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"NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

"JESUS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

"Klansmen: Get right with God under the Fiery Cross," was the appeal on the front page of THE WESTERN AMERICAN last week. An observing friend, not a Klansman, demands to know the meaning of the appeal. It meant just what it said, but it meant more to a Klansman than to a non-member.

"If the Fiery Cross is the Truth, and the Truth is Christ's Gospel, why, then, do you omit the most important factor of this wonderful Gospel, being 'born again' into the Kingdom of God, as our Savior told the seeker in St. John's Gospel, third chapter, including the eighth verse," says the challenger, adding: "Jesus set the standard high and clear, and also added that we would not even see the Kingdom of God unless we had complied with this one factor of imminent importance."

The answer is that Jesus is the great exemplar of the Ku Klux Klan, the ideal of Christian character which all true Klansmen must emulate in daily life, and the Fiery Cross is the symbol of the glorious Cause for which Jesus gave His life, and for which all Klansmen are ready to die today.

The Klan is a great Protestant secret fraternity, based upon strict Christian principles, and one must, at least to a degree, be "born again" in the sense meant by our challenger, even to pass the tests required of the novitiate. The Klansmen of the higher degrees must indeed be "born again," Christians of spotless character and of the loftiest ideals, and every Klansman must be a born American of unquestionable loyalty to the government and the Constitution.

Every Klansman is an American citizen, born and bred, and is pro-nothing except AMERICAN. The native-born restriction was copied from the Constitution of the United States. No person is eligible to be President, unless he was born in the United States. The restriction in the Constitution and the Klan alike was intended to safeguard our liberty against the "pernicious foreign influence" of which George Washington spoke so forcibly in his Farewell Address. This restriction in the only all-American-born fraternity, as in the Constitution, does not imply, of course, anything derogatory to the millions of good adopted Americans who were born in other lands. While they are ineligible to the Klan, they have a great organization of their own with exactly the same principles, purposes and methods—the Royal Riders of the Red Robe, with Imperial headquarters in Portland, Oregon.

Further answering the friendly challenger, the Klan path is indeed the royal road to heaven and every true Klansman must get right with God, or he cannot progress far and win the high rewards. These rewards come through service, "not for self but for others." The basic requirement of the whole movement is self-sacrifice for a glorious cause and devotion to the ideals of Christianity as exemplified in the story of Jesus and His deathless Sermon On the Mount.

NOW CONSIDER THIS, BROTHER.

Here's a characteristic letter, like many which we receive, written by the Rev. Thomas E. Leyden, the famous converted Roman Catholic Evangelist and Missionary, to a Portland friend:

"My Dear Brother: God bless you. I have just returned to my home from an extended tour of the Southern States, where God has raised up the K. K. K. to protect the home against the enemies of Christ and the K. of C. traitors. Have been away three months, in North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, etc. I wish I could help you bear the financial burdens, but I cannot. God knows it, too.

"God has led me out of purgatory and hell. Tell Mr. Fred L. Gifford to write to me. Please hand him the enclosed K. K. K. circular. I have investigated the K. K. K. and KNOW it is a holy and law-abiding body, raised up by the Truth of Jesus to oppose and expose the Man of Sin. The best and truest AMERICANS are members. I have spoken to the K. K. K. gatherings in Washington, D. C., and in leading cities of Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Florida, etc.

"God bless the K. K. K., is my prayer. I am hoping to be in Oregon this summer. Pray for me. Believe me, in the bonds and love of Jesus,

(Signed) "THOMAS E. LEYDEN,
"Out of Popery Into Christ."

91st Psalm.

WE SALUTE THE EVENING BUDGET.

Acknowledgement is extended, with thanks, to the Editor of THE EVENING BUDGET of Astoria for his fairness in giving space to both sides alike in the municipal controversy there. The Editor of THE BUDGET is not a hateable person, when one understands his motives and the peculiar difficulties of his position.

Everyone is hoping that THE BUDGET will declare its independence and turn its batteries upon the self-seeking and crooked interests which have kept Astoria in the small-town class for more than forty years.

If THE BUDGET will cut loose from the small coterie of schemers who have been deceiving and slyly using its Editor and Manager, it can develop speedily into a great newspaper—a million-dollar institution within ten years.

The Klansmen are fighting, with all other good citizens, for only what is right, and would be pleased to help make THE BUDGET a great newspaper—always fair, impartial, giving the facts and commenting thereon in an impersonal and honest manner, never using information whispered by traitors who have no respect for a sacred obligation, never publishing rumor as fact.

If the genius of the Editor of THE BUDGET and the fine talents of his staff are concentrated upon a policy of this kind, it will mean "showers of blessings" for everyone concerned.

Mutual understanding, and the spirit of fair play which is the chief characteristic of white men the world over, will settle all feuds and harmonize all differences. The basis of this understanding is the mutual recognition of the fact that certain selfish interests are scheming to exploit Greater Astoria, to recoup their fortunes and strengthen their precarious financial position by profiteering upon the overburdened taxpayers upon a colossal scale. It is this gang that the honest citizens are fighting, and no one else.

It behooves every loyal Astorian at this time to stand by Mayor Setters. He is a man of honor and of good will, working for the best welfare of all the people of Astoria and for no one else.

OFF WITH THE GARB—ENFORCE THE LAW!

After the State Legislature of Oregon has passed a necessary and wholesome bill prohibiting the wearing of sectarian garb in the public schools, and Governor Pierce signed it, the papists and their claquers set up a howl that the garb-wearers are working under contract and have a right to continue wearing their uniform until their terms expire. What a silly plea! The contract did not specify that they were to wear the Romish garb, did not require it, did not contemplate it.

The new law should be enforced without favor. Down with Romanism in the public schools! Away with all insignia of the papal empire!

Consider, if you please, the impudence and daring of these foreign papists in claiming such "rights" above the Constitution, in free America, at a time when they are being barred in other countries from even appearing on the streets in their papist garb, this referring to both nuns and priests.

In Russia, where Ivan the Peasant is getting the upper hand, it is a capital crime to be known as a "subject of the Roman Pope, or priests of the Roman hierarchy." Seventeen Roman priests, including an archbishop and other high-ranking clerics, were tried and condemned at Moscow for this offense and their execution as major criminals was set for Thursday, March 29. The whole story hasn't come out yet, but the Russians probably had grave cause for their action. On the appeal of the American State Department, which is dominated through Harding by the Roman hierarchy, the Russian soviet rulers granted a reprieve and the priests may escape the fate prepared for them. The Russians are determined to crush the attempt of the Pope to establish his rule in their country.

Ivan the Peasant is becoming wise. The writer has heard thousands of them chanting in Russian streets and as they plodded along on military roads, "Dahl ostavku mui Bogu!" It meant, "We have sent God into retirement," not meaning this in the sacrilegious sense, but that they were onto the church fakers and had done away forever, they fondly hoped, with the "god" business, which they knew, by sad experience, to be allied with autocracy and despotism.

Behold "Catholic" Mexico, where the federal government is hurling the Pope's high priests out of the country, because of their pestiferous meddling in politics and interference with the rights of the people. We have no use for O'Bregon, but we applaud his action in this case. He is emulating the wise example of his predecessor, Carranza, who knew the Catholic Church for what it is.

In Oregon the Catholics ought to keep very quiet, for they are confronted by an overwhelming and organized Protestant majority. The free-born Protestant, white Americans are the rulers of Oregon, under the Constitution, and they are determined to safeguard the public school and to rid it of every sign and token of Roman Catholic domination.

No subject of the Pope should be employed, in any circumstances, as a teacher in the public school, any more than a loyal Protestant should be employed in a Catholic school. Every subject of the Pope is opposed absolutely to the public school. Why, then, should a Catholic be allowed to teach in an institution which he or she hates and opposes, which he or she necessarily must hate and oppose, by every means available, in order to be a good subject of the Pope? This is the question that yet must be settled in Oregon and in every State in the Union.

"Put none but Americans on guard."

Mayor O. B. SETTERS of Astoria is proving himself to be the honest, faithful citizen we always declared him to be, an able executive, efficient in every respect. He is for every good reason entitled to the strongest support of all loyal citizens in his efforts to bring about harmony and unity of action in the City Commission, so that the reconstruction of the fire-swept business district may proceed.

By N. S. SEDANTHAR, at Washington, D. C.

"THE WHITE MAN will have to leave this country if anybody does. The negroes will not leave it."

The words above were uttered during the last week at Columbus, Ohio, by Robert R. Moton, negro president of the Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute for negroes, in an address at that place. So far as I know, there has never been any edict anywhere at any time that the negroes had to leave the country.

The South is the section of the United States most concerned over the negro "problem," and it does not consider it a problem in any sense. I know whereof I speak because I am a Southerner. We of the South do not want the negroes to leave, for we need them—as hewers of wood and drawers of water.

BUT WE DO NOT NEED THEM in the capacity assumed by this black gorilla, just one generation removed from slavery; we do not need them to deliver us a virtual ultimatum that if anyone leaves this country the white man will have it to do.

Yet some poor, doubting fools question the efficacy of a Ku Klux Klan to combat just such insane utterances as these. The Ku Klux Klan is the only organization in America today that will deal with such as Moton as he deserves to be dealt with. Oh, no, the Klan will not "tar and feather" him nor whip him, nor will it take him out some fine morning and lynch him. All that is necessary to settle this "uppity nigger" is to TELL him what's what and who's who. He'll obey. The habit of his blood is too strong not to.

INCIDENTALLY, I want to deny for the Klan this tar and feather stuff. It's the bunk! The idea of men such as are in the Klan stooping to such things is ridiculous to men and to those who really know the Klan. Do you want to know how we get law enforcement? Well, it's simple. We simply point out the law to the erring one and tell him straight up and down that it's to be obeyed. And it usually is. Did you ever notice the effect a stern and authoritative voice has on anyone?

Moton evidently thought he was doing something great when he made that utterance. When he gets back down in Tuskegee, Alabama, he will say he was misquoted. But he wasn't. I know the nigger, and I know how moved he is by a few sounds of applause. He would no more dare say those words in Tuskegee, or in Birmingham, or in Montgomery, than he would tear, bare-handed into a fast-running circular saw.

HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF to be following in the footsteps of Booker T. Washington. He's a liar. I know Booker Tournay Washington since I was a stripling reporter in Montgomery, and if ever there was a real MAN in a black hide, it was Booker T. Washington. He knew he was a negro and he never tried to be anything else, and he impressed on his pupils that they were the same.

But he tried to make them GOOD negroes. This black ape is trying to make MEAN NIGGERS out of them, and at the rate of utterances such as these, he's doing it or he's in a fair way to do it. He will stop, though. There's a way to make him stop.

HAVE YOU EVER read newspaper articles, real earned ones, that dissertate knowingly and forecast volubly on national and world events, signed "By David Lawrence" and "By Frank H. Simonds"? Well, listen, just confidentially: Every time hereafter when you read them, remember that's the Jewish viewpoint they're putting forward. Uh-huh. Both are.

NOW WE'LL SEE who's who in Louisiana. Judge Ellis of Tangipoha parish has thrown the gauntlet down to Governor Parker. The judge says John's all wrong on this persecution of the Klan. "I'm a Klansman and proud of it," the judge says in a public statement. "And I'll meet the Governor at the polls and we'll fight it out there and see who's running Louisiana."

Atta boy! That's real stuff. That's Klansmanship. The Judge may have broken the rules a little bit by blurring out that he's a Klansman, but we'll forgive him and root for him at the polls. And we'll bet a quarter against a Russian noble that John will be further behind at the next Louisiana election than he was the year he ran for Vice-President on the ticket with Roosevelt.

BOYS, THIS OLD KLAN is humming and singing to beat the band. I'm here in Washington where I get the full benefit of what's going on all over the nation, and believe me, I have them all going. It's the uppermost subject. The crooked politicians who are putting up the biggest yelp see the handwriting on the wall, for they've got to go straight. The Klan they recognize as the voice of America.

And you, you doubting Thomas! There's come a day when it won't be as easy to become a Klansman as it is now. The gates will close down some day and then you'll be so. Even if you succeed in opening them, you'll be sorry you aren't there all along to be in on the building. Don't know how to get in? If you don't know any other way, ask the editor of this paper. He'll be glad to tell you.

HOW ABOUT THIS OUTRA?

There is no restriction upon the entry of man priests and nuns into the United States under the present immigration laws, according to a dependable authority with whom THE Western American is in touch. There is nothing to prevent papal agents from dressing as priests and nuns and, after being admitted, change to civilian clothes. A complaint on this score will be filed in the proper place.

The redneck Roman Telegram is printing silly news dispatches telling what the Republican party in Texas is going to do to the Ku Klux Klan, "Texans would bar Klux from jobs," etc. It is to laugh. Who knows of any Republican party in Texas? It is without form and void, like the honor of the Roman Telegram.

UNCLE SAM HELPING LO THE POOR INJUN

Western American Special.
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 28.—The total American Indian population in the United States is 340,917, belonging to 371 different tribes or remnants of tribes, according to a tabulation completed this week by the interior department. The number of tribes that originally inhabited the United States before the white man came to this continent has never been accurately enumerated, although students claim there was a much greater figure than 371, the present official figure. The Indian population also was much larger.

At present 59,500 of these Indians are attending schools, being educated by the government, and 35,000 attend the public schools.

Fifty thousand Indians are engaged in farming and in raising crops for their own support, while 50,000 Indian families have abandoned their tepees and live in houses. The interior department maintains 78 hospitals and sanitariums for the Indians.

Priest and Irishman

Some time ago a priest, in visiting one of his parishioners, found him reading in his Bible. He explained to the poor Irishman that it was useless and dangerous for a layman to read the Bible. The man would not consent to this, and asked the priest for whom the Bible was really written.

"Ah," said the priest, "the Bible is for us priests, and not for you unlearned people."

"Is that so?" answered the Irishman. "I read in my Bible that parents should teach the word of God to their children, and priests have no children."

"But, Mike," said the priest, "you cannot understand the Bible; it was not written for such people as you are."

"Your reverence, whatever I cannot understand will do me no harm; and what I do understand does me a world of good."

"Look here, Mike," said the priest, "you ought to go to church and the church will instruct you. The church will give you the milk and the word of God."

"Yes, but where does the church get this milk? It gets it from the Bible, does it not? Ah, reverence, pardon me, but it is an old experience that those who handle milk often adulterate it. I'd rather have my own cow."

H. D.

SINGING WAY TO FAME.
Lieutenant Crane, one of Portland's most popular and efficient police officers and a singer of wondrous power, is running like a thoroughbred in the Singers' Popularity Contest at the Blue Mouse Theatre. Mrs. Elizabeth Ray-Nelson, also a singer with a marvelous gift, is equally popular with the music-loving public. The interesting contest will close on April 6. Friends of the contestants should lose no opportunity to put them over the top.

The Catholic papers are lauding "Sir" Joe Scott's incendiary and anarchistic speech at the K-C initiation rally in the Portland Hotel on Washington's Birthday, in which "Sir" Joe declared war on the laws of Oregon, averring that the people of this State couldn't build jails large enough and O'FTEN enough to hold the Pope's valiant warriors, if any attempt were made to enforce the Public School Law, which was passed by an overwhelming majority in the November election. "Sir" Joe ought to be sent to join his brethren, the republican snipers and assassins of women and children in Ireland.

Klansmen Present \$2000.
HAMMOND, Ind.—The Hammond Ku Klux Klan recently presented the Rev. E. Leroy Steffy, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here with \$2000 to be used in the education program of the Hammond public schools.

Emperor Visits East
PROVIDENCE, R. I.—William Joseph Simmons, emperor of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, has just concluded a visit to Klan officials here in the interests of a membership drive being waged in this state.

Mahoney Makes Hit.
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—Dr. William J. Mahoney, Imperial Klorkard of the Ku Klux Klan, addressed both branches of the Oklahoma legislature here last week on "Super-Government in America." Dr. Mahoney, with his characteristic freedom of speech, referred directly to the machinations of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in his address. He was enthusiastically received and invited to return.