

Every Day, In Every Way, the Klan Grows Better and Better



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NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS

CONSIDER MENACE OF UNHOLY BISHOPS

While raising a hullabaloo about Dr. Grant, an eastern Episcopal clergyman who is combating the antiquated notions of orthodox churchmen of his sect, the press should not overlook the far better prospect of a sensation by examining into the acts and records of the bishops, notably Sumner of the Episcopal and Christie of the Catholic church—twins as to type and methods—in the Portland district of Oregon.

The church people should rise en masse and demand that these two men be removed from the offices which they fill so discreditably. Considering their ilk, one cannot help thinking of our Lord's words: "Woe when offenses come, and woe to that man by whom the offense cometh!" Ah, but Jesus would have been called "radical" in this day and time.

How disgusting the antics and pretense of some of these preachers! "They imitate humanity so abominably!" They have convinced everyone that the only real religion is that of personal service—the Golden Rule, which is well expressed by Sam Walter Foss in the following lines:

"Let me live in the house by the side of the road Where the race of men go by— They are good, they are bad, as good and as bad as I.

By their grafting and hypocrisy unfit preachers have convinced all that church property should be taxed, exactly like all churches and church property should be taxed, exactly like all other holdings.

The hullabaloo over Dr. Grant's mild "heresy" is laughable and ridiculous. The only article of faith given to us by our Lord is that contained in the gospels—to "believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved."

The church should be placed in drydock, and the hull cleaned of the age-old barnacles, especially the Episcopal and Catholic barnacles which are detrimental to the propagation of religious ideals as enunciated by our Lord.

If one of the "saintly" defendants wants to challenge this statement, we have some thunder material that will rumble from Portland to Kalamazoo.

THINKERS RULE THE WORLD

It is natural that those who think shall govern those who toil, quoted a distinguished Oregonian Monday night in an address before a large Portland audience.

True enough, indeed, but what's going to happen when those who toil also exercise their mental powers and begin to think of their wrongs?

In Russia for many years the great Count Tolstoi patiently persuaded Ivan the Peasant to THINK. The result was the revolution. Those who can work and won't, should not be allowed to eat, said Tolstoi.

The revolution in Russia still is in progress. Out of it may come, within two decades, a nation of orderly government, prosperous and progressive.

Those who think now govern those who do not think.

God endowed man with brains, so that he might rule the world. The purpose will be achieved. Education is expanding everywhere. Within fifty years, without devastating wars, illiteracy will be reduced to the lowest possible minimum, and the toilers will be doing their own thinking.

COMMITTEE OF TEN SHOULD RESIGN

Last week we told the public that Preacher Gilbert, chairman of the Committee of Ten in Astoria, had OK'd and recommended the payment to his church of \$104.15, approving the claim as chairman, for a lot of dishes and tableware loaned by his church for use in feeding destitute people after the conflagration of December 8.

Instead of meeting this demand, Gilbert and his associates have been trying to fix the "blame" for the leak, to find out how we obtained the official documents in the case.

The Committee of Ten should resign and let the Astoria city commission attend to its own business. The relief fund should be turned over to the city authorities, but this the committee refuses to do.

The public complaint against the committee, which has no legal standing or authority, without the co-operation of the municipal government, is caused by such acts as the charge of \$104.15 for the Presbyterian dishes, etc., at a time when many women and children are in need of food and clothing, and further caused by the committee's high-handed usurpation of municipal authority, led by "Great Caesar" Fulton and Preacher Gilbert.

RELIEF COMMITTEE, Y. M. C. A. BUILDING, ASTORIA, OREGON

December 22, 1922.

My Dear Mr. Barr:

Even before the Executive Committee meets, which will be at 3 o'clock today, I wish to extend to you, in behalf of our grief-stricken city, now in ashes, our heartiest appreciation of the wonderful spirit of Pendleton and her people and of the very substantial aid rendered in this emergency.

The funds will be placed at once in the hands of Mr. C. R. Higgins, Chairman of our Finance Committee, consisting of the bankers of Astoria, through which committee our funds are handled.

Our problems of rehabilitation and reconstruction are tremendous but the spirit of our people is unbroken and we will rise again. We are confronting a long hard winter but our relief is in hand and there is no acute suffering.

Thank you again.

Very respectfully,

TO EVERY OFFICE HOLDER

You are under the eye of scrutiny. The people are in no mood to tolerate inefficiency or any kind of double-cross. Great will be the political rewards, in the next few years, for men who are honest, uncompromising Americans, who do their level best to merit honor and trust.

Do you think you could be re-elected tomorrow? Have you acted fairly and honorably toward those who loyally worked for your election, who won for you the honor and the profits which you now enjoy?

Did you preen yourself in public as a candidate unpledged as to appointments, while all the time you were fixing things up with self-seeking grafters?

Did you win your election through the generous and faithful efforts of a small group of friends, and after election did you deliberately turn upon them and ignore their wishes and give aid and comfort to their enemies?

Did you promise repeatedly to appoint to office only men who actively had worked for your election, and then stultify yourself by appointing only men who had done nothing during the campaign in behalf of your ticket?

This is warning to several contemptible four-flushers, who in due season will be kicked into the discard, and who never again will be able to bamboozle the public with fair promises and grandstand plays.

HOW TO WRITE FOR THE MOVIES

Answering a Lady of the Invisible Empire, who wants a theme for a cinema scenario:

Visualize the planet Venus and the wondrous beings who probably inhabit it. Suppose them as vastly superior to the earthlings, but terribly warlike and turbulent. They are divided, as on earth, into races and tribes, groups and clans, each with its king and chieftains.

Suppose that a turbulent Kluxian king raised impious war on Venus and were "hurled headlong, flaming, with hideous ruin and combustion," down to our pretty little planet, landing in

a cabbage patch in Oregon. He recovers his strength and is taken in charge by kindly people. He teaches us how to acquire and develop the bodily electric system of offense and defense, how to increase it to maximum by practice, as with muscles, and how it is weakened by misuse or neglect.

The Venusian weds a charming Oregon belle and their children are electro-physical wonders. Let twenty years elapse, and we have a tribe of them—and then—and then—they keep to themselves the secret of their power and they readily conquer the world.

That's the way—visualize something fantastic, grotesque, preposterous, improbable—free the reins of fancy and go the limit. This is what most of us want in the movies—pictures to amuse and delight, to thrill and astound.

MENACE TO AMERICA IN TABLOID FORM

By William Lloyd Clark, Milan, Ill.

"What does it profit us if we win Democracy for all Europe, and sacrifice our own Freedom to Papal Despotism! Read the following facts, and then roll up your sleeves and get in action for VICTORY OVER THE COMMON FOE, THE MAN-GOD OF THE TIBER."

After pointing out that practically every department of government is headed by Roman Catholics, he continues:

"Under the present (Democratic) administration, over two-thirds of the Ambassadors appointed to foreign countries are Roman Catholics.

"Over 70 per cent of the appointments of President Wilson, are Roman Catholics.

"Ten States have Catholic administrations.

"Thirty-one States now have Catholic Democratic committees.

"Twenty-one States have Catholic Republican committees.

"Roman Catholics are in a majority in the city councils of 15,000 towns and cities in the United States.

"Twenty thousand PUBLIC SCHOOLS have one-fourth Catholic teachers.

"Six hundred PUBLIC SCHOOLS now use Catholic Readers and teach from the Roman Catholic religion.

"New York, Chicago, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Toledo, Cleveland and St. Louis now employ over 75 per cent of Catholic teachers in their PUBLIC SCHOOLS."

WHY WASTE GOOD LATHER ON AN ASS?

It is a waste of lather to shave an ass. This is our answer to an esteemed Klansman who asks us to comment on the ravings of a Portland "magazinit" who has been printing a mass of dirty lies about the Roman inquisition in Louisiana, charging murder and other crimes against the Klan.

Did you know that the Jesuits had been banished from Rome by mandate of the outraged people? It is a fact. You know, of course, that the Jesuits are swarming over the United States like a pest of locusts in the land of plenty.

The nation which controls the trade of China is master of the world. In this fact lies the germ of a future war, for which America always should be prepared.

"Yet I doubt not through the ages One increasing purpose runs, And the thoughts of men are widened With the process of the suns."

INNOCENCE

By Frank Carleton Teck

(Written for The Western American)

I called the Boy to my knee one day and I said:

"You're just past four—

Will you laugh in that same light-hearted way when you've turned,

Say, thirty more?"

Then I thought of a past that I'd fain erase—

More clouded skies than blue—

And I anxiously gazed in his upturned face, for it seemed to say:

"DID YOU?"

I pressed my lips to his tiny own,

And I said to the Boy, "Heigh-ho!

Those lips are as sweet as the hay new-mown—

Will you keep them always so?"

Then back from those years came a rakish song,

With a ribald jest or two,

And I looked at the child, who knew no wrong—

And he answered me: "DID YOU?"

I looked in his eyes—big, brown and clear,

And I cried: "O, Boy of mine!

Will you keep them clear in the after-years—

Will you leave no heart to pine?"

Then back from the past came another's eyes—

Sad eyes of tear-dimmed blue—

Did he know they were not his mother's eyes?—

For he answered me: "DID YOU?"

Our Jolly New World

By Julia C. Gray

DO YOU remember

How in the old days We were taught That denial and repression Were the substance of religion? That joy was the devil's own device? That we should live Only to prepare for DEATH?

And do you realize That the world is being transformed? That on our screen And in our literature, Yes, even in our pulpits, The Gospel of JOY is being preached?

Everything now teaches "Express. Express." Every cell in the body says "Prepare to live!" Life has no limitations Except what we ourselves set: Health, Happiness, Prosperity Are our heritage.

"I CAME," said the Master, "That ye might have life, Life more abundant." And we may have Abundant, radiant life HERE AND NOW. The old world passeth, THE JOLLY NEW WORLD IS HERE. (From The Nautilus, December.)

M. & F. Unfair Say Portland Unionists

Meier & Frank's Department store still is on labor's unfair list, by unanimous vote of the Portland Central Labor Council, representing all the trades, Monday, Dec. 11. The reasons given are these, chiefly:

Starvation wages paid to 4000 employes, mostly women and girls, who get the apprentice minimum of \$9 a week. It was unanimously declared that no woman or girl, however economical she might be, could live decently in Portland, or elsewhere, on such pitifully small wages.

Autocratic and impudent refusal of J. Meier, alleged head of the firm, to consider these grievances of labor with a view to amicable adjustment.

The largest part of the patronage of Meier & Frank, amounting to millions of dollars annually, is said to come from the slender purses of the poor.

For these reasons the working folk of Portland have declared Meier & Frank to be unfair, and are imploring a right-thinking public to consider their grievances.

Here's the ladder of success: 100%—I did. 90%—I will. 80%—I can. 70%—I think I can. 60%—I might. 50%—I think I might. 40%—What is it? 30%—I wish I could. 20%—I don't know how. 10%—I don't. 0%—I won't.

Tiny Tim, observing his father trying on his new lodge robe, was asked: "Well, son, what do you think of it?" "I'd like to know if you have on pants under that night-gown," the wise young hopeful replied.

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."

The Meier & Frank Store Has Been Declared Unfair by the Central Labor Council