EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER-PHILADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1921

"EMPEROR OF INVISIBLE EMPIRE," FACING SEVERE CRITICISM, DEFIES ENEMIES OF KU KLUX KLAN nouncing the principals of the Ku Klus Klan, I wish to express my thanks to principles of this organization, which hope that your illustration is producing effect in influencing those who joins this organization to withdraw from it or those who have contemplated joining is not those who have contemplated joining this organization to unite with it no to those who have contemplated joining this organization to unite with it is or those who have contemplated joining the decide not to unite with it no to decide not to unite with it is wonder, if any way. Thowing that artifles, persuase talk and a lack of certain knowledge ion of those who have been "natural ized" into the "Invisible Empire," and but have decided to withdraw from it but I am not envious of the position of those who have determined not to re and acfarious bedy, after they have real your depictment.



Federal Jurist From Florida Instructs Grand Jury to Investigate Alleged Illegal Societies

RAPS "JUSTICE IN WOODS"

New York, Sept. 14.—Judge Wil-Ham B. Sheppard, of Florica, sitting in United States District Coart here resterday, instructed the new Federal Grand Jury to investigate "secret sofering with the constitutional rights of citizen

withens." While no mention was made by the jurist of the Ku Klux Klan, it was recognized generally that the Court's instructions and remarks from the Lench were directed at that organiza-tion, which is now under fre from seceral directions because of its alleged infringements of the rights of Ametican citizens.

Judge Sheppard pointed out to the jury its right to investigate secret so-cieties "which may in any manner be

cieties "which may in any mainer be suspected of attempting to exercise in-troper jurisdiction or authority." "Any organization," he said, "which holds its meetings by the light of bon-fires in secret places and the members of which wear white suits and masks. which attempts to prevent orderly citi-zens from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights, freedom of speech, con-science and right of trial by jury is a science and right of trial by jury is a proper subject for investigation by a Grand Jury. That is because such be-havior on the part of a secret society is a conspiracy and the law can be brought to bear upon them." "There is a law here that can be brought to bear upon any group of peo-ple or secret organization which ad-ministers justice in the woods.

"It is not within the province of secret societies to say who is or who is not a desirable citizen. When they, by a demonstration of power, seek to pre-vent others from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights they are amenable to prosecution in the Federal courts

through presentment or indictment by the Grand Jury." Judge Sheppard remarked that ac-cording to newspapers "there is a cer-tain organization now in existence the members of which are undertaking to censor the conduct of their fellow citi-

"When you get to that state of affairs one may well ask what difference there is between the United States and olshevism in Russia."

Flood of Gold Emboldens 'Wizard'

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present, thirty-four in number, signed a petition for a charter. "On Thankhgiving n.ght, 1015, men

were seen emerging from the shadows and gathering around the spring at the base of Stone Mountain, the world's base of Stone Mountain, the world's greatest rock, near Atlanta, Ga., and from thence repaired to the mountain top and there, under a blazing firry cross, they took the oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire. Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, , "And thus on the mountain top that night at the midnight hour, while men braved the surging blasts of wild, wip-try mountain winds and endurid a tem-perature far below freezing, bathed in

What Is "Klanishness?" perature far below freezing, bathed in the sacred glow of the Fiery Cross, the Invisible Empire was called from its slumber of half a century to take up a 'Emperor'' Simmons gives the an Does William Joseph Simmons swer in the secret (and copyrighted) "Imperial Instructions, Document No. head of the Ku Klux Klan, believe he is a reincarantion of Napoleon 1. Series A. D. 1918. A. K. (anno Klan) L. I., Being Official Instructions new task and fulfill a new mission for humanity's good, and to call back to as an "Emperor" or of Merlin as a Wizard' in K-uno in the border Realm of Karmortal habitation the good angel of This question is pertinent because practical fraternity among men." acter from the one who traversed the Realm of the Unknown, wrested the solemn Secret from the grasp of Night n one of his documents he speaks Facts and Fancy Don't Fit of the year 1918 as "the year of the (Official Weather Bureau figures show that on Thursday, November 25, 1915, Thanksgiving Day, the maximum Wisdom from the soul of the great Im-Klan 1.11" (fifty-two) and in "the third cycle of the third reign of our reincarnation. perial Wizard, who out of Mystic Darktemperature recorded at Atlanta, Ga., ness brings Light. Printed by Ku Klux twenty miles away, was 63 degrees and otherwise" fireworks, is going to create Press.



I have your two letters of 23rd and 21th. Im very glad that you took care of the hird from Phoxe wills and hope that he soon gets 0. ".

I have turned over to Have the roster of the bunch but I do not think that it is at all a good idea to send these lists around the country, the membership is supposed to be secret and one of these lists would very easily he lost or misplaced, then the fat would be in the fire. Fossibly some such idea as you advance might work to advantage but I think that it best for each Riescle to confine himself to developing his own territory.

There was big meeting here last night and this klan will be ready for charter with more than five hundred by the 15th of June,

the membrrship at present being more than 400. The Ynoxville situation is well in hand and will from now on give me no trcuble at all. By the way, your friend Griffin has absolutely refused to come in at Knoxville since the night that you Kept him up till all hours. He had previously signed his application but after the night with you no withdrew it. I have this from him and not second hand so I know what I am talking shout, it is just one more warning that booze and this same will not work together any better than

any other line of business now days. I am enclosing you copy of the pledre of lowsity and also employee's record and the record of all kleagles and king bleagles which I failed to send you vesterday.

You should not have made the proposition that you did to Tolfe and I cannot agree to that for their klan is not entitled to the full klootokon until it is chertared, should it he recessery to send enother kleagle in there later to firish up according to the proposition wade them westerday they would expect him to do the same thing. You should I will write you referding J.G. when I have their reply to my letter to them.

oath but I find it of value srong a certain few.

I find papers like The Protestant that I suggested your subscribing for to be the most valuable dope that I can use for it brings home in a

concrete form to them the things we have to guard against. I sent you this morning several copies of the Searchlight and will

see that you get them each week in the future. I cannot find any of the old news letters but you will have a corw each week as they come out and I have found them very veluable to me in

my work. Roping that you will use every effort to make this the biggest week yet as you are not looking for very much next week I am,

Sincerely yours martin

A Klansman, garbed in his white-booded regalia, is shown carrying the "flery cross" of the Ku Klux Klan in a public initiation. Proof of the efforts to stir religious prejudice is shown by the reproduction of a letter from a "King Kleagle" to a lieutenant, advising him to circulate among prospective Klansmen copies of a wild, weird oath alleged to be taken by the Knights of Columbus. This alleged "oath" has been discredited and cir-culators of it have been punished by several courts

klanishness, thereby making devotion to its standards worth while. "The Glory of a Klansman is to Serve." Is Head of Ku Klux Klan

a Dual Reincarnation?

Tenn. It is a cheap little folder of four pages, carrying the title in black-face capital letters: "KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OATH, FOURTH DEGREE."



and approved by the authority of the mind. United States Government, two paren-thetical statements are added, as follows :

"(Excerpts from 'Contested election case of Eugene C. Bonniwell against Thos. S. Butler,' as appears in the Congressional Record—House, Feb. 15, 1913, at pages 3216 etc., and ordered Such is the history of this "oath." But, wrote King Kleagle McArthur, of Tennessee, to one of the membership salesmen of Ku Kluxism, Inc., "I find of Tennessee, to one of the membership salesmen of Ku Kluxism, Inc., "I find it of value among a certain few, though the Imperial Palace does not give out copies." Details of the sales organization that is not suble and callelow the sales of the sales printed there 'by unanimous consent.' Attached thereto and printed (on page 3216) as a part of said report as above.) "(For further information relating to Details of the sales organization that is peddling racial and religious pre-judice around the country will be dis-closed tomorrow. Before holding up to

"(For further information relating to the proceedings referred to and the ex-hibits and documents accompanying the same, reference is made to the Con-gressional Record from which the fore-going portion is copied verbatim from "House Bill 1523.')" The circulation of this "eath" as The circulation of this 'onth' as part of the membership drive of Ku Kluxism, Inc. having thus been proved, and the nature of the document made clear, it only remains to expose its fraudulent and bogus nature. In "The Knights of Columbus in Pence and War," of which Maurice Lian's arrival toward the very of the United States, the Evening Public Ledger will complete the proof of vir-ulent attacks on Catholics and their church. In subsequent articles highly

will be revealed. Francis Egan-who was for eleven years, under three Presidents, Ameri-

can Minister to Denmark, and who de-clined the Vienna ambassadorship ten-dered him by both Presidents Taft and Wilson—is co-author with John B. Kennedy, appears the following state-

ment: "Within the last six years the Continued from Page One Fourth Degree has been the target of intant of the American Legion-"The attacks by bigots where professionalism has been proved beyond question good thing in making public the facts about the Ku Klux Klan. Any secret

from which it originated. What would occur if their policies could be put into effect, with all Romas Catholics, Jews, Negroes and foreign-born and children of foreign-born put out of the country, what percentage of red-blooded Americans would be left Of course, all of these wildcat schemes pop up every once in a while, but they have to be put down, and I don't see any better way to do it than the way the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER has adopted. Somebody is going to make some money out of it before it goes out of existence. I will anxiously swait your issue of tomorrow. Will you kindly tell us what were the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan that was about during or after the Civil War. Were its

during or after the Civil War. Were th objects the same as this society? All hail the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. A DAILY READER, Former Governor Edwin S. Stuart-"The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER is to be congratulated for exposing any doc-trines that are contrary to the doctrines

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JOHN A. DOLAN, 2752 Emerald street.

the Editor of the Evening Public Leton Sir-I waited patiently to receive the

EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER today to read

what you had to say of the Ku Klus

Klan. The only way to destroy a bed

tree, when you have found out it is bad, is to pull it up by the roots, and is sure you get all of the roots, and it think you are trying to adopt that plan. I fully agree with all you have said, and hope you may be able to hammer the Ku Klux Klan back into the hele from which it originated.

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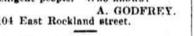
Following are some of the many the light evidence lending to show the Klan's attitude toward the Jews of the letters received by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER praising the expose of the Ku Klux Klan:

To the Editor of the Evening Public Ledger: Sir-It is with great pleasure that I have noted the stand taken by the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER in matters of recent public concern as embodied in editorials and special news articles. In chitorials and special news articles. In this class are the articles now appearing on the Ku Klux Klan and your recent editorial on the situation in West Virginia. May you continue the good work no matter where it leads

of the present articles, but to other conditions where a spirited crusade would have far-reaching results. Perhaps the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER is leading the way to a re-

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interesting facts about the animosity Klansmen toward men of allen birth **Former Soldiers** Denounce Ku Klux



mind. • • • There is no propa-ganda proposed or taught against Prot-estants or Masons or persons not of Catholic faith. • • • We can find order that to our mind could be ob-jected to by any person." The Events of Public LEDGER is to

Letters Praise Expose

you, or what interests it may strike. I am referring not only to the subject

the lowest was 43 degrees Fahrenheit.) "Membership in this order," the

"Emperor" declares in the same pam-"cannot be bought ; it is given as a reward for service rendered. If you really believe in the order and will practice its principles and conform to tractice its principles and usages and con-its regulations and usages and con-tribute the sum of \$10 toward its propagation and can otherwise qualify, then membership is awarded you upon this service rendered and pledge of future your fidelity to the institution. This is not a selfish, mercenary, commercialized proposition, but the direct opposite." The Klan, he says in another pasthar.

Man"; its secret is "Snered Guardian-ship of the Mest Sacred Cause." Its Its Courage is "The Soul of Chiralry and Virtue's Impenetrable Shield; the Im-pulse of an Unconquered Race." Its teachings "inculcate the sacred principles and noble ideals of the world's greatest order of chivalry, and direct the way of the initiate through the weil of Mystic Philosophy into the Empire

Admits Ritual Is Weird Its character is "the noblest concepts of manhood idealized in thought and materialized in practice in all the re-lationship of life: Mystery and Action; Mastery and Achievement." Its ritual-ism (of which the Deres, its ritualam (of which the EVENING PUBLIC Lapora has printed illustrative extracts) is "vastly different from any-thing in the whole universe of fraternal ritualism. It is altogether original, weird, mystical and of a high class,

features. It unfolds a spiritual philos-ophy that has to do with the very fun-damentals of life and living, here and hereafter. He who explores the dismal depths of the mystic cave and from thence attains the lofty heights of supe-

rior knighthood may sit among the gods in the Empire Invisible." Its mission, says the "emperor," is "duty—without fault, without fail, without fault, without fail, "Its moder is an and without reproach." without fear and without reproach." and protecting the sanctity of the home-its society is "the practical fraternal fellowship of men whose standard is Klanishness means to support "White worth, not wealth; character, not cash; Supremacy," and the imperial variety courageous mathood based upon honor untarnished by the touch of hyporrisy or the veneering of society's solfish so-cial valuations." Its place is "in the heart of every 'true American.' along-dide of every 'true American.' alongide of every other fraternal order." and the Invisible Empire in its development "in its original casting, unique manner-ion, sacred sentiment, uoble purpose There is the

and government." and government." There is the gist of the two state-ments of what Ku Kluxism Inc.. in its distinctive peculiarities." Finally, he declares, its fraternity is "not merely reciting in ceremony prate."

The eight-page pamphlet ends as fol-

"a very unpleasant situation," though at present merely "keeping records" of its enemics, and "making plans." The iows: "Ponder well all these things which I have spoken to YOU as coming from the hidden recesses of a soul unself-ishly communing wits its God, for the betterment of its fellows. Oh, Klaus-men, minimize not the importance of Philosophy into the Empire Invisible." your sacred mission in life and dis-count not your most laudable achieve- Knightbood," they may "sit among ment that is-to attain to the high the gods," standard of Klanish character-Match- In the In the "Hymn of Hate" being chant-ed all over the United States by Ku Kinxism's paid apostles, one of the stanzas is directed against the Ameri-

ess Manhood, 'Non Silba Sed An-

The Klan, he says in another pas-mage, is not encouraging or condoning any propaganda of religious intolerance or racial prejudice. It is an associa-tion of real men, who believe in being something, in doing things worth while and who are in all things 100 per cent Its lineage, he states, is "The Most Sublime Lineage in History, Commemo-rating and Perpetuating, as it Does, the Most Dauntless Organization Known to Man"; its secret is "Snered Guardian-why of the Year of the Khan Lil., and in the third Cycle of the third Reign of our Reincarnation. Officially uttered.
Kluxism's paid apostles, one of the stanzas is directed against the Ameri-ran communicants of the Roman Cath-olic Church. This attack reaches its culmination in the use of a document which pur-ports to be the onth taken on "the based sacrament" by every American Catholic who is ad-mitted to membership in the Fourth of the year of the Khan Lil., and in the third Cycle of the third Reign of our Reincarnation. Officially uttered. the third Cycle of the third Reign of our Reincarnation. Officially uttered, inscribed, signed, scaled, communicated inscribed, signed, scaled, communicated proval of at least one responsible ex-cutive officer of the sales crew; second, to discuss briefly but fully the nature of the attack; and then, third,

Is a Practical Thing to show that the document is a forg-

But what is "Klanishness?" A very practical thing, says the "Em-

The King Kleagle, or State sales manager of Ku Kluxism in Tennessee is J. M. McArthur, formerly an insurperor' in the body of his 'Imperial Instructions,' and doubly fourfeld. There is Physical, Social, Moral, Voca-tional Klanishness; also Patriotic, Doance solicitor of Atlanta. Letter Is Reproduced On May 25, 1921, on the official letterhead of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Inc., Department of Prop-ngation, McArthur wrote to one of his nestic, Racial, Imperial Klanishness,

and each variety is described and identified at tou great length for full quo-tation here. The traly "Klanish" Klansman will

ist "strike, stab, lacerate." or othernahamed to acknowledge another Klans-man because of the latter's lowly soial status, nor will be "give himself ver to debauchery." Vocationally, "boosting each other a business interest ver fo "Dignity and decency are its marked features. It unfolds a spiritual philos-are imperially approved; while "bor-are imperially approved; while "borrowing from a Klansman and being slow

to repay'' is not good form. Statements At Variance

"Patriotically," Klancraft consists for it brings home in a concrete form to them the things that we have to

guard against.' During last May, the Southern Bap-tist Association held its annual convention, with an attendance of 10,000, in Chattanooga, Tenn., and newspaper Supremacy," and the imperial variety is to "give due respect and maintain a accounts of its sessions show that much attention was given to the discussion of 'the Roman Catholic menace.' Taking advantage of the favoring at-mosphere thus created. Kian organizers Klanish regard for the person and au thority of the Imp-rial Wizard" an and thus facilitate "his efforts in perfecting the work he has to do for the glory of mosphere thus created. Kian organizers in Chattanooga and various other points in the State had copies of the bogus Knights of Columbus oath printed, anonymously and with no identifying

coming now to the nature of the attack thus launched against a considerable body of American citizens, certain portions of the document must he did not believe it to be genuine, be be quoted.

cause he feared to give it notorlety. Genuine Oath Is Given

"I now." it begins, "in the presence of Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. "Far from being disconcerted by the airing of this delectable document Paul, and all the saints, sacred host of licaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, in Congress, those profiting by its circulation seized upon its inclusion in the Congressional Record to give it an

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licaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the Society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola * * do by the womb of the Vir-gin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that His Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's vice regent, and * * hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, States. Commonwealths and Governments and they may be safely destroyed. There-fore to the utmost of my power I will regent, and hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, States, Commonwealths and Governments and they may be safely destroyed. There-fore to the utmost of my power I will defend this doctrine and I do now denounce and disown any allegirison, editors and publishers of the Mankato Morning Journal, were brought to trial for charging E. M. Lawless, editor of the Waterville Sen-tinel, with having taken the "oath." ance as due to any heretical king, prince or State, named Protestants or Liberals, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers." At this trial the real pledge taken by Fourth Degree Knights on initiation

magistrates or officers." Further along, on the second and third pages of the document, the pros-pective Fourth Degree Knight is rep-resented as promising and declaring was inserted as a State exhibit. It read :

"I swear to support the Constitution of the United States. I pledge myself. as a Catholic citizen and Knight of he will "when opportunity presents, make and wage relentiess war, openly Columbus, to enlighten myself fu'ly upon my duties as a citizen and to and secretly, against all heretics. Prot-estants and Masons, as I am directed conscientiously perform such duties ento do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex nor condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boll, flay, strangle and bury alive these tirely in the interest of my country. and regardless of all my personal conse-quences. I pledge myself to do all in boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these my power to preserve the integrity and infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs purity of the ballot, and to promote and wombs of their women, and crash everence and respect for law and ortheir infants' heads against the walls in der. I promise to practice my religion

their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. Allege Poison Pledge "That when the same cannot be done openly I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet * * whatever may be their condition in life, either public or pritry prosper, to the greater honor an glory of God."

Inquiry Made by Masons

vate, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agents of the Pope or superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus

reach other," and in the first paragraph of the second page—King Kleagle Mc-Arthur made the following statement: "The Imperial Palace does not give out copies of the K. C. oath, but I find it of value among a certain few. I find papers like the Protestant, that I suggested your subscribing for, to be the most valuable dope that I can use.

* I will not deal with or employ

a Protestant if in my power to deal with dr employ a Catholic. I will place Catholic girls in Protestant fam-lies that a weekly report may be made then said: "Our examination was made pri-marily to ascertain whether or not a certain alleged oath of the inner movements of the heretics." certain alleged oath • • which The "actual oath," as printed in the The "actual onta," as printed in the document, runs: "All of which I do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive to perform and on part to keep this, my oath. In testimony hereof, take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Euchar-ber Sacrament of the Euchar-ber Sacrament of the Euchar-ber Sacrament of the Sacrament o

and peculiar mystleism it is separate ments of what Ku Khusian. Inc. a its distinctive peculiarities." Finally, he declares, its fraternity is not merely reciting in ceremony pretty. The equally official and one absolutely not merely reciting in ceremony pretty. The show of a fatternity low. The full of the two state-stands for in the life of America. They recursive the other. One is flery. The show of the two state-stands for in the life of America. They recursive the other. One is flery. The show of the contrastic the other. One is flery. The show of the contrastic the other is wordy. One defines Ku the other is wordy. One defines Ku the show of the future, with "reletorical and Muse-Whitlock Company, Johnson City,

that he had referined from condemning organization. My advice to ex-mervice Sir-Being so gratified with your de-



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statement certifying that they had ex-amined a complete copy of all the work

Espionage Is Charged

pledges and ceremonies and found that the order, while secret, was not onth-bound, and that its ceremonies were comprised in four degrees "intended to

teach and inculcate principles that lie at the foundation of every great re-

two other similar prosecutions where letterhend of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Inc., Department of Prop-agation, McArthur wrote to one of his Kleagles, or salesmen, then at work in Tennessee. A photographic copy of this letter is reproduced today. In the last two lines on the first page of this letter—just about the printed slogan "in the name of our fa-thers—for our country, our homes, and each other," and in the first paragraph of the second uage—King Kleagle Mc-