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HARMONY REIGNING IN IMPERIAL KLAN: EVANS IS SUPREME

Simmons Surrenders His Copyrights to Forms of Organization.

KAMELIA NOT RECOGNIZED

Kloncilium Continues Functioning as Chief Governing Body of Klan.

THE SETTLEMENTS IN A NUT-SHELL.

1. All acts of the 1922 Klonvokation adjudged as legal.
2. Colonel Simmons signs over all his copyrights to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
3. Dr. H. W. Evans is recognized as Imperial Wizard and Colonel Simmons as Emperor with powers and duties as outlined in the constitution and by-laws of the Klan.
4. Kamelia is not recognized as the woman's auxiliary of the Klan and no Klansman, acting as a Klansman, can take part in the organization of this or any other woman's organization. They may act as individuals and private citizens, however.
5. The Kloncilium will continue to function under the constitution as the chief governing body of the Klan.

On Monday morning, April 23, litigation which had been pending within the ranks of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan since April 2, was dissolved by the Fulton County Superior Court following the reaching of an amicable agreement by Klansmen on both sides of the late controversy.

The Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is now enabled to present a solid front to the American forces which assail it from without and having settled all inside difficulties in a spirit of true fraternalism can turn with new alacrity, courage and strength to the furtherance of its campaign of propagating pure American principles throughout the United States.

Harmony Now Reigns. Harmony now reigns in the ranks of this great patriotic organization and in celebration of its re-establishment and brotherly love every Klansman in the nation on May 6 will hold a special program and fiery crosses will blaze throughout the land. May 6 is the anniversary of the founding of the original Ku Klux Klan in the bitter days of the reconstruction period.

The official statement issued by the conference which is approved by both sides in the past controversy and which announces to the world that all dissension inside the Klan has ended is as follows:

"We are gratified to say that the litigation pending within the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has been adjusted on an amicable basis, acceptable to all parties. The adjustment has been brought about through the kindly offices of a commission of Klansmen, co-operating with the attorneys who have been directing the litigation.

"Naturally the terms of the adjustment cannot be made public, but will be communicated in the due course to the membership of the Klan. It can be said, however, that the charter and the constitution and by-laws as adopted by the Klonvokation are made the basis and controlling instruments of government of the organization. William Joseph Simmons is recognized as Emperor and H. W. Evans as Imperial Wizard.

"It can be said that the interests of the Klan have been the paramount consideration throughout the negotiations and the result of the agreement puts the organization on a basis that will greatly strengthen it.

"It is also gratifying to know that

GIFFORD BRINGING THE BEST OF NEWS

Fred L. Gifford, Grand Dragon of the Realm of Oregon, will return to his headquarters in Portland, 405 Pittcock Block, early next week, coming from Atlanta, where he has been for the last month assisting in the reorganization of the Imperial Klan's affairs. The Grand Dragon is bringing some good news for the Klansmen of Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. Tremendous progress may be expected in this State in the immediate future. Mr. Gifford sends greetings to every Klansman in the State from Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans, Colonel Simmons and himself.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL TRAILS ALONG MINUS

Western American Bureau. DEVOIL, Okla., May 9.—To show the superiority of Public Schools as fostered and protected by the Masons and the Ku Klux Klan, over the Catholic parochial school, it is pointed out here that of the four accredited schools of the county, Randlett school has the lowest credit, which is 15%, while the schools that are controlled by the Protestant range from 25 to 30 credits.

The Klan includes in its membership men of such force and loyalty that no controversy can become so acute that it cannot be settled within the Klan itself.

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN.

Press Reports Untrue. The settlement was reached after a series of meetings between representatives of the then existing factions in the Klan which extended over a period of two weeks.

Sensational newspaper reports as to the basis of the settlement which were current in Atlanta were wholly without truth. They were attributed by the newspapers to a man who was not a member of the conference, who had no part in the negotiations and who is not an official of the Klan. They were to the effect that certain department heads and officials at the Imperial Palace would be discharged.

Klonvokation's Acts Legal.

It was decided by the conference that the constitution, charter and by-laws of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan as adopted by the National Klonvokation last November would continue to be the controlling instruments of government for this order.

It was accordingly decided that Dr. H. W. Evans was Imperial Wizard, duly elected, and that he would continue to serve as such with his duties and powers outlined by the law. Colonel William J. Simmons will continue as Emperor of the Invisible Empire, to which office he was elected, and will, according to the provisions of the constitution, have charge of all ritualistic and Kloranic work.

The Imperial Kloncilium, composed of 15 Klansmen, representing the Klansmen of the nation, will as in the past, function as the chief governing body of the Klan.

Various patents and copyrights on ritual, paraphernalia, equipment, etc. in the name of Colonel William Joseph Simmons were signed over by him to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Colonel William Joseph Simmons agreed to withdraw all litigation which he had instituted against Imperial Wizard Dr. H. W. Evans and his administration.

Status of Kamelia.

In connection with the Kamelia, this organization, which was recently launched by Colonel Simmons, is not recognized as a woman's auxiliary to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. No member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, as a Klansman shall organize or assist in organizing any woman's organization, it was decided. As individual citizens they are at liberty to organize or assist any organization, male or female, provided the principles of such organization are not in opposition to those of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

LIBERATION OF ALL POLITICAL VICTIMS IS WOBBLER DEMAND

Real Purpose of Strike Staged in Northwest Is Revealed.

INSIDE FACTS HERE GIVEN

Expert Observer in Seattle Lifts Screen for the Public.

Western American Bureau. SEATTLE, Wash., May 9.—Seattle can solve its vice problem and put an end to the open bootlegging and gambling existing throughout the lower district in 24 hours, should it determine to do so.

This was one of the outstanding developments of the "Wobblers" strike staged in the Northwest from April 25 to May 7 by the I. W. W. and their sympathizers.

Between April 25 and May 3 several thousand "Wobblers" arrived in Seattle. The purpose of the strike, called mainly in the lumber industry, was to stage a demonstration to try to affect the release of political prisoners in this country. Questions of wages, hours of labor or living conditions in the camps and mills were not involved, strikers emphatically declared. But only a few of the strikers had sufficient money to sustain them for more than a week in town, and to protect the woods workers from the leeches infesting the "skid road" district of Seattle, the "Wobblers" decided to close every bootlegging or gambling joint or bawdy house in the lower end of town.

Aim of "Wobblers." In their protective campaign the "Wobblers" purposed, first, to save the woodsmen from the vicious temptations brazenly held out to them, and second, to show the thinking people of Seattle that the bootlegger, the dope peddler, the gambler and the houses of ill-fame can be put out of business in a day if such an end is really desired. On April 28 the "Wobblers" organized raiding squads which conducted a whirlwind campaign through the lower district of Seattle. Every bootlegging and gambling joint was ordered closed. When the proprietor had the temerity to defy the squads of crusaders, his place was properly reported at police headquarters, and if then no action was taken, the place was demolished in true "Carrie Nation" style and picketed to prevent a continuation of business.

Property Destroyed. Naturally, the first direct result of the raids was a voice of protest raised by the element parasitic which preys upon the woodsmen. Property was being destroyed, and the good citizens of Seattle were treated to the lamentable comedy of seeing the bootlegging and gambling joints tucked under the protecting wing of the police. Police orders were sent out declaring those must be no demolishing raids. The "Wobblers" sat back and waited to see if the wolf's prey were to be protected as well as the wolf, but on the following day, becoming suspicious of the tender solicitude of the minions of the law, resumed their raiding and bottled up tight every bootlegging and gambling joint in the "skid road" district. Threats were hurled, but the police, fearing the righteous indignation of the people at large, did not interfere. The district remained "tight" until the woodsmen returned to the timber, May 7.

"Maligned for Years." "The Wobblers have been maligned for years, but I think we are doing the people of Seattle good deed in return," said one prominent I. W. W. "We have shown them how they can clean up their city overnight, purge it of the bootlegger, gambler, dope peddler and scarlet element. Vicious

KLAN TO WELCOME SHRINE VISITORS

Western American Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—District of Columbia and Northern Virginia Klansmen are preparing extensively to entertain visiting Klansmen during the Shrine convention in June. It is known that most of the Shrine are Klansmen and the Klans here feel it is almost as much of a Klan convention as it is a Shrine convention. General Klan headquarters will be in the office of King Klansman Sam Poindexter, 863 Munsey Building, where the visitors may call and make themselves known. Clubrooms are being established where entertainment will be given the visitors. The location of this clubroom will be communicated to the visitors when they call at Mr. Poindexter's office to establish their identities as Klansmen.

GRAND YOUNG MAN OF GOTHAM IS 89 AND ALL PATRIOT

Chauncey M. Depew, Exalted Mason, Thinks Klan Is All Right.

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NEW YORK, May 9.—"The Grand Old Man" of New York, Chauncey M. Depew, 334 degree Mason, Shriner and almost everything else that Masonry has, cannot be bluffed into damning the Klan, and he's 89 years old, at that. Lots of the big men, awed by Mayor Hylan's Catholic club, have denounced the Klan from one end to the other, but the Young Old Man proudly refused to become a Roman parrot.

Mr. Depew celebrated his 89th birthday during the week just passed and he declares he is good for 89 more, although it is felt that this is going a strifle strong on Optimism.

While Mr. Depew is not a Klansman and at his age probably would not feel like taking up new fraternal duties, is in thorough sympathy with Klan principles. He never has been asked for an expression on the Klan, or if he has, the New York papers have refused to print it.

NOTORIOUS PLACE IS CLOSED BY KLAN

Western American Bureau. ERIE, Pa., May 9.—Klansmen here this week issued a warning to Ruby Scott, negro wench, and keeper of a notorious place, to cease her nefarious trade or suffer painful consequences. A fiery cross was burned before her house and the following letter was left for her:

"The Klansmen has just paid your disorderly house its first visit, to warn you and the rest of your kind to close up and get out. You have defied the laws of God, country and city long enough. Now listen, you black violators, close your places and go! Erie does not want you. You evidently have a pull, but this organization you cannot defy. We are composed of 8000 one hundred per cent American white men. If you do not heed this warning our second and last meeting will be one of force. We stand for a clean and greater Erie and will allow nothing to hinder our purpose.—KU KLUX KLAN."

Ruby "has went."

conditions exist with the consent of certain business elements who consider the woodworker legitimate prey. Don't lay back and expect your mayor or your police to clean the city with politicians dominating the enforcement of law. Too many are feeding off vice, booze and gambling. The "Wobblers" have shown the way in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. What you need is a few Carrie Nations—that, and the guts to back them up!"

PATRIOTIC UNION TO UNITE FORCES OF PROTESTANTISM

To Counteract Malign Influence of Pernicious Foreign Meddlers.

T'L WITH THE HYPHENATE

Must Unify Americans and Prevent Union of Church and State.

Western American Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—Dr. William J. Mahoney has resigned as Imperial Klansman of the Ku Klux Klan to become Director-General of the National Council of Patriotic Americans, of which Judge George Fleming Moore, editor-in-chief of the Fellowship Forum, national Masonic newspaper, is president.

Forrest General Secretary. Another well-known Klan official who is an officer of the new organization is General Nathan Bedford Forrest, Grand Dragon of Georgia, who will be General Secretary. General Forrest's illustrious father was the founder of the original Ku Klux Klan of reconstruction days in the South.

Offices at Capital.

The general offices of the Council will be in Washington, D. C. The purpose of the Council will be to unite all Protestant societies in America that seek to preserve American unity and to prevent any union of church and State. It will have the same effect with Protestantism that the National Catholic Welfare Council has with the Catholic people. The new organization will have unlimited financial backing.

Workers Being Selected.

Workers in the cause are now being selected and sent to all portions of the United States by Dr. Mahoney, who at present is in Montgomery, Ala., with Judge Moore, attending the session of the Grand Lodge of Alabama Masons.

Other officers of the Council are Dr. B. S. Heintzelman of Bayonne, N. J., who is Second Vice-President, and George W. Young, of Washington, who is General Treasurer. Mr. Young is secretary of the Independent Publishing Company, the corporation which published The Fellowship Forum.

To Be a Mighty Power.

The Council already is functioning, and in the course of a few months is expected to become a mighty power in the Protestant world. The Catholics vigorously have opposed its formation, knowing what will happen when Protestantism is no longer divided.

INSULT TO QUEEN BY POPE RESENTED

Western American Bureau. MADRID, May 9.—Catholic Spain is in revolt against the despotic rule of the Pope over the government and daily lives of the people. The straw that broke the camel's back landed when the Recluse at Rome termed Queen Victoria's dresses as "immoral."

Queen Victoria, one of the most beautiful monarchs of Europe, is decidedly modish and since her accession to the throne with Alfonso XIII, has been the pride of the Spanish people. Her gowns always are of the latest style and the women of Spain look to her to set the fashions.

A recent "pronouncement" from the main monastery at Rome, however, has decreed these beautiful gowns to be "immoral" and has otherwise insulted the queen. As a consequence, the people are "up in arms" against the Recluse.

It is likely the king will banish the papal nuncio to Spain, severing all diplomatic relations with the Vatican.

PLEA OF CRIPPLED CHILDREN IS HEARD

Western American Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—The hardboiled circus worker has melted before the mute plea of the crippled child and on Tuesday morning the animal and human performers of Ringling Bros. circus will perform for hundreds of crippled kiddies here. The show will be given free of charge to the children and the movement originated among the circus people themselves.

John Ringling, owner of the circus, is a 32d degree Mason and a firm believer of one hundred per cent Americanism. His circus is run by Americans, although he employs many foreign-born performers. But Ringling is an American and all who come in contact with him know it.

COW-BELL MUSIC MARKS M'NARY'S EFFORTS FOR POPE

At the crisis in the State campaign last fall, when every true American was working for the School Bill, various and sundry orators, male and female, who had their price, were hired by the kike-katholic combination to skate about from place to place and talk against the school bill and for Roman Bennis—the papist Republican candidate for Governor.

The battle raged fiercely all over the State, but nowhere was it hotter than in Astoria and Clatsop county. After the job-lot of "Protestant" mercenaries had spied their worst to Astoria audiences, at so much per spiel, of course, came then the Conquering Hero—United States Senator Charles McNary. He was heralded by a great blowing of trumpets, blazing of journalistic asses, and beating of the partisan toms.

The Senator was mildly welcomed at the "deppo" and escorted to a large theatre, where an audience of choice spirits waited patiently for him to open wide the bungholes of his eloquence. The stage was dark, except for the footlights, which winked and blinked mysteriously. The curtain was down. Suddenly the band played something-or-other, and up went the curtain at a signal. Behold, there sat sedately and more or less comically in a semi-circle the leading Knights of Columbus of the town, flanked by one or two Roman Masons, and in their midst, smiling hopefully, the dapper little Senator from Oregon, impudent as Punch and fresh as a daisy. He was introduced with the usual extravagant pomposity and he pranced daintily to the front, made his little bow and began. His voice was low and sweet seductive, and doubtless it smelled of sensen and cologne, for he had just come from wicked Portland. His gestures were those of a professor in oratory and his movements reminded one of a leopard. He did not orate, however, nor erupt nor effervesce. He began talking in a calm, measured, confidential, monotone, conversational manner, his theme being the glory of the G. O. P. and the achievements of the Republican party. His plea was for partisan regularity, which meant: Cast your vote for Roman Bennis and against the Public School Bill.

Oh, he was the neatest little side-stepper of the whole campaign! He slapped the "Dimmycrats" on the wrist, warbling his courteous obstructions, and by this time the audience was tired—five minutes.

Then—Oh horrors! Biling-bling-bling-bling-bling-boom-bang! Ding-dong-ding-dong ding!

Then suddenly resounded a raucous cow-bell, clanging and buzzing upon the ambient air, apparently coming from beneath the Senator's feet. He stepped about nimbly and gingerly, evidently fearing it might go off. He smiled sweetly, rubbed his hands nervously, returned gracefully and began. BUT—Oh horrors!—

Ding-dong-ding-dong-ding-dong-boom-boom-br-r-r-r!

Again the clamorous cow-bell, drowning out all other sounds. Silence, with

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WARDEN IS VICTIM OF COWARDLY FOES: TO BE VINDICATED

Slimy Scoundrels Making Criminal Efforts to Ruin Prison Management.

CONVICTS SEE THROUGH GAME

Insidious Propaganda at Work to Discredit Smith's Splendid Work.

Next week's issue of The Western American will contain a comprehensive statement of conditions at the Oregon State Prison. A destructive effort is being made, on the part of enemies of the state administration, to discredit the prison management. Warden Johnson S. Smith has nothing to conceal and welcomes the fullest investigation. The occasional escape of a prisoner from the woods camps was not his fault and naturally is to be expected despite all vigilance and precautions. The main thing for the taxpayers to know is that Warden Smith is placing the prison management upon a strictly business basis with a view to making it self-supporting.

"Highgraders" at Work.

The whole institution was practically wrecked under the Olcott-Jim Lewis regime—"highgraded" in a hundred different ways. Moreover, the Olcott outfit made the prison a center of wet festivities and crimes were committed in the name of the law which merit condign punishment and public condemnation.

At this time every effort is being made by the cunning enemies of the State administration to demoralize the prisoners within the walls and in the forest camps. Quantities of poisonous liquor, for example, are left close by the camp, where the prisoners cannot help seeing it, for the purpose of getting them drunk and causing them to run away or start a riot—anything to "get" Warden Smith.

Liquor Surrendered.

It is to the everlasting honor of the prisoners involved to state that they delivered the liquor intact to the warden, one man saying: "In other years I was a drinking man, and I like the effect of the stuff. It was one of the hardest tasks of my life to give up this liquor, but honor demands it and here it is."

Insidious and poisonous propaganda is being spread among the prisoners within the walls of the institution with a view to making Warden Smith unpopular and causing trouble. The snake has been scotched, however, and the criminal aim of the warden's enemies has been defeated. The prisoners have leaders among themselves who know the warden is a square, honest, true-hearted American, who will see to it that every man gets what rightfully is coming to him—that good time earned will be allowed, together with every other right and privilege which justly can be claimed.

Vast Hive of Industry.

Warden Smith has made a great house of industry out of the prison, instead of a den of iniquity, and in a few months he will have made the prison a place worth visiting, a human reclamation center, always a place of penance and enforced reform, but a place where good will and honest effort to live right is the daily rule of life.

The facts concerning the State prison will be published in next week's Western American. Time was lacking for preparation of the copy this week.

Other important announcements and information will be found in next week's paper. Be sure and get your copy of it.