

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 stop, according to the report of the grand jury, a parade conducted by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Arrests Being Made

One hundred and four indictments were returned and Sheriff J. E. Rife began making arrests last Tuesday. Sheriff Thomas, who was recommended 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 officer is known to be friendly with many members of the Knights of the Flaming Circle.

Major Kistler did everything in his power according to the citizens here, to stop the riot precipitated by the Klan 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 recommendation of Sheriff Thomas, coupled with the fact that the Prosecuting Attorney Burges 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 uphold 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 a recent date. It was 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 wanted to satisfy your curiosity at the Klan paper by telling you 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 two organizations, the P. S. B. and the Klan, whose principles are almost identical with the principles of the Klan as I understand them. You have as yet to prove any un-American act 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.—Roman Catholics are making good their claim that this land belongs to them. 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 its hooded teachers. The public school children brought up the rear—in this a protestant community.

Children of the Secret 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 continuing great favor on American boys and girls, products of those "sink holes of infamy" 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.

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AMERICANISMS

'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. Sleeky 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 Zinovjeff 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 be much sentiment for the "poor downtrodden soviets" in conservative, nationalistic England. There 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 the Tyler children were left with nothing but the clothes which covered their backs at the time of the fire. They were making their temporary home with a friend.

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

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

SHIELBYVILLE, Ill., Dec. 29.—A handsome Masonic ring was presented to the retiring Cyclops of the Klan here, as a token of the esteem in which he is held by members of the organization that he headed. The presentation speech was highly commendatory. As one expressed it, they were showing the greatest tolerance and setting an example it might be well for America to follow.

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FIVE COUNTIES STAGE A BIG JOINT SESSION

Sends Catholic Priest to Tell Niles (O.) Cyclops of Martial Law

NILES, O., Dec. 29.—The Roman Catholic idea was clearly illustrated here by a little incident which took place at the time when Governor Donahay was compelled to declare martial law to protect law-abiding American citizens from Roman Catholic gunmen and gangsters who assembled here to prevent a Klan parade.

Colonel L. S. Connely of Cleveland, a Roman Catholic, was in charge of the 145th Infantry, which was sent to Niles by the governor's orders to protect American lives—not to aid the Klan, who were here to prevent the Klan parade with sawed-off shotguns. When the governor's proclamation of martial law was received Colonel Connely sent the document to the Exalted Cyclops of the Trumbull County Klan by Joseph N. Trainer, a Roman Catholic priest.

Asked if he didn't think it was

an impudent piece of business,

Colonel Connely replied: "It was Roman Catholic opposition that caused the American demonstration that was responsible for the violence, Connely replied.

"Dr. Hart called me after I had

called off the parade and asked if I

could send him a copy of the procla-

mation. I said I would and turned

around to find someone to send it by.

I sent it to 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 Connely'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.

ROME REVEALS ITS ATTITUDE TO MATRIMONY

OFFICIAL OF CALIFORNIA PARISH MAKES A STATEMENT

No Civil Marriage Since 1908 Is Valid, Franciscan Says—Priority 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 Romish 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. Hardin Fisher, S. J., of the St. Francis parish here. A quotation from this bulletin reads: "One year 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 sinful to have a civil officer perform the ceremony; to have a Protestant minister perform it was not only sinful, but the Catholic married man was excommunicated. Nevertheless the church recognized such marriages to be valid.

"Such marriages are no longer valid. It may be stated that leave

truly noted that 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 re-

ceives from both bride and groom the

marriage promises.

"Nor will any chance priest suf-

ice for valid matrimony this priest

must be 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

to perform the marriage either by

the pastor of the parish where it

takes place or the bishop of the dio-

cese in which the church is situated.

"The church holds that every con-

tract of marriage, made by Chris-

tians, is at the same time a con-

tract of the sacrament. In this

case, 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 care-

fully noted, however, that this doc-

trine applies only to Christian mar-

riages and not to marriage between

non-Christians."

"It is not necessary to point out to

Protestants that this monstrous in-

sult is aimed at the pure fatherhood

and motherhood of this country.

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 out-

side were stripping twenty-two au-

tomobiles of accessories, ripping tins

shreds and otherwise destroying

property.

Radiator caps, motometers, seals

and other