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Partly cloudy tonight and Friday;
not much change in temperature;
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'EMPEROR' USES KLAN TO SPLIT AMERICAN LOYALTY

Mystic Oath of Fealty to Simmons Would Make 'Wizard' Super Ruler in Nation

OFFICIAL KU KLUX ROSTER SHOWS 214 KLEAGLES ARE REAPING GOLDEN HARVEST

Carefully Guarded List of Collectors Gives Coast-to-Coast Extent of Recruiting Campaign Spurred on by Pandering to Bigotry and Prejudices

RELIGIOUS ATTACKS SENT BROADCAST FROM HEADQUARTERS OF KLANSMEN

Georgia Publication Used to Stir Up Animosity and Bring In More Fees for Head of Order and Chief Assistants. Pennsylvania in Field of Proselyting

THROUGH all the hodgepodge of "mystic caves," "wordy rituals and high-sounding titles of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., blazes the warning fact that the "Invisible Empire" is trying to drive the wedge of divided allegiance into the American Nation.

At the "imperial palace" of the order the mind that spun the webs of Klan mummery, judging from the writings of "Emperor" William Joseph Simmons himself, was careful to keep at least two objects always in view.

One was to gather under the "Fiery Cross" as many hundreds of thousands of persons as would part with \$10 apiece for "naturalization" and who would bind themselves by oath of allegiance to the "Emperor and Imperial Wizard."

The other object was to keep the Klan a cohesive whole, welded together for the purposes Simmons has in mind and to guard against the danger of rival orders springing from the Klan itself and snatching at the dollars rolling along in a truly imperial flood.

As proof of the first object, there is the oath taken by candidates for Klanship knighthood before a "sacred altar," in the presence of hooded and gowned "Terrors" and in the flickering light of a blazing cross.

"Sirs," says the masked presiding officer to the candidates, "have you assumed without mental reservation your oath of allegiance to the Invisible Empire? Mortal man cannot assume a more binding oath; character and courage alone will enable you to keep it. Always remember that to keep this oath means to you honor, happiness and life; but to violate it means disgrace, dishonor and death."

The Kleagle's pledge of loyalty, reproduced with this article, is the "Imperial Wizard's" plan for crushing "clams" (Klan orthography) within the order.

The widespread sales organization of the "Invisible Empire" is revealed today in the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER. The list includes the names and addresses of the Grand Goblets, King Kleagles and Kleagles who have taken this pledge of fealty to Simmons.

Revelations of the Klan's preaching of racial and religious prejudice continue today, with disclosures of virulent attacks made on Catholics and their Church. Later articles will give evidence of hatred of the Jews, the Negroes and the foreign-born even when the aliens have been admitted to American citizenship.

KLEAGLES TURNED LOOSE IN 45 STATES TO GET CASH FOR "IMPERIAL WIZARD"

IN THE shining vocabulary of "Emperor" Simmons there is no such thing as a salesman. The membership peddlers who give three whistles and a moon when accepting a \$10 "donation" are known as Kleagles.

The State sales manager to whom the whistling and moaning Kleagles report is known as a King Kleagle who in turn works under the supervision of a higher sales functionary, styled in Klansese a Grand Goblet.

In the same way, in the apportionment of sales territory, a single State loses its constitutional entity and becomes a "realm" of the "Invisible Empire," while a sales district, composed of several States, becomes a "domain."

Official Roster Is Given The general sales manager of the Ku Klux Klan is Edward Young Clarke, who works from the offices of his Southern Publicity Association, in the Flatiron Building, Atlanta, and whose Klan title is Imperial Kleagle. He still spells his name with a "C" instead of a "K."

The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER prints herewith a copy of an official roster of the employees and officers of the Klan's propaganda department as prepared for circulation among the sales force under date of June 15.

The roster shows that on the date mentioned the propaganda (sales) department of the Klan had 214 employees working on commission in the nationwide field, which for administrative purposes had been divided into eight sales districts or "domains."

The names and addresses of these workers are given in the list follow: L. D. Wade, King Kleagle, 302 Haynes Building, Atlanta, Ga. W. R. Mountcastle, 302 Haynes Building, Atlanta, Ga.

A. J. Paden, Jr., King Kleagle, 302 Haynes Building, Atlanta, Ga. S. A. Givens, King Kleagle, Postoffice Box 1472, Atlanta, Ga.

C. A. Wright, King Kleagle, 1319 Kurt Building, Atlanta (headquarters "Knights of the Air"). H. H. Hall, King Kleagle, Postoffice Box 1472, Atlanta, Ga.

J. Q. Nolan, King Kleagle, Postoffice Box 1472, Atlanta, Ga. R. B. Love, Kleagle, Postoffice Box 1204, Atlanta, Ga.

E. S. Thompson, Kleagle, 84 1/2 South Broad street, Atlanta, Ga. DOMAIN NO. 1 (Domain of the Southeast) M. B. Owen, Grand Goblet, 84 1/2 South Broad street, Atlanta, Ga.

FEALTY OATH TO KLAN RULER KLEAGLE'S PLEDGE OF LOYALTY

I, the undersigned, in order to be a regular appointed Kleagle of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Incorporated), do freely and voluntarily promise, pledge and fully guarantee a lofty respect, whole-hearted loyalty and an unwavering devotion at all times and under any and all circumstances and conditions from this day and date forward to William Joseph Simmons as Imperial Wizard and Emperor of the Invisible Empire, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Incorporated). I shall work in all respects in perfect harmony with him and under his authority and directions, in all his plans for the extension and government of the Society, and under his directions, with any and all of my officially superior officers duly appointed by him.

I shall at any and all times be faithful and true in all things, and most especially in preventing and suppressing any factions, cliques or conspiracies against him or his plans and purposes or the peace and harmony of the Society which may arise or attempt to arise. I shall discourage and strenuously oppose any degree of disloyalty or disrespect on the part of myself or any Klansman, any where and at any time or place, towards him as the founder and as the supreme chief governing head of the Society above named.

This pledge, promise and guarantee I make as a condition, precedent to my appointment stated above, and the continuity of my appointment as a Kleagle, and it is fully agreed that any deviation by me from this pledge will instantly automatically cancel and completely void my appointment together with all its prerogatives, my membership in the Society, and I shall forfeit all remunerations which may be then due me.

I make this solemn pledge on my Oath of Allegiance and on my integrity and honor as a man and as a Klansman, with serious purpose to keep same inviolate.

Done in the city of \_\_\_\_\_ State of \_\_\_\_\_ on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 19\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ Witness: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_ (The Underscoring is The Evening Public Ledger's)

FEDERAL OFFICIALS DENOUNCE KU KLUX

District Attorney Coles Raps White-Robed Night Riders as Opposed to U. S. Ideals

Federal officials here today denounced the Ku Klux Klan and praised the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER for the exposure of the Klan's methods.

People are warned against joining the Klan by the Government officials, who declare that the organization is unconstitutional.

George W. Coles, United States District Attorney, said: "Any association or organization which aims to divide our people into classes on race, religious or color lines is entirely out of place here."

"No organization shall busy itself with any activity which is placed directly in the hands of the Government, which stands ready at all times to respect the rights of our citizens, regardless of race, color or creed."

"I am speaking now simply as a citizen. This matter has in no way reached me as a public official, but if it should do so, my attitude toward it will be based on these broad, just principles."

W. Frank Mathews, United States Marshal, said: "The courageous and patriotic work of the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER in presenting the exposure of the Ku Klux Klan and making known the exact activities of this organization should be thoroughly appreciated by every true American."

"It is good to know that the interests of this Commonwealth are being protected, since the Ku Klux Klan is a foreign-born organization which sympathize with our non-American support to an organization that strikes at the very root of our civic and religious freedom."

"Our forefathers came here to escape just this thing. Surely we will not put up with it in this late day of advancement. The enforcement of the law is delegated to lawfully designated authority. There it must remain."

William Foster, head of the local Department of Justice, said: "The EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER should be commended for the exposure of the Ku Klux Klan. I am sure this will be responsible for many steps in the right direction, and that the spread of the Klan will be checked. There is no need for an association of this kind."

Herbert S. Foster, chief of the Federal narcotic squad, said: "Down with the Ku Klux Klan. It is un-American in the extreme. Any organization which advocates the overthrow of our Government is a threat to the life of the Nation."

Men Abandon Stolen Car on Reaching Abington Motor thieves rapidly stripped a \$4000 limousine owned by Morris Rose, 1420 Wingochock street, Logan, last night.

The machine was reported stolen to the police at 7 o'clock. At 8:10 it was found, with the radiator overheated, on Susquehanna street, Abington, fifteen miles away. Tires and parts worth several hundred dollars had been removed.

It is believed three men were in the gang. A workman returning home shortly before 8 o'clock, found the car, and told Abington police a small truck, which was standing fifty yards away from the stolen car, was driven rapidly toward the Easton highway as he approached.

Cardinal Gibbons urged all Catholics to use the Manual of Prayers.—Adm.

MAN FOUND SLAIN; YOUNG SON BEATEN; POLICE HOLD WIFE

John Brancu Killed in North American Street House. Boy Knows Murderer

SUPPOSED SPOT OF BLOOD FOUND ON WOMAN'S DRESS



MRS. ANNA BRANCU Detained as a witness in the murder of her husband, John, at 625 North American street.

John Brancu, forty-nine years old, was beaten to death early today in a room on the third floor of his home at 625 North American street, and his son Peter, fourteen years old, was beaten so severely that he is near death in the Roosevelt Hospital.

The main hope of a quick solution of the mystery rests with Peter. The police are undecided whether the motive was robbery or revenge.

Brancu's wife, Anna, is being detained at the Third street and Fairmount avenue station, as a witness, the police say. Brancu's brother, George, who notified the police of the crime, and the slain man's eldest son, Mike, also are under detention as witnesses.

His head swathed in bandages, eyes closed, mouth open and breath coming in quick, shallow gasps, Peter is fighting death, with doctors and nurses constantly at his bedside. If the lad wins through, it will be because of his youth and strong young vitality. His wounds are terrible, according to the surgeons.

Boy Knows Slayer The boy lost consciousness just as he was about to reveal the name of the murderer. If he regains his senses for a moment, it is possible he may be able to tell the police who it was who crushed his father's skull and his own.

When the boy was taken into the hospital he was still partly conscious. He was murmuring and muttering, almost incoherently, "I know who did it. I know who did it."

He is a Catholic, and a priest was sent for to give him the last sacraments, for death seemed then but a matter of minutes.

When the priest came, the boy was propped up on the operating table, nurses at each side. He opened his eyes and murmured distinctly, "I know who did it; I know who did it."

The priest administered the sacrament, which the boy accepted. Then he was given a drink of water, fed and questioned by police. He was unconscious for several hours, but a few sips of water revived him.

"I know Who Did It" "I know who did it," he said again. "The doctors and nurses bent to catch the name. He murmured something several times, then the eyes closed, and once more he was unconscious."

His speech was too halting and vague

SPORTSMAN SLAIN IN AUTO; SHOT FROM ANOTHER CAR

Husband of Woman Motoring With Akron Man Grilled Akron, O., Sept. 15.—(By A. P.)—Harry Sinclair, forty, Akron sportsman, was shot to death early today while returning from Cleveland with two women and another man in an automobile. The shots were fired from another car, which had been following the Sinclair machine.

Mrs. Lotta Friddle, Miss Louise Friddle, her sister-in-law, and Russell Smethers, who were in the car with Sinclair, are being held as material witnesses. Marshall Friddle, husband of Lotta Friddle, is being closely questioned by police. He was found at home in company with his wife's sister, police say, when detectives sought him for the purpose of questioning.

WOMAN'S WHIM TIMELY

Mrs. J. J. Needham Saved Jewelry by "Changing Her Mind" Burglars forced an entrance to the residence of Dr. John J. Needham, 4815 Roosevelt Boulevard, last evening. Family heirlooms consisting of a watch and some rare coins were taken.

The thieves missed a larger haul by the disinclination of Mrs. Needham to walk upstairs. Late in the afternoon she prepared to go in town to meet the doctor. After she had dressed and come downstairs she had quins about going out unattended wearing her jewelry. She decided to leave it home. Going into the dining room, Mrs. Needham took off the jewelry and placed it in a silver pot in the china closet.

Irish Accept British Bid Only as Sovereign State

De Valera Agrees to Parley, but Declares Delegates Can Act Only as Free Government's Representatives

By the Associated Press Dublin, Sept. 15.—Eamon de Valera, in his reply to Prime Minister Lloyd George, accepts the invitation to the proposed Inverness conference in the terms of the final paragraph of Lloyd George's last letter, but reaffirms Ireland's independence as a sovereign state and declares that only as representatives of such have the Irish negotiators any authority.

Lloyd George, in the final paragraph of his last letter, said: His Majesty's Government must, therefore, ask for a definite reply as to whether you are prepared to enter a conference to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British Empire can best be reconciled with Irish national aspirations.

De Valera in his reply also says: "In the final note we deem it our duty to reiterate that our position is, and can only be, as we have defined it through this correspondence. The principle of government by consent of the governed must be the basis of any agreement which will achieve a final reconciliation."

Continuance of negotiations with the British Government is believed to depend largely upon the report submitted to De Valera and his colleagues by Harry Boland and Joseph McGrath, the couriers sent to Garloch on Monday with De Valera's reply to Prime Minister Lloyd George.

The two couriers are expected to lay before the Irish Republican leaders the explanations given by the Prime Minister of certain features of his latest note to Dublin, and there was optimism that the five plenipotentiaries named by the Dal Eireann yesterday to carry on the parleys with Lloyd George would go to Inverness soon.

There was a possibility, however, that the report of Boland and McGrath would be such that there might be a break, at least for a time, in the conversations that have been going on for the last two months.

The Prime Minister was declared to have tacitly admitted the Republicans had a basis for some of their objections to his offer of dominion status to Ireland as a basis for a settlement of the century-old controversy, but he urged that these matters be brought to the conference table and there discussed.

Seemingly the only hard-and-fast

ARBUCKLE CHARGE DECIDED ON TODAY

Women Say 'Fatty' Threatened to Throw Screaming Girl Out Window OFFERED TO JUMP HIMSELF

San Francisco, Sept. 15.—Decision to try Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbusckle, the film comedian on a charge of murder or manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, film actress, is expected to be made by District Attorney Matthew Brady today.

Arbusckle has two separate charges pending against him. In one, a complaint sworn in police court by Mrs. B. M. Delmont, friend of Miss Rappe, Arbusckle is charged with murder. Following this charge on last Tuesday night the Grand Jury indicted him for manslaughter and the true bill is to be returned before Superior Judge E. F. Shortall some time today.

District Attorney Brady announced that he would confer with his assistants to determine on which of the two charges he would bring Arbusckle to trial. It was pointed out by Brady that should he decide to try the film star on charges of manslaughter and the murder charge he dismissed, Arbusckle would be admitted to bail. Under the California law a person charged with murder cannot obtain bail.

The Coroner's Inquest into the death of Miss Rappe was the most important feature of the Arbusckle case yesterday. The Coroner's jury returned a charge of manslaughter. Telegrams were received by District Attorney Brady yesterday asking him to prosecute the case vigorously. Arbusckle too received telegrams, eight of them, the contents of which were not made public. The telegrams to Arbusckle were sent in care of the chief of police.

Will Prosecute Vigorously District Attorney Matthew Brady last night dispatched a telegram, assuring eight of them, the contents of which were not made public. The telegrams to Arbusckle were sent in care of the chief of police.

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JOHNSON BEATS BIDDLE IN TENNIS

Wallace F. Johnson today defeated Craig Biddle, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4, in the national tennis championship at Manhatten, Johnson, through this victory, advanced to the semi-final round.

MAYOR ASKS \$10,000 FOR GAS PROBE Mayor Moore this afternoon sent a message accompanied by an ordinance to Council, requesting that he be given authority to continue the employment of the present gas commission to make a study of the U. G. I. property and to negotiate with the company to work out an outline of a contract as to future extensions of operations. The ordinance asked an additional appropriation of \$10,000.

EXPERTS OPPOSE P. R. T. "SWITCH BACK" SYSTEM Daniel L. Turner, of New York, and Blon J. Arnold, of Chicago, traction experts, testified before the Public Service Commission today against the switch back at Second and Sixty-third streets at peak hours. Arnold said the better plan would be to increase the fare so that 65,000,000 passengers would pay \$100,000 to the company in a year.

PHILADELPHIA MAN SHOT

J. H. Rodille, 39th and Chestnut Sts., Found Wounded in Pittsburgh City and county detectives in Pittsburgh were today investigating the shooting of James H. Rodille, who gave his address as Thirty-ninth and Chestnut streets. According to the police, Rodille was found this morning by a patrolman on the North Side with a gunshot wound in his side.

He was taken to a hospital, where physicians said he would likely recover. The shooting, according to the police, took place in an automobile near where the wounded man was found in the street.

PENROSE TRIAL DELAYED

Slayer of Brother Not to Face Jury Until Next Term of Court The trial of Norman Penrose, of Elk's Park, for the killing of his brother Ralph, has been postponed at Norris-town for the term. The decision was made when the District Attorney found that he had more cases than he can try during this term of Court. The Grand Jury yesterday found a true bill against Penrose. Penrose killed his brother in a quarrel over a \$4 telephone bill at their boarding house.

AHERN SAYS PLANT AT POINT BREEZE IS ANTIQUATED

No Criminal Negligence, but Recommendations Will Be Made, Says Fire Marshal

9 DEAD IDENTIFIED; 2 ARE UNIDENTIFIED, 2 MISSING Dead, Missing and Injured in Point Breeze Tragedy

THE DEAD Martin Wodroski, 1304 South Thirty-sixth street. Mathew Kubins, 2804 Cantrell street. John Down, 1721 Mt. Vernon street. Albert Glemba, 2848 Winton street. Mohr Brown, 2227 South Chadwick street. George Raubs, 2815 Cantrell street. W. J. Hill, 2322 Morris street. Edward Kelly, 2143 Cross street. A. Fife, 1711 South Hicks street.

MISSING AND BELIEVED DEAD D. Eaton, 1217 South Twenty-third street. L. Bergey, 6882 Woodland avenue.

There are four bodies in the Morgue, two of which are supposed to be the two men named above.

INJURED, ST. AGNES' HOSPITAL Chris Czannilis, 2811 Cantrell street. Thomas Keltovic, Fort Mifflin. John Keenan, 2537 Wharton street. Hugh Cooke, 2213 South Garnet street. Peter Perisichin, 2825 Jackson street. Henry Kirk, address unknown.

The Point Breeze plant of the Atlantic Refining Company, where the explosion and fire took place yesterday that cost at least eleven lives, is antiquated, according to Acting Fire Marshal James Ahern.

After returning from an inspection of the naphtha still, where the fire occurred, Marshal Ahern said: "While there is no evidence of negligence or carelessness there is every indication that such a tragedy could not occur in a plant that had more up-to-date equipment. The Point Breeze plant is antiquated."

"There is a record of fourteen or fifteen fires a day at the plant. The men are usually called them 'flashes' and usually extinguish them themselves without much trouble. Yesterday was just worse than usual. The men told me that the explosion looked just like a huge ball of fire. Most of them did not have a chance to move and more than a few were blown off the top of the still."

"The fire was caused by a leak in a ten-inch pipe, letting the oil down into the fires below the still. The flash followed."

"When Fire Marshal Elliot returns from his vacation a conference will be arranged, at which this office will make some recommendations to the company and installing certain equipment that will bring the plant nearer up to date."

Nine Bodies Identified As the toll of the dead stands now nine are identified, two bodies at the Morgue. Another woman was picked out by sorrowing relatives, and two names left on the missing list issued by the company right after the blaze. It is considered more than likely that the bodies were burned black, and clothing and jewelry had been stripped from them by the searing sheet of white flame that had snuffed out their lives. In most cases identification was possible only by an examination of the teeth.

One more body was found in the still this morning. It was that of Edward Kelly, 2143 Cross street, whose

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GIRL IN ARIZONA ATTACKED BY MEXICAN DESPERADOES

Rancher's Daughter Wounded Trying to Halt Theft of Cattle Hilsen, Ariz., Sept. 15.—(By A. P.)—Posses today are pressing the search for the band of Mexican riders who attacked Miss Sadie Champion, of Warren, when they were discovered stealing cattle on her ranch.

She could give only a partial account of the attack, but said the three Mexicans dragged her from her horse, kicked and beat her and attempted to cut out her tongue. She had severe cuts about her mouth.

Whether the raid had been made from across the Mexican border or was local in character has not been determined.

Warning that the John Slaughter and other border ranches about the eighteen miles east of Douglas, were to be raided by Mexicans was contained in an anonymous letter received last week by Chief of Police Percy Bowen, of Douglas.

Gold Gulch is a small canyon in the Mule Mountains, about four miles north of the Mexican border. Owing to its rough character, posses were said to be encountering difficulties in closing in on the spot where the men were believed to have taken refuge.

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