

CONGRESS PUSHES PROBE OF KU KLUX

Hearings on Question of Investigation to Be Held on October 11

ACTION IS FAR-REACHING

Washington, Oct. 3.—Believing that a clear-cut case has been made out against the Ku Klux Klan in the exposure of its secrets, purposes and practices, Congress will investigate the organization, to recommend the department will be to fold—to recommend a bill to be introduced to the department.

The consensus among members of the House and Senate is that the exposure of the "Invisible Empire" should be followed by a drastic and searching investigation. Congress is better able to take up the work than any other governmental body.

Senate floor in a statement yesterday analyzed the situation.

In view of the charge made there is only one way to deal with that organization, "said he," and that is to investigate it thoroughly and completely.

The purpose of the investigation is to get to the bottom of the whole thing. It is not to do now to leave the "Invisible Empire" uninvestigated. The people are entitled to the inside story of this organization.

Hear Argument on October 11 There will be no controversy as to which resolution should be adopted. The purpose is to agree on the proper time and get the inquiry going.

Now that three resolutions have been introduced, the next step will be to get testimony and argument as to why the inquiry should be made. This will be heard by the Rules Committee of the House October 11. An effort will be made to hold off a probe. Some leaders of the House believe the money needed for an investigation should be "saved."

Several Southern members of Congress are afraid of a row over the Ku Klux movement. They are afraid of stirring up religious differences and squabbles in their districts.

The preliminary inquiry by the committee will permit of a fairly complete examination of essential charges. Imperial Wizard Simmons and others will have a chance to enter their defense. Preliminary inquiry by the Rules Committee sometimes develop into the nature of a thorough investigation as members undertake to find out if enough basis exists for a Congressional probe.

Three Resolutions In the Rules Committee will have at least three inquiries before it and possibly more. The proponents of each have been invited to the hearing. They may present witnesses to bear out their demands.

Representatives Dyer, Tague and Ryan will be among the first to appear. If they wish to present others to plead for the investigation, their request will undoubtedly be granted.

It will rest with Imperial Wizard

New Narcotic Chief



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Simmons to determine who shall go on in defense of the Klan.

It is probable the Rules Committee may call witnesses. Attorney General Daugherty and Chief Burns, officials of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, and others from the Postoffice Department will furnish such information as the Rules Committee may desire.

Chairman Campbell of the committee already in touch with Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Burns.

The Rules Committee also may call officials from sections where the Klan is reported to have been in operation. Members of Congress who have information as to individuals in their districts interested in the Klan will be asked to give the names.

Already two Republicans—Representatives Graham, of Illinois, and Ogden, of Kentucky—have announced they would oppose an investigation. They are strongly opposed to the Klan, but take the position that the proposed probe would give it publicity to thrive upon and stir up religious and race prejudices.

Ku Klux Paraders Use Guns on Sheriff

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organization such as paraded there last night, in which approximately fifty masked and robed men participated, some Lorena citizens advanced the belief that their community housed a small chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, but that this local was augmented by members of chapters in nearby towns for their demonstration.

F. R. Tierney, County Attorney, late yesterday refused the demand of a committee of 100 prominent Lorena citizens that he file complaints against Sheriff Buchanan and Deputy Sheriff Burton in connection with the fight.

The county attorney said the Grand Jury here would be called to investigate the incident.

In telephone conversation with County Attorney Tierney yesterday, Gov-

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error Nef offered State aid in an investigation of the encounter. Mr. Tierney announced here last night. The offer was declined, he said, adding he thought local authorities could handle the situation.

Sheriff Buchanan had agreed to permit the Klansmen to parade, he said, if they would allow him to identify those participating.

"If they will just let me see who is leading, so I can know whom to hold responsible if anything happens, I will let them parade," the Sheriff said.

After a conference with two masked leaders at a house on the outskirts of town where he tried to persuade the Klansmen to desist from violating what he interpreted as the law against unknown masked men marching in a public demonstration, the Sheriff declared there would be no parade, according to witnesses.

Immediately afterward the throng of more than 3000 persons gathered to witness the parade, saw the column of white-clad men begin their march toward Lorena, down the road leading from Waco.

As the marchers advanced cheers from the crowd, which lined the road greeted them, with hoots and jeers from those admonishing the Sheriff not to interfere.

When the leader of the column bearing an American flag reached a point a block from the main business street of the town, Sheriff Buchanan, followed by his two deputies and a crowd of curious spectators, halted the standard-bearer and growled with him in an attempt to snatch the flag from his face.

Other marchers then came to the assistance of their leader, and in the melee which followed the Sheriff was knocked down.

A single pistol shot was heard, and the Sheriff fought his way to his feet, fifteen or twenty more shots were fired in rapid succession.

Unsheathing his knife after he was heard to exclaim:

"Somebody got my gun while I was down," Sheriff Buchanan quickly cleared a space around him, but soon after he was seen to totter and fall. Robbed figures then picked up the national emblem and the flag of their organization, and with this as their signal, the marchers quickly formed into line and marched off, later disappearing as phantoms in the darkness.

Several bystanders who seized and held Deputy Burton early in the fight, aided Sheriff Buchanan to his feet.

All of the wounded except Sheriff Buchanan were reported to have been innocent bystanders and could give no information as to their assailants.

The streets were confused in a moment. The spectators rushed in every direction. Some ran to aid the Sheriff, while others sought to escape the confusion of onlookers. The paraders were brushed aside or crumpled under the onrushing men.

Knives were drawn and an attempt was made to cut the robes from the paraders, but without success. The attackers soon were fighting each other, and the ghostly paraders seemed to disappear as they knew whither.

Spokesman Blames Sheriff

E. J. Willis, an attorney, acting as spokesman for the Lorena delegation, charged that the Sheriff and his deputies precipitated a "promiscuous shooting and cutting affray which endangered the lives of Lorena men, women and children."

Following the meeting with the county attorney, the Lorena citizens drew up a resolution, signed by 200 additional Lorena citizens. The resolution said:

"We do not believe that the members of the Ku Klux Klan who staged the parade violated any law or that

they had any intention of violating any law.

"We attempted to prevail upon the Sheriff of this county and his deputies through the medium of dozens of representative citizens to permit the parade to be held, guaranteeing that it would be law-abiding and orderly.

"We induced the leaders of the parade to accede to the Sheriff's demand that two of the paraders should be unmasked.

"We implored the Sheriff not to jeopardize the lives of our women and children.

"We unequivocally place the blame for the shedding of blood on the Sheriff.

"We conclude by affirming our belief in the preservation of America for Americans and by offering tribute to the little band of men who last night showed by their calm and determined action that their lives supported this principle."

KLAN OPPOSED IN JERSEY

Republicans to Include Anti-Ku Klux Plank in Platform

Trenton, Oct. 3.—The official condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan will be included in the platform of the Republican Party in New Jersey as indicated at a conference of leaders when in discussing planks to be presented at the convention here Tuesday the subject of lynchings was brought up.

The party last year, before the Klan had made its drive in this section, condemned the lynching of Negroes. The writer was discussed this year with relation to the Ku Klux Klan, and there is a strong sentiment for a plank denouncing the Klan and the "Invisible Empire."

TOKIO TO SUBMIT PROBLEM OF OVERFLOW POPULATION

Will Lay Question of Outlet Before Arms Conference

Tokio, Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Japan's problem of finding an outlet for her increasing population will be frankly submitted at the armament conference at Washington, it is declared by the Asahi Shimbun. The newspaper says the Government will emphasize the urgency of extending economic opportunities for the welfare of the increasing millions of Japanese.

For the purpose of increasing facilities for communication with America during the conference, it is reported Japan, by agreement, will reconvene the interrupted Guam-Yap cable.

Japan's suggestions as to the agenda of the conference will be extended, it is claimed by the Hochi Shimbun, which declares it will consist of more than twenty items.

BOY SCOUTS SAVE TRAIN

Wave Red Sweater and Prevent Wreck of Passenger Coaches

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—James Caldwell, thirteen, and Clarence Swingholm, twelve, Omaha Boy Scouts, today are heroes. They saved a through passenger train on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy between Omaha and Chicago yesterday, from a serious wreck.

The Scouts discovered a large tree lying across the track six miles south of Omaha. At the same time they heard the whistle of the train, which carried more than a dozen coaches on the other side of a curve, 300 yards away. Pulling young Caldwell's red sweater from his back, the Scouts ran down the track, waving it frantically. The engineer stopped the train a few yards from the tree.

RUSSIA AND UNITED STATES CLASH OVER PASSPORTS

Soviet Will Bar Americans Who Do Not Carry National Credentials

Riga, Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Maxim Litvinoff, chief of Soviet Legation abroad, has telegraphed the Bolshevik Legation here that Russia will make no exception to the new rules not to admit Americans unless they carry national passports. The State Department at Washington made a regulation that such passports must be surrendered to American Consuls, and Americans bound for Russia on legitimate errands, therefore, facing the choice of either violating the Washington ruling or staying out of the country.

Should they violate the State Department ruling and attempt to carry their passports into Russia without American sanction, the officials of Latvia and other border States will refuse to permit them to leave Riga or any other frontier city where they may happen to be.

This situation, which occurs while there is a great scramble for Russian trade and at the time of change in the Soviet economic policy, threatens to hold up emissaries of several large American firms who are now en route to Russia. Moscow has stated for the first time that some Americans are in Russia, who obeyed the State Department's order and entered upon presentation of consular receipts for their passports, only to be held up when they attempt to leave the country.

STATE FIREMEN CONVENE

Will Keen-Barre in Gala Dress for Dual Celebration

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Oct. 3.—(By A. P.)—Several thousand delegates and guests are expected to converge here for the forty-second annual convention of the State Firemen's Association and the Ladies' Auxiliary, and old home week celebration in commemoration of the city's golden jubilee.

The convention is to open tomorrow continuing through Thursday, when a parade is to be held. The last two days of the week will be occupied by the jubilee celebration.

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