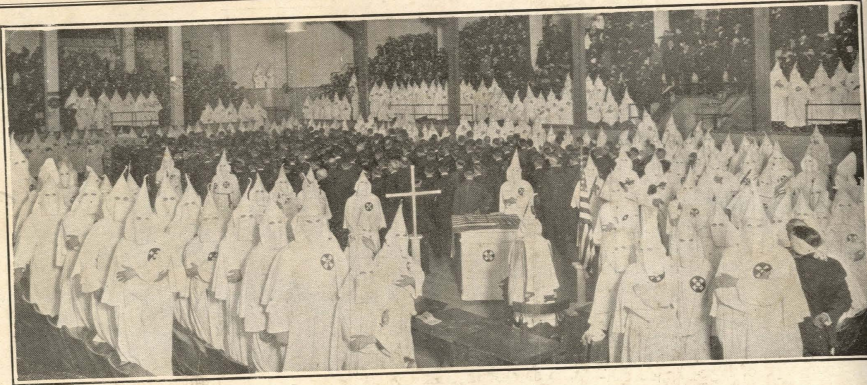


Seattle Klan Thrives Under Persecution



SEATTLE Klan Number 4, Realm of Washington, has during the last couple of months borne the brunt of a desperate attack launched against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan by un-American interests in the State of Washington.

The Seattle daily newspapers have viciously attacked the Seattle Klan at the instance of their Jewish and Catholic advertisers who control their news policy. They have published false-

hoods regarding the Klan, have run so called "expose" of the order and, having no spirit of fair play, have refused to permit the Klan to present their side of the case through their columns, having even refused paid advertisements offered by the Seattle Klan.

However, Seattle Klan Number 4 thrives on such malicious persecution, as the photograph above demonstrates. New members are being naturalized by

the hundreds and the cause of true Americanism is prospering. The picture is of an average class being naturalized into the Seattle Klan. It was taken a few weeks ago while the local attack on this Klan was at its high-water mark. There was no unusual ceremony to attract the crowd of Klansmen which fills the Klavern. It merely demonstrates the steady rallying of Americans beneath the fiery cross and the stars and stripes.

Irish Immigration

Irish immigration to the United States showed a sharp increase for the quarter ending March 21, the total number of immigrants from Leinster and Connaught being 800, as compared with 400 for the corresponding quarter last year.

The Munster total has not yet been announced but is expected to show a more substantial increase. These immigrants are more than 90 per cent Catholic.

America Needs The Klan

Out in California the I. W. W.'s are threatening armed revolution and sabotage against the lumber companies, while in St. Joseph, Mich., in trials of communists, it is proved that the Russian Soviet government still continues its attempt to foment revolution in America. So it looks as if there is a very real need for a hundred-percent-American organization after all.

If a klansman needs help, minister to him; do not wait to "bring it up in regular meeting."

Six Thousand Arkansas Klansmen Hold State Meeting in Driving Rain Storm

DRIVING rain, which almost assumed the proportions of a cloudburst, failed to dampen the enthusiasm of 6,000 loyal Arkansas Klansmen, who gathered near Little Rock for their annual state convention on Friday, April 27.

The meeting, which was held in the open air Friday night amid the meadows of a model stock farm, ten miles from the city, attracted a huge crowd of Klansmen who journeyed to the spot in automobiles, braving the rain.

From start to finish the session was held in a torrential downpour, the speakers and their audience becoming literally wringing, sopping wet. Enthusiasm ran high, however, and Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans was cheered to the echo when he spoke, exalting the principles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and praising the Klansmen of Arkansas for their loyalty and spirit of progressiveness.

The Grand Dragon of the Realm of Arkansas and other Klan officials also spoke briefly and the crowd, wet to the skin, stayed to hear them. The meeting concluded with the serving of an old fashioned barbecue.

It is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 Klansmen were in Little Rock Friday, April 27, the weather preventing a large proportion of them from attending the night meeting beneath the fiery cross.

A letter from Chattanooga Klan No. 1, Realm of Tennessee, states that the National Handle and Enameling Company, 1011 Cross Street, Chattanooga, Tenn., is active in fighting this order. "Their attitude is of bitter opposition, denunciation and abuse," reads the letter. "The owner of the company is especially hostile to the Klan and actively works against us."

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Education, The Most Valuable Thing in World, Must Not be Cheapened

"THE time for thinkers has come." Every voter and taxpayer must think and "think right" if he is to give his children the benefits of a good education. Our government has established a system whereby education in its broadest and highest sense can be obtained by every child, if the citizens of the United States will support the public schools.

There is nothing so dangerous to our schools as the public attitude of holding aloof from a proper interest in their welfare and advancement. And while the public is sleeping on its privileges is the opportunity for designing politicians to manage the schools for the advancement of their own place or power.

Education a Legacy

Another danger which confronts us is the propaganda of the great ease with which a common school education can be obtained, and this fact has a tendency to cheapen education. This is a point where we should stand porter day and night, prepared to show that education is the most valuable thing in the world, and that it is a legacy from parent to child which can not be lost or stolen. "Thieves can not break through and steal."

The greatest American problem is to learn how to have voters and taxpayers recognize the fact that the children of today will be the responsible government of tomorrow and that governments reflect the character of individual constituents.

Unless the child's character is founded on good principles, mental and moral trustworthiness, he can not attain the full measure of responsible citizenship.

The public school is the training school for the potential responsible citizen. Here is found the healing of the nation, a systematic process of the elimination of superstition and ignorance, the making of the man, the stepping stone of usefulness.

The founders of our public school system in America, like all who take advanced steps in the march of civilization, builded greater than they had the vision to see. The outstanding and actuating principle which brought these schools into existence is in perfect accord with the Bill of Rights and the Declaration of Independence.

Equal Chance For All

The founders of our school system recognized the fact that every boy and girl should have an equal chance to get an education, and that poverty could

not stand in the way. That an education is gained at the expense of the entire people is right, for even though a man has no children, he owes a debt to society, which in this case can be discharged to a degree by voluntarily taxing himself to support our educational institutions. We have said much regarding the financial support of our schools, but not enough. Too much can not be said in urging our people to support our public schools, and after that point is gained, to know that our children are having imparted to them real knowledge. "A fountain can rise no higher than its source," hence the great importance of demanding that our text books are clear, and that the teachers who impart this knowledge meet a standard gauged only by the importance of their work.

Idealism and enthusiasm are imperative to the mental equipment of any teacher who takes his or her work seriously. The characteristics of such a teacher are kindness, impartiality, truthfulness, cheerfulness, and self control. His or her qualities are intellectual strength, knowledge of affairs, scholarly attainments, and a quality of faith which inspires work and inculcates a belief in the brotherhood of man. Spiritual development should go hand in hand with all material sciences, so that the Sermon on the Mount will constitute the platform of humanity; and loyalty to our nation's flag and her great institutions will follow as surely as day follows night, and we can rest secure in the assurance of the perpetuation of our form of government, which is the greatest legacy bequeathed to any nation since the world was formed.

Teachers Merit Better Pay

When will the voters and taxpayers realize the fact that the best results in school administration are gained by securing the best talent as teachers. To do this better salaries must be paid. We pay without protest, for services from members of other professions requiring no more time or money in their acquisition, and teachers should receive the same consideration. One who is to shape the ideals of a nation must be free from financial worries if he is to give the best that is in him. He can uphold his dignity and demand respect if he is financially able to meet his obligations.

There can be no adequate educational progress without tax support for schools. Taxes, and the right at-

titude toward boards of education should be looked upon by the taxpayer as the most important bequest he can make to his own children and to humanity. Lack of appreciation of school administration will account for weakness when found in schools, in low taxes, poorly paid teachers, for illiteracy, for weak members of the boards of education. Public schools are the product of legislation. The disposition shown toward our public schools by the legislature is but the reflection of the type, quality and character of its members. Just so in school administration, the boards of education reflect the intelligence and mental character of the voters, so that the whole question of successful schools is relegated to the body of the people.

Needs of Rural Schools

There are innumerable weaknesses to be overcome in our schools, but it is the rural districts that call loudest for attention.

We have made progress in professional colleges, universities, high schools, but the old type of rural schools, in the majority of states remain almost as crude as they were one-half century ago.

Statistics show that one-half of the rural teachers of the United States have never finished a four-year high school course. Ten percent have never studied beyond the grade they teach. Only two out of one hundred graduated from a normal school or college. In only twelve states is provision made for a professionally prepared supervision for rural schools. In more than one-half the states the county Superintendent of Education—those in charge of rural schools—are chosen on the basis of their political affiliations.

In order to improve on these conditions, the standard of the rural schools must be brought as high as that of the city. Teachers must be carefully chosen. They must be mental sculptors. "We are all sculptors, working at various forms, moulding and chiseling thought." The wrong model is often held before use. "To remedy this we must turn our gaze in the right direction, and then walk that way." "Love never loses sight of loveliness."

(Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of articles regarding the public school system of America written especially for the Imperial Night-Hawk by a Klansman who has given this subject particular study. The fourth and concluding article of the series will appear in next week's edition.)

Klan Kommentar

Indianapolis, Ind., Klansmen have treated their home city to a civic bath. Investigators employed by the Klan have turned over to the police and Federal officers the names of a large number of bootleggers, proprietors of immoral resorts and professional gamblers. Furthermore they have backed up their information with sworn affidavits and actual evidence.

A large number of arrests have been made and most of the initial persecutions have resulted in convictions.

This campaign refutes the accusation that the Klan takes the law into its own hands.

A large number of members from North Star Klan Number 2, Minneapolis, Minn., attended services at Foss Memorial Methodist Church recently on invitation of Rev. John G. Schaibly, pastor. The minister lit a fiery cross which had been erected near the pulpit and a sermon was preached on "The Development of The Protestant Church."

Chattanooga Klan No. 4, Realm of Tennessee, has probably the largest Klan Klavern in the country. It will accommodate 6,000 people. The walls are painted with representations of Klansmen in full regalia and a huge electrically lighted fiery cross stands in rear of the altar. This Klan also maintains down town offices.

Klans of Akron, Ashtabula, Alliance, Bellevue, Canton, Elyria, Loraine, Wooster, and Youngstown, Ohio, gathered at Chagrin Falls, Ohio, last week and with 5,000 members in full regalia present, naturalized several hundred aliens into the Invisible Empire.

Stockton, Cal., Klan recently held an open air naturalization ceremonial which attracted an immense crowd of spectators. Klansmen from Sacramento, Modesto, Oakland and Richmond, California, took part in the exercises.

Wichita Klan No. 6, Realm of Kansas, recently donated an American flag and a flag pole to a local Protestant church. Since then they have had several requests from other Wichita churches which they will comply with.

Klansmen at Lewiston, Maine, last week attended an open air meeting at which new members were naturalized and a special address delivered on the aims, purposes and principles of the order.

Klan Wins Victory in Chicago Trial; Suspended Firemen Back on Duty

OTTO NOVOTNY and William H. Greene, Klansmen, are back on their jobs with the Chicago Fire Department.

Membership in the great patriotic organization has been proved no bar to faithful and efficient service.

Americans still have rights in America and Chicago is not yet a conquered Roman province.

These facts were established when Corporation Counsel Busch instructed Fire Marshal Seyferlich to reinstate the two men who had been suspended because of membership in the Klan.

The suspension, brought about by the machinations of Robert J. Mulcahy, Roman Catholic, former alderman, was hailed by Patrick H. O'Donnell, chairman of the discredited American Unity League, as a great victory for his Klan persecution program.

Attention of the nation was called to this "success" by O'Donnell and his co-conspirators as evidence of the Unity League's power, and as a valid reason for its financial support by the public.

Claimed Oath Treasonable

A hearing was ordered by the Civil Service Commission in which a special committee of the City Council, headed by Mulcahy, and composed of a Negro, a Jew, and a foreign-born alderman, hoped to introduce evidence proving that the Klan membership oath was treasonable.

There was a great fan-fare. O'Donnell was employed as a special prosecutor and paid \$2,000 of the public funds for his service. He was assisted by a Negro attorney. Robert E. Shepherd, Treasurer of the League, was called as a witness but only succeeded in making himself ridiculous by giving imitations of what he thought were secret signs of the Klan.

Chas. G. Palmer, brilliant Chicago attorney, represented Novotny and Greene, puncturing O'Donnell's oratorical gas bags with logic, law and facts.

The hearing dragged through several days, giving O'Donnell numerous opportunities to demonstrate his oratorical ability.

A Test of The Klan

The occasion was hailed as being more than a trial of two individuals. It was considered by those who had brought about the inquisition as a test of the Klan itself.

O'Donnell and his Negro assistant were prepared to probe and pry into the foundations of the great order.

They planned to use their opportunity to learn those secrets that make up the ritual of the Klan—such secrets as are characteristic of all the great fraternal and benevolent societies and even of the militant Knights of Columbus.

Based upon patriotism, as it is, there was nothing in the Klan's secret work of which its members could be other than proud. So Imperial officers from Atlanta volunteered the information that O'Donnell would have enjoyed resorting to the rack and thumb screws of another Inquisition to obtain.

The Klan's membership oath was submitted in open hearing, and found to contain nothing but the highest and noblest sentiments.

The victims of the inquisition were examined and cross-examined in an effort to show that the Klan was other than it claims to be.

When it began to appear that even the Romanist Herods could find no fault in the men nor in the Klan and refused to find them guilty, the politicians got busy.

A mayoralty election was approaching. It was apparent that a Roman Catholic would be elected. The "fixers" hoped that the new administration would dismiss the persecuted firemen and so sustain the charges against the Klan.

The Mulcahy committee waited and hoped.

The election came. A Roman Catholic mayor was elected, but Mulcahy and his Negro fellow committeeman were repudiated at the polls.

After Pat O'Donnell had received his \$2,000 fee and availed himself of every possible opportunity to orate he lost a little of his fervor.

Justice is Done

The "fixers" continued to exert their political pressure.

The fanatics who sought to crucify the two Klansmen continued to cry for blood.

But Mayor Wm. E. Dever, although a Roman Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus, remembered his pre-election pledge, and forgetting religious prejudice, passed the word that justice was to be done.

Novotny and Greene have been reinstated and the Ku Klux Klan has been found innocent, by a Roman Catholic mayor, of all the charges made by Roman Catholic complaint and prosecuted by a Roman Catholic persecutor.

It was a clean-cut victory for Americanism.

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Discrimination is Surely Shown Here!

The Pulitzer Medal for the best Jewish controlled journalism this year goes to the *Commercial Appeal*, Memphis, Tenn., for "its courageous cartoons and articles in reference to the operations of the Ku Klux Klan."

Runners up in the contest are not mentioned but they probably were *The Baltimore Catholic Review*, Baltimore, Md.; *The Negro World*, New York; *The Jewish Courier*, Chicago, Ill., and *Der Katholische Wochenblatt*.

Boycott And Abuse Roanoke Klansman

Colonel R. K. Spiller, a distinguished Virginia attorney, is Exalted Cyclops of Robert E. Lee Klan No. 4 of Roanoke, Va. On account of his affiliation with this Protestant American order he has been boycotted by Roman Catholics in that city and attacked by newspapers which are controlled by Jewish advertisers.

When one of the local newspapers printed the fact that Colonel Spiller was a Klansman, Catholic priests at Roanoke at once instructed their parishioners to boycott him, he says. Ten of his clients quit in the midst of cases and he let them go, charging them nothing. One man suing a corporation which had agreed to compromise for a large amount, gave his case to another lawyer who tried it and lost it.

One old Catholic woman told Colonel Spiller that the priest had told her to withdraw her law-suit from his office. She refused to do so and Spiller won the case without charging her a fee.

The newspapers jeer at Colonel Spiller's military title, intimating that he is not properly entitled to it. The records of the War Department show that R. K. Spiller served as a captain in the regular army, spending seven years in the Philippines and retired before the war with Germany. In 1917 he volunteered and became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Adjutant General's Department, aiding General Crowder in framing selective draft legislation. Then he was assigned to the staff of

General Leonard Wood, aiding in the organization of the Eighty-ninth Division and later the Tenth Division. He then was transferred overseas and served on the staff of General Pershing.

This is the man whose military record is scoffed at by a few whipper-snapper newspaper scribblers in Roanoke who, when the call to arms came, probably stayed at home themselves.

Pictures Requested

The *Imperial Night-Hawk* is anxious to secure for publication pictures which will prove of interest to Klansmen.

Exalted Cyclops, Kligrapps and Klan Korrespondents are asked to forward to this magazine any photographs of Klan ceremonials, parades, etc., in their Klanton.

Many Klans have erected or are planning to erect their own Klaverns, some are building hospitals or Protestant homes.

Photographs or architects' perspectives of these buildings will be published in the *Imperial Night-Hawk* if sent to Post Office Box 1204, Atlanta, Ga.

Springfield Raid Just Helped Klan to Grow

Efforts of the chief of police and other city officials of Springfield, Ohio, to put the Klan out of business have been fruitless. This city, where Klan headquarters was recently raided, lists of Klansmen's names printed and Klan officials prosecuted on trumped up charges, was the scene of a huge Klan celebration last week.

Five thousand Klansmen from Springfield and adjoining cities participated in a parade and naturalization ceremonies. Five hundred aliens were naturalized and an elaborate fireworks display entertained thousands of spectators.

Respect the flag of the United States and require others to do so. It is the guarantee of your liberty.

Memorial Day Will Be Observed By Klans

Klans throughout the nation are preparing for a fitting observance of Memorial Day on Wednesday, May 30, and at the Imperial Palace the occasion will be observed.

Patriotic programs on the part of Klansmen honoring the memory of America's heroic dead will be held in various Klaverns, while in many localities Klansmen will join with the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the G. A. R. in holding patriotic exercises.

Klan Activity is Urged By N. C. Grand Dragon

Urging Klansmen to take active interest in the public affairs of their communities, the Grand Dragon of the Realm of North Carolina has sent a special message to all Klansmen in his district.

The letter, which is well worth the consideration of Klansmen in other realms, is as follows:

"What are you doing besides meeting once in a while?

"Are you taking a proper part in local affairs?

"Are you supporting public schools and seeing to it that the children of your communities are getting a proper education?"

"Are you seeing to it that officers of the law are doing their duties?"

"In other words, are you real citizens of your community, or are you just jelly-fish, existing without interest in anything excepting that small portion of the universe that lies within yourselves? There is no vice so reprehensible as selfishness combined with laziness.

"Up and at it, Klansmen."

The board of commissioners of Oklahoma City has passed an ordinance which makes it illegal for any theater to stage an act or exhibit a motion picture which ridicules, burlesques and cheapens religion or the ministry.

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How Crooked Officials, Bootleggers And Law Violators Oppose Progress of Klan

FEW Klansmen have any idea of the hardships experienced by "field men" in the employ of their organization whose mission it is to organize new Klans in territory where the order has not yet secured a firm footing.

These missionaries meet with desperate opposition from Jewish and Catholic influences, from crooked county and city officials, from bootleggers and other criminals who fear the coming of the Klan and its inevitable clean-up of crime and mis-government.

How free speech is denied American citizens, how murders are committed and blamed on the Klan, how Americanism is scoffed at and how Klansmen are threatened with violence and ordered out of town is vividly demonstrated in the accompanying reports from a couple of Klan "field men" mailed as a matter of routine business to the Imperial Palace.

Klan Still Grows

This report is not an exceptional one. It does not differ from the reports received from other field workers in Catholic controlled territory. It shows how in the face of bitter opposition on the part of disloyal, undesirable and law violating citizens that the better element in all towns will support this great American Protestant organization and that it continues its steady growth.

The report which follows is made by two Klansmen in the field conducting organization work. For self-evident reasons the names of the Klansmen and the location and date of their work is omitted.

The Activities of Klansman "A" for the past week:

All of A's time was spent in arranging lectures at _____. Was unsuccessful in arranging lectures at _____, and _____. The first is a town of some 4200, fifty per cent Catholic; on account of Catholic influence was unable to secure theatre or hall for speaking; however, there are a number of Protestants at this place interested in the organization, and by working in the dark "X" who is not known there will be able to start something later.

Free Speech Prevented

At _____ the mayor informed me that the letting of the public parks for public speaking was in the hands of a city commissioner, thus passing the buck. The commissioner flatly refused us the right to any public property. "X" called on the phone and

asked for permission to use the city park to make a free public address on better citizenship and Americanism and was flatly refused. The question was then asked the commissioner why the city officials saw fit to refuse an American citizen his rights of free speech and was told that it was none of his damn business, and hung up the receiver. Our first thoughts were to go on and have our lecture, knowing that we were protected by our constitutional rights, and knowing that it was the hand of Romanism that was bluffing us, but on second thought we knew that one of the prime principles of this great order is to pay respect to the proper constituted legal authorities, so we accepted our defeat with a smile and went on. We were also refused the use of the armory and were unable to secure a hall. In spite of the opposition and humiliation received, there was an under-current started there that will make it possible for us to enter there right away and start organizing.

Violence Threatened

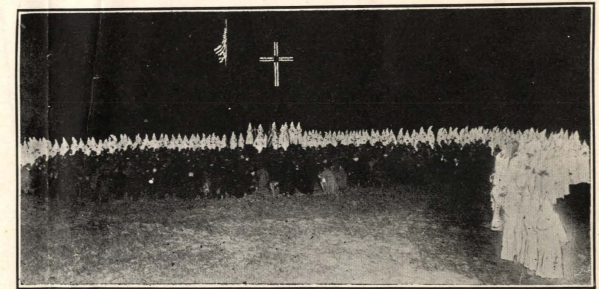
Dr. B. delivered his first lecture at _____ to an audience of about six hundred in the theatre. The following night a closed meeting was arranged so Dr. B. could deliver another

address. The meeting was broken up. The constable tried to run me out of town by threats but his bluff failed. Then he informed us that the Catholics were coming to mob me and Dr. B. This bluff also failed to rout us. However, there were spies of the enemy following the above parties every place they went. This humiliated the candidates to such an extent that they were afraid to come to the meeting. It was rumored that we had until ten o'clock the next day to leave town, or be mobbed.

Bootleggers Give Bribe

We stayed, and the next night planned another meeting and the same thing happened. So it has been advisable to drop the work there for a while and let "X" go back and do the organization work as he is not known there. Practically all of the merchants in _____ are Jews. They control the town. It is the general opinion of all the best citizens that the bootleggers had paid officers to try and run us out. And it is also the opinion that the Jews were paying them. There was no one to protect us other than the county officials, they offered us protection. This town is a peculiar place as it is not incorporated and the mines own all of the land; the people have to

California Klans Are Growing Rapidly; Here is a Los Angeles Ceremonial



KLANS on the Pacific Coast recently have been reporting astonishing growth, especially in the Realm of California.

The accompanying photograph shows an open air ceremonial staged by Los Angeles Klan, No. 1 on a hill top near that city a week or so ago. Several

hundred aliens were naturalized into the Invisible Empire and the exercises were watched by a large crowd which was kept some distance away.

This naturalization is the first of a series of similar ceremonies planned by Los Angeles Klan during the coming summer.

lease the land to build on. It was even rumored that the owner of the theatre might lose his lease on the show building because he let us deliver a lecture there, although we paid him \$25.00. It is impossible to rent a hall there on account of the influence of the Jews.

All of the best people "A" talked with are favorable to the organization. At _____ the sheriff and the county officials gave us permission to use the court house and court room to deliver the lecture. Address was made Saturday evening to a nice audience in the court room. The organization met with the approval of the entire audience except two, who, from their actions, had been sent there to break up the meeting, one being the same officer that searched "A" at _____ and ordered him to leave right away or he would be mobbed. This same man told "A" and Dr. B. that he had told the people that were to have mobbed us that if they wanted us out of town to take us out, thereby encouraging mob violence. Had it not been for Dr. B. leaving so soon there would have been a warrant sworn out for the arrest of this officer.

Catholics Control

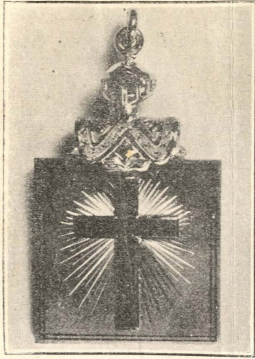
_____ is a mining town, owned from top to bottom by the mine officials in the East, who are Jews and Catholics. It is impossible to buy a lot in this town; you have to lease from them because they own the whole country. Even the merchants, (nearly all Jews), and all the business men and mine workers have to lease and rent from these mine corporations. The gentile business men, (very few), are afraid to make a move because _____ is a good business town and they are afraid that their leases will be cancelled.

The county officials in _____, the county seat, are favorable to the organization and the greater number of them stand four-square for law enforcement. There will be a closed meeting held there by "X" in the next ten days. It is our intention to make a county organization in _____ but the work there will have to be very slow for a while due to the extreme secrecy that will have to be maintained because if it is so much as rumored that they are intending to organize, the organizer's life would not be worth a cent.

Activities of "X" For Past Week

Most of "X's" time was taken up in arranging lectures at four towns for Dr. B., and will state that it is the hardest thing in the world to arrange for public lectures and keep yourself under cover. "A" and I did our best to get someone to do this work for us but there was not anyone available. However, we succeeded very nicely in

Loyalty Rewarded



This gold and enameled watch chain, in the form of a fiery cross, was presented to Kleagle H. H. Kitchens by some of the Klansmen of Missouri and Kansas in appreciation of his service and sacrifice for the right. Klansman Kitchens was imprisoned when he refused to divulge the names of Topeka, Kansas, Klansmen during the Kansas ouster suit hearings. The emblem was suitably engraved.

keeping under cover until "A" hit _____, so from now on "A" will have to work the southern part of our territory and I will work through this part, which I think by maintaining the closest secrecy can be put over nicely because I am supposed to be a Catholic who has back-slid a little. I have already met Father _____ and poured out my troubles to him with the result that he is a strong believer in me and has insisted on me coming to church which I gladly accepted.

Pastor Takes The Lead

Dr. B. lectured in _____ and it was a hit from the word go. Everybody was carried away with the organization because they received the information that the newspapers had overlooked and where the boys thought it was going to be a hard matter to obtain 250 members they are now crying for 800. _____ is a town of about 5,000 and we have all of the sheriff's forces. The city officials are trying their best to get in but their chances are very slim because they are listed as crooks. You can see the results of Dr. B.'s lecture in this report. The organization work in _____ County has been turned over to Rev. M., who is a real he-man

of the highest type, fearless and a natural born orator, and I am confident that this county will flourish under his guidance. Rev. M. is very much interested in entering the lecture work for the movement and I wish to recommend him very highly.

Citizenship Unpatriotic

We came to _____ and one of us has been here ever since trying to interest some of the citizens. We have a few interested but the ones that we want to interest first have either been out of town or we have been unable to get to them. This town will be hard to organize because it is the most cold-blooded, selfish town that we have ever been in and a very wicked town. About 75 percent of the population are of German descent and extremely unpatriotic. They refused us our right of free public speech, yet at the same time they allowed a negro medicine man the right to sell his fake medicine on the main street by putting up a stand, and while passing there yesterday we heard the negro comedian reciting vile poetry. That vulgarity was preferred to a public address on better citizenship. The officials here are very hostile against our movement. Bootleggers flourish here.

We are laying plans for a big meeting, open air, at _____. This meeting will include several organizations and we expect to have one hundred join us and about 1000 members at this meeting. Also planning an open air meeting at _____ and several organizations will be represented there.

Klan Finds Murderers

The farmers in the southern part of our territory have seen fit to bring in negroes to handle their crops due to the fact that they can't get white labor. Inasmuch as there have not been any negroes in that part of the country before, it has caused a lot of trouble, by a bunch of good for nothing loafers trying to run out the negroes. At _____ the other night a negro house was fired on and a negro man killed. The Klan has furnished the authorities sufficient information to lead to the arrest of the supposed murderers. In addition to that fact they have paid the undertaker's bill and mailed the receipt to the negro widow with a letter explaining that the Klan had nothing to do with the murder and also offered her assistance in the future.

Repeals Anti-Klan Measure

Following the election of a new mayor the city commissioners of Madrid, Oklahoma, promptly repealed an anti-Klan ordinance last week. The ordinance forbade masked parades.

Malicious Falsehoods About Klansman F. L. Savage Refuted by Actual Facts

THE weapon of skulking character assassins, too cowardly to fight in the open, has always been the anonymous letter.

This method of assailing and trying to disrupt the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is now being employed by enemies of the order, some of whom are believed to be in the pay of the Roman Catholic church.

Poison pen letters, unsigned and unvouched for, are being sent to Klansmen bitterly attacking Imperial Officers and in particular slandering Fred L. Savage, Imperial Klaliti and Chief of Staff.

The charges in these lying missives which have been circulated by hireling enemies of the Klan in effect are:

1. That Fred L. Savage is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus having membership in Cathedral Chapter, New York City.

2. That previous to becoming connected with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan he was a strike breaker.

3. That in conducting a private detective agency he stooped to devious and unwholesome methods of obtaining evidence in divorce cases.

These statements regarding a man who for some while has held a post of honor as a national official of the Klan are so palpably untrue as to be ridiculous on their face.

However, as enemies of the order continue to circulate them, the truth regarding Fred L. Savage's religious connections and his business affiliations previous to taking office with the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are here-with briefly sketched.

Fred L. Savage was born in 123 Bunkerhill Street, Charlestown, Mass., in the shadow of the Bunker Hill monument. His parents were Milton and Louise Savage, both of whom were members of the Baptist church. At the age of seventeen Fred L. Savage was baptized in the Second Adventist church at Brockton, Mass., in which city he was employed in the shoe factory of George Keith. This is now the Walkover factory.

Savage is Protestant

Fred L. Savage when a boy moved to Brockton with his mother. There he met the family of John Shepard, who was employed in the cutting room in the factory where he worked. The superintendent of the cutting room, a Mr. Reynolds, was also a friend of Mr. Savage.

The Shepards were members of the Second Adventist church in Brockton,

and after attending church with them for some time Fred L. Savage was baptized in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, Sister Snow, Brother Fred Scott and Mrs. Thersa Packard, all of whom are now alive and remember the baptismal ceremony clearly. Mrs. Packard is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shepard.

Fred L. Savage was a regular attendant of this church for more than two years, up to the time that he left Brockton and went to sea. While in New York he attended the First Baptist church at Seventy-ninth and Broadway, of which Rev. Dr. Halde-man is pastor.

No Divorce Cases

In regard to his activities as a private detective Fred L. Savage, in his advertisements, stated clearly that "this agency does not operate for rewards nor does it handle divorce cases or any other cases in relation to the marriage tie."

Here are the happenings upon which the charges that Mr. Savage was a strike breaker are based.

During the war, just before the Germans made their big drive against the allied lines, much trouble and delay in shipping ammunition and supplies to France had been experienced on account of the inefficiency of negro longshoremen employed in Newport News, Norfolk and Lamberts Point. Army supplies and equipment vitally needed by our soldiers overseas were delayed and piled on the docks. The United States director of shipping for these ports, H. B. Walker, called in F. L. Savage and asked him to formulate a plan which would relieve this congestion. Negro longshoremen were taking from two to three weeks to discharge and unload each ship. They loafed on the job and paid no attention to appeals to their patriotism. With the approval of the director of shipping these men were all discharged one Saturday night and white men from New York were put in their places the next day. The work was speeded up so that instead of it taking sometimes three weeks to discharge and load cargoes the same work was done in one week.

For this work Fred L. Savage received no recompense except the satisfaction of feeling that he had been instrumental in helping speed up American shipping, thus aiding the Allies in their fight for Democracy and humanity.

Ten years ago at Norfolk, Va., Fred L. Savage was called in when negro longshoremen formed a union and demanded that all white men on the docks be discharged.

To back up their demands they delayed shipments of fruits, vegetables and other perishables. Fred L. Savage discharged all the negroes and put white men to work in their places.

Americans Given Jobs

Later the firemen and coal passers employed by the large steamship companies on the Atlantic Coast struck and tied up almost all the coastwise shipping. These men were mainly Spaniards and 92 percent of them could not read or write English. The strike lasted two months and Fred L. Savage was instrumental in filling the places of the Spaniards with Americans, most of whom still hold their jobs.

These are the facts in these matters. Inquiry at Brockton, Mass., or Charlestown, by any person interested, will beyond a doubt show that the statements made here are true and assertions to the contrary merely malicious falsehoods.

It may be opportune here to mention that Fred L. Savage has always been in the forefront of the battles of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Through his sagacity many desperate attacks made on this order by Roman Catholic influences have been thwarted and defeated. Those who wish to see the Klan disrupted and its work for Protestant Americanism cease would dearly love to see Fred L. Savage discredited.

Came to Aid of Klan

It should be remembered that when the Klan was just a struggling little institution, not the mighty power it is today, Fred L. Savage came to its rescue at a timely moment.

The Klan treasury was empty when Fred L. Savage came to Atlanta from New York. Outside enemy influences headed by the *New York World*, were leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to smash the organization into the dust. It was the darkest hour in Klan history.

Fred L. Savage threw his private resources into the breach. Money was made available to carry on the work of the Klan in this emergency. The Klan won over its enemies and became a power for Protestantism, patriotism and good government.

This in brief is the truth about Fred L. Savage, a Christian, a Gentleman and a Klansman.

Kansas City Klansmen Naturalize Large Class of Aliens in Impressive Ceremony



Kansas City, Mo. April 26, 1923.

THE Klans in Kansas City, Missouri, are numbered among the most active organizations in the United States and their growth is steady. A number of open air ceremonials at which thousands of new members are

of taking a solemn oath to place America above all other countries, the Stars and Stripes above all other flags, to obey the laws and uphold the constitution of the United States. Four thousand Klansmen were present.

to be naturalized are planned during the next few months. The photograph shows the first open air Klan ceremonial staged at Kansas City this year. One hundred candidates for citizenship in the Invisible Empire are shown kneeling in the act

of taking a solemn oath to place America above all other countries, the Stars and Stripes above all other flags, to obey the laws and uphold the constitution of the United States. Four thousand Klansmen were present.

Palestine Klansmen Commend Negress

Mattie Bailey, negress, has received a letter of commendation from Palestine Klan Number 34, Realm of Texas, in which \$50 was enclosed.

Mattie Bailey saw a negro attempting to attack a young white girl. She rescued her at the risk of her life. The Klan took official cognizance of her heroism, giving honor where honor was due.

Chattanooga Klan Has Beneficiary Degree

Chattanooga Klan Number 4, Realm of Tennessee, has inaugurated a beneficiary degree, which is a form of mutual insurance operating for the immediate financial relief of Klansmen's families in the event of a members death.

A fee of \$2.50 is charged to join this degree and when a beneficiary member dies his wife or other beneficiary re-

ceives immediately one-half of the principle held in trust or an amount equal to one dollar from each beneficiary degree Klansman. Each beneficiary degree member is then assessed \$1.10 to replenish the beneficiary fund.

The plan is a simple one and can be adopted by any Klan with little or no trouble.

El Paso Klansmen Rout Gamblers

Klansmen of El Paso Klan No. 100, Realm of Texas, have decided to put the gambling joints operating in their city out of business.

Under direction of Kligrapp C. L. Sirmans, they made a complete investigation of gambling resorts a few days ago. C. L. Sirmans personally swore out an affidavit against the proprietor of the largest gambling den in town. The place was raided and thirty-five men were arrested, a number of whom paid fines. The place is now closed.

Klansman, To Church!

Resolutions, speechmaking and applause are not sufficient to upbuild our Protestant churches and Protestant institutions. They must have the active as well as the professed support of Klansmen.

Every Klan in the country should be composed of church-goers and of men whose families attend both church and Sunday school.

In Chattanooga, Tenn., at each meeting of Klan Number 4 the Exalted Cyclops asks those Klansmen who went to church the preceding Sunday to rise. Then he asks those who will pledge themselves to attend church service on the coming Sunday to stand up.

Sunday school and church attendance has been increased in every Protestant church in Chattanooga by this activity of the Klan and the men's Bible classes have grown rapidly.

The IMPERIAL NIGHT-HAWK

