

THE OLD AND NEW KLAN

War-time and Modern Ku Klux Compared

NAME AND REGALIA SAME BUT STARTLING DIFFERENCE IN METHOD AND PURPOSE

Both Organizations Political and Military in Character and Both Attempted Public Regulation But Each Actuated by Different Motives—Comparison Reveals That the Claim of New Klan is Fraud

Difference in Character of Officials of Two—Grand Wizard Was Elected Every Two Years and Served Without Pay While Imperial Wizard and Emperor Elects Self For Life and Draws a Fancy Salary Besides Huge Cash Gifts

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Having briefly sketched the causes which led up to the organization of the original Ku Klux Klan, and to some extent the actual work accomplished by that Order, we can easily see by a comparison of the old and new organizations that the claim of the latter that it is "the genuine and original Klan" is a historical fraud. The modern system, while appropriating to itself the name, regalia, and some of the nomenclature of the original Klan, is different in conception, organization and purpose.

In certain respects the character of the two organizations is about the same. General Forrest when called before a Congressional investigating committee in 1872, stated that the Ku Klux Klan was a political-military organization with branches in every voting place in the South, and that, in addition to its work as a regulator of the peace, it was also engaged in the task of fighting the Republican party at the polls. The modern organization states in its secret constitution that it is a military organization, and a study of its oath and its literature as herein presented proves conclusively that it is also a political organization, which intends when it develops the necessary strength, to drive from public office in the United States every Jew, Catholic and foreign-born citizen.

Defense of Old Klan.
The original Klan presents in its defense that it policed and enforced law in a badly demoralized country, brought order out of chaos, and protected the widow and the orphan. The new Klan has at times given out a few charities, largely for advertising purposes, and whenever this has been done has sought as much publicity as possible from its work. It has announced that it intends to protect the womanhood of the country, and one Klan in Texas has issued a warning that "husbands must spend more time with their own wives," without, however, consulting the wishes of either of the parties to ascertain if the same was agreeable. As far as has been printed in the newspapers, however, the Klan in its eagerness to protect womanhood has not discovered and punished the masked and white-robed people who stripped Mrs. Beulah Brown of her clothing at Tenasha, Tex., whipped her and covered her body with tar and feathers.

Violence in Common.
The two organizations have something in common in the proven cases of violence that have been reported in the public prints. According to the statements of writers, who were members of the old Klan, there were men in the organization who acted unwise and violently, and who committed acts of violence that were impossible to control. Precisely the same situation has already developed in the United States today and the "Emperor" of the "Invisible Empire" has had to discipline three of his chartered Klans for proven acts of lawlessness. There is another point of similarity in the two systems. The old Klan had hardly started its work of wearing disguises to regulate public affairs when there sprang up imitators who used similar disguises to aid them in performing acts of viciousness and crime. These men were not members of the Klan, yet did things that had neither the sanction nor approval of the Klan, yet their acts showed that the wearing of disguises by the old Klan tended to promote lawlessness and crime in others.

As will be shown later there has been, since the modern Klan was organized, an epidemic of crime in the South, usually committed by men wearing disguises. Whether these acts have actually been done by Klansmen or by imitators, it shows nevertheless that the admitted right of one class to go about disguised puts the commu-

The Modern Ku Klux Klan

The Capital Journal today presents another installment of the "The Modern Ku Klux Klan" by Henry P. Fry, author of the New York World expose that caused the congressional investigation of the order.

Mr. Fry in previous chapters detailed how he joined the Ku Klux Klan under a misapprehension, became a klesgale, was disillusioned, discovered the real aims and purposes of the organizers, and resigned in disgust.

Thursday the comparison of the old and new klans will be concluded showing the fraudulent character of the modern imitation.

sit upon the bench and interpret their laws. There is no danger in the South of a repetition of the scenes of the Reconstruction, and no danger whatever of the "White Supremacy" of the South being destroyed or set aside unless the same is done by white men, who, under the false pretense of "pure Americanism," seek to array white men against white men by the stirring up of religious and racial hatred and prejudice. Where then, is the necessity either in the South or anywhere else in America for this modern Ku Klux monstrosity? From a standpoint of necessity, neither the facts of history nor modern conditions offer the remotest excuse for its existence.

It is however, the comparison of the organization of the old Klan and the new which refutes absolutely the claim of the latter to any "genuineness" whatever. The "Prescript" of the old Klan reads: "The Grand Wizard shall be elected biennially by the Grand Dragons of Realms." In the secret constitution of the new Klan it is provided that the Imperial Wizard shall hold his office for life, and can only be removed by the unanimous vote of his handpicked Imperial Kloneilium.

Contrast of Two Heads.
Another important and interesting comparison is that of the personalities of the two heads of the organizations. When the convention was held at Nashville, Tenn., in 1867, for the purpose of choosing a Grand Wizard, it selected Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest, one of the most distinguished and capable officers in the late Confederate army, and recognized today among military students as one of the foremost cavalry leaders of all times. General Forrest was selected for his ability, his integrity, his unselfish devotion to the Southern people, and his desire to aid them in a great crisis. A careful search of every available record fails to reveal that he ever received one penny as compensation for his labors, or that his office as Grand Wizard ever brought him any gifts, perquisites, or honorariums. His military title was unimpeached, his last commission being that of lieutenant-general. He never signed any of his official orders as "His Majesty," and never assumed any of the titles or styles of royalty. He was a plain, unassuming soldier and gentleman, who, having a great task to perform, did his work gratuitously and from motives of patriotism only, and then, the work having been completed, disbanded his organization and retired.

What a marked contrast to the gallant Forrest is "Colonel" (?)

William Joseph Simmons, Imperial Wizard, "Emperor" of the "Invisible Empire," Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. I can find no record of any military service that gives him privilege to use the honorable title of "Colonel," a title that has been won by American soldiers by virtue of hard service in the army and by desperate deeds of valor on the field of battle. Where then did "His Majesty" get the right to use this military title? According to the Literary Digest, "his friends bestowed it upon him."

Forrest, as far as can be ascertained, served his country for patriotism; "Emperor" Simmons, on the other hand, is promoting the cause of "Pure Americanism" for cash. Prior to his elevation to the responsible position of "Emperor" of the whole United States he was, among other activities, a professor of history at Lanier College in the good state of Georgia. He is also said to have been a Methodist exhorter earlier in his career.

So far as the general public is informed, the remuneration of professors in our colleges and universities, even the greatest, is not particularly high. As Lanier College is a small institution that has had to struggle along in the face of more or less poor circumstances, it is not unreasonable to suppose that it is no exception to the general rule. In August, 1921, the newspapers reported that it had been taken over by the Ku Klux Klan, and that "Emperor" Simmons, "in addition to his other duties" would be its President. It is reasonably safe to say that the average income of "His Majesty" during his career as an educator could not have exceeded \$2500 a year. Behold, however, the great change that comes with elevation to the Imperial Throne. "Friends of Colonel" (?) Simmons, at the Kloneilium of the Klan which was held in Atlanta, in May, 1921, presented him with a \$25,000 home on Peachtree street—Atlanta's fashionable thoroughfare—together with handsome furniture.

In addition to this wonderful munificence of his "friends" whoever they were—he is also paid a salary, which according to the "Emperor" himself is \$1000 a month, and recently his hand-picked Kloneilium voted him \$25,000 back pay. This stipend is augmented by the fact that the "Imperial Wizard" shall also be the "Supreme Klesgale," and that he shall be entitled to "appropriate to himself" the entire "donations" paid by any members he may choose to solicit.

Since the ordinary garden variety of Klesgale, with only four dollars "rake-off," can make a very tidy sum by selling memberships, the reader can draw his own conclusions as to the possible selling ability of the chief monarch.

There is also the Gate City Manufacturing company with its enormous revenue from the sale of robes, the Searchlight Publishing company, the Clarke Realty company, and Lanier college, which are interlocking corporations or business concerns conducted by persons connected with the Ku Klux Klan. Where the revenue derived from these enterprises goes has not been reported in the newspapers.

The only thing made public in connection with them was the statement that the "Emperor" had been elected President of Lanier college. College presidents are usually paid salaries. When one thinks of the unpaid Forrest and the trying problems he solved, one can scarcely suppress a feeling of disgust in the effrontery of this man of modern times, who declares that this "is the genuine original Klan," and that he is engaged in the work of "pure Americanism." Why, the man doesn't know what pure Americanism is!

(To be continued.)

From U. S. Stable Boy To British Peer



Lord Ashfield, Baron of Southwell, began life as Albert Henry Stanley and was well known in New York and Detroit and throughout the various American traction circles. As a youth he was stable boy in the Detroit Street Railways, in the days of the horse cars. Promotion was rapid, and he eventually became superintendent. Years later he went to London as Director of Underground Railways and in 1913 became a British subject. In 1914 he was knighted by King George, and now he is a peer.

BANKERS LOAN TO GERMANY POSTPONED

London, Aug. 9.—The Times correspondent in Paris says he hears from a competent American authority that the bankers committee is likely to be reconvened not later than October to negotiate a small loan for Germany and that J. P. Morgan is remaining in Europe to be in readiness for such an event.

CANDIDATE KILLED IN ELECTION RIOTING

Webb, W. Va., Aug. 9.—Walter Copeley, republican candidate for prosecuting attorney of Mingo county was killed and Lee Curry and Rufe Wallace, probably fatally shot in election riot here Tuesday. The fight was the outgrowth of a bitter campaign in a proposed bond issue election in Wayne county.

W. U. GRADUATES NOW INSTRUCTORS

Nearly half of the graduates of the June class '22, Willamette university, have signed teaching contracts in Oregon or Washington high schools. Harvey McLain is to go to the University of Iowa to become a teaching fellow. Another graduate going to the state of Iowa is Ruth Taylor. She will teach in one of the city high schools. Miss Taylor was one of the fourteen members of the class to be elected by the faculty into the Alpha Kappa Nu, honorary scholarship society. The only member of the class to become a principal in the first year is Edwin Norene. He is to go to Elmira.

Those who are to teach the coming year with their schools, so far as is known at Willamette university, are:

- Margaret Cook, Astoria; Ralph Rhebeck, Stanfield; Virginia Mason, Mill City; Gladys Wilson, Helix; Ruby Ledbetter, La Grande; Mildred Brown, Grants Pass; Edwin Norene, principal, Elmira; Clarence Gillette, Eugene; Ruth Shaffer, West Linn; Lella Clutter, Merrill; Irma Fanning, Edwall, Wn.; Ruth Cooley, Merrill; Edith Hawley, Dayville; Harvey McLain, teaching fellow, University of Iowa; Noble Moodie Wenatchee; Emma Shanafelt, Redmond; Bryan McKittrick, charge of athletics in a high school in northern California; Opal Gillespie, Walport; Francis Gregg, Touchet, Wn.; Howard George, Myrtle Point; Ruth Bush, Forest Grove; Bertha Lietner, Milwaukie; Thelma Swengel, Ab-

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