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 te Episcopal and Christie of the Catholic church—twins as to type and cities substantial aid and encouragement, but from no city has 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 Executive Committee? 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. He would say to the churchly grafter of the relief fund in Astoria, and to his coworker of the Episcopal flock who helped fight the public school bill: "Woe unto you, hypocrites, grafters! How shall ye escape the damnation of hell!"

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. Let me not sit in the corner seat, nor hurl the critic's ban, But let me live in the house by the side of the road, And be a friend to man."

other holdings. The value of church property in the United dog-catcher-and the national cry is, "God give as MEN!" States is \$1,257,575,867—all exempt from taxation, and thus the State imposes a church tax upon the whole community. Out- acted fairly and honorably toward those who loyally worked for rage! Nothing less. Unjust and scandalous outrage! But to your election, who won for you the honor and the profits which return to the subject:

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 to appointments, while all the time you were fixing things up barnacles which are detrimental to the propagation of religious with self-seeking grafters? ideals as enunciated by our Lord. Bishops of the church, like the pair above named, have done more in their ecclesiastical capacity in the last ten years to hurt religion than all the Grants and Briggses and other "heretics" in the previous century.

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. Each person who is able to work should be required to produce at least as much as he consumes, he said. This won the peasant's approval. By logical steps, Tolstoi and his coworkers awoke the mind of the serf, and the result was a new birth of freedom.

The revolution in Russia still is in progress. Out of it may come, within two decades, a nation of orderly government, pros- a powerful electric shock. These organs center in the head and perous and progressive.

Those who think now govern those who do not think.

God endowed man with brains, so that he might rule the of the central nervous system, and the nerves supplying the world. The purpose will be achieved. Education is expanding deadly organs are enormously developed. everywhere. Within fifty years, without devastating wars, illiteracy will be reduced to the lowest possible minimum, and the on Venus and were "hurled headlong, flaming, with hideous ruin Did he know they were not his mother's eyes?toilers will be doing their own thinking.

COMMITTEE OF TEN SHOULD RESIGN

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 and how it is weakened by misuse or neglect. for use in feeding destitute people after the conflagration of December 8. The charge seemed so unnecessary and unfair, considering the wealth of Gilbert's church, which had sustained no loss, that we demanded the return of the money to the relief fund.

Instead of meeting this demand, Gilbert and his associates have been trying to fix the "blame" for the leak, to find out how them in a legitimate manner through the watchful service of a limit. This is what most of us want in the movies-pictures

commission attend to its own business. The refief fund should be for the Shylocks who pi-rate the writers' art-no, thank you! And in our literature, 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. The following letter, a copy of which was obtained from Pendleton through The Western American's secret service, illustrates the cause and meaning of this complaint:

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 griefstricken 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. We have received from many come such a remarkable letter, indicating the magnificent spirit of the community and such readiness to assist her sister city in distress. Will you express to your people the high appreciation

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. It will be used wholly at the discretion of the Executive Committee of Ten and I assure you will be a timely aid in assisting Astoria and her people.

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 By their grafting and hypocrisy unfit preachers have con- to merit honor and trust. Trimmers, double-crossers and fourvinced all that church property should be taxed, exactly like all flushers will be kicked into the discard. The people want real churches and church property should be taxed, exactly like all Americans in office, and white men—from President to village

Do you think you could be re-elected tomorrow? Have you you now enjoy? Did you fawn and scheme for favors and sup-The hullabaloo over Dr. Grant's mild "heresy" is laughable port throughout the campaign, and after election, when these and ridiculous. The only article of faith given to us by our Lord friends wanted you to "tote fair" with the public, did you impuis that contained in the gospels-to "believe on the Lord Jesus dently say, "To hell with the public and newspaper men! It is nobody's business how I'm going to vote"?

Did you preen yourself in public as a candidate unpledged as

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? WE ARE NOT REFERRING TO THE GOVERNOR. HE IS TRUE BLUE AND HONOR BRIGHT.

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. In addition to the faculties which humans possess, the Venusian's anatomy includes electric organs, with modified muscular tracts and nerve connections, by means of which they give on contact or can project to quite a distance chest region, and encase the entire body through lateral lines under the skin. The electro-motive force is under the influence

Suppose that a turbulent Kluxlan king raised impious war and combustion," down to our pretty little planet, landing in

a cabbage patch in Oregon. He recovers his strength and is Last week we told the public that Preacher Gilbert, chairman 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,

The Venusian weds a charming Oregon belle and their children are electro-physical wonders. Let twenty years clapse, That denial and repression and we have a tribe of them-and then-and then-they keep were the substance of religion to themselves the secret of their power and they readily conquer That joy was the devil's own device?

That's the way-visualize something fantastic, grotesque, we obtained the official documents in the case. We obtained preposterous, improbable—free the reins of fancy and go the good citizen who is not connected in any way with public affairs. to amuse and delight, to thrill and astound. When time per- is being transformed? The Committee of Ten should resign and let the Astoria city mits, we will write for amusement a sample scenario-but not That on our screen

MENACE TO AMERICA IN TABLOID FORM

By William Lloyd Clark, Milan, Ill.

"What does it profit us if we win Democracy for all Europe, Everything now teacher and Sacrifice our own Freedom to Papal Despotism! Read the "Express. Express." 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 twothirds 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 Cath- M. & F. Unfair Say olic 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 "magazinist" who has been printing a mass of dirty lies about the Roman inquisition in Louisiana, charging murder and other crimes against the Klan. The pestiferous little scaramouch gets paid his regular weekly pie-card for his abominable drooling. He is beneath notice and the contempt of honest men. He recently eulogized a Portland Jew, who once killed a woman in an outrageous and dastardly manner and escaped justice, as his "prince," etc., showing where he gets his oats. "The ass knoweth its owner, and the ox its master's stall."

CONSIDER MENACE OF THE JESUITS

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 Pope, the Jesuits, and the black-robed Knights of Columbia have determined to make America Catholic, thus to establish world-wide dominion. This being true, it is justifiable to prophesy that the battle of Armageddon will be fought in this country.

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

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.

INNOCENCE

By Frank Carleton Teck (Written for The Western American)

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?"

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?"

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-For he answered me: "DID YOU?"

Our Jolly New World

By Julia C. Gray

O YOU remember We were taught Only to prepare for DEATH ?

And do you realize That the world Yes, even in our pulpits. The Gospel of JOY Is being preached?

Every cell in the body says "Prepare to live!" Life has no limitations Except what we ourselves set; Health, Happiness, Prosperity Are our beritage.

"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.)

Portland Unionists

Meler & Frank's Department store still is on inbor'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 de cently in Pertland, or elsewhere, Exaction of unreasonable de

gree of service. Autocratic and impudent refusal of J. Meler, alleged head of the firm, to consider these grievances of labor with a view to micable adjustment.

The largest part of the patron-age of Meler & Frank, amounting to millions of dollars annually, is said to come from the sien-

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

Here's the ladder of su

100%-I did. 90%-I will.

80%-I can.

70%-I think I can. 600 -I might

50%-I think I might. 40%-What is it?

30%-I wish I could.

200 -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 fives 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

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