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## Regulating the Klan

A bill is reported in preparation for the Oregon legislature, modeled on the New York law, which would compel secret societies to file a list of membership with the secretary of state to retain its charter for operation. The bill is aimed at the Ku Klux Klan, which is the only secret organization operating in the dark and ashamed of its membership.

The bill, if it materializes, will be vigorously fought by the Klan, for publicity is fatal to it. Two years ago the Klan controlled both houses of the legislature as well as the executive and, even yet, has a scattered membership in both houses. The organization jealously guards its following, lest it be used as a "ticker list" by other than its own exploiting officials.

In Kansas, the supreme court has held that the Ku Klux Klan cannot do business in the state without submitting to the Kansas corporation law, as it is not in any sense a benevolent organization as proven by its sales of membership and regalia, and being a commercial, money-making concern, comes under control of the Blue Sky law.

Last Spring the Virginia supreme court rendered the same kind of a decision, holding that Klan business methods put it outside the benevolent and patriotic class of societies, and therefore that it must submit to corporation regulations, which require reports upon officers and business.

The Ku Klux Klan in Oregon should be subject to the same restrictions as other selling organizations organized and exploited to enrich a few at the expense of many.

## Needed Badly

Approval of Governor Pierce's suggestion that the Oregon Agricultural college be given entire control of game matters is voiced by the Corvallis Gazette-Times, for then "there could be a course in fly-casting, duck-blind building, and how to tell a man from a deer, etc.," taught by the college.

There are no courses needed by the "sportsmen" of the state more than those suggested. If the college could inculcate true sportsmanship, enough to substitute scientific fly fishing among the pole, spoon and bait club members for hardware, "hot-dogs," salmon eggs and dynamite, replace shoot-'em in the back pump-gun pot hunting with wing shooting, and shorten open seasons, wild life might get something like an even break.

It is not necessary, however, to turn over game control to the O. A. C. to secure these courses. The college is always on the lookout for new courses to add to its wonderful assortment to justify more appropriations and a hint to the wise should be sufficient.

Certainly courses in hunting and fishing would be just as useful to the future farmers as baby-nursing, cafeteria management, movie picture photography and other established branches of the O. A. C. agricultural curriculum.

## Stimulating Murder

As an incentive to the policemen to put forth heroic efforts to exterminate crime and criminals from the city, a prominent St. Louis business man has publicly offered to pay \$100 to every officer who shoots and captures a bandit and \$500 to each officer who kills a robber.

This places a premium on murder and will go further to increase crime than to diminish it, for many will be shot on suspicion. Lured by the reward and the certainty of escaping penalty in case of mistake, policemen will shoot to kill rather than capture suspects.

In Portland, the police have tolerated a band of Kluxers organized as "vigilantes" to aid in the suppression of crime. They wear special stars and are given police guns. The only result has been the wonton murder of a faithful watchman—for which the murderer escaped punishment. Crime has increased more rapidly than ever.

When the police fail to control crime, the fault is usually with the police. Either more police are needed, or there are favoritism, politics, demoralization and lack of effective discipline in the force. This is the case in Portland, where the police are Ku Kluxed.

## HUGHES SAYS AMERICA NOT COMMITTED

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close of the war. The Hughes statement said: "The portion of the agreement reached at the recent conference in Paris which relates to the participation of the United States in the Dawes annuities has already been published in the newspapers. The full text of the agreement is on its way to this country and will be published as soon as received. In the meantime it may be said:

### Definite Provisions

(1)—The conference of finance ministers held at Paris was for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to the allocation of the payments expected through the operation of the Dawes plan. In view of the inclusive character of these payments it was necessary for the United States to take part in the conference in order to protect its interests.

(2)—The conference at Paris was not a body, agency or commission provided for either by our treaty with Germany or by the treaty of Versailles. In taking part in this conference there was no violation of the reservation attached by the senate to the treaty of Berlin.

(3)—The agreement reached at Paris was simply for the allocation of the payments made under the Dawes plan. It does not provide for sanctions or deal with any questions that might arise of the contemplated payments should not be safe. With respect to any such contingency the agreement in Paris puts the United States under no obligation legally or morally and the United States will be as free as it ever was to take any course or action it may think advisable.

(4)—The agreement at Paris neither surrenders nor modifies any treaty right of the United States.

Up To Executive  
Suggestions that the Paris agree-

ment requires submission to congress are not regarded by administration leaders as valid. They take the view that it has been the immemorial policy of the Washington government that the executive deal with all matters relating to the collection of claims against other nations. The state department today reiterated its denial of a story that Ambassador Kellogg had sought to qualify American signature of the agreement with a resolution absolving the United States specifically from any obligations or commitments in connection with the agreement. It was explained that the department had such a step was regarded as unnecessary. There appeared to be every desire in the department to regard Paris negotiations as a closed incident.

The secretary was said at the White House to have obtained for his statement the complete sanction of the president before it was issued.

Senator Willis of Ohio, a republican member of the foreign relations committee, discussed the Paris settlement today with the president but declined to say what angle of the question was considered. Senator Johnson, whose resolution is to come up Wednesday in the foreign relations committee, declined to comment on Secretary Hughes' statement other than to say that the resolution was of inquiry and that he would seek all the facts in the case.

### SOLUTION OF YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# TODAY'S CROSS WORD PUZZLE

## HORIZONTAL

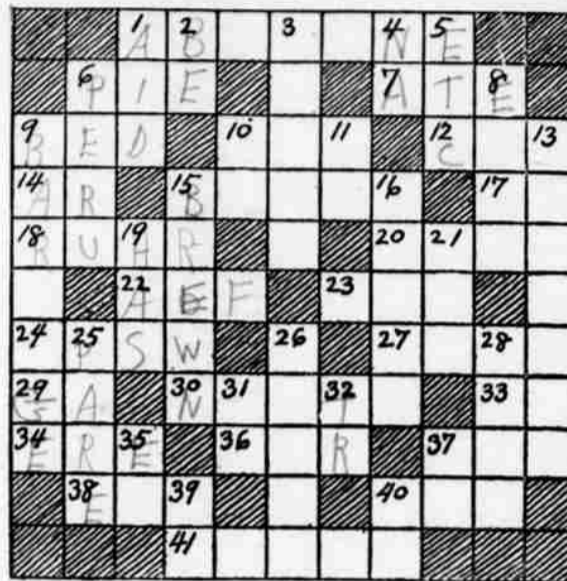
- 1. A shell fish
- 6. Food
- 7. Consumed
- 9. A resting place
- 10. Sphere
- 12. Eccentric rotating shaft
- 14. Arabia (abbr.)
- 15. Yarn
- 17. An action (law)
- 18. Valley in Germany
- 20. An operative
- 22. American expeditionary forces (abbr.)
- 23. Canine
- 24. Part of a church
- 27. A duck
- 29. Georgia (abbr.)
- 30. Terrestrial pole
- 31. Pronoun
- 34. Before
- 36. An Etruscan house god
- 37. Over
- 38. Australian bird
- 40. Hosiery
- 41. To double in narrow folds

## HOW TO SOLVE THE CROSS WORD PUZZLE

The way to solve the Cross Word Puzzle is to fill in the white squares of the diagram with the words which agree with the accompanying definitions. The definitions are numbered to correspond with the numbers on the diagram.

Any word defined in the text under "HORIZONTAL" will begin at its number, shown on the diagram, and will extend all the way across to the first black square to the right of that number. That is, the word must begin in the square that contains its identifying number, and extend as far as the white squares continue uninterrupted.

Any word defined under "VERTICAL" will also begin, in the white space that contains its number, but will extend downward as far as the white squares remain uninterrupted.



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## VERTICAL

- 1. Assist
- 2. Exit
- 3. Lords
- 4. North America
- 5. Etcetera
- 6. South American country
- 8. Mew
- 9. Barrier
- 10. Either
- 11. College degree
- 12. Officious person
- 13. A color
- 14. Egyptian god
- 16. Does have
- 19. Period of time
- 20. To poet
- 26. Deal
- 28. Verify
- 29. Suffix denoting alcohol
- 32. Theodore Roosevelt
- 35. Typographical measurement
- 37. Upon
- 39. Preposition
- 40. Pronoun

## BRINGING UP FATHER



By George McManus

## BARNEY GOOGLE AND SPARK PLUG

One Tip Should Have Been Barney's Limit

By Billy de Beck



## KRAZY KAT

Striving to Please

By Herriman



## MUTT AND JEFF

That's Carrying a Joke a Bit Too Far

By Bud Fisher



# A Modern Marriage

An Absorbing Novel  
By IDAH MCGLONE GIBSON

## A STRANGE MARRIAGE FACT

Richard Starmount was afraid of letting his satisfaction show in his face when the coroner decided to proceed without Kathryn Leonard's testimony.

"In a moment another officer came up," the policeman continued, "and leaving him to guard the body I went into the house to telephone headquarters. I was for bringing both Miss Leonard and Evans over to the station, but Detective Skelton, who had come with the ambulance, said he would answer for the woman. You have all that Evans said when questioned at the station."

"That will do," said the coroner. "Call Officer Ziegler."

"How many shells were empty?"

"One. And a bullet of the same caliber was found this morning in the body of Elton Foss at the autopsy."

"That will do," said Mr. Rodney Evans.

After telling his name and occupation the coroner asked Rodney to tell his story in his own words.

words. This he did, giving it in even more detail than he had told it to either the police or Starmount, his attorney. He did it with no show of emotion as if he had no thought that anyone would connect him with the case.

"You say you were calling on Miss Leonard between half past eleven and twelve o'clock at night?" suddenly interrupted the coroner.

"Yes."

"Are you in the habit of calling on women at that hour?"

"Miss Kathryn Leonard is my wife. There was a distinct air at this assertion."

"How long have you been married?"

"Nearly a year and a half. It was a secret marriage."

"Did you find any finger prints on the gun?"

Starmount leaned forward in his chair.

"Some of them were blurred, but we found a surprising number of thumb prints on the gun. One or two very good ones—evidently a man's. One much smaller might be a woman's. One, on the end of the gun, we identified as Officer Murphy's, who picked the weapon up. And one other that was so blurred that it can never be identified. We know only that it is different from all the others. The man placed photographs of the prints in front of the coroner."

"That will do. Call Murphy again."

"Had this gun been fired?"

"Yes, sir."

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A look of incredulity passed between the officers.

"Were you a friend of the man who was killed?"

"I have known Elton Foss for many years."

"Did he evade the question?"

"We were not friends, although we were not open enemies."

"Was Mr. Foss a friend of Mrs. Evans?"

"I do not know."

"Is it possible that husbands do not know whether their wives are friendly to certain men?"

"I did not. The condition of our marriage, and the love between us were that each should have his or her own house, his or her own friends, and live his or her own life."

"That was a queer sort of marriage, was it not?"

"Perhaps. But it suited Miss Leonard and myself. We were satisfied that the only bond should be our love."

"Mr. Evans, have you any theory about this murder?"

"None whatever, but I was handed this letter by your man at the information desk as I came in. It may prove a clue for your detectives." He handed the typewritten sheet to the coroner.

"Why, this was written either by a crank or someone who knows about the murder. Skelton, will you take care of this? The writer of this says that Elton Foss betrayed the wives of many men and that he got only what was coming when he was shot to death at the hand of a wronged husband."

"What do you make of this, Evans?"

Tomorrow—The Mysterious Provi-



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