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AMERICA MUST PREPARE FOR WAR

Prepare for war, is the warning of a traveler returning from the Orient, who sees a horrid vision of all the colored races rising against the whites. He argues, quite wisely, for the unification of the English-speaking peoples, and particularly for closer alliance with Great Britain. After a close-up view of the browns and the yellows in the Orient, he approves the fateful warnings in "The Day of the Saxon" and "The Valor of Ignorance," by the late General Homer Lea. He is also cured of a mental distemper which previously resulted in bolshevist proclivities, and proudly declares himself a patriotic American.

The average thinker and observer will agree to all of this, especially if he has traveled in the Orient.

The greatest national need, perhaps, is a realization of the fact that elemental forces still are stirring everywhere, and that the strongest races will rule the world. If this were understood by our people, we would be busy, by all ways and means, on the problem of developing better manhood. We never should forget the showing in the selective draft,—that fifty per cent or more of our young men were deficient in some way, physically or mentally, and that illiteracy was widespread. Thousands of young men, normal in appearance, were found to have the mentality of a ten-year-old. The greatest percentage of the deficient men was found to be the product of the parochial school.

If this lamentable showing was made by the young men, supposedly the flower of the nation's manhood, what horrors might have been revealed if the men of 35 to 50 years had been the first called for army and navy service! Perhaps this might have been best, to weed out the old scrubs, leaving the younger and stronger men to build up the race.

Evidence accumulates everywhere in proof of the fact that immorality and degeneracy are increasing. The rate of increase, as shown by vital records, is so rapid as to cause national alarm. The causes in general seem to be the love of money, which is the root of all evil, and the natural depravity of the unregenerate and undisciplined human mind. The church, having become a mere annex of "society," has lost its appeal and its power. The people are found en masse at the "movies," everywhere mad for pleasure and power, for ostentation and display of "class." Whenever there is a preacher of ability and apostolic zeal, there will be found a reverent and large congregation, but these are few and far between. Thousands of preachers today yearn for an opportunity to quit the sad business,—a mighty poor way," they say, "to make a living." Little help can be expected from the church, for Mammon is the god that rules.

The overshadowing dangers surely require the nation's full strength of mind and soul in the solution of the problem of better manhood. Unless America raise up a generation of warriors, we shall bequeath sorrow and shame to posterity.

The future is full of wars, beyond a doubt, probably one in every ten years. It behooves our country to prepare, to be ready—but this is "old stuff"—the warning of George Washington.

Highest of all duties is the never-failing rebuke to the spaniel-like pacifist of the type of Henry Ford, a hairbrained genius grown scoundrily rich through the lucky stroke. Useless to argue with men like Ford the fact that wars are inevitable; that the Almighty is on the side of the heaviest battalions. Simply swat the pacifist, as pestiferous as the fly, and just as dangerous.

The late John Ruskin, once a great pacifist, finally was cured of his delusion. He was a mighty thinker and philosopher. In his "The Crown of Wild Olive" he said:

"War is the foundation of all the arts . . . of all the high virtues and faculties of men. It was very strange to me to discover this; and very dreadful—but I saw it to be quite an undeniable fact. The common notion that peace and the virtues of civil life flourished together, I found to be wholly untenable. Peace and the vices of civil life only flourish together. We talk of peace and learning, and of peace and plenty, and of peace and civilization; but I found that those were not the words which the Muse of History couple together; that on her lips the words were—

peace and sensuality, peace and selfishness, peace and corruption, peace and death.

"I found, in brief, that all great nations learned their truth of word and strength of thought, in war; that they were nourished in war and wasted by peace; taught by war and deceived by peace; trained by war, and betrayed by peace—in a word, that they were born in war and expired in peace."

America confidently may expect, perhaps in the near future, a great creative and foundational war for liberty and civilization. It will be, on our part, an aggressive conquest of evil, in which the natural instincts of self-defense will be sanctified by the nobleness of our institutions and the purity of the cause which we are appointed to defend.

To such war as this—we agree with Ruskin—all Americans are born; in such war as this any man may happily die; and forth from such war as this have arisen throughout the extent of past ages, all the highest sanctities and virtues of humanity.

KLANSMEN PRACTICE KINDNESS

With Thanksgiving, the holidays are upon us. All whose circumstances will permit may enjoy the genuine blessing of giving good things to the less fortunate. In this kind of service to humanity the Klansmen are hard to match. For the basis of their whole fraternal mission is that of kindness, mercy and love; they know, of experience, that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Every true Klansman tries to live up to the motto of the Order: "Non Silba Sed Anthar,"—"Not for Self, but for Others."

Best of all, the Klansmen "let not the right hand know what the left hand doeth," and their work of relief is kept mysteriously secret. No worthy person in need of help, regardless of color, race, creed or other condition, need ever fear to ask aid of the Klan.

The Knights of the Invisible Empire live up to their motto, "Not for Self, but for Others." Like the noble Boy Scouts, every Klansman tries to do a good turn each day, multiplying it at every opportunity. If the people were aware of this phase alone of the humanitarian service of the great patriotic Order, which by ritualistic rule shrouds all of its work in secrecy and mystery, the malignant attacks of the Klan's enemies would be regarded by everyone as an outrage and an insult.

K. C. BLUFF FROM THE CAPITOL

"Klan Embarrasses Harding, Department May Interfere," says a mendacious heading over an absurd article by David Lawrence in the Oregon Journal of November 27. He was writing from Washington, D. C., and after telling how, in his opinion, the Republican and Democratic parties were going to suffer from Klan influence in politics, he concluded that "pressure from the groups opposed by the Ku Klux Klan will make it difficult for the government to evade the issue." Opponents of the Klan, he says, "are leaving no stone unturned to get federal action." These opponents he names as the Catholics, Jews and foreign-born voters. All this is to be done on the demand of the rabble from Europe, led by one Walsh, a "redneck" Senator from Massachusetts.

Surely it is enough to arouse every true American's fighting spirit, when the riffraff and scum of Europe, organized and entrenched in their secret societies, which largely are devoted to European interests, have power enough to threaten and insult, through federal government departments, the one fraternal order that is altogether American—that is devoted to the loftiest American ideals—that is sworn to protect and defend the Flag and the Constitution and to do justice to all men—that has solely for its mission a vast work of Americanizing the alien hordes which now infest our country.

Senator Walsh has dug up Section 19 of the federal penal code and persuaded the Department of Justice to consider it as applicable to the Klan, according to David Lawrence. This law, which he says already has been applied to the I.W.W., and which never could be stretched by the wildest imagination to apply to any tenet or practice of the Klan, reads as follows:

"If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having exercised the same, or if two or more persons go in disguise on the highway or on the premises of another with intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured, they shall be fined not more than \$5000 and imprisoned not more than 10 years, and shall, moreover, be thereafter ineligible to any office or place of honor, profit or trust created by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

The Klan welcomes and challenges comparison with any other secret society. All of its members are born Americans, of good moral character, Protestant in religion, devoted to liberty and good citizenship, obligated by the most sacred vows to practice justice, mercy and kindness toward all men, and the glorious insignia of all their work is the Fiery Cross and the knightly motto: "Not for Self, but for Others."

When the time comes that the alien secret societies, such as the black-robed KC, can use federal legal machinery to harass and insult this splendid Order, it will indeed be necessary to have a new alignment of the major political parties, or the organization of a new one based upon American principles and with candidates of unquestionable loyalty to the Nation.

The secret societies which imperatively require a drastic investigation by the federal government are those limiting their membership to foreign-born groups, or immediate descendants of same, such as the KC, the A. O. H., the B'Nai B'Rith and others.

The Klan is an organization of Americans, exclusively, with no foreign interests or attachments whatsoever. The Klansmen are unhyphenated Americans, first, last and all the time—in everything. The KC members are "Catholic citizens," as they boldly declare, instead of American citizens, and by their own admission they are not more than ten per cent American in anything.

The great Klan is putting a stop to the treasonable activities of the alien propagandists, and they are wild with rage. They

are vipers, however, biting against a file, for never in a thousand years will any legal or other machinery of the federal government cause harm to the Klan or any of its members. They are law-abiding, altogether and absolutely American, and they compose the leaven in our citizenship that ultimately will cause the "melting-pot" to function.

NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS

In every great fraternity there are always a few members who let the universal sin of selfishness lead them into the error of scheming and striving for their own personal enrichment or promotion. Selfishness is the bane of the world, the source of a vast part of all human woe.

In fraternal work everywhere may be found sometimes, in prominent position, the prototype of the selfish old churchman, who prayed loudly to God: "Bless me, and my wife; my son Bill, and his wife; these four and no more, please God.—Amen."

The sin of selfishness is less developed and what there is of it is more rigorously suppressed in the Ku Klux Klan than in any of the great fraternities.

Selfishness, according to Klan doctrine, is the world's worst sin, to be atoned for, when committed, in many humble ways before the Fiery Cross. Christ, the Klan's great exemplar, is the author of the motto, expressed in different forms:

"Not for self, but for others."

"NON SILBA SED ANTHAR" (Not for Self, but for Others)

Your friends state you are a "Native Born" American Citizen, having the best interest of your Community, City, State and Nation at heart, owing no allegiance to any foreign Government, political party, sect, creed or ruler, and engaged in a legitimate occupation, and believe in—viz:

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- Protection of our pure womanhood. Just Laws and Liberty.
- Closer relationship of Pure Americanism.
- The upholding of the Constitution of these United States.
- The Separation of Church and State.
- Freedom of Speech and Press.
- Closer relationship between Capital and American Labor.
- Preventing the causes of mob violence and lynchings.
- Preventing unwarranted strikes by foreign labor agitators.
- Prevention of fires and destruction of property by lawless elements.
- The limitation of foreign immigration.
- The much needed local reforms.
- Law and Order.

REAL MEN whose oaths are inviolate are needed.

Upon these beliefs and the recommendation of your friends you are given an opportunity to become a member of the most powerful secret, non-political organization in existence, one that has the "Most Sublime Lineage in History," one that was "Here Yesterday," "Here Today," "Here Forever."

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We want you to realize your opportunity to have a place and part in a great national and world-wide movement, which is non-political, non-sectarian, secret, unselfish, consecrated and determined to act promptly in an earnest co-operation with millions of the best men and women in America and other countries For:

The preservation of the sacred ideals and institutions represented by the Constitution and Magna Charta, the immortal documents of an unconquered race. For:

The protection of our homes, our pure womanhood and innocent childhood, the exaltation of the "Protestant" Bible, the defense of the public school, free press, free speech, separation of Church and State, the insistent demand that America must and shall be a white man's country. For:

The creation of a public opinion which will fix an impassable barrier to the intermarriage of the white race with the black, yellow, brown and other colored races of the world. For:

The purification of civil, political and ecclesiastical conditions too long dominated by alien minorities under the direction of their old-world masters. For:

A greater, grander America, free from greed and graft, where an equality of opportunity shall be the secure right of every loyal citizen, irrespective of race, religion or color.

Do you care to have a part in a clean, honorable campaign, in which every justifiable means will be employed to put men of principle at the head of every department of our Government, and in charge of every institution, to the end that the people may be unselfishly served?

Call or address THE LADIES OF THE INVISIBLE EMPIRE, 326 Pittock Block, Portland, Oregon, or Lock Box 712, Astoria.

Halt Plan Of Reds In Old California

Americans who watch with tightening jaws the insidious encroachment of Communism, Bolshevism and their unwashed brother "Jams" on truly American institutions can take a just pride in the way California voters last week repudiated an effort to foist on the state a gigantic public ownership scheme involving every hydro-electric power utility and at least five hundred millions of dollars.

Enlightened voters there, warned of the great menace which the plan held for every one of them, voted by about three to one throughout the state to spurn the plan. This rebuke was perhaps the most stinging yet administered to the Communist-minded originators of the public ownership delusion. Certainly it left them in no doubt as to how the California electorate feels toward such efforts.

It was a most ambitious plan, and for this reason its defeat carries the greater measure of satisfaction. Every bit of water power in the state was to be surrendered into the hands of five political appointees constituting a "Water and Power Board." These men, subject to no restraint, were to be allowed to pick and choose among the hydro-electric utilities and to take over operation of those which met their exalted fancy.

A bond issue of five hundred million dollars was to be used to finance this naive undertaking. And the property of every tax payer in the state was to be placed in jeopardy as security for that enormous bond issue. The spending of the money, of course, was to be a matter for the "board's" exclusive decision.

To less ambitious minds, this would seem to be enough to ask the voters to swallow in one dose. But your true Communist and public ownership zealot is nothing if not magnificently ambitious in his visionary projects. The originators of the plan which the California voters so thoroughly defeated went even further. They proposed to give to this board of five men unlimited power to draw on the funds of the state as well.

It is worthy of note that Los Angeles and San Francisco voted particularly heavily against the scheme. In each of these cities there is a municipally owned and operated public utility. The success which these two have had may be judged by the great unpopularity of public ownership there as evidenced by the vote.

The thinking voter of every section of America may ponder well the meaning of the California fiasco. Similar movements have been attempted in many states and are in contemplation in many others. A typical instance was the experience of the Georgia Legislature at its last session. The Georgia plan as put forth by the League of Municipalities was the last word in ambitiousness.

It went a step further than did the California plan. California folk stopped at a proposal of five hundred millions of dollars in bonds. The Georgia plan had no limit whatsoever. Its small group of unrestrained political appointees, dubbed a "Hydro-Electric Commission," were to be given the authority to go to any length in procuring power properties and to resort, if necessary, to the use of the state's taxing power to make up any deficit caused by inefficient and otherwise financially unsuccessful operation.

Fortunately, the Georgia Legislature saw the profound danger of any such proceeding and killed the plan without ceremony. But the dreamers and agitators back of it, who have all to gain and nothing but your property to lose, will not down easily. Even now a new plan is being made for use in the next session of the Legislature.

Americans should be on guard. There is need for watchful men now as never before.

K-C Mayor Is Raving Like A Mad Coyote

New York, Nov. 28.—The board of aldermen today adopted a resolution approving the stand taken by Mayor Hylan in ordering Police Commissioner Enright to drive the Ku Klux Klan from the city.

The resolution described the Klan as a "menace, which has scourged the south and west of this country, has at last reached the city of New York and is endeavoring to work havoc and disaster in our midst."

Police Commissioner Enright today invited all members of the Ku Klux Klan to remove their masks. Preserving silence as to what steps the department had taken to drive the Klan from the city as ordered by Mayor Hylan, Mr. Enright merely said:

"If the members of the Ku Klux Klan will give their names and show their faces it will help the public and police considerably."