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KLANBRANDED AS OUTLAWS AND COWARDS

District Attorney Issues Statement; Receives Threat.

GOBLIN LAYS ALL BLAME ON DEAD MAN

Coroner's Jury Recommends Prosecution of Mob and Exonerates Marshall of Killing Mob Member.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 26.—District Attorney Woolwine today characterized the Ku Klux Klan as a "hooded band of outlaws and cowards," in a statement shortly before receiving a postal warning to go slow in the Inglewood affair, signed "K. K. K."

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 26. — All blame for the night riders raid Saturday night was placed by William S. Coburn, supreme attorney and grand goblin of the Ku Klux Klan, upon the slain constable, Medford B. Mosher, in a statement today.

Coburn said that the raid was planned at a citizen's meeting Friday night in which Kleagle Baker acted as assistant to Mosher. He asserted that the kleagle was not connected with the raid.

(By Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Apr. 26. — The coroner's jury which Tuesday inquired into the facts surrounding the killing of Constable M. B. Mosher, slain by another officer while the constable was participating in a raid of masked men Saturday night, returned a verdict that Mosher came to his death while a member of a masked mob "presumably instigated and directed by members of the Ku Klux Klan."

The verdict said:

"Melford D. Mosher came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Marshal Frank Woerner in pursuit of his duty while Mosher was acting as a member of an illegal masked and armed mob, presumably instigated and directed by members of the Ku Klux Klan.

"We recommend the district attorney convene of this county a grand jury to investigate the matter further and take necessary steps to prosecute the perpetrators of this crime."

The verdict followed testimony in which these facts were sworn to:

The raid was made upon a family of Spaniards who conducted a winery under federal license, but who were asserted by members of the crowd to be bootleggers.

Plans for the attack were made Friday night at a meeting held in the undertaking chapel at which Tuesday's inquest was held.

At this same meeting, attended by 39 men, including one of the undertakers who owns the chapel, several took a "preliminary oath," which one witness described as the first step towards joining the Ku Klux Klan.

N. A. Baker, "kleagle" or organizer for the Ku Klux Klan, attended the meeting and was present during the raid the following night.

Six businessmen of Inglewood were named as having attended the meeting Friday night. All were called to the stand and five declined to answer questions on the ground their answers might incriminate them.

LIVE SHELL AT FIREPLACE.

HULL, Eng.—Christin Snowden laid a redhot poker on a German shell which her father brought from Flanders and used as a fireplace ornament. Christine is in the hospital.

In Ulster's Front Line Trench

The present warfare in Ireland is a diminutive of the World War, soldiers ever on the watch behind sandbag barricades. Note the Lewis machine gun these Ulster troops are using near Belfast where fighting is now going on night and day.

Johnson Makes Serious Charges

Declares in House That Fraudulent Bonds Were Issued.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—Representative Johnson, republican of South Dakota, declared in the house today that the investigation of the bureau of engraving and printing would show that millions of dollars of spurious certificates had been printed and put into circulation. Some of the duplicate liberty bonds, Johnson declared, ran 100,000 higher in number than those legally issued.

Representative Wingo, democrat, of Arkansas, challenged Johnson's charge, declaring that Secretary Mellon had denied any duplication.

NEW BASIS FOR LEGISLATURE

Initiative Petition Would Abolish Present Institution Entirely.

SALEM, Apr. 26.—The abolition of the present legislative system and substitution of a legislative assembly of 60 members to be elected upon a basis of occupation rather than of population is proposed in an initiative petition filed with Secretary of State Kozer this morning for approval as to form and for the preparation of the necessary short title preliminary to the circulation of the petition for signatures.

The measure is sponsored by the People's Power league of Oregon, of which C. E. Spence of Oregon City is president; O. R. Hartwig, Portland, vice president; W. E. Kimsey, Portland, secretary, and W. S. U'Ren, Portland, treasurer.

The proposed constitutional amendment would eliminate the state senate altogether. Party lines would also be wiped out and registration of voters would be according to occupation, each occupation to be entitled to a representative in the legislative assembly in proportion to its relative registered strength. The members of the legislature would be elected for a term of four years and be subject to recall at any time. The legislature would meet annually and members would receive $500 per year for their services and 10 cents per mile traveled to and from the capitol.

Election of a governor would also be vested in the legislative assembly, 31 of whose members could name an executive or remove him at will. On the other hand, the governor would be empowered to dissolve the legislature at will and to call an election to name a new legislative assembly, which would then proceed to elect a governor, who in all cases must first have served an apprenticeship in the legislature before being entrusted with the duties of the executive office.

UNSUCCESSFUL SEARCH FOR MISSING PLANE

KEY WEST, Fla., Apr. 26—Search for the commercial seaplane Santa Maria, which, with six persons aboard, has been missing since it left here early Monday for Nassau, a flight of approximately 300 miles, has been unsuccessful as far as is known here. Naval and commercial seaplanes left here early Tuesday to look for the craft and radio stations both here and at Miami requested all vessels to report any traces of the plane.

On board the plane were Pilots Musick and Richardson, Mechanic Roderick, Dr. Eugene Lowe, Pharmacist Leslie Curry and a woman passenger from Havana whose name has not been learned.

Doctor Lowe and Pharmacist Curry were enroute to attend Duke Schiller, seaplane pilot, who was mobbed and seriously injured at Nassau last week when, it is believed, he was mistaken for a prohibition officer.

J. D. LEE PAYS VISIT TO COUNTY

Here to see how the boys are feeling and also to determine whether the ladies are going to give him support for the office of governor, J. D. Lee, of Portland, one of the candidates for governor at the primary election, expressed complete satisfaction at the way things are going.

He was not able to remain long in the county but assured the Evening Observer that he would return before the campaign was over and have a few things to say to the people of Union county.

Mr. Lee is one of the old pioneers of the state.

Allied Note Being Drafted

Russians Will Receive Ultimatum Tomorrow, is Expectation.

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Apr. 26.—An allied note is to be presented to the Russians at Genoa tomorrow, says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch. It will be practically an ultimatum, the dispatch declares, demanding unequivocal replies on four points: First, payment of war debts either entirely or with a reduction based on the Russian capacity to pay; Second, payment of pre-war debts, with granting, if necessary, of a reasonable moratorium; Third, indemnity for all damages to foreigners; Fourth, restitution of destroyed property.

UNIVERSITY TO RECEIVE TURKS

(By Associated Press)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Apr. 26.—One hundred Turkish students will be received at Moscow University for full terms whenever the Nationalist authorities at Angora are ready to send them, according to a message received here from the Russian Ambassador to Angora. The invitation was issued to the students by M. Lunacharsky, Soviet Ministe rof Education.

STEEL DIVIDEND DECLARED.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Apr. 26.—Directors of the United States Steel corporation Tuesday declared the regular quarterly dividend on common and preferred stock.

PRICE OF LEAD ADVANCES.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Apr. 26.—The American Smelting & Refining company Tuesday advanced the price of lead from 5.10 to 5.25 cents per pound.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY IN ORIENT

Tokio and Yokohama Badly Shaken; No Americans Killed.

PROPERTY LOSS IS SAID TO BE HEAVY

American Embassy Slightly Damaged; Volcano Throwing up Ashes and Stones.

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, Apr. 26.—Heavy earth shocks were felt here this morning. Considerable damage was done to buildings. A few persons were killed. No Americans or Europeans were among the victims reported. Many narrow escapes from collapsing chimneys and walls were reported. The American embassy was slightly damaged.

Many exhibits at the peace exhibition were broken.

Yokohama was as severely shaken as Tokio and the Chinese quarter of Yokohama was virtually destroyed. The water works were disrupted.

Mt. Asama Yama, 90 miles northwest of Tokio, erupted yesterday, throwing out ashes, stones and smoke.

SUNDAY DINNER LEGACY.

(By Associated Press)

HERDS HILL, Eng.—In her will, just probated, Mrs. Elizabeth Bagshot set aside a sum to provide a Sunday dinner for two women servanes as long as they lived.

WHY GLASSES ARE ROUND.

NEW YORK—An eminent oculist says that the reason women wear the round shell-rimmed glasses is because the roundness gives such a childlike expression.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)

SALEM, Apr. 26.—Fire starting today noon swept the upper floor of the nurses and attendants' home at the state hospital, causing $10,000 o $15,000 loss. Night nurses and attendants asleep on the floor had to flee in their night clothes. Defective wiring is reported as the cause.

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Apr. 26.—A senate amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill providing $1,900,000 for continuing the transcontinental air plane mail service was accepted today by the house conference.

WHITE LABOR IS OFFERED PROTECTION

City of Portland Takes a Hand in Longshoremen's Strike Today.

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—The city took a hand in the longshoreman's strike today when Mayor Baker announced after a conference between city and county officials, members of the dock commission and representative waterfront employees, officers pledged themselves to protect all white laborers engaged in longshoremen's work. Employers reported that 350 more were employed today.

M'NARY'S AID GIVEN WILLIAMS

PORTLAND, Apr. 26.—"Wide circulation, both in the press and by 'passing the word along,' has been given a malicious report originated by the opponents of Ralph E. Williams, to the effect that Senator McNary questions the loyalty of Mr. Williams and is opposed to his re-election as republican national committeeman," said Thomas H. Tongue, Jr., republican state chairman.

While in Portland on business yesterday State Chairman Tongue took occasion to give the rumor "one on he chin."

"I know this report to be absolutely false and untrue," continued Jr. Tongue. "The story is unauthorized, unfathered and underhanded. It is election propaganda pure and simple, created for a purpose, and should not mislead the friends of Senator McNary nor anyone else."

Part in Contest Denied.

In a telegram to me, bearing date of April 22, 1922, Senator McNary said:

"'Am taking no part in contest for national committeeman nor in any other political contest. Indeed, no one has ever requested an expression from me concerning any of the candidates and I have authorized no one to speak for me.'

"I positively know from recent correspondence with the senator that he not only does not question the loyalty of Mr. Williams, bu feels exceedingly friendly to him.

"Since his election as republican national committeeman for Oregon, Mr. Williams ha sdone everything in his power to build up the republican party, to do away with factional differences to secure harmony and to elect the entire republican ticket at every election.

Mr. Williams Is Praised.

"Recognition by the republican national committee of the high order of ability and untiring service of Mr. Williams to the party resulted in his election to the vice-chairmanship of the republican national committee, an honor never before conferred upon a western man. This reflects credit not only upon himself but upon the state of Oregon.

"It is one of influence secured only by painstaking labor and years of service. It means much to the state, and it would be a serious mistake at this time for the republican voters of Oregon to defeat Mr. Williams and elect a new man who would be at the foot of the committee instead of its vice-chairman."

SEATTLE DON'T WANT ARBUCKLE

(By Associated Press)

SEATTLE, Wash., Apr. 26.—The city board of theatre censors here has decide tdo bar all Arbuckle films offered for exhibition in Seattle. A film by the screen clown that had been shown at a local theatre was ordered withdrawn, and word was sent to all exhibitors in the city that Arbuckle pictures would not be allowed hereafter.

46 DEATHS IS REPORT TODAY FROM TEXAS

Dynamiters of Levees Said to Have Been Responsible.

GRAND JURY PROBE MAY BE UNDERTAKEN

Many Thousands Reported to be Homeless; Rescue Workers Putting Forth Tireless Efforts.

(By Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Apr. 26.—Forty-six persons are dead or missing in the Trinity river flood here, according to a revised list. A request for a grand jury investigation of the alleged dynamiting of levees by unknown persons is expected today. An officer of the levee board said that the levees which broke yesterday were dynamited.

Engineer's Report.

(By Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, Texas, Apr. 26.—John J. McCain, Fort Worth city engineer issued a statement Tuesday night in which he declared the levees around the rivers, which broke early Tuesday morning and flooded the lowlands of this city, were dynamited by unknown parties and that an investigation by a grand jury could be demanded immediately.

Word reaching here Tuesday night from points north of Fort Worth indicate that a further rise is expected and every effort was being made to prevent additional loss of life and property.

Rescue workers are laboring tirelessly in bringing relief to flood sufferers and attempt to rescue the flood stricken from their homes. The entire city has united in this work.

City Without Water.

With boiler rooms of the City Power & Light company flooded, residential Forth Worth is spending a night in darkness. No water has been available since early Tuesday morning.

The estimate of possibly 17 dead was made by Maj. G. L. White, in charge of Red Cross relief workers. However, none of the local undertaking establishments has received a body.

With the city facing a night of darkness 500 members of the American Legion were patroling the streets, augmenting the police force which was working full time in the flooded areas.

The flood is the most severe in the history of the city, according to old residents.

Coming on the heels of a windstorm, the rainfall of which was the heaviest in the history of Fort Worth, the flood took scores of people by surprise early Tuesday morning, the lowlands being the first to suffer. At one time water was standing level with the roofs of residences.

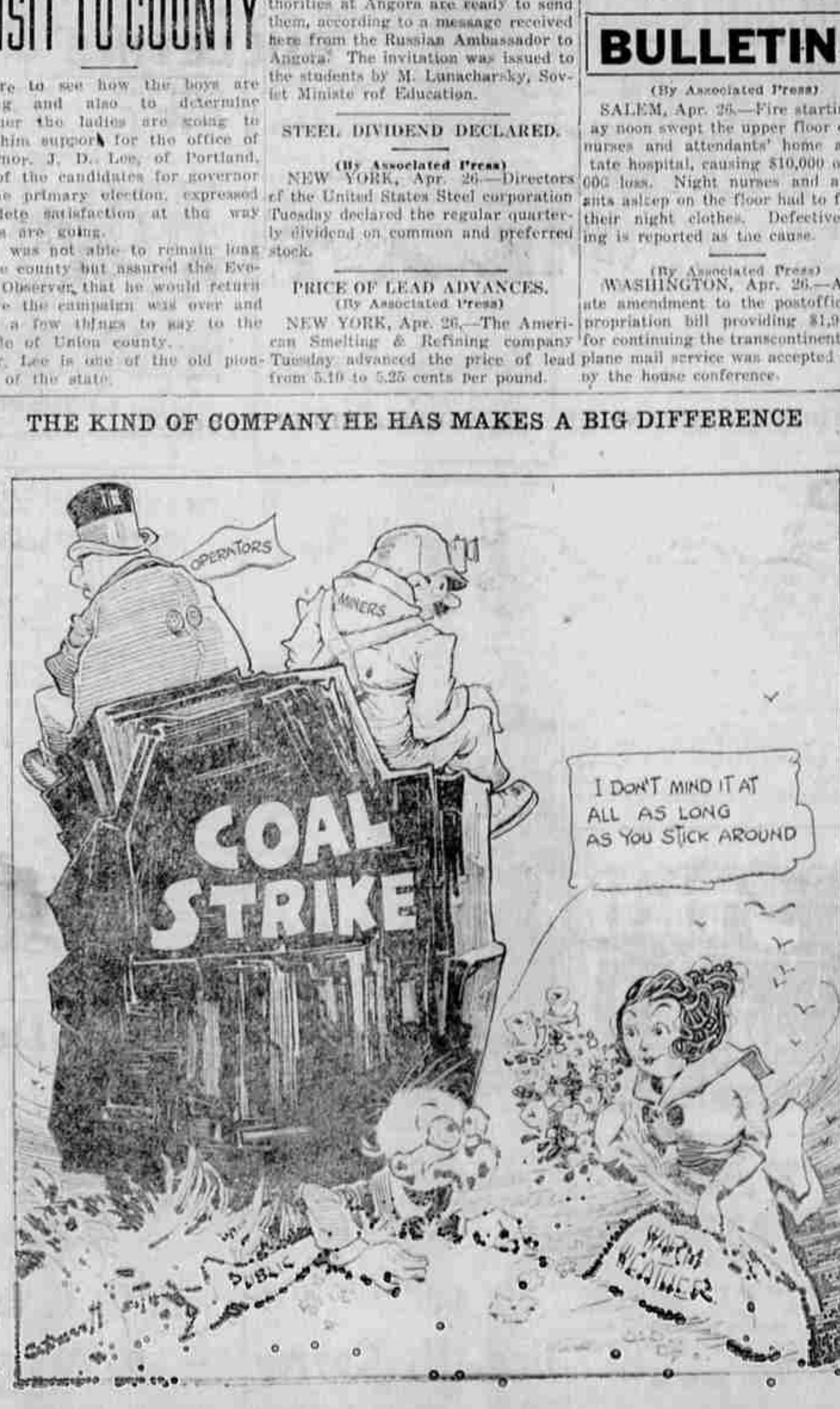
3500 Reported Homeless.

ST. LOUIS, Apr. 26.—More than 3500 persons are homeless and at least 1500 homes in the Trinity valley between Arlington Heights and Forth Worth, Tex., are inundated, according to advices received at the office of the southwestern division of the American Red Cross here Tuesday night.

HUGE ROYALTIES.

RIGA, Latvia, April 26—Feodor Chaliapin, Russian singer, is credited by Riga newspapers with earning on his tour of England and America last winter more than $500,000 by concerts and as royalties on phonograph records. This money, the paper said, had all been deposited in London banks.

THE KIND OF COMPANY HE HAS MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE



Railroads Purchasing Much New Equipment

WASHINGTON, D. C., Apr. 26.—Several railroads, by finance orders of the interstate commerce commission, today were authorized to proceed with the purchase of new rolling stock and their security issues necessary for payment of the costs were approved.

The Seaboard Air Line, in accordance with arrangements completed last week, received a direct loan of $1,400,000 from the government, with which it will purchase 35 locomotives, 1800 freight cars of various descriptions and rebuild 2000 cars now in bad order.

The Delaware & Hudson was authorized to issue $7,500,000 in 5½ per cent equipment trust certificates; the Colorado & Southern to issue $1,320,000 in similar securities, and the Fort Worth & Denver to issue $7[illegible] at 5½ per cent. In all cases the funds to be raised from the sale of the securities will go to the purchase of new freight equipment.

Dokkies Arriving Here in Large Delegations

The Dokkies are here. They started arriving early this morning and trains No. 17 and 24 brought a large delegation from surrounding counties.

Imperial Prince Gus Meyer, of the Imperial Palace, Dramatic Knights of Khorassan, has arrived for his official visit to Khaled Temple No. 170 and in company with him, votaries from nine counties, tyros from four or five counties and a big class of [illegible] are expected this evening.

The ceremonial will commence with the [illegible] parade at 5:30 and at seven o'clock a banquet will be served in the K. P. Hall. The gates of the temple will close at 8:15 o'clock.

About four hundred are expected to be present at the ceremonies.

Weather

Tonight and Thursday fair.