

'Not for Self, but for Others,' the Great Klan's Motto, and Remember Every State that Bars to Hate Will Open Wide to Love. Appeal Always to the Highest Motive to Which People Will Respond

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LOUISIANA KLANSMEN ARE INNOCENT OF ANY CONNECTION WITH KILLINGS: BURNS MEN TRYING TO FOOL PUBLIC

Associated Press Carefully Refrains from Mentioning Klan in Connection with Mysterious Episode, Which Is Purely Local in Cause and Effect

"YELLOW KID" REPORTERS FROM CHICAGO MAY GET THEIR PATRONS INTO TROUBLE

Louisiana People, Including Roman Catholics, Respect the Klan for Its High Ideals, Its Splendid Services, and Repudiate Calumnies Born of Malice

(Western American Special)

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—Answering your query for the facts in the kidnaping and murder cases in Morehouse parish, the truth compels an admission that no fact or detail so far developed justifies anyone in connecting the Ku Klux Klan, or Klansmen, with the crimes, and all such deductions so far have been imaginary on the part of Burns detectives and their sympathizing special reporters.

The Associated Press, which has an unmatched reputation for fidelity and accuracy to maintain, so far has carefully refrained from even insinuating that the Klan or any of its members had any connection with the crimes. Even in New Orleans, where the anti-Klan influence is a strong factor in the management of the newspapers and in public affairs, the sensational deductions of the Chicago special reporters and the Burns detectives have been spurned as pure conjecture and imaginative. Governor Parker is said to disavow strongly every report that he holds the Klan responsible for the outrages in Morehouse parish, and he recognizes the fact that they were due to local feuds and had no connection with the Klan or its members. The Governor has stated that the only Klansman he knows happens to be one of the best and most honored citizens in the State of Louisiana, and his good friend.

Klansmen Offering Help

Representatives of the Klan, it is understood, have assured the State authorities of readiness to give all possible aid in bringing the murderers of Watt Daniels and Thomas F. Richards to justice; that they are all the more eager to assist in the work of justice because enemies of the Klan have done their utmost to make the credulous public believe that members of the organization had something to do with the crimes.

An independent investigation of the murder mystery is now in progress. It is no new thing for masked riders to commit such crimes in this section, which usually are due to failure of the authorities to enforce the laws, as well as to crimes against the white race, through concealing with negroes, committed defiantly by respectable white men. It is regarded as certain that the kidnapings and killings were the result of a persistent violation of the written and unwritten laws, involving certain phases of the race problem. Preservation of the purity of the white race, which means also the protection of negroes, has become since the war part of the unwritten law which no man now may violate with safety. The careless disregard of other days has changed to a determination that concubinage shall cease at all costs.

Man Highly Esteemed By All

Although Louisiana has a strong Catholic population—the only Southern State of which this is true—the Ku Klux Klan always has been and now is held in high esteem, because of its unquestionable ideals and excellent public service. It gave protection against the terrors of black rule during the reconstruction period after the Civil war, re-established liberty in the South and restored the white man's rule. For these reasons, the sensational deductions of "yellow kid" reporters from Chicago and of over-zealous detectives from far afield

have received scant attention in this section, where the fine character of the Klan and its members is known to everyone.

Purely Local Episode

The State authorities are dealing with a purely local episode, in which the Burns detectives, operating for the federal government, perhaps assigned to help on request of Governor Parker, have jumped to conclusions as to responsibility which are utterly without merit in fact. Local Klansmen have stated that the enemies of their Order will be permitted to go as far as they like, but that a reckoning is coming in the courts, perhaps in the form of suits for heavy damages against the authors of the special press reports and against every newspaper which publishes such dispatches as news.

Clever Escape From Prison

Hamburg.—Four inmates of the Fuhlsputtel state prison effected an ingenious escape when the leader of the group stole a warden's coat and cap. He marched his three fellow prisoners in lockstep through the gates and passed out unnoticed, other guards taking it for granted that a working party was being taken out for duty.

Fell Ten Stories but Finally Caught Elevator

Manuel Hernandez, laborer, of Dallas, Tex., fell ten stories down an elevator shaft, landed in a wheelbarrow of mortar, and stopped out unhurt. Through a misunderstanding of signals, the elevator on the thirteenth floor, where Hernandez was working, was lowered unknown to him, and when he stepped for it down he went. He caught up with the elevator at the third floor, landing in the soft mortar. After scrapping off some of the mortar he continued on the job.



British statesmen frequently are ardent sportsmen in their leisure hours. Here is Mr. A. Bonar Law playing in a tennis tournament.

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Customs and Their Origin; Happenings of Long Ago.

All Peoples Have Ways of Amusing Themselves on Special Occasions and at Fixed Seasons.

AN OLD philosopher, who was none the less a philosopher for his constant and close observation of men, remarked that we can best judge men's temperament and ideals by watching them at their work and at their play. A keen observer would have very little difficulty in judging Americans by their work. One such has aptly called this country "The Land of the Strenuous Life." Even our sports partake so much of this strenuousness that the medical profession is beginning to warn us of overindulgence in the more violent forms of athletics.

But all peoples have ways of amusing themselves on special occasions and at fixed seasons after a manner well established that it has come to be regarded a kind of ritual, says the New York Herald. This has come down to us from the ages when our forefathers first pushed their way out of the dry tablelands of civilization. Even the mighty power of the churches has not been able to brush aside some practices that have their roots deep in paganism.

Old Customs That Continue.

Probably after Halloween and Christmas there is no festival of the year so glib about with long-established customs as New Year's day. Among the best known of these are the saguaries drawn from what was called the "Candlemas bull." In Scotland and other northern countries the term Candlemas, given to this season of the year, is supposed to have had its origin in religious ceremonies performed by candle light. The candles used were very large and highly ornamented, and were brought in at the midnight hour to the assembled guests, who, since the falling of dusk, had been drinking freely of the wassail bowl. Then, in procession, they marched out into the night, and to their imaginations the passing clouds assumed the shape of a bull. From the rise and fall and general motions of these clouds the seer foretold good or bad weather. Sometimes, too, saguaries for the future were gathered from the state of the atmosphere on New Year's Eve, and also from the force and character of the wind.

In the imagination of most primitive peoples, especially those of the North, who were forced to battle against the elements of nature for life and sustenance, the eyes of great

BIG MONEY MAKING CAMPAIGN STARTS TO PROMOTE CAUSE

Thousands of Dollars to Be Expended in Mobilizing Supporters of Paper

OPPORTUNITY UNRIVALED

Rich Prizes to Be Given Away for Subscriptions

The Western American will announce next week the details of a salesmanship campaign, the purpose of which will be to increase our subscription list.

The plan is briefly stated, as follows: The boy or girl, man or woman, selling more yearly subscriptions than any other salesman will be awarded, as the first prize, a Buick six touring car of latest model. The second best salesman will receive a moderate priced car; the third a first-class phonograph; the fourth a solitaire diamond ring; the fifth a complete radio set; the sixth \$100 in gold; the seventh \$50 in cash, and the eighth \$25 in cash.

Those who enter the campaign and fail to win one of the prizes, following the rules of the contest to the close, will be paid 10 per cent of every dollar turned in.

Every man, woman, boy or girl who enters the campaign will be paid liberally for the work.

The Western American has engaged Frank W. Cameron as campaign manager. He comes highly recommended in this line of work.

Watch for full details in next week's issue, and then, without delay, nominate your favorite candidate.

In the meantime, if you know of anyone who might make a good salesman—man, boy, woman or girl—kindly drop The Western American a postal card and the campaign manager will call and explain the proposition.

After reading the plan in full next week, we know you will help The Western American go over the top.

Neither The Western American management nor the campaign manager will have anything to do with awarding the prizes. This will be done by a committee of well-known professional and business men.

This is your newspaper, the only one of its kind west of the Rockies. Get behind it, and help us promote the good cause.

A New Year's Song

ON NEW YEAR'S EVE in England, All in the olden day, The children went a-caroling, All in the olden way, And ever as they journey'd on, Their hearts still beat so high with love, "God send you happy, God send you happy, Pray God send you a happy New Year!"

Across the fields and meadows And through the frosty light, While starry eyes and starry skies Illumed the wintry night, The children caroled blithely on, In chorus sweet and clear: "God send you happy, God send you happy, Pray God send you a happy New Year!"

Our days are sadly modern, Our ways are modern, too; But hearts still beat so high with love As once they used to do— So take the old-time message, Good friends, both far and near: "God send you happy, God send you happy, Pray God send you a happy New Year!"

—Nora Archibald Smith.



Maj. John Jacob Astor, who, with John Walter, the great-grandson of the founder, has acquired control of the London Times. It is reported at least \$5,000,000 of the Astor money is involved in the deal.

Happy, Though Older

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NOT by mourning because life cannot be all springtime. Not by thinking that youth can be powdered, painted, dressed and affected into renewal. Not by looking backward and living upon reminiscence. Not by counting up our losses.

In fourfold beauty life is on the wing. As well try to change the course and succession of seasons as to hold back the progress of our ages. Spring, summer, autumn, winter are not only for nature, but for human nature. No one is deceived by imitation when we are not just as young as we used to be. Fading pictures and a passing show, "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune," are just the differences in life's weather.

But every season has its own peculiar beauty. Every day of every year is really a gem on Time's finger. There is even a majestic and terrible beauty in a storm. In the long monotony of the doldrums at sea one could haul a cyclone. In the dusty glare of protracted drought a flood could be welcomed. In too much of any season the wish arises for the rest of the program. Change opens up new vistas of the scenery of our histories. The afternoon of life is meant to be a pleasant outlook upon its harvest fields, a gathering in of that wealth of production that requires time and patient toil. The enjoyment of that richness of character that is given only to long experience. Wisdom can never be hastily acquired. Nothing can be done in less time than it takes. Even God must wait until full for a ripe apple.

Age marks progress and gives leisure. To look forward and go on with power of choice blithely denied, and to have time and opportunity to do as one likes, rather than as he must, these are such. To have acquired new powers of thought and to have time for books, to hobnob with a few cronies, to have a little something to do, to sit on the porch and see the world go by, to look beyond the setting sun to a new day, and beyond the coming winter to a new spring—all these and more may mean that age has kept the best wine until now!

EDUCATION WILL ABOLISH POVERTY

To live cheaply, miserably, to have the dread of hunger, the fear of leaving loved ones in want and on the gain's scant mercy, to work hard and gain nothing except a bare living—this is the essence of poverty and it soon must be remedied in America. The conditions that produce poverty must be changed, and thereby the red socialist will be abolished. The remedy, the change, must come through education and evolution, never by revolt.

"KU KLUX WILL GET YOU HILAN, IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT!" IS JOCLAR WARNING TO THE MAYOR OF NEW YORK

Hostile Office Holder Astounded to Learn That Merry Klansmen Held Spectacular Installation and Christmas Jubilee Close to the City Hall

MILLIONAIRES AND EMINENT SCRIBES JOIN GREAT AMERICAN ORDER IN THE BIG CITY

New York Klan No. 1 Already Power in Borough Affairs and Rapidly Growing Powerful, Numerically and Financially, Despite Executive's Foolish Threats

(Western American Special)

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Despite the recent threats of Mayor Hylan and the Irish Catholic magistrates who are backing him, a large number of members of the Ku Klux Klan held a jubilee and Christmas celebration, after the spectacular initiation of a large number of novitiates, in a Park Row hall not far from the Mayor's office, police headquarters, between 8 o'clock and midnight Monday. A long line of automobiles brought Klansmen from every part of Greater New York and others came singly and in groups by subway and surface cars.

Policemen on the beat where the Klanfest was held declared they knew nothing and saw nothing of any Klansmen, but that everybody was making merry. Police reports were minus any reference to Klan activities, but the newspaper reporters were "wise" to the program and many of them, it is believed, took part in the festivities.

Mayor Hylan has declined to comment on the reported defiance of his recent orders, which placed a ban on Klansmen similar to that on "wobbly" disturbers. The Mayor's friends have "joshed" him about the Klansmen until he is said to be ready to take the warpath. The general glib in the clubs and hotel lobbies is: "The Ku Klux'll get you, if you don't watch out!"

The New York Klan No. 1 is said to have a large and rapidly growing membership; furthermore, that it includes scores of New York's famous millionaires and business men, together with many highly placed newspaper and magazine men.

Mayor Hylan's threats against the Klan are not taken seriously in New York, where the futility of attempting to suppress a purely American order, organized and incorporated for idealistic purposes, is generally recognized, even by leading Catholics and Knights of Columbus.

Mayor Hylan's political advisers are said to have warned him to "lay off" the Klan, if he cherishes any hope of further political preferment, because the Klan already is a power to be reckoned with in borough affairs.

The Mayor's dilemma is said to be further complicated by the alleged fact that several hundred policemen and many high ranking officers are either members of the Klan, or have filed their applications for admission.

The organizing Klans of the Klan has "made no bones" of declaring that New York Klan No. 1 soon will be one of the strongest in the country, numerically and financially, with the aggregate wealth of individual members mounting high into nine figures. So far there has been no visible demonstration of Klan activities.

LORD ROSEBERY ON SCOUTING

Lord Rosebery, prominent British statesman and warm supporter of scouting, in speaking on scout training says: "If I were to form the highest ideal for my country, it would be this: that it should be a nation of which the manhood was exclusively composed of men who had been or who were boy scouts and who were trained in the boy scout theory. Such a nation would be the honor of mankind. It would be the greatest moral force the world has ever known."

THE KLANSMAN'S KREED

The Klansmen accept the American's Creed as the best summary:

"We believe in the United States of America—a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. We, therefore, believe it is our duty to our country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

MAKE DUE ALLOWANCE

Christmas week conditions compelled us to reduce somewhat the amount of news matter for this issue, but next week's issue will more than make up any lack. Be sure and get your copy next week. It will contain news and announcements of great importance to the cause.

SAID THE GREAT EMANCIPATOR

"The way for a man to rise is to improve himself in every way he can, never suspecting that anybody wishes to hinder him. Allow me to assure you that suspicion and jealousy never did help any man in any situation. There may sometimes be ungenerous attempts to keep a man down; and they will succeed, too, if he allows his mind to be diverted from its true channel, to brood over the attempted injury. Cast about and see if this feeling has not injured every person you have known to fall into it."

—Abraham Lincoln.