

# ASSAILS KLAN AS MENACE TO NATION

Dr. Stephen Wise Says Jewry Will Take Stand for Justice to All People

## DEPLORES RACE HATREDS

The Ku Klux Klan was vigorously attacked as a menace to America by Dr. Stephen S. Wise, chairman of the American Jewish Congress Executive Committee, in a speech last night at the Hotel Adelphi, before 500 members of Philadelphia Jewry. He deplored the spread of anti-Semitism and racial hatred in this as well as European countries.

"Mind you well," he said, "I as an American am not at all interested in what any one has to say in defense of the Ku Klux Klan in so far as it is not against the Jews; that doesn't interest me at all. If the Ku Klux Klan is against any group of Americans, I am its sworn enemy. In other words, the higher moment has come for the Jews in America when we can take our stand not for justice to the Jews, but for justice to all people."

The speaker said that it was not the first time that such a danger threatened the American nation. The present menace is comparable to the crisis which Abraham Lincoln faced in the problem of slavery and abolition.

"Either the Ku Klux Klan has got to go or America will perish, but," he further declared, "America will never perish."

Last night's meeting was arranged by the local branch of the American Jewish Congress, of which Jacob Ginsburg is chairman. Dr. Wise has recently returned from a trip abroad, where he studied the Jewish conditions.

## HEALTH AND IMMIGRANTS

Penn Hygiene Director Talks to Community Health Center

Interest is being shown today by Philadelphia physicians and social workers in the stirring plea for improved health measures among the immigrant population by Dr. Alexander Charles Abbott, director of the Department of Public Health and Hygiene of the University of Pennsylvania, at a meeting of the Community Health Center at Broad and Jefferson streets, last night.

Dr. Abbott's address was the first of a number of similar lectures to be given before the Community Health Center this winter.

Dr. Abbott appealed for greater caution in the community in connection with the early diagnosis of contagious diseases.

## DIVORCE DECREES SHOW FALLING OFF THIS YEAR

Drop of 267 Under Last Year's Figures Encourages Judges

There were 267 fewer divorce decrees granted in Philadelphia courts this year than in 1921.

Figures compiled by William M. Runn, Prothonotary of Common Pleas Courts, show a total of 1680 decrees granted in 1922, as against 1947 granted last year. The difference in the number of divorce suits begun in the two years, however, is much smaller. In 1921 the number of suits was 2332. This year it was 2300.

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By Lee Page

Pop came home late for supper last night, bringing a little plant with him and saying to ma, Heers a plant I picked up, I guess I'm a little late.

I guess you're about an hour late, ma sed. Id rather of had you eryl without the plant but its a reely pritty plant, wat kind of a plant is it? I thawt you were run over or something, she sed.

Not at all, on the contrary, pop sed. Wy, its a little imported plant that grows very well in all kinds of weather, I believe, especially indoors, he sed.

Imported, well well, dont you know the name of it? ma sed.

Certyny I do, you dont suppose Id buy a plant with no ideer of wat kind it was do you? pop sed.

Well I dont know, men are funny about plants, ma sed and pop sed, Eny time you catch me buying anything without knowing the name of it, please call a polecman and have me taken away for examination.

Well wat kind of a plant is it? ma sed.

O, the name of it, Ill tell you, pop sed. And he started to look like some body trying to remember a name, saying, Its an imported plant and as long as you remember to watter it regularly it wont give you any trouble, it awt to be wattered once or twice a week, or maybe every day or so.

Well watter, its very important, ma sed, and pop sed, Well, maybe it will be best to use your own judgment, its an imported plant.

I wish I knew wat kind it was, it looks something like a begonia, ma sed.

Thats exactly wat it is, a begonia, begonia, thats the name of it, I told you I knew the name begonia, pop sed.

Well my goodness watter imported about that? ma sed, and pop sed, Maybe jest the flower pot, I believe those flower pots are made in Germany.

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