

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



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## "NOT FOR SELF, BUT FOR OTHERS"

### OPEN WIDE THE GATES!

Speaking authoritatively for the Imperial Klan, and for all Klansmen everywhere, The Western American declares, in refutation of slander, that this Order does not believe in capitalizing hate and fear, but instead is striving, by constructive and militant methods, to overcome the foul brood of negative qualities which are born of ignorance, hate and fear. Look at the top line on the front page of this issue. It means something to every Klansman. It is an admonition, a warning, a declaration of the fundamental principle of the Klan: "Ev'ry gate that bars to hate will open wide to love."

The Klansmen don't hate the Roman Catholics, or any other sect. God forbid! This journal has stated, several times, that there are millions of true-hearted Americans among the Roman Catholics who are ready at all times to fight and die for their country. The Klan is backing, with all of its might, the Americanization movement for the abolition of the hateful hyphen. Believing that the Roman Pope is striving by every means at his command to dominate America; that his church hierarchy is a political institution in religious guise, the Klansmen are carrying on an educational movement to counteract this pernicious foreign influence in American affairs. They are not hostile in any sense to the Catholic religion, or any other, and they deplore the common misconception of the Klan among the Catholics, Jews and negroes. The Klan is not "anti" anything, in respect of religion, but is ardently "pro" everything that is genuinely American—for universal freedom, including religious freedom; for one flag, one government, one country, one Nation—America—indivisible, independent, now and forever under the Providence of God.

The Klansmen say, with the devout Catholic: "The Cross is our badge." Paraphrasing but slightly a statement by the Rev. James J. McGovern, D. D., Doctor of Sacred Theology and Canon Law, author of "The Manual of the Holy Catholic Church," a truly good man and a distinguished author, we Klansmen have a great share in the exaltation of the Cross. It is our special trust, our badge, our glory. Like the Knights Templars, it is ours to honor, to use, to be known by. Those who have fallen from the true faith have laid it aside as childish and not fit for the mature. But, the Gospel was preached to the childlike, and the kingdom of heaven reserved to them. So we will keep our childlike ways and loyally use the Sacred Sign. We will use it with reverence, with confidence, with joy. And the day will come when we who are followers of the Fiery Cross will go forth to meet our Redeemer; and He will acknowledge us to be His own. Like Constantine, by that Sign we shall conquer.

Backing the Oregon Public School Law as an imperative state necessity, but never hostile to religious instruction in the home and private school, the Klansmen assure the Catholics that they see no danger, but good instead, in teaching their children the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary, the Apostles' Creed and the Ten Commandments, explaining these in a manner which suits their age, the fundamental truths of religion; but this should not be done in the public school, and they should not be taught the monstrous heresy that a human priest can forgive sins, nor that the human and sinful Pope is infallible in any sense, nor that church and state should be united, nor that the priest should be forbidden to marry and live a natural life. The "I absolve thee from thy sins" on the part of a priest and the "anathema sit" (let him be accursed) against the Klansmen and Masons, some day will appear as monstrous to the true Catholic as it does today to the free and unprejudiced mind. No opponent should hate us because we let the light of truth shine through these heresies, for some day the whole world will honor and thank us for the service.

Religion should be taught in the home and private school. Let the children know that God created them to know Him, to love Him and serve Him; that they are to remain here only for a time; that there is another life, a happy one or an unhappy one, which is to last forever. Tell them about the soul that is in them; that it is far more precious than the body. Teach them to pray to God every day, since it is from God that all good things come; that they should ask Him for what they need, and thank Him for everything He gives them; above all, the children should be taught the eight beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount.

The whole trouble is that the Roman priests are trying to raise Catholic children as subjects of the foreign Pope; teaching them the monstrous doctrine that the will of the Pontiff must be respected as above, prior to and independent of the Constitution of our country; that they should make war on their own country

at the behest of the monarch on the Tiber. A priest or anyone who teaches such treason should be run out of the country. They have been teaching this kind of damnable stuff in the parochial schools and at every opportunity. "The character of a child is like a piece of soft wax," says the Catholic. "Light from the Altar," "which may be moulded into any shape, but you must begin to mould it in time." "As the twig is bent the tree is inclined." Exactly; that tells the whole story; that accounts for the great defensive measure—the Oregon Public School Law.

The Klan is opposed to political Romanism, and this is true, undeniably: that the intellectual Catholics, including the Modernist priests, are obliged to tolerate what they cannot reform. This condition of affairs prepared the way for Martin Luther. History is now repeating itself. In the beginning of the 16th century, as the Catholic historian states, many causes combined to render possible a successful religious struggle; these being found alike in the political, intellectual and religious world. Political hatred ran high and political interests absorbed all others. The tendencies of the age and the interests of the nations were opposed to ecclesiastical authority. The Reformation followed under the leadership of Luther, establishing the principle of spiritual independence, and in 1530 came the Lutheran Confession of Faith—the Confession of Augsburg, by Melancthon, and the rise of Protestantism. With conditions similar, for reasons almost the same, another great reformation is sweeping the world today, which will forever establish spiritual independence and make America at least free from the dictation of a foreign political hierarchy in religious guise.

Defamation of the Klan by its intemperate opponents will not alter these facts of history, nor change one iota the trend of world events. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

### THE ACME OF POLITENESS

Asa Smith, a popular Oregon veteran of the World War, (son of the Warden of the State prison), is said to be one of the most genial and polite men in the Webfoot region. While visiting in Portland the other day he stood talking with some friends on a street corner when a fine big car drove slowly by and a corpulent and haughty lady, at the steering wheel, stuck out her jeweled hand as a traffic signal that she meant to turn. She didn't notice it, but her paw was extended directly in front of Mr. Smith. Absentmindedly, but genially, he seized the proffered hand and shook it cordially. "Glad to meet you, Madam, I'm sure!" he said. The lady snatched her hand away, straightened up and glared haughtily. "Broot!" she said, and drove away.

### DO YE KNOW THESE AMERICANS?

Americans generally may think their country is thoroughly civilized and modern, but it is a fact that in some mountain sections of Tennessee and Kentucky the most popular outdoor sport is the catching of a boy on his sixteenth birthday to put clothes on him. The clan chiefs in the mountain settlements keep tabs on all the boy kids and the sixteenth birthday of each is a community holiday. He lights out early in the morning before the chickens are up and they chase him up hill and down dale like the Scotch dog the wild deer in the highlands. When they catch him, they curry him horse fashion with corncocks, cut his hair, fit his feet with shoes, and put a jeans suit on him. He's a beau from that time on and eligible for matrimony.

The girl kids in that wild mountain section, at 16, are splendid specimens of the female of the species. They are self-reliant, fearless, resourceful; chew flat tobacco; can crack hickory nuts on a rock with the bare heel and shoot a gnat's eye out with rifle or revolver at forty paces. These mountaineers are real Americans, unchanged since the days of Andy Jackson. The federal forestry service and the Ku Klux Klan are doing great things for them.

### ANSWERING A CATHOLIC FRIEND.

Acknowledging the compliments of a Catholic friend, who writes that The Western American is, in his opinion, the "ablest and most dangerous Klan journal in America," we feel impelled to answer the challenge concluding his letter, which was the motive actuating him. He said that the Klansmen and all other Protestants believe that Protestant marriages are regarded by the Catholic church as invalid, and that, consequently, the children of Protestant wedlock are illegitimate. "Being a scholar, you know better," he says, "and you ought to tell them the truth about it."

Deprecating the idea of scholarship, for the editor is only an ignorant man, the facts shall be stated as he understands them with absolute fidelity. Understand us, however: Many Catholics, especially the cunning priests, have grossly misinterpreted the law of their own church, and themselves are responsible for any erroneous belief among the Protestants.

The ruling of the Catholic church by such eminent authorities as Dr. McGovern, who speaks presumably for the whole hierarchy, is that the marriage of a Protestant to a Protestant—provided neither was ever baptized in the Catholic church—is valid and sacred.

The church rules further, as follows: The marriage of a Protestant (baptized) to a non-baptized person is no marriage; that the marriage of a Roman Catholic to a Protestant—one never baptized in the Roman church—before a minister or civil magistrate is no marriage; that the marriage of a Catholic to a non-baptized person is never a real marriage unless the church grants a dispensation, and such a marriage before a minister or justice of the peace is no marriage; that the marriage of all fallen-away Catholics (who have become Protestants or infidels) before a minister or civil magistrate is no marriage; that the marriage of all Catholics, both parties Catholic, before a minister or civil magistrate is no marriage at all; that the marriage of a non-baptized man to a non-baptized woman is valid as a life-long contract, but they cannot receive the sacrament of matrimony.

The Roman church holds that there is no marriage at all in any case unless there be two witnesses, and one witness with the priest will not suffice. In case a Catholic wishes to become formally engaged to a non-Catholic, baptized or non-baptized, a dispensation, "mixtae religionis," or "disparitatis cultus," must be obtained from the Bishop before a marriage contract can be validly

signed. The Roman church has always forbidden mixed marriages (that is, marriage between a Catholic and one who, though baptized, does not profess the Catholic Faith), but the church permits mixed marriages by granting a dispensation under special conditions. The conditions, which are highly offensive to Protestants, are these:

First, that all the children that may be born of the marriage shall be baptized and brought up in the Roman Catholic faith; second, that the Catholic party shall have full liberty for the practice of the Roman Catholic religion; third, that no religious marriage ceremony shall take place elsewhere than in the Roman Catholic church. Following are the promises that must be signed:

(To be signed by the Catholic party)—"I the undersigned do hereby promise and engage that all the children of both sexes who may be born of my marriage shall be baptized in the Catholic church, and shall be carefully brought up in the knowledge and practice of the Catholic religion; and I also promise that, according to the instructions of the Holy See, my marriage in the Catholic church shall not be preceded nor followed by any other religious marriage ceremony."

(To be signed by the non-Catholic party)—"I the undersigned do hereby solemnly promise and engage that I will not interfere with the religious belief of \_\_\_\_\_ my future (wife or husband) nor with (her or his) full and perfect liberty to fulfill all (her or his) duties as a Catholic; that I will allow all the children of both sexes who may be born of our marriage to be baptized in the Catholic church, and to be carefully brought up in the knowledge and practice of the Roman Catholic religion."

Any Roman priest or well-posted Catholic will confirm the above statements as correct. Any Protestant will say, as The Western American does, that the church contract exacted in the mixed marriage is unjust, one-sided and outrageous, and grossly unfair to the unborn children. This law and practice of the Roman church works all kinds of domestic woe, for love is no respecter of creeds and the Catholic youth and Protestant lassie, or vice versa, quite frequently will fall in love, defiant of all earthly authority, and on account of the grand passion will make any kind of bargain to get the nuptial knot quickly tied. The cunning priest, through this law of his church, takes advantage of them and patiently waits to make "papal subjects" of the children. Every Catholic should be heartily ashamed of such alien theology and ecclesiastical despotism. The Pope should at least give little Dan Cupid and the babies of the future a chance.

### TRADING WITH THE ENEMY—TREASON.

Klansmen: The time has come to use the economic weapon—to concentrate the buying power of the Klan. To do this we must finish speedily the compilation of a fair list of persons and firms in business and the professions and distribute this list among all the Klansmen and their friends. This fair list need not be published. At the same time we must finish and publish an unfair list, composed of persons and firms who are known to be unfriendly to the Klan. It isn't necessary to boycott them, but simply to inform our members and friends that they are not compelled to patronize them, and that any patronage to an enemy of this great Cause will cost the guilty person a donation of \$25 to the charity fund of the Klan.

This action is long overdue. The purchasing power of the Protestants of Oregon must be concentrated; that's the only argument that our enemies will respect, and, effectively used, it will bring them to their knees within a month. It will break the last one of them.

The Klansmen until now have been long-suffering and generous, many of them trading with Romans and Jews; but from now on the Klansman who buys even a toothpick from an enemy of the Order is likely to find it a costly practice. It is a very poor Klansman—a hypocrite and traitor, in fact—who gives aid and comfort in the form of commercial patronage to the known enemies of our Order. The true Klansman will walk a dozen blocks to patronize a White Man.

The Romans and Jews, who deal exclusively with each other, are laughing disdainfully in their sleeves at what they call the pretension and bluff of the Klansmen and other Protestants. They think we have no economic power because we have not used it. The time has come to teach them a long-needed lesson. Hit them in the pocketbook—that's the neck of the thing; and keep on hitting it. We hope to publish next week, or the week after, a list of persons and firms whom the Klansmen and their friends are not compelled to patronize. They should be given a chance to say where they stand, but they must talk straight and come clean. We don't intend to boycott anyone, but simply to concentrate all patronage with friends.

The Western American has quite a list of make-believe Klansmen—hypocrites and traitors who are in the Order solely for what they can get out of it—who sneak to a certain big department store, run by unfair kikes, to buy their goods. One of these worthies is a high public official, who confidently counts upon Klan support and is getting it in large bunches. Another is a man who regularly draws money from the Klan. A basement restaurateur who until lately had an extensive Klan patronage took his measly little ad out of The Western American because, he confessed, a "prominent K. C. doctor" had warned him not to advertise in the Klan paper, and he also has been buying his meats and other stuff from enemies of the Order. We don't want any such cowardly profiteers in the Ku Klux Klan. They should be kicked out without ceremony.

Trading with the enemy is treason—a direct and gross violation of the sacred oath—and it is going to be punished as such.

### LITTLE PINK PIMPERNEL WANTS A JOB.

In Portland there's a little pink pimperl—the last expression of a glorified sissy—who wears a bouquet to suit the day in his coat lapel, with an ever ready fountain underneath to keep it fresh and fine; who wears yellow ties and a yellow cane, gloves, spats and everything to match, with a different suit of clothes for every day; who edits a little "mag" for a certain estimable lady in the interest of the kooks, kikes and katholics; who takes a little tall, every once in awhile, out of the Masons and the Ku Klux Klan; who gets by, somehow, among the business men, with less than a thousand bona fide circulation; who is politer than a basket of excelsior, and meaner at heart than the devil, who is now trying to annex an appointment as internal revenue inspector. If the little cuss wins, the rabbinical wimeries will lay in extra supply for a "sacramental" celebration.

## LIBERTY GUARDIANS MUST SAVE AMERICA

Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles Tells of the Nation's Peril.

Writing from The Rochambeau, Washington, D. C., to the editor of The Western American, Lieutenant-General Nelson A. Miles, the Grand Old Veteran of the United States Army, speaks in highest terms of The Guardians of Liberty, which, as he says, has stood the test of time. He continues: "Its principles are founded upon the Constitution of the United States. For obvious reasons its membership is confidential." Speaking of the Declaration of Principles of the Guardians of Liberty, the General says: "You can nail them upon the outside of your outer door and the passerby would know it was the abode of an American Patriot."

Commenting upon the immigration question, of which he is an authority, General Miles writes: "The price of labor in Japan is 15 cents a day; for skilled labor 22 cents to 32 cents a day. In China, a nation of 450,000,000 people, the price of labor has never been 10 cents a day, and millions are working for 5 cents worth of rice per day, and glad to get it."

"The condition of the people of India is not much better," he continues, "and I have mentioned more than one-half of the human race. The price of labor in Russia has never been 20 cents a day, and the condition of that 150,000,000 of people is most deplorable, although they occupy a country nearly three times the size of ours and richer in mineral and agricultural wealth."

"The price of labor in a great portion of Europe is not more than one-fifth what it is in this country."

"Do away with the immigration laws, and this country would be overrun—swamped by the pauper labor of the world."

"There never has been a people living on earth who enjoyed as much independence, freedom, security, prosperity and happiness as our hundred millions are enjoying today. How long they will enjoy these great blessings will depend upon the intelligence and patriotism of the Sovereign Citizens of our great Republic."

Isn't it lamentable—the editor would like to remark—that General Miles is past the age, perhaps, when he could be nominated and elected President of the United States! But, what's the matter with General Leonard Wood? HE'S ALL RIGHT!

### KEEP EYE ON KIDS AND TELL THEM TO ACCEPT NO CANDY

The Western American doesn't intend to be unjust or unfair toward any Roman Catholic priest, much as we dislike their un-American activities, but a report has been received upon reliable authority that certain over-zealous priests in the last few days have adopted the practice of going about with candy in their pockets, which they give to small "kids" whom they meet, thus gaining acquaintance and opening conversation.

They question the little ones, with jesuitical cunning, eliciting from them when they can, any information concerning the parents and whether or not they are connected with the Klan, which church they attend, and other family data.

A priest who would be guilty of such a contemptible practice ought to be bastinadoed and ridden out of town on a rail.

### PULPIT MOUNTEBANK ASSAILING THE KLAN

There's a peripatetic little parson in a starving little church in Vancouver, Wash., who edged his puny brains for some workable idea of how to attract attention to his siffly little self; so, finally, he conceived the bright idea of "destroying the prestige and power of the Klan." He squealed and howled his loudest, "wolf-wolf-wolf!" and finally gained the notice of the Roman Telegram. His leer and smirking "mag" and his gooty utterances were duly paraded forth in an inside column, next to quack doctor advertising. Someone sent him a copy of the Klan Oath of Allegiance, which, for some reason, the gooty little parson isn't qualified to take, and his insane and incoherent comment thereon was set forth on the Telegram's "Idiotical" page. Surely the editor was poverty-stricken for material, when he felt compelled to use such siffly stuff. Lots of tiny tomfools of the pulpit breed thus have tried to attract notice to themselves. Verily, they have their reward, but not in heaven.