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### STINK BOMB HITS WHERE IT BELONGS WITH DIRE RESULT

#### Public Meeting Disturber Gets Dose of His Own Medicine.

#### THROWS DUDS IN ASH CAN

#### Bathes in Perfume to Neutralize Horrific Odor from His Hair.

Let it be fully understood that the Klan is not promoting the propaganda of "ex-nas" and that news of this kind is given solely for its educational and entertainment value.

Western American Bureau.

SEATTLE, May 31.—Charges and counter charges, suspicion and counter suspicion, innuendo and gossip have been loosed in the White River valley, that fertile agricultural district contiguous to this city, since an attempt was made Tuesday evening, May 23, to hold a public meeting at Kent at which "ex-Sister" Mary Angel, "ex-nas" was the principal speaker, but which was broken up by rowdies following an argument which was precipitated by one of the audience.

Although a serious matter, in that the constitutional right of free speech and free assembly was interfered with, the affair had a decidedly humorous angle. Your correspondent had an opportunity to talk with one of the participants in the affair, apparently a biased partisan, but one who revealed the true situation: His story is given below.

Rowdies from Seattle.

The meeting was held in the Kent Odd Fellows hall, and about 1500 persons were present to hear "Sister" Mary Angel's address, including Mayor Dave Leppert and Police Chief S. J. Francisco. It has been said that the audience contained a large anti-Klan faction, most of the members of which had motored to Kent from Seattle with the avowed purpose of breaking up the meeting.

"Sister" Mary Angel began her address and had stated that a child raised in the Catholic faith was influenced by it from earliest childhood and taught to hate Protestants, when a young man from Seattle, named Pozzi, sprang up and hurled the "life." There were cries of "Sit down!" and "Throw him out!" but the young man asserted his right to speak and the hall quickly became a babel.

Horrible Stench Arises.

At this point things came to a dramatic climax. The lights were switched off. A nauseous odor developed, which quickly caused an exodus from the hall. Someone had uncorked a phial of that quintessence of diabolical stench, tetra-chlorine. It appeared to be a "plant," a deliberate plot to break up the meeting, but it recoiled upon the conspirators, if there were any.

Poetic Justice Is Result.

There was something poetic about the denouement. The stink bomb was hurled with poetic license. There was poetic revenge in the motive; but it might be said there was poetic justice in the result.

Practically the whole of the nauseating acid was spilled upon the person who interrupted "Sister" Mary Angel. He had on a fine new spring suit, hat and shoes. It was necessary for him to put all his clothes in the ash-can, while it took several ounces of perfume to neutralize the odor from his hair. He certainly was a madder if not a wiser man and his howls of dismay resounded.

### MEMORIAL DAY

Klansmen observed a solemn and patriotic Memorial Day on Wednesday, May 30, and at the Imperial Palace the occasion was observed.

Patriotic programs on the part of Klansmen honoring the memory of America's heroic dead were held in various Klaverns, while in many localities Klansmen joined with the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars and the G. A. R. in holding patriotic exercises.—The Imperial Night-Hawk.

### SPLendid VIADUCT FORMALLY OPENED

Western American Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Francis Scott Key Bridge, which spans the Potomac from Georgetown to Rosalyn, Va., was formally dedicated on Memorial Day.

The magnificent viaduct was recently completed and opened to traffic, which relieves the almost unbearable traffic from Washington to Alexandria. This is the third bridge from the north side of the river to the south.

### HARDING PROMOTES HOME TOWN CRONIES

#### Appoints Marion, O., Friend as Postmaster in City of Virginia.

Western American Bulletin.

BEDFORD, Va., May 31.—A resolution expressing sympathy for Marion, Ohio, reported to be in financial distress and calling upon President Harding not to pass any "tax upon us for the benefit of Marion," has been adopted by a huge mass meeting here. Recognizing the "intense love, our President bears for his home town and citizens thereof, as evidenced by his appointment of H. C. M. Stowe as postmaster at Bedford," the resolution said that Bedford has a bonded indebtedness of her own and finds taxes burdensome and is "not able to assume any additional financial obligations."

"In our opinion," the resolution reads, "the assessment of a special tax to aid Marion would be as illegal and unprecedented as the appointment by the President of a citizen of Marion, Ohio, as our postmaster at Bedford, but not more so, and if one can be done, why not the other? Hence our apprehension and alarm."

"We most earnestly request our President not to press this cup to our lips at this time, but for the present pass us by and we will promise him that if at any future time we can be of any assistance or help to Marion, Ohio, such is our gratitude and appreciation of his past acts that we will not fail him or Marion, Ohio."

A copy of the resolution has been duly engrossed and forwarded to the President at Washington. Resentment continues unabated here over the action of the President in appointing Stowe as postmaster over the heads of several Bedford citizens who were applicants for the postmastership here.

### LADIES' OFFICE AT 407 PITTOCK BLOCK

The headquarters and business office of The Ladies of the Invisible Empire, Portland Council No. 1, in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, the Mother Counsellor, is at 407 Pittock Block, telephone Broadway 1973, where all business pertaining to the local Council is transacted. All members are advised to pay no attention to confabulatory rumors set afloat by enemies of their Cause. The Portland Council is in prosperous and progressive and just now is undertaking a constructive program of honorable achievement which is sure to benefit all concerned.

### YOU ENTHRONED BY THE PRESIDENT IN POWERFUL JOB

#### Harding Justly Cannot Be Blamed for Promoting Negro Race.

### AMAZING FACTS AT HAND

#### Klan Fights Every Attempt to Elevate the Blacks Above Whites.

This journal has certain startling evidence in its possession, available for national publicity during the coming presidential campaign, proving that President Harding justly cannot be blamed for elevating negroes to high political position, and that he has every reason for doing his best to give the negro race preference in the distribution of his patronage. It is purely a matter of loyalty and pride, naturally to be expected of him. The evidence which we hold comes authoritatively from Harding's own home community, showing that "Sando" has a right to demand every indulgence within reason from the present master of the White House. In this connection, let it be remembered, the Ku Klux Klan stands uncompromisingly for the supremacy and purity of the white race in all things, and will fight to the last ditch any attempt to elevate negroes and mixed breeds to positions of power. Harding is the limit, and he is the last.—Editor.

Western American Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—President Harding has sealed the doom of the Republican party in the South by his appointment of Walter L. Cohen as Controller of Customs for the New Orleans district. Furthermore, he did this in direct defiance of the Senate.

Last summer the President sent the nomination of the "coon" to the Senate and it was promptly rejected, all the southern Senators voting solidly against the appointment of a negro to probably the most important federal post outside of the judiciary in the South.

Now, in the face of the rejection of Cohen's appointment by the Senate, the President has named him in a recess appointment, which he has the power, under the law, to do.

Had the appointment occurred in the North where such things are not regarded as so heinous, the political offense would not have been regarded as so extremely grave. But the South has a very strong antipathy to the elevation of the negro, or any lower race, to any exalted position. Nowhere in the country is the negro treated better than in the South, but the people there live on the principle that the white man was made to rule, and, furthermore, he is going to rule.

Strong protest was lodged with the President from all parts of the South, especially those districts which will come under the rule of the "burrhead." This defiance of the will of the white people and of the Senate, in addition doubtless will stir deep resentment in the South, the solidity of which Mr. Harding has great hopes of breaking in his 1924 campaign.

### THE KLAN OATH.

"I most solemnly declare and affirm that to the government of the United States of America and any State thereof, of which I may become a resident, I sacredly swear an unqualified allegiance above any other and every kind of government in the whole world. I most solemnly pledge my life, my property, my vote and my sacred honor to uphold the flag, the Constitution and constitutional laws, and will protect, defend and enforce the same unto death."

### AMENDE HONORABLE TO NOBLE SOLDIER

In the headlines over a recent dispatch in The Western American, Alvin Gwyer, National Commander of the American Legion, was referred to in accord with the purport of the news item, as a "weak" soldier, who was allowing Klan opponents to dominate the Legion's policy and affairs. The editor, incidentally, and without anyone's request, after looking up Mr. Gwyer's record, diagnoses and apologizes for the epithet applied to him and would state emphatically that he is a noble and fine American and gallant veteran, worthy of all support and respect. Things sometimes are written, as things are often said, in haste or sudden temper, so as to spur the moment. Mr. Gwyer is all right.

### FINE, BIG BENEFIT BOXING, WRESTLING EVENING OF JUNE 5

#### Cooks and Assistants Union, Local 207, Cordially Invites All Friends.

All (the ladies) should keep the evening of June 5 an open date, reserved for attending a great benefit smoker in the Labor Temple Auditorium under auspices of the Cooks and Assistants Union, Local No. 207. This will be one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season. Don't miss it.

Do you like clean, scientific boxing and wrestling—the manly art of self-defense? There will be no less than seven great bouts in which local championship contenders may be developed. Some of these "babes" are huskies of the finest type. Either one of these bouts is worth the price of admission—fifty cents.

The boxing and wrestling matches will be between champions of the Cooks and Street Cakes, Cooks and Meat Cutters, Cooks and Firemen—all well-known amateurs.

The proceeds of the smoker will be devoted to a noble cause.

The Cooks and Assistants Union deserves the solid support of all the Klansmen and their friends. It is affiliated with the Central Labor Council. This union's main business is to furnish competent help and protect the material welfare of its members. It is helping to maintain the American standard of living—six days' work and one day's rest; and fair pay.

Klansmen: If you want to keep tabs on who's who, who's fair and who's otherwise among the restaurants and cafes of Portland, get in touch with this union, telephone Broadway 7548. A restaurant, cafe or hotel that treats its cooks and assistants and other help fairly, is sure to be fair toward the Klan. Get the big idea, old Klansman? Get acquainted with these union brothers the evening of June 5. See the big bouts, enjoy yourself, and holler for the best men to win.

Save up four-bits for the red letter occasion. Ladies especially invited, and there will be nothing to offend the most fastidious one.

### KLAN POWERFUL IN ROMAN STRONGHOLD SURPRISING FOLKS

#### Hundred and Fifty Fiery Crosses Blaze Message of Americanism.

### ARCHBISHOP GETS EYE-FUL

#### Baltimore Illumined for an Hour with Impressive Evidence of Activity.

Western American Bulletin.

BALTIMORE, Md., May 31.—More than 150 fiery crosses, one for every Klan in Maryland, and upwards of 50 in Delaware, blazed the message of one hundred per cent Americanism Monday night, May 28, startling the bitterest of Klan enemies with this great evidence of the strength of the Klan in the Catholic stronghold of America.

Twenty-five crosses burned in Baltimore alone, more than one for each Catholic parish in the city. One of them was located near a block from the archiepiscopal residence of Archbishop Michael J. Curley, Irish Roman Catholic prelate of an American people.

This monster demonstration, the greatest of its kind ever pulled off in the United States, was staged under the supervision of Dr. J. H. Hawkins, Imperial representative in charge of organization work in Maryland and Delaware.

Dr. Hawkins had named 9 o'clock in the evening as the zero hour for the demonstration and promptly at this hour the huge crosses, which were of a uniform height of 25 feet, simultaneously blazed into flame and burned for the better part of an hour. Each cross was located on the highest point of the town in which it was located.

The territory covered was the entire state of Maryland, from the Alleghenies on the west to the Atlantic coast on the east and in Delaware from the Pennsylvania border to the Mason-Dixon line on the south.

"This is just to let them know the Klan is here to stay," said Dr. Hawkins, explaining the purpose.

### KLAN ACTIVITY URGED BY N. C. GRAND DRAGON

Urging Klansmen to take active interest in the public affairs of their communities, the Grand Dragon of the Realm of North Carolina has sent a special message to all Klansmen in his district.

The letter, which is well worth the consideration of Klansmen in other realms, is as follows:

"What are you doing besides meeting once in a while?"

"Are you taking a proper part in local affairs?"

"Are you supporting public schools and seeing to it that the children of your communities are getting a proper education?"

"Are you seeing to it that officers of the law are doing their duties?"

"In other words, are you real citizens of your community, or are you just jelly-fish, existing without interest in anything excepting that small portion of the universe that lies within yourselves? There is no vice so reprehensible as selfishness combined with laziness."

"Up and at it, Klansmen."—The Imperial Night-Hawk.

### DISCRIMINATION IS SURELY SHOWN HERE

The Pulitzer Medal for the best Jewish controlled Journalism this year goes to the Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn., for "its courageous cartoons and articles in references to the operations of the Ku Klux Klan."

Runners up in the contest are not given but they probably were The Baltimore Catholic Review, Baltimore, Md.; The Negro World, New York; The Jewish Courier, Chicago, and Der Katholische Wochenblatt.—The Imperial Night-Hawk.

### THOUSANDS ATTEND INITIATION IN OHIO

Western American Bureau.

WARREN, O., May 31.—More than 1000 men were naturalized into the Invisible Empire here this week. More than 2000 persons attended the ceremonies which were held on the outskirts of the city. The ceremony made a deep impression on those who witnessed it. The next morning, the Warren Tribune, a newspaper, published an editorial, supposedly serious, asking a lot of fool questions which have been answered satisfactorily.

### BOYCOTT AND ABUSE VIRGINIAN KLANSMAN

#### Distinguished Lawyer and Social Leader Boycotted by Jews and Catholics.

Colonel R. K. Spiller, a distinguished Virginia attorney, is Exalted Cyclops of Robert E. Lee Klan No. 4 of Roanoke, Va. On account of his affiliation with this Protestant American order he has been boycotted by Roman Catholics in that city and attacked by newspapers which are controlled by Jewish advertisers.

When one of the local newspapers printed the fact that Colonel Spiller was a Klansman, Catholic priests at Roanoke at once instructed their parishioners to boycott him, he says. Ten of his clients quit in the midst of cases and he let them go, charging them nothing. One man suing a corporation which had agreed to compromise for a large amount, gave his case to another lawyer who tried it and lost it.

One old Catholic woman told Colonel Spiller that the priest had told her to withdraw her lawsuit from his office. She refused to do so and Spiller won the case without charging her a fee.

The newspapers jeer at Colonel Spiller's military title, intimating that he is not properly entitled to it. The records of the War Department show that R. K. Spiller served as captain in the regular army, spending seven years in the Philippines and retired before the war with Germany. In 1917 he volunteered and became a Lieutenant Colonel in the Adjutant General's department, aiding General Crowder in framing selective draft legislation. Then he was assigned to the staff of General Leonard Wood, aiding in the organization of the Eighty-ninth Division and later the Tenth Division. He then was transferred overseas and served on the staff of General Pershing.

This is the man whose military record is being scoffed at by a few wiper-snapper newspaper scribblers in Roanoke who, when the call to arms came, cravenly stayed at home themselves.

### BOOTLICK LASKER HAS BIG AMBITION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—Chairman "Jew" Lasker of the United States Shipping Board, announces that the Leviathan will be as dry as all "git-out" on its maiden trip. He says he is "wet" himself, but that the President has ordered that there be no liquor sold aboard her, intimating that he doesn't care a hoot in Hades for the law himself, but as long as he is boot-licking the President right now, he'll do what the latter says, just as a favor to America.

### M'ADOO-TUMULTY LOVE-FEAST GIVES SHOCK TO PUBLIC

#### Notorious Private Secretary of Woodrow Wilson Is Plotting for Power.

### DEMOCRATIC LINE-UP GIVEN

#### Henry Ford, Pacifist, Seems to Be, After All, Least of Evils.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Strange combinations are being made in the Democratic political fight just now and old line politicians and would-be statesmen are scratching their heads in puzzled perplexity as to how the thing is going to wind up.

Heretofore there have been four distinct elements in the preliminaries to the race for nomination for the presidency. They are:

William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, who saw defeat for the party in 1920 and spurned the nomination;

Henry Ford, the flivver magnate, whose wife said she would not live in the White House.

Oscar Underwood, senator from Alabama, who won a stiff race in 1917 for the nomination.

Al Smith, governor of New York, whom the Catholics have declared MUST be made President.

Now the race has narrowed down to only two elements which have set awry much of the former calculations. The combinations affected are: McAdoo and Ford; Underwood and Smith.

McAdoo and Ford are both Masons and their combination might seem logical, in the face of Mrs. Ford's declaration that she will not live in the White House. Ford would make an admirable Vice-President, as vice-presidents go. He would equal the present one, at any rate.

Underwood, however, is a 33rd degree Knight of Columbus. Just who would play second fiddle to the other here is hard to say. In 1920 Al Smith refused to run in second place with Cox. Underwood himself already has been near a nomination for the presidency, and is known to have thoroughly inspected the White House as a probable home for his family for four years.

This writer has long contended that Underwood, despite his high Masonic honors, takes his Masonry rather lightly and is entitled to no consideration on that ground. His new alignment with the Catholic candidate emphasizes the wisdom of this judgment. Underwood at one time strongly denounced the Ku Klux Klan, which is said to have endeared him heartily to the Romanists.

From the present indications, it would seem that the McAdoo-Ford combination would be more attractive to those Klansmen who lean to the Democratic party. Both men are known to be Blue- Lodge Masons, whether higher or not has not yet been said, generally. Neither have ever shown any strong Catholic inclinations, nor have they flirted to any extent with the Catholic element for votes.

It might be pointed out in this wise as against Mr. McAdoo that he is the son-in-law of Woodrow Wilson. Also, it might be said at the same time that he did not marry Mr. Wilson nor Mr. Wilson's policies, and was a man of note himself long before Mr. Wilson has ever been heard of nationally.

On the other hand, attention might be called to the fact that at a political love-feast here last week, Mr. McAdoo numbered among his supporters the notorious Joseph Patrick Tumulty, who was private secretary to President Wilson.