

'ANSWER TO PRAYER' MARRIAGE DELAYED

Orange Pastor and Betrothed Leave Reporters Waiting in Hired Hall.

PUBLICITY SCARES CUPID

When Wedded, Rev. Mr. Lawson Covets Seclusion of Madison Square Garden.

An organist appeared at the Odd Fellows Hall in Orange yesterday to play the wedding march and a group of reporters appeared to write about the wedding of the Rev. George Herman Lawson, who prayed for a wife, and Mrs. May Mason, who appeared soon afterward in answer, but the bride and the groom came not. Instead the groom took a walk into the country and the bride is somewhere in New York State motoring with friends who appear to have convinced her that her proposed marriage is viewed by the populace too much in a spirit of levity.

The reporters and the organist waited an hour and then went home and the janitor of the hall went inside and took down the decorations which had been put up by the Commercial Travelers of America the other night when they had a ball and which had been left in place to grace the wedding and add color and safety to the ceremony. The janitor, the organist and the reporters were the sum total of the crowd. Not even a member of the Rev. Mr. Lawson's People's Evangelical Church came, in spite of the fact that the congregation had hired the hall for four Sundays, at \$4 a Sunday, for its meetings.

It was learned last night that the original intention had been to celebrate the wedding on Thanksgiving Day and that the Rev. Mr. Lawson missed his bride by ten minutes. She did not appear, but a messenger arrived with a note saying she thought it advisable that the wedding be postponed. The minister went post haste to Mrs. Mason's residence, but found that she had left in an automobile ten minutes before. So he went back home, but did not go into the apartment which he had hired across the street and in which he had hoped to begin his married life.

Mr. Lawson said last night that he had heard from friends of Mrs. Mason and that she had sent him word that everything would be all right and that when the publicity had died down they would be married.

"We will stop this publicity," said Mr. Lawson. "Personally I am not opposed to publicity, but I must consider the personal request of the woman I love and put an end to it. If it is continued it will only separate us for all time and also drive away my little flock."

In line with his policy of discouraging publicity, Mr. Lawson announced that after his marriage he will hire Madison Square Garden and conduct evangelical meetings there and that at some future time he will deliver his sermon on "The Woman Thou Gavest Me."

THINKS KLAN NOT NEEDED.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 3.—The Rev. F. W. Stacey, retiring pastor of St. Paul's Church here, reiterated his opposition to the Ku Klux Klan in his farewell sermon to-day. He had gone on record last Sunday as opposed to the Klan and its methods. To-day his only reference to the organization in a sermon on Christ's interpretation of true religion was "we need no Ku Klux Klan; that's why I'm opposed to it."

THREAT BY KLAN FORCES CLAY TO FLEE HARVARD

Sophomore, Warned First by Letter, Receives Mysterious Telegram, Packs His Belongings and Departs Immediately by Train for Florida.

Special Dispatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, BOSTON, Dec. 3.—Hubert Kenneth Clay, sophomore at Harvard, said to be a descendant of Henry Clay, has left Cambridge and is on his way to Florida, the result of threats by the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan charged Clay with being "too indiscreet" in discussing secrets of the order.

The climax came Friday night when Clay received a telegram, the contents of which he refused to divulge. He immediately packed his belongings and boarded a train for Washington.

Clay was an all round athlete. He had made the football squad, was a polo star and held the office of secretary of the Harvard Golf Association.

Clay told friends at Harvard that in Colorado Springs he had belonged to the K. K. K. On coming East, he said, he had renounced his obligations because

of the policy of the Klan "striking in the dark" and because its "ideals" were un-American.

On November 26 he received a letter of warning, made up of letters clipped from newspaper headlines and pasted on a sheet of foolscap. It read: "You are too indiscreet. Remain in Cambridge at your peril. (Signed) K. K. K."

Clay took the communication to the police, told them his life was in danger and asked for a permit to carry firearms. It was refused. The story about the press, other strange warnings were received and Clay's fears grew.

His last days at Cambridge were almost a torment. Every time a door banged Clay would jump. Every time a telephone rang Clay's nerves would almost tingle. Clay feared some one would "get him" for saying too much about the order's secrets.

DR. STRATON ASSAILS KLAN BEFORE 1,800 IN CALVARY

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active capacity in connection with this church.

"And I will have, for conscience's sake, here, to be very frank, though I shall be also very fair. I recognize for one thing that there are good men in the ranks of the Ku Klux Klan and that many of them are actuated by the highest and noblest motives. I believe, however, that such men have acted on sentiment in connecting themselves with this organization, and they have not thought the proposition through to its logical and inevitable results. The ideals of the Ku Klux Klan, as stated in their literature and by their lecturers, beyond any question are fair and good enough. But they fail to see that their ways are necessarily contrary to our American principles. I believe, therefore, to put it concisely, that their motives are good and their methods are bad, their principles are virtuous, but their practices are vicious. I think recent history in this country to-day will support me in this connection.

"There is no place in America for the man in the mask. In the very nature of the case he cannot be anything except a menace. The very weakness of human nature makes inevitable, abuse and excesses. If the man in the mask should succeed in supplanting the orderly administration of law."

Dr. Straton had his audience laughing when he turned his attention to Mayor Hylan's telegram to Police Commissioner Enright, in which the former proscribed the Klan and said that "a little police attention" to Calvary and its pastor "would not be out of order."

"I think I can help the Mayor himself, by prayer and fraternal counsel if he should come to me, and I might be used of the Lord even to help Mayor Enright. So far as the patrolmen in this part of the city are concerned, I am on pretty good terms with them and think highly of them, and would like immensely to help them in any way in my power."

"In fact, my friends, I would like to be Police Commissioner of New York for a little while, and think that I could bring about some simple but vitally important reforms that would greatly improve things all down the line. For one thing, if I were Police Commissioner I would start the entire police force out each day with a prayer meeting, and I would by other means try to impress upon the individual patrolman in the name of suffering humanity the need of a faithful and righteous enforcement of all our laws, especially the laws against outlaw liquor and our racial poisons, the violation of which often, it is to be feared, are winked at by some officers and bring about so much human suffering, especially among women and children and the very poor, and in many cases, as is notoriously known, produce not only the wrecking of homes and the breaking of hearts but death itself."

"I think if I were Police Commissioner also that there would not be such a flabbiness in the force that a mob of rioters could defeat the police force and set up the reign of anarchy in this city on Seventh avenue and almost within a stone's throw of this church. In fact, some of the members of this church were endangered by these things on a journey from the church to their homes, and I think, therefore, that I have the right to respectfully recommend to his Honor, the Mayor, and to the Police Commissioner that they give station and red revolutionists that promoted this successful riot, and that also a little while ago smashed the windows and broke the masonry and came near wrecking the building of one of the city's clubs which is the next door neighbor to the Fifth avenue cathedral. These acts were green sectarianism of the rankiest sort, and the American people and the citizens of New York will not stand for such things."

"Yes, I think that a little police attention along these lines would be, as the Mayor once more put it, 'not out of order.' It was a disgraceful thing, my friends, that the police force was thus defeated last Sunday night and rioters were allowed to remain, and such things encourage lawlessness and endanger the peace and safety of all New York. But let the Mayor come along with his police attention to me, and I will try sincerely to give him some advice and to help all those he sends to pay me the attention."

RABBI CONDEMNS KLAN.
Rabbi Maurice Eisenberg discussed the Ku Klux Klan in the Temple Emanu-El at Fifth avenue and Forty-third street yesterday morning, speaking on "Americanism" and referring to the Klan as "a society born in a Southern city whose rapidly spreading tentacles are insidiously endeavoring to throttle religious and racial liberty throughout the United States."

Rabbi Eisenberg declared that the people of the United States should treat the Klan as a "leper and as a grave menace to the future prosperity and very existence of the United States."

WILL ROGERS FINDS VILLAGE LIFE CALM

Not Met by Model With Kinono and Jug, Comedian Voices His Surprise.

TALKS BEFORE PLEIADES

Had Not Been So Far South in Years, He Tells Diners in Brevoort.

Will Rogers appeared as an after dinner speaker in Greenwich Village last night, and after looking over the assembled membership of the Pleiades Club at their annual dinner at the Hotel Brevoort he admitted that the Village isn't as bad as the advertisements say. "You can't get any more capital letters south of Thirty-fourth street in fifteen years—and that was at a party given by Bob Chandler."

"Yes, sir," began Rogers after Lloyd Spencer, the toastmaster, introduced him as the man who put over the only Republican Congressional candidate in the city. "I was kind of leary of coming down to Greenwich Village here. You know, I'm here with the 'Polites' and I've got a certain reputation to uphold. A man in my position can't be too careful, you understand, and I gave it an awful lot of thought before I dared risk it."

The staid, conservative members of the Pleiades Club, decorously dressed in evening clothes and looking as much like the wild and woolly artists of the "quarter" as a convention of Y. M. C. A. secretaries, howled with delight as Will Rogers portrayed his idea of a riot and painters as moral and sartorial sinners.

Prepared for Worst.
"Yes, sir, a gent called me up on the telephone and talked a lot about art and science and all that sort of junk (I guess I ought to take that back), and honestly I was all set for this little bird to light into my dressing room with a tie—you know how they are—and I wouldn't know whether to set him down on a chair or tie him to the leg of the table."

"Well, this guy Spencer—you see him sitting over there—a big two fisted man, breezed into the room, and I thought Jack Dempsey had come to town. Honestly, talking with that guy there made me feel positively feminine. Well, he told me everything would be all right, and there wouldn't be anything to be afraid of."

"But even then I approached Greenwich Village the same as you would approach Hollywood. You'd expect to be met by a committee with needles, and as an exit you'd figure out how ought to put on a couple of murders just for fun. Well, I thought I'd be met at the door by a model carrying a jug of chianti in one hand and trying to hold her kimono together with the other."

Was at Chandler Party.
"I never have been south of Thirty-fourth street except once since I did a roping act in Keth's Union Square Theater about a couple of hundred years ago. The one exception was a party

given by Bob Chandler, who is connected by birth and marriage with this art business, and he asked me to come down to his place in 1914 and give a send off to some of the boys of the Lafayette Escadrille. There were Thom and Price and some of the other fellows. "Well, the party was percolating fine when I got there. They met you on the ground floor with a young zoo, there was monkeys and parrots and everything to make the guests feel at home when they went away. I stayed there until an hour after dawn and the boys hadn't been seen off to France yet properly and I drove out to Forest Hills without a hat or overcoat, and came near losing my wife in the bargain, which doesn't mean much to you folks in Greenwich Village, but with me it's different, because she's the only one I've got. So to-night I came here bareheaded and without an overcoat."

Rogers wondered if the Pleiades Club got any of the million dollars Bob Gar-second street any time. He had read that because he admitted the bunch were pretty good and he thought they might make an honest living north of Forty-second street any time. He read that Garland "left his wife and got a lady friend," and his comment on this was: "You can't get any more capital letters with a little money, but when you begin to take in strangers it's going to cost a lot." That was the reason he hoped the money he had spent it all.

Rogers found it hard to explain his presence at the dinner. It was an indication, he said, of how club dinners had degenerated. There is so little incentive, he asserted, that it's hard to get any kind of a representative guest to come, and there's so little being done worth while anyway that it's hard to find any body worth feeding."

"I wish my speech was half as funny as my being entertained by a bunch of this character," he said. "My only distinction is that I am the only guest here who has never heard of the club; and if I had heard of it I couldn't pronounce it, and if I could pronounce it I couldn't tell you what it means. I've always thought that the real money ought to go into the food so that the guests know they're going to get something worth while, but this is such a revolutionary suggestion that I doubt if anything ever comes of it."

"My suggestion is, never place any dependence on the speeches. They can't even be classed as the cheese course. They're more like a toothpick. If you need one you take it—and if you don't you leave it."

JEWISH WELFARE BOARD BARS KLAN ATTACK

Balfour Resolution Also Called Beyond Jurisdiction.
A resolution condemning the Ku Klux Klan as "inimical in spirit, thoroughly undemocratic and a menace to American institutions" was ruled out of order by Justice Irving Lehman, presiding at the biennial convention of the Jewish Welfare Board yesterday in the Young Men's Hebrew Association, Ninety-second street and Lexington avenue. Judge Lehman said that while the spirit of the convention was unanimously against the Klan, he considered the action contemplated as beyond the jurisdiction of the organization.

A similar vote was met by a resolution recommending to the constituent organizations the approval of the resolution recently adopted by Congress supporting the Balfour declaration looking to the establishment of a home land in Palestine for the Jewish race.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HERE DENOUNCE KLAN

New York Chapter Votes for Suppression.

A resolution denouncing the Ku Klux Klan was adopted by 500 delegates of the New York chapter of the Knights of Columbus, representing forty-two councils in Manhattan and The Bronx and embracing over 30,000 members, at the chapter's monthly meeting yesterday afternoon in the Hotel Astor. The resolution, which was offered by Frank V. Smith, president of the Knights of Columbus Building Association of New York and chief clerk of the Court of Special Sessions, read as follows: "The New York Chapter, Knights of Columbus, heartily condemns the activity of the notorious Ku Klux Klan as vicious, dangerous and un-American, and it is hereby resolved that we pledge our support and assistance to other organizations and individuals in conjunction with legally constituted authority to suppress the activities of the Ku Klux Klan."

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