

KLAN'S CHIEF KLEAGLE SUED FOR FUNDS CLAIMED BY ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

KU KLUXERS SEEK TO AVERT PROBE

Grand Goblin of Washington Pleads Innocence to Post-office Department

NEGROES TO SEE HARDING

Washington, Sept. 27.—Officers of the Ku Klux Klan yesterday made their first formal approach to the Federal Government to learn the extent of the inquiry to be conducted into their activities.

The Grand Goblin of the Washington district asserted that the department order was not in violation of the law, that it was a high class organization and that its members in the capital did not join to do any rough work.

A copy of the by-laws and other documents relating were deposited for investigation and will be turned over to the inspector in charge of the case.

Postoffice officials let it be known they have decided to deal frankly with the "Invisible Empire" rather than to attempt to conceal that an investigation is in progress.

The Postoffice inspector who is to penetrate the zone of major Ku Klux activities, the region around Atlanta, arrived in Washington from the field and will begin his work without delay.

He is declared to be the best "grand man" in the service. This inspector, whose name for obvious reasons is not published, will act in touch with persons in the Atlanta district who can speak with authority on the Ku Klux.

Anti-Saloon League Aroused Another interesting development was the statement by Wayne B. Wheeler that he had asked for reports from Anti-Saloon League officials on the charges that the Ku Klux Klan is engaged in prohibition enforcement in the South.

Such an assertion was made in North Carolina and prohibition officials have been keeping watch on the organization.

Dr. Winesap, however, who is in the Klux says it is for law enforcement. However, he does not believe in a secret organization of the kind and was among the first to denounce it.

At the Department of Justice the report from Atlanta that Colonel Simmons had started for Washington was the subject of concern and officers tried to ascertain whether he was in the city.

He decided he had not arrived. Attorney General Daugherty's office it was said Colonel Simmons had sent in no communications and no other office of the Klan had responded with a visit to the department. Data received by Mr. Daugherty includes resolutions and letters from individuals, some of which are anonymous, volunteering information.

Mr. Daugherty will return to Washington Thursday or Friday. Decision as to whether he is summoned will be held up until then, but the department is investigating a proceeding vigorously under Director William H. Burns.

Formal complaint against the Klan is a menace which, according to President Harding, will be dealt with by the department. The delegation will be headed by James Weldon Johnson, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who has come here today from New York. With him will come representatives from various parts of the country.

Harding's Co-operation Sought President Harding will be called upon to exercise his influence against the Ku Klux as that it may be eradicated by Congress. Following the call at the White House, Congress will be bombarded by the Negro voters, who want no resolution for an inquiry issued without their consent.

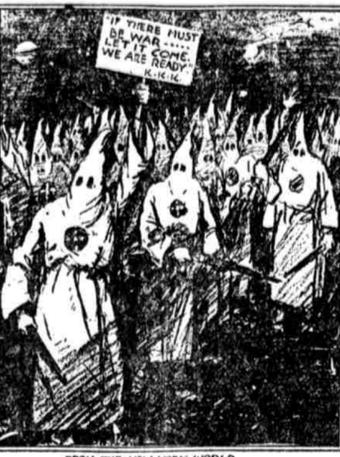
Mr. Johnson and his committee have an appointment to see the President. A few days ago Representative Taggart wrote to Senator Watson as follows: "The papers of today carry the following news item: Senator Watson admits he is called the 'King of the Ku Klux Klan' in Georgia and is suspected of being a member of the organization. I am both to believe that a member of the Senate of the United States would be admitted, even indirectly, with an organization of the actions and purposes of which are so widely known, in connection with the Constitution of the United States. We, in Congress, have taken a solemn oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign, domestic, and in view of my interest in this particular organization, I submit the ill-effects of inquiry in the public sphere of this report."

Mr. Watson answered: "Your letter received. There is no foundation whatever for the news item referred to in your letter. I have not seen you recently, but will look it up when I return to the Senate. I am not a member of the Ku Klux Klan or any other secret organization, except the Junior Order of American Mechanics."

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CARTOONISTS OF THE COUNTRY HELP IN EXPOSING THE KU KLUX KLAN



K. K. WIZARD BEGS CLARKE TO STAY

"Momentous" Defense of Kleagle, Order's Financial Wizard, Being Written

Atlanta, Sept. 27.—William Joseph Simmons, emperor of the Ku Klux Klan, was in seclusion at the Imperial Palace, on Peachtree road, all day yesterday. The imperial kligrant, L. D. Wade, says he is waiting a momentous statement to be given out, probably today. The imperial kligrant, E. Y. Clarke, is still in court unknown, and the imperial kligrant, Elizabeth Tyler, sticks to her theory that he is a "weak-kneed" quitter.

The statement Simmons is writing, it was definitely announced by an imperial cabinet minister, who, however, did not wish his name used, amounts to a list of reasons why the invisible empire cannot afford to permit the hortatory imperial kligrant to pass from the hands of E. Y. Clarke.

In other words, Clarke is going to look up and take another shot at the Kligrant, and Mrs. Tyler will continue, under his supervision, to direct the mass of detail of Ku Klux organization work. The quarrel between Clarke and Mrs. Tyler is understood to be on the way to settlement, although Mrs. Tyler said yesterday she stood not on her statement of Saturday, in which she accused the kligrant for quitting without consulting her, otherwise Mrs. Tyler said she would have no further statement until Emperor Simmons made public the text he is writing. She said she was maintaining silence on instructions from the emperor.

Federal Inspector Acts Postoffice Inspector Louis A. Johnson, in charge of the Southeastern Division, announced he had sent a copy of last week's Searchlight, containing Carl E. Hutcheson's inflammatory bid for non-violence, to the Postoffice Department in Washington for examination in connection with possible revelation of the paper's second-class mailing privileges.

At the same time it was understood from a good authority that a group of agents of the Department of Justice have been working hard for a week, and have assembled data bearing on the organization and development of the order.

Hutcheson's article is nearly two columns long and is a pitiful retraction of the vainglorious appeal he made to the kligrant and his followers at Atlanta Thursday. "Had I protested during sober moments," he writes, "I might have avoided the charge of being a traitor. I am both to believe that a member of the Senate of the United States would be admitted, even indirectly, with an organization of the actions and purposes of which are so widely known, in connection with the Constitution of the United States. We, in Congress, have taken a solemn oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign, domestic, and in view of my interest in this particular organization, I submit the ill-effects of inquiry in the public sphere of this report."

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In his last Clarke is a genius. The Ku Klux movement failed to gain any substantial ground until Clarke took hold of the Imperial end of it.

It was Clark who suggested the gift of the \$25,000 home, with furniture added, to Colonel Simmons.

Clark went at his task in a systematic, dogged way. He took money from his trained collectors, and he had been used in the Salvation Army campaign for money, turned them into Kluglers and set them to getting the offerings of the Klux. Wards of the dead and dying organization took on new life. With the subtle charm of Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler at his back, Clarke was fit for any sort of drive for cash.

Roosevelt Fund Sues Klan Kleagle

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One system runs like a well regulated bank. The money collected goes for printing notices or is placed on deposit or invested. To safeguard these investments, Ku Klux insiders retain a personal financial interest in most of the Klan's business enterprises or real estate. The State City Manufacturing Company, supplier of all Klan regalia and other equipment and supplies, is thought in Atlanta to be largely E. Y. Clarke. The Searchlight is Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler. The Clarke Realty Company, which owns the Imperial Palace hotel, is Clarke and Mrs. Tyler. The new owners of Lanier University are as yet undisclosed.

Clarke, selected by Simmons for appointment as Imperial Kleagle and general manager of Ku Klux business affairs, and Mrs. Tyler, also an official figure in the order by appointment of Simmons, are both well known in Atlanta, where they have long business and personal associates for years.

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Started Civil Suit

Finally the Roosevelt Memorial Association, firing of its fruitless effort to have Clarke indicted for embezzlement of its funds, brought civil suit against Clarke in the City Court of Atlanta to recover \$4975.04, which sum it claims Clarke failed to account for or spent in breach of his contract with them. Included as a separate sum in this total is the \$1108.50 which forms the basis of the criminal complaint of embezzlement which General Grogkin has never found time to investigate. This sum is described in the formal petition as "the difference between the amount collected and the amount reported in the audit of the records kept by the defendant."

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KLAN CALLED EVIL BY MRS. RINEHART

Author and Dramatist Declares Secret Organization Reflection on U. S.

The character and activities of the Ku Klux Klan constitute a direct contradiction of the basic principles of our national life and Government, according to Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, author and dramatist, who is in Philadelphia for a few days.

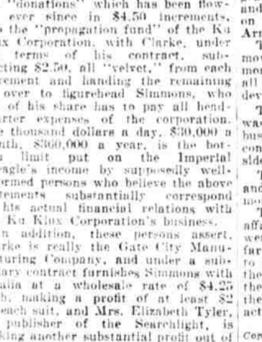
Mrs. Rinehart said that while she thought the purpose that actuated the formation of the Klan might have been sincere at the start, she had no doubt of the present character of the organization, the existence of which is a reflection upon the powers and abilities of the Government.

"It is impossible," said Mrs. Rinehart, "to have a government within a government. The Constitution of this country has made entirely adequate provision for the administration of the established laws, and no private and secret organization has the right to assume to assist or participate in any way in the administration of those laws."

"That is the function of the National Government," she said; "if the citizens of this country are of the opinion that that function is not well and efficiently exercised, it is their duty to remedy the falling in the recognized and lawful ways."

"But the existence of a widespread and secret organization with the avowed purpose of meeting out summary justice according to its own individual standards is contrary to every principle that is dear to us as a nation."

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CONSPIRACY LAWS MAY HIT KLUXERS

Kings County, N. Y., Attorney Holds Two Sections of Code Cover Activities

10 YEARS PRISON POSSIBLE New York, Sept. 27.—Kleagles, hobblins and others actively identified with the Ku Klux Klan and the spreading of Klanishness are amenable to the law against criminal conspiracy, in the opinion of District Attorney Harry E. Lewis, yesterday. Mr. Lewis holds these persons can be prosecuted under Section 580 of the penal laws of the State.

Under that section if two or more persons conspire "to prevent another person from exercising a lawful trade or calling, or doing any act in the nature of a trade, or for the purpose of perversion or obstruction of justice or of the due administration of the laws," each of them is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Mr. Lewis cited the famous Mont conviction, which was affirmed in the Court of Appeals. Most was convicted under Section 43 of advocating criminal anarchy. Mr. Lewis called attention to the opinion by the late Judge Vann, as follows:

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"(The Constitution) places no restraint upon the power of the Legislature to punish the publication of matter which is injurious to society, according to the standard of the common law. It does not deprive the State of the primary right of self-preservation. It does not sanction unbridled license nor authorize the commission of murder or the overthrow of Government by force. All courts and commentators concur in the view that the power of legislation, and the power of the Government, is not restricted by the Constitution of any State. Appeals designed to destroy the reputation of the citizen, the peace of society or the existence of the Government."

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Klefter. "Have they (or has he) the marks?" Kladd. "The distinguishing marks of a klansman are not found in the fibre of his garments or his social or financial standing, but are spiritual; namely, a chivalric heart, a compassionate heart, a prudent tongue and a courageous will. All devoted to our country, our clan, our homes and each other; these are the distinguishing marks of a klansman, oh, Faithful Klefter! And these men claim the marks."

Klefter. "What if one of your party should prove himself a traitor?" Kladd. "He would be immediately banished in disgrace from the Invisible Empire, without fear or favor, consequence, would be eternally tormented him, remorse would be his portion, and direful things would befall him."

Klefter. "Do they (or does he) know all this?" Kladd. "All this he (or they) now know. He (or they) has (or have) heard, and they must heed."

Klefter. "Faithful Kladd: You speak the truth."

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