

KU KLUX KLAN'S DEATH-BOUND OATH PUTS MEMBERS UNDER THUMB OF THE "EMPEROR"

THREE BODIES PLAN WAR AGAINST KLAN

President Harding Requested to Urge Action by Congress ORGANIZED AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Sept. 17.—Three organizations are now actively in the field to obtain legislation to crush the "Invisible Empire" of the Ku Klux Klan. The groups opposed to the Klan are the National Unity Council, of which former Governor Edward F. Dunne is temporary chairman; the National Equal Rights League and the People's Liberty League.

In a telegram sent to President Harding by the Equal Rights League he is requested to send a special message to Congress, when that body convenes September 21, urging the enactment of laws forbidding any secret organization "whose principles are contrary to the principles and spirit of law and of the Constitution" and "tend to substitute private for public government."

Telegrams and letters from professional and business men throughout the country, commending and seeking membership in the National Unity Council, were received at the organization's headquarters. "Persons in every station of life are asking to be placed on our membership roll," said former Governor Dunne.

Rankings of Klan foes grow. "Persons in every station of life are asking to be placed on our membership roll," said former Governor Dunne. "The requests have come in equal numbers from those persons who, because of their religious belief, race or nationality, have been barred from the Klan and from those eligible to its membership."

With this moral support and with the support offered financially from some of the State's best citizens, we intend to draft a definite program for a formidable opposition of the illegal methods of the Klan and every other body of a like nature. As a first step in this plan, National Unity Council committees are to be organized in every county and Klan has a foothold or gains one. These local branches, through mass-meetings, patriotic demonstrations and personal contacts will point the danger of the Klan makes for racial unrest and bad feeling among the various religious sects.

SECRET BLOOD-BOUND OATH OF KU KLUX KLAN

You will place your left hand over your heart and raise your right hand to heaven. — OATH OF ALLEGIANCE — SECTION I—OBEDIENCE. (You will say) "I" (Pronounce your full name and repeat after me) "Before God and man—most solemnly pledge, promise and swear—unconditionally—that I will faithfully obey—the constitution and laws—and will willingly conform to all regulations, usages and requirements—of the * * * and will do now exist—or which may hereafter exist—and will abide by the same—loyal respect and reverence—to all summaries—I having knowledge of same—Providence alone preventing."

Herewith is presented a photographic copy of the ritual of the Ku Klux Klan, giving the oaths of Obedience, Fidelity and "Klanntiness" taken by each prospective "White Robe." Note that the ritual carefully uses a "K" instead of the word "Klan," and the title of the various officers, hitherto exposed in the Evening Public Ledger, are mentioned only by initials.

Klanmen Take Blood-Sealed Vow. Continued from Page One. But deluded men who may have assumed, or may be committing themselves to assume, the Ku Klux obligations. It shows a Klansman can commit only four offenses so heinous that a fellow Klansman is not bound to keep them secret if knowledge of them is committed to him "in the sacred bond" of "Klanntiness."

"COLONEL" SIMMONS WON RANK BY JOINING A SECRET SOCIETY. THE Ku Klux Klan, Inc., is not only a secret, oath-bound society, but its 500,000 membership is also regarded as the citizenry of an "Invisible Empire." The order was founded in 1915 by William Joseph Simmons, a former preacher, who held the rank of colonel in the uniform rank of a fraternal organization.

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Real Fears Exposed. Treason—rape—malicious murder—these are to be revealed. They are so heinous that even a Klansman culprit must not be shielded from the vengeance of outraged constitutional law. Violation of the Klan oath is equally heinous, and also is to be shielded from vengeance to be inflicted by what is the skeleton framework of a potential super-Government set up in these United States to standardize a peculiar brand of "Americanism" as the only means to an end.

Menace Still Potential. This promise of being called to perform an extra legal mission, plus its traditions of secrecy and terrorism, plus its consistent use of hatred propaganda, constitute the grave menace to American institutions which lies beneath the grotesque and absurd surface of incorporated Ku Kluxism.

Law Needs No Klan to Aid It. "This euphemistic clause in the statement is itself sufficient to discredit the Klan as a law-abiding organization. The Rev. J. J. Schellard, D. D., pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church—"I thoroughly approve of the exposure of the methods and purposes of the Ku Klux Klan being published in the Evening Public Ledger. This newspaper is doing a great public service."

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KLAN SEEKS COURT HELP FOR LOUISVILLE MEETING. From Preventing Gathering. Louisville, Ky., Sept. 17.—(By A. P.)—Declaring that it is their intention to "start an out-of-constitutional rights of free assembly and free speech," organizers of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in Louisville today are preparing to seek an injunction restraining Mayor G. W. Smith from carrying out his announced intention of preventing the meeting scheduled for tonight.

Wisconsin Governor Acts Against Ku Klux Violence. Aroused by efforts of Ku Klux Klansmen to extend their secret order in Wisconsin, Governor Blaine, of that State, today declared all the power of the law would be used to punish overt acts or violence. The Governor, in an official letter to the Mayor of Milwaukee, briefly reviewed the black history of the original Ku Klux Klan, and concluded: "Now, Mr. Mayor, with such a record, and steeped in crime as the Ku Klux Klan was, do you think that any liberty-loving, law-abiding, sensible citizen of Wisconsin is going to join an order that is alleged to be a counterpart of the Ku Klux Klan of old days; if in fact, it is."

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20 CONGRESSMEN REPORTED IN KLAN

Washington Investigation Expected Speedily to Reveal Capital Supporters

EX-OFFICERS TO TESTIFY. Washington, Sept. 17.—Keen interest manifested here in the proposed Congressional investigation of the Ku Klux Klan. The first effort, it is understood, will be to find out if any members of Congress belong to the order, and, if so, who they are.

To Probe Religious Side. But this time, when Congress undertakes to conduct an inquiry, prominent participants in elections, prominent members of the House and Senate, will be asked to testify not only embracing the Ku Klux movement, but also carrying on a religious controversy.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Central Y. M. C. A., 1421 Arch Street. Evening business courses for men and women. Tuition Moderate. Opens Sept. 26. Accounting Group, Business Group, Finance Group, Management Group, Modern Languages.

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Peirce School of Business Administration. 1017 Chestnut St., Philadelphia. Night School Opens Sept. 19. Courses: Business Administration, Accounting, Stenography, Salesmanship, Typewriting, Foreign Languages.

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