

# Editors--Read the Truth Below Concerning the Louisiana Roman Inquisition; Apologize, or by Your Silence Confess Guilt of Criminal Slander

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## WAR IS DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR ON LAW BREAKERS

### Klan Sets Machinery in Motion for Efficient Team-Work

## NO MERCY TO BE ALLOWED

### Whiskey and Dope Rings to Be Extirpated by Constructive Efforts

**B**ACKED TO A FINISH by the Ku Klux Klan, the Freemasons, the Orangemen and all other protestant fraternalities in Oregon, Governor Walter M. Pierce declared war Tuesday on the drug and liquor evils—a war without quarter, without compromise, without letup, until complete victory is acknowledged in every part of the State. Governor Pierce will use all means at his command to suppress the liquor evils and to remove the terrific habit-forming drugs.

Acting as the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford, commanding the Klan forces in the Realm of Oregon, supported by Exalted Cyclops James R. Johnson of Portland Klan No. 1 and by the chief officers of every Klan in the State, promptly endorsed Governor Pierce's declaration and started the machinery for united team-work in making Oregon too hot to hold the bootlegger and "dope rat."

Every Klansman everywhere, is commanded to "STAND BY THE GOVERNOR" and to support all law enforcement officers, by every means possible, in stamping out these terrible evils and bringing the guilty to justice.

Under the "Eye of Scrutiny," the war will go on with increasing vigor and relentless prosecution in every county, and every person who in any way hinders the law-enforcing authorities will be under the "eye of scrutiny" and liable at any moment to arrest as a dangerous and suspicious character.

No mercy will be given to law-breakers by those who are heading this fight. The rich malefactor will get the same treatment as the retail peddler. Hotels and rooming houses, drug stores and "soft" drink "parlors" will do well to heed the warning contained in this announcement.

The system of espionage and detection now being perfected, and of swift and effective prosecution, is expected to get substantial results in the next few weeks.

The whiskey ring and dope ring "on the river" and especially in Portland and Astoria, already have been identified, and the "prominent" citizens connected therewith will find themselves in stripes, if they do not leave the State or join the investigators for the purpose of law enforcement. These criminals are expected to defy the proclamation, and it is hoped that they will do so, because the people demand their punishment to the limit of the law.

The Klan now has a complete State organization to co-operate with the law-enforcing agencies. The Scottish Rite Masons will help actively, extending their efforts to other western States.

The aim is to enforce the drastic laws against the narcotic evil, to care for unfortunate addicts, and to make unforgettable examples of the atrocious criminals who until now have defied these laws and scorned the moral sentiment of the people.

"Every Klansman is expected to do his duty."

## LOUISIANA FRAME-UP IS EXPOSED BY GREAT MASONIC INVESTIGATOR

### Staff Correspondent of The Fellowship Forum Tells Facts Which Have Been Suppressed by the Harlot Dailies

To a Fair-Minded Public:

For weeks the "kept" press has been publishing the slanderous dispatches from Roman liars in Louisiana, ignoring all protests, violating every principle of fair play and decency, accusing the Ku Klux Klan of crimes which never were committed, and which, if committed, would cause the Klan to exert every effort to bring the guilty ones to justice. The Klan everywhere is devoted to impartial law enforcement and uncompromising Americanism, to the defense of the Constitution and the Flag of our Nation. To this cause every Klansman is sworn by the most sacred of oaths. Whoever makes a statement to the contrary is either ignorant of the facts, or is a malicious liar. The editors who have been publishing the mass of Roman lies are not ignorant of the facts; they are "kept" in one way or another by the Roman-Jewish coalition, silent when their masters demand silence, loud when they can publicly accuse the Klan of the spirit of independence which characterizes the true American, absolutely without the regard for truth and fair play, or principles of honor, which in other days won prestige for editors and publishers in general.

Below is given a dispatch from the staff correspondent of The Fellowship Forum, published at Washington, D. C., a great national Masonic weekly maintained by the militant Freemasons of America, whose timely service in the interests of justice will be remembered gratefully by every American.

If the guilty editors do not belong in the class of parasites and cowards referred to above, if they wish to purge themselves of the infamy earned by their service to criminals, they will apologize and explain how and why they became brazen purveyors of the lies concocted in the Roman inquisition.

The hideous nature of the outrage in Louisiana yet will be revealed in all of its nakedness. The Klansmen are innocent. The Klan is the noblest and most exclusive of the American orders. It has nothing to conceal except its vast charities, its constant and constructive efforts for the general good, its program of beneficence for all America, regardless of race or creed, which are effected best by methods of secrecy and silence.

(By Staff Correspondent of The Fellowship Forum)

Bastrop, La., Jan. 31.—That some powerful influence, generally believed to be the Roman Catholic hierarchy, is shielding one of the rottenest situations and most lawless gangs that ever existed in an American community in its attempt to stamp out the Ku Klux Klan through distortion of facts, is so well known that the people of Morehouse Parish are completely disgusted at the refusal of the American press to print the true facts of the case.

Your correspondent has found that bootlegging, moonshining, gambling, concubinage with negro women, and other forms of vice and violence have for years been the watchword of the Mer Rouge gang and that the leaders there who now are being held up to the world as martyrs at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan are nothing more than moral lepers and festers on the fair name of decency.

### Whites Keep Negro Women

A great many of the married men, perhaps as much as 50 per cent of them, not only have a family of white children but also are responsible for a family of half-negroes and half-whites, maintaining what is commonly termed hereabouts as a "negro harem," in addition to their own legal families.

Practically all of the young, single men, although there are a few shining exceptions, maintain young negro women in homes. In some instances where a youth has plenty of money, he is known to be supporting two and three negro women. Others who are not so well off financially keep only one.

This practice is so general there that it is an open secret that a deacon in the Baptist church of Mer Rouge keeps a negro woman in addition to his white family. Furthermore, this same deacon has taken a widow under his care in order that he may

pay attention to his 17-year-old daughter. He recently bought an automobile for her.

The town mascot is known for miles about to be the champion poker player of the parish.

Dr. J. L. Daniel, who operates a gambling house where both whites and negroes congregate and gamble together.

Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard, who are said to have "disappeared," were partners in the gambling house. Both were kept a negro woman.

The gambling house of J. L. Daniel is maintained at his own home in Morehouse Parish and the state's attorneys who are here to know it, for one of them was there Tuesday night gambling.

The people of Morehouse Parish do not believe Watt Daniel and Thomas Richard are dead. They believe they left for parts unknown, probably to Orleans, at the instance of the Catholic hierarchy, in order to carry out their nefarious scheme of paying crime that does not cast on the heads of innocent men.

The bodies that were identified as those of the missing men are believed to have been brought to Lake Lafourche by the enemies of the K. K. K. and "found" by the Catholic officers of the law in dragging the lake. It is the general belief that the bodies have been used as specimens by some medical college and were so disfigured before being brought here so as to make identification impossible. It is plain that articles belonging to Watt Daniel that were found on one of the bodies could easily have been given to the plotters by Daniel and placed on the body in that way.

The "search" for the torture machine is being laughed at openly here. The report has gone out that the officers are "dragging" the lake to find the torture machine. Klansmen are keeping close watch on the officers to see where they are building it and see when they throw it in the lake so it can be "found". The existence of a torture machine is not given one moment's credence by people on the ground.

These facts have never been presented to the public for the reason that the Catholics control the machine that is conducting the hearing at present. Officers of Morehouse Parish have nothing to do with this hearing. It is being conducted by officers from Baton Rouge and Washington under the direction of Governor Parker, every one of whom is a Roman Catholic.

To show that the Catholics are in control, note the following facts adduced during investigations and vouched for by the best citizens of Northern Louisiana:

### Catholics in Control

1. Governor Parker's wife is a Catholic, and his daughter is in a convent.
2. Attorney-General A. V. Coco, a demitted Mason, has joined the Catholic church and the Knights of Columbus.
3. Federal investigators sent here by William J. Burns, Knight of Columbus chief of the Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation, are all Catholics.
4. All State investigators are Catholics.

In addition to this, Catholics have seen to it that most of the correspondents sent here to report are Catholics or have strong pro-Catholic tendencies.

The principal delight of newspaper correspondents seems to be in digging up wild and fanciful yarns and will take anything anyone will tell them, sending it out to their papers as facts. A few nights ago R. E. Rhodes, correspondent for the Shreveport Times, who has been one of the greatest exaggerators in the newspaper corps, was arrested for drunkenness. When arraigned before the Mayor, he pleaded that his paper be not told or he would lose his position. The Mayor lectured him for his exaggerations and then begging mercy of the town, remitted his fine and let him go.

### Hearing Not "Legal"

The "hearing" conducted here has no legal standing. It is simply a prosecutor's inquiry to see if he has a case. Witnesses who are suspected of having any testimony which would throw light on the other side are not allowed to testify. Those who do testify are protected from cross-examination.

Bringing troops to Morehouse Parish is regarded as a gross

## HUGHES TALKS 'SASSY' TO OLD HOLY TOE BEN

A story which is just being told of Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes which occurred during a visit he made to Europe prior to being appointed Justice of the United States Supreme Court reveals just how far Catholic "hokum" goes with the Secretary.

We chided him last week—and sent him a marked copy—for attending a memorial mass in St. Patrick's cathedral in Washington.

While Mr. Hughes was in Europe the Pope invited him to call at the Vatican when he came to Rome. At the same time an invitation was received by Mr. Hughes from the Methodist headquarters at Rome also asking him to call. Mr. Hughes accepted both.

When he got to Rome it suited his convenience to call at the Methodist headquarters first. The Pope heard of it and waxed himself exceedingly wrathful. He sat down and wrote a very sharp note to Mr. Hughes in which he reproved him for his lese-majeste, and concluded by saying he was "greatly tempted to withdraw the invitation."

Now, Mr. Hughes has gained somewhat of a reputation at writing notes, so he penned one back to the Pope telling him, in effect, to go ahead and withdraw his invitation if he wanted to; he never asked for it in the first place.

## STOP IMMIGRATION FOR FIVE FULL YEARS

### Demand of Labor and Fraternal Organizations of the United States

The Anti-Immigration League of America, headquarters at Portland, of which Judge W. T. Vaughn is president and Mrs. W. S. Belt secretary, is asking all American organizations to adopt and forward to Congress the following resolution:

"Be it Resolved, That we, the (local council or order) demand that our representatives be instructed to demand that the U. S. Congress pass a law suspending immigration for a period of five years, at the end of said time a general naturalization day to take place for those who are fit to become citizens, and those who are not fit to be deported at once, and provision to be made for those who have wives and children in foreign lands, who have become citizens."

Fifty-five central labor councils already have adopted the resolution, unannounced, and various other organizations are promoting it, including the American Federation of Fraternal Societies, of which M. F. Wright of Portland, is executive society. The Roman Catholic priesthood is fighting the movement, desiring a continuance of the flood of Romanized immigrants from the slums of Europe—people easily bamboozled and victimized by the "Beast."

Freemasonry is an equipment with which a man becomes a more valuable citizen, a better husband and father of a family. No better arrangement has been formed by which man may more certainly attain his true altitude.

insult by the citizens of the parish. Never at any time has there been any need for troops in the present situation, and now most of them have been sent back to their homes. It is believed this move was made by Governor Parker as a grandstand play for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus.

As soon as the Attorney-General has finished his "inquiry," the case probably will be laid before the grand jury, although even this is doubtful. It is entirely probable that he may cause a change of venue in order to get away from the wave of resentment against him.

In the meantime, the vigilance committee is as vigilant as ever and will maintain its watch over the welfare and morals of the community.

## DON'T WAVER NOW IN PRIZE CONTEST; YOU CAN WIN YET

### First Period Ends Monday Night, February 5, at 10 O'Clock Sharp

## COMMITTEE OF 12 TO ACT

### To Assure Honesty and Efficiency in Conducting the Campaign

Monday night, February 5, at 12 o'clock sharp—not one minute later—marks the close of the "First Period" in The Western American's big prize automobile subscription campaign. After that time, and for the next three weeks, the "Second Period" schedule of votes will be in effect, which means a material reduction in the voting powers of all subscriptions, while the third and last period will see the

for the final date, and the record are fighting valiantly to reach the goal where the big Rio Incomparable Six awaits the winner.

As this newspaper and the organization which it represents are absolutely 100 per cent American, we have requested that four members from the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, four from the Royal Riders of the Red Robe, and four from the Ladies of the Invisible Empire be appointed to act as a committee of twelve, so that all may know that this campaign is conducted in an honest and efficient manner.

### Votes for Ad Cards

As announced at the beginning of the campaign, votes will be issued for paid-in-advance cards, good for advertising in The Western American. These cards sell for \$10 each and are good for one year, and are transferable. The number of votes allowed for the sale of these cards during the remainder of the second and third periods are the same as for a five-year subscription to The Western American. To every contestant this is a wonderful opportunity to increase the vote total by leaps and bounds.

### Speed Will Surely Win

The crucial test of the final period will begin February 28, and if you ever intend doing anything BIG in this race, DO IT NOW, instead of being in second, third, fourth or fifth place. GET UP AT THE TOP AND STAY THERE.

Now is the time to secure an insurmountable reserve vote.

Now is the time to make reasonably certain of the prize you most desire.

Never again, after this coming Monday night, will it be possible to get the full voting power on subscriptions. This is final and fair warning.

If you entertain any desire whatever of being declared by the Committee of Twelve a winner of the big Rio automobile, worth \$1895, to be

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