

WOMEN FIGHTING TO IMPROVE CONDITIONS

Portland Group of Protestant Workers Serve Nobly for Common Good.

Much good work is being done by the Americanization of Public Schools Committee, now working shoulder to shoulder with all 100 per cent Protestant organizations which are fighting for American ideals.

The Committee is composed of a group of 100 per cent women who meet once a week in different places. They are not an organization and have no constitution, no by-laws, no ritual. Meetings are presided over by a chairman and records are kept by the secretary.

The Committee is doing very effective relief work. It has cared for many unfortunates on its own initiative.

Contrary to a mistaken idea, the Committee is in no wise antagonistic to the Ladies of the Invisible Empire, but rather is eager and willing to further the best interests of that Order, regardless of any personal animosity which may exist.

The Committee stands ready to face any court, order or organization with its aims, its deeds and its records. It is wholly and entirely in sympathy with the causes sponsored by the militant Protestant orders. The members maintain that harmony must prevail, but are quick to detect internal opponents and do not hesitate to stand for the principle of the great Cause, regardless of personalities.

There are no fees incidental to membership, and no dues. Members are taken in entirely by invitation, with the right to reject or refuse admission to any one who can not prove loyal

unflinching support to the Protestant fraternal leaders.

A quiet but ceaseless war is being waged by this Committee regarding alien labor and alien property holders. It is opposing the Tenure bill and doing effective work among the city schools, endeavoring to bring back the 15-minute period of patriotic exercises started during the war. That drill time has since been, in most cases, taken up with ordinary school work, to the exclusion of the important patriotic education. Many schools have been visited and reports made upon them. Another list is under investigation.

The task is great. More workers and less discord are needed. The schools investigated are: Shattuck, Woodmere, Holliday, Couch, Kellogg, Pleasant Valley, Glencoe, Hawthorne, Rose City, Arleta, Lents, Marysville, Richmond, Woodstock, Sunnyside.

Only women whose husbands or brothers are Klansmen are eligible to membership in the Committee.

HERE'S THE GOODS ON BLACK KNIGHTS

Below is given, from official records, a copy of a communication which the redneck Romans sent to every one of their followers and friends in the Phelan campaign in San Francisco. They succeeded in making the metropolis of California the western stronghold of the potentate of the Tiber, but even yet the Protestant Americans outnumber them by a large majority and the Klan is on the job. By their method of thorough organization and active teamwork, standing together like Moslem fanatics, or as the Mormons used to do under Brigham Young, the Catholic minority in America almost captured the country, their triumph beginning with Woodrow Wilson, who gave Joe Tumulty, KC, the powers of the presidency in many respects. This Catholic appeal for solidarity bore the official names and lineup and was surmounted with a cross.

BROTHERS, ATTENTION! It is time to act! The Democratic

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party has renominated our Brother, James O. Phelan, member of Ignatian Council 35, of our Institute. The Democratic party also has shown itself loyal to our most holy cause, influenced by our active workers, they have placed in nomination eleven of the adherents of our Faith for the sixteen general offices. They have also nominated a large majority of the Supervisors from among our adherents and supporters.

The Republican party has nominated only one general officer and two Supervisors from our Faith, but do not forget that among them is our most worthy SUPREME DIRECTOR, Dr. T. H. Morris.

We must succeed this year, for the Mayor elected will place in office the various boards, whose appointees, six thousand in number, including the school department, will hold office for life.

If we succeed, the PUBLIC SCHOOLS and also the city government will be OURS, and there will be no place in them for Jews, Protestants, or other heretics.

We are losing ground in Europe because of the Dreyfus case; we are grieved also to acknowledge that our prestige is waning in the Philippines. OUR HOPE IS AMERICA. Why not begin in California? Success in San Francisco means that California will be ours.

Brother Phelan's past appointees, his present county committee, his ticket now before us, vouch for the future.

Appended, you will find all the men of our Faith on both tickets. Remember your Catholic Obligation. DO YOUR DUTY as Catholic Citizens.

THE KLANSMAN'S CREED

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."

Mer Rouge Facts (Continued from Page 1) a whole. It is a matter of record that he destroyed the character of two girls in one family. After the older girl became a mother of his illegitimate child, he waited a few months until her younger sister had attained an appearance of maturity, and then she followed the same road to ruin that her sister had traveled. Some of you have read of the girl in this case, Addie May Hamilton, and have guessed that she is the younger sister that I have just mentioned.

In addition to this, this man consorted regularly with a negro woman in the back of his store. This man was a deacon in the church; taught the Bible class, sang in the choir and donated to charitable and religious causes. He was at that time a pillar of light "shining" in the church. I have held this man up before you because he is a typical specimen of the citizenship of the Mer Rouge bad element. He is typical in that he was the leader along business lines by reason of his wealth; leader of religious sentiment because he was deacon in the church.

I do not know, but I assume, that Skipworth subsequently has been apprised of what actually did happen. I am not certain of that, however. I think that you realize by now that it was known to these men that Daniels and Richards were the men who fired upon Dr. McKoin. Whether Richards gave them this information when they first took him out to be questioned, is for you to conjecture upon.

THREE MEN HANDED OUTLAW LEADERS Twelve men were involved in the kidnaping, but only three men were engaged in the task of handling Daniels and Richards. The other men were taken by the remaining nine, to ascertain as to what extent they were involved in the conspiracy to kill Dr. McKoin. The chances are that the nine men mentioned did not know who were the three men who carried Daniels and Richards away in the Ford truck. But I can state this much authoritatively from the evidence itself, that this was the intention of the three men who had Daniels and Richards at the time they left the little town of Collinston, headed toward Monroe—they intended to give them both a good "threshing" and then let Richards come back home to his wife and children and force Daniels to leave Mer Rouge. This was evidenced by the fact that one of these men told Davenport and he swore it on the

home town to move to Mer Rouge and take the office of Town Marshal, believing that the fact that the new man did not belong to the ring would materially contribute to the reformation of the town. Campbell, the new Marshal, however, yielded to the call of the immoral crowd, and it was this man who sent McKoin, his best friend, out on a fake call that would have resulted in his death had not Providence intervened. DANIELS THE OUTLAW BOLD AND DEFIANT There was one man in Mer Rouge who stood out as the bold, fearless leader of immorality. That man was Watt Daniels. At the time of his disappearance he was about 35 years old; a man of tremendous physical strength and dauntless courage. He was unmarried, but in the wake of his single life were the tears of many a girl—many a ruined life. The Klan came into existence at Bantrop. McKoin undoubtedly welcomed it as a God-send. He had pleaded with the people; he had begged them in church to correct their moral lives, and as he stated, he was not pleading for himself, but for his girls and for the girls of other parents, who were growing into womanhood in Mer Rouge. Seeing that persuasion was of no avail, he discovered, as he thought, in the Ku Klux Klan an instrument that could accomplish things that no other agency could bring about. So, the pressure of the Klan began to be felt at Mer Rouge, Hopkins's prostitute was taken away from him and sent to Little Rock to her aunt. Certain other men were requested to do the right thing. Thus Watt Daniels and his crowd of followers saw in the Klan an agency that was certain to destroy their paradise of corruption. They went into consultation, and this undoubtedly was the matter discussed—the best method with which to destroy the Klan in Mer Rouge. They decided to frame up a poker game as an alibi, sending two of their number to kill McKoin. Following this same procedure, they could eliminate every man who stood against immorality. That was the modus operandi of the anti forces, and they had 25 or 30 well known men of Mer Rouge, including the Marshal, to put jobs of that kind over. The grand jury investigated the shooting. But the alibi was there; it was out of the question for the law to handle Daniels or Richards. NO COMPROMISE POSSIBLE AT LAST Now, here was the issue right then: The law was admittedly impotent. It was a question of whether Mer Rouge would be surrendered to the outlaw, Watt Daniels, or whether good men, like McKoin, could live without danger of being assassinated. There was no compromise; it had to be one of the two things. It is certain that at least twelve men of Mer Rouge parish decided they were not ready to turn Mer Rouge, with its women and children, over to Watt Daniels. That brings us to the night of August 24, 1922.

The Klan did not authorize the kidnaping of Daniels and Richards. That is certain. For immediately after it happened, Klansmen began to assemble and ask what was going on. They sent up to Captain Skipworth's room for him. Now, it must be remembered that this was shortly after the men were kidnaped, Skipworth immediately came down town and was as much surprised as any one. I have every reason to believe that Skipworth did not know that these men were to be kidnaped. I have reason to believe there were three men in the band who did not belong to the Klan, one being the father of a girl that Daniels had ruined. I do not know, but I assume, that Skipworth subsequently has been apprised of what actually did happen. I am not certain of that, however. I think that you realize by now that it was known to these men that Daniels and Richards were the men who fired upon Dr. McKoin. Whether Richards gave them this information when they first took him out to be questioned, is for you to conjecture upon.

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