

Klan Played in Klux Note to Coolidge

E. Y. Clarke, Formerly High in K. K. K. Circles, Informs President He'll Reform or Wreck Organization.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote President Coolidge today offering to co-operate with the executive in ending the activities of "an element" which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention of issuing a proclamation to Klansmen, "calling the better element" either to take hold and "remedy the existing evils" or to disband the organization.

The president was told by Clarke that there had been "a steady withdrawal" from the Klan itself or some participation in its active operating control and that he had "voluntarily severed his active official connection" with the organization more than a year ago.

Various charges were made in the letter against the activities of the organization in disregard to the "high ideals, principles and purposes" for which it was formed, and these activities Clarke characterized as a "keen disappointment to me."

"I am perfectly willing," the letter said, "to assume the moral responsibility which is rightly mine as having been chiefly instrumental in the building of the Klan. In justice to myself and the hundreds of thousands of high grade men who have been drawn into the Klan because of its declaration of ideals and principles, I cannot and will not rest passive and silent and sit idly by in the face of such conditions."

Clarke said in his letter that the development of the Klan as mapped out was to have been "through scientific educational propaganda inside the lodge room and through printed literature and by the establishment of great educational universities in different parts of the nation and through the building of magnificent hospitals."

The trend recently, he said, had been in an entirely different direction.

80 Per Cent Coal Dividend. New York, Dec. 27.—Receipt by stockholders of the Leigh & Wilkes-barre Coal company of checks representing an amount equal to 80 per cent on each share of \$50 par value stock disclosed today that the company voted on December 18 last a dividend of 80 per cent.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

Giving the Tightwad the Works



Sinclair Must Explain Leases

Senate Committee Overrides Protest at Giving Details on Teapot Dome.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 27.—Overriding the protest of Harry F. Sinclair, oil operator and holder of the lease of naval oil reserves in Wyoming, the senate public lands committee today voted to require him to give details of all transactions in the stock of the companies formed in connection with that lease, and of operations of syndicates organized to market such stock.

A detailed statement of the real estate and cattle investments of former Secretary Albert B. Fall, filed today with the public lands committee,

declared that a \$100,000 loan advanced to Mr. Fall by E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, enabled him to purchase additional ranch holdings in recent years in New Mexico.

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Mr. Fall said he had insisted that the livestock be paid for at full market value. Mr. Sinclair's visit to Three Rivers, N. M., prior to the leasing of the Wyoming reserve was a pure coincidence, the former secretary declared.

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Parents Reconciled, Babes Released From "Paw" for Happiest Christmas

AFTER a separation of five months from their parents, four children were made happy by a reunion at their home on Christmas morning.

The parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brand, 1813 Capitol avenue, had domestic difficulties last July, and the children, Ruby, 10; Alfred, 9; Emma, 7, and William, 4, were placed in the Child Savings institute. A suit for divorce was filed by Mrs. Brand in September, but a reconciliation took place in October.

In the meantime the cost of caring for the children at the institute had amounted to more than \$150. The children were not allowed to go home until the bill was paid. The youngest child, Marvin, 8, was in bed at the time with a plaster cast about his body, after an attack of infantile paralysis. Money was scarce in the Brand family and there was no hope of having the children home for Christmas.

To cut down the expense at the institute, an order was signed by Judge L. B. Day of juvenile court,

that the three older children at the institute be taken to Riverview home for the month of December. The little boy, William, 4, was left alone at the institute.

Finally, the sum of \$100 was given Mrs. Brand by her father. With a promise to pay the remainder of the bill all the children were allowed to return home.

There was great rejoicing on Christmas day by the Brand children. Except for occasional visits they hadn't seen the baby brother for five months. Marvin is better now. He has the cast removed from his body and is improving daily, his mother said.

A Christmas tree and many presents added to the children's happiness on Christmas day. A sister of Mrs. Brand played the role of Santa Claus. Yesterday, Ruby, the eldest child, celebrated her 11th birthday.

"It was the happiest Christmas we have ever had," said Mrs. Brand this morning. "The children are home for always now. I hope they will never have to leave us again."

Traditional Ghost Story Blamed for Exhumation, Burning of Body

Damariscotta, Me., Dec. 27.—An old tradition that if the body of a murderer was burned, the ghosts of his victims would not be uneasy, is believed by County Attorney Weston M. Hilton to have led to exhumation of the body of John Snow at Jefferson, and its subsequent burning in the farm house where three persons were slain last Saturday.

Snow, according to county authorities, in a murderous frenzy killed his wife and two other women in the lonely farm house and committed suicide after he had shot to death a

mother and her 15-year-old son in a cottage several miles away. Denied burial in the village cemetery, Snow's body was buried roughly boxed and without a prayer, in a vacant lot in the rear of the cemetery. Early Tuesday morning, fire destroyed the farm house and later it was discovered Snow's grave had been opened and the body removed. The charred remains were found in the ruins of the house.

County Attorney Hilton said his preliminary investigation had failed to reveal any clues to the identity of the persons involved and declared it his intention to seek aid in the case.

flooded or because of collapse of the weakened structures seemed imminent. The property damage is estimated to have been several hundred thousand pounds.

To Find Out Vienna, Dec. 27.—Arthur Brehmer, post, took unusual means to find out what posterity would think of his work. A notice of the death of the 65-year-old writer appeared in the local papers, together with sketches of his life and criticisms of his work. A few days later it was learned that Brehmer was alive and well and much interested in the comments which the press had made about his literary efforts.

He admitted preparing the notices of his own death and said it was much more gratifying to writers to have appreciation while they lived.

Iowa Fugitive Caught. Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 27.—Caldwell C. Wiltse, 34, alias G. B. Jackson, who is alleged by the police to have left Britt, Ia., \$1,000 short in his accounts at the express office there where he was employed, was under arrest here today. With him was a woman who gave the name of Mrs. Goldie Raw of Iowa. She was released after being questioned. Wiltse is held on suspicion of being a fugitive from justice. Police said he left a wife and a child in Britt.

Teacher Wins Prize for Highway Safety Essay



Miss Teresa M. Lenny, teacher in the New Rochelle, N. Y., public schools, was the winner among 69,999 other teachers in the 1923 national contest conducted by the Highway Education board for the best "practical lesson on highway safety." She receives \$500 and a trip to Washington, with all expenses paid.

Father of Nine Gets Jail Term. "This man has nine children," said an attorney to Federal Judge Woodrough, referring to Henry Otto Scottbluff, charged with liquor law violation. "I don't know what we're going to do with his family if he's put in jail."

"I don't know either," said the judge. "But I know of no exemption from the provisions of the law for men with nine children. Sentence is that he be confined in jail at North Platte for 60 days."

Jess Taylor and William Blanton, both of Scottsbluff, were also sent to jail for 60 days on liquor charges.

Children in Germany pay for their school tuition in potatoes and butter, because they would not be able to carry the number of marks it would take to pay the fees.

Judge Defends Liquor Suspects

Pair Accused of Selling Rum to Indians on Reservation.

Police Judge Carlos Goltz of Sioux City appeared in federal court here Thursday as attorney for John Haaker and F. G. DeLong of South Sioux City, charged with selling liquor and maintaining a nuisance. It was the first time an active judge ever appeared in federal court in such a case.

Haaker and DeLong, according to Indian Agent F. T. Mann, have sold much liquor to Indians of the Winnebago reservation which is only 13 miles away. Two months ago agents came here and told General Prohibition Agent Samardick they couldn't get anyone to make a "buy" from the place for evidence. Everybody in the neighborhood was afraid, they said.

Samardick sent a man from here and five purchases were made. Then the pair were arrested, November 23. The Indian reservation has been flooded with liquor, agents said.

Just on Christmas day an Indian, William Rainbow, was killed while driving home from Sioux City, intoxicated, with another Indian, William Davis.

Two months ago agents raided the Haaker place. They saw two men drive away and called on them to halt. When they refused they shot at the automobile tires. One shot struck one of the men in the neck and killed him.

Agents testified at the trial this morning that they purchased liquor at the Haaker and DeLong places. The defense declined to offer any evidence.

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