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

town the same night.



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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

One of the noblest of Klansmen, high in official position, who is also a true and distinguished Mason, has admonished the editor of The Western American never to forget the imperative of returning good for evil, and that "ev'ry gate that bars to hate kerchiefs tied around their hands as fore going, gave the reporter of a will open wide to love."

same sentiment, or principle, and tries to live up to it. Publicity of the kidnaped men succeeded in freederogatory or detrimental to opponents of The Klan, especially ing himself and they began to fight the nation as the lone champion of expect the daily press to come out with renewal of the midnight raids of the the Roman Catholics, is weighed and handled with the utmost to save themselves from the whipping law and order in a state "given over any of the real facts of this case." But band of black hooded murderers, just care. The fact is understood that millions of good people are in the fight that followed one or ... the dusting and the more that Ku Klux Klan and the Protestants door of W. C. Andrews' car promptly adherents of the Catholic church, believing themselves to be true were killed. I know there was not a "heroic" role but 24 hours. Congress who know something of the truth of deduced that he had been ambushed. and thorough Americans, but strangely devoted to a foreign pon- man in the truck who would have man Aswell, in Washington, wired all the affair, all working to the end that Whereupon the court investigated the tiff who claims the right to both spiritual and political rule killed either of these men, except in over North Louisiana. "Peace every- the truth may be known to the people matter and revealed that Andrews throughout the world.

Only by stern and relentless educational publicity can good American Catholics be made to realize the absurdity of the prin- They were probably at that time, more representatives of the different states truth. The Catholic Church will have fired upon. I read in a New York ciple set up by the Pope-that they are not church members, but than 25 miles from Lafourche lake, of the nation in Congress that Parker to be remodeled out and out to survive daily that the "torture machine" has his servile subjects, and that they are Catholic subjects first and or any other large body of water. To wilfally had misrepresented condi- in this free country. The dally press been located in Lafourche Lake; that a American citizens afterward. Is it necessary to quote authorities again to prove this statement? There are plenty.

The Klansmen have no quarrel with anyone's religion, but resist only the political aggression of the Pope and the operation of the "educational system" promoted by all priests and by graduates of his College of Propaganda at Rome.

The white Protestant Americans have determined to stop the Pope's campaign to make America Catholic, for his further success would mean the ruin of the country and the loss of our possible that the body or bodies were to Louisiana and in order to give to to write those names in their memory that the Catholic church was the real blood-bought liberty.

The great need for all alike is the Americanization of the Catholie church. This reform would include, necessarily, the the known to the unknown. abolition of "celibacy," so as to allow the priests to marry and If those men were killed, I am safe and in this manner, temporarily extrilive natural lives, and a drastic revision of the confession system, in saying that it was purely in self. cated himself from his precarious pre-and to make these and other reforms monuing the American Coth defense. and to make these and other reforms genuine the American Catholics would have to forswear allegiance to the Pontiff and declare SPIRIT OF LAW KEPT,

Mer Rouge Facts

(Continued from Page 3) one knows about. The other cars seen at Collinston were the cars that contained the elder Daniels, Tot Daven-

in all probability, went from Collinston to their respective homes.

TRY TO ESCAPE AND ARE KILLED

We know this much, that Danfels and Richards left Collinston in the were to give them a "threshing," see

ing to analyze some of the possibilities. I have emphasized that Daniels was than suffer the humiliation of a whip his arts.

ping. I doubt if a finer speciman of physical manhood could be found PARKER'S "HETON"

than Watt Daniels. He was a man of ROLE SHORT-LIVED tremendous physical strength. Rich- Parker went to Washington and ards was also a strong man physically. asked Harding for assistance of the They were bound only with hand- military forces of the nation; but bethey were held behind them. Now, the Washington newspaper a story which PEOPLE DEMANDING

odds were only three to two against meant that the national limetight FACTS OF THE CASE He is right, of course. This journal has often expressed the them, and the chances are fa nd would be upon him when he reached

> that they knew was impending, and to mutiny and rebellion." He did not, I do believe that with the Masons, the as he, Frost, from a scratch on the the defense of his own life. If one or where," read the return messages. As at large, it will ultimately become could not possibly have been ambushed

both of those men were killed, what well slid all in his power to repair the known, and these are the consequences as he had not been using the car at disposition was made of the bodies? damage done by Parker. He told the that will attend the knowledge of that the time he was alleged to have been have carried the bodies that distance tions in his state, and proved it with must sever its allegiance to the Catho- derrick was moved to the lake to hoist would have incurred great risk of be- the telegrams that he had gotten from lic Empire; and, finally, the patholo- it out of the water and just as the ing detected. At the same time it his constituents and others from all gists who held the autopsy over the machine was brought to the top of the

would have been a matter of hours to parts of the State of Louisiana. have excavated a grave or graves, and Now Parker was in this dilemma: autopsy over the political corpse of slipped and it was dropped back into the chances are they had no tools He had to admit he had misrepresented John M. Parker and all his associates the lake. And in this manner the adequate for such work. The time was conditions, or had to go back home in this afafir. midsummer and it had been dry and construct a situation of seeming

weather for several days; the woods lawlessness. He is not the man to names of certain men in this State, BEHIND FRAME-UP were on fire everywhere. It is just admit himself wrong. He came back and ask my countrymen of Louisiana cremated. I would prefer that you the quiet parish of Morehouse a revo- for all time to come:

consider this as hypothetical deduc. lutionary aspect, began the movement tion; the reasoning of the mind from of infantry, cavalry and machine gun squads into Bastrop and Mer Rouge,

in which to rear their children; the

dicament. The first statement that the assisted in the persecution, but to what article to an exposition of the extent open hearing was to the effect that at up I am unable to say. Make such dis

he has shown for the Klan. The fact house parish. I presume that you are will be surprised, therefore, to know the real facts of the affair in Morethat the Klan openly denounced the aware of the irreparable wrong that that the Governor at Baton Rouge house parish; that the Catholic church Catholic church because it advocated he has done our state. There is only took my article quite good naturedly. Is spending millions of dollars in disunity of church and state and second, one consolution that I can offer the Now there is, I think, a good reason seminating the propaganda that is come back home, but the other one because the Kian was a militant sort people who have suffered so much behind the good nature toward that manufactured at Bastrop. Nothing would have to leave the country." That of organization, which Parker could in this inquisition. In the great article, and that is the fact that Parker else would cause papers like the not and did not dominate. He saw in scheme of things nothing happens by knows that I know about as much: Shreveport Journal and the Shreveport and Richards in custody at Collinston the Klan something which he thought chance. People do not suffer in the about the affair at Bastrop as himself Times whose patrons are largely Prot-the last time they were seen, that any-diminished his own authority in the cause of right in vain. Truth and and should he bring this affair into estant, to misrepresent the situation at states Parker denounced the Klan. reformation are always born of sacri-The Klan countered right back and fice and sorrow. The good people of promptly proceed to prove just what PRIEST CONFERRING paraded in front of the capitol itself. Morehouse have been persecuted; have he has done in Morehouse parish, and WITH GOVERNOR

port and W. C. Andrews. They had Parker advertised that he would speak made a great sacrifice, but rest as in the end it would be the Governor released these men at Collinston, and, in a certain small town and the Klan sured that out of the sacrifice, out of and not myself who would stand in- of this nation is flowing millions of made arrangements to parade that that travail of persecution, will evolve dicted.

the light of a great truth. Morehouse The record of the hearing for the Parker is not the sort of man who has suffered, but not in vain. Before last week is filled with the usual Keenan sit in consultation with Parker would tolerate a thing of that sort passing on to the last phase of this jumble of hearsay and opinion testi- and Coco in deciding the fate of the very long. His hatred toward the Klan affair, let me pause to describe the mony. At no time has the finger of Protestants of Morehouse parish? It became a veritable obsession. For a real torture machine. The only torture guilt pointed to anyone in connection is certain that Keenan is not acting, time, I belleve the governor was ac- machine that has ever existed in More- with this affair. Coco's favorite meth- on his own volition in this matter. It custody of three men whose intentions tually mentally deranged and irrespon- house parish-there are several intri- od is to jerk men on the stand whom is certain there is a power behind him, sible for his acts. His trip to Wash- cate parts to the mechanism. I can, he suspects of being members of the and that power has its source and or-

that Daniels caught a train out of ington as governor of this state, his however, describe a few of the larger Klan and demand that they then and igin in the Vatican at Rome. Morehouse parish, and permit Richards holding of his own state up to the gaze gears. An inquisition conducted by a there, immediately, without hestitato go back home to his wife and chil-dren. What happened after that? I hordes of hooded and masked murder-Catholic assistants-an inquisition in what they were doing on the afternoon is now on. The Catholic church realam not going to hazard any definite ers, is the act, not of a governor who which the voice of the defense was and night of August 24, 1922. If they statement on that point, but I am go feels a duty toward the people who never allowed to be heard. The Ro- hestitate or pause a moment in their definitely that the Ku Klux Klan was gave him his office. It is an act that man Catholic Empire furnishing mil- testimony, the press loudly proclaims, a Protestant organization composed of no sort of same man would do. It can lions of dollars as well as men, to per- "another black hood-another murdera fearless man. He is the type of man be attributed only to a madman, in- secute the Protestants of Morehouse. er." How many readers can tell me has to offer, and that this Ku Klux who would rather submit to death capable of being held responsible for A press dominated by the Catholic just what they were doing on the night Klan was a militant organization, dedi-Church to disseminate the propaganda, of August 24, and could prove the cated to the solemn task of revealing Two mutilated bodies fished from the statement? That is the dilemma that to the world-the sinister menace of vats of some medical academy. A fan- some good people of Morehouse parish the Catholic church in a democratic

atical governor to turn the crank of were in. that machine. That is the only tor- LYING REPORTERS. ture machine that has ever existed in FEED HARLOT PRESS Morehouse parish.

More than a million people are defake bodies were in reality holding an water by cables and tongs, the tongs

Once again, I am going to call the CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOHN M. PARKER

ADOLPHUS COCO PAUL SOMPYRAC Now, as for Warren and Guion, they

T. SEMMES WALMSLEY

Judge made from the bench in the extent they are involved in the frame to which the Catholic church is in-

Thursday, February 22, 1923

Into the coffers of the daily press Catholic dollars.

By what authority does "Father"

The Protestants have not as yet real ized its full import when it learned millions of the best that Protestanism nation. So, in the fight at Batarop the

Catholics are availing themselves of every weapon conceivable in a desperate effort to destroy once and for all A school boy who tarried late on his way from school in order to avoid time the Ku Klux Klan, for they know a thrashing from his parents, told them that once the Klan, which is the only . he had been kidnaped. Newspaper re- element of the Protestant faith that termined that the truth of this affair porters, Frost and Rhodes, hearing of is organized, that can present a unified

> **UNTOLD RICHES** SOURCE OF POWER

Now the number of the Catholics in this state and nation are not so fearful, but we admit that their weapons are formidable. Their biggest bludgeon, of course, is their untold riches. For generations out of mind the Catholic church has been acquiring wealth. It pays no taxes and has no liabilities, hence the church has been a source of ever-increasing wealth.

Their next most dangerous weapon is their unity. The German army was never organized more solidly than is the Catholic church. However, the weapon they are just now using most effectively in Bastrop is the Associated Press, which they control. Any daily newspaper is forced to rely upon this great news service in order to be able to furnish its readers any news other than events of local significance. To disassociate from this service would mean to close the shop. So in this manner the daily newspapers in the United States are indirectly dominated by the Roman Catholic church. with these weapons at their com mand, the Governor, whose heart was with them, an Attorney General who is one of their number; a condition that might not arise again for a century: they saw the golden opportunity and the fight in Morehouse parish began. The attack at Bastrop is analagous in many ways to the manner in which the Germans launched their campaign in their effort to make a conquest of the world. The pope, sitting in Rome is analagous to the kaiser who reigned

their independence of all forgign authority. Then they would be thoroughly American-American citizens first and Catholics afterward. were not justified in kidnaping Daniels

In short, the great need is to abolish the Roman part of the and Richards. My reply is this: hierarchy. By doing this, the Catholics could live at peace with The spirit of the law may be kept all Protestant denominations, gain the respect of everyone, and when the letter is broken, and the letbecome a power for good in America. Their church then would ter may be kept when the spirit is be similar, as an institution, to the Mormon hierarchy, which has been broken. But the undying prin-troops into Morehouse. The presence ing begun at 12:10 A. M. Christmas of Columbus: chief of the department its central seat of authority in Salt Lake City. ciples of right had been vindicated.

The Mormons learned their lesson many years ago. The The cry of mothers for a decent town the frameup as the fake bodies. Catholics yet have to be taught.

Brigham Young dreamed of national domination and taught his subjects to be Mormons first and Americans afterward. The death of Daniels. world knows well what happened to him. The Pope should profit by his example.

Sheriff Harley J. Slusher of Clatsop County, who is now, own sins. since the passing of the lamented "Til" Taylor, the great out- MER ROUGE NOW SAFE standing figure among the law enforcement officers in the State FOR DECENT PEOPLE of Oregon, is deserving of all praise and commendation for his steadfast devotion to duty and his efficiency in keeping after the moonrats and doperats within his jurisdiction. The State needs men of his capacity for general supervision work, which means that his political career has only begun.

ousted an incompetent man. This is one time that the recall was at one time or another allinated with almost every political party known in these bodies to be produced when made. I have before me a transcript an unmixed blessing and a tower of strength to law and order.

cause to regret it.

counties which have men like Harley Slusher for Sheriff. Deals opinion that he is not affiliated with ington. will be planned, attempts will be made, but all under the eye of any church. His sympathy, however, PARKER PERSECUTES scrutiny.

Positive forces are at work, in this State and everywhere, possessing a power of action little dreamed of by scalawag office- convent. There were, therefore, two the manner in which the Governor has pected to hear of me being arrested strengthens a conviction I have had side by side, or surrender our councy holders and other undesirable residents.

IF LETTER IS BROKEN no time had there been need of troops Of course, some may challenge me in Morehouse parish. with the statement that these men REVENCE AND POLITICS

PARKER'S MOTIVES

There were two motives behind Par- of sorrow, see to it that they shall ker's trip to Washington; one, to se- not have suffered in vain. cure revenge against the Klan, and the

Knowing the real facts of Morehouse other, national political aspirations. That explains the movement of the parish as I do, my investigation havof the troops was as much a part of morning, having pursued that investi- of Columbus; chief of the department gation until the present moment-Now let us get at the corpus delecti. seeing the frame-up there as I do, faint cry of justice out of a wilderness The frameup of the bodies. You must stark and naked in all its wilfulness,

of corruption was all answered in the understand that without those bodies I have been forced at times to employ this hearing could not have been held. adjectives in the superlative degree, in the jetter is on file with a well known If he had died, and I do not mind For Parker could not inaugurate an order that you may see the full scope telling you that I am convinced that investigation into the death of two and magnitude of this affair, and real-

he did, he died not at the hands of men without showing first that the ize its far-reaching consequences. murderers but on the cross of his men were really dead. So, it is safe Now in order that I may not at any to say the frameup of the bodies had time be misunderstood, and wishing to been worked out by Parker and Detec- be just and fair to all, I make this tive Farland before any troops were acknowledgement.

Mer Rouge is and will ever be a moved into Morehouse and possibly I am deeply mindful of the fact that better town in which boys and girls before Parker made his journey to within the rank and file of the Cathmay grow to manhood and womanhood Washington. Parker, you remember, olic church are many good people because Daniels has passed away. made the promise to the state that he who are conscientious and devout-That is what really happened in would solve the Morehouse mystery true to the light of their teachings.] Morehouse parish. Now let us see and bring the guilty to justice. Now, any mindful of the fact that John M. MILLIONS IN, CASH Sheriff Slusher knows not the meaning of fear. He is ag- what Parker did there. I will state that was long before his trip to Wash- Parker has done some things both as READY FOR PARKER gressive and uncompromising in pursuit of duty, but level-headed for the benefit of my readers who do ington.' It must have dawned upon governor and as a private citizen that . I will now quote a paragraph from For a moment it looked as if no power not know our governor, that he has the detectives early in their investiga- are worthy of our highest commenda- a letter over the signature of a man on earth could save the Klan, but the and cool, giving strict attention to legal details. His arrests as a been and still is a sensational man. tion that the mystery would in all tion, notwithstanding the fact that he known to everyone in Louisiana. The Masons, seeing, as France saw that rule mean convictions, or at least the result desired. Best of all, He inherited great wealth and has probabilities, remain mystery for all is a man who has vacillated with letter is on file, if the Governor or they would be the next in line of conhe is thoroughly honest and square, and everybody respects him. augmented his fortune by business sa. time. Parker was again in a precar. every political breeze that has blown. anyone else cares to inspect it-The Klansmen are proud of his record, proud of having thrown sacity. He is a man of considerable lous situation. He had to admit fail. These acknowledgments, however, their strength behind his candidacy in the recall election which intellectual attainment. He has been ure or manufacture a solution. After must not be understood as in any way at one time or another affiliated with arrangements had once been made for amellorating the charges that I have

this country. He is the dramatic sort needed, Parker was on temporary firm of all the testimony in this hearing. Let minor peace officers who aspire to local fame profit by of man, who eternally caters to the footing. No matter what promises he Up until the hour of the writing of the the high Sheriff's example, and if they don't, they will have grave limelight. He is a man who does big made he could always produce bodies hearing this week, every syllable of whatever he does. He is a man of and begin his hearing. So it is almost evidence adds to and strengthens the strong likes and dislikes and of a certain that Parker had arranged for truth of the allegations that I made

There will be no "make-down" by petty larceny crooks in highly autocratic nature. I am of the these bodies before he left for Wash- last week.

is unquestionably Catholic. His wife "NNOCENT PEOPLE

is a member of the Catholic church I presume it is not in the least man they have ever arrested in this and his child is being educated in a necessary for me to call attention to affair was released. Some readers ex-

motives behind the original bitterness persecuted the good people of More because of the charges I made. You since the time I learned something of to our common enemy

volved in the Morehouse frame-up. position of them as you see fit.

1. Governor Parker's wife is a May that infinite Spirit of Good Catholic and his daughter is in a conthat saw fit to impose upon the good vent. people of Morehouse parish this cross 2. Attorney General Coco is a de-

mitted Mason; has joined the Catholic church and the Knights of Colum-

> 3. Federal investigators sent to of justice bureau of investigation, are all Catholics.

mill of propaganda grinds on. .

I have made the definite statement

trop. In making the charge, however,

I did not have the space to give de-

tailed proof for that allegation and do

justice to the other matters that I

had under consideration. I shall, there

I quote the following from a prominent business man of Baton Rouge: signature to it, if the Governor wishes to examine it.

"Seems that everybody here thinks there is something crooked somewhere. The Catholic priest, "Father" Keenan, Coco, and the Governor were in conference all day Sunday at the State House. In fact, the priest goes to the State House every day. We are forced to believe that the Pope is working in Louisiana."

"I want to give you a little information; a few words spoken by some Catholic ladies in Alexandria a few days ago. They were sitting together and I was out of their sight on purpose. They began talking about the Mer Rouge affair, and one said: "Parker is going to fix the Kn Klux Klan," and will drive them out of the State. He knows who are his. friends and he has six millions of dollars at his disposal with which to fight the Klan."

in Berlin. In Parker you see the figure of Ludendorff. The pope is furnishing Parker millions of dollars and all the resources of a religious empire with which to fight the battle of Morehouse.

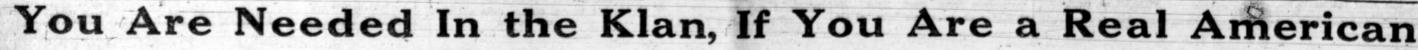
PRESS SUPPLYING POPE'S POISON GAS

The malicious lies of the press is typical of the poisonous 'gas inaugurated by the Germans.

The "Open Hearing," which is no more a real hearing than a court of the Spanish Inquisition, is the submarine with which they expect to torpedo justice in the state of Louisiana. The Ku Klux Klan, like Belgium. bears the shock of the initial attack. quest, have rallied to the standard of

the Klan. Now the whole Protestant faith in America, just as England and the United States saw that the German campaign was a campaign to Germanize the world, see in the Catholic frame-up in Morphouse a colloseel offort on the part of the church whose ultimate purpose is to Romanize America. So the Klan is now being rapidly reinforced by the Masons and the dir. ferent churches of the Protestant faith. IAke the allies, when the fight is over, we may disagree among ourselves, but

The above quotation further at the present moment we must fight



OF REAL TRUTH

PARKER IS AFRAID No one has been arrested. The only