

# LOUISIANA TYRANT FLAYED BY JURIST FOR HIS OUTRAGES

Eminent Judge Proudly Proclaims His Membership in Great Order.

## DARES PARKER TO BATTLE

Servile Tool of Roman Hierarchy Has Stirred Up Hornet's Nest.

Western American Special.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 28.—Judge Robert S. Ellis has put the Klan issue squarely up to Governor Parker. Recently he publicly criticized the Governor for his action in persecuting the Ku Klux Klan and said the Governor did not represent the wishes of the people of Louisiana.

Governor Parker thereupon challenged Judge Ellis to go before the people with him on the Klan issue. The challenge had hardly gotten cold before Judge Ellis grabbed up and flung it back into the Governor's face.

Eminent Jurist's Statement.

Judge Ellis's Klan batttery follows: "An amazing challenge has been boldly cast at the feet of the people. A transcendent issue has arisen. Not since the carpetbag days have the civil rights of the white citizens been attacked and trampled under the feet of a governor.

"The Governor of Louisiana, in a spirit of intolerance approaching madness, has declared tens of thousands of the best white electors of this state to be ineligible to hold any office which the Constitution and the laws permit them to fill.

Attacks Governor.

"The Constitution itself guaranteed every elector the inestimable privilege to hold office if it meets with the approval of his fellow citizens. By a mere personal declaration the Governor lawlessly alters and amends the Constitution to read that every elector is eligible to office except those belonging to an organization which does not meet with his approval.

So at one bold and outrageous stroke he overrides the solemn will of the whole people as expressed in their su-

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preme law and proscribes tens of thousands of electors by mere executive fiat. None but a Parker, totally ignorant of the bloody heritage of the battle for Constitutional separation of church and state, for the right to worship God according to the dictates of one's own conscience; in short, for both civil rights and religious liberty; totally ignorant of the constant, painful battle fought for ages by the people against the encroachment of executive power; none but such a man, or one unhinged by his own conceit, would in this day and time imagine for a moment that the executive can

so impudently trample on the rights of the whole people.

Sees Menace in Precedent.

"For it is to be understood that if this Governor may disqualify an element personally distasteful to him, his successors may add other causes, and disqualify other elements for as flimsy reasons. Let no mistake be made. This outrage is not alone against the rights of one section of the people; it is against the rights of all. Concede the right of Parker to add an extra Constitutional qualification to hold office, then it follows that any succeeding Governor may prescribe other extra Constitutional qualifications, and proscriber other bodies of citizens. Admit this, and Constitutional government, as we understand it, ends; and chaos, hatred, bigotry and intolerance begin, and the foundation of our peaceful and orderly life is destroyed.

"As a candidate for supreme judicial office, and as such, a guardian of the Constitutional rights of all the people, I accept the challenge and go before them on this issue.

Declares Two Barred.

"The Governor refused to consider the names of District Judges Roberts and Reynolds for appointment by him to fill the vacancy on the circuit bench caused by the death of Judge Dawkins. The refusal was based on his assertion that they were members of a certain secret organization; and this membership disqualified them from office.

I am a member of that organization. I was born and reared in this state. No man dares to personally declare to me that I have not been a law-abiding citizen. I have served my people as district attorney, and as district judge for many years. No man dares say that any official act of mine has been guided by anything save by my oath of office and by the right as God has given me to see it. As a lawyer and a judge, I may not therefore be held boasting to say that I at least know as much about the Constitution and laws as Governor Parker.

Parker Runs With Roberts.

"So being, I declare that there is nothing in the obligation taken by a Klansman in the least inconsistent with or paramount to his oath of office; or the duties of a good citizen. The man who asserts the contrary is either ignorant, or has his own ends to serve, and those ends will dissolve and bring to civil feud the good people of this state.

"Governor Parker fought the campaign of 1912 along with Judge Robert Roberts, whom he now unconstitutionally disqualifies. He says Judge Roberts is a good man. So do all who know his gentle spirit and kindly heart. How does Governor Parker dare to declare that such a man has taken an oath which renders him unfit to execute the laws of the land, which is inconsistent with, and superior to, those laws? It is ridiculously false and insulting.

Ready to Go to People.

"If the vacancy now existing on the supreme bench for this district were appointive by the Governor, he would

unlawfully declare me ineligible and destroy my constitutional rights, and the rights of all citizens who preferred me. Thank God we can go to the people on this issue!

"Shall the Governor override the plain provisions of the Constitution on any pretext whatever, and boast of it in the face of an intelligent people?"

## BOOTLEGGERS QUIT IN MONUMENT CITY

### Hard-Headed Jurist Insists on Sticking Heavy Sentences on Them.

Western American Special.

BALTIMORE, Md., March 28.—Baltimore is threatened with a strike that bids fair to cause much suffering and hardship. The bootleggers are going on strike.

The reason is because Chief Judge Morris A. Soper, of the Baltimore city court, insists on sticking heavy sentences on them when they are brought before him for violation of the prohibition law.

The "strike," it is said, will take the form of refusing to plead guilty and going to the mat with the case instead. Heretofore, the bootleggers have regarded the fines imposed on them in the form of license to do business and have tamely pleaded guilty when hailed to the bar of justice, taking their medicine with a smile.

But, they complain, Judge Soper, won't play fair. He's jumping the ante too strong. He can't seem to think of anything to say less than 30 days and it is mostly 60 and 90 days, and when a nice little bootlegger gets two or three of these in a year, as one said, "It's a case of the whole year gone to hell."

From now on, they say, they are going to demand jury trials, and bring into play all the little legal tricks of delay and maneuver to "gum the works" that they and their smart lawyers can muster.

AT MASON'S FUNERAL.

Hagerstown, Md.—Fifteen white-robed and masked members of the Ku Klux Klan attended the funeral here on February 24, of W. B. Littleton, one of the most prominent Masons of the city.

As the Knights Templar were concluding their funeral service at the grave, the Klansmen appeared, conducted a simple but impressive ceremony and left the cemetery in taxicabs.

Defy K-C Mogul

LONG ISLAND, N. Y.—Klansmen refused to obey the edict of one J. Sullivan to leave Long Island. Said J. Sullivan is chief high mogul of the Knights of Columbus and is accustomed to being obeyed. 'Tis said he was shocked at the flagrant disobedience of the cheeky Klansmen.

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