

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence," said George Washington, "the jealousy of a free people ought to law me." He did not add that the "sentimental wiles" of fool liberals who call themselves Americans (and shame the word when they do so) are even more dangerous than wiles that are branded foreign and shipped to America by loose political characters

EDITORIAL

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A Magnificent Outlook

WITH THE OPENING of the New Year, Klansmen much has been accomplished by Klansmen during the twelve months just past. The Klan has made giant strides and today stands upon a solid foundation of truth and confidence. Within the past year public opinion has changed markedly towards the Klan, as a realization of the Klan's lofty principles took the place of prejudice created by a studied campaign of propaganda created by the American organization disseminated by the metropolitan press.

The Klavocation held at Kansas City in September was an event attended by the greatest success. Klansmen from every state in the union were present and heard masterful and brilliant addresses by Imperial Wiz and Evans. At the Klavocation newspaper men were admitted and heard these wonderful speeches by Dr Evans and realized the Klan to be a most worthy organization. As a result, the Klan "broke through" and newspapers for the first time gave space more in keeping with such an event. They had had at other times an opportunity to do this, but had not availed themselves of it as they did at Kansas City. The laudable desire by many newspapers to heap discredit upon the Klan was seen during the tour of Dr. Evans of the Northwest and the Pacific Coast. Fair reports of the trip were carried in virtually every paper in the cities visited.

One of the outstanding acts by the Klan during the year was that of raising one-tenth of the income of the Klan should be set aside for charity. This was brought before the Klavocation by Dr. Evans.

The passing of the immigration law has been chiefly attributed to the moral influence brought to bear by the Klan and efforts of the organization, to awaken the citizens to the grave danger presented by loose laws governing the entrance of aliens into our country.

At the elections in November, the most conclusive proof that the moral influence exerted by the Klan throughout the entire country had a mighty effect was seen in the returns. From every part of the land came reports of the election of men staunch in their Americanism. Candidates bearing the seal of alien influence were hopelessly lost in the sea of votes cast by awakened citizens.

In the past year Klan houses have been purchased and built by the score. Many of them are magnificent—the Klan and Klansmen have progressed. Unfortunately, a number of these have been bombed and burned, the most notable of these being the \$100,000 Klavern in Fort Worth, Texas. These outrages, however, have not deterred the Klansmen in the least. The criminal acts created under the leadership of alien agents but accentuate the need of an organization such as the Klan. These degradations by foes of the Klan have but added to the hundreds of thousands of red-blooded Americans who have become members of the Klan in 1924.

Nineteen hundred and twenty five will, no doubt, be the biggest and best year as yet enjoyed by the Klan. Throughout our country the Klan has been built upon foundations against which the waves of alien prejudice pound in vain. The many, many local units of the Klan, acting in unison, have created a mighty force for good. Hundreds of localities have undergone entire religious Americanism, once prodded or in doubt, have been convinced of the great and tangible good being done by the organization. This has been the chief reason for the mighty trend toward the Klan during the year just passed.

It can only be believed that during 1925 the phenomenal growth of this entirely American organization will continue unabated. The outlook is magnificent.

"Eggs to Crack."

IN COMMENTING editorially on the letter written by John Jay Chapman, an overseer of Harvard University, and which has caused much comment, I must say Mr. Chapman voiced his sentiments in no uncertain way. He says that "he thinks talk about that certain (Roman Catholic) is much too carefully and generally suppressed." Continuing, the editor of *Life* says, "This is considerably true, and in so far as it is true it is bad."

When such publications as *Life* make assertions, or indulgences, such as that quoted, one realizes that a change is gradually taking place in America. In a later paragraph, the editor says: "Something like a spiritual rebirth does seem to be coming, and there are a good many signs and announcements of it. We must not let the preliminaries worry us, for we do not know much about the process of such things." But, the writer says, "some eggs have to be cracked first" and that we should "not be too violently displeased with gentlemen who feel the call to crack them."

It is quite true that the American people realize that, if America is to continue safe for American ideals, American morale and American institutions, there must be "some eggs cracked." The Klan set about "cracking eggs," figuratively speaking, several years ago, and its program of Christianity and patriotism has already begun to have its effect.

Millions of Americans have awakened to the fact that to sit idly by is not going to retain America as American want it. One of the biggest "eggs cracked" by the Klan is that which, by a campaign of education, the Klan has made the people see the menace which faces their own beloved country—America.

Something to Think About

DR. EDWARD A. STEINER, writing in *The Christian Advocate*, tells of a certain woman, a teacher of history in a public school and a college graduate, who believed and repeated a story that, as Dr. Steiner said, is patently impossible. His story, while having no connection with the Ku Klux Klan does, however, give an idea of how easily crafty tales against the American organization may be set in motion, believed, and passed from mouth to mouth.

"A graduate of college—a woman who teaches in a city high school," says Dr. Steiner, "told me at the time when the Non-Partisan League was in control of the legislature of North Dakota, that a law was passed there, nationalizing women. I was horrified, and asked her if she knew what she meant; she didn't quite know, but she knew that it was so.

"Here then a college graduate, a teacher of history, reported that men in their senses, men who are the most selfish mates of all animals, wanting their mates for themselves, that they passed a law making their wives and daughters common property. She believed, or at least circulated a story, which implies that women, the most loyal mates, who zealously guard their privilege and their honor, would permit themselves to belong to any man at will. She said, no matter if I didn't believe it, her brother had told her, and he lived in South Dakota."

If a college graduate believes that the men and women of North Dakota, or any other American state would permit of such a thing, how easy must it be for alien agents, crafty in deceit and trickery, to be successful in propagating stories reflecting upon the honor and integrity of the millions of good men and women of the Ku Klux Klan. It is very seldom now that any enemy of the Klan attempts to circulate such gruesome, vicious and grotesque stories against Klansmen as was once the rule rather than the exception, by the foes of Americanism.

The story related by Dr. Steiner, however, affords one much to think over, and explains the wide circulation of incredible stories concerning the Klan, and which have been forgotten after having been branded as false by the American public. The honesty and patriotism of the Klan has been demonstrated to such an extent that those wild stories discrediting the Klan organization have fallen of their own weight.

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Why Be Absurd?

IN A PAID newspaper advertisement, a Roman Catholic "Information Bureau," which had its birth at a convention of Knights of Columbus, points to the fact that Roman Catholics pay taxes to aid in the upkeep of the public schools. For this reason, the bureau points out, it is proved that Roman Catholics favor the public schools. That sounds fine—if the person reading it never gives thought to that which he reads. After thinking it over, however, one sees the matter in an entirely different light.

The "Information Bureau" it would seem, makes that statement with the expectation that nobody gives a printed statement a second thought after reading it. But isn't the statement ridiculous? Because a person does not defy the government and refuse to pay taxes anything which he might not favor, is to be taken, according to the "information bureau," to mean that the man paying the taxes is a staunch advocate of every- thing the taxes go to perpetuate?

When a citizen pays his taxes, the amount paid by him is proportioned in different amounts to cover many funds. Now, because the Roman Catholic does not demand that small amount of his tax which goes into the school fund, returned to him, are all others to take it for granted that Roman Catholic favors the public school?

There are many persons in the United States who have been in the past strongly opposed to the strength of the standing army. Would it not have been absurd to point out to those persons that they favored a large standing army because of the fact that a small part of their taxes was going to help defray the expenses of that army? Or still more absurd for those persons to demand that the government return to them their pro rata share of the difference in the amount it took to maintain an army which they thought was sufficient, and the army actually maintained?

Does the "information bureau" want America to believe that when the Roman Catholic does not advocate a thing for which the government spends money that Roman Catholics will rise up in revolt and refuse to pay taxes? Their attitude would indicate that. If the Roman Catholic is so strongly in favor of the public school as he claims to be, it would seem that he would have much stronger points to uphold his assertion than to point to such a silly and absurd thing as the paying of taxes?

The chief cry of the enemy of the Klan is intolerance. The Klan is intolerant at this time, is "religious freedom." That is the chief cry of the Klan, an attempt to debase unthinking persons into the belief that the Klan is opposed to religious freedom.

Therefore, the alien interests figure, if they can place the stigma of intolerance on the Klan by the cry.

The Klan is opposed to religious freedom, and is intolerant; they can successfully cover up their own intolerance.

Bishop Schrembs Active.

Bishop Joseph Schrembs of the Roman Catholic diocese of Cleveland, speaking before a meeting on B'nai B'rith, held by that Jewish organization in Cleveland, December 11, gave a good illustration of just how the Roman Catholics operate. Bishop Schrembs declared that Roman Catholics should be "self-constituted guardians of liberty, robust defenders of the night, who rally at the flare of a burning cross and stand for nobility and violence."

"Robed demons of the night" is a very catchy phrase—for a movie star. But Bishop Schrembs is well known for his dramatic speeches. Bishop Schrembs, as he stood there speaking to those Jews, for whom the Roman Catholic church has no earthly use except to use them to pull their chiselants from the fire, knew that he could not, if he had been asked to do so, show any foundation for that statement. "Robed demons of the night." A play on words, an attempt to conjure up a thought in the minds of his hearers and by force of auto-suggestion, implant in their minds an awful picture of the Klan.

Let the reader, if he is not a Klan man, journey some day to a town where the Klan is meeting to be better informed, and you there "robbed demons of the night." He will see the every day business man; gray-haired and kind-faced women; church workers; charity workers; ministers of the gospel; farmers; held high in the esteem of their friends; young mothers; school children; old people; and all law-abiding, native-born, Protestant Americans. These are the people this Roman agent, working for foreign power, calls "robbed demons of the night." This Roman Catholic stands before an audience in an American city and willfully pour his venom on an organization comprising almost eight million Protestant Americans. Nearly everybody is beginning to notice that, too.

"An Epoch-Making Event.

When he had finished speaking, one Alfred A. Benesch declared that the bishop's speech constituted "an epoch-making event" in the history of Jewry. One should certainly not be criticized for asking just why the speech was "epoch-making." Without doubt, it was because a high Roman Catholic, dressed in the attire of the Jewish order, Roman Catholic of the people, has not been in the habit of doing that—any more than they have.

Recently, been in the habit of pronouncing and meeting with the Masonic order—but which they are now doing in their game of fooling the public.

Where is there a man today who to think that the Roman church holds any love for the Jews; where is he who is so unopposed that he believes the Roman operation holds Masonry close to his heart? Bishop Schrembs and the rest of the Roman Catholic empire do not love the Jews.

The painful imbecility of some Protestants is still noticeable. There are here and there alien protestants for misjudging the purely patriotic motives of the Ku Klux Klan. It is rapidly coming to be understood by informed people that only three classes of men and women remain out of the Klan. First, the uninformed; second, the misinformed, and third, the hopelessly ignorant.

The government must not undertake to run the churches," wrote Lin-

Intolerance—Who Is Practicing It In America?

(By WINGFOOT.)

ARTICLE ELEVEN

(Each article separate in itself.)

INCENDIARISM and bombing have again taken the center of the stage in the great drama of intolerance being enacted at this time by the foes of the Ku Klux Klan and of undiluted Americanism. Breaking out afresh during the first part of November, reports of mysterious fires and explosions which destroy Klan buildings and pro-American newspapers, are drifting in from all parts of the country. Beginning with the burning of a Klan building in Terre Haute, Indiana, this method of intimidation and intolerance seems to have again

awakened the American people to the inroads being made on our political life and our institutions by the Roman hierarchy!

Bishop Schrembs, who not so long ago instructed his priests to make all Roman Catholics who had received military training in the World War, and right after the pope of Rome had issued an order to the soldiers of the world who followed the Roman Catholic faith, declared in his speech before the Jews, that "the inalienable rights of man, whether as guaranteed by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, were being attacked by the Klan."

Was the Klan not the one that was being attacked by the Klan? Were these supposed facts so palpable as one might think, in view of the assertion hurled forth by the Roman Catholic who did not at least cite one instance where the Klan was attacking the Klan?

Is it their fundamental right to destroy any Protestant organization that they might wish to put upon? Is it their fundamental right to create riots such as the Niles riot?

Is it their fundamental right to assault Protestants and tear to shreds American flags such as was done at the Niles riot?

Is it their fundamental right to shoot down Protestants Americans such as was done when they shot down Thomas Abbott in cold blood as he marched along the street beneath an American flag?

Is it their fundamental right to burn the home of their mother just recently died of a broken heart?

Are these things the fundamental rights of Roman Catholics? Just what does Bishop Schrembs know of that?

When he said that the Roman Catholics formed for the purpose of stopping the Protestants from parading—a right which they held under the Constitution of the United States about which Bishop Schrembs seems so exercised. He knows that Roman Catholics shot and stabbed Protestants and bombed the home of the mayor a few days before the date set for the parade.

From the House Tops.

But Bishop Schrembs did not find it expedient to talk of those things that is, in all truth. He did mention that he had been asked to do so, but he laid it at the door of the Klan. He did mention the Constitution—but he laid it at the door of the Klan.

He knew that the Klan which was estopped from exercising its rights under that Constitution, the talk by Bishop Schrembs, agent of the pope, was much like the talk of a mother whose little son is being beaten by another boy.

She keeps up an incessant effort to keep his mind off the fact that he is getting his hair cut. But at the same time she is talking, the hair is being cut—just like Klaverns are being bombed, Protestants assaulted and Klan men taken from them by mob violence while Bishop Schrembs and his flock are being persecuted.

Yes, those are the "broad and true ideals" of the Roman Catholic corporation. The reasoning by which the Jewish Rabbi reached the decision that the venom heaped upon the Protestant men and women was "broadminded" seems to be at least as broad as obscure. Inasmuch as the Roman corporation was throwing out sop to the Jewish organization, it was no doubt, thought necessary to say something.

Thus does the farcical attempt to lay intolerance at the door of the Klan stand at the same time cover up the out-and-practiced against the Klan by Rome and on and on.

(Articles Twelve will appear next week.)

Talk, Talk, Talk.

One is reminded of those lines, "Water, water, everywhere, and not a drop to drink." It is just "talk, talk, everywhere, and not a word to drink."

Attorney: "What are the 'nature of these cross words of which you are accused?'

Witness: "All kinds. They cut 'em out of newspapers and he brought home books with them in."

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DR. ELIOT STIRS IRE OF IRISH IN BOSTON. SAYS A NEWS-PAPER HEADLINE IT DOTH NOT APPAREL THAT DR. ELIOT IS THE GUY WHO PUT THE IRE IN IRISH.

His Wife Gave It to Him.

Little Tom Horner, sat in the corner.

Tying his Christmas tie; The colors were bright, in fact a

fright.

But he had to wear it or die.