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MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO PART IN KLAVERN ROBBERY Newspaper Statements on American Order Branded False

FOE USES NEW PLAN TO CAST SUSPICION ON INDIANA UNITS

Untrue Statements
regarding Organization
and Seek to Place Members
as Apologists for Actions.

MARY LAW VEHICLE ACCOMPLISH PURPOSE

Effort But Another
not to Embarrass Movement That Has Awakened Protestant America.

Special to The Fiery Cross
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—Organized enemies of the Ku Klux Klan, backed by certain individuals among whom are former members of the Klan, disgruntled and discredited, have sought a new weapon in their fight upon the American organization. Supposed interviews with Klan officials have appeared in newspapers claiming certain proposed laws.

These supposed enemies have appeared in a way which no doubt believes will grow discredit on the Klan organization. Everything is being done to retard and make ineffective the efforts of the Klan to awaken in this state by these enemies of Protestant America.

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CROSS IS TORN DOWN BY ROMAN AT PRINCETON

Newspapers Refuse to Print Story of Affair—Offender Said to Be Student.

KLANSMEN ARE AROUSED

Act Inspires Members to Greater Efforts—1925 Program Is Started.

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

Princeton, Ind., Jan. 12.—Much unfavorable comment is heard here, following the refusal of local newspapers to publish the true story of interference on New Year's Eve, with the ceremony being held by the Junior Klan. Attempts to have the facts published concerning the destruction of a fiery cross erected by members of the Junior Klan have proved futile.

Crosses were burned last by the senior and junior organizations, but the disturbance occurred only where small boys were stationed at their posts.

The cross was torn down by a Roman Catholic, whose name is said to be John D. Roman, a student who was spending the holidays in this city. It is said that following this act, Zillah was questioned and said not deny that he tore down the cross. Neither would admit that the burning of the cross was committed by many citizens. When the senior organization was notified by the boys that their cross had been torn down, members of the organization righted the cross as best they could under the circumstances.

1925 Program Under Way.

The Klansmen of this county are holding over with enthusiasm and interest the 1925 program of the organization to make 1925 a banner year in Klan affairs in Wayne county. The 1925 program is well under way. An amazing increase in membership has taken place in the last few months and this has done much toward increasing an already keen interest.

The Klan's organization is going in a wonderful rate as is the junior organization. The senior organization has been held and recently members from the senior order attended a junior meeting after which a banquet was held.

Church Is Aided.

At the same time the Klan organization made a substantial donation to the building fund of the St. Lucas Catholic church. The church is the mother of this city. The church is planning a new building for the senior order. The Klan units in the county are in the process of getting a new building.

Nothing has been more important in the Klan's organization than the statements made in the local press which were supposed to have come from high Klan officials.

These statements, coming from the Klan's organization, have been used to cast reflection upon the Klan. It has been shown that the Klan has no enemies except a few other Klan units.

New Effort By Klan.

The Klan has never made any statement which has not been credited to certain Klan officials. It is pointed out that it is the Klan that is the organization of the Klan. All other Klan units should be held responsible by the public. The Klan has come into power merely as an effort to impress any organization with the Klan's organization.

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'THE FIFTH HORSEMAN' TO BE SHOWN JAN. 19

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 12.—"The Fifth Horseman," a thrilling photo-play, will be shown at the Lincoln Square Theater here during the week of Jan. 19-25, it was announced yesterday. The film, which is a stirring drama of American life, will be shown under the auspices of the Women of the Klan of Marion County. According to advance information on the film, it is said that every mother and father should see it. The film is full of adventure and thrills and is written from a strictly American standpoint. The film, it is said, is one that every mother and father should see. Present indications point to capacity houses for the entire engagement.

'BOSS' BRENNAN IS DETHRONED, SAYS ARTICLE IN 'AMERICAN'

Anti-Klan Paper, However, Juggles 'Story' to Avoid Trampling Toes of Its Roman Catholic Subscribers.

ATTEMPT TO PLEASE EVERYBODY APPARENT

Papal Adherents of Chicago Are Given One Side of Situation While Downstate Folks Receive Another.

(Special to The Courier)

Chicago, Jan. 12.—Under an eight-column front page spread, Hearst's Evening American, last week admitted that the Brennan-Dever power in the Illinois Legislature had been broken by Governor Len J. Small's adherents, "Boss" Brennan, who attained national notoriety by his unsuccessful efforts to have the Democratic national convention denounce the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and to nominate Al Smith, former altar-boy, for the Presidency, and the Roman Catholic mayor of Chicago had things pretty much their own way in the last session of the legislature.

Today there is a greater realization of the necessity for law enforcement than ever before.

During the last year, Roman Catholic churches have enjoyed a larger attendance and better moral and spiritual atmosphere of their various undertakings than heretofore.

The public schools throughout the county have come in for their share in the benefits of the gradual return to the good old American ideals.

Story Is "Exclusive."

What happened to these schemers will be known to the public in detail by William H. Stuart, political correspondent of the Hearst paper, in a special dispatch from Springfield that was printed only in editions circulating to a very limited number of Aldermen and Supervisors.

Editions that are not so well known were much less than those intended for consumption by the voters in the state. The Evening American to keep the public from being led astray, we considered evidence of a desire to "swear away on both shoulders" as far as lead Catholic political factions are concerned.

Klan Not In Politics.

While the Klan is not in politics, it has an enormous influence in both the local and national political parties during the year. Going into the Spring city and township campaign in which it elected a good number of Aldermen and Supervisors, the Klan has been a great factor in the election of Aldermen and Supervisors.

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The Democracy of Illinois today is the organization of the people, today represented by the Roman Catholic hierarchy and "play ing up" those of a lauditory sort, was demonstrated most strikingly in this city recently.

The incident, which became known only by mere chance, proves beyond question that the Roman Catholic machine does censor American newspapers.

The "story," carried by the Associated Press, was to the effect that a band of

Roman Catholic priests had missappropriated certain funds sent to Europe for a charitable purpose and had used the money to defray the expense of a protracted, drunkenasting for weeks.

Papal Agent On Job.

The papal agent in this case is a Roman Catholic copy reader—realized that it would never do to have such a story published, therefore the editorial shears were applied with vigor. However, the Romanist press, instead of discarding the "story," merely tossed it aside where it was found by another member of the staff who happened to be a Protestant.

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LAWLESS LEARN 'GOOD OLD DAYS' OF LAXITY ARE GONE FOREVER

Prison and Jail Sentences Added to Heavy Fines Are Found Effective in Determined Cleanup Drive.

FEW "CONSCIENCELESS OBJECTORS" REMAIN

Holiday Season Is Unusually Free from Lawlessness Police Assert—Increased Attendance Seen in Churches.

(Special to The Courier)

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 12.—A typical story of Klan achievement and progress is that of the local organization. Despite many difficulties, the doctrine of Americanism, with its reactions in church, social, political, school, and commercial circles, has been carried to every section of the county.

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