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## 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 neighborhood 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 gullible grows up and follows the lead of a new generation of leaders of the Stephenson type.

Two thousand years ago the founder of Christianity gave his message to humanity—a message of brotherly love. He held forth to mankind the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. And still men who call themselves Christians sound the words of that glorious message, but never understand its meaning.

What a humiliation to real Christians and true Americans is the sordid revelation of human greed, bigotry, intolerance and criminal hatred!

## A Broken Jinx

The North Atlantic has been crossed from east to west by airplane.

With her crew of three—the German Captain Koehl and Baron von Huenefeld and the Irish commandant, Fitzmaurice, chief of the Free State air service—the silver-winged, all-metal monoplane Bremen at last turned the trick, after three other planes previously had tried and failed at a cost of seven lives.

And the jinx was broken on a Friday, the 13th, after the Bremen had been given up for lost.

All day anxiety grew as the hours dragged by without confirmation of the vague reports that the plane had been sighted in the region of Newfoundland. And as night fell the feeling that the men were lost deepened almost into certainty. Then came the flash that they were safe but down on Greenly Island, off Labrador.

They had missed New York, their announced destination, by some 1,300 miles as the crow flies, but they also had missed the fate of the gallant band who had attempted that same westward flight before them—Nungesser, Coli, Hamilton, Minchin, Princess Lowenstein-Wertheim, Hinchliffe and the Hon. Elsie Mackay.

The world will have a genuine sigh of relief over their escape. Too many brave men and women already had gone to their death, everybody felt, attempting to span the oceans via the air.

Further sacrifices seemed useless. And now that these three gallant men have staked their lives on death or glory, and beaten the game, is it not time to call a halt on further such efforts, at least until airplane builders can catch up with what the past twelve months of ocean hopping has taught them?

Everybody now knows that the oceans can be crossed by planes. Henceforth the problem is to make such crossing reasonably safe.

## 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.

For Europe doesn't understand us; doesn't begin to. If Europeans could come and visit us as tourists, perhaps they would find that we're a better sort than they had supposed. The cause of international understanding would be advanced.

## 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 endorse 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.

The Watson campaign, if it adopts a hymn, might most properly sing it to the tune of "Where Is My Wandering Boy Tonight?"

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 business ability 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

No. 24

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 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 and 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.

## BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)  
1. What holding does the lead of the K usually signify?  
2. If A is lead, followed by a lead of K, what does it signify?  
3. What two cards guide you in determining whether to finesse by leading an honor?

### THE ANSWERS

1. A or sequence.
2. No more of suit.
3. Nine and ten.

## Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but on request will not be published. Letters not exceeding 400 words will receive preference.

Editor 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. Why?  
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.

1896—Spain rejects U. S. intervention in Cuba.

## Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any answerable question of fact or information by writing to Frederick M. Kery, Question Editor, The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing two cents for stamps for return mail. Medical and legal advice cannot be given, nor can questions which require a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential. You are cordially invited to make use of this free service as often as you please.

EDITOR.

### What does Rudolph mean?

It is from "Rodolphus," old High German, meaning "famous wolf," or "hero."

Is there a society of descendants of those who came in the Mayflower?

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is at 5 Church St., Boston, Mass. H. G. Murray is secretary.

What is the form of American suzerainty over Cuba?

The Cuban Republic is a pre-tertorate of the United States, by virtue of the Platt amendment which was a condition precedent to granting Cuban independence, and which permits the United States to intervene in Cuba if Cuban independence is endangered.

How many fights did Jack Dempsey have with Jess Willard?

Only one, when Dempsey won the heavyweight championship in three rounds at Toledo, Ohio, July 4, 1919.

Does the phrase, "a life for a life," occur in the Bible?

Yes; in Deuteronomy 19:21.

## E G G

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### The Rules

1. The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, or a given number of strokes. Thus, to change COW to HEN in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.
2. You can change only one letter at a time.
3. You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4. The order of letters can not be changed.

W I L D

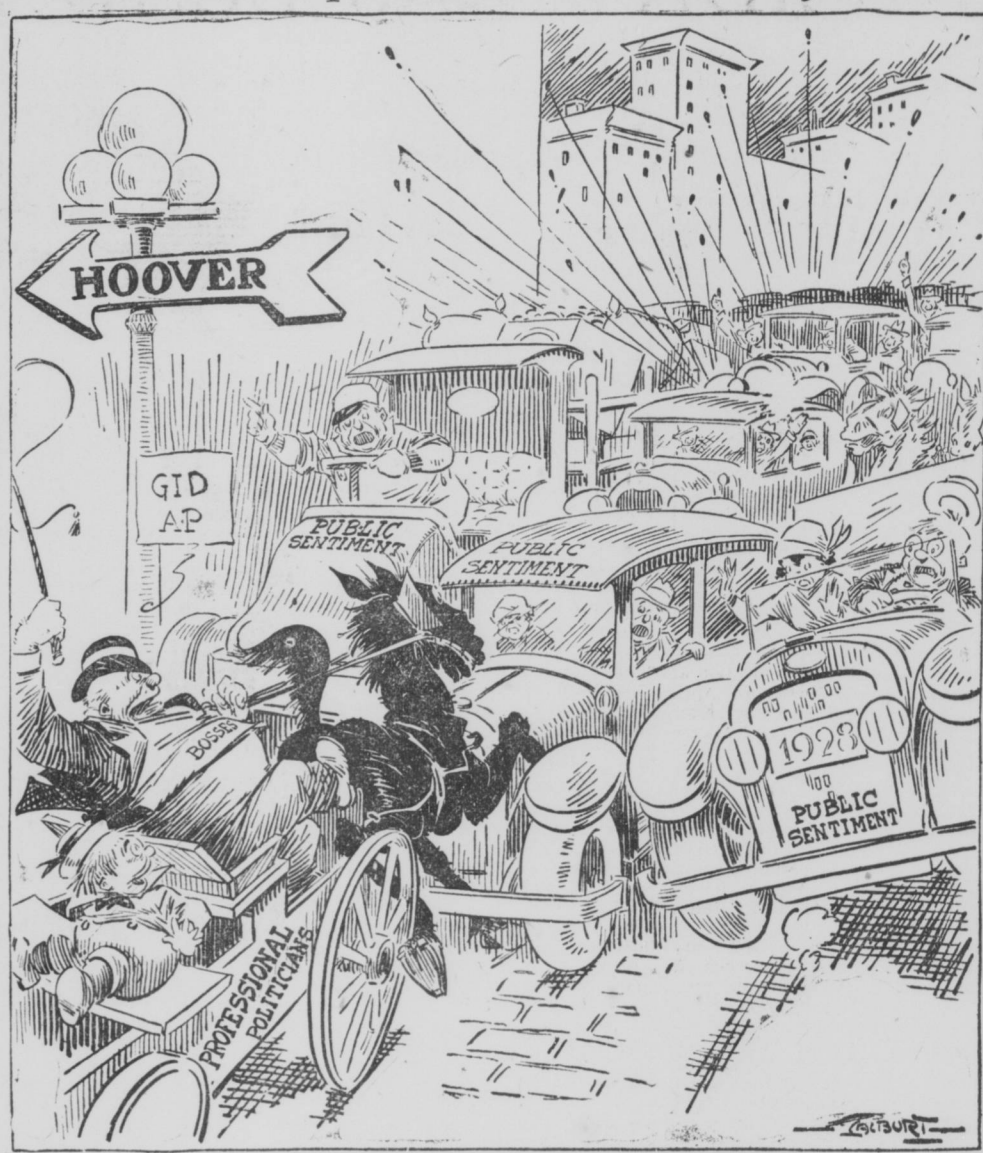
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## Better Back Up—You're on a One Way Street



## THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

### Mona Lisa Inspires Love in Da Vinci

Written for The Times by Will Durant

IT was in Florence, in 1502, that Leonardo painted the most famous portrait in the world. Mona (Madonna) Lisa was the wife of Francesco del Giocondo. She had married him against her will, but was plausibly reconciled and faithful; and when she came to sit for her portrait she was always attended by a nun.

To overcome her sadness, Leonardo invited musicians to play for her while she posed. However, the smile for which he sought came not for them, but for him and his whimsical tales.

He constructed for her amusement a fountain whose streams of water fell upon the glass spheres and set them revolving with music sweet and low; he planted flowers that she loved best around the fountain; and placed beside her a basket of crumbs from which she could feed the doves that flocked about her feet. And so, for four years, he painted; and perhaps as the picture grew, his love for the woman grew with it. Beginning to paint her face, he ended by painting her soul; and in one portrait he seemed to catch the subtlety and mystery and wistful patience of all womankind.

And perhaps he added to it a tender disillusionment all his own; for it was not only Lisa's smile, but

Leonardo's. Who knows how much of the woman and the mother is in the heart of every creative genius?

SOME say that Lisa returned Leonardo's love; and frightened lest she should fall into sin with him, fled to a distant city. She never sat for him again.

Leonardo wandered sadly over Italy; painted other delicate masterpieces, like the "St. John," and found himself at last in Rome, forgotten by the world in the new popularity of Angelo and Raphael. He worked too slowly for the patrons of that hurried age; and he remained poor while his younger rivals achieved great wealth.

He had tried to live like the lilies of the field, taking no thought what he should eat or wear; and now he was so penniless that even the pupils who loved him left to set up their own studios. When Francis invited him to come and stay at the French court he went, but brokenhearted, loving Italy as one would who lived on beauty.

The king gave him a little home near the castle of Amboise, and commissioned him with various tasks in engineering and in art. But Leonardo was old now, and too

weak to work, paralysis set in, and the master's hand, that had painted almost miraculously, could no longer move the brush.

In 1519, at the age of 67, he died, mourning that he had achieved so little of what he had hoped to do. But only a man of godlike nobility could have essayed so much.

ALL the intellectual eagerness of the Renaissance, all its audacious advances in every science, all its varied perfection in every art, were made one in Leonardo. We think of him as the synthetic man, seen again in Goethe alone.

Today, with our specialist division of labor, and the complexity of our lives, we are but fragments, and not men. It is impossible to know again the fullness of a life that has become a majestic river for every tributary of experience and enterprise. What an age that could produce such a man!—and what a man that could sum up such an age!

His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him that Nature might stand up

And say to all the world, "This was a man!"

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(To Be Continued)

## What Other Editors Think

Hartford City News

The action of Meredith Nicholson, the author, in accepting a place on the city council at Indianapolis, is well worthy of emulation on the part of prominent men in every city in the country. The fault has ever been that busy men often refuse to accept such positions, excusing themselves on the ground of pressure of business, and that they did not care to get mixed up in politics.

Too often men get on the council who are undesirable and they sometimes make a sorry mess of the city's business. This was the case in Indianapolis. The office of city councilman, or that of county commissioner, is always important enough to engage the services of the best men in the community, and such men should feel it their duty to accept such positions when offered.

Mr. Nicholson well says in accepting the office: "I did not seek this office, but take it as a great compliment that the commercial and civic bodies of my home city nominated me to the position at this critical hour."

"Indianapolis and Indiana have been subjected to an ordeal of disturbing significance in the history of American democracy. It is to be hoped that here at home we are emerging from darkness into the light."

"I wish to assure my fellow citizens that I have no political ambitions to which I served by taking this place. I take it solely with the idea that I may be of some service in the paramount business of restoring the city to its old-time honorable place in the mind of the Nation."

"Let us have peace in Indianapolis!"

Muncie Press

It's in the air! These are house-cleaning days. The Republican voters of Illinois, smarting under the sting of the boss politicians' lash, went to the polls, Tuesday and broke in to bits Len Small's juggernaut that had been rolling ruthlessly over the rights of decent citizens there for years.

Indiana, too, has been humiliated by the spawn of unholy greed and venal politics. On next May 8, Illinois' hour will strike.

Will the voters of this State then awake, as those of Illinois awoke, go to the polls and smite the drivers of Indiana's political juggernaut, or will they lie supinely in their beds, or play golf

or bridge, or remain at the office and on the farm instead of doing something to right the wrongs they have suffered?

It is too long and too painful a story to discuss here, the story of malfeasance and misfeasance in office by men of Indiana we have elected to positions of trust—a Governor who pleaded the statute limitations to escape possible conviction on a charge of bribing the Governor that preceded him; a Republican State chairman under Federal indictment for alleged complicity in wrecking a bank; a mayor of Indianapolis, the State's capital, convicted of a felony; a majority of the Indianapolis city councilmen guilty of crimes or misdemeanors and removed from office; a political czar with no official title now in the penitentiary for life for murdering a girl—and so on ad nauseam.

Now in the forthcoming primaries none of these men whose misdeeds have been found out will aspire to office, but nevertheless all will be at the polls in spirit seeking to perpetuate their reign of graft and terror through the election of faithful henchmen.

It should not be sufficient, in time, that a candidate for office has not been charged with crime; it is equally important that he has not been associated with political criminals.

"Birds of a feather, flock together."

The Hammond Times

The reputation of Croweism and Thompsonism by the people of Cook County had to come sooner or later. It was only a question of time when the people would clean house.

Thompson and Crowe thought that because they fooled the people some of the time, they thought they could fool the people all of the time. They killed the goose that has been laying the golden egg for them.

The voters, aroused by the scandal which these worthies brought about in one shape or another to the city of Chicago, decided they had about enough of them and took action to cleanse the Republican party of the foulness with which Croweism and Thompsonism had inoculated it.

The sun has set for these political buccaners, and their organization is about as unscrupulous an organization as ever existed, and it is significant that Cook County finally arose in its might to turn the rascals out. The worm has been a long time in turning.

It will help to loosen the stigma which has fastened on Chicago. The Chicago primary only goes to show that when the taxpayer is once aroused nothing can stop him.

From it remains to be seen how much the voter in Indiana is aroused.

## Amateur Photography

Spring is here; summer is coming; and the amateur photographers are getting their kits ready for the pictures ahead. The Times Washington Bureau has just put into print one of its interesting bulletins covering elementary instructions in photography for beginners.

It tells about types of cameras for various purposes, lenses, proper exposures, developing, printing, enlarging and mounting.

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## TRACY

M. E.

SAYS:  
"Medicine Will Have Discovered Something of Vast Importance if It Finds That Even a Small Percentage of Child Delinquency Can Be Overcome by Curing Bodily Defects."

Three more men have made their names immortal, and the Bremen will eventually go to take its place among the renowned vehicles of the world in some museum.

Who regrets that it was of German mould or that Germans and an Irishman flew it?

The triumph is for humanity, not for a race, a culture or a nation. The gamble was with death; the stake another trail in man's upward climb.

America learned of the take-off Thursday morning with the same admiration and good wishes as though it had been made by three of her own sons, and waited results with the same interest and anxiety.

Heroism could ask no finer tribute or peace a better spirit.

## Cure Not Punishment

Some weeks ago the New York police brought a boy into court. The boy had a crooked spine, as well as a crooked record. The judge, wiser than most of his kind, thought one might have something to do with the other, and sent the boy to a hospital, instead of a reform school.

The boy was released from the hospital on Friday, with his spine nicely straightened. The surgeons believe his mind has been helped, as well as his body, and a weary, overworked mother hopes that they are right.

Incidentally, thousands of weary, overworked mothers hope so, too. Medicine will have discovered something of vast importance if it finds that even a small percentage of child delinquency can be overcome by curing bodily defects.

## Selfishness of Suicide

Two men committed suicide by jumping in front of New York subway trains, Friday morning. Traffic was stopped for one hour and twenty minutes which inconvenienced thousands of people.

Suicides should be more considerate. If they were, however, they probably would not be suicides. The act of self-destruction is, perhaps, the most selfish of which man is guilty.

It is generally based on self-pity and designed for self-relief.

## Waste Public Money

Congressmen not only waste the public's time and the public's money making long-winded speeches for campaign purposes, but send them all over the country at public expense.

The congressional record has become nothing so distinctly as a mass of political bunk.

For every line you can find in it dealing with the nation's business you can find ten designed for no other object than to stimulate partisan sentiment.

The worst of it is that this cheap, profitless game does not end with the printing and binding. After that, the boys have their remarks, letters and inserts baled up and sent away by the post office department and franked to citizens who throw the stuff in the waste basket.

## Game of Politics

In 1920 the printed matter sent out from Washington in connection with the presidential campaign is estimated to have cost the Postoffice Department \$700,000.

In 1924 no less than 67,000,000 pieces were sent to the long suffering public in this way.

1928 is expected to eclipse all records.

One who has followed the recent proceedings of Congress will have no difficulty in appreciating how hard the boys worked to prepare material for the Government to print and the mails to carry free in order that the home folks may be duly impressed with the wonderful part they are playing, not as statesmen, but as political leaders.

## Speedier Ticker Devised

Pressure of business on the New York Stock Exchange has led to the development of a new and speedier ticker, which shows that it is an ill wind that blows nobody good.

The ticker now in use can not handle 4,000,000-share days, and since those familiar with the market look