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"The Legal Machinery of Iowa Is Adequate To Protect Its Citizens" Gov. N. E. Kendall

"The Klu Kluxs Are Anarchist in Some Things They Do" -- Ex-Sec. E. T. Meredith

THE KU-KLUX KLAN AND WHAT IT HAS DONE.

Sixty-five times it has violated the legal rights of individuals by masked mobs. It has tarred and feathered twenty-one persons, among that number many helpless women. Twenty-five persons have been seized and beaten by the Klan. Two white women have been stripped and maltreated by masked mobs. Numerous special warnings have been issued to individuals. Twelve warnings have been posted in various cities threatening moral censorship by the K. K. K. One person has been killed by the K. K. K. regulators and K. K. K. Regulators killed by intended victims amount to two.

What Has Been Done in Consequence.

The press unanimously denounce the K. K. K. Two charters of the Klan has been revoked. One charter of the Klans has been suspended.

By Legal Authorities.

Three governors of states announce opposition. Five mayors of cities have taken restrictive actions.

District and federal attorneys have promised investigation in two states.

The Daughters of the Confederacy publicly oppose further toleration of the K. K. K. in Virginia.

A bill has been introduced in the legislature of Louisiana making it impossible for any organization to operate secretly.

Facts About the K. K. K.

The present Klan was organized in 1915. The Klan has grown from thirty-four charter members to a membership of more than 500,000 within five years; its domain reaches from the sunny south, to the frozen north, and in this country dedicated to democracy its members promise to do the bidding of its "Imperial" head chosen for life.

They seek the officers of the courts and the police forces for their first members in any city—men who have sworn to protect the public of the very things that the K. K. K. heads its performance with.

The man who was selected from Iowa to organize the Klan in Minneapolis and St. Paul has sued the organization for his salary. He has also sent in his resignation according to information received recently.

The Imperial Wizard in his advertisements recently said that the Klan does not try to stir up racial hatred and mob violence and before that news had reached to readers of the press, reports were received from all sources that the Klan was doing those very things not in theory but "practice." The first appearance of the Klan in Des Moines recommended "White Supremacy." The Klan is outspoken against the Jew, Negro, Catholic and Aliens.

The Klan makes its own regalia, the last sale from same to members netted them more than five million dollars.

It is an "Empire" something like the German Empire with its "Emperor."

Governor Kendall of Iowa says: I do not believe that any secret society which takes from the state the

functions of the government is wise. He further states "the legal machinery of Iowa is adequate to protect its citizens and punish all violations of law."

Ex-Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith says: "Because of the psychological attraction of a secret society, people of good motives might be induced to join, but I don't believe that the promoters can find enough of the type I understand the klansman to be to build a strong organization in Iowa. These people may simply take the law into their own hands. They are anarchist when you get right to some of the things that they do."

Samuel Gompers Flays the Klan.

"The organization of the Klan is a menace to the liberties of all people. It is subservient to the democratic government and principles and a thing abhorrent to all right minded women and men. The throwing of full glare upon it is thereby arousing the public opinion and is doing the world a real substantial service."

UNITY COUNCIL FORMED

Edward F. Dunne's New Order Says Klan Menace.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—An organization to promote harmony and good feeling between all classes, races and religions in America was announced in the process of formation here today, with Edward F. Dunne, former governor of Illinois, at its head.

The society will be known as the National Unity Council, and its organizers intend ultimately to spread it to every section of the country, according to Mr. Dunne.

One of the prime motives behind the organization, organizers said, was to combat the Ku Klux Klan, and organization of councils will be pushed, particularly where the Klan has obtained a foothold.

Harmony and Good Will.

"In view of the fact that the Ku Klux Klan has adopted the weapon of mass action, it was our desire to organize a society which shall develop harmony and good feeling between different classes, rather than enmity," Mr. Dunne said today.

"Invitations were sent out last week to many prominent church, political, business and welfare men and the replies are coming in now."

"We will hold a meeting in a few days to complete plans, and eventually extend the organization to every part of the country."

New Orleans

Colored Woman Finances Race Hospital

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New Orleans, La., Sept. 15.—The plan of Frances Chais, Negro, to have members of her race furnish improvements in ward 36, the Negro section of Charity hospital has brought results. She is seeking contributions from the Negro public.

9th, & 10th Calvary To be Permanent

New York, N. Y.—The N. A. A. C. P. issues the following letter they received from the adjutant general to the effect that there is nothing to the demobilizing of the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth cavalry. "No orders have been issued to demobilize the Ninth and Tenth cavalry," he further stated that the Ninth and Tenth cavalry will remain 'active' and in addition to that a colored machine gun troop will be maintained in the Philippines.

Sister Drowns her Smaller Sister.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) St. Joseph, Mo., Sept. 15.—Olive Scott 18 years old, colored girl, of Edwood, Kansas, has confessed to the sheriff of Troy, Kansas, that she threw her two sisters, 8 and 10 years old, respectively, into the Missouri river to escape the trouble of taking care of them, and because she was tired of the job.

Iowa's Only Colored Movie Has Successful Opening

TO THE BYSTANDER AND ITS READERS I am glad to note the kindly interest you have taken in the reopening of the Lincoln. I also appreciate the advance information published in your editorials.

The Lincoln theatre is for the colored people. There are fifteen people used in its operation, of which fourteen are colored. I have installed for the comfort and safety of the patrons, electric oscillating wall fans, exhaust fans and fire extinguishers. We are running first class pictures, have a four piece orchestra and four acts of clean vaudeville. A matinee daily at 3:00 p. m. and for everyone, two shows nightly

Demand of Cotton Goods Great

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New Bedford, Mass., Sept. 15.—An increase in the demand for cotton goods is reported here, with consequent stimulation of operations, the output being estimated at 80 to 90 per cent of normal.

Recovery in the yard departments is reported much slower, although one mill has started up a night shift to take care of the orders received during the last few weeks. When the machinery installed in new mills is ready, mill heads say, there will be a shortage of skilled labor.

EVIDENCE LIGHT.

Judge Bonner Refuses to Bind Over Thorsdale Suspect. Declaring that the testimony of Joe Williams, Negro, who is under indictment for the murder of Sara Barbara Thorsdale, was not sufficient, when unsupported, to incriminate George Davensonport, another Negro held for the murder, Judge W. G. Bonner refused to bind the latter over to the grand jury at his trial in City Court Tuesday. The prosecution informed the court that it could produce other witnesses, and the case was continued until Saturday.

Iowa H of R. Session Record Breaker

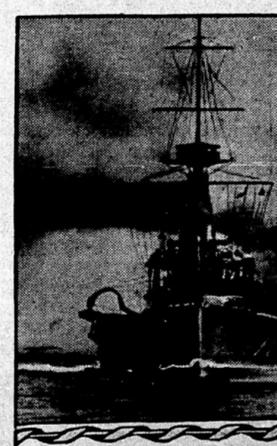
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Des Mones Illiteracy Statistics Complete

CENSUS SHOWS 1,396 UNABLE TO WRITE. There are 1,396 persons ten years of age and over in Des Moines who are illiterate in the sense of being unable to write, according to the census bureau at Washington. Among, 800 foreign born whites and 282 Negroes. The census bureau reports there are 20,680 persons of similar illiteracy in Iowa, with less than one-fourth of them natives whites or of native parentage; Iowa had the distinction of having the smallest percentage of illiteracy of any of the states in 1910, but whether it still retains this distinction has not yet been determined.

She Is Noisy but Obsolete



This vessel, which is making such a lot of noise and smoke, is the British dreadnaught Colossus, one of the ships that are for sale because they are now classed as obsolete.

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Wednesday morning session was taken up with general work. Afternoon session a beautiful banner of D. G. Household of Ruth No. 21 was presented to the household bringing in the largest sum of money for the district.

The District Grand Officers: Mrs. Edna K. Bell, M. N. Governor; Mrs. Ada Green, District Grand Recorder; Mrs. G. G. Nichols, District Grand Treasurer.

Word has been received at The Bystander office that Dr. Turner, the chiroprapist who underwent an opera-

U. S. Federal Judge Sift K. K.

Federal Judge in New York Takes Action. New York, Sept. 15.—Without mentioning the Ku Klux Klan by name, Judge William B. Sheppard of Florida, in charging the federal grand jury today, told the jurors that it was clearly within their province to investigate secret societies "which hold meetings behind trees, by the light of bonfires and in secret places," if the jurors thought the acts of such organizations interfered with the constitutional rights of citizens.

"Any organization," he said, "whose members wear white suits and masks, which attempts to prevent orderly citizens from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights, freedom of speech and conscience and rights of trial by jury, is a proper subject for investigation. That is because such behavior on the part of a secret society is a conspiracy and the law can be brought to bear upon them."

Du Bois Says Congress a Success

New York, Sept. 15.—The following telegram was received at the N. A. A. C. P. headquarters from W. E. B. Du Bois regarding the pan-American congress in session at Paris.

ORGANIZATION PERMANENT SESSION GOOD

NEGROES DRIVEN OUT OF TOWN AFTER SHOOTING. Chattanooga, Tenn., Sept. 15.—The entire Negro population of Montlake, a mining village twenty miles from here, was driven from their homes yesterday by white residents following the probably fatal shooting of Edna Barrett, white, 12 years old, and the wounding of her three sisters by Jewell Clipper, a Negro girl.

A posse of deputy sheriffs from this city arriving in Montlake last night found armed guards patrolling the village.

Impired Klan Announces Its Colledge Course

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 9.—COURSES: Elemental tarring. Advanced Feathering. Higher Rope-ology. Essentials in Lynching. Care of the Horse. The Science of the Hit and Run Play in Social Warfare. Mobology. Disguise (The theory and practice of).

CONDITIONS: All classes shall start at midnight and students must be in their places at that hour.

Horses shall be a part of each student explain why a Kookoo Klux Klanner always fights that way.

DEGREES: Upon the completion of the course students shall be eligible to the degrees of M. A. (master of anonymity); D. B. O. (doctor of boiling oil); Ph.H. (philosopher of hemp); and G. M. (graduate masquerader).

Colored Women Whipped by Mob

WHIPPING OF TWO WOMEN BY MOB STIRS CITIZENS. Greenwood, S. C., Sept. 13.—Business and professional men of Greenwood appeared today before the grand jury investigating the whipping of two Negro women and urged immediate action against all forms of lawlessness, including that under special inquiry.

Those appearing before the grand jury acted under instructions issued at a mass meeting last night of citizens. The grand jury was promised support in all efforts to suppress mob violence and violations of the prohibition law.

Judge Featherstone, yesterday ordered the grand jury to bring to trial members of the mob which whipped the two women.

FOR SALE: Chiropraxy Office Established Twelve Years. Select Practice. Beauty Parlor and Bath House in Connection. Address, Mrs. M. Stewart, 623 U. S. Way, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Phone 3922.

Bishop Fallows Knocks K.K.

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Chicago, Ill., Sept. 15.—The Ku Klux Klan was vehemently assailed as "completely un-American" and "the greatest disintegrating force at work in this country today" by Bishop Samuel Fallows, speaking before the Hill Pickle Club last Sunday night.

"The Ku Klux Klan strikes at the root of principles upon which this nation was built," said the bishop. "It undertakes to do in a secret manner duties delegated to established institutions. It presumes to be the judge and jury. It is the direct antithesis of Americanism."

"It is the greatest disintegrating force at work in America today. It holds all its dealings in secret and under cover of darkness. It is axeliberate insult to 11,000,000 colored people of our nation." Bishop Fallows sketched the history of the organization from its inception during the civil war times to the present time. "It subjected colored people to such gross indignities that the government was finally obliged to suppress it," he insisted. "It was formally placed on trial as an organization, convicted, condemned and abolished. And that's what should be done today."

Ga. Farmer Indicted on Peonage Charge

(By The Associated Negro Press.) Savannah, Ga., Sept. 15.—Three Jenkins county farmers, Allen Hooks, Lester Hooks and Rena Hart, are held for the federal court here on a charge of peonage, their bonds being fixed at \$3,000 each. They are charged with holding in peonage three colored persons, Bishop Harmon, William Daryl and wife. The Negroes declare that their masters put ropes around their necks and threatened them.

U.S.A. Immigration Statistics

(By The Associated Negro Press.) New York City, N. Y., Sept. 15.—There were admitted to the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30 immigrants to the number of 865,228, as compared with 430,001 for the previous year, and an average of 1,034,940 during the pre-war years from 1910 to 1914, according to figures issued today by the bureau of immigration. Commissioner General Hubbard in announcing the figures, said immigration rapidly is assuming its pre-war rate.