Ku Klux Solicit Omahans to Join Klan and Pay \$10

Barrage of Propaganda and Literature Laid Down by Hooded, Night-Gowned Artillerymen.

'Old Pal, Why Don't You Answer Me?" Sings Murderer as Executioner Adjusts Cap on Scaffold.

Chicago, Sept. 30 .- Singing a popu-Omahans are being bombarded lar song, Carl Wanderer, convicted with "literature" from the imperial of the murder of his wife, her unborn palace of the grand wizard of the babe, and a "ragged stranger," whom invisible empire of the Ku Klux Klan, he hired to stage a fake holdup. was hanged at the county jail at 7:19

The solicitation of members evi-dently is attended to by the "aulik" o'clock this morning. of the wizard. The cheap stationery on which the printed letter and ques-tionnaire are sent out is dated At-lanta, Ga., and is decorated with a couple of hooded, night-gowned "knights" on prancing steeds. But the questionnaire is mailed in Omnha and is signed with the in-

of the imperial wizard requests to know what is your age," occupation weight, height, color of hair and eyes, religious faith, politics, wrether you are white or negro, jew or gentile.

Gems of History.

It was the Ku Klux Klan of postcivil ward ays, and not Grant's army and old Abe Lincoln that saved this great republic, nearly three-score years ago.

William Joseph Simmons, "imperial wizard" of the new-born Ku Klux Klan, gives us this gem of history in the opening paragraph of a four-page brochure, ornamented with a night-gowned, hooded, torch-bear-ing man, mounted on a horse also night-gowned.

"It was the savior of the south and thereby the savior of the na-tion, for had there been no ride of the Ku Klux Klan there would not

waged for five years in a vain effort to do the job? William Joseph nons says so.

And in the third paragraph of the pamphlet we learn from Simmons' own pen that "Col. William Joseph Simmons is now professor of south-ern history at Lanier university, in Atlanta, Ga."

Attanta, Ga. Aha, a professor as well as a col-onell The military title was be-stowed upon Simmons by the Wood-men of the World. Where he gained men of the World. Where he gained the academic title, one wonders. The World almanac, published by the New York World, contains the names of 550 colleges and universi-ties of the United States, supposed to be all of 'cm. But the name of Lanier university does not appear. This brochure is not supposed to be distributed to the general public. distributed to the general public. Neither is the mysterious applica-tion card which refers the recipient to "Ti-Bo-Tim" for further informa-

ME-ME CARL LANDERER Wanderer marched to the gallows with a firm step and as he took his place on the scaffold, repeated a

But the questionnaire is mailed in Omaha and is signed with the in-itials of F. E. Maxey, who sows a bit of seed for the hoped-for \$10 from the solicitation by enclosing a stamped envelope for reply Among other things right and a stamped envelope for reply

The chorus to the song Wanderer chose is as follows: "The long night through, I wait for you,

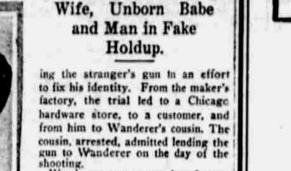
Old pal, why don't you answer me? My arms embrace an empty space, The arms that held you tenderly. If you can hear my prayer away up

there, Old pal, why don't you answer me?" Killed Wife June, 1920.

The crime for which Wanderer was hanged was the murder of Edward J. Ryan, the "ragged stranger,"

the Ku Klux Klan there would not today be 48 stars in the flag that floats from the dome of the capitol at Washington," says Simmons. Certainly is tough on the Grand Army boys and Grant, Sherman, Honest Abe and the rest. But who can doubt that it was the Ku Klux Klan that saved the na-tion after the civil war had been waged for five years in a vain effort

Professor of History.



Ex-Lieutenant Executed in Chicago for Slaying

shooting. Wanderer was arrested and con-fronted with evidence that he had carried both guns used in the shooting. After days of grilling he signed one of the most remarkable confessions in police annals. Tired of Family Life.

Tired of Family Life. Growing tired of family life, he said, he decided to get rid of his wife and her expected child so he could return to the army, in which he had held a lieutenant's commis-sion during the war. On West Madison street he hired a vagrant to accost him and Mrs. Wanderer in the hall way explaining he wanted to play a practical joke on his wife. When the vagrant approached. Wan-derer, with his own gun in one hand and his cousin's in the other, shot both the "poor boob" and his wife. Later Wanderer repudiated this confession and it was barred from his trial for the murder of his wife. The jury found him guilty, but fixed the punishment at 25 years' im-prisonment.

a West Madison street vagrant whom he had hired for \$5 to stage were murdered in the hallway of the a fake holdup and then killed. Wanderer apartment house in June. him in the dark hallway, and that Ryan's body was long unidentified. 1920. Mrs. Wanderer's mother, at-when he drew his gun the stranger 1920. Mrs. Wanderer's mother, at-when he drew his gun the stranger also known as the "poor boob," the Wanderer was also convicted of the murder of his bride of less than a year and her unborn child, but the jury in that case fixed his punish-ment at 25 years imprisonment. Mrs. Wanderer and the "stranger" Iso known as the "poor boob," the daughter dying and Wanderer seated astride the body of Ryan, methodi-cally beating his face with a gun. Wanderer said the stranger had when he drew his gun the stranger and that he in turn killed the hold-up man. Police believed his story and praised his imm. Quietly, however, they began trac-legal maneuvers.



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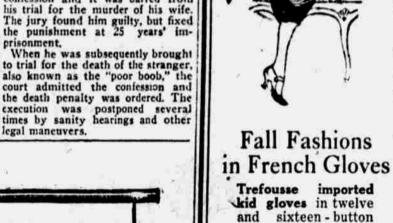
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Spring of Death Trap Cuts Short Song of Carl Wanderer

As He Pays Penalty for Murdering "Ragged Stranger"

tion. Neither is the much-decorated "A. B. C. of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan," written by Colonel Simmons in the lean years before the Southern Publicity association had "put over" the idea which is now sending such a stream of gold into the pockets of imperial wizard, grand gohins, king kleagles and others. The forbidding-looking little pam-nhlet, gotten out by Imperial Wizard Simmons several years ago, is dec-orated with a hooded head; also with two white-gowned, hooded, torch-bearing figures, mounted on prancing, sheeted horses on a black background. Neither is the much-decorated

background

From this Simmonstrosity we learn that the "early Christians," the crusaders, French revolutionists and many others, were but the forerun-ners of the Klan of today. Also that the Klan of 1866 "disbanded VOL-UNTARILY" (the capitals are the colonel's). The disbanding, accord-ing to history, took place after dras-tic laws had been passed punishing men for membership in the Klan.

Disbanded oVluntarily.

Superlative adjectives and flowery statements are made without stint in fauding the Klan of that and this day. It is "a peerless paragon of a pure patriotism," we learn. Here's another, "The Ku Klux Klan by its unselfish, patriotic achievement

unselfish, patriotic achievement stands pre-eminent as the greatest order of real chivalry the world has ever known and its members were the noblest heroes in the great world's history." Rather tough on the G. A. R. boys, on Washington and his Valley Forge patriots, on the much-sung heroes of Thermopolae and Bala-klava. They must all take back seats now. Too bad. "A monument is now being built

"A monument is now being built to perpetuate their ideals," the book-let pursues, 'and this monument shall be constructed of real American manhood and shall be known as the Invisible Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan."

That Last Paragraph.

Seems like a gosh-durn noble idea, oys, doesn't it? But, wait a minute. What's this paragraph here at the

"Membership in this order can-not be bought; it is given as a re-ward for service unselfishly tendered."

tendered.' Finel No money asked! Let s read the rest of the paragraph: "If you really believe in the order and will practice its principles, and conform to its regulations and us-ages, and contribute the sum of \$10 toward its propagation and can other-wise qualify, then membership is awarded you upon this service rendered and pledge of future fidell-ty to the institution. This is not a selfish, mercenary, commercialized

ty to the institution. This is not a selfish, mercenary, commercialized proposition, but the direct opposite." Can't you see it, boys? This isn't a mercenary, commercialized propo-sition. It's the direct opposite. Com-mercialism! Gosh, how they dread it! What's that? The \$10? Say, what are you, anyway? A tightwad, or a 100 per cent American?

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