

ous Klan Chieftain of Oregon



meeting at Indianapolis according to the Washington Herald, Hearst morning newspaper here. Every man on the editorial staff of the Herald is a Catholic or a Jew.

Catholic forces in the Legion have been working for eight months in an effort to get the executive committee to launch a drive against the Klan. At the last meeting of the committee a resolution demanding the campaign was defeated only after five hours of vigorous and acrimonious debate, which split the committee into two almost equal parts.

"To what extent the Klan forces have been able to recruit their forces in an effort to stave off the drive against them is not known," observes The Herald, thus displaying the source from which its news comes.

The Legion is on its last legs now and this proposed drive against the Klan will finish it. For several months Klansmen have been withdrawing from the Legion because of Catholic domination in many parts of the country and because of the pernicious political activities of the leaders of the Legion. Owsley, the Commander, is a Protestant but is generally classed as "a weak-kneed sister."

LADIES HANDLE MAN WITHOUT POLICE AND IN DEMPSEY MANNER

"Help! Help! 'elp! 'elp!" yelled a certain ill-conditioned citizen several days ago, when he undertook to be insolent to a group of Portland ladies during the play-going hour in the evening. His identity is known, but his name is withheld on account of the ladies. One of them, in reply to his insolence, promptly whacked him over the noggin with an umbrella. Another landed a well-directed kick. Still another contributed a scientific uppercut—but it was the kick, landing with deadly and unerring accuracy and in the tenderest spot, that caused the ogler, when he caught his breath, to howl, "Help! 'elp! 'elp!"

And then he went away from there.

Gifford Reports on Imperial Klan

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tion department of the Order, had started a dastardly and treacherous attack upon Imperial Wizard Evans for the purpose of forcing him to recognize the right of W. J. Simmons, former head of the Klan, to initiate a new woman's organization, which was to be promoted by them for profits—the big end of the revenue going to them. The Imperial Wizard promptly "fired" Clarke, because he was a grafter and for other reasons so well known as to require no explanation. Clarke had been pocketing \$4 out of every \$5 fee to the Imperial Klan and is now a wealthy man. When ousted, he somehow persuaded Simmons to act directly against the orders of the Klonoconvocation, which is the supreme body of the Klan and so held by the Georgia courts, in starting what they dubbed the "Kamelets," officially announcing it as the Klan auxiliary, which Simmons had no shadow of right to do.

Evans Fully Sustained
The Imperial Wizard, when this happened, in order to save the Order from the unnecessary humiliation of going through the courts and having its records probed into, agreed to submit the entire controversy to a board of arbitration legally appointed by the court for a private hearing. This board decided that the Klonoconvocation was the supreme governing body of the Klan; that the Order was not owned body and soul by Simmons, as audaciously claimed by him; and that the constitution and laws passed at the Klonoconvocation was a legal and binding document.

Simmons' Surrender
Simmons' Surrendered all copyrights to the Klan and its forms and properties, previously held in his own name. It then was decided in conference of the arbitration committee, composed of men representing the different sections of the United States, that upon his relinquishment of all claims and property rights in

the Klan, Simmons was to continue in the office of Emperor of the Invisible Empire, to which he had been elected as the previous Klonoconvocation, at a salary of \$1,000 a month.

Duties of the Emperor
Simmons, as Emperor, will have charge of the kloranic, ritualistic and philosophic work of the Order and his term of office is for life. He will create all countersigns, pass words, secret signs, symbols and work of the Order. He will design all paraphernalia, regalia, uniforms, costumes, emblems, insignia, flags, banners and jewelry for individual wear, honorary and official jewels, books, pamphlets and literature of the Order. All costumes, designs, symbols or other insignia officials adopted by the Order, whether created by him or not, shall be recognized and shall be respected by the members.

The Emperor has the sole power to create all titles and honor within the Order on whomsoever he may elect and will issue and sign all certificates or diplomas relative thereto. The unanimous verdict, at the conclusion of the controversy, Mr. Gifford said, was that the Klan is bigger than any man, or set of men, and that its destiny is controlled by the membership, through its duly elected officers, absolutely.

Imperial Wizard Supreme
The Imperial Wizard is the Supreme Chief Executive of the Order, holding full authority and power within the Constitution in all administrative matters, and to act in any and all matters not prescribed in the Constitution. He may delegate such authority to his subordinate executives or administrative officers as he may deem necessary, but the Imperial authority of the Order shall never center and be vested in him and shall not be divided. He has supreme supervision over all departments of the Order.

The Imperial Wizard has full power and authority to remove from office at any time any officer of the Order, other than an Imperial officer, or any rank or capacity, or any employe, for cause. He has full power to appoint all Imperial officers and Grand Dragons. He also holds the full and original authority and power of the Supreme Imperial Klonoconvocation. Whenever a question of paramount importance to the interest or prosperity of the Order arises, not provided for in the Constitution, the Imperial Wizard has full power and authority to determine such question, and his decision is final.

Important Meetings Called
After the final settlement by the arbitration committee, Mr. Gifford said, the Imperial Wizard called the Klonoconvocation together and organized the regular meeting of that body to be

held in July, and the regular meeting of the Grand Dragons of the country to be held in Chicago in August.

After all the official work was finished, in which Mr. Gifford took an active and important part, he was requested to accompany the Imperial Wizard on an inspection or rather a speaking tour in the southeast section of the United States. He attended a very elaborate and spectacular outdoor initiation at Little Rock, Ark., where more than a thousand aliens were made Klansmen. This splendid spectacle was staged on a scenic 50-acre field on a thoroughbred stock farm owned by a noted Klansman in the city of Little Rock.

Good Eats for Multitude
The Grand barbecue, which is a special feature of all such southern gatherings, began at 5 p. m., and the initiation ceremonies were finished at 10 p. m. amid tumultuous enthusiasm and unrestrained festivities. The food for the multitude includes thousands of pounds of barbecued beef, countless hams and tons of edibles, and still there were many Klansmen who were unable to obtain food, so immense was the throng in attendance.

This vast gathering was a complete success, showing the spirit of the Arkansas Klansmen and the supreme special power of the Americanization movement. The official meeting was presided over by Grand Dragon J. A. Comer of Little Rock.

Visit to Indiana
From Little Rock Mr. Gifford went to Indianapolis, Ind., attending a convention of more than 400 delegates from the States of Kansas, Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Tennessee and Arkansas. This was a great get-together meeting of this group of States to discuss political issues for the welfare of the Klan at large. They also attended several rousing Klan meetings in other States. At each meeting it was Mr. Gifford's pleasurable duty to extol the fidelity of the Oregon Klansmen, and to explain the manner in which they defeated the enemy and passed the Scottish Rite School Bill last November. Eager interest in the Oregon school bill was evinced by Klansmen and all citizens everywhere, and indications point surely to its duplication in every State in the Union in the next few years. "Oregon always leads!"

Mr. Gifford's Statement
"It has been my intention to visit all the Klans in Oregon and to make a thorough report, so that every Klansman individually would know the exact workings of the Imperial Palace," he said. "My home State tour must be deferred now, because I have been called unexpectedly to a conference at Hot Springs, Ark., but just as soon

as it possibly can be arranged I shall visit every Klan in Oregon and give the information which I know all loyal Klansmen will be glad to receive—the actual facts regarding all the Imperial officers, the nature and progress of their work."

Beware of Searchlight
Too much stress cannot be laid at this time upon the fact that The Searchlight, a recognized Klan paper during the administration of E. Y. Clarke, owned by Clarke and Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler Grow, has for its purpose the task of assisting Clarke in his scheme of exploiting the Protestant women of America for personal gain, Mr. Gifford said, and The Searchlight will continue its efforts to blench the reputation of the true-hearted Klansmen who stand four-square for all the principles and purposes of the Order, as expressed in the Constitution and the Oath of Allegiance.

Clarke Hiding in Cuba
Asked as to the whereabouts of E. Y. Clarke, Mr. Gifford said he did not know positively, but that Clarke had failed down to date to put in an appearance, probably owing to the trouble he is in at Houston, Texas, where charges were preferred against him under the Mann white slave act. When last heard from Clarke was in Cuba, presumably a fugitive from justice. The Klansmen everywhere are demanding his apprehension and trial, and extreme penalties, if he is proven guilty.

Concluding his remarks, Mr. Gifford asked that the report of the Imperial finance committee, be published in full. He said he trusted in the proverbial loyalty and common-sense of the Oregon Klansmen, to keep them as individuals from forming opinions of Imperial affairs upon the basis of what they may read in the venal newspapers and magazines. He asked that his "most cordial personal greeting" be extended to every Klansman in the State of Oregon, together with his appeal to each and every one to "practice Klansmanship" in all things, keeping the Sacred Obligation ever in mind, and especially to deal with and generously support one another.

Keeping in Close Touch
Mr. Gifford's headquarters office at 405 Pittcock Block is open daily during his absence, his secretary attending to all urgent business. He is keeping in close touch, by telephone and telegraph, with important affairs in Oregon and hopes to be at home in a few days. The rumor that he has been considering transfer to another section of the country is absolutely false. When informed of this rumor, he replied: "Absurd, nonsense! My heart is in Oregon; there I shall live out my life, please God, amid the people and the scenes which I love so well."

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