

# Harding Hits at Ku Klux in Shrine Speech

## Says "Secret Fraternity Is One Thing, Secret Conspiracy Another"—Points "Danger to Republic."

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will be said enough if I suggest that men lose their right of fraternal hearing when they transgress the law of the land.

"The abuse I had in mind is the imposition upon fraternal relationships to promote selfish ends. Perhaps a revival of home town experience will illustrate my point."

"There came to our town two brothers to engage in a mercantile company. One joined the Methodist church and the other the Presbyterian. Still business failed to move with a whirl, then one joined the Masons and the other the Knights of Pythias. They picked out the churches with the larger congregations, and the fraternities with the largest membership. Some local observers wondered at these divergent inclinations in two brothers and there was comment about it. Here was fraternity being played for selfish ends. We had another fraternity, rare in kind and transitory in existence, which dealt with men's idiosyncrasies and foibles and imperfections. It was a fraternal playground which sometimes witnessed rough play and performed many a surgery in character. So the time of membership in the Ancient and Honorable Order of Haymakers was held out to the joining merchants, and they fell for it. The fee was very modest and the treasurer spent all the funds at each meeting of the order, but the initiation was imposing, revealing and never forgotten."

**Revelation Comes**  
"When the two merchants came to receive their degree, their first revelation came to them while locked in a little six-by-eight antechamber between which the lodge room there was a partition only eight feet high, with a great open space above through which could be heard all that was said among the haymakers in solemn session. The eligibility and desirability of candidates were discussed for an hour afterwards and the candidates heard every word. Their joining proclivity was emphasized and I suspect objections were urged that were not wholly justified. In a bit of cheating, which must have been forgiven ere this, the ministers of the churches were impermeated, though the imperators sometimes fell short of clerical terms of speech. The haymakers, with rare faculty turned around and did a wonderful job of it. Manifestations of restlessness in the antechamber were ignored and after the alleged pastors had retired to their homes the degree was given, and given without stint. All went well until the next day, when the two brothers started out to interview the ministers who spoke. It was difficult for the ministers to understand, but the joiners came to understand and the haymakers lost two members, the town lost its new mercantile establishment within a week and two strangers who donned the cloak of fraternity for commercial gain saw themselves as others appraised them."

**Inherent in Man**  
"There is an honest and righteous and just fraternal feeling in America. It embraces millions of our women and men, and fraternal organizations extend their influence into more than a third of American homes and make ours a better republic for their influence."

"Fraternity is inherent in man; it is manifest in the beasts of the fields and the birds of the air. It is our obligation to make the most of it for human betterment. It moves that enters our daily life and ministers to 10,000 daily charities and fraternal relief. In the lodge room there is moulded what becomes public opinion which administrators to the moving forces of developing civilization. It matters not what is said of human selfishness, it matters not what seeming lack of sympathy and fellowship is sometimes encountered, every man worth while has in him the yearning

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to be worth while, to do that which gives him title to the activities of human brotherhood. It is the business of organized fraternalism to turn these natural traits into highest helpfulness.

"In every worthy order the possibilities of civil and religious liberty, justice and equality are taught in lecture and obligation. A respect for the rights of others, the very essence of fraternity is stressed everywhere, until the rule of justice is the guaranty of righteous fraternal relationship."

"I wish somehow we could have fraternity among nations, as it is taught in America among men. I do not mean to employ sign, grip and password, which afford an appealing mystery to our relationship, but the incessant demand for just dealing, regard for the rights of other, and the ideals of brotherhood recited in the Golden Rule and the righteous fellow-relationship which every man knows his God approves. Under such a reign of fraternity cruel warfare will never come again."

**Future Is Secure**  
"I like the highly purposed fraternity because it is our assurance against menacing organization. In naturalness of association men come together to exert misguided zeal, to vent unreasoning malice, to undermine our institutions. This is conspiracy. This is not uplift; it is destruction. This is not brotherhood, it is the discord of disloyalty and a danger to the republic, but so long as 20,000,000 Americans are teaching loyalty to the flag, the cherishment of our inherited institutions and due regard for constitutional authority, and the love of liberty under the law, we may be assured the future is secure. There is no misconstruing the aims and purposes of our loftier American fraternities for the great brotherhood there is the patriotic ap-

praisal of the heritage of the republic. Here is representative democracy wrought in sacrifice and trial amid highest aspirations, and no force or violence, no alien purpose, no social madness shall be permitted to destroy it.

"I think I know the very soul of Masonry, out of which the Shrine has come to lighten our burdens and add cheer to our daily lives. There is brotherhood and quality in the nobility of the Shrine. It is more than a mere Masonic playground. Conceived in cheer, the order hungered for more than play, though we need more of play in our daily lives."

"It craved to be helpful and it is aglow in noble achievement. Its initiatives had patriotism, and welcomed new commitment to home and country. I like to think there is special significance that this year the imperial council has come to Washington, bringing the Shrine to the monumental shrine of the great father of the nation, to pledge a fresh love for the republic, loyalty to its institutions and an exalted brotherhood for those who consecrate life and sacred honor to its preservation."

**Maintenance of Way Men Granted Wage Increase**  
Chicago, June 5.—Increases in wages ranging from 1 to 3 1/4 cents an hour and from \$6.84 to \$10 a month, effective May 16 and aggregating approximately \$488,800 annually, have been granted 8,330 employees of the Northern Pacific railroad's maintenance of way department, the labor board was informed yesterday.

Virtually the same increases, involving an additional annual expenditure of \$228,000, also effective May 16, have been given 2,200 maintenance of way employees of the Minnesota & International and Big Fork & International Falls railway, the board was notified.

# Amorous Lover Kills Milliner, Then Himself

## Spanish Girl Slain in Frisco Rooming House Where Man Had Followed Her.

By International News Service.  
San Francisco, June 5.—His love which had blossomed at first sight spurned, Juan Verzell, 35, today shot and killed Miss Maria Acuna, 22, pretty Spanish milliner, and then shot and killed himself. The shooting took place at the rooming house where Miss Acuna lived. Verzell met her coming downstairs and emptied one revolver into her body. He then fired several shots from another gun into his own body and fell unconscious over the girl's body. Miss Acuna died instantly and Verzell died on the way to a hospital.

Verzell first met Miss Acuna in a dentist office as both were waiting an appointment. He fell in love with and annoyed her to such an extent that she sought his arrest. He was released and she sought to escape his attentions by changing her residence. Last week Verzell discovered her new boarding house and secured a room there. She reported his unwelcome attentions to the landlady who ordered him to leave when his week was up.

Today's shooting followed.

**New Regional Boy Scout Executive Arrives Here**  
John H. Piper, regional Boy Scout executive, formerly of Kansas City, arrived in Omaha Monday to make his headquarters here. His office will be at 560 Omaha National Bank building.

His wife and son, Peter, who is a student at Baker university, Baldwin, Kan., will arrive in Omaha soon.

Mr. Piper is in charge of scout work in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Colorado.

**27 I. W. W. on Trial**  
Los Angeles, June 5.—Twenty-seven alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World, charged with criminal syndicalism, went to trial in the superior court yesterday.

**Road Conditions**  
Furnished by the Omaha Auto Club.

Lincoln Highway—Roads just fair to Missouri Valley and Denison, good west to Clear Fork, good to Lincoln Highway, West—Roads fair to Columbus, muddy west to Grand Island, O. L. D.—Roads fair to Ashland, still in poor shape to Lincoln and west to Hastings.

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Corrybusser Highway—Roads fair south, good north to Sioux City.

Back Hill Highway—Roads fair to Fremont, good to Norfolk.

As a rule, muddy.

Highland Cutoff—Roads fair.

Washington Highway—Roads muddy to Blair, fair to good to Sioux City.

Omaha-Tulsa Highway—Roads muddy.

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King of Trails, North—Roads poor to Missouri Valley, fair to good to Sioux City.

King of Trails, South—Roads muddy.

River to River Road—Roads fine.

White Way "T" Highway—Roads good.

Primary No. 4—Roads fair to good.

# Two Omahans Hurt in Denver Taxi Crash



Mrs. Emil Prescher, 26, wife of Emil Prescher of Omaha, and her son, Edwin, 7, were injured in Denver Monday when a taxi in which they were riding struck another machine and overturned.

Mrs. Prescher suffered severe body bruises and a sprained ankle. Her son received a deep scalp wound and severe bruises.

Clifford Freudenberg, who drove the taxi, received a fractured skull.

# Farm Loan Board Chief Resigns; Successor Named

Washington, June 5.—The resignation of Charles E. Lobdell as head of the farm loan board was accepted yesterday by President Harding, who simultaneously announced the appointment of L. J. Pettyjohn of Dodge City, Kan., as Mr. Lobdell's successor. The change will take place June 30, when the retiring commissioner will enter private business in New York.

Mr. Lobdell's decision to retire was not unexpected, since it had been known that he desired to return to private business after eight years of public service. He was appointed to the loan board from Great Bend,

Kan., as one of the original members and several years later, upon the resignation of Commissioner Norris, he was designated as the executive of the board.

Republican Is Elected New Iowa Congressman  
Des Moines, June 5.—Judge Hiram K. Evans, republican of Corydon, was elected congressman from the Eighth Iowa district to succeed Horace Mann Tower, resigned, according to unofficial figures compiled here by the Des Moines Register.

Returns from 217 out of 223 precincts give Evans 13,635 and J. P. Daughton of Grand River, his democratic opponent, 12,100.

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