

OHIO CITIZENS RALLY TO SUPPORT OF OFFICIAL ILLINOIS ROMANISM BOLDLY LIFTS ITS HEAD

CHURCHGOERS ARE BACKING NILES MAYOR

MINISTER HEADS COMMITTEE FOR CONFERENCE WITH THE GOVERNOR

Indignation Rife—Sheriff Thomas Begins Making Arrests—Prisoners Are Released on Bond

(By a Staff Correspondent)

NILES, O., Dec. 29.—Petitions, protesting against the recommendation by the grand jury that Mayor H. C. Kistler be removed from office, are being circulated by the citizens of Niles. Indignation which was rife when the report of the grand jury first became public has not abated. A committee, composed of a local minister and other citizens, is to call on Governor Donahay to protest against any action contemplated against Mayor Kistler.

The recommendation that Mayor Kistler be removed was made by the grand jury, which investigated the Niles riots on November 1, when the Knights of the Flaming Circle, a Roman Catholic organization, planned to march through the city. The grand jury, a parade scheduled by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Arrests Being Made

One hundred and four indictments were returned and Sheriff J. E. Thomas began making arrests last Tuesday. Sheriff Thomas, who was commended by the grand jury for his part in the affair, arrested deputies appointed by Mayor Kistler on the day of the uprising of the Knights of the Flaming Circle. The county officers are known to be friendly with many members of the Knights of the Flaming Circle.

Mayor Kistler did everything in his power, according to the citizens here, to stop the riot precipitated by the Roman organization and asked Governor Donahay for troops. The grand jury's recommendation that he be ousted from office brought about much indignation from Niles residents. This recommendation and the commendation of Sheriff Thomas, coupled with the fact that prosecuting attorney Burgess had declared that he intended to run the Klan out of Trumbull County, has "put a bad taste in the mouth of Niles," as one prominent business man remarked today.

Church Workers Busy

Church workers are taking the lead in the fight to hold Mayor Kistler and are busy seeking signatures for the petitions now being circulated. This is not a hard task, as all are eager to sign.

All those persons arrested to date have been released on bail.

ORDER PAID TRIBUTE BY MAN NOT MEMBER

Protestant Organization Is Defended—Attacks Stand of Jersey Editor

HUNTERDON COUNTY, N. J., Dec. 29.—A splendid defense of the Klan appeared in the Hunterdon County Democrat under the title "The Klan," written by Clayton H. Stains, of Frenchtown, N. J., who states he is not a Klansman. He writes to the editor of the Democrat as follows:

"I waited with anxiety your outburst at the Klan parade, for after seeing your recent editorial denouncing that order, I knew your an-American tongue could not hold still. While I am not a Klansman, I am heartily in sympathy with any movement for the betterment of the old United States of America. I am affiliated with the United Klans of America, the P. O. S. of A. and the G. O. P., whose principles are almost identical with the principles of the Klan as I understand them. You have an yet to prove any un-American which has been committed by Klansmen."

PAROCHIAL CHILDREN HEAD SCHOOL PARADE

Protestant Boys and Girls Are Placed Behind Roman Institution Pupils

SHAWANO, Wis., Dec. 29.—Rome is attempting to make good its claim that this land belongs to her. In every way and at every opportunity it attempts to lead.

Recently the school children of this little city paraded, led by the parochial school and the hooded teachers. The public school children brought up the rear—in a Protestant community.

Children of the Sacred Heart parochial school were in front. Children from the public schools, America's boast, the basis of real American citizenship, marched behind the pupils of Rome.

The hierarchy acted as if it were conferring a great favor on American boys and girls, products of those "sink holes of iniquity" as public schools have been proclaimed by its priests, by marching with them. As one expressed it, they were showing the greatest tolerance and setting an example it might be well for America to follow.

Much indignation among Protestants has been aroused by this parade and further investigation is to be made to see just why this outrage occurred.

A MERICANISMS

'The Noblest Motive Is the Public Good'—Virgil

(By John Eight-Point)

THE spiritual inheritance which an American child has a right to expect from his parents should include not only intellectual training and intellectual desires, but also racial, national and family traditions, customs and beliefs. These customs form a "setting," as one might say, for his morality—they are the background on which the moral rules stand out vividly—and, at the same time, they invest his ethics with a certain graciousness and beauty which can not be imparted by books or learned from the rude contacts of life. These social faiths, understandings and usages render the moral life of the family attractive and they constitute a kind of Klannish safeguard and strength during the child's years of absorption and development.

These important facts, well understood by sociologists, furnish one reason for the Klan's insistence upon the proper education of the child—an education that has not only to do with formal intellectual teaching, but which reaches back into the common past of race, nation, and family, and enriches imported knowledge by a rare spiritual gift, which means infinitely great things to the noble youth of an exalted line.

The moral heritage of each generation, declares the Klan, is the true basis of American progress. The son must be equipped with the best morals and manners of his parents, or he retrogrades, starting life on a lower plane than his parents. If it were not for this spiritual heredity in America, each generation would have to start at a lower station than the preceding generation, and soon the decay of the family, race and country would become apparent. In a few generations there would be no moral progress, because moral progress depends on moral heredity as it works through the family. And from this dread danger the Klan is patiently and insistently striving to turn the American parent, urging him to better efforts in educating the young and nobler struggles toward the spiritualization and nationalization of growing America.

Platonic love in the days of Plato was a better thing and more successful than it is in modern America. A California banker tried it—and is dead now. Other Americans have tried it and are reduced in purse and morals. Good old fashioned American love and morals are still best for the people. Sickly sentiment in love leads to lust and marital infidelity. Europe has wished upon us nothing more fiendish than looseness in morals.

Sovietism in England

Great Britain has notified Russia that she will not recommend to parliament the treaties which the MacDonald government negotiated. At the same moment the foreign secretary has declared the Zinovieff letters genuine. These soviet-made letters urged communists to start a revolution in England, and are only one instance of the wide propaganda carried on by Russian bolshevism. There will not be much sentiment for the "poor down-trodden soviet" in conservative, nationalistic England. The Klan should not be any sentiment at all for them in America.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DOES NOT "HATE AMERICA," BUT HE "LOVES ROME MORE."

A Clearer Vision

Interest of the public in general and of the Bok peace organization, in particular, is turned towards reconvening congress and the foreign relations committee. Here the trail abruptly ends, its future outcome problematic. A ranking committeeman of one political party disavows any intention of taking the initiative in that matter, and the new chairman of the foreign relations committee declares there will be no action on the League of Nations this session.

Content with this proposed postponement of the evil day, the American people wait; and while they wait the Bok peace organization will conduct a campaign of education on the League of Nations. Meanwhile the League is doing some education on its own account.

In the light of these revelations as time passes, the whole world's vision will become clearer. A world emerging from the abysmal blackness of a terrible

ORDER GIVES AID TO NEEDY NEGRO FAMILY

New Jersey Protestants Donate Furniture and Food Provisions

FREEHOLD, N. J., Dec. 29.—"The visit of you, Klansmen, is a Godsend to us. We have not slept in a bed for three nights," was the comment of the wife of Richard Tyler, colored, as a delegation of Klansmen in uniform unloaded a truckload of furniture and provisions at the door of their temporary home.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler and their ten children lived in Woodsville, a colored settlement near the city. A few weeks ago a fire swept away their home and all their furniture, clothing and provisions. They were left homeless with nothing but the clothes which covered their backs at the time of the fire. They were making their temporary home with a friend.

Klansmen learned of the disaster. They lost no time in getting beds, bedding, furniture, clothing and provisions for them. These were loaded into a truck. Klansmen in uniform hailed and unloaded it. The consignment included a large amount of groceries.

The Klansmen caused quite a stir in the colored settlement, but when the colored people saw that the Klan was befriending some of their people, they broke into cheering.

RETIRING CYCLOPS IS GIVEN MASONIC RING

SHREVEPORT, Ill., Dec. 29.—A handsome Masonic ring was presented to the retiring Exalted Cyclops of the Klan here, as a token of the term in which he is held by members of the organization that he headed. The presentation speech was highly commendatory. The occasion was made a social affair.

AID CHARITY FUND

RICHMOND, Cal.—A solicitor for the local community chest was visited by a messenger who brought an envelope containing \$50. The donation was from the Women of the Klan.

catastrophe was in no condition to see clearly or to judge dispassionately. Then, drunk with woe from spilled human blood and sick with the memory of its recent orgy, that which appeared as a glorious herald of a new day when war should not be, now is seen to bear earmarks of a chimerical nuisance. As the light of vision permeates the body politic many of the League's former advocates are changing front. America, with sanity restored, can be relied on to clothe herself with sober, intelligent reflection. Many Klansmen will work and pray for a policy of nationalization rather than one of international meddling.

WHATEVER STIFLES LIBERALITY, CHOKES KLAN GROWTH.

The Protestant religion, pure and undefiled, has its name written across the front door of every Klansman's home.

THE MORE FAITH MEN HAVE IN KLANKRAFT THE FARTHER AWAY THEY WILL STAY FROM MAN-GRAFT.

Not the natural gifts but honest diligence makes for distinction in Klan life.

Formidable

The economic panic-monger is as formidable as a machine gun battalion. He sees everything in this broad, good land of ours a spectre of dire shortage and hideous want. The shortage may be corn or coal or gasoline or sugar. Whatever mood fixes upon his mind squeezes the squawk out of him. And this pessimism is bad for the mass consciousness, though it may mean nothing more dangerous in the long run than a bunch of ghosts in a graveyard or Al Smith's plans to Catholicize America. The steady and conservative end of the nation keeps the engines forging ahead in spite of the trouble-howlers and the pessimists. Already those who shrieked calamity to all sorts of business this winter are changing the key of their symphony. There is nothing ahead of the nation from the standpoint of economics that we need fear. All we have to do as a nation just now is to keep Klannishly free, clean, and true, build a few hundred more airships, and keep our powder dry.

The debt that the country owes to the Klan for its service and its sacrifice can only be paid by good citizenship on the part of all. Americanism is the straight and narrow way that leads to the cancellation of that debt.

NATION, STATE, CITIZEN—A GLORIOUS TRINITY OF AMERICAN WORDS, EACH DEAR TO THE OTHER, AND THE FATE OF ALL INDIVISIBLY UNITED, IN THE KLANNISH HEART, AS ONE.

All work for the Klan should be done in a Christian spirit, if you hope to make your power in your community as wholesome and helpful as your cause is righteous and just.

THERE IS NO WAY TO KEEP JUNIOR KLANSMEN "GOOD" THAT WORKS AS WELL AS "SHOWING THEM BY EXAMPLE."

Boston public work seems to be honeycombed with Roman Catholicism. It was different in the days of the Boston tea party.

FIVE COUNTIES STAGE A BIG JOINT SESSION

WAUPACA, Wis., Dec. 29.—Five large Wisconsin counties were represented at a closed meeting of the Klan here. Klansmen and Women of the Klan gathered to hear an important message from a high Klan official of the state. During the afternoon the members listened to an address by a Klan official. Later in the day they were delighted with the words of a prominent ex-officer of the American Expeditionary Force.

CHURCH GROWS AFTER ATTACK ON PREACHER

New Durham Baptist Congregation Stands Behind Minister

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 29.—"Whoever has brought this resurrection has my respect and commendation," said a visiting pastor at the New Durham Baptist church on the occasion of a clamorously received testimonial in behalf of the members of the congregation and their friends.

The New Durham Baptist church and the Rev. Willam Christie were the alleged recent Klan storm center, according to the Jersey Observer. The trustees were going to throw out the pastor of the church following the visit of the Klan on November 8, according to that sheet.

Since November 8, at which time the Jersey Observer, a pro-Roman Catholic organ, claimed disintegration of the Klan of the Hudson River, school attendance and enrollment has increased over 88 per cent. There have been numerous new additions to the church roster and numbers of applicants for membership.

Eleven of the fourteen trustees were in full accord with the visit of the Klan. One was more or less non-committal. Two showed their dissatisfaction and resigned because of their threat to resign if the pastor did not. These two trustees were not members of the church. There is not and has not been a dissenting voice heard from the congregation. Its response to the malicious campaign of the Jersey Observer and other anti-Protestant sources tends to show that there is the greatest harmony.

ROME REVEALS ITS ATTITUDE TO MATRIMONY

OFFICIAL OF CALIFORNIA PARISH MAKES A STATEMENT

No Civil Marriage Since 1908 Is Valid, Franciscan Says—Purity of Home Involved

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 29.—Not the least of the crimes that Roman Catholicism calls a special virtue is the attitude of the Roman church toward the Protestant marriage ceremony or, indeed, toward any marriage ceremony pronounced by ministers outside the Roman Catholic church or by civil authorities. Roman Catholics in the United States are not permitted to be married outside of their church, even by legally-authorized officials, and if they are, the marriage is held to be illegal by the Roman church. The children resulting from such a union are held to be illegitimate. According to popish ideas the whole Christian world outside of the church of Rome is now living in open adultery.

These facts are brought out clearly in a bulletin just issued by J. Harding Fisher, S. J., of the St. Francis parish here. A quotation from this bulletin follows: "Some years ago, that is, before Easter of 1908, Catholics could be validly married in the United States, with the exception of a very few places, by a magistrate, a city clerk, or by a Protestant minister. It was said to have a civil effect, and the ceremony, to have a Protestant minister perform it was not only sinful, but the Catholic married by him was excommunicated. Nevertheless the church recognized such marriages to be valid."

"Such marriages are no longer valid. It may be stated that as a general rule since April 19, 1908, no marriage in which one or both of the parties are Latin Catholics, or have been baptized in the Latin church, is valid unless a priest asks and receives from both bride and groom the marriage promises."

"Nor will any chance priest suffice. For valid matrimony this priest must be either the pastor of the parish where the marriage is performed, or the bishop of the diocese in which it is performed, or a priest delegated by the pastor of the parish where it takes place or the bishop of the diocese in which the parish is situated. In addition there must be present two witnesses."

"The church holds that every contract of marriage, made by Christians, is at the same time a sacrament; that in the case of Christian marriage the contract and the sacrament are one and the same thing, so that if there is no sacrament, there is no valid contract; and conversely, if there is no valid contract, there is no sacrament. It should be carefully noted, however, that this doctrine applies only to Christian marriage and not to marriage between non-Christians."

It is not necessary to point out to Protestants that this monstrous inquisition is aimed at the pure fatherhood and motherhood of this country.

VANDALS STRIP CARS OF PARTS AND TIRES

Enemies of Protestant Americans Make Attack While Services Are On

LOUISE, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Protestants of this community are aroused as the result of a vicious attack on personal property at a patriotic rally in the Methodist church.

As a large audience heard three ministers of the gospel speak on the cause of Americanism, vandals outside were stripping twenty-two automobiles of accessories, ripping tires to shreds and otherwise destroying property.

Radiator caps, motometers, coils and other accessories were stripped from the machines. Some of the machines, especially the larger types, had five tires out, while some of the smaller types had from eight to twelve holes in each tire.

Immediately upon the discovery, the Klan offered a reward of \$100 for the capture or information leading to the arrest of the vandals.

"Dr. Hart called me after I had called off the parade and asked if I could send him a copy of the proclamation. I said I would and turning around to find someone to send it by, I saw no one but Chaplain Joseph N. Trainer. Not considering in my haste that Chaplain Trainer is a priest at Youngstown, I asked him to deliver the message to the Klan meeting."

Colonel Connolly's explanation is nothing short of ridiculous since, according to witnesses, there were hundreds of soldiers—among them not a few Protestants.

DON'T LOOK BACK

One reason why some Americans make crooked paths is because they keep looking back so much.

DRIVEN

Whoever the vatican controls, it also drives.

In a Line or Two

The Protestant girl who marries a Roman Catholic man to reform him is a noble example of wasted effort.

The reason some men can't see Americanism is because their "sentimentality" will not let them.

One of the first privileges of every American is the right to live at peace with his neighbors and the world.

Fear may influence an anti-Klansman, but it can not change his character.

You will not be a good American when you die unless you get more than halfway there while you live.

The cross a Klan enemy picks out for himself is always heavy.

All the Klan asks is the privilege of doing its best for America.

The road to the Klan is paved with sacred promises.

Klannishness may not take us to heaven, but anti-Klannishness has a chance to keep us out.

There isn't much Americanism about the man who is always talking about what great things he would do if he had an Englishman's opportunity.

FIGHT BEING WAGED AGAINST SMUGGLERS

Texas Authorities Renew Efforts to Stamp Out Most Vicious Practices

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 29.—Federal officials will attempt to hold the man who buys or contracts for smuggled liquor as guilty as the smuggler, it is announced. This new angle of prohibition enforcement has developed in El Paso since the murder recently of Immigration Inspector Frank H. Clark by liquor smugglers.

"We're going to find out who is behind these smuggling deals that leave tragedy in their wake," said George J. Harris, chief inspector in charge of the El Paso immigration service office. "When we locate these men at the other end of smuggled liquor we'll file conspiracy charges against them."

"With the utmost vigor we are going after those directly responsible for the smuggling of liquor and who have indirectly brought about a series of terrible gun battles and murder. This is a serious business, when men are murdered while enforcing prohibition laws," he declared.

Federal prohibition agents stated that they would continue their practice of running down every suspected possessor, transporter or seller of liquor. They will continue making every effort to get liquor law violators, they say.

Another incident in the fight being carried on against rum runners from the Mexican side of the Rio Grande came recently when several shots were exchanged on the river front.

WISCONSIN UNIT BUYS NEW HOME FOR ORDER

DARIEN, Wis., Dec. 29.—A drive to raise \$7,000, with which to put the finishing touches on the new Klavern of the Walworth County Klan, has just been completed. Women of the Klan and members of patriotic organizations contributed liberally. The new building, which will also house the offices of the field representative for the county, will cost \$20,000 when it is finished.

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