EVANS GREAT MAN AMONG THE GREAT AS KLAN'S LEADER

Little Old Kings and Princes Have to Go 'Way Back and Sit Down.

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Vatican's Ambassador Stirs Only Mild Interest in National Capital.

By F. C. AHL

(Western American Bureau) Never in the history of Washington machine. has one man created such a furore. or been in such demand by Washington newspaper men of all classes, kloncilium, which corresponds in public being abused. The investment

foreign lands, rulers of nations and the White House to a hig hotel furof a power plant is only the beginther down the avenue. It has gone
ning, for an auxiliary distribution sysarrived a few days ago, and almost from a big Ohioan to a big Texan, tem has to be constructed and main-constantly, every waking minute of whose position is not nearly so large.

Vatican Emissary, Unneticed scarcely noticed. The Papal Ambasnote or two and went on with his baffles the best of them. routine. He did not even bother to ask for a personal interview but contented himself with the usual "handout" carefully prepared by the Na-

tional Catholic Welfare Council. twice each week holds a conference held at Shelby, Mont., July 4, Klanswith newspaper men at the capital, men are urged not to attend the ex-A large number, but by no means all, hibition, which is called "The Shame attend these conferences with an air of Shelby," because Dempsey is a noof "hoping something will break."

Kings Fail to Enthuse The present premier of Great Brit-ain, Starfley Baldwin, was here a few Do you want to recall Pierce? weeks ago to negotiate for a settlement of the British loan. He created quite a stir, but no wild stampede of

Princes of Britain, Japan, Sweden, Belgium and Kings galore have come here and they have been interviewed and have passed on, creating scarcely more than a ripple of excitement.

The Shrine convention is about to with light and strident with hundreds shock of their fives. of big radio horns and the gala spirit

Conquering Hero Arrives

centered about him.

man reclined on a bed, and talked people's money. with him of Klan matters. We talked for more than an hour. Constantly interrupted by his secretary announcing that So-and-So of the biggest papers of the nation, respectfully names one sees every day at the top

All Kinds of Scribes

who rarely bother with affairs of a upon the people, who ultimately pay earnings and increase the rigors or national nature, leaving these to the all the costs, profits and losses. It federal and state regulation.

ice, of the United Press and the South. The stockhodlers of the two car system there would have been no of Rutgers, of the New York Times, the millions of dollars for that stupen- sale of lots, no metropolitan expansion, Herald, World, Chicago Tribune, San dous folly - a duplication of service The city would have been confined to Francisco Examiner, of all the papers that seemed like criminal waster big village proportions. and press associations that daily in- There was not enough business for form the world of what is going on one railroad through Central Oregon, be a genuine public gratitude toward

Evans Center of Interest In all my career of more than 20 both. years as a newspaper reporter and editor. I have not seen one man so decidedly the center of interest as

this man Evans. here and create no stir at all. Only recently, the supreme council of the So far as I have been able to learn But millions were wasted in interest | The automobile also is wreaking good or get off the job,

ILLUSTRIOUS CHIEF OF THE GREAT KLAN



there were none sought, save by few overzealous Catholic teporters, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 14.- whose screed never saw the linotype

Klan Talk of the Hour

kinds, characters and descriptions as authority, to the supreme council of in these concerns is considered safe has De. Hiram Wesley Evans, Imper- the Caseys, is the cause for the wildest and sound. ial Wizard, Knights of the Ku Klux excitement known to Washington le is folly to attempt the developnewspaperdom. Evans is the talk of ment of waterpower sites which are best protection is education and com-The Wizard, with his imperial reti- the hour. He is the center of interest far from the centers of population, nue, came to the New Willard Hotel, in the nation's capital. For the fime especially when the population is limwhere stop statesmen, potentates of being, the big news has shifted from sted, as in Oregon: The estimated cost which have tried, most fatally, the the day and night and far after he has retired for a much-needed rest, he is begginged by journalists for interesters.

To me it means only one thing, and other is ready for use. This certainly would be true of the average water-power in this section, including Cellio and power of the Ku Klax Klan. The man who directs such a gigantic and Falls. The Celilo site has been a snap Other notables come and are mysterious organization is a mighty for political investigators for many power of which they wot not of, and years. sador arrived with a blare of Roman they would see what he has to say. trumpets and the blase journalist They would write of him and try to these Oregon waterpower sites long raised his eyes for a moment, took a get behind that mask of silence which ago, and their engineers declare they

OPPOSE BRUTALITY

strengously against the Dempsey- ditions altogether are prohibitive. The President of the United States Gibbons prize-fight, seehduled to be torious war slacker and Gibbons is a Klan-hating Knight of Columbus,

DRY LAW IS A JOKE; WEAK CHIEF IN CHARGE

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sion line, and with this initial developbreak loose here, monopolizing every- ment be able to give the existing con- ple," etc. thing. Pennsylvania avenue is ablaze cerns a touch of high life and the

Then, to Washington comes this big, agreeing to begin construction within State approval. quiet, unobtrusive Texan, who heads a specified time, to develop power the mightiest fraternal order under within a certain time, etc. The filings the sun and immediately everything are worthless without the means to stops and the channel of interest is develop the project, and the capital so far is lacking. It is manifestly Thursday night, I sat in his room at absurd, of course, to expect the State attacks of the self-seeking demathe Willard Hotel, while this tired to back such an enterprise with the

Present Companies Competing.

every two or three minutes we were established in this section, namely, was a wilderness. The railroads the readiness to get on the job and the Portland Railway, Light & Power brought out the homeseckers, who, as | work, the will to co-operate with oth-Company and the Northwestern Elec- landowners, made the country, while trie, are competing energetically for the railroads went bankrupt more than begged an interview. They were business expansion and service de once; their earnings nowhere near velopment, each knowing that only by their just dues, even in the most learned dissertations on national superior service and facilities can its prosperous period of their history, erbial fish out of water. There is prosperity be increased and its future Land in the previous wilderness was

They were the smaller fry who live The development of an additional \$100 to \$500 an arre. by the stories they can sell their power concern, considering the public Yet, strange inconsistency! the averregulation of the existing companies, age citizen is always ready to lam-They were local newspaper men, would be only an additional tax burden bast the railroads, to reduce their would be like the Hill and Harriman They were the "lead" men of the railroad lines, built, on each side of Associated Press, of the International the Deschutes river, the one on the land? Ships and streetcars, prin-News Service, of the Universal Serv- North bank and the other on the cipally the latter. Without the street-United News, of the Federated Press, railroads and the general public pay great suburban residence districts, no

Contending for Business. Hill-Harriman competition, their tion of the wrongs and abuses now freight solicitors scrapped with each suffered by these giant but hapless other over the wool of the sheep be- corporations, which are the target and fore they were sheared, and the cost the victim of every self-seeking dema-Knights of Columbus held a session of getting business exceeded the gross gogue, bidding for the favor of the here and scarcely a note was carried profits. Of course, the raffroad build- thoughtless by wholesale denunciation in the papers. Certainly there were ers had other ambitious projects in and idiotic clamor for public owner- disaster. 'no extensive interviews sought with view, in California, besides the pros-Supreme Knight James A. Flaherty, pect of earnings in Central Oregon,

annually and posterity yet must pay havor upon the railroads, though with Old Homestead Baking Co.

example. The Stone and Webster conthe carfare from 5 to 6 cents, thus ation. The municipal demagogues and peanut rollers made a political issue fare is 10 cents, the service is wretched, and the losses are piling mountain high. Besides, the property is deteriorating rapidly. It is impos sible, according to American experience, to find a group of politicians who can take care of a great utility, publicly owned, and make it either profitable or satisfactory to the people. Present Opportunities.

If Mr. Cleaver's purpose is to de velop an investment opportunity for the Oregon public, they already have it in the public utilities. These, like the power companies, though privately owned, are under strict regulation and On the other hand, the imperial there is little or no danger of the

Private companies investigated wouldn't give 5 cents for them with the population limited as at present and the distance to the power market so great. The upkeep would require Montana Klansmen are protesting an engrmous investment and the con-

> Who Are the "People"? In his statement filed with the State Engineer while Mr. Olcott was Governor, Mr. Cleaver used this some what mysterious and indefinite lan-

institutions will not finance such a project, then as trustees for the hydroelectric league f would offer this power to people who would either compete with present companies or sell the current wholesale at a price dictated by the Public Service Commis-

Whom does he mean by "people"? If Oregon investors refuse to buy (or bite), he would "offer it to other peo-

The State Public Service Commission dictates the price of power now. Anyone can make a filing on water are open to state inspection at all power sites by paying the filing fee, times. No rate can be made without

Build Up Companies.

The great need today is not more competitive untilities, but the improveexisting and their protection from the gogues. This whole Northwest section has been covered with railroads and other public utilities in the last The two great power concerns now 40 years. Previous to that time this tirely the necessary executive ability, worthless, whereas new it is sold for

What Made the Metropolis?

What made the great city of Port-

These are reasons why there should and the struggle for existence ruined the railroads and power utillities and their investors, and a co-operative effort, through an aroused and intelli-From the start, in the case of the gent public opinion, for the ameliora-

Autos Wreaking Havoc.

out the latter there would be precious If Mr. Cleaver is siming at public little use for the automobile. The litwnership of power utilities, the people will remember the disasters which the railroad of its rightful patronage, attend almost every such experiment always follow the railroad-lines. The the Seattle streetcar ownership, for passenger stages especially are promoting the wreck of the railroad servcern begged Seattle to let them raise ice, as well as being a nuisance and a source of constant peril upon the highto meet the increasing costs of oper- ways. They should be taxed to the irreducible maximum, if not prohibtted, for such competition is ruining out of it, and by popular vote the city the railroads, upon whose maintenance took over the car system. Today the and prosperity the welfare of the nation absolutely depends. The railroad must keep continuously in operation. The fitney and the stage can quit at any time. The same is true of the power companies, which have vast capital invested, giving excellent service at a fair price. The rightful thing to do is to invest in and support the public utilities, giving them the deserved and adequate protection. And the fool-catcher should be set on the trail of every demagogue that yelps

in favor of public ownership. A catch-phrase has demoralized great sections of the world, where the thoughtless and inefficient masses rule through ignorance. It is this: "Everything used in common should be owned in common," and that is the text of the Communist, the Socialist. the Reds of every land. America's mon-sense and a calm and patient survey of the woes of other countries fallacies of socialism and public own-

Cleaver Should Resign.

Referring again to Mr. Cleaver's "wholesale power company" scheme, it is necessary to emphasize the fact that the people employ him under the law which requires him to give alf his time exclusively to the business of coloreing the prohibition statute, and there is plenty of proof that he is not zetting the desired results. His immediate resignation is wanted in inct, demanded by many good citizens who gave Governor Pierce strong support, and without whose friendly

Utilizing the colunteer help of all ther law-enforcing factors, and cooperating with law-abiding citizens 1023 Belmont St. Phone Tabor 2137 everywhere who are eager to aid in stamping out the crime; against the Eighteenth Amendment, the right kind of Prohibition Commissioner soon could make Oregon really DRY, and in doing this work and KEEPING the State dry, at the same time fill the treasury with revenue from fines and forfeitures. It can be made a great the woods yet are full of disgruntled and unsecrupulous "wets" who make and sell beoze, defiant of the overwhelming public demand for enforce-

Lacks Qualifications.

Commissioner Cleaver has demon qualifications of a liquor law enforcer, ways and means of stamping out the flquor outlawry in the city of Port-

It is imperatively necessary for Governor Pierce to appoint a compefent Prohibition Commissioner, and to measure his efficiency by the actual ment and development of those now conditions, wet or dry, and by the revenue obtained from fines, forfeitures and confiscations.

Mr. Cleaver, as Prohi Commissioner, won't do. His best friends are declaring this fact. He seems to lack eners and to exchange experience and advice. He may be a good stock promoter, but as liquor law enforcer he is as much out of place as the provabundant proof that his mind is absorbed wholly in the promotion of his hydro-electric scheme, and the "prohi" duties are merely incidental and of secondary importance, apparently to 7410 Foster Road fill in odd moments.

Former Supporters Aroused.

The people who elected Walter Ma The people who elected Walter M. Grocers and Butchers, Fountain and Pierce as Governor are determined Restaurant to resist to the uttermost his attempt to foist such a travesty of service upon the taxpayers; they are resolved to see the liquor and narcotic laws en- 11th and Hawth forced, even though it require the jailing of every Jew "rabbi" and would-be-big-wig in Portland, and they are determined that the man who draws the pay of Prohibition Commissioner shall give all of his time and attention to that work, as the law expressly requires.

The Governor, by wisely giving immediate attention to this situation, by transferring Mr. Cleaver to other State work, or removing him from service altogether, still has an opportunity, now rapidly diminishing, to abute the general and scrious recall talk and to make the changes required to save his administration from

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