

MAY ASK FEDERAL AID IN 'K' WHIPPING

Klux Kansas Headquarters Offers \$500 Reward for Conviction of Guilty

WILL AID PROSECUTION

By Associated Press
Coffeyville, Kan., Oct. 17.—Aid of federal authorities may be asked in connection with the investigation of the whipping of Mayor Theodore Schierman, of Liberty, Kan., by a band of men Saturday night. It was stated at Liberty last night by Harold P. McGowan, attorney for Schierman.

Governor Allen yesterday denounced the flogging of Mayor Schierman and said he had been assured that Attorney General Hopkins was making a vigorous investigation.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 17.—(By A. P.)—Saturday night beat Mayor Schierman, of Liberty, Kan., the Ku Klux Klan of Kansas, through a statement issued at its propaganda department at Kansas City, Kan., last night offering a reward of \$500 to the "officer or officers who bring about the arrest and conviction of any or all persons connected with the affair."

The statement says that "if any Klansmen were connected with this outrageous crime at Liberty, Kan., we want to know it, and will assist in prosecution of a Klansman connected with it, just as quickly as we will if the guilty person is not connected with our order."

Independence, Kan., Oct. 17.—Mayor Theodore Schierman, of Liberty, Kan., was taken out of town Saturday and gagged with a leather harness strap by twelve Ku Klux Klansmen, in which he announced he will sue his town for \$100,000.

State and county authorities yesterday began an investigation of flogging. The Mayor's suit to be directed by Walter Keith, his attorney, is based on the Kansas law which makes a city responsible for any damage done by a mob. Mr. Keith is candidate for District Judge on the Democratic ticket and is a bitter enemy of the Ku Klux Klan.

Daniel W. Stewart, County Attorney, announced every agency at his command would be directed to hunting out those responsible for the flogging.

"I want to send the members of this mob to the penitentiary," Stewart said. "If I believe, they were imported Klansmen acting under orders to beat the Mayor because of his religious belief, I want to find the men who issued the orders."

Mayor Schierman yesterday told of his experience.

"I had just closed my store—an automobile agency—Saturday night," he said. "Three motorcars drew up to the curb. License plates had been removed—the cars were not the property of any man in Liberty. Four men rode in each machine. Three jumped out of one car, grabbed me and hurled me into the rear seat. Then the cars headed out of town."

"We're going to beat you until you understand that we won't stand for you talking against the Ku Klux Klan," one of the men told me.

"I had talked against the Klan, for I believe in a man's right to practice any religion he wants," Schierman said. He is a Catholic—one of the few in Liberty.

"After we got out into the country about three miles, the twelve men ordered me out of the car," Mayor Schierman said. "They took ropes and tied me to a tree. One ripped the shirt from my back.

"Two others took turns with a harness strap and stretched my feet over a quarter of an inch thick. I believe it had been soaked in oil in preparation for the beating. The men said they were not afraid of Liberty but were instructed by my neighbors to beat me."

MARYLAND'S KU KLUX FIGHTS 'TIGER'S EYE'

Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 17.—Rivalry between the Ku Klux Klan and the Knights of the Tiger's Eye was shown yesterday, when placards caricaturing the Tiger's Eye appeared on telephone poles. One placard bore the inscription, "Don't Be a Tiger. No Ties." Others warned the Tiger's Eye to "Beware!"

A city ordinance prohibits posting of placards on poles, and the police said they will try to learn who is responsible for posting the warnings.

ELMAN SOUGHT BLOND, BUT WILL WED BRUNETTE

Violinist's Fiancee Says It Was Love at First Sight

New York, Oct. 17.—"Mischa Elman sought a blond as his ideal girl. The unexpected always happens. He found a brunette."

So said Mildred Stone, the pretty twenty-three-year-old girl chosen by the famous violin virtuoso to become his bride, as she sat yesterday in her apartment at Broadway and Seventy-first street.

Miss Stone added:

"Every thing comes to him who waits. Mr. Elman waited and I came. I really don't know exactly what his conception of an ideal girl is, but I must meet the requirements."

"We met at Lake Placid in July when my fiance came to visit my brother-in-law, Rudolf Polk, the violinist. It was a case of love at first sight. Do I believe in that? Not as a rule, you don't apply any rules to real life."

MORSE TRIAL IN NEW YORK

Commissioner Orders Removal of Defendant From Connecticut

Bridport, Conn., Oct. 17.—(By A. P.)—Harry F. Morse, who is under indictment with his father, Charles W. Morse, and others, charged with conspiracy to use the mails to defraud, will have to stand trial in the southern district of New York, according to a ruling made by United States Commissioner Hugh J. Lavery here today.

Morse is to remain before Commissioner Lavery on Thursday to be detained for removal to New York.

CAVE-IN HITS HOMES

Pennsylvania Families Forced to Flee for Their Lives

Scranton, Pa., Oct. 17.—(By A. P.)—Two families were forced to flee from their homes early today when a mine cave tore out the foundation wall of the houses of Patrick Mahon and Harold Ford on Railroad avenue.

The settling jammed the doors of the cave and the residents had difficulty in getting out. The cave was twenty feet deep and thirty feet wide and authorities said it was one of the worst of the Glen Alden Coal Com-

K. K. K. ONLY ISSUE IN TEXAS ELECTION

'Invisible Empire' Risks Its Future on Election of Candidate for U. S. Senate

OPPOSED BY COALITION

By a Staff Correspondent
Washington, Oct. 17.—The Ku Klux Klan is the only issue in Texas this year. In other states, the Klan is active for certain candidates. In Missouri, according to the stories brought to Washington, the Klan has joined forces with the Anti-Saloon League to defeat Senator James A. Reed. In Oregon, the Klan is out to defeat the Republican candidate for governor and incidentally to put over a bit of legislation which would drive private schools out of the State. But in Texas, there are no side issues. It is Klan or no Klan.

Earl B. Mayfield, nominated by the Democrats for the United States Senate, is standing as the candidate of the Klan. He has not professed membership in the organization, but it is well known that he has received the Klan support throughout his candidacy. Opposed to him will be George E. B. Paddy, a registered Democrat, who in this contest is running as an independent with organized support from the Republicans and with the promised support of anti-Klan Democrats.

Advantage with Mayfield
Mayfield and his Klan supporters go into the fight with tremendous advantage. They have, first, the normal Democratic support to count on. Then, in all probability, they will have the additional advantage of opposing a man whose name will have to be written on the ballots. Then they have the Klan funds and the entire Klan organization, for the "Invisible Empire" has sent word throughout the State that the Texas fight is the important one, deciding as it will whether the Klan is to remain the political power in Texas or whether the voters of Texas are going to outlaw it and thus free the State, for the immediate future, from its influence.

Mayfield's friends have begun their attack by refusing to permit Paddy's name to go on the ballots. They are in

charge of the State election machinery. They contend, and rightly so, that Paddy was a registered Democrat. They add that Paddy voted as a Democrat in the primary. They contend that nominations in Texas can only be made through primary elections, and that the Republicans, having failed to nominate a man in the primaries, cannot now put a name on the ticket. It is a strong case, and there is really little hope that Paddy's name will go on the ballots.

Paddy's friends have retaliated with a suit to enjoin Mayfield and his friends from putting Mayfield's name on the ballots. They contend that Mayfield violated the election law in the expenditure of money and that the judges and clerks were chosen by illegal methods. They charge perjury. The belief is,

however, that the injunction will be denied. The coalition fight against Mayfield is being made in the open. He has the support of John T. Adams, chairman of the Republican National Committee. He also has the active support of H. B. Creager, member of the Republican Na-

tional Committee from Texas. He has the open support also of a number of leading Democrats who made a primary fight against Mayfield and the Klan in behalf of Senator Culbertson. Culbertson was outspoken in his opposition to the Invisible Empire, and that cost him the election.

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