

KLUXISM FIGURES IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION

GOVERNOR MAKES BRAVE ATTACK ON GEORGIA MOB LAW

Stands Ready to Declare Martial Law in Counties Where Local Officials Find Themselves Powerless.

OPPOSES THE USE OF MASKS

Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—Critizing the Ku Klux Klan for wearing masks and robes, Governor Hardwick put himself on record Friday afternoon, in an extemporaneous address before the Georgia League for Law Enforcement, as favoring a law forbidding the wearing of masks in public.

Governor Hardwick declared that the state of Georgia does not need masked men and that as long as he is its governor there will be no "invisible" government within its boundaries.

The governor denied that he is a member of the Klan. He said that he had been invited to become a member, and has declined to join because of its regalia.

Warned of Effect. He said that he had warned those who approached him from the Klan of the effect the wearing of masks and hoods probably would have on certain ignorant and irresponsible classes.

Governor Hardwick said that high officials of the Klan had told him that mob outbreaks which had been placed at the door of the Klan had not been perpetrated by the order.

"It is unfortunate, however, that groups of men participating in such affairs have used the same regalia as the Klan," he said.

Will Aid Officers. The governor said that if the sheriffs and judges of counties where lawlessness has been perpetrated by masked men will request assistance from him when they find themselves unable to cope with the situation, he will gladly give them any assistance in his power, and if necessary declare martial law until the lawbreakers have been apprehended and punished.

Governor Hardwick was given a rising vote of thanks by the league at the conclusion of his address.

PRESENT PUPILS IN RECITAL

On Saturday afternoon, July 15th, at the Presbyterian church, the pupils of the Misses Frances Gordon and Lucy Allen were presented in piano recital in the presence of the parents and friends of both, in a very delightful program. The numbers were well rendered and showed the result of conscientious work and reflected credit upon both teachers and pupils. Twenty-three pupils were presented and all had memorized their pieces. Program was approved by Mrs. Jack Pinkston whose pupils the Misses Gordon and Allen are.

AFRICAN RULERS SEE SIGHTS OF GAY PARIS

Paris, France, July 21.—With the president of France on a tour of his North African provinces, a score of African rulers of French possessions arrived here this morning to see the sights. They wore the latest garments, spoke French fluently and seemed most interested in the latest makes of French automobiles.

CORPSE WORTH \$1,500

Norfolk, Va., July 21.—Verdict for \$1,500 in favor of plaintiffs was rendered in Circuit Court in the case of Lula Wilson and Martha Ford against Edward and George Roberts, undertakers, on the charge that the undertakers left the corpse of plaintiffs' mother in a stable in the cemetery one night and that the stable burned and reduced the corpse almost to ashes.

NO CHARGE AGAINST PULLMAN WAITER

Birmingham, Ala., July 21.—News-paper reports of Walter E. Hayes, Pullman waiter, forcing himself upon a white woman in the rest-room, have been proven without any foundation. No charge will be made against Hayes. H. S. Cook, white steward, who had threatened "to get" the waiter, is held responsible for the false report.

Jean, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dorsey, is ill with tonsillitis.

ATTACKED BY A WHITE DEGENERATE

Mrs. A. L. Lastly and Mrs. Ella Roe Jackson were attacked by a white degenerate Monday morning about 6 a. m. at the entrance of the Y. W. C. A. where Mrs. Jackson is matron. Mrs. Lastly went to assist her so she might be off early to rest up for the primary election Tuesday. W. A. R. Mayfield tried to assault them but they fought him off. Their cries for help reached the colored elevator boy's ears who came to their rescue. The man was arrested before he could make his escape. In Judge Wappich's court he called the women Niggers, stating he was from Texas. Two high school boys as witnesses gave good testimony for the women who are of good character, but the judge only gave Mayfield a fine of \$15.00 and costs.

Had the cases been reversed and it had been a black degenerate insulting or attacking white women the colored degenerate would have been held without bail.

24TH NOT TO BECOME A LABOR BATTALION

Washington, D. C., July 21.—The 24th Infantry will not be reduced from a combat unit to a labor unit, Robert C. Davis, acting adjutant of the war department has announced. Rumors of this change have been rife for sometime and announced in army bulletins.

In answer to the Afro's question if white marines might not be withdrawn from Haiti and colored soldiers of the regular army sent to replace them, Secretary Davis said, this change is inadvisable. He added, that many reasons, including the necessity of economy and the recent reduction in the enlisted strength of the regular army made the change inadvisable.

FIRST NATIONAL IN BOLEY

Boley, Okla., July 21.—A first colored national bank was organized here September 10, 1921. The national bank opened in Chicago was therefore the second to be established among colored people.

WON'T SURRENDER SUSPECTED MAN TO LYNCHING MOB

Man Who Escaped Mob in South Will Not Be Sent Back, Says Fearless Executive of the Buck Eye, State.

IS HELD IN CLEVELAND, OHIO

Rome, Ga., July 21.—Declaring that Henry Marwell, colored youth, held in connection with the killing of a white merchant, would be a victim of "southern mob justice", Governor Davis of Ohio last week refused to honor extradition papers from Georgia.

The action, which has few parallels in the country, was announced here last week when a Georgia sheriff returned empty-handed after having traveled thousands of miles to get the prisoner.

Maxwell, who was arrested in Cleveland recently, is wanted by Georgia authorities on a charge of killing Geo. Hubbard in 1917. Following the killing, feeling was intense, when it was found that authorities had claimed Maxwell as the killer. The youth escaped, however, and travelled through many different sections of the country.

When arrested in Cleveland, he was recognized as the man wanted in connection with Hubbard's death, and the Ohio authorities notified the local police that a suspect was being held.

Sheriff Wilson, with two other men, was sent to Cleveland. According to Wilson, Judge Levin, of the County Court at Cleveland, ruled that the identification was sufficient, but counsel for Maxwell prevailed upon Governor Davis to decline the request for his return to Georgia.

PHYSICIAN HANGED BY NECK AND FLOGGED

Bakersfield, Cal., July 21.—John H. Vitelle, convicted by a jury of assaulting Dr. Dwight R. Mason in a recent Ku Klux Klan raid at Taft, was sentenced to serve an indeterminate term in state's prison. At the time of the assault on Dr. Mason who was hanged by the neck and flogged, according to testimony at the trial, Vitelle was "Exalted Cyclops" of the Taft Klan.

Colored Folks, Roman Catholics and Jews Decline to Take Chances With Candidates Against Whom Rests Suspicion of Membership or Sympathy With the Kluxies.—Disavowal of Membership or Approval of Klan an Imperative Duty of Any Political Aspirant Under a Cloud.

The editor of the Monitor was one of a committee which on last Monday was shown a list which is alleged to be an authentic roll of some of the members of the Omaha Klavern of the Ku Klux Klan at or about the time the organization was supposed to have been put out of business in this city. At that time the local Klavern was credited with a membership of about 400. We say "supposed to have been put out of business," advisedly, because while we have great respect for the intelligence of Nebraska's citizenship and believe that such an organization cannot thrive in this atmosphere, we are convinced that the community contains some individuals of such a low grade of intelligence and moral turpitude, that they would feel honored by being classed as "Citizens of the Invisible Empire." While therefore, the organization may be inactive, let no one be lulled into the belief that it is entirely dead, or that it has no "initiates" or "Citizens" here. It may be true that "we have only scotched the snake, not killed it."

This list bears the appearance of being authentic. It is written on what appears to be the official stationery or letterhead of the "Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," such as is sent out from Atlanta, Ga., a copy of which letterhead we have. The list is alleged to be in the handwriting of a former King Kleagle, or organizer, for Nebraska. A comparison of the alleged handwriting and signature of the aforesaid King Kleagle would seem to justify this allegation. There are certain letters and documents, which seem to establish, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that at least three of the officers listed have been correct, namely, the Exalted Cyclops (president), the Kligrappe, or secretary, and the Klabebe or treasurer. It is a fair

assumption, then, that they being correctly given, that the other officers listed are also correct, and that the names enrolled, alphabetically, on this list, are correct too. This is unquestionably a reasonable conclusion. This list therefore, has the appearance of being authentic. The custodians of the list would not swear to its authenticity, but expressed themselves as being convinced in their own minds as to its genuineness.

We were surprised to find the names of some men here enrolled, whom, from what we have known of them, we cannot believe are in sympathy with the vicious and un-American principles of the Klan. They may have been induced to join, assuming, of course, that they have been "naturalized" by the official representative of the Imperial Gizzard, through the importunity of others in whom they had confidence, without due investigation. Perhaps they went in through idle curiosity, or by the general disposition of Americans, both black and white, to become "joiners." But the fact remains that their names are there. How they got there we do not know. Whether they were authorized we do not know. We know that they are there and that we saw them with our own eyes. We know further that if any man's name is on that list, without his knowledge or consent, he owes it to himself to come out in a manly straight-forward statement over his signature and say so, otherwise he must rest under the suspicion that his unadvised enrollment there places upon him.

On the list are the names of several men who were candidates on the Republican ticket for nomination at the primaries. Four or five of these owe their defeat to the fact that their names were known to be on the list. Chas. B. McDonald's manly denial of membership in the Klan, made over his

signature in the New Era last week, and reiterated in public speeches by him, and also the denial made with editorial comment in our columns, while it swung back to his support scores of our people, was unable to overcome his handicap in the race for sheriff. It has however won for him friends which will prove an asset to him in the future.

The defeat of Dr. Harry A. Oster, in the Ninth legislative district by Robt. R. Strhelow, is wholly attributable to the fact that his name, whether rightfully or wrongfully, was found on this list. Even as it was many of Dr. Foster's friends gave him the benefit of the doubt and voted for him, which accounts for his opponent's small plurality.

Another candidate for a high office lost only a comparatively few of our people's votes, his record and stand on a vitally important measure alone preventing any large defection. Our people are proverbially grateful, loyal and forgiving.

Other candidates were opposed not only by our own group but the other groups against whom the Klan is inimical. Some two or three have been nominated, BUT THEY ARE NOT ELECTED YET. They doubtless will not be in November, unless they clear their skirts, which The Monitor sincerely hopes they will do.

On this list are the names of lawyers, doctors, clerks, business men and at least one minister. If the list is spurious, these men owe it to themselves and to the community to so declare it and prosecute to the fullest extent of the law whoever is responsible for its compilation and circulation. If it be authentic, then the individuals thereon must be content to pay the penalty of their folly, prejudice or bigotry.

SERVED U. S. 44 YEARS

Washington, D. C., July 21.—John Roberts, aged 79, was honored by fellow-employees last week when he retired from the Bureau of Engraving after forty-four years of service. Superintendent DeHart declared Roberts had rescued thousands of dollars from waste baskets.

Mrs. J. C. Donley gave a picnic at Elmwood park last Wednesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. R. C. Cottrell of Oklahoma City, Okla.

PROHIBITS KU KLUX PARADE

Topeka, Kansas, July 21.—"I am directing the county attorney and sheriff of Cowley county to prevent both the demonstration and parade announced by the Ku Klux Klan for Friday night at Arkansas City," Governor Allen announced.

Mrs. Katie Lewis and daughter, Vivain, of St. Louis, Mo., mother and sister of Mr. Charles H. Stanton of 2615 Erskine street are his guests for the summer.

STUDENT KILLED IN WRECK

Norfolk, Va., July 21.—Milton Seldon, a graduate of Lincoln University, Dartmouth College and a student in the Law School of the University of Penn, was buried here last week. His body was brought here from Camden City, N. J., where he was killed in the recent train wreck.

Miss Rozella Thompson of Minneapolis, Minn., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Frank Shropshire, 1118 North Seventeenth street.

Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in amore private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."

KELLY MILLER COMING

Distinguished Educator and Author Will Deliver Lecture Here Early in August.

Kelly Miller, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., who has an international reputation as an educator and author, will deliver a lecture here Tuesday, August 8, under the auspices of the Men's Club of the Church of St. Philip the Deacon. Professor Miller's literary works are numerous. His latest publication, "Is Race Difference Fundamental, Eternal and Inescapable?", an open letter to President Harding, on his Birmingham speech, has won high commendation and has had a wide circulation. Professor Miller merits a large audience.

NEWS OF THE N. W. C. A.

The N. W. C. A. held its regular monthly meeting at the Home, Wednesday, July 5. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance. Mrs. W. H. Mortimer was chosen chairman of the finance committee, Mrs. Shelton, chairman of the house committee, and Mrs. Elisabeth Reed, chairman of the purchasing committee.

A chicken and green dinner for the benefit of the Home will be given at the "Y" Thursday, July 27, price 50 cents. All members are requested to bring a pie. Please come and your dinner at the "Y".

CANDIDATES ADDRESS DOUGLAS LEAGUE

A well attended meeting of the Douglas Republican League was held in St. Philip's Guild rooms last Friday night. The president, M. F. Singleton, presided. Speeches were made by Nathan Bernstein, Charles B. McDonald, Joe Marrow, Robert R. Strehlow, Denny Ryan, Harry Stevens, Dr. Harry A. Foster, the Rev. L. G. McGhee and Dr. L. E. Britt.

SINGS UNDER WATER

Washington, D. C., July 21.—Lovers of freaks have their eyes on Miss Bernice Hackney, 1223 New Jersey avenue, who has the knack of singing while completely immersed in a pool of water.

MEN IN STATE OF BONDAGE FOR MANY MONTHS RELEASED

Disclosures Rivaling Those of Famous "Williams Case" Promised When Prosecution Will Begin Its Work.

WERE VICTIMS OF PEONAGE

Gainesville, Fla., July 21.—Disclosures rivaling those of the famous Williams "peonage cases", in which the entire country was alarmed over the wholesale murders of farm hands, are promised when three white farmers, arrested in connection with a sweeping investigation of peonage cases throughout the south, will be brought to trial next December.

The farmers were arrested last week, after two men, held as abject slaves for more than two years, were released through the efforts of the local investigation bureau. The men, who were later released under heavy bonds, are W. A. Brown, M. L. Brown and W. H. Mathias, supposedly prominent and respectable Dixie county laymen.

Held for Alleged Debt.

According to facts disclosed in the investigation, the two colored men were the unwitting victims of a high-handed "railroading plot", in which they were forced to work and sleep with convicts. When released, the men told a harrowing tale of hardships endured under stern taskmasters, of frequent use of the lash, and other tortures inflicted by the unscrupulous men placed over them.

More than two years ago, the two men, who it is alleged, owed a trivial debt, were forcibly taken from their homes, and subjected to "prison life." Local authorities, advised by relatives, offered no aid, and it appeared that the men would be forced to serve an indefinite period of servitude, when federal officers intervened.

W. A. Brown is being held directly responsible for the instigation of the "peonage system", while M. L. Brown and Mathias are charged with having been a party to the conspiracy to "work" the men.

C. D. Bell who has been on the sick list for a few days is able to be out.

ORDER ON VERGE OF COLLAPSE, IS THE GENERAL BELIEF

Members Rebelling Against Rule of High Officials; Imperial Wizard Simmons Dethroned Is Report.

GRAVE MENACE TO COUNTRY

Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—"The 'invisible empire' of the Ku Klux Klan is riding to a mighty downfall, from which it will never rise."

Thus spoke a former member of that damnable order, familiarly known as the "hooded riders of the night," and whose creed is "white supremacy," the destruction of Negroes, Jews and Catholics, last week, followed an announcement that William J. Simmons, imperial wizard, had been dethroned, the mysterious disappearance of Vernon K. Parmelee, secretary of the New Orleans branch of the order, and the reopening of charges brought against Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler and Edward Young Clarke.

For more than a year, these midnight prowlers with weird demonstrations from high hills overlooking many of the principal cities of the country, have struck terror in the hearts of thousands. Their lawless rule with lead, rope and tar and feathers has been unsurpassed.

Following a government investigation of the Klan's activities, which ended abruptly and with no apparent reason, the poisoned fangs of the order have delved into state and national politics until they have become a real menace to the law-abiding citizens of the entire country.

But the announcement that Simmons had left for an extended leave of absence, the reported "rebellion" of all of the Klans of Tennessee, and the accusation of Simmons by L. D. Wade, Klan ex-secretary, is believed in many quarters to have sounded the "beginning of the end."

Simmons, in a statement to the press, has denied the charges brought against the Klan.

However, the threat of Wade to publish correspondence of a private nature, which, he claimed, would prove charges that \$15,000 was supplied by Young, acting imperial wizard of the Klan, to be used in defense of California clansmen accused of participation in the "Inglewood raid," at Los Angeles, has borne fruit.

Four more states, Wade asserted, in his latest notice, have joined in the revolt against Clarke and have declined to recognize authority of the imperial palace here until Clarke is removed.

Governors of many of the states, including Georgia and Texas, where most of the outrages laid at the door of the Klan, have voiced the disapproval of the order, and threaten to "wipe it out entirely."

"No invisible government will be tolerated in Georgia," is the statement of Governor Hardwick. "The states do not need masked men and there will be no 'invisible' government long as I am chief executive."

COLORED WORKMEN REFUSE TO ACT AS STRIKE-BREAKERS

Express Themselves as Being in Sympathy with Movement of Union Men.

Springfield, Mo., July 21.—Absolutely refusing to take any stand in the nation-wide railroad strike, over 100 colored men, brought here from Memphis last Thursday by an employment agency as strikebreakers, left their jobs here Friday after being informed that they were working where a strike existed.

The men claimed that they were informed in Memphis that they were being sent here to do construction work on a school building. They also claimed that they were brought here under armed guards in box cars. After the men had walked out, they explained to the strikers that they were in sympathy with the movement and had no intention of serving as strikebreakers.

There was no violence, the strikers raising a large purse to assist the men in obtaining food.

Others Refuse Jobs. New Orleans, La., July 21.—Seventeen men, brought here as strikebreakers from Jacksonville, Miss., to replace strikers, refused to work here. It is reported that Mayor McShane will be asked to supply transportation for their return to Jacksonville.