

OLCOIT JUSTIFIES COURSE BY LETTERS

Correspondence About Klan Given Out by Governor.

MEDFORD CASE IS PROBED

Jackson Sheriff Advises Executive of Terror Which is Caused by Masked Bands.

SALLEM, Or., May 14.—(Special).—That Governor Olcott's proclamation issued here yesterday in which he called upon all judges, sheriffs and other law enforcement arms of the state to guard carefully against infiltration of the Oregon statutes and insist that unlawfully disguised men be kept off the streets was not prepared on the spur of the moment, but was the result of investigations of the Ku Klux Klan dating back as far as September, 1921, is the substance of records of the executive offices given out today.

On September 22, 1921, the records of the executive offices show Governor Olcott received the following telegram from the New York World:

"For the purpose of learning the attitude of the chief executive of each American state toward the Ku Klux Klan as it has been revealed during the last three weeks the World requests you to oblige with a definite statement of your own position."

Georgia Governor Approves.

"As our records stand now only one governor, Hardwick of Georgia, has approved the organization. One other has evaded the issue. A large number of the other American governors have expressed unqualified approval of the invisible order's aims and methods."

The query was signed by Herbert Bayard Sw桃, executive editor of the World.

Governor Olcott sent the following reply to the World:

"Because of wholesome conditions in Oregon, with little discontent and enough confidence to invade the state, has made little or no progress and am informed it is now folding its tent like the Arab and as silently slipping away."

Olcott States Position.

"The Klan has been taken lightly here and because of the fact it has made practically no work in Oregon, people or our institutions, the executive office of this state has deemed action or any particular comment unnecessary. I feel our government needs no subsidiary, secret invisible corporation to assist it in enforcement of its laws or protection of the liberties of its people. In Oregon, great mass of public not only has distinct hand in making the laws, but feels and shows deep respect for them after they are made."

"Our citizens ask aid from no organization that must work in the dark and secret places and feel that such an organization has no place in their councils or activities."

Following the outrages recently in Jackson county which were charged by many people to members of the Ku Klux Klan, Governor Olcott wrote a letter to Sheriff Terrill at Jacksonville asking for information with relation to the activities of the organization in that vicinity.

Sheriff Against Klan.

Sheriff Terrill replied: "In answer to your letter of inquiry in regard to the situation of the K. K. K. in our section, I will say that I regard them as a dangerous organization and a menace to public welfare. Everybody is on their toes looking for something to happen. There have been three outrages committed without justification, yet the Ku Klux Klan claim they had nothing to do with it, yet they do nothing to help the officers catch the guilty parties."

"I consider it a dangerous organization on the ground that there is nothing to keep any body of men from organizing a bunch of men and going to take some man out, or to kill him, against whom they had a grudge. I feel that some innocent person or persons are going to be killed, or if not get stopped, innocent people have already come very near being killed by coming to their neighbors' doors at night."

"In the taking out of J. F. Hale, he was taken out simply because a man owed him a bill that he sued for. Then they tried to kill him. The third time they said 'What we want you to do is to dismiss this case with a letter of apology, and leave the county by Monday night.'"

Springfield Citizens Protest.

Under date of August 8, 1921, Governor Olcott received from J. E. Forbes, a resident of Springfield, a letter and petition signed by 12 residents of that vicinity protesting against the Ku Klux Klan and asking the executive to invoke the powers of the state, either by proclamation, martial law or by calling a special session of the legislature to curb the "activities of this anarchistic gang."

Mr. Forbes' letter to the governor read:

"I enclose please find a petition which is self explanatory, which I circulated among the business and professional citizens of Springfield last Saturday and again on Sabbath morning."

"About three-fourths of the people who read the petition signed it. Immediately, and of those who did not sign about one-half asked for more time to think over the proposition, the others of the one-fourth flatly refusing for various reasons."

"It was the general impression of those signing that the people of this state can regulate their affairs through constituted authority, and consider the application and intrusion of the Ku Klux Klan a menace to their orderly government."

"Hoping that you will reassure the masses, who have secrecy in government, and especially those petitioners whom I regard as 100 per cent American."

Petition is Enclosed.

With this enclosed was a petition containing the signatures of 112 citizens of that community, petition reading as follows: "Citizens of Springfield, believing that a crisis has arisen in the civic affairs of this state, on account of the organization of a branch of the Ku Klux Klan which assumes for itself extra legal, judicial and plenary powers not granted by the constitution or the laws of the state, hereby wish to express our horror of the cowardly methods used to be used by this organization of defenseless people, and do hereby petition you to use your utmost executive powers, by proclamation, martial law or the calling of an extra session of the legislature, if need be, to suppress the activities of this anarchistic gang, that the fair name of Oregon may continue undiminished by lawless raiders who are trying to hide their guilt under the pretense of Americanism and for the



—Photos by McAlpin.

TWO CLEVER PERFORMERS IN FANTASY TO BE PRESENTED AT ELKS' FESTIVAL AT AUDITORIUM.

purpose of carrying out this request we hereby pledge our support to the best of our ability."

Governor Olcott replied to Mr. Forbes as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 8 with enclosures of petition of the citizens of Springfield, Or."

"I wish to commend the signers of this petition upon the attitude they have assumed, although I think they need not be apprehensive about the Ku Klux Klan becoming a very serious menace to our government. I have a great faith in the sound sense of the people of our commonwealth and I think our laws and our form of government require no secret associations to assist them in properly functioning for the liberty and happiness of our people."

MAYOR TO HELP ELKS

MR. BAKER TO PRESIDE AT FESTIVAL CORONATION.

Voting in Popularity Contest for Election of Queen to Keep Up Until Wednesday.

Mayor Baker yesterday accepted the invitation of the Elks' festival commission to preside at the ceremonies Thursday night at the auditorium when the successful candidate in the Elks' popularity contest will be crowned queen of the "Festival of Peace, Progress and Prosperity."

Voting in the contest will continue until Wednesday, when the ballot boxes will be closed and the last count made. Arrangements for the coronation are being made and the commission promises that it will be an impressive affair.

One of the bright spots on the program will be the appearance each night in the pageant of a group of Multnomah club girls. They will present a phantasm and it is said that they have been so thoroughly drilled that the presentation should be perfect from the opening night. Those who will take part are: Frances Spaulding, Bonita Tiebener, Nancy Luckel, Isabel Feather, Florence Cavannah, Edna Gerber, Betty Easterday, Elinor Wright, Eugenia Hoderman and Gladys Stansbury.

The first performance of the pageant will be given tonight. Doors of the auditorium will open at 7:29 and the performance will begin at 8:15. The indoor circus will follow the pageant.

BOY, 12, DISCOVERS FIRE

Aid of Pedestrian is Called Because Lad Can't Reach Alarm.

When 12-year-old Robert Robertson discovered smoke coming out of the basement of the Tourney building last night and called to a pedestrian to turn in an alarm because he was not high enough to open the box himself, he materially assisted in averting what would probably have been a serious fire.

Fire Chief Young said that in five minutes more the fire would have eaten its way out of the basement and swept through the entire six-story apartment building at the southwest corner of Second and Taylor streets. A pile of rubbish in the front part was blazing. The fire was soon put out.

FOUR BOOST CANDIDACIES

EVILS OF MOONSHINE LAID TO REPUBLICANS.

W. E. Purdy, Democrat, Simply Would Appoint Committee of Women to Get Rid of Evil.

ST. HELENS, Or., May 14.—(Special).—Four candidates for gubernatorial honors were guests of the St. Helens chamber of commerce at a noon luncheon today. Each candidate was given 10 minutes to address the 200 or more persons present. Webster Holme, a Tillamook, democratic candidate, promised to "fire every one not needed around the state house" and he would be nominated and elected. He said nothing could be found at the state house except "boards and commissions."

J. D. Lee, republican candidate, followed Mr. Holme. The Multnomah candidate said that "plundering the public has become a science, and the tax burden is unbearable." If nominated and elected he promised to do away with unnecessary commissions and unnecessary expenses and to circumvent oriental intrusion. He referred to his record in the legislature and asked the "enforcement of the voters upon such record."

W. E. Purdy, democratic candidate, in opening his speech, declared that "three things should be done: home, church and the ladies," and promised that should he be elected governor, he would appoint a women's club to get rid of moonshine in Oregon. The evils of the republican party were linked with the evils of moonshine, he said.

Mr. Purdy promised relief to the taxpayers. Harvey Starkweather fixed the responsibility for high taxes on the voting public and cited the elementary school tax and the millage tax as examples. He expected to run for two terms, he stated, and was sure of election this year.

W. M. Pierce, candidate for the democratic nomination, was expected, but found it impossible to do so. After his wife was unable to be present, a resolution of sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Pierce was introduced by Mr. Purdy and adopted by a rising vote.

Adjutant-General George White was expected to attend the luncheon, but found it impossible to do so. After the luncheon the candidates were taken to Seaside, where they spoke to the large crowd assembled for the fire opening and stock sale celebration.

GIRLS' PARDON IS ASKED

TWO FRENCH MAIDS PATRIOTS. DECLARE FRIENDS.

Both Said to Have Been Beaten Until They Confessed and Then Were Sentenced.

(Copyright by the New York World, Paris, May 14.—(Special Cable).—Patriots convicted of treachery with confessions extorted by blows and threats in the description given by the main arraigner, French soldiers imprisoned in 1919 to eight and 12 years' imprisonment, respectively, for alleged espionage.

As a result the municipal council and entire population of the little town of Avricourt, on the former Franco-German border, have petitioned President Millerand to pardon the young women, Alicia and Germaine Receveur. Avricourt was occupied by German troops and the sisters sent word to their friends in Paris that they were going to try to escape. One night, they succeeded in crossing through the German lines, only to be arrested by French troops as spies.

In jail they were beaten until both signed confessions. The prosecution based its case on the theory that Germaine had smuggled military secrets to her German sweetheart and that Alicia helped her. A medical examination disproved part of the state's charges, but the court-martial was pitiless. An investigation by the French intelligence office has since brought out the facts.

Lutherans Confer in Chicago.

CHICAGO, May 14.—The Rev. S. H. Kuebel, president of the United Lutheran church of America, of New York, today addressed the National Lutheran Inter-Mission conference in session here. More than 150 delegates from all parts of the country are attending the meetings.

Automotive Body Elects.

HOOD RIVER, Or., May 14.—(Special).—James Fenimore of the Dickson Motor Company was elected president of the Hood River Automotive Trades association, established here last night. Other officers named were: Corbett Alexander of the

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FATHER TAKES OWN LIFE

W. F. Roesser, 47, Dies After He Turns on Gas.

While his son and daughter were visiting their mother at Wauna, Or., William F. Roesser, 47, committed suicide by turning on the gas. He was found last night by his son, Paul Roesser, when the latter returned to the apartment at 953 Williams avenue, where he and his sister lived, with their father. Death apparently occurred about 24 hours before. The daughter, Ruth Roesser, had remained at Wauna with her mother, now Mrs. Anna Russell, for a short visit.

The son said his father had been dependent for some time. Roesser formerly operated a meat market in the store beneath the

IRISH CRISIS AT HAND

2 of Anti-Treaty Party Quit to Help Towards Settlement.

DUBLIN, May 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Irish situation is likely to make a sensational turn. It was freely rumored tonight that two prominent members of the anti-treaty party contemplated resignation with a view of facilitating progress toward peace.

Important developments are expected.

Senior Class Presents Play.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—The senior class of the White Salmon high school presented "Miss Somebody Else" last evening in the gymnasium under the direction of Miss Genevieve Clancy of Portland. This evening the laureate services will be held in the gymnasium. Rev. O. B. Stillman will deliver the sermon, and Miss Genevieve Clancy will sing.

Damage to Fruit Heavy.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Careful investigation as to damage done to fruit blossoms by recent heavy frosts shows that first reports were correctly given. The Oregonian. This applies to the large cherry orchards within the town limits, fully nine-tenths of the heavy bloom having turned black. Outside of this the damage was very slight. Clear and warm weather has now started in earnest here.

Here's Good Advice: Relieve Your Fatigue With Sleep. Avoid Stimulants

THERE is nothing in the world so reconstructive as sound, refreshing sleep. During sleep the system rids itself of the fatigue poisons that have accumulated during the day. The food elements are taken up by the various tissues that require rebuilding nutriment.

It is important that you get plenty of health-bringing sleep. Anything that interferes with your sleep hampers and hinders you—mentally and physically.

A common cause of physical weakness and mental depression is the reaction following over-stimulation by the drug, caffeine, and other elements found in both coffee and tea.

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Artisans Meet in Centralia.

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 14.—(Special.)—Centralia last night was the scene for United Artisans from western Washington, who assembled here for the conferring of the Perfect Artisan and Al-Asar degrees on a large class of candidates. The initiatory work for the former was put on by the officers of the Seattle assembly, and for the Al-Asar degrees by the officers of the Portland assembly. Following the initiatory ceremonies a supper was served by the Centralia assembly.

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