

FRAGS OF KLAN REVEALED IN DEATH-BOUND OATH

Fourfold Pledge of the Ku Klux Exposed to Show Members Bound Only to 'Law' of 'Emperor'

BLOOD-SEALED VOW PUTS KLANSMAN UNDER FEALTY TO ORDER OR WHIM OF 'WIZARD'

Follower of 'Emperor' Swears Not to Reveal Anything Done by Fellow White Robes Except Treason or Two Other Inexcusable Crimes

BONDAGE OF 'UNWRITTEN LAWS' MUST BE ACCEPTED TO JOIN BROTHERHOOD

'Colonel' Simmons Also Cannily Obligates His Followers to Defray All Expenses of His Mystic Organization When Kleagles Whistle or Groan for Cash

EXAMINATION OF THE four-fold oath of the Ku Klux Klan shows the fragments of masked terrorism.

The oath, with its threats of death and dishonor for a violator, is given in full today.

The first section binds the Klansman to unquestioning obedience to William Joseph Simmons, the "Emperor."

The second obligates to rigid secrecy. The third section requires fidelity in fostering "every interest" of the Klan.

The fourth binds to "Klanishness." In this amazing sacred violation of "this sacred oath," in the eyes of the ruler of the "Invisible Empire," is a crime on a par with murder or with treason to the United States.

In the first stages of the Klan's nation-wide extension the four-fold oath usually was administered one section at a time, the intervals being filled by "mystic cave" assemblies and the marching and counter-marching of hooded and gowned "Terrors."

Now that the Kleagles are hurriedly organizing all the candidates obtainable, the entire oath frequently is administered in one dose. American citizens are thus swearing to it unconditionally at the rate of \$600 a year, according to Simmons.

The newly made Klansman not only parts with a \$10 "donation" for the propagation of Ku Kluxism, but he also obligates himself to meet demands for the expenses of the order.

MANDATES OF 'IMPERIAL WIZARD' MADE HIGHEST LAW BY KU KLUX KLAN OATH

THERE is no doubt that Emperor J. Simmons, or whoever wrote the document, produced a "real oath."

Hardened "joiners," members of many orders as they have fingers, have examined it and found it the "stiffest" obligation they ever had heard of.

KLANS RALLYING SIGNAL



The "Bery cross" of the Ku Klux Klan is the rallying signal when the brotherhood is called together for its secret meetings or "excursions." Many victims of outrages perpetrated by white-robed "regulators" saw this smoking, flaming symbol as their persecutors applied the lash or tar and feathers.

GOVERNOR SPROUL DENOUNCES KLAN

Bishop Berry Joins State Executive in Scoring Methods of White-Robed "Regulators"

LEGION FOR LEGAL ACTION

The extreme danger of such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., was pointed out today by Governor Sproul.

He expressed surprise that a body with such views and purposes could gain any headway in these days of enlightenment.

He said there was no excuse for such an organization, which, he declared, is contrary to everything American.

"I have been reading the accounts of the Ku Klux Klan in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER," he said, "and was surprised to learn what the Klan's purposes are. There is, of course, no necessity for such a body in the United States. Its existence is to be deplored."

"Secret organizations which seek to regulate the action of the people in such a manner are in conflict with the constituted authorities. The Constitution of the United States has provided ample safeguards for all its citizens, with the Vares in spite of Senator Penrose's orders, he was followed by all the leaders of his ward. Connell's accession to the Voters' League ticket was expected to result in Beatson, Mace and Walsh going over to the league also.

N. J. American Legion Denounces Ku Klux

Asbury Park, N. J., Sept. 17.—A resolution denouncing the Ku Klux Klan was adopted today by the American Legion convention after fervent pleas by its sponsor, T. Hubert McCauley, of Newark.

"Inasmuch as the Ku Klux Klan is exposed to be an American, in that it demands swearing allegiance to some other power than these United States of America and in other manners shown in that newspaper and contrary to the ideals of the American Legion, that this matter be brought to the attention of the Department of Pennsylvania, American Legion, in cantonment assembled."

Snow Bank is Tourist's Grave

Port Collins, Col., Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Gregory Aubuchon, eighteen, missing tourist of Michigan, Ind., found a grave in a midsummer snow bank at the base of a 2000-foot cliff of Long's Peak, Rocky Mountain National Park. His body was found yesterday by forest rangers after rain and snow melted the snow which covered his body.

SUSPECTED SLAYER OF WANT AD WIFE CAUGHT IN CANADA

George Dobson, Rummehede Highlands, N. J., Nabbed by Sleuth in Ontario

NOW IN DETROIT JAIL; NO TRACE OF 2 CHILDREN

Detective Doran's Wire Reporting Dobson Caught

"South Woodley, Ontario—Dobson in custody." Night letter will follow. "Dobson is in Ontario."

That was the brief message Prosecutor Wolverton received this morning announcing that a chase covering many hundreds of miles was ended and George Dobson, suspected murderer of his wife, Isabella, in Rummehede Highlands, N. J., was ended and a man-wanted man was under arrest.

George Dobson, wanted for the murder of his wife Isabella, in Rummehede Highlands, N. J., September 9, is under arrest.

He was caught in Canada after a chase through Western Ontario which covered hundreds of miles by Lawrence T. Doran, a detective attached to the County Prosecutor's office in Camden.

Doran has returned to Canada to get the two children—the niece of the dead woman and Dobson's son—whom the supposed slayer, when he was, of course, in Detroit, had hidden away.

Doran lodged Dobson in the jail at Detroit police headquarters last night, and will proceed to Camden with him within a day.

The chief of police at Detroit, talking on the telephone this morning, was unable to cast much light on the case.

"Dobson is here," he said. "The New Jersey detective brought him in last night, and we locked him up for him. The man is well, of course, and enough to accompany the officer back to Camden. Not being our prisoner, we have not attempted to question him, but it is only natural that some of our men here should be talking to him. He refuses to discuss the murder or the chase that resulted in his arrest."

"I cannot tell you where Doran is. He merely asked the courtesy of the use of our lock-up, which we, of course, granted him. He did not mention what hotel he was stopping at. He merely left Dobson and said he would call for him some time Sunday."

When Doran comes home there is no doubt the tale of the chase will be an epic as interesting as the stories of similar pursuits that have reached to the far corners of the earth. Dobson's trail was followed without ostentation and advertising and is a splendid example of the type of police work that has made "Jersey Justice" famous.

Nabbed at Brother-in-Law's Home

Shortly after Mrs. Dobson was found brutally beaten to death, search of the Rummehede bungalow disclosed the fact that Dobson had relatives in South Jersey.

WARNED BY TROLLEY CREW, ELEVEN ESCAPE FLAMES

North Seventh Street Family of Nine and Visitors Flee

Samuel Mostovsky, a grocer at 1400 North Seventh street, his wife and seven children, and two relatives who live with them, escaped from their smoke-filled dwelling over the store at 1 o'clock this morning, after they had been awakened by the crew of a passing trolley car.

The fire originated in the sugar bin of the grocery store. The trolley crew, who were not notified, saw the glare of the fire through the store windows.

At first it seemed impossible to arouse the sleeping people. With the aid of a neighbor, Harry Kaudus, the crew proceeded to break into the store, ready to go upstairs and rescue the sleeping people, if necessary. The crash of glass as the front door was burst in aroused Mostovsky and his family.

The house was full of smoke, but with the aid of the fire crew and neighbors the eleven persons in the house groped their way down to the street and escaped without mishap.

Woman Burned to Death As Family Sleeps Nearby

Husband Wakes in Time to Carry Children From North Howard Street Home. Injured Trying to Aid Wife

Mrs. Michael Gumenok, 507 North Howard street, was burned to death early this morning while her husband and three little children slept in a room within a few feet of her, unaware of the tragedy until too late to do anything but save themselves from the flames.

Michael Gumenok seated in the kitchen of the home holding his hand of his daughter, Anna, eight years old, told the tale of the tragedy this morning.

"Next, I knew the children were crying, and I smelled smoke. I went to the door, which was locked, and opened it. Flames and smoke came out and burned me more than the firemen came and took me down-stairs. Then I was in the Roosevelt Hospital with doctors bandaging me."

When the firemen extinguished the blaze, which was trifling in itself, they found the body of Mrs. Gumenok huddled in the corner of the room. She had evidently tried to get to the window and escape from the blaze that caused her death before she collapsed.

How the blaze started is hard to determine, but the theory is that a small oil lamp, which was the only illumination in the room, overturned in the night and started the bed burning. The woman must have been awakened by the death-dealing flames.

This morning the narrow alley on which the house fronts was littered with bits of burned bedding, and when the reporter arrived at the house, Catherine, seven years old, another of the daughters, was sweeping similar litter out the door. It is probable that the bits of bedding on the ground floor had dropped from the body of her mother when the firemen carried it from the house. With the stolidity of the dazed little girl was mechanically brushing away these grim evidences of the tragedy.

Inside the house, Mary, nine years old, the third daughter, watched her father as he laboriously told the story of the tragedy through the bandages that swathed his face. In his attempts to save the mother of his children the man had received serious burns on his head and all down the right side of his body.

CORSON DEFEATS BROWN ON LINKS

Philip Corson, Plymouth, defeated John Arthur Brown, Philadelphia C. C., 1 up, 19 holes in the St. Martin's cup golf semi-final. Corson met Norman Maxwell in the final this afternoon.

ITALIANS LEAD IN U. S. NATURALIZATION

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—Nationals of Italy took the lead last month in obtaining naturalization as American citizens, a position held for many months by Germans, according to figures made public today by the Department of Labor.

Total certificates of naturalization issued in August were 16,481, of which 1029 were obtained by Italians as against 825 by Germans.

BOY, 10, WHIPPED BY PARENTS, TRIES SUICIDE

Peter Wancuski, ten years old, Ontario and Beach streets, was restrained in the act of attempting suicide by jumping into the Delaware at the Ontario street wharf this afternoon.

The boy said he wanted to kill himself because his mother and father had beaten him with a rubber hose. Detectives found his back covered with welts. They turned the boy over to the Society to protect Children from Cruelty. The parents had accused him, unjustly, he said, of taking \$2 from his mother.

NORWEGIAN SHIP AFIRE; PUTS BACK TO PORT

SAVANNAH, GA., Sept. 17.—The Norwegian steamer Bjorsterne Bjorson, 3200 tons, which cleared this port last night for Hamburg, put back today on account of a fire which is reported to have badly damaged the vessel.

ARBUCKLE TO FACE COURT AGAIN TODAY

Actor Will Appear on Manslaughter Charge While Murder Accusation Is Pressed

San Francisco, Sept. 17.—Roscoe Arbuckle was east today for a new court scene in the tragedy of Virginia Rappe, motion-picture actress, who died, according to accusers of Arbuckle, following a drinking orgy in the actor's apartment in a San Francisco hotel and as a result of mistreatment by her host.

Today Arbuckle will be arraigned in Superior Court upon an indictment charging manslaughter and murder by the county Grand Jury. But this arraignment is mere formality, it was said, and the District Attorney had announced the murder charge will be pushed and it will be left up to a jury to decide whether Arbuckle shall be convicted of first degree murder, second degree murder, manslaughter or turned free by acquittal. There was also one other acquittal, which was that if the Police Court at the preliminary examination of Arbuckle failed to hold the comedian to answer to the Superior Court on a charge of murder the State then would be forced to go to trial with the manslaughter indictment. Acquittal or conviction, and notified the police.

ODDS FAVOR TILDEN TO RETAIN CROWN

Champion Slight Favorite Over Wallace Johnson in Tennis Title Tilt Today

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. William T. Tilden, of Philadelphia, and Wallace Johnson, of Philadelphia, are all set to play for the singles tennis championship of America at Maudslough, this afternoon. The match will be played on the tennis courts at Maudslough, which were opened for the first time last night. Tilden is favored to win the match and is the odds on choice of the wagering gentlemen, but Johnson also has many supporters. A close match is expected if it is played.

DE VALERA'S TERMS B A R CONFERENCE, PREMIER DECLARES

Impossible to Hold Parley Under Conditions Recognizing Severance, Says Lloyd George

PRIME MINISTER QUICKLY ANSWERS IRISH LEADER

By the Associated Press. London, Sept. 17.—Prime Minister Lloyd George, replying today to the communication of Eamon de Valera yesterday, says that to receive the Sinn Fein delegates to the proposed conference as representatives of an independent and sovereign State would "constitute formal and official recognition of Ireland's severance from the King's domains."

Lloyd George says that so long as De Valera insists that the Irish delegates should confer as the representatives of an independent and sovereign State a conference is impossible.

Sinn Fein acceptance of membership in the British Commonwealth as the basis of negotiations with Prime Minister Lloyd George is seen as the only way out of the present Irish situation and deadlock by London newspapers.

The Daily Chronicle today said acceptance by the Irish Republicans would mean that peace was in sight, the newspaper adding that "until the Sinn Fein does accept peace is unattainable."

"There is satisfactory evidence in both English and Irish newspapers," declared the Daily News, "that the ridiculous dispute which brought about a temporary abandonment of the Inverness conference is not likely to have any very serious or permanent effects."

The Daily Express asserted that "juggling with a phrase" led to the deadlock, but said there was little doubt of the situation since De Valera in his letter receiving De Valera's latest letter the Prime Minister would "find means to accommodate Mr. De Valera and his friends."

The situation assumes a more hopeful appearance since De Valera in his telegram yesterday seemed to place a different construction on his own words, in the opinion of the London Times.

Gairloch, Scotland, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—The receipt by Prime Minister Lloyd George of Eamon de Valera's telegram yesterday, in which the Irish leader expressed the view that the peace negotiators should meet untrammelled by any conditions "except those imposed by the facts as they know them," is considered to have brought about a change in the situation.

Lloyd George passed a good night at his vacation home here and was very much better this morning, the dentist called to Gairloch having janced the absence which caused his indisposition. The date of his return to London, however, has not yet been fixed, and the next meeting of the Cabinet, whether it meets in London or Inverness, depends upon the rate of his progress.

Dublin, Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Eamon de Valera's telegram, sent yesterday to Prime Minister Lloyd George, was today declared by the Freeman's Journal to make it more evident that the Prime Minister had been misled in his conclusion that the Sinn Fein letter conveying details of the Irish acceptance of his invitation to a conference implied abandonment of the Irish advance of the Irish Republic.

The newspaper asserted one encouraging fact was made clear by the correspondence, and that was that both the British Government and the Irish leaders desire an honorable peace, and that the peoples of both countries are overwhelmingly with them in this common desire.

"To allow such a position to be lost would be a hideous blunder and a crime against civilization," the newspaper continued. "We are expressing the unanimous wish of the Irish people when we assert a method should be found to resolve the deadlock without threat or force, and that the conference should proceed untrammelled by differences that will almost certainly disappear on the day the conference meets."

In official quarters here the most favorable construction is placed on De Valera's telegram. The Impression

BOY KILLED BY AUTO

Struck While Playing Ball on Highway Near His Home

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—John K. Lytle, nine years old, died in a hospital in this city early this morning of injuries received when struck by the automobile of W. P. Starkey, 1729 North Front street, Harrisburg.

The boy was playing ball on the Lincoln highway, near his home in Gap, Friday afternoon, and failed to notice the approach of Mr. Starkey's car, which was running slowly. He was struck and his left leg and right arm fractured. Mr. Starkey assisted the injured boy to a physician's office.

Who Won The Prizes

In the Public Ledger's Contest by best answering the question, "What Woman in History Would You Wish to Have Been?"

Read tomorrow's Sunday Public Ledger and find out all about them—and don't fail to read the prize-winning letters themselves.