

DEFIANCE OF LAWS STIRS UP HARDING FOR DRASTIC WORK

Prohibition Amendment to Be Enforced, Says Chief Executive.

Western American Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—President Harding will use the Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard and spend every cent in the United States Treasury, if necessary, to enforce the prohibition laws of the country, according to spokesmen at the White House during the last week.

The President is determined the organized minority of Catholics in the country, who have taught their people that the Eighteenth Amendment is not to be obeyed unless they wish to, shall be taught that the law of America must be respected above the law of Rome.

Defiance Stirs President. The recent statement of a priest in New York, in which he advised his parishioners to ignore the Eighteenth Amendment, is believed to be one of the inspirations that led the President to issue such a strong statement.

Bootlegging has grown to be one of the foremost industries in the United States and has been flourishing under the protection of the Catholic church almost un molested. Now the edict is that none will be spared in the enforcement of the amendment.

Weeding Out Catholics. The President intimated that if the people wished they can repeal the amendment, but as long as it remains a part of the Constitution, and he is President, he will enforce it if it costs America her last dollar and the last man she can muster to enforce it.

Officials here are watching with interest to see the part the Catholics are going to play in the new program. Certain it is they are being weeded out of the prohibition enforcement department.

EDITOR APPROVES KLAN PRINCIPLES

Provides Generous Space for News of Great American Fraternity

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ITTA BENA, Minn., May 23.—The first secular newspaper on record to declare itself thoroughly in favor of the principles enunciated by the Ku Klux Klan and to get behind the Ku Klux Klan itself is the Itta Bena Times, published here by J. A. Eason. In the current issue of the paper, Mr. Eason throws open a column on the first page, which he heads "Klan Graph" and makes the following announcement:

"This column of our paper will be devoted to the Ku Klux Klan. Any time you have anything you wish published, you will find a box just inside the door of this office. Use this column, or more.—Editor."

No Semblance to Mob Rule. Commenting editorially on the Klan and his policy elsewhere in the same issue, after setting forth the tenets of the Order, which, he says, he has been told the Order stands for, he says:

"I cannot see any resemblance of mob rule in such declarations. I don't know whom to approach, but if you wish to leave your matter on my desk it shall be published."

Approves Order Unqualifiedly. Much favorable comment has been aroused in this thoroughly Ku Klux Klan community in favor of the Times, for it is felt Mr. Eason is thoroughly in his convictions. He has come to an acceptance of the Klan through his own mental processes and without pressure of any kind being brought to bear from any quarter and makes these announcements of his own volition. His statement that he "does not know whom to approach but is willing to publish Ku Klux news anyway" is taken to mean that he approves the Order from the depths of his soul.

Many Thousands Attend. EL PASO, Tex., May 23.—Twenty thousand attended an open-air Ku Klux Klan ceremonial held here by Frontier Klan No. 100, when 100 were naturalized. More than 2500 automobiles were parked in the vicinity of the field where the ceremony was held.

PAPAL COMBINATION FIGHTS CLEAN BOOKS

ALBANY, N. Y., May 23.—The Clean-Books League, fighting for the passage of a bill to protect the public from vicious, impure and anarchistic literature, reveals that Governor Alfred L. Smith, "Casey" Catholic, and William Randolph Hearst, yellow jour-

nalist, are working together in opposition to the promoters of clean books. Smith's refused to interfere in the fight to get the measure before the state senate.

Hearst's representative here, William A. DeFord, is working energetically to defeat the bill.

KASEY AND KLANSMEN? I'd rather be a Klansman in robes of snowy white, Than to be a Roman Kasey in robes as black as night; For the Klansman is American, And this is his only home— The Kasey serves the Dago Pope, The priest his only hope. —By a 10-Year-Old.

HONORS MISS ALICE. Western American Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23.—Miss Alice Robertson, former member of Congress from Oklahoma, has been appointed a welfare worker in the Veterans' Bureau by President Harding. Miss Robertson already has entered upon her new duties.

MINNESOTANS HEAR VOICE OF THE KLAN

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., May 23.—Klansmen here, unable to get news of the organization favorably presented in the local newspapers, have started their own paper. It is called "The Voice of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," and it speaks in an exceedingly loud and authoritative tone of voice.

Two numbers have been issued, so far and the circulation is as wide as Minneapolis, St. Paul and other cities in the neighborhood. It carries no advertisement and it is the official organ of North Star No. 2. Other Klans assisting in its issuance are Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of Minneapolis and the suburban Klans of Excelsior, Hopkins, Wayzata, St. Louis Park and Robbinsdale.

AGAINST MR. PIGOTT. Whereas, An effort is being made at Washington, D. C., to have William Pigott of Seattle, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus, succeed George Chamberlain of Oregon, resigned, on the United States Shipping Board, which already has two Jews and two Knights of Columbus, giving the latter full control, Mr. Chamberlain having been one of the two Masons on the board; and Whereas, The appointment of Mr. Pigott, who is a devout Roman Catholic and Knight of Columbus and ardent friend of Admiral Benson, K. C., and because Mr. Pigott's appointment might give the Roman political hierarchy full opportunity to discriminate against Oregon's ports and vital commercial interests and to plunder the treasury of the United States at will and without limit; now be it

Resolved, That United States Senator Charles McNary, now visiting in Portland, be requested to convey immediately to the President of the United States and to others having a voice in the appointment the emphatic and uncompromising objection of the Ku Klux Klan of Oregon against the appointment of said Pigott, which objection represents the consensus of opinion of a great majority of citizens of all parties and of every walk in life in this state.

Adopted unanimously, Monday, May 21, 1923.

STAND BY GOVERNOR. Whereas, The Klan is doing its best to back up the enforcement of the National and State laws against the illicit traffic in intoxicating liquor and narcotic drugs; and Whereas, There seems to be a remarkable laxity and leniency on the part of certain District and County officials in dealing with these offenders, this being illustrated in the case of one Mr. Rosencranz of 329 College street, Portland, who, though charged with the boldest and most impudent kind of violation of the liquor law, and against whom the State authorities claim to have overwhelming evidence, was placed under a minimum bond of \$250, and then was released on his own recognizance, by District Judge Delch on the advice of the District Attorney's office; and Whereas, The Klan recently adopted unanimously a resolution demanding the thorough, steady and impartial enforcement of these laws without fear or favor; now be it

Resolved, That Governor Walter M. Pierce and his agents be assured by the Klan that every effort shall be made to back up his announced program of enforcement; and further, that he should use his power as Governor in providing efficient prosecution and judicial hearing of these cases, to the end that the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Oregon shall not be made ridiculous and inoperative.

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CHAPLAINS IN NATIONAL SERVICE.

To the Editor: Is it true that a great majority of the chaplains in the regular army and navy are Roman Catholics?

Answer: No. The proportion is about four Protestant ministers to one Roman Catholic priest. In the army, total 125; 104 Protestant, 21 Catholic. In the navy, total 85; 67 Protestant, 18 Catholic. Officers' reserve corps, 400 Protestants, 146 Catholics.

Don't let such "bunk" get your hate-bug excited. It is a matter of real service in the army and navy. Some of the priests and some of both are meaner than the devil and rank with the dog-robbers. The most arrogant and despicable man with the Graves Expedition to Siberia (speaking now of personal knowledge and experience) was a certain trout-mouthed chaplain, noted for his unfeeling cruelty to enlisted men while on the march under severe handicaps, and he was not a Catholic priest. It was good for sore eyes to see what an exasperated Top Sergeant did to him, on one occasion.

AMERICA MUST CLEAN HOUSE

By every means within its power the Klan should strive to halt the rushing flood of undesirable immigrants from Asia and Southern Europe. Not only must the gates be closed, but somehow America must get rid of the scum of the melting-pot. Wholesale deportation is the remedy. Send them back to the countries whence they came. We have the ships and the crews for transportation, now tied up and idling at many ports, and the courts can be made to function. It is the will of the American people that this action be taken and with the least possible delay. It should be made a platform plank by the winning political party.

Preliminary to this wholesale deportation of undesirables, who compose of the bulk of our criminal classes, the Klan, co-operating with the Masons and other Protestant organizations, should make a scientific and thorough survey of the facts of the situation, showing who the undesirables are, where they can be found, what they are doing, how, and why they entered America, and whence they came, who brought them in and why, and all essential facts concerning them. The result would startle America; it would shake the Nation to its foundations; it would compel immediate and drastic action, for the people then would see in one flashing glance the deadly nature of the peril which confronts our country. By all means let the survey be made, regardless of cost. It will bring about reform, despite all selfish interests, and strengthen the foundations of our Republic.

Furthermore, as an economic necessity, the government should deport all aliens of the working class, including all except non-employed visitors of wealth and leisure, who enter and stay in America for seven years without obtaining final citizenship papers. Even now, in Oregon, the Attorney-General rules, the state cannot oust alien employes on public work; only elective and appointive officers are hit by the law passed at the last session of the legislature, which had conveyed the impression that only citizens of the United States lawfully could be employed on public work.

"The bill, as originally introduced," says the Attorney-General, "applied to employes as well as public officers, but the provision extending it to employes was stricken out by amendment during the course of consideration of the bill."

It is monstrous and unpardonable for office-holders to employ aliens upon public work while American citizens are walking the streets vainly seeking employment. It is a shame and a disgrace for aliens, slackers or home-fire-tenders, to be permitted to hold public jobs while ex-service veterans from overseas vainly seek the same kind of employment. The Klan should appoint a commission to find out immediately how many aliens are holding public jobs, who they are, where they came from, why they are here, who employed them and why, and then bring the necessary pressure to bear to have them ousted by the power of publicity and public opinion.

An office-holder, high or low, who is so lacking in patriotism and the essentials of true citizenship as to give desirable jobs to aliens in preference to citizens, especially disregarding the prior rights of the ex-service men who offered their lives in defense of the country, not only should be kicked out of office by recall or otherwise, but should be forced to leave the community to which he is such a traitor. Public condemnation of such treacherous and bathesome reptiles in politics cannot possibly be overdone, for they deserve condign and merciless punishment.

The pillory of publicity, at every turn, without abatement and without remorse, should be applied to every treacherous rascal and unprincipled scoundrel who deceives the people into electing him to office only to obtain an opportunity to betray his friends by rewarding their enemies and by handing out his favors to former opponents and aliens. We have in mind several such abominable scoundrels who mistakenly imagine themselves safe from punishment, but their reward is coming, and soon. It will be applied, with compound interest.

What must be thought of an alien, subject of an inferior foreign power, who enjoys for years and years the unequalled liberty and prosperity of America, yet scorns to apply for "second papers"—final citizenship? Many of them even fail to take out "first papers."

They have no interest in our country, except what they can get out of it. Yet, here we have droves of them employed on public work! An immigrant 18 years old can make a declaration of intention and obtain his first papers at a cost of one dollar immediately after entering the country. He then must wait two years and not more than seven years from the date of filing his intention before he can obtain his final citizenship papers. He must have resided in the United States five years before applying for final papers. He must take two witnesses to court, both citizens, who have known the applicant personally for five years, and know that he has resided in the United States for that length of time. The cost of final papers is four dollars—a total of five dollars for citizenship. The law is too easy. It admits too many undesirable persons who by reason of mental and spiritual defects, will resist the fiercest fires of the melting-pot, and hordes of this type are now causing trouble in our country. Naturalization can be canceled, however, in extreme cases, and new laws can be made to meet national emergencies. The free-born white Americans are determined never to abdicate their rule, in every part of national life, to the unfit weaklings and half-baked "Americans" that have flooded the country from Europe and Asia.

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