

Original Ku Klux Klan Organized By Jokers for Fun

Present Day Ku Klux Has Twined Self Through Nation at Alarming Rate—Makes Mockery of Law.

Washington, Oct. 1.—After a conference with Attorney General Daugherty, Chairman Campbell of the house rules committee announced today that public hearings by the committee on resolutions to investigate the activities of the Ku Klux Klan would be held Tuesday, October 11.

Investigation by the house judiciary committee of the activities of the Klan, its officers, organizers and members was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Representative Dyer, republican, Missouri.

Two other resolutions providing for an inquiry into officers of the organization by special committees have already been introduced.

The original Ku Klux Klan was organized at Pulaski, Tenn. by six young ex-confederate soldiers in 1865. Its object was sociability and amusement. They decided to call it "Kuklos" which is the Greek word for circle. They modified this to Klu Klux and added "klan" or "klan" the Burlesque and practical joking occupied the early-day activities of the society.

But the air of mystery, the adoption of the ghostly costume, the secret meetings in the cellar of an abandoned house, the exclusiveness soon brought a rush of applicants and the organization of innumerable other klans throughout the south.

Cunningly Devised. The growth of the present day klan has been by sweeps vastly greater than that of its prototype. The "invisible empire" has twined itself throughout the republic to such an alarming degree that the highest law-making and executive powers of the land are devoting serious attention to it. For the klan is cunningly devised to deceive the unthinking, the weak-minded, the superficial. It has entangled itself in the American flag. It proclaims itself "100 per cent American." Its specific arguments are that it "stands for enforcement of law, the protection of womanhood," etc. Yet, every one of its deeds of violence is a defiance of law and of the constitutional right of every person to a trial by jury. It makes a joke of law and the constituted authorities for the enforcement of law with justice.

Salves Conscience. Furthermore, it apparently seeks to divert attention from outrages and perhaps to salve its own conscience by making gifts to charity. After masked men had whipped Edward Engers in Dallas, Tex., "the cause of his treatment of his wife," the klan sent \$50 to a free milk fund for babies and \$500 to a home for homeless children.

"There are few things that could appeal to us more strongly than an effort to give the infants of the poor a fighting chance for their lives," said the accompanying smug letter from the klan.

The "Imperial Wizard" of the Ku Klux Klan is Col. William Joseph Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., who obtains his military title of colonel from the Woodmen of the World.

Doubt As to Leader. Even about him there is some doubt. Alleged members of the "Grand Kludge" or "Imperial Wizard." He has written the "Kloran" or ritual in which he lauds the "Ku Klux spirit" and makes free to declare various religious and patriotic movements of the past as "impurities of this same spirit." He includes among these the Vehmgerichts of old-time Europe, the religious movements led by Luther, Calvin and Knox, the rebellion of the American colonies, the Boston tea party and the Ku Klux Klan of post civil war days.

But there was no membership fee in these movements. And the present-day Ku Klux Klan gathers a "Klectokan" of \$16.50 from each new, simple recruit. And in these hard times too! All that the member gets for his money is the hood and gown and the doubtful thrill of "belonging."

A large army of canvassers makes a good living soliciting new members on a commission basis. Thus does base commercialism seem to have tainted even the high resolves of this 100 per cent American organization.

The original Klan of more than half a century ago never molested women nor did it lay hands on white men. The present one is charged with violence against women and with more violence against white men than against negroes.

The old Klan grew more violent throughout its six years of existence. In its early days it ruled the negroes just by terror. A party of the klanmen would gallop up to a negro shanty and their leader would demand a drink of water. The trembling negro would bring a cupful "Bring me a bucket," the sheeted visitor would shout.

The bucket being brought, the klanman would heave it to his lips and drain it to the bottom.

Mrs. Delmont Will Not Be Witness in Case of Arbuckle

Prosecutor Brady Declares He Can Prove Case by Others; Defense Prepared to Impugn Her Testimony.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—"Fatty" Arbuckle, now enjoying the pleasures of domestic life in Los Angeles, probably will have to return to this city Wednesday or Thursday of the coming week.

At that time his manslaughter charge for the killing of Virginia Rappe will come up before Superior Judge Harold Lunderback and the case will be set for trial.

District Attorney Matthew Brady yesterday after a conference announced that the information against Arbuckle would be filed by the district attorney's office on Monday.

Mrs. Delmont Dropped. On Monday also the manslaughter indictment comes up in court. It will be continued. Arbuckle's presence in court for this ceremony has been waived.

That Mrs. B. M. Delmont will no longer figure in any of the proceedings against Arbuckle was implied yesterday when it became known that immediately after the preliminary hearing the district attorney's office had informed the St. Francis hotel that her bills would no longer be honored.

The hotel promptly informed Mrs. Delmont to this effect and she removed her effects to another hotel in the early hours of the morning.

Have Other Witnesses. Brady stated that every point to which Mrs. Delmont had previously testified could as well be established by other witnesses. It is known that Defense Attorney Frank Dominguez had amassed a quantity of material on Mrs. Delmont's past career for use in impeaching her testimony. He was filled of the chance of using it when the prosecution refused to call Mrs. Delmont to the stand.

Despite the reduction of the charge, it is the prosecution's intention to go ahead along the original lines of attempted proof—namely, that Virginia Rappe's death resulted from a felony or attempted felony committed by Arbuckle.

The police court charge must come to trial within 60 days after the preliminary. Only a portion of this time allowance will be used.

Formal Opening of New Reese Gem Shop Monday. Formal opening of the new C. E. Reese jewelry store at Sixteenth and Harney streets, will be held Monday.

The new store is located in the room formerly occupied by Albert Edholm. It has been remodeled and the latest designs in jewelry store fixtures have been installed. An entire new stock of merchandise has been placed in the store.

H. W. Woods, for five years with Albert Edholm will be manager of the new store and James O. Whitney will be secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Reese was in the jewelry business 10 years, prior to April, 1920, at which time he discontinued business until the present location was obtained.

Permanent Labor Plan Is Considered

15,000 Men in Kansas Are Idle, Labor Report Shows

Kansas City, Kan., Oct. 1.—A report on unemployment conditions in Kansas was made by E. F. Fader, district representative of the Department of Labor, after a conference with the Kansas court of industrial relations.

"It was agreed that the estimate I made of 15,000 unemployed in the state September 1 was correct," said Mr. Fader. "But there have been some developments of interest lately."

Wichita reported September 1 that it had no unemployed; a survey the middle of the month, however, showed that a surplus of the idle was developing. Among these were 150 former service men. At Hutchinson, the soda ash plant is to be closed indefinitely, and this will put 250 men out of work.

In Cherokee county there are 1,500 zinc miners who have been idle for a year, Mr. Fader said. In the fields of southeast Kansas, and in the fields of Oklahoma and Arkansas, 60 per cent of the workers were reported idle.

The present surplus of gold whose corrective international flow is checked for some years to come, offers a peculiar temptation to a false boom which would set us back in international trade and bring on a quick and deadly depression.

"One seldom recognized, but important, aggravation to the overstocks during a slump lies in the 'goods on order'—the impending inventory. Bankers can help this situation by demanding an account of impending liabilities as they would of contingent liabilities, thus bringing the need of such records before the business man.

Distribution of Labor. "The directing heads of corporation should scrutinize each of the projects put before them by their engineering staffs. They will find 10 per cent (and a larger percentage as the turn approaches), which can be completed as to investigation and planning, but postponed as to execution, with profit to the company and community as well.

"To effect a distribution of labor more in accord with the need for it, and to gain first-hand information as to employment conditions a federal co-ordination of state labor exchanges is essential.

"Our present immigration law suits business conditions excellently, but in times of more normal activity it may not. Congress should set standards to be increased or diminished by executive order to fit the cycle sector; just as public work is to be regulated."

Unemployment Inevitable. "On the question of unemployment and depression insurance the committee says: "Despite the best efforts of industrial managers and public authorities to reduce the amount of involuntary unemployment, it must be expected that many wage earners will from time to time and through no fault of their own, be thrown out of work. Thousands of these self respecting unemployed—with savings exhausted and with the peculiar discouragement which comes from seeking work without being able to find it—are likely to suffer in morale and efficiency as to add permanently to the already large burden of public and private charity. With the coming of each period of industrial depression there is a growing demand for some just system of dealing with this question on a dignified basis."

The advisory committee then cites interesting examples of unemployment funds established by American trade unions and employers and suggests the desirability of unemployment compensation and "depression insurance" to stimulate still wider interest in the mitigation of unemployment.

Aero Cancellation Stamp Is Authorized for Omaha. Washington, Oct. 1.—(Special Telegram.)—The senate has passed the bill authorizing a special cancellation stamp for the Omaha post-office to advertise the International Aero congress to be held in Omaha, November 3-5.

Shipping Board Divorced From Emergency Fleet

Separation Decided on With View of Relieving Body of Responsibilities Connected With Operation.

Washington, Oct. 1.—Complete separation of the United States shipping board from the emergency fleet corporation effective tomorrow was announced by Chairman Lasker, Authority for the "divorce" as he described it, was given in the Jones act, Mr. Lasker said, and the separation was determined upon with a view of relieving the board of the many responsibilities connected with the operation of its corporate twin.

Upon the resignation of Chairman Lasker who was ex-officio president, Joseph W. Powell, general manager of the board, was elected president and general manager of the corporation. He will be assisted by six trustees or vice presidents who were formerly officers of the board.

They are: J. W. Smull; W. J. Love, A. J. Frey, Harry Kimball, Elmer Schlesinger and E. P. Farley. T. L. Clear, formerly treasurer of the Panama canal, was appointed treasurer.

The board will now devote itself to a study of the Jones act, the chairman said, while maintaining supervisory authority over the activities of the emergency fleet corporation "in the capacity of a sort of marine interstate commerce commission."

The purpose of the separation, Mr. Lasker explained, "was to give the shipping board an opportunity to function under the merchant marine act of 1920, the broad and constructive powers of which must be brought into its proper use to have an American merchant marine. The shipping board itself has powers over America's overseas commerce much like those exercised by the Interstate Commerce commission over railroads."

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Lorraine Car Company In Hands of Receivers

Richmond, Ind., Oct. 1.—The \$1,500,000 Lorraine Car company went into voluntary bankruptcy here with the appointment of Walter But-

ler as receiver for the company. A sudden drop in sales and high organization expenses are given by the cause of the company's inability to meet its liabilities. Last year the corporation, which has been engaged in assembling motor hearses, did business of approximately \$1,000,000.

An armored motor car, built by an American firm at a cost of \$45,000, has been supplied to the Chinese military governor of Manchuria.

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Fashions That Are Comrades With October

Tailleurs Assume Importance
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