

# VETERAN OFFICIAL OF PRISON REVEALS 'TRUE INWARDNESS'

### Whole Problem of Prison Reform Centers in Phases Here Set Forth.

## SENTIMENTALISTS ARE BLAMED

### Only 32 Million People in Whole World Equal to Progressive Life.

By SAMUEL HOWORTH

In the ordinary walks of life there often wells up in one's mind, "What is wrong with mankind?" The human race is not a fixed entity and civilization is but a thin veneer over our prehistoric traits and subfused tendencies, for only 2 per cent of the people of the United States have sufficient mentality to do their own thinking and take the initiative and lead in thought and action.

If all the human race were equal to our population in mental development, there would only be thirty-two million people in the world equal to progressive life. Of all the work performed by any person only one act in ten is within the pale of accuracy, but that one-tenth has made our modern system of life what it is, and suffices for our present needs to build on and progress. The two per cent averages about ten units of mentality. Can the human race reach 100 unity and become par?

This is what civilization, education, law and Christianity are contending with. Sympathy and sentiment are the cavities and bumps in the path of reflective thought.

### Enter the Eternal Female

Many forms of animated life may be tamed; but to domesticate that they may become pliable, having sufficient intelligence that they may be desirable, is another question. Sympathy and sentiment override reason to the exclusion of reflective thought, as demonstrated daily in our courts when a female enters into the proceedings. Man's greatest ailment and weakness dominates reason and logic; sentiment ignores reflective thought, judgment and justice.

The sentimental who calls at the county jail with flowers, cake and candy to present to the evildoer, with tears in eyes, and sobs sentiment to the premeditated, deliberate criminal whose hands are drenched or

doubtfully drenched in the blood of innocent victims, is flouting reason, belittling law and ignoring the unfortunate victim.

### Some Tragic Gatherings

Just such sympathetic souls call at the penitentiary to sing and pray and comfort some of the dark and desperate, unrelenting criminals that are within its gates. Many times I have been delegated to chaperone those gatherings. My mind would revert back to the cemetery where lay their unfortunate victim, and as I looked on the gathering I saw the one they were "taking over" was better fed and cared for than they, with no concern for, or thought of the morrow, with only a single thought, "GET OUT."

I always felt regretful for the visitor as I often realized how firm they were in the mental grip of their sentimental delusion. Those who called to see the ones they were interested in were the ones who felt the remorse and humiliation of the social odium, who are the real ones that suffer from mental anguish.

One morning after the mail had come, the Deputy Warden was reading letters as he turned and said:

"Here's a woman who wants me to manage her husband. Read this: "Dear Mr. Warden: I do not want you to parole my husband out of your pen, for my allowance is keeping me and the children in a better condition than he ever did, and I want you to keep him until I can raise them, and he is cured. (Syphilis.) I hope you are a friend of mine."

### The Usual Foolish Talk

As I was passing through the turnkey's office I saw a well-dressed man talking to the officer. He was foaming with rage over the injustice of our courts, and "innocent men being sent to the penitentiary," and asked why we received and kept them locked up like circus animals. He said he had information first hand and was prepared to expose the courts and the penitentiary. I saw a letter lying upon the seat as I sat down in the railroad coach, addressed to the finder, stating he was "an innocent man" being taken to the penitentiary at Salem and asking the finder to tell the people to help him "get out." The official asked, "who is this innocent man?" Here is the letter, as he presented it. The official read it over slowly, then he looked smilingly at the commercial drummer and asked, "Do you know anything about this man, personally?" He replied, "No, no." The officer said: "Here is his court record: Served a term in the reform school, back in an Eastern State; in another State part of his sentence in the penitentiary; paroled and violated it; a county jail term in our neighboring State; and this for holding a knife over a young woman's throat while raping her. The officer said, "He is here, that's all."

The festive drummer jumped from the chair, jerked off his coat, threw it

# DEFIANT OF STATE LAWS ENEMIES LURK IN DARK

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"little," he said, Mr. Cheney amiably accompanied him to the directors' room of the First National Bank. There sat Circuit Judge D. R. Parker (Mason); Dr. Wilhelm, M. D., (Master of the Condon Masonic lodge); D. S. Potter (Mason), a jeweler; George Dukeak, director of the bank; Attorney D. N. McKay; and James Murtha, a strong Irish Roman Catholic. The seven of them sat silent and scant courtesy was shown when the unsuspecting minister entered. Smilingly, he greeted them and awaited their pleasure. They would wait, they said, for the arrival of another man. Mr. Cheney asked who this would be and was told it was Lester Wade, the local official. Mr. Wade did not show up, however, and finally Mr. Cheney told them he was in—somewhat of a hurry and asked to know the meaning of the meeting.

Squaring himself in his seat; and assuming the proud and pompous attitude of a jurist on duty, Judge Parker, the spokesman, said, as nearly as can be learned:

"We have a MESSAGE to deliver to you. Everything was peaceful in this community until you came here. You are a disturbing element. We are not now threatening VIOLENCE, but for your own good and the good of the town, GET OUT!"

The minister calmly gazed at the puffed-up autocrat and his backers. Then he quietly asked, "Will you give me that in WRITING?" Parker replied haughtily: "We don't want any ARGUMENTS!" (He knew quite well

on the floor, shouting, "Unlock that door and I'll go in and give him the trimming of his dirty life and when I get through he'll know what it is to be thoroughly trimmed."

### Playing for Sympathy

The official said: "I cannot do that. My duty is to take care of him and see that nothing happens to him. He has played on your sympathy and is a sentimental faker. We have some here who are the best in the State when it comes to handling that kind of stuff." The gentleman asked what kind of work he was doing. The officer said, nothing, for we have nothing for them to do, although he is very busy walking around the yard telling what a rank deal he got from the court, and now he is taking another penitentiary course and getting all the points on how to get out, and a list of good people who have a feeling for the unfortunate, who get caught and thrown into society's garbage can.

As the gentleman arose and walked down the steps the officer said: "We would be pleased to have you call whenever you make this city and get better acquainted." His acceptance of our invitation was made up of a string of words that are not taught in Sunday schools. The last words we heard him speak as he passed through those servile gates had the noun in "it" of the place where Lucifer dwells.

he would be made ridiculous in any argument with Mr. Cheney concerning the Klan and constitutional rights).

Mr. Cheney looked contemptuously at Parker and smilingly said, "Thank you, gentlemen, good-day!"

That evening Mr. Cheney and "Spud" Helms, ex-service man, who is Kligrapp or secretary of the Condon Klan, left for Portland to confer with Klan executives, who had heard promptly of the goings-on in Condon and had summoned them by telephone. The Parker committee evidently thought the order to "GET OUT" had been obeyed. They soon returned home, however, proceeding serenely with their affairs.

Rendered brazen and defiant by the attitude of Cesar Parker and his Romanist committee, last Sunday morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, the peaceful little city was alarmed by a sudden fusillade of gunshots. Investigation showed that certain persons, whose identity is said to be known to the state authorities, had driven in their automobiles to the parsonage, which was used as a Klan hall, and had bombarded it through the windows and walls with high-power rifles.

Inside were the flag and the fiery cross, for which not the slightest respect was shown, and these sacred objects, as well as the fine furniture and other Klan equipment, were scarred and ruined by the bullets of the night-provoking would-be assassins.

Having wreaked their vengeance in this cowardly manner upon the Klan hall, the infamous miscreants skulked away in the shadows of night.

Sheriff Montague had taken no action and is not expected to do anything. He was the head of the paraders on July 21.

Prosecuting Attorney T. A. Weinke has taken no action and is not expected to do anything. Together with George Parman, the banker (Shriner) and Jim Burns, K. C., (who has done nothing against the Klan, openly), Weinke is regarded as the head of the old political ring of Gilliam county, whose power, they feared, would be seriously diminished by the organization of the Klan.

The anti-Klan paraders on July 21 included Andy Ewins (Mason), a railroad conductor; H. C. Nelson (Mason), manager of the Standard Oil at Condon, and Lou Fowler (Mason), the County Judge. Circuit Judge Parker did not parade, except as spokesman for the self-appointed group of community autocrats, when he, in the role of Cesar of Condon, ordered the Reverend Cheney to "GET OUT!"

N. S. Westcott, editor and publisher of the Condon Globe-Times, has maintained a fair and neutral attitude throughout the doings of the anti-Klan paraders.

The shooting up of the Klan hall was not unexpected, after the unprovoked parade of the Romanist, led by the Sheriff, and after the "GET OUT" proclamation by Parker, the self-appointed Cesar of Condon.

Governor Walter M. Pierce is now investigating the facts of the situation, and it is safe to predict that he will have justice done and the lives and rights of the Americans in Condon fully protected.

The organization of the Klan was begun in Condon about three months ago. No organizer was in the field, except the Reverend Cheney, who saw in the Klan and its high principles and purposes a means of accomplishing great good for all the people of the community. No public lecture was given, no demonstration. The organizing work was done very quietly. In a few weeks the Klan numbered several hundred members, who were working quietly upon a program of law enforcement and community betterment. The old political ring, fearing loss of power, decided to nip the Klan in the bud, as they thought, and suppress the organization—a foolish feat attempted. In vain by just such persons in just such communities in various parts of the country. In all such instances the result was the rapid growth of a powerful and highly respected Klan. The parade, the "GET OUT" meeting and the shooting-up outrages have had just that effect in Condon, where many of the best citizens, who before were lukewarm or indifferent, are now seeking admission to the Klan.

Rev. Cheney and his co-workers are going serenely on with their work, assured that all the power of the State and of the United States will be used, if necessary, in protecting their people.

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sons, their property and their rights. Every man who dares to molest them in any way will be prosecuted to the extreme limit of the law, and Oregon and Condon will be made too hot for any self-appointed czar or committee of would-be czars who dare to arrogate to themselves the authority to tell a free-born white Protestant American good citizen to "GET OUT," simply because he was doing his highest duty, as he saw it, to his country, his God and his community.

### REPORTER GETS BATH AS HE LISTENS IN

SIoux CITY, IA., Aug. 2.—Milton M. (Dutch) Herrig, former Illinois football star, now a reporter on a Sioux City newspaper, is a great follower of that good old American custom, the Saturday night bath.

But "Dutch" doesn't hang in any hard and fast rules in this respect. If he thinks he needs a bath on Friday night, he takes it—or gets it.

Friday night—oh, oh, by the way, it was Friday, the 13th—"Dutch" took a bath. No, that's wrong. He got a bath. But what's the difference? A bath is a bath. All the better when it's ahead of time.

"Dutch" was reconnoitering on what is said to have been a meeting of the Sioux City Ku Klux Klan. Meeting reverses at the doors of the meeting room. "Dutch" started up the fire escape. A bucket of water started down. "Dutch" and the water met. "Dutch" says he won't need to take a bath next week.

### CROSS SEEN TO BURN NEAR CITY OF STUBBLE

STUBBLE, IA., Aug. 2.—Autoists in this vicinity have reported seeing the burning cross of the Ku Klux Klan burning beside the road near here. No one was noticed at the scene. The following day the charred remains of a two-by-four cross and a half-burned pile of cobs was all there was in evidence.

### MEN IN STATE AUTO FINED; BOOTLEGGERS

OSCEOLA, IA., Aug. 2.—J. A. Jackson and M. D. Clemens of Des Moines were arrested here recently on a charge of bootlegging after they were found with several gallon cans of alcohol in their auto which bore an official number of the state.

Jackson stated that he was employed in the department of the state food and dairy commission. The car was from that department. Each man was fined \$200 and costs.

### 800 AUTOS PARKED AT KLAN MEETING

MASON CITY, IA., Aug. 2.—A crowd of several thousand persons gathered at the Klan grounds north of the city to hear the address of Tom Roberts of Des Moines.

The address of Roberts was enthusiastically received by the audience and applause given frequently.

The criticism of the Klan is not directed against the negro, he said but against the intermarrying of the negro and the whites; it is not directed against the Catholic religion, he further declared, but against the con-

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### NORTHWOOD CROSS IS BELIEVED WARNING

NORTHWOOD, IA., Aug. 2.—The burning cross of the Klan was set up here north of the dance pavilion recently. No one was seen to set up the cross or to light it.

Some think that the sign was a warning to the manager of the dance hall to discourage rough crowds at his entertainments.

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It is believed that the demonstration was notice that an organization is being perfected here.

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