

## POLITICAL WIRE-PULLERS LEAD KLAN TO SERVE THEIR PRIVATE INTERESTS; HEADS "GET THEIRS" SAYS CHESTER T. CROWELL

**Editor's Note**—"Wherever the Klan is strong you can depend upon it that someone in each unit of it is 'getting his,'" writes Chester T. Crowell in an article on "The Collapse of Constitutional Government" in a current issue of The Independent. He shows political wire-pullers and others with selfish ends to serve are active in the Klan. The article follows:

"One of the proclaimed purposes of the Ku Klux Klan is to uphold the Constitution. That sounds like a laudable purpose. But when they go into action it seems that they find nothing humorous about dragging trial-by-jury in the dust. The plain truth is that they know very little about the Constitution. Doubtless that document has been read by no more Ku Klux Klan members than other citizens. Certain it is that in their very numerous public utterances they show a profound ignorance of the Constitution, the spirit of our government, the genius of our institutions, and of that plain horse-sense Americanism which makes it possible for more than one hundred millions of people to live together in comparative comfort. They link Americanism with the Protestant churches as though Protestantism and Americanism were one. And it is nothing more than a cold plain statement of the fact's that they take the position that any Catholic's Americanism is weakened by his Catholicism. Their contention is that they are 100 per cent Americans, while Catholics cannot be. Therefore, they bar Catholics from membership in the Klan. The same applies to Jews. Negroes are also barred. There is much talk of white supremacy, as though it were threatened.

**Spruious Reasons.** "In the South many men joined the Ku Klux Klan, shortly after the demobilization of our World War armies, because they were told that the returning Negro soldiers had 'been spoilt' in France, and would have to be 'put back in their places.' But that bugaboo soon disappeared. Probably no classification of American citizens has been so little touched by the Ku Klux Klan as the negroes. Of all the thousands of Ku Klux outrages in the South only a few found Negro victims.

"It is equally true that the Ku Klux Klan has used very little personal violence against either Catholics or Jews. One reason perhaps is that neither are numerous in the territory where the Klan is strongest. The Jews and Catholics have suffered more from boycott than from personal violence. And the heaviest hurt has been to their pride. Accustomed to thinking of themselves as loyal citizens, respected in their communities, and still glowingly proud of their war records, it has hurt them to the quick to find a powerful organization dominating public affairs all around them and reared on the proposition that Catholics and Jews cannot be '100 per cent Americans'—whatever that means.

### Explains Activity.

"Partly as a means of advertising themselves and appealing to a peculiarly maudlin sentimentalism, and partly with utmost sincerity, the Ku Klux Klan, in its glorification of Protestantism, has a way of invading churches in its robes and masks, carrying a cross, and presenting a donation of money, together with a written address to some minister who has attracted the favorable attention of the membership. By a ringing resolution of the Federated Churches of Christ this activity has already been condemned, together with the organization responsible for it; but it goes on just the same. And in the rural districts of the Southwest and South it brings to the Klan the whole-hearted support of thousands of influential ministers. Doubtless the flattery is too much for them to resist, and the demonstration too impressive. Considering their trials and privations in drab daily routine, spiced with far more criticism than thinks, their appreciation is easily understood. Certain it is that in the South and Southwest many preachers are the organizers and spellbinders for the Ku Klux Klan. There is much bigotry and narrowness among these small town and rural preachers, and they readily fall in with the idea that Catholicism is a menace to the government. Since the Catholics and Jews are a very small minority in that part of the country, and scarcely strong enough anywhere to have a chance of combat this bigotry once it becomes articulate, the result is a peculiar and a dangerous joining of Church and State—Protestant church and Ku Klux politics.

### Religious Freedom Is Issue.

"The defense of the Catholics, where they are able to make one at all, is not very adroit and certainly misses the fundamental question at issue, which is religious freedom. The Catholic societies form propaganda agencies to tell the truth about their Church and combat the flood of slander heaped upon it, both orally and in print. They have very little to say on the subject of their constitutional right to maintain the Catholic Church in this country, to belong to it, and worship in it according to the dictates of their own consciences, whether anybody else likes it or not. Religious freedom is the issue, but they must meet their enemies with a defense of their church and creed. And the Jews defend themselves as Jews instead of as citizens.

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## The Farm and the Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

### A BIG CALF CLUB

In a letter from Purdue we are told that: "What is said to be the largest beef calf club in Indiana was started recently at Winchester with 42 Randolph county boys and girls as members. Nineteen Herefords and 23 Shorthorns were distributed for feeding until next September when the contest ends with a show. The calves averaged 450 pounds and were a nice uniform lot, all sired by registered animals and out of pure bred or high grade dams. County Agent R. A. Fields and Jesse L. Pike, will supervise the feeding efforts of the boys and girls.

Mrs. John Bushong, of South Milford, Noble county, has just completed a very interesting record with her poultry flock, which is being used for demonstration purposes by the county agent and the extension department of Purdue. Her flock averaging 196 hens, made her a net profit of \$1,195 or \$6.09 per hen. They produced 28,000 eggs which brought almost \$1,000.

The rest of her income was from baby chicks, breeding stock and market poultry. Mrs. Bushong is one of several hundred persons over the state who are using methods in handling their flocks which are recommended by Purdue university and are called demonstration farms. These farms which are scattered in practically every county, from one to a half dozen in each, have been the means during the last few years of influencing thousands of farmers to adopt better methods in handling their flocks.

Chinch bugs and Hessian Fly are reported from scattered localities in Illinois and Indiana. In Louisiana much of the rice crop has been pooled with co-operative associations.

In a few sections of Kentucky where drought was severe, the condition of the cattle is poor. The number of ewes has noticeable increased in the spring lamb country of Kentucky, and interest in sheep has increased in West Virginia. In North Dakota, Wyoming and Montana winter losses of cattle have been relatively light to date. Sheep are reported to be in excellent condition in Texas though no great number of cattle are now feed in that state. A good lamb crop is expected in New Mexico. In Georgia and near-by states the killing of farm hogs is nearing completion and the male movement is said to be later than usual and slow. The opposition to cattle dipping is decreasing in Arkansas.

**More Milk Consumed.** Note that they "magnify the Bible as a basis of our Constitution, the foundation of our government, the source of our laws, the sheet anchor of our liberties." Anybody who does that certainly has complete union of Church and State, so far as he is concerned. But the Bible is not the basis of our Constitution nor the foundation of our government, nor the source of our laws, or the sheet anchor of our liberties. The Bible is a religious and moral guide, accepted by millions of people, and its influence in American life is tremendous. But this government has no State church. Many of the founders of this government were themselves agnostic as to religion, notably Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and Thomas Paine. The dominant thoughts among those who dared to oppose the King of England were certainly not orthodox, for they did 10 years ago. Statistics show that seven-tenths of a pint is the average consumption for every man, woman and child in the country, whereas a decade ago the consumption was six-tenths of a pint daily. This is an increase of nearly 17 per cent. These figures are based only upon milk and cream consumed as such, and do not include any that enters into butter and cheese.

The results are based upon figures obtained from health departments of 356 cities in all parts of the country having a combined population of more than 32,000,000. During the last year the number of cooperative bull associations in the country increased from 158 to 199. These organizations with the assistance of the state colleges, now own 857 bulls. Texas, Nebraska and Ohio are new additions to the list of states where such associations have been formed. Five new associations have been formed in Illinois. These associations have proved a great advantage in communities where individual farmers have not felt able to pay for good pure-bred bulls, or where many farmers would not have used high-grade sires on their individual initiative.

**Live Stock Protection.** The livestock producers of the United States are protected against the dangers of various plagues of domestic animals existent in other countries by quarantine regulations enforced by the Bureau of Animal Industry. Never in our history has this country been so menaced by foot and mouth disease as in the last few years. It has existed in European, Asiatic and South American countries and still exists in many of them, but our inspectors keep a close watch and hope to prevent another entry. Other serious diseases of domestic animals that have been kept out are contagious pleuropneumonia, rinderpest, surra, and Malta fever.

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## "IS IT CHRISTIAN TO BE SENATOR?" IS QUERY OF ONE



Senator John Sharp Williams.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi has set capital circles agog with his startling statement that most senators are "non-believers." "Is it Christian to be a senator?" and "Are senators Christians?" are questions Williams is asking. Sincerely Williams expresses the belief that his fellow senators mostly are Christians only in a perfunctory way.

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## MRS. DAVID WERKING, 93, DIES AT MILTON

MILTON, Ind., Jan. 9.—Mrs. David Werkings, aged 93 years and six months, died at 2 o'clock Tuesday morning at her home in Milton, where she had resided since 1872.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist church. The Rev. F. C. McCormick will be in charge. Burial will be at Westside cemetery.

**ZIEGFELD FOLLIES GIRL AND PRODUCER MARRIED**  
LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 9.—A wedding of national interest in theatrical circles was performed here at noon Monday. Doris Eaton, late of the Ziegfeld Follies, and Joseph G. Gorham, well known for his musical productions, were the principals.

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