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Red Blood Triumphs

An interesting case has just been decided at Nahant, an aristocratic summer resort in Massachusetts, where Henry Cabot Lodge and other blue blooded Americans who maintain hereditary mansions were routed by a red blooded American, a jovial rotund butcher hailing from sunny Italy by the name of Michael di Carlo, and the decision marked a triumph for the rights of the individual over class prejudice.

Di Carlo, who has amassed some wealth by industry and enterprise, poached on the preserves of aristocracy by buying a house in the heart of Boston's most select summer resort, and there entertaining his friends, frequently children, thirty or forty at a time. His house parties were not enjoyed by his exclusive neighbors. They wished to be rid of him. Mike is a philanthropist. The sign in his front yard, "Any workingman, regardless of creed, color or nationality, can have a room here free for a week by applying to Mr. M. di Carlo," is known far and wide.

The police were notified and raided his house for liquor, but found none. He received mysterious offers to buy his property at a large figure. The climax came last week after an outing Mike gave for children from Lynn tenement houses, which lasted until late, where a jolly time was had talking, laughing, eating watermelon on the lawn and dancing and romping on the porch, while the phonograph jarred the tender susceptibilities of the high-brows who swore out a warrant for his arrest on the charge of disorderly conduct. It was not money, but ancestors di Carlo lacked.

In his defense, di Carlo said: "Anyone who has a lawn should let children play on it. That is what God made lawns for. Is it disorderly to sing the great operas that Nahant residents pay big sums to hear in the opera house? Is it disorderly to share my good fortune with those who are less fortunate? People in Nahant have told me it was a mistake to let the kids of Lynn play on my land. They say it does not fit in with the tone of the village. It is an exclusive village with wealthy estates. But is that American? Is that democracy? I say no."

Most of us will agree with the old judge, who after the hearing dismissed the case, declaring that charity begins at home, and most of us also believe that di Carlo is a better citizen and a better American, despite his foreign birth, than his exclusive neighbors whose ancestors have been in the community so long that they have forgotten humanity and Americanism, too, and become stratified in classes.

There is something unlovely about New England aristocracy that smatters of decadence and dry-rot, and perhaps it is a wise provision of nature that the old stock is dying out, having out-lived its usefulness, as well as its democracy, and that the thin and rarified cold blue blood of exclusive caste is giving way before the warm red blood of the common people of other lands. It is a case of the survival of the fittest and the di Carlos certainly are as worthwhile as their neighbors and a great deal more fit.

What Happened When Sheila Elliston Refused Love?

By Leah McGlone Gibson

Sheila Elliston had come to me, highly recommended as a nurse, not only by my physician but by one of my dearest friends—a woman noted for her philanthropic work, but even she had told me nothing about Miss Elliston's private affairs. Beyond the fact that she would vouch for her good breeding, honesty and sympathetic interest in her patient, my friend had said nothing.

I had found her well educated and better read than most people. She was intensely interested in everything I wished to talk about provided my conversation did not touch on personal matters—mine or her own. She never tired or bored me, but she seemed determined that I should look upon her as my nurse and nothing more.

I was glad that I was financially able to keep her after I had been brought back from the hospital and I determined to keep her with me indefinitely if she would stay. She held a place in my household and in my heart that I could not fill if she left me.

Already I found myself planning a trip abroad with Sheila Elliston as my companion and secretary—duties she really had taken upon herself ever since she had been with me.

"Shall I put the flowers here beside you, Mrs. Wilmington?" "Yes, if you will, my dear. And please go out and enjoy yourself. It is too pleasant for anyone to stay indoors who is able to be out. Why don't you go down to the pier and take a short swim? The water will be cold I know but you look to me like a girl who would just enjoy it."

"Oh, I would, I would, I would love it! I won't stay long. You surely will not need me, will you?" "Run along, child, here comes the postman and I will be reading my letters while you are gone."

She waited until she had opened my letters and laid them in an orderly pile beside me. I did not pick up my letters immediately for my mind was still on the girl whom presently I saw running down to the sea in her bathing suit.

Then my letters had to wait even a little longer for the loveliness of that young woman filled my beauty loving soul.

I caught my breath as I saw her without her nurse's uniform. Her bathing suit was of black and perfectly plain. In fact it was only a one-piece tight fitting garment that covered her body from her white shoulders to hardly below her hips.

Her skin was so white that it dazzled my eyes. Over her hair she had tied a crimson silk handkerchief.

On she sped with the grace of a young Diana. Far out into the water she went until a gigantic wave reared its great body toward her and she dived under its foaming crest. A moment I saw her leisurely floating on the comparatively still water beyond the surf.

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SAP AND SALT

BY Bert Moses

It is a great blessing to be too poor to loaf.

The best time of the moon to quit a bad habit is right now.

You can't get the better of an argument with a man who refuses to talk.


It is hard to find a place in any religion where prize fights or horse racing fits in.

Married folks who have faith in each other also have sense not to do much snoopin' round.

Some men don't really begin to go to work until they marry a second time and get an ambitious wife.

Hez Heck Says:

"Men want to marry the most money while gals want to marry the best dancer."



It was only then that I turned to my letters. There was the usual number of notes of sympathy and polite inquiry as to the state of my mending fracture. There was a statement from my broker saying that a house in the city that I had set my heart upon could be purchased for the amount I had offered for it and last—a letter from my brother!

Modern Ku Klux Klan

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That he was eligible we had no trouble enlisting him in our ranks. In other words, some of the best and most efficient police officers in the United States are Irish-Catholics, and since, according to the Ku Klux Klan, they are foreigners and to be classed with the negro, it is highly important, first of all, to ascertain the religion of the chief of police. As he probably is not an active churchgoer this task was rather difficult, but when he was found to be a Protestant, he was eagerly sought after. Now that the chief has taken the oath of allegiance to the "Invisible Empire," and has surrounded himself with his two hundred and sixty Ku Kluxers, I would not give much for the chances of a Catholic to get on the Norfolk police force. It is also interesting to read the fact that this particular Klan states that it is military, and that a military company will be trained and drilled, and that rifles will be issued to this secret organization. If this is a straw indicating the way in which the Ku Klux wind is blowing, it is not unreasonable to suppose that in the course of time there will be a gigantic, secret, national organization drilled as soldiers, and under the autocratic command of the "Emperor of the Invisible Empire."

The "News-letter" above quoted again makes an extract from the report of the Exalted Cyclops of the Norfolk Klan, which is really more dangerous to the United States than she one previously discussed. It is more dangerous for the reason that it reflects the insane light of religious fervor and fanaticism in connection with this movement, and shows how the attempt of Simmons to build a secret Empire on the religious idea is bearing its fruit. I bespeak for this effusion a careful reading:

"I did not think it possible that my enthusiasm for our noble order should be increased, but your letter of the fourteenth instant, has filled me with added inspiration. Having been offered an opportunity for service in the field in Missouri, I am resigning my position with the government here and hope soon to be among the chosen disciples of new freedom to the world. Beyond the simple office of treasurer in my home country I have never sought public honors nor craved political preference, but in the glorious work of this God-inspired order every ounce of my energy will strive for excellence. I shall never seek the honor or preferment of office except wherein I may contribute to the honor and preferment of my Klan. My fellow Klansmen have here seen fit to confer upon me the highest honor within their power, and God being my witness, I would not barter it for any other honor that life may hold. My only consolation in leaving my faithful Klan for a time is that I may aid in the promulgation of the glorious institutions of freedom which my sons battled for beneath the Stars and Stripes for which I have pledged my blood beneath the flaming symbol of an unconquered race of men."

These "News-letters" are valuable as showing the mental attitude of the workers and members of the Ku Klux Klan. They show that wherever it is possible the national organization desires to throw its net around the officers of the law, and enroll them in the system. Under the guise of assisting the authorities to enforce the law this is done and to my personal knowledge many conscientious and capable officers of the law believe that the idea is a good one. At the same time it is an alarming situation when police officers and sheriffs who have already taken an oath to the States in which they reside, take another—a vicious and illegal obligation—to an "Invisible Empire," ruled autocratically by one man who has in mind plans he does not reveal to his followers. What is to happen when the chief of police of a city awakes to find "unconditionally" all laws, regulations, decrees and edicts of the Ku Klux Klan "which have been or which may be hereafter enacted."

Whatever excuse the original Ku Klux Klan may have had for its existence, it is impossible to conceive any situation arising in this country at the present time that calls for any extrajudicial organization, functioning in secret, and composed of men wearing robes and masks to conceal all identities. And along this line, I want to call attention to a historical fact. The original Klan was organized and functioned at a time when the courts and law-enforcing machinery of the South were paralyzed, but, as soon as the courts began to administer justice, General Forrest, of the "Invisible Empire" are

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The "News-letter" also indicates that the teachings of Simmons are taking firm root in the minds of the religious element of the country. While I may be disputed on this point, I believe, from my observations in various sections of the country which I have visited, that the people of the South as a whole take their churches and their religions more seriously than do people elsewhere. The whole structure of modern Ku Kluxism is an attempt to clothe its real purposes and intentions in the garb of the bakwood religious revival. Its ritualism is of the camp-meeting order, and all its ceremonies, as I shall show later, tend to awaken the emotions of provincial Protestantism. History has shown in numerous instances that where this religious fervor is aroused, it produces a blind fanaticism that is one of the most dangerous forces in the body politic when it is turned loose. The inability of the fanatic to differentiate between the political activities of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Roman Catholic Church as a great religious institution is one of the greatest menaces of the Ku Klux movement.

The "News-letters" show further that already the fanatical "citizens" of the "Invisible Empire" are

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