

TRAIT OF KU KLUX KLAN HELD TREASONABLE

Promises of Secrecy Declared Autocratic.

DANGER IS SEEN IN ORDER

Rev. W. L. Brandon Points to Agency Experienced in Kangaroo Court in Portland.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 23.—The letter which Rev. William L. Brandon of Brainerd, Mo., sent to Col. W. J. Simmons, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, recently, has been made available by Mr. Brandon. Mr. Brandon, who asserts he was tried in a kangaroo court in Oregon and suffered humiliation at the hands of the Klansmen, notifies the imperial wizard he no longer cares to be a Klansman in the Klan. The chief part of the letter follows:

"Dear Sir: September 29 I sent you a telegram in which I asked you to please come or rush some one with authority to investigate the outrages I had received at the hands of the Ku Klux Klan in the west coast country, more especially in Portland. The days have come and gone—to my tortured nerves they seemed like weeks—and yet you have treated my telegram with silent contempt. Your failure to answer my telegram cannot be excused on a plea of ignorance as to me or this country.

"Experience Held Dangerous. I cannot see how you could advance the plea of ignorance as to who I am for the following reasons: One year ago last January, I called and had quite an extensive interview with you. Again this last May, I came all the way from Missouri to Atlanta to be 'naturalized' as a 'citizen' into your 'invisible empire.' Your records show me to be a minister of the gospel and a lecturer as well as a klanster, regularly appointed and properly bonded from your 'imperial palace' in the imperial city of Atlanta. The Ku Klux Klan is as efficient a military order as it claims, then you should or could have known of their series of acts committed against me while I was debating the Irish republic question with Edward Adams, Controller of Los Angeles.

"A series of events and actions leading up to the most outrageously unjust kangaroo court had to be experienced by me before I realized the enormity of the danger to America in the Ku Klux Klan. 'Just prior to the debate with Dr. Cantrell in the high school at Fort Linn, the night of September 21, your officers came to me, saying it had been reported (by grapevine) that I was a straw man for the Irish republic. They further stated that 500 armed Ku Klux Klansmen would attend the debate and if I failed to uphold the protestant side it would be the worst thing that could happen to me.

"They further stated that if the Irish flag was in the auditorium they would tear it down. I gave them every assurance the debate was real and that there should be no Irish flag there, as none had been used at our other debates.

"Upon receiving an urgent invitation, I decided to attend a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan two nights later. Upon my arrival, I was greeted by the Klansmen. The prolonged applause indicated the talk pleased them. But man alive! You can never know the surprise I experienced after the applause was done!

"The excited cyclops began to thunder out accusations of my being a traitor, a hireling, a Jew, a scoundrel and ordered me to cease my debating and return to Missouri. 'I looked at the king klanster and I read in his face that he was a member of the conspiracy and that he had come there to 'pull off a real thing' as the Klansmen say. The Klansmen would say: 'To stimulate business.' Justice Declared Lacking.

"Then the trial followed—a greater mockery at justice could never be enacted. This I dare you to deny. I feel now willing to die to save this nation a repetition of the outrage. Orders were issued to the Klansmen to see that a debate was not held there. Granting there had been a reasonable excuse, why give the Klansmen the right to sit in secret, in a cowardly session, and issue a decree at the behest of their designing officers?

"I ask you, what right have you or your 'empire' to regulate or suppress the freedom of speech in America? Colonel Simmons, that organization of yours cannot exist and the people of the United States survive, as free people. The half has never been told in the various exposures of the Ku Klux Klan. The Portland experience proved that, Sir, I refuse to be bound by your oath of blood! You and your 'citizens' do what you wish. I do not believe a single law-abiding, sane and just, law-loving, red-blooded man would remain a member of your Ku Klux Klan or a citizen of your self-styled 'invisible empire' after he once understood what it really is.

Treason Seen in Oath. "Colonel Simmons, I want to know this one thing: Are all these big, high-sounding 'imperial' titles a ruse to catch the gullible? Are they otherwise meaningless? If so, then, isn't it a fact your 'invisible empire' is treasonable? I believe the series of oaths a man has to take on becoming a 'citizen of the invisible empire,' and to you as its emperor, is treason to the United States Government.

"We do not need an 'invisible empire,' into which a 'citizen' is 'naturalized' by accepting death as a penalty if he discloses a single secret of the 'empire' or its deeds. The taking of a series of 'blood oaths' to you and your officers is not a part of Americanism. Your 'invisible empire' is autocratic; its officers, decrees, orders and laws are to be perfectly obeyed. Under pain of death its citizens must not disclose their 'citizenship,' and they are taught how they can swear in the courts of our nation that they are not Ku Klux Klansmen. That is why there is no

Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES. Columbia—Bobby Compton. "At the End of the World." R. I. Wolf—House Peters, "The Leopard Woman." Peoples—David W. Griffith's "The Way They Live." Majestic—Harold Lloyd, "Never Weaken." Liberty—Charlie Chaplin, "The Idle Class." Star—"Nomads of the North." Hippodrome—Richard Dix, "All This in Love." Circle—Gloria Swanson, "The Great Moment."

"NEVER WEAKEN." Harold Lloyd's latest comedy, now at the Majestic, is filled with thrills and laughs, and audiences were kept cheering and applauding yesterday at the funny bits of the comedian. His stunts in the air on a scaffold many floors above the street are enough to take away one's breath.

The plot is not of much interest, except that it serves to give Harold a chance to show off all his best tricks. He thinks his sweetheart has been false, and tries to commit suicide and has a lively time before he realizes that he wants very much to live.

He works out an elaborate plan of ending his existence and then finds himself suddenly on a beam traveling through space with the street many feet below him. The way in which he almost loses his hold on the steel girders which separate him from a fall into space forms most of the fun of the picture.

In the end, of course, the girl is waiting for him to clear up their misunderstanding. In the cast with Harold Lloyd are Mildred Davis, Roy Brooks, Mark Jones and Charles Stevenson.

Sharing honors with Lloyd on the Majestic's double bill is Tom Moore in "Beating the Game." It is a picture of a man's entertaining story and plenty of comedy in addition. Tom Moore is seen as "Fancy" Charlie, who is caught in the act of robbing a man's home. In addition, Tom Moore offers to stake Charlie to a start in a little town, and, believing that his benefactor is a far-seeing crook, with a master plan in view, Charlie accepts.

Once established in the town, way to discover whether they are the committing crimes charged to them.

"Colonel Simmons, sitting in majesty and imperial wizardship as emperor of your 'invisible empire,' in your imperial palace (is it the home on Peachtree road your dupes gave you?), don't you think I am doing the only thing offered me in renouncing all oaths of secrecy to the 'empire'? I shall expose every secret I know or may learn of the Ku Klux Klan. (Signed) "WILLIAM L. BRANDON."

LA GRANDE MAN HONORED

Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan, Elect H. P. Oliver.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Permanent organization of the Pacific Northwest Dramatic Order, Knights of Khorassan association, was formed Saturday with Chas. L. Brill, Walla Walla, president; H. P. Oliver, La Grande, vice-president; F. D. Reynolds, Seattle, secretary; Frederick, and M. O. Nordstrom, Butte, Mont., sergeant-at-arms.

The two-day meeting ended tonight following an elaborate ball in the city armory. The ceremonial was held this afternoon in the Keylor Grand theater, 200 tyros being initiated. The degree work was put on by Abd Uhl Araf Temple, No. 117, of Portland. An elaborate street parade was held tonight. The morning was spent in sight-seeing and hand each won \$100 prizes as the result of contests this afternoon. The patrol competed against the Spokane and Walla Walla patrols. In the hand contest there was no competition.

SENTENCE IS DUE MONDAY

Judge Phelps to Order Kirby and Rathie to Hang.

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Eddie Kirby and John L. Rathie, convicted with Emmitt Sheriff Taylor here in July, 1920, will be sentenced Monday for the second time to hang. The two men were recently denied a new trial by the state supreme court. They have been held in the state penitentiary since their conviction. It is expected that Judge Phelps will allow the customary 30 days in which the convicted murderers may file another appeal if they desire.

ONE ROAD STRIKE FREE

Central Oregon Line to Run as Usual.

Long as Weather Is Good. LA GRANDE, Or., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Even if the railroad strike comes there will be one railroad in the state that will not stop operation. This is the Central Railroad of Oregon, which runs from Union to Cove, and is about nine miles long. Announcement has been made by the road's head office at Union that the strike will not affect the line.

FILMS HELP TEACHERS

Subjects in Elementary Schools Depicted on Screen.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Six new films designed to aid teachers in the elementary schools of Oregon in presentation of various parts of the courses have been prepared by the university extension division. From the primary through the eighth grade the films take up different phases of the various subjects.

Similar films are being prepared for high schools of the state. A large number of Oregon schools are now equipped with moving-picture machines and a still larger number have stereopticon-slide lanterns.

SENATORS LINE UP TO PASS TAX BILL

Farmers' and Manufacturers' Blocs Compromise.

1922 MEASURE PLANNED

Smoot Proposal Favored by Business Interests to Be Enacted Next Year.

BY HARDEN COLFAX. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—The new revenue law to be enacted next year to take the place of the one which congress will soon pass will connect the chief provisions of the Smoot bill providing for manufacturers' or sales tax on commodities.

Agreement to this effect has been reached among senate leaders of the eastern bloc, representing the industrial sections of the country, some of the leaders of the agriculture bloc and the leaders of the manufacturers' bloc, who are strongly supporting the Smoot measure. In return for this concession the manufacturers' bloc will line up behind the present bill when it comes to a vote in the house, probably within the next ten days.

Until this week the plan has been to hold the Smoot measure in reserve, shelving it this season for enactment next year, so that funds, if needed, could be obtained for a soldier bonus.

Factory Bloc Stronger. Accustomed to the ranks of sales tax supporters in the senate, however, have recently strengthened the manufacturers' bloc so materially that it has become a powerful force to be reckoned with. The present concession on the part of the agriculture leaders parallels to a large extent the concessions to these legislators themselves a few weeks ago when the chief provisions of the bill were reviewed at their dictation.

Senator Penrose, chairman of the finance committee, looks upon the present bill as a temporary measure, to be replaced later on. Next to Penrose on the committee comes McCumber, a proponent of the soldier bonus. Mr. McCumber is not satisfied with any plan that reduces the bonus out of consideration. The third man on the committee is Smoot of Utah, chief apostle of the sales tax. The fourth is La Follette, whose dissatisfaction with the present measure took the form of forcing rejection this week of one of his chief provisions.

Republicans at Odds. The four leading republicans of the finance committee, however, at odds with their own child, the revenue bill. So are the business interests of the east. So, to a great extent, the farmers of the west and the middle west. And at the other end of Pennsylvania avenue sits General Dawes, who has much to say about the situation. Back of this entire situation is the coming arms parity, which furnishes a hope that the military requirements of the requirements of funds may be reduced.

Mr. Penrose believes that revenue legislation can be more scientifically and equitably devised through the medium of a joint congressional committee or a commission appointed by congress to report thereon. The third man on the committee is Smoot of Utah, chief apostle of the sales tax. The fourth is La Follette, whose dissatisfaction with the present measure took the form of forcing rejection this week of one of his chief provisions.

Forty Per Cent Tax Plan. It will then go to conference, where among the chief items to be adjusted is the wide difference between house and senate limitations on the surtax. The house favored 32 per cent. The present senate revision, forced by congress to support the surtax, is 40 per cent. Leaders in both houses contemplate adjustment of about 40 per cent.

But against that 40 per cent the united business interests of the east have raised protesting voices of much volume. Through their chief trade organizations, the National Association of Manufacturers, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and other powerful associations, they are almost a unit in protest against the schedules of the bill as it stands today, and are out in strength for the manufacturers' tax, proposed by Senator Smoot.

The Smoot measure, largely by the influential backing thus given it, has acquired a reputation for being the senate since the dog days. It is estimated that more than 30 republican senators favor the plan, but because of political and other considerations, only a fraction of that number are openly advocating it.

LOSS OF RADIUM MYSTERY

Young Inventor Unable to Account for Disappearance.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Alfred Hubbard, inventor of the Hubbard electric generator, in explaining the disappearance of a radium needle valued at \$2000 from a radium needle belonging to Dr. L. L. Stevens, declared that the radium disappeared some time last Tuesday night after he had hidden the needle at his home. The loss was discovered Wednesday when Hubbard returned the needle to Dr. Stevens.

"I am ready to do everything possible to recover the radium. 'I have been in the city ever since the loss was discovered and have endeavored to find out how the loss occurred. I had been using the radium needles belonging to Dr. Stevens in some experiments at my laboratory. Tuesday night I hid the needle un-

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der my hunting case. Wednesday I returned it to Dr. Stevens and he discovered that the needle was empty." SOUTH BEND, Wash., Oct. 23.—(Special.)—Long Beach will get the cup offered for the best community fair in Pacific county, according to the decision of a committee of judges Saturday. The cup is offered by the South Bend Commercial club and three of its members acted as judges. Five Pacific county towns, among them South Bend, contested for the cup.

This is the first year it has been offered. The town winning it three times will retain it as a permanent trophy. Long Beach is on the peninsula, between Willapa harbor and the ocean, and is in the heart of the greatest cranberry district in America.

A Danger Signal—Tender and Bleeding Gums

Healthy teeth cannot live in diseased tissue. Gums tainted with Pyorrhea are dangerously diseased. For, not only the teeth are affected, but Pyorrhea germs seep into the body, lower its vitality and cause many ills.

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