stays of execution by the Supreme court. He originally was to have died last November.

### Fifth Man in Row

The fifth man in "death row" is Edward Barber of Terre Haute. The day of his execution was changed from Jan. 16 to May 29 by the state Supreme court, last week. He was sentenced to die by the Clay Circuit court for helping Parker murder the detective.

Of the five doomed men, Vergoliat is the only one whose case is not pending in the high court. No attempts have been made to save him from death. To all appearances he would go to his death today without signs of emotion. He is the least affected of the five as the day of electrocution draws nearer.

Never before in the history of the prison, Warden Fogarty said, have five men been in "death row" at one time.

Ice cream may be shipped without ice or salt in a dry container, a double-walled metal vessel with two inches of cork between.

Iowa has the lowest illiteracy in the nation, with a percentage of 1.1.