

# KLANSMAN ENTERS BROOKLYN PULPIT

Clothed in Full Regalia, He Defends "Invisible Empire" in Crowded Church

COMING WAS ADVERTISED PLAN IMMEDIATE ACTION

New York, Dec. 11.—In defiance of Mayor Hylan's order to Police Commissioner Enright to ban the Ku Klux Klan out of the city, a white robed and hooded Klansman last night spoke from the pulpit of the Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Gates and Washington avenues, Brooklyn.

Announcement that the masked speaker would appear was made in advance by the Rev. Dr. Robert McCall, the pastor, in an advertisement in the Brooklyn newspaper, and Dr. McCall notified the congregation that he would permit that he would so appear. A sergeant and a patrolman, both in uniform, were within the church during the visit of the Klansman, and another uniformed policeman was outside. No attempt to check the speaker was made by the police. The speaker's remarks contained nothing which could be construed as a violation of law.

A masked Klansman, reportedly a member of a church at West 54th St., L. I., last night's visit was the first time that a Klansman had spoken from a pulpit in New York City. At 10:30 P. M. Dr. McCall invited to the first of his arrangements were made for the Klansman's presence, the fact that the Klansman's visit was advertised was shown by the following advertisement, which appeared yesterday in a Brooklyn newspaper:

The Washington Avenue Baptist Church, Gates and Washington avenues, Brooklyn. The Rev. Dr. Robert McCall will preach on the Ku Klux Klan Sunday morning. A speaker in mask and costume will be present to tell about this mysterious organization. The speaker will give the possibilities, purposes and perils of the Ku Klux Klan.

1000 Crowd the Church

As a result of the advertisement, the church was crowded, more than 1000 persons being present, while a congregation of 200 is all that usually assembles Sunday night. After the opening prayer, the pastor preached on the subject and a collection in the front doors of the church at the Washington Avenue entrance seemed to be a modest total of about \$100. The speaker, who was in the center aisle.

The visitor wore the regulation Klan regalia, a sheet-like garment covering his body and a white hood, eye-holes, and with slits for eyes, holes, covering his face. The congregation, as the Klansman continued his slow walk to the center aisle, was silent and in awe. The Klansman, who was in the center aisle, was in a group of young girls in the front pews.

The Klansman mounted the four steps which led from the floor of the church to the altar, and bowed in slow and steady fashion to Dr. McCall, who extended his hand. The Klansman then entered the pulpit and, after bowing at the congregation through the eye-holes in his mask, drew a paper from his pocket.

"My dear friends, I desire to read to you this statement," he began. "This order has been called into existence to meet one of the greatest needs of the times."

The Klansman then read a history of the Ku Klux Klan, apparently dating for the present organization conditions with the organization in the South after which was organized in the South after the Civil War. He declared that the original Klan had preserved law and order and that the Klansman, after the reconstruction period, and asserted that it was held in reverence for its good deeds by the people of the South.

Upholds Law and Order

The Ku Klux Klan of today was called into being, he said, to see that law and order reign throughout the country. Among the purposes of the organization is to see that the trade of the country is not controlled by Jews, and that the educational institutions of the country are not controlled by Catholics. It is also the purpose of the Ku Klux Klan to restore the character of the people to such that those who would tear down our institutions.

"We are opposed to the bootlegger and we are organized to maintain the supremacy of the white race and to keep Protestantism in the assembly."

When the Klansman had finished reading the paper he stepped to the back of the platform and sat down. Dr. McCall stepped into the pulpit and announced that his text would be the fifteenth verse of the second chapter of the First Epistle of St. Peter.

"With you, dear friends, I desire to read to you this statement," he began. "This order has been called into existence to meet one of the greatest needs of the times."

After the sermon Dr. McCall announced that he is a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Washington, Dec. 11.—(Special) Published "special" reports of the Klansman were not only receiving attention from but were seeking the aid of the Ku Klux Klan in advertising the Klansman in Washington and other cities, were denied by James E. Jones, Assistant Prohibition Commissioner, so far as large amounts of the prohibition and were concerned.

While he declared that he had no knowledge of any case in which the Klan had furnished evidence of "dry" law violations to the prohibition unit, Mr. Jones said it was possible that some field agents had acted upon information furnished them personally by the Klan. He recalled the charge that some minor enforcement officials had sought the aid of the Klan.

# CONGRESS MOVES TO INCREASE HOUSE

Republican Leaders Consent to Addition of Twenty-five More Members

PLAN IMMEDIATE ACTION

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Washington, Dec. 11.—Congressional reapportionment on the basis proposed at the last session is likely to be adopted at this session of Congress.

The plan agreed to now is to increase the House from 352 to 397 members. This is in compliance with a request made by the House in its present session and those who wished to increase it in proportion to the growth of population provided by the last census.

A bill to bring the 60th Congress into effect at the beginning of the House has provided for an increase of 25 members. It is expected that the House will pass the bill in the next few days.

Various constitutional provisions have led the House to feel that a new increase in membership is necessary. The Constitution provides for an increase in the number of members of the House from time to time. Never in the history of the country has Congress failed to do this.

Reapportionment Difficult

The difficulty of apportioning a large number of members to the House is due to the fact that the population of the country is not evenly distributed. The House is composed of 435 members, and the Constitution provides that there shall be no more than one Representative for every 30,000 persons.

From increasing the membership in the House from 352 to 397, the House has passed a bill to increase the membership to 435. This bill is expected to be passed in the next few days.

With 397 members, Congress will have a larger majority than it has had in many years. This will make it easier to pass legislation.

States Must Be Redistricted

Legislation to increase the membership of the House will require that the States be redistricted. This will be done by the House of Representatives.

It is expected that the House will pass the bill in the next few days.

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Josephine L. Burns wills \$20,000 to M. E. Institutions

These Methodist Episcopal institutions and hospitals in the city of Philadelphia are the beneficiaries of a \$20,000 bequest made by Josephine L. Burns, who died last week.

The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia have accepted the bequest and will distribute the money among the various institutions.

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# CHARITIES ARE AIDED

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# CLASSED IN BOOTH

Sale to Aid Anti-Tuberculosis Fund On All Over City

Christmas seals were put on sale today at twenty-five booths in all parts of the city. An effort will be made to collect \$75,000 from the booth sales this year and \$100,000 in all in the whole campaign.

Although seals have been mailed to 100,000 homes in Philadelphia by the Health Council and Tuberculosis Committee for the convenience of those who did not receive them, booths have been placed in central locations throughout the city.

At the department stores there will be: Wanamaker's, Mrs. William H. Smith's, Gimbels, Gode's & Co., Mrs. James T. Cortright's; the store employees will be in charge of the booths at Gimbels', Gode's, and Mrs. Cortright's; at Strawbridge & Clothier, Mrs. Willard Lewis and Mrs. O. Percy Bright will be at the Broad Street Station; Mrs. Mary Smith at West Philadelphia, and Mrs. Milton Katzenberg at the Reading Terminal.

# BULGARIA CONQUERS REBELS

Special dispatches from Sofia report the capture of Kostiandol, the center of revolt, and the defeat of the rebels. The Bulgarian army has advanced to the wide reach of the Danube. The Foreign News Bureau has the following information on the situation. Read the Foreign News Page of the Public Ledger. "Make it a Habit."

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