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Right Step

If press reports are to be credited, the revived "Ku Klux Klan" whose headquarters are in Georgia bar Jews and Catholics from membership yet it claims to be non-sectarian, all-American, uplifting, Christian association with its underlying object to "keep the nigger in his place", according to a statement by one of the big Ku Klux, one of the "imperial wizards" or something of that sort.

This is indicated by the following despatch received by the National Catholic Welfare Council's News Service from Marshall, Texas:—"Attempts of the anti-Catholic Ku-Klux Klan to gain a foothold in Marshall met with a severe rebuke when public-spirited citizens told representatives of that organization who had come from Houston that they did not favor the introduction into this community of any body that might create ill-feeling among its citizens or harm the healthy spirit of the community. The recommendation that the disturbers leave was made after it had been pointed out that the organization excludes Jews and Catholics from its ranks. A local Protestant minister, who had recently come here from St. Louis, was alleged to be prominent among those who were sponsoring the establishment of the organization here."

L. C. B. A. Praised

A deserved compliment is paid the L. C. B. A., of which Miss Kate Mahoney, of Troy, is President and Mrs. Cora McParlin of this city is Supreme Trustee, by the "Fraternal Monitor":—

In 1918 the total income of the association increased by the sum of \$175,000 and its gross assets increased over \$300,000. In 1919 the total income still further increased in the sum of \$551,221 and its gross assets increased in the sum of \$583,000. In 1920 the gross assets increased in the sum of \$991,889.42. Within three years' time there was an increase of over a million dollars in the annual income and an increase of \$1,944,889 in the assets of the association. These magnificent gains were scored not only in the face of a serious readjustment but also in the face of two of the worst years ever known in the history of life insurance. Rate adjustment, war and flu were a mighty triumvirate, but they could not stay the progress of Kate Mahoney and her magnificent society.

Last year this great society paid claims in the sum of \$1,515,669.50. In less than 31 years the total amount paid for claims reaches the enormous sum of \$21,391,645. Think of it as being solely the work of a group of earnest, intelligent business women. It is splendid, wonderful, magnificent. In the face of such

evidence as this, the man who still contends that woman is not qualified to participate in public and private enterprises on a basis of equality with man is a citizen of exceedingly small bore.

"A society with 133,000 members, with \$98,000,000 of insurance in force, and with \$5,656,000 in assets of Jan. 1, 1921, is an achievement that speaks with eloquence of the practical business ability of American womanhood. We but honor ourselves," concludes the Monitor, "in acclaiming Kate Mahoney one of the Master Builders of Fraternalism in America."

As To Newspapers

United States Senator John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, occasionally let up on his attacks upon the Irish. The other day he rose in the United States and delivered himself of this disquisition on newspapers in general:—Mr. President, the major part of the make-up of each one of us is quite psychological, and so long as the newspapers do not publish in flaming headlines the deeds of a man who has sent bread to somebody who was starving, or sent clothing to somebody who was naked, or rendered moral or social help to somebody who was tempted, and still continue at the same time to make flaming headlines of every miserable New York plutocratic banker who has had a quarrel with his equally disreputable and prostitute wife, the psychological effect of newspapers upon me and other people is not very good.

"I do not believe that newspapers are entitled to have first notice of everything that happens in the world, not even of my baby's birth. Newspapers have their proper function, and their proper function is to get and disseminate the sort of news that reforms and improves and helps humanity. Just so far as they fall below that standard they fall below their God-appointed task."

If this tirade had not been delivered in the United States Senate the speaker might have found himself in trouble because it looks as if the plutocratic banker would clear his wife's name. While it is perhaps to be regretted that unsavory scandals occupy so much space in the newspapers, nevertheless it is not to be regretted that so much attention was paid to this incident as it forced out of the presidency of a great metropolitan bank the principal figure. Evidently the stockholders recognized the incongruity of paying a big salary out of their money to the President, to be used in maintaining several establishments in lavish style wherein to keep his easy levees.

Possibly, Governor Miller may next be called upon to approve a bill to censor the newspapers of New York State.

The State Council of the Knights of Columbus of 1921 was as successful, according to all accounts, as the one of 1903.

June is the month of commencements and summer brides.

Let us hope that Rochester street car men do not engage in such conflicts as they are having in the Albany car strike.

Now they are talking about "Uncle George" as the republican leader of New York City. He has all the political bossing rights here in Rochester he needs just now.

Rochester has a Catholic paper that prints all the Catholic news up to date. Is it on your table?

If Martin H. Glynn can settle the Irish question and adjust the Albany street car strike he will have done a good season's work.

James P. Jones made a fine chairman of arrangements for the Knights of Columbus State Council.

A Great American

In a remarkably appreciative article on Cardinal Gibbons in the May "Columbiad", Judge Morgan J. O'Brien says:—The death of James Cardinal Gibbons at Baltimore on Holy Thursday was the passing away not only of one of the greatest churchmen, but one of the greatest Americans of our times. Here was a broad, liberal and true patriot and American, and a true churchman. His great office and his great ability were spent, without stint and without reference to self, in the cause of humanity and country. In his own State and in his own country, and, we might say, throughout the whole world, if we looked around, it would be difficult to find one who is entitled to higher praise for what he has accomplished and whose death will be more deeply and widely regretted. He was not only a leader in all American movements, but he was first, or among the first, in all movements for religion, education and charity. During his long and useful life Cardinal Gibbons rendered distinguished service in so many different fields of activity that it would take more space than could be embraced in any summary to enumerate them all. Like the late Cardinal Farley, he was looked up to by men of all creeds and nationalities, both in this hemisphere and in Europe.

He was the friend and counselor of Popes and Presidents, consultant of captains of industry, champion and advisor of organized labor, a man whose wisdom, tact and sincerity made of him a very personification of the ideal American leader. Born when the Church in America was small in numbers, he grew with the Church here and of his growth gave his utmost to the Church, bringing to bear upon its problems all the vigor of his intellect. Indeed, we might say that the Church in America grew with him, rather, for he was its leader for years, and our Church, guided here by his wisdom, was strengthened and fortified and through him in large degree it attained to the respect it is today accorded.

Suppose the printing strike had extended to all newspapers and publishing houses?

Those who missed the K. of C. pilgrimage moving pictures at Convention Hall Monday night certainly passed up a remarkable treat.

Surely, American civilization should be able to devise machinery for adjusting industrial disputes without the economic waste of the present lockouts and strikes.

Like Ireland, in Wales the Catholic Church was the only one known until the English came in and started to banish Christ from the country. In this they did not succeed, but they persecuted the Catholics and practically drove out the priests. To day, however, the priests are returning and the Welsh Church begins to flourish.

Editor Catholic Journal:—If you care to use the enclosed shall be pleased to have you. If you wish I will send you items from time to time.—Miss K. L. P.

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