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## ARTICLE XIV, CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

### Citizenship Rights Not to Be Abridged

1. All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

### A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching." William Ellery Channing.

### LENT

NEXT Wednesday is known as Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is a penitential season of forty days' duration, or, to be exact, it covers a period of forty-six days, counting the six Sundays which are called "Sundays in Lent," not "Sundays of Lent," and therefore are not reckoned as days of penitence as are the forty week days. During this season a large number of Christian people give themselves to what may be considered more intensive spiritual training. The season commemorates the forty days' fasting and temptation of the Saviour, who immediately after His Baptism, as we are told in the Gospel according to St. Matthew, Mark and Luke, was impelled to go into the wilderness where He fasted forty days and forty nights and was tempted of the Devil. This He did as the God-Man for man. Speaking generally, whatever Christ did He did for man's good, out of His love for man. His fasting and temptation fall within this plan and purpose. And so from the earliest ages of the Church, Lent has been observed as a time of intensified spiritual training in commemoration of His event in our Lord's earthly life. Millions of devout people, not perfect people, but people who are anxious to rise to a higher plane of Christian living, have found this season exceedingly helpful. There can be no doubt that this devotional season rightly used helps men and women to be better. The fact that it has endured so persistently through the centuries attests its value. Lent is being more and more widely observed by Christians of many denominations. There was a time when its observance was confined exclusively to members of the Roman Catholic, Greek and Anglican (Episcopalians) communions and Lutherans. But every year marks increasing numbers of the members of other Christian bodies entering more or less fully into the spirit of its observance. There can be no doubt that an

earnest well-kept Lent by the Christian folk of America would result in raising the spiritual tone of the nation. Lent is a time for real heart-searching and amendment of life. Individually and nationally such spiritual house-cleaning as Lent demands is sadly needed.

### APPEALS TO ROMAN CATHOLICS

AMERICA, the ably-edited Roman Catholic weekly of New York, a journal which has a national circulation, has for several months featured thoughtful, frank and fair-minded articles on the Negro in the United States and the attitude and duty of that historic and influential communion towards this race. These articles are from the gifted pen of a Jesuit priest, the Rev. William M. Markoe, whose heart is very evidently in this work.

If all, or even a majority, of the clergy and laity of the Roman Catholic Church were of the same mind, spirit, earnestness and zeal as Father Markoe the number of conversions to the Roman Obdience among the Colored people of this country would be large and rapid despite the deep-seated prejudice against that communion which is so prevalent among our group. A sincere manifestation of the Christ-like spirit would rapidly dispel distrust and prejudice. The fact is, however, that, despite the plain unequivocal, uncompromising teaching of the Catholic religion, Romanists are only a little in advance of Protestants in the actual practice of Christian brotherhood so far as the Colored race in the United States is concerned. Evidence is not wanting that the Roman Catholic Church largely adapts its practice to the sentiment of the community. This attitude is tacitly admitted by Father Markoe in his article captioned "The Negro and Catholicism," published in last week's issue of "America," which is a strong plea to his co-religionists to undertake evangelistic work, proselytizing many will call it, among the Colored people in the United States and especially among the migrants from the South. He pleads for the opening of their schools to the race and an interested and sympathetic attitude upon the part of white Roman Catholics towards their brethren of darker hue.

The Monitor notes with pleasure any effort such as this upon the part of either Roman Catholic or Protestant to arouse their adherents to manifest the true spirit of Christianity towards the Colored race. Whatever organization or communion does it will

be richly rewarded and will render a great service to the cause of religion, for, as a matter of fact, many Negroes, especially of the intellectual classes, wrongfully we believe, are rapidly losing faith in the Christianity of the white American, whether that professed by Roman Catholic or Protestant, as manifested in its practical attitude towards him.

### THE SANHERDRIN

THE SANHERDRIN or representative assembly of sixty-one national organizations of our people in the United States which was held in Chicago last week was an unqualified success. Harmony and good-will marked all sessions. There was the subordination of star-playing to successful team-work for the good of the whole race. Problems peculiar to our group and as bearing upon our national and international status were discussed with a sanity and broad-mindedness which must issue in permanent good. As an effort to co-ordinate and concentrate racial activities and act unitedly the Sanherdrin was a marked success and points the way to greater things.

### GETS IN SOMEWAY

WE felt all along that the Negro would have to be dragged in some way. No, he didn't share in the rake off, but don't you recall that Doheny testified that he had spent \$25,000 in newspapers to repudiate the charge that President Harding had Negro blood in his veins. You see the Negro always gets in some way.

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

#### UNCLE TOM'S KLABIN AND THE KLAN

THE Emperor of the Klu Klux Klan the Rev. William Joseph Simmons, has sold his right, title and interest in "the Invisible Empire" to the Imperial Wizard, a gentleman known to the authorities as Hiram Wesley Evans. Although the Klan professes to hold and to teach the highest ideals of charity and patriotism, the sale of the Klan was strictly a matter of dollars and cents. From the resources of the vasty deep, the Imperial Wizard summoned up \$145,500 in cash, and then entered into an agreement to pay the Emperor the annual sum of \$1,000 until such time as his puissant majesty shuffles off this mortal coil to rest, beyond the vexing of Imperial Wizards and similar fibbertigibbets.

As both the Emperor and the Wizard know the value of a dollar, it is clear that the Emperor had something to sell which the Wizard thought worth buying. It was the "right" to spread in communities already cursed by ignorance, bigotry and vice, the new horror of religious hatred and intolerance. As the New York Times well remarks, it would be impossible to change the administration of any society making even a pretense of patriotic or philanthropic ends, in this frankly commercial manner. The whole transaction recalls the spirit of Simon Legree, with the Klan and its members as the subject of barter and sale. But it must not be forgotten that in all ages rascals have reaped rich returns in money and dishonor by preying upon the weakness of the ignorant and the vices of the criminal. The Klan undoubtedly constitutes a profitable business, judged by the standards of some of its officials, but those standards are such as would be disowned by upright men. Its chief officers live in luxury on money supplied by dupes, and, as the Imperial Wizard well knows, the supply of dupes, particularly in the backward sections of the country, is almost inexhaustible.

The accounts of this unique sale would be wholly amusing, were they not somewhat depressing. It is not pleasant to think that in this country dedicated to freedom, men can band

together against their fellows who happen to be Jews, Negroes, or Catholics and find the combination so remunerative that the "right" to hate and persecute becomes a salable and taxable commodity. Since only a minority of our people are Christians, we know that we are no longer a Christian nation. The existence and commercial value of societies such as the Klan makes us wonder to what extent we are even a civilized nation.—America.

### "CAT WOMAN" DIES WITH HER KITTENS

#### Little Old Lady of Brooklyn Succumbs to Gas.

Brooklyn.—The little old lady with all the cats at 100 Crystal street, Brooklyn, passed away, but in her passing she managed to give the neighbors a last bit of mystery to match the measure of her queer life. She was found dead in a rocking chair in her kitchen with six dead kittens near her. Six grown cats staggered weakly about crying as they suffered from the gas turned on in several jets by their mistress.

For several years Miss Jennie Lane has been the mystery of the neighborhood. Some said she was a retired school teacher, but no one knew anything definite. She lived alone and devoted herself to the rescue of stray cats. She never spoke to the neighbors and when the police sought information of her relatives no one could tell anything of them.

She made careful preparations for her death, stuffing the windows with cloth and paper, and then she added the touch that marked her strange life. She hung a drapery of black over each front window.

Patrolman Frederick Grote in passing the house noticed the drapery and decided to investigate. He forced the door and came upon the dead woman. He opened the windows and then hurried upstairs, where he found Mr. and Mrs. Vincent and their child, Marie, and William Vincent, a brother, in a stupor from the gas filtering through from the lower floor. They were revived in the open air.

Downstairs the air had revived six of the cats. The others were dead. The six with renewed life set up a cry about the chair in which their mistress rested. The police attempted to drive them away, but they remained, howling. Before Miss Lane's body could be taken to the morgue the agents of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals were compelled to take four of the cats from the house. Two eluded the searchers, but they reappeared and their cries were heard for hours.

### Japan Shows Gratitude to U. S. for Quake Aid



Washington, D. C.—Assistant Secretary of State William Phillips photographed with the volume of signatures, a mark of gratitude from the Japanese people for the aid received during the recent earthquake. The book is bound in gold and contains over half a million signatures. It is on exhibition at the State department.

### Make Helicopter Record

Paris.—A new helicopter record was established at the Issy Le Moulineux aerodrome, near Paris, by M. Pescara, who remained in the air eight minutes and thirteen seconds. The previous record by Pescara was made in November last, when he flew for five minutes and forty-four seconds. Pescara is confident that he will be soon able to win the prize for first kilometer circles by a helicopter.

### Seek Sanctuaries

Washington.—Wild animals soon learn where they can find protection, say workers of the biological survey, United States Department of Agriculture. In places where there are game sanctuaries, wild creatures go to them at the beginning of every hunting season, according to these men.

### Woman Landlord Is Sentenced to Jail

New York.—Mrs. Bessy Steinhart of 316 Sixty-eighth street, Brooklyn, part owner of the apartment houses at 75 Van Alst avenue and 84 Hunters Point avenue, Long Island City, was sentenced to sixty days in jail without the alternative of paying a fine by Justices Salmon, Murphy and Kelly in the Court of Special Sessions in Jamaica. She pleaded guilty a week ago to violating the sanitary code in failing to safeguard the health of 200 tenants in her apartment houses and the severe sentence followed a report by probation officers.

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# Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1898.

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 some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 868; N. W. 712"

