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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

## The Klan Revealed

Revelations at Pittsburgh ought to open the eyes of sincere but misguided people who were duped by the unscrupulous and criminal demagogues who controlled the Ku-Klux Klan.

Not only did this gang enrich themselves by fees and dues from their gullible victims, but they sought control of government itself and in the name of patriotism poisoned justice at its source and made mock of the constitutional guarantees in the bill of rights.

Among their many crimes were included arson, blackmail, lynching and other forms of murder.

Appealing to the lowest prejudices of their fellow citizens, while professing love for their country's flag and for the Christianity of the Master who preached the Gospel of Love, they created a reign of terror in many States and stirred in the hearts of professing Christians a hatred that was poison to American liberty and life.

What is discouraging about it all is that this wave of religious bigotry and intolerance was nothing new in our life. In the early fifties, seventies, nineties and again, twenty years later, there were similar movements—native Americanism, Know-Nothingism, A. P. A. ism, the Guardian of Liberty, and finally the Ku-Klux Klan.

All of the movements before this last one were anti-Catholic, but the Klan took in more territory, proscribing not only Catholics, but Jews, Negroes and foreign-born citizens.

And each of these movements, through passion and prejudice, put into office men who in normal and orderly times could not have become either prominent or eminent.

Each time as the fever ran its course and died out, leaders of the movement sank by gravity back to the dregs of society whence they came, and again people of all religious denominations once more lived in neighborly peace and harmony.

And now the latest and worst of these strange events is dying down, and the political scum that rode on top of the wave are finding their way to penitentiaries or political and social oblivion. But the prejudice on which it feeds never dies.

It still is there, to remain out of sight and out of mind a while, until a fresh crop of gullibles grows up and follows the lead of a new generation of leaders of the Stephenson type.

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## The Missing Face

Fortunately Senator Watson has returned to the State at a time when his presence will remind the voters of things some may have forgotten.

He returns to ask the Republican voters to turn over to him the delegates from Indiana to the Republican national convention, to be voted and traded as he wishes.

Not even the most ardent admirer of the Senator, and he has some left who still believe that the double cross is the national emblem, will say that they believe that Watson is a serious candidate for the presidency or has the slightest chance of obtaining any consideration from that convention.

His canvass of the State is a fight to prevent the nomination of Herbert Hoover, not a fight to nominate himself. His supporters are for him largely in the hope that Watson may make the deal with the real candidate they favor.

Senator Watson was a candidate for the Senate two years ago and his tour of the State will recall to the voters the memories of that campaign.

At that time, it will be remembered, his leader was Clyde Walb.

Walb gave out statements for the Senator and was successful to the extent of bringing in Senator James A. Reed to lift the lid.

Mr. Walb is absent this year from the campaign. He is busy preparing for his defense to the indictment brought in the Federal Court and a new man is at the head of the State committee.

Governor Jackson, it will be remembered, was busy in behalf of Watson and Senator Robinson.

The face of Jackson will be among those missing this year from the Watson campaign, for it is hardly conceivable that Watson, campaigning for the presidency, will indorse the statute of limitations as a part of his platform.

It will be remembered that in that campaign Mayor Duvall was very active, using the powers of his office in behalf of Watson.

Duvall is awaiting word from the Supreme Court before he takes the vacation ordered by a jury and judge.

Down at the city hall were six councilmen, also very busy for Watson. They are not voting this season. A judge, under the law, has disfranchised them for a time.

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The court records give the answer.

## Our Slush and Dumbbells

A British newspaper remarks caustically that Americans are not nearly so efficient, hustling and active as they represent themselves to be. To support its claim, it points out that we like slushy movies, that we have a rather acute race problem and that we often elect dumbbells to high office.

It is a wee bit hard to follow the chain of reasoning involved here. All of the British paper's charges are true; but just how that affects our reputation for speed and busines sability is obscure.

Of course, almost any argument is a good one if you have a pet peeve you simply must air.

David Dietz on Science

## A Step Nearer the Truth

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SCHROEDINGER wave mechanics, the theory that nothing exists in the universe but waves of energy and that the atoms of matter are merely little balloons of electrical waves, has puzzled many people.

They are not puzzled merely because the theory presents such a weird picture of the nature of reality.

But they are worried about what to make of the attitude of the scientist.

They have heard the scientist talking about the Bohr theory of the atom, about the electrons and the orbits in which they revolve.

They are at a loss to know what to make of the change in the point of view of the scientist.

The scientific point of view is understandable, once we understand the meaning of a theory and what a theory does for us.

A theory like the Bohr theory of the atom is sometimes called a working hypothesis. That, perhaps, is a better name for it.

Scientists were faced with a great many facts which required an explanation.

The Bohr theory was such an explanation. Not only did the theory fit known facts, but by using it as a working hypothesis additional knowledge was discovered.

But a point was reached where the Bohr theory began to fail to work. Certain facts no longer fitted adequately into the picture.

The value of the Schroedinger wave mechanics is that it explains everything that the Bohr theory did a little more.

But the Schroedinger theory could never have been developed if science had not first possessed the Bohr theory.

The physicist does not believe that the Schroedinger theory is the last word upon the subject.

In time, no doubt, it will be supplanted by another theory.

But the important point is that each new theory is a step closer to the truth.

Each theory adds to our knowledge about the ultimate nature of reality.

It may take us a long time to reach the goal. Some philosophers think that we shall never reach it.

Perhaps that is just as well.

Life might be exceedingly tiresome and monotonous if we knew everything there was to know.

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## Europe Is Invited

It is encouraging to read that steamship companies are looking for a spurt in the Europe-to-America tourist trade in the near future. For years Americans have been touring Europe. Few Europeans visit America, however, with the exception of the very wealthy. It is to be hoped that the practice will spread, until a trip to America will be just as popular among Europeans as a trip to Europe is among Americans.

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## BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; 3—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

- What holding does the lead of the K usually signify?
- If A is led, followed by a lead of K, what does it signify?
- What two cards guide you in determining whether to finesse by leading an honor?

### THE ANSWERS

- A or sequence.
- No more of suits.
- Nine and ten.

## Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but the author will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor's Times:

I have enough civic pride to wish the Stutz car victory in the international stock car race. This race has been advertised as being held for a \$25,000 side bet. If a couple of friends are overheard making a wager at the ball park, they are put out of the park.

If a quiet card game at a private home is reported by a zealous neighbor, a raid by the police department and quite often a fine or sentence follows. Why is this?

Time after time local police and firemen have been found guilty of drunkenness and have been suspended or discharged. Some of them are reinstated after a time. Day after day in municipal courts private citizens are fined and sentenced from ten days in jail to six months on the farm for the same charge, while the others retain their freedom. Why is this?

One time, five men, one a police officer, were electrocuted for the murder of one man. If witnesses told the truth in Pittsburgh, there is one man guilty of a dozen murders, scores of cases of mayhem and kidnapping charges. Yet no jury has returned indictments against him.

—HARVEY STACEY,  
Indianapolis.

## This Date in U. S. History

April 14

1775—First anti-slavery society in the United States formed in Philadelphia by Quakers.

1814—Embargo act of 1813 repealed by Congress.

1865—President Lincoln shot by J. Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theater, Washington.

1898—Spain rejects U. S. intervention in Cuba.

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