

# WARNING GIVEN TO ALL KLANSMEN TO DISBELIEVE NEWSPAPER YARNS

## Impossible for Negro, Jew, Catholic or Foreign-Born Ever to Become Member of the Ku Klux Klan

The following telegram, which is self-explanatory, from Edward Young Clarke to one of his field representatives, thoroughly explains his position on the question of admitting Catholics and others to the order:

"The statements in the press to the effect that I had made any suggestion of any kind regarding change in constitution as adopted by the November Klionvokation, is absolutely false; and if you will read this document, you will know that it is impossible for Catholic, Jew, Negro or foreign born to ever become members of our organization. I approve and endorse absolutely the requirements now existing for membership in our organization and I have never intimated to anyone that I did not approve same or that I wanted it changed. "I gave an interview on the pos-

sible world-wide extension of the Klan, and my interview was, in substance, the same as my discussion of the world-wide activity of the Klan in my written address read at the Klionvokation. I approve of, and am preparing report on, as instructed by the Klionvokation, a plan looking to the extension of the strong arm of the Klan to the Protestant white men of the world, in order that the Klan may be instrumental in spreading the Protestant religion, and upholding the supremacy of the white race throughout the world. I was purposely misquoted because the enemies of the organization knew that to make me say the things I was supposed to have said would create dissension inside our ranks, and discredit me. It is simply another effort on the part of the enemies of the Klan

to make me the storm center of an attack by malicious misrepresentation in an effort to bring dissension inside our ranks. Our membership must sit steady, and refuse to believe things that, on their face, are ridiculous, and must not believe things about the leaders of the work read in the enemy press. I made a full denial the day after the report appeared, but only a limited number of the papers that carried the original story carried my denial, which shows lack of justice given us by the press of America.

"The world-wide plans of the Klan must be approved by the Grand Dragons and Imperial Klionvokation, and my report will suggest that in each country where there are a sufficient number of Protestant white men, that we institute an organization similar to ours,

with the same membership requirements and principles, and that these various associations be affiliated with us; but I do not propose to suggest that any one but native born, white Protestant Americans ever be allowed to become members of this organization in America. Please give this telegram widest circulation possible, and do not allow me to be crucified again to members of our organization and the public in your territory. It seems impossible for the enemy to stop shooting at me; and while I do not wish to do so, but desire to stop aside from the firing line, I will keep up their present sniping, I will go back on the firing line and make them wish they had either played the game fairly with me or left me alone.

"EDWARD YOUNG CLARKE"

he says he has known for more than a year that a movement is on foot to organize the ex-convicts of the country into one body for a general war on society, but that only recently has he known that this move is being fostered by the Klan.

The allegation that the Klan is receiving ex-convicts is generally regarded here as being a laughable charge, but evidence is put into the statement that efforts are being made to organize them. It is known that the I. W. W. is composed mostly of ex-convicts and those who should be convicted and it is believed this is the agency that really is organizing them.

### PENDLETON KLANSMEN HUNDRED PERCENTERS

#### Royal Welcome in Grand Dragon; All Working for Public Good

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 31.—An enthusiastic welcome was given to Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford at this week's meeting of the Pendleton Klan. He outlined in brief the great achievement program of the national and state organization, and was assured of hearty support in his efforts to perfect the service system whereby the Klan will bring about many improvements for the general good.

Never was enthusiasm for progress more earnest and teamwork more sincere than in the Pendleton Klan, which has become the community center of constructive activity for the welfare of all citizens.

The royal welcome to Mr. Gifford attested the loyalty and activity of all Pendleton Klansmen in helping him to perfect his state organization.

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Evening Star, Leading Paper at Washington, Sets Fine Example

### HEARST CHEWING ON FILE

Insignificant Scripps Paper and Other Scandal-Mongers Exhaust Venom on Klan

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—

Washington newspapers continue to wage their relentless fight on the Ku Klux Klan, with the exception of the Evening Star, the leading newspaper of the national capital. The Hearst newspapers are so palpably bitter and unfair in their editorial attacks, cartoons and presentations of news that they are losing force, if, indeed, they ever had any.

On the other hand, the Post, which newspaper started the present avalanche and gave impetus to Parker's move in Louisiana, is "crawfishing." When this paper started its crusade the most trivial Klan occurrence was "played up" with startling type on the first page, but during the Bakrop hearing the story has been carried inside almost to the day.

E. B. McLean, the publisher, is believed to have seen his mistake, especially when he lost 20,000 circulation almost overnight, and employed a new managing editor from the Philadelphia North American. The man who had been officiating in that capacity, Fitzgerald, a Roman Catholic, has been relegated to the status of a figurehead, and the old Post is "pepping" up in a wonderful way. The Post's fight on

the Klan is believed over, or if not that, then certainly passing. The new managing editor seems to be bending every energy to putting the Post back to where John B. McLean, father of the present owner, had it, and from where its Catholic managing editor plunged it in a fit of religious fervor.

The Star handles its news without fear or favor, and only from a new standpoint. It has never taken sides in the Klan controversy and seemingly has given satisfaction to both sides, as no comment pro or con is heard.

The little Scripps-Howard paper, the News, remains belligerent though insignificant. Its circulation and influence is so small as to be absolutely negligible. It is bought here principally on account of the serial cartoons, which are regarded as above the average. Few people read it for anything else.

### DON'T JUDGE BY NAME, YOU MIGHT BE WRONG

Don't judge a man's affiliations by his name. You might be wrong. You remember a long time ago some said, "What's in a name?" That query has brought replies of every character and description from everywhere on the topside of the globe. There are those who take the stand that it is everything. Others say there is nothing in a name.

Names which tradition has fixed as Irish now almost automatically brand a man, and oftentimes unjustly.

Dr. William J. Mahoney, Imperial Klionvokator of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, could never be accused of being an Irish Catholic.

Col. J. Q. Nolan one of the deputy Imperial Klionvokators is descended from the Irish it's true but they were from Ulster. He would fight you if you called him a "Mick."

But the climax is capped in Louisiana. It was brought out in the-Mer Rouge hearings during the past week that one of the men whom Parker and his cohorts accuse of being a Klansman bears the name: KELLY HARP.

Shades of the Vatican! Maybe there is a good Klansman somewhere named Timothy Dooley-Hennessy. Who knows?—(Fellowship Forum.)

### HOOD RIVER KLAN TO INITIATE BIG CLASS

#### White American Order Doing Good for Everybody in Big Apple District

Western American Special.

Hood River, Ore., Jan. 31.—Some time in February the Hood River Klan will initiate a class of about 250 novitiates in the mysteries of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The ceremonies will be put on in full regalia by the crack degree team of The Dalles, Ore. Klan. Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford of the Realm of Oregon is expected to attend if his engagements will permit. An invitation also has been sent to the Rev. James H. Johnson, Exalted Cyclops of Portland Klan No. 1 at Portland.

The Hood River Klan is doing a great amount of good, bringing definite benefits to all the people. The educational work is having its effect in every direction, and there is observable a closer union and sympathy between the Protestants of the community who so long have been in need of it. There is also a well defined sentiment in favor of halting the immigration of foreign scum and for the exclusion of unassimilable Asiatics—the slag of our national melting-pot.

### ALIEN WOMEN ENJOY SAME RIGHT AS MEN

Women of foreign countries who have married Americans since the passage of the Cable Bill on September 23, are finding themselves temporarily without a country. While American women who have married foreigners since that time, are in clover, so to speak. The bill provides that a woman of foreign birth who marries an American, is not automatically made a citizen of America, but says that she must take out her citizenship papers if she cares to become an American citizen. However, under the law, such a woman may be naturalized in one year. For the space of one year, though, she is without a country, for all foreign countries provide that a native woman marrying a foreigner immediately loses her citizenship in her own country.

So far as American women are concerned, there has been no trouble, an American girl marrying a foreigner having in this respect achieved the hitherto almost impossible feat of "eating her cake and having it." Under the law she may, if she remains in the United States, retain her citizenship unless she definitely renounces it, and on going abroad she may retain it on the same conditions and within the same limitations as a naturalized American visiting or residing in a foreign country. At the same time she is, in the eyes of every foreign government, a citizen or subject of her husband's country.

But the alien wife of an American husband, if the marriage took place after September 23, is in a difficult situation. From the hour of her marriage she ceases to be a subject or citizen of her native country, and cannot get a passport from its government; nor until she becomes a naturalized American citizen, can she be given a passport by the state department of the United States or by American diplomatic and consular officers abroad. American consuls have been authorized to issue certificates to serve in

lieu of passports to enable American husbands to bring home their foreign brides. But then comes the matter of immigration quotas of the foreign country concerned. If the quota is exhausted for that country and no immigrants can be admitted, the wife, no matter how high a class or desirable a type she may be, cannot be admitted.

Representative Johnson, Chairman of the House Immigration Committee, suggested that families be regarded as a unit, thus admitting such alien wives as part of the family. An easy and safe way would be to add a paragraph to the law providing that nothing therein should be held to prevent the admission to the United States of the wife of an American citizen.

### LA GRANDE INITIATES AT SPLENDID MEETING

#### Every Member Devoted to Service Program of Grand Dragon

Western American Special.

LA GRANDE, Ore., Jan. 31.—The Klan welcomed Grand Dragon Fred L. Gifford at a remarkable and spectacular meeting this week, at which a class of seventy-five novitiates was obligated in the First Degree of Klionkraft. The Klan here is growing rapidly, promising to become in the next three months one of the strongest in teamwork and results in the Pacific Northwest. Every member is devoted absolutely to the service program of the Grand Dragon and intelligent support is being given to all constructive work. Mr. Gifford's outline of work now being done in the state organization evoked great enthusiasm. All expressed unflinching loyalty to the Imperial family in Atlanta.

### LAUGHABLE CHARGE MADE BY REDNECKS AGAINST THE KLAN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—

War on the Ku Klux Klan in Washington and vicinity has been declared by the National Catholic Welfare Council through Dr. Earl E. Dudding, president of the Prisoners' Relief Society, and through the Hearst newspapers, the Times and Herald, here. For the past week Dudding has been writing articles for these scandal sheets charging that the Klan is taking ex-convicts into membership.

Care of ex-convicts is the principal occupation of Dudding, and recently he issued a pronouncement that he would help no ex-convict who was guilty of being a Klansman. He makes the bald assertion that "50,000 ex-convicts in the United States are members of the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan."

Further, he goes on to say, "I have this authentic information received from ex-convicts paroled to me by the State and Federal Governments." Even those who are opposed to the fraternity declare Dr. Dudding erred in the course of logical reasoning when he expected people to accept the words of ex-convicts as "authentic information," and his statements now are being more or less laughed at. In the course of one of his articles

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