

KU KLUX "EMPEROR" EULOGIZES DISORDER AND DEFIANCE OF THE LAW

MAGISTRATES RAP SPIRIT OF THE KLUX

Ministers and Others Join in Praise of Evening Public Ledger for Expose

BIGOTRY IS DENOUNCED

Honest Courage of Expose Praised by Business Men

To the Editor of Evening Public Ledger: Sir—It always was a known fact that the morning Evening Ledger stood for justice and righteousness, and it seems that its offspring, the Evening Public Ledger, is following the footsteps of the father publication.

At a meeting of the South Street Business Men's Association, held Thursday, September 15, it was unanimously resolved that a vote of thanks be extended to your valuable paper for its honest courage and conviction in exposing the Ku Klux Klan, a conglomeration of hoodlums and swindlers masquerading as "patriotic Americans."

Condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan and appreciation of the expose of the Klan in the Evening Public Ledger were expressed today by clergymen and various members of the minor judiciary.

The Rev. Charles H. Todd, Second Baptist Church of Germantown—"I think the Evening Public Ledger is doing a very wise thing in presenting an expose of an organization such as the Ku Klux Klan. It is deplorable that such an organization as this exists in our country, and it should be wiped out. I am heart and soul with this investigation, and the more complete the exposure, the better the country will be."

The Rev. Arthur C. Baldwin, Forth Street Baptist Church—"I have read with interest the Klan articles in the Evening Public Ledger, and with satisfaction each day the further exposures of the Klan. I think the Evening Public Ledger is doing a very wise thing in presenting an expose of an organization such as the Ku Klux Klan. It is deplorable that such an organization as this exists in our country, and it should be wiped out. I am heart and soul with this investigation, and the more complete the exposure, the better the country will be."

The Rev. Roger S. Forbes, German-town Unitarian Church—"As a representative of liberal Christianity I am opposed to anything of the sort of the Ku Klux Klan. I commend highly the Evening Public Ledger's policy of exposing this movement."

Magistrate Benjamin F. Renshaw—"The Ku Klux Klan is an odious organization and is radical to an extreme. Any society or organization which holds itself aloof from the people, and takes the stand that the Ku Klux Klan does, should be watched closely."

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Magistrate Atkinson Costello—"It is time that this great country of ours stamp out bigotry. Any person who belongs to an organization that is bigoted against a man because he differs in religion or race is not a fit man to mix with the public."

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NEW ORGANIZATION NEMESIS OF K. K. K.

6000 "Knights of Road" Seek to Stamp Out Bigotry. Order Is Growing

BRANCH IN PHILADELPHIA

Special Dispatch to Evening Public Ledger—Covington, Mo., Sept. 20.—Organization of "the Knights of the Road," a secret order with 6000 members in ten cities for the express purpose of fighting the Ku Klux Klan, was announced yesterday by Jeff Davis, of Cincinnati, known the country over as "King of the Hoboes."

He has been chosen "Chief Dispatcher," title of the national head of the new organization. Lodges have already been organized. Davis said, in Covington, Newport, Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati and other Ohio cities. The largest chapter has been formed in New York City, he said, a thousand members having been recruited quietly. He said that, due to the necessity of the organization having to fight the Ku Klux, working secretly, only his name would be made public as an official.

Davis said that, besides chapters mentioned above, lodges have been formed in Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland, Baltimore, San Francisco and Dayton and Hamilton, O., all with 100 to 500 members. Davis said the "Knights" intend to fight propaganda against Jews, Catholics or members of any other religious sect, to effectively quash any attempt to pave the way for a religious war in the United States, to combat the Ku Klux Klan or other organization that may follow in its footsteps and to prevent America's highways being blocked by "bunk, bomb or burn."

Davis asserted that 6000 of the organization members are women and that all races and creeds will be admitted. Women organizers are to be appointed over the country. Davis says the papers for the Knights' incorporation will be filed tomorrow at Columbus, O.

TO TEACH KLANCRAFT

University to Inculcate "Ideals and Principles of Ku Kluxism"

Atlanta, Sept. 20.—Announcement has been made that the Ku Klux Klan within the next year will erect at Lanier University a building to be known as "The Hall of the Invisible," which will be devoted to the teaching of Klancraft. This structure, it is stated, will be operated separately from the university. This statement was made by General Nathan Bedford Forrest, grand dragon of the organization of the original Klan and business manager of the university.

The new building will be devoted to instructions in the ideals and the principles of Ku Kluxism. General Forrest announced. Details of the proposed building will be made public at a later date. Announcement was made also that forty-five acres adjoining the university have been bought for \$50,000, giving a total of fifty acres for the college site. One million is to be spent in improvements, it is announced.

Dr. Edward James, dean of Lanier University, sets for the aims of the institution as follows: "The need for the teachings of the principles of American citizenship as set forth in the American Constitution and the Declaration of Independence will be met by maintaining the highest standard of study and application of these indispensable matters."

Ku Klux Forced to Disobey Law

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country was frequently extended, and if declined the consequences were likely to be serious. Commenting on this phase of the Ku Klux movement, its historians, Lester and Wilson say: "The order contained within itself, by reason of the methods practiced, sources of weakness. The devices and disguises by which the Klan deceived outsiders enabled all who were so disposed to practice deception on the Klan itself."

It placed in the hands of its own members the facility to do deeds of violence for the gratification of personal feeling, and have them credited to the Klan. To evilly disposed men, membership in the Klan was an inducement to wrong doing. It presented to all men a dangerous temptation which could be resisted. Many did not withstand it."

Transformed from a burlesque mystery to a serious study of masked regulation, the Ku Klux Klan, at a convention held in Nashville, Tenn., in May, 1867, revised and amended its "Prescript," or constitution, perfected propagation plans for extending its organization to the South, and chose General Nathan B. Forrest, the Confederate cavalry leader, as its supreme ruler, with the title of grand dragon. The "White League" brought the membership up eventually to 500,000, and by exercise of all his own prestige and masterful power of control, and with the assistance of his numerous other prominent former Confederate officers, did everything he could to keep it in control and handle the serious situation which had developed as reconstruction proceeded. Among these aides were Generals John B. Gordon, A. H. Colquitt, G. T. Anderson, A. B. Lawton, W. J. Hardin, John T. Brown, George W. Gordon and Albert Pike, who was chief judicial officer, and later became one of the foremost Masonic authorities in the country.

Disbanded by Forrest

After less than two years, in late February, 1869, General Forrest gave

Ku Klux Used Trickery to Frighten Negroes

The "rubber bag" trick was one of the means used by members of the original Ku Klux Klan to spread terror among the Negroes of the South after the Civil War.

A hooded and sheeted horseman would ride to a Negro's cabin and demand a drink of water. The night-bird would pour the water into a huge rubber bag concealed in his gown. He then would demand a bucket of water, and while the terrified Negro would watch the fluid apparently disappear down the "White Cap's" throat the rider would remark it was the first drink he had since he was "killed at the battle of Shiloh."

Differential Hearing Set Rates to East and South Will Be Discussed

The transportation bureau of the Chamber of Commerce announces that a hearing on the Philadelphia differential, involving a revision of rates between Eastern territory and Virginia cities, will be held at 143 Liberty street, Room 401, New York, on Thursday at 10:15 A. M., daylight-saving time. The meeting has been called by the Trunk Line Association for the purpose of gathering information on the "aim of this city for rate allowances and from points South."

A WAR-LIKE LOOKING 'EMPEROR' AND HIS PRIVATE CREST



The military appearing gentleman is not a member of the A. E. F., but "Colonel" William Joseph Simmons, "Emperor" of the Ku Klux Klan, sunning himself, his trusty sword and his uniform as a "colonel" of the uniformed division of the Woodmen of the World. The "crest" is that decorating the flagpole at the entrance of the \$25,000 home presented to the "Emperor" by his devoted followers.

How the Klan is striving to bring into the "Invisible Empire" chiefs of police, sheriffs, prosecuting attorneys and other law-enforcement officials will be shown tomorrow. "Emperor" Simmons alleges that even members of Congress have taken the oath of allegiance to him.

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\$50,000 WEEKLY TINKLES INTO STRONG BOX OF KU KLUX LEADERS

ABOUT \$50,000 a week tinkles into the coffers of the Ku Klux Klan and the pockets of its Kliegals, King Kleagles, Grand Goblines and the even higher-ups.

This revenue is from membership "donations" alone. Every new Klansman must cross the mystic palm with \$10 worth of real money. Other large sums come from side-lines of the order.

Since its creation in 1915, the Ku Klux Klan has grown from a membership of thirty-four charter members to a membership of 500,000. Its leaders assert that 5000 recruits are being added to that number weekly.

This growth has been coincident with the Klan propagators' spread of racial and religious hatred. All the "knights" of the Klan are bound by blood-oath to fealty to the "Emperor."

The Evening Public Ledger began presenting the inner secrets of the order Monday, September 12. Governors, State Legislatures and the Mayors of cities are aroused against the Klan, and now realize the menace it holds for the life of America.

uply proclaimed the Ku Klux Klan and the Invisible Empire, "disbanded and dissolved forever," at the same time, ordering the destruction of all its property and records of every sort.

This action was taken partly because the Legislature of Tennessee had passed a law making association with the Ku Klux Klan punishable by a fine of \$500 and imprisonment for not less than five years; partly because he felt it had accomplished all that it usefully could of its mission of regulation, and partly because, for the reasons cited above, from Lester Johnson, it was a physical impossibility to control the acts of individual "dens," or members of a wholly secret, masked and terroristic organization.

This proclamation ended the second or organized period of Ku Kluxism in the South. But a large number of "dens," paying no attention to Forrest's order, kept up independent work till the late '70s. The "Pale Faces," "Constitutional Union Guards," "White Knights," "Knights of the White Camellia" and other participants in the Ku Klux movement, though not in the Ku Klux name, also continued the work for several years, and until the original Klan are believed in many instances to have merged into these others.

Lynchings Laid to Klan The report of the investigation ordered by Congress in South Carolina when the Ku Klux law was in debate said: "In the nine counties covered by the investigation, for a period of approximately six months, the Ku Klux Klan lynched and murdered thirty-five men, whipped 202 men and women, otherwise outraged, shot, mutilated, burned out, etc. 101 persons."

James G. Blaine, defeated candidate for the presidency in a famous election, wrote of the Klan in Louisiana: "These Klans and organizations hesitated at no cruelty, were deterred by no considerations of law or humanity. They rode by night, were disguised with masks, were armed as frebooters. They whipped, maimed or murdered the victims of their wrath. Over 2000 persons were killed, wounded and otherwise maimed in Louisiana within a few weeks of the presidential election in 1868."

Secured by Own Lawyer Beverly Johnson, of Maryland, staunch supporter of the Confederacy, cause, bitter opponent in Congress of the Fourteenth Amendment and the Reconstruction Act, was retained as a lawyer to defend members of the Ku Klux Klan on trial before the United States Court in South Carolina. After hearing the evidence, much of it confessed by the Klansmen, he denounced the Ku Klux Klan thus: "I have listened with unimpaired horror to some of the testimony that has been brought before you. The outrages

U. S. FLIERS ESCAPE BAIT OF KU KLUX

Klan's Plan to Get Airmen Into Knights of the Air Is Frustrated

MENOHER DECLINES HONOR

Washington, Sept. 20.—Officials and officers of the Army Air Service in general are giving fervent thanks that they did not fall into a trap set for them by Colonel William Joseph Simmons, "Imperial wizard" and "emperor" of the "Invisible Empire," and Major C. Anderson Wright, then king klegle and chief of staff, Invisible Planet, Knights of the Air.

The trap was cleverly baited several months ago before the truth with regard to the Ku Klux Klan was known. Major Wright was then interested in the air publication Tail Spin. He communicated with the air service here requesting a copy of its organization plans. The communication, of course, said nothing about the Ku Klux, but a good deal about the Knights of the Air.

Inasmuch as there was nothing secret about the organization tables of the Army Air Service, a copy was sent. Air Service officials naturally were disposed to encourage any legitimate enterprise that promised to promote aviation.

But some air of mystery about the communication from Atlanta caused suspicion. Therefore, when the powers that be in Atlanta proposed to make Major General Charles T. Menoher a high potentate of the order, he promptly declined the honor.

To some officers it also seemed obvious an effort would be made to inveigle fliers into the Knights of the Air.

Air Service officials wanted to know that the scheme was absolutely safe and free from even the faintest of commercialism, not to mention the deeper and vastly more serious possibilities.

For example, there was a feeling that possibly Major Wright, who was not then known to be a King Klegle or anything else in the Ku Klux, might be seeking merely to use the Army Air Service as a medium to boost the circulation of the publication in which he was interested.

A suspicion developed a little later, after General Menoher had been offered an honorary position in connection with the Knights of the Air, that Colonel Simmons was seeking to establish a direct connection with the Air Service in order to use it to boost his now thoroughly discredited organization.

A serious crusade against the Ku Klux Klan is taking shape here. Members of Congress, American Federation of Labor leaders and many distinguished individuals are interested.

Orphans to Be Guests at Club Circus The children from the St. Vincent's Home, in Lansdowne and the Wallingford Orphanage, will be guests of the Keystone Automobile Club, at the circus to be held by the club at Palmers Corners, Wallingford, Friday afternoon. Proceeds from the circus will go toward the rebuilding of a stretch of the Providence road.

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Persons warned to leave town or otherwise threatened 43

Communities threatened by posters or advertisements 14

Parades of masked Klansmen displaying warning placards 15

Total 152

Along Came Simmons

"Emperor" Simmons, of Atlanta, was not content to let the Ku Klux machine stay "stored away." As he says in his own words, quoted at the beginning of this article, he was ambitious to revive not only the body of the dead Klan, but also "the Ku Klux spirit of 'contempt for

How thoroughly he has succeeded is shown by the cases of outrage and defiance of law and secret terrorism set forth in these columns yesterday.

Along with the Ku Klux Klan, Ku Kluxism has reared its poisonous head again in Texas, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Mississippi, to give only a partial list of localities.

And as the paid propagators of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., spread the incorporated order into other States and sections, Ku Kluxism may be expected to spread along with it. For Ku Klux, Inc., though it may succeed in clearing itself of legal guilt, in many instances has inevitably carried with it wherever it has gone an "inheritance of woe"—the Ku Klux spirit of "contempt for

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