

WOMEN OF THE K. K. ORGANIZE AT LAST ON NATIONAL PLAN

Beware of "The Kamelia," Under Ban of the Organization.

SEVERAL ORDERS UNITED

Largest Union of Women in America Backed by the Ku Klux Klan.

The headquarters of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan, in which the Ladies of the Invisible Empire has been merged, is at 407 Pittock block, Portland, in charge of Mrs. Maybelle Jette, the Mother Counselor, until an official announcement by Fred L. Gifford of any change.

(Western American Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Decision to organize the "Women of the Ku Klux Klan" to include Protestant women's organizations over the country, except the Kamelia, was reached by the imperial klonellium of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at its closing session last night at the Willard Hotel.

"The Kamelia," which was stricken from the list of societies to be taken into the new order, was recently founded by William Joseph Simmons, promoter of the Klan; and has been the subject of much controversy within Klan ranks.

The klonellium indorsed fully the administration of Dr. H. W. Evans, as Imperial Wizard and planned a national campaign for the enforcement of all laws on the statute books and all constitutional amendments.

Meet in Atlanta June 19

A thorough investigation of the charges which have been made in the press against imperial officers of the Klan, it was announced, will be made at a special meeting of the klonellium in Atlanta June 19. No mention was made, however, of the receivership proceedings instituted by a certain element in Atlanta. These are characterized by Klan officials as having no significance.

Headquarters of the new women's organization will be in Little Rock, Ark. It will be incorporated under the laws of Arkansas. A meeting to organize the women will be held within a few days.

Several Orders United

Among the women's organizations which were listed as being desirous of affiliating with the Women of the Ku Klux Klan are the League of Protestant Women, the American Women, the Puritan Daughters of America, the Ladies of the Golden Mask and the Ladies of the Invisible Empire.

The new order, it was emphasized, will in no way be connected officially with the Ku Klux Klan, although it will have its fullest support.

The klonellium meeting was preceded by a conference of the grand dragons of every state in the union. The grand dragons also approved to the fullest extent the administration of Dr. Evans.

Many of the Klan leaders left Washington Sunday, although Dr. Evans and others will remain for the Shrine convention in session here this week. Ninety per cent of the

dragons and members of the klonellium are Shriners.

Greetings from Mr. Gifford
The advice of Mr. Gifford, who has supreme charge of all Klan affairs west of the Rocky Mountains, will be followed in the promotion of the Women of the Ku Klux Klan. There have been many rumors and assertions, mostly overdrawn or false, to which no attention should be paid. No official announcement will be made except by Mr. Gifford.

Mr. Gifford requested your correspondent to extend for him to the "LOTIES" his cordial and respectful greetings and to assure them, in his name, that they will form a powerful part of the new national organization—the greatest order composed of women in America or the world.

BLACK ROBED GANG AND MASONS UNITE

Rank and File of Shriners Do Not Approve of Such Capers, However.

(Western American Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Za-Ga-Zig Temple of the Mystic Shrine occupied Carroll Hall, official home of the Knights of Columbus, during its stay in Washington, and fraternized quite freely with the black robed and hooded Knights of Rome.

The Cases gave the Des Moines outfit a reception where the members met all sorts of priests and others who are working assiduously for the downfall of Masonry and other branches of Protestantism. In return, the Za-Ga-Zig band gave the Catholics a royal band concert, which was criticized quite freely as "unholy," presumably, because the Pope had not blessed it.

Considerable criticism attaches to the local temple, Almas, for accepting Carroll Hall in the first place and to Za-Ga-Zig for accepting it at all in the second place. The rank and file of Shriners here do not approve of the close communion established between the Shriners and the Romans during the convention.

ROMANIST FACTIONS DENOUNCING KLAN

Membership in the Mosquito State Continues to Climb Up, However.

(Western American Bureau.)

NEW YORK, June 14.—The Spanish-American War veterans of New Jersey and the Loyal Order of Moose of that state have bitterly condemned the Ku Klux Klan "as a menace to the American government" in resolutions adopted in separate meetings in Asbury Park.

The fight for the resolutions was made by the Jewish and Catholic elements of the two organizations, which dominate both in New Jersey.

It is known that in preparation for these two conventions, the Catholics, through their priests, have been working for weeks to bring all the Catholic men they could muster who are eligible to either organization, into the fold in order to put over these resolutions.

Klan officials in Jersey regard the two measure of very little consequence and they have caused but a very small ripple of comment. Such things do not count, they say. Membership in the Mosquito state continues to climb.

HIGH ROLLING JEW MAKING MONEY FLY

Lasker of Shipping Board Now Showing the People Who's Who.

(Western American Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—Considerable agitation has been caused here in past two or three days by articles appearing in the New York World revealing the fact that Albert D. Lasker, Jew chairman of the United States Shipping Board is spending more than \$1,000,000 in a junket to Europe on the giant liner, Leviathan.

The trip is to be made at the full expense of the government and entertainment aboard the liner will be lavish. Every state room and cabin will be filled by a specially prepared and selected guest list, picked by Lasker himself. Most of the guests, it has been revealed, hail from Illinois, where Lasker is to be a candidate for the United States Senate at the coming election.

Trying to Make Amends

The World's revelations, it is supposed, are being made to offset in a manner part of the damage it did itself by its unwarranted attack on the Ku Klux Klan two years ago.

A number of Congressmen have expressed themselves quite vigorously over Lasker's prodigal spending of the public money, and while under the present laws there can be no check put on his expenditures, Congress will speedily take measure to prevent a repetition, when it meets in December.

Joyride Denounced

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, has added his emphatic voice to the denunciation of the million-dollar joyride and sees in it a bit of campaigning on the part of Lasker for the Senatorship at the expense of the American people. The Senator has called on the President to put his foot down on the junket and keep the money in the treasury.

Every Senator and Congressman has been invited to make the trip at government expense, but led by Senator Walter 7. Edge, of New Jersey, a large number of them have declined, refusing to be a party to such a prodigal expenditure of taxpayers' money.

Indignation throughout the nation is rising rapidly and late in the week it is being predicted that the trip may not be made after all—that some way will be found to call a halt on such a lavish and unwarranted outlay of money.

EXPERT EMPLOYED ON BUSINESS END

One of the best circulation managers in the West has accepted a position with The Western American and will begin work on July 1. His first task will be to perfect and systematize the circulation of the paper; to see to it that every subscriber gets his paper on time, and to make effective in every way the rapidly growing list. We now have a family of readers numbering normally more than forty thousand, and errors in handling so large a circulation without expert assistance were inevitable and unavoidable. We now have the largest circulation of any weekly journal in the Pacific Northwest and now will push it to the first goal of 100,000 readers. Please notify the editor when you don't get your paper. Thursday is our publication day.

WHY BLAME KLAN FOR ITS CUSTOMS?

Writer in SMART SET Asks Some Pertinent Questions of Our Critics.

By GEORGE JEAN NATHAN

In March "Smart Set." Not a single solitary sound reason has yet been advanced for putting the Ku Klux Klan out of business.

If the Klan is against the Catholics, so are the Masons.

If the Klan is against the Jews, so are half of the good hotels and three-quarters of the good clubs of the republic.

If the Klan is against the foreign-born or hyphenated citizen, so is the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

If the Klan is against the negro, so are all the states south of the Mason-Dixon line.

If the Klan is for damnation and persecution, so is the Methodist church.

If the Klan is bent upon political control, so are the American Legion and Tammany Hall.

If the Klan wears grotesque uni-

forms, so do the Knights of Pythias and the Mystic Shriners.

If the Klan holds its meetings in the dead of night, so do the Elks.

If the Klan conducts its business in secret so do all the college Greek letter fraternities and the Department of State.

If the Klan holds idiotic parades in the public streets, so do the police, letter carriers and the firemen.

If the Klan's officers bear ridiculous names, so do the officers of the Lambs' Club.

If the Klan uses the mails for shaking down suckers, so does the Red Cross.

If the Klan constitutes itself a censor of private morals, so does the Congress of the United States.

If the Klan lynches a Moor for raping someone's daughter, so would you or I.

ROME FAST LOSING GRIP UPON SPANISH

Issue of Religious Freedom Raised by Assassination of Cardinal.

(Western American Bureau.)

MADRID, Spain, June 14.—The recent assassination of Cardinal Soldevilla y Romero, archbishop of Saragossa, emphasizes the fact that Rome is losing her hold on temporal dominion and world power. Spain is the one nation that the world believes the Catholic church has a strangle hold upon, but recent developments give rise to speculation as to whether this citadel of Popery, too, is not weakening.

The assassinated Cardinal had just presented to the Spanish government a demand that the Catholic church continue to be recognized as the state church in Spain.

When the liberal party in Spain came into power, it promised to reform the constitution, so recognizing the Catholics, to permit equality of all religions. The aged Cardinal—he was in the eightieth year—on behalf of the church protested to Premier Alhucemas and warned him that he must uphold the present system in his speech opening the new session of the Chamber of Deputies.

As a result of this demand the religious freedom issue, which has been dormant for years, was suddenly raised again. Then on Monday, the aged Cardinal's automobile was attacked by a group of armed men. Cardinal Soldevilla and his chauffeur were killed and the cardinal's secretary, a priest, was severely wounded.

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KLAN IS AMERICAN AND NOTHING ELSE

Imperial Wizard Answers Question That is Often Heard Nowadays.

(Western American Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.—"Will the Klan endeavor to organize or extend into Canada?" is a question put to Imperial Wizard Evans in Washington during the Shrine convention.

"That's foolish," commented the wizard smilingly. "The Klan is American, not British, or Canadian. If the Canadians want a Klan, or feel they need one as we do, they are perfectly at liberty to form one of their own. We have no business in Canada, Cuba, Rome or England and do not propose to go there."

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