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Not Brave

Neither of the great political parties was brave enough to come right out and condemn specifically and by name the nefarious Ku Klux Klan.

While the Republican convention at Cleveland naturally was expected to pussyfoot on mostly every question before the people because there were no contests in the organization and everything was cut and dried. Everybody just naturally sidestepped anything that even looked like trouble.

In the Democratic national convention in New York one expected a different result. There were contests galore. A score of candidates sought favor of the delegates. The Klan supremacy was challenged and in return the hooded demons served notice that they had a majority of the delegates in the convention.

After a bitter debate the Resolutions Committee refused to condemn the Klan by name and reported to the full convention a plank meaningless, in this crisis however rhetorically it appealed to the lovers of Bryanesque English and suave but meaningless platitudes.

A minority report denouncing the Klan was also presented.

Both presentations were debated at length and with vehemence and acerbity.

The roll call disclosed that one delegate over fifty per cent of the membership of the national democratic convention stood by the majority report refusing to denounce the Klan. As Bainbridge Colby put it "Weasel words that do not scare the Klan.

It is interesting to note where the Klan votes came from:—Louisiana, the Carolinas, Florida, Texas, Georgia, Washington, Nevada, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, all these were solid for the Klan, as might be expected from states that would extinguish parochial schools and close up the convents. But it is somewhat surprising to find almost a solid delegation from California upholding the Klan and not a few supporters in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio and who had been elected delegates to a democratic convention—the party, above all others, supposed to stand four square in opposition to anything that savors of religious intolerance.

The Klan has received first-class publicity. It has proven that it is powerful enough to scare the big political leaders of the country so the natural inference is "If you want to be the big noise in your community, just make yourself Chief of the local Ku Klux Klan."

It may mean bad business for the country.

The degree was conferred in recognition of Sister Eteldreda's contribution to the nursing profession of Pittsburgh over a period of 25 years. Sister Eteldreda is now superintendent of nurses at Mercy hospital, and for years has been a teacher in the nurses' school there. She is vice-president of the Pittsburgh League of Nursing Education and a director of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania. The nurses' classes at Mercy Hospital have averaged about 165 during the 18 years she [illegible]

Why is it that women presumably of education, will send perfumed notes and flowers to such a precious pair as the two Chicago youths who kidnapped and murdered an inoffensive lad? Why were the condolences not sent to the mother of the murdered boy?

One Reason

Just why some political grafters are greatly enamored of the Ku Klux Klan may be formed in perusal of the following despatch to the National Catholic Welfare Council:—

Marion, Ind., June 6.—Another squabble over division of the profits has resulted in bringing the Ku Klux Klan into court again. This time it is the "Women of the Ku Klux Klan," through the organization's attorneys suing Mrs. Daisy Douglass Barr of Fairmount, Ind., for an accounting of money collected as initiation fees and for the sale of robes. Mrs. Barr is the wife of Thomas Barr, deputy state bank commissioner.

The story, as set forth by klan attorneys in their bill of complaint, is that about a year ago the plaintiff organization entered into a contract with Mrs. Barr whereby she was given the right of organizing the women's klan in Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, New Jersey and Minnesota. For this privilege she was to pay to the organization $1 for each person initiated. On this basis the defendant actually paid in $5,085 the complaint recites. The dispute arises out of the allegation of the klan that it is believed there were at least 40,000 more members taken in, for whom no accounting was given and no fee paid into the klan treasury.

Another phase of the squabble involves the rake-off" which the klan is supposed to collect from the sale of each robe purchased by a subject of the Invisible Empire Mrs Barr, it is alleged, agreed to buy all the robes for the initiates from the klan itself. The complaint says this would have meant a profit of from $1.50 to $1.68 on each robe, and that 40,000 robes are involved

Net Result

Bishop Brown of the Protestant Episcopal Church has been convicted of not being orthodox in his faith.

Herewith is reproduced Bishop Brown's creed—made up mostly of negatives —I do not believe there ever was such a man as Santa Claus. Yet, I believe in and admire the spirit of Santa Claus He is a beautiful symbol of goodness, kindness and charity. So with Christ I do not believe He existed. Yet, I do believe in the symbolism of Christ, and that Christianism stands for goodness, kindness It is a beautiful thing.

There is no rational doubt about the fictitious character of the Divine Jesus.

My God, Nature, is a true divinity —matter being the Father, force the Son, and motion the Spirit.

I have ceased to believe in the existence of a conscious personal divinity. Of course, my faith in the existence of a spiritual world, and hope for future life in it went with the God.

If you ask whether I am still a professing Christian, I shall answer Yes, yet the brother Jesus is not for me an historic personage, but only a symbol of all which is for good in the United States

Though I make no pretensions of being a saint, I do claim that, other things being equal, I can be as good a Christian on my atheistic, material lines as can any other member of the house of bishops on his atheistic, spiritual lines, and I shall be much interested in an attempt to prove that such is not the case.

How does a man professing such unbelief in essentials of evangelical Christianity reconcile his desire to remain inside the episcopalian fold which holds tenets directly the opposite!

Says the "Casket" of Antigonish, N. S.—"The love of show in dress or in personal belongings of any sort is a social vulgarity. There is a good deal of it just now. It is not confined to any one set, class, or group of people. The desire of showing off is general, and it is not a thing to be proud of. It is childish with the irresponsibility of thought which characterizes the child, and it is strong with the strength which animates a passion in the adult."

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lette is so strong in national affairs should reflect that Fighting Bob never has lost his grip on Wisconsin. So long as a politician has his home constituency at his back he can afford to be defiant. So long as Hiram Johnson held undisputed sway in California he could talk big and defy the national leaders. If Hiram has lost California his political star is likely to wane rapidly.

An every day nuisance:—The man who asks "Is it hot?" when the thermometer stands 95 in the shade.

In arranging vacation, have you made sure there is a church easy of access where you have decided to stay!

"Swat the fly" campaign is now on in earnest.

Real Reason

Somewhat misleading is the following in the Rochester "Democrat & Chronicle":—When a majority of a state Senate publicly declares that it will not attend sessions of that body until personal safety is assured and provided by the Governor of the state, there is one thing sure—conditions are such that the state and its people are made ridiculous in the opinions of sensible and thoughtful folk in this land. Playing politics is a practice we condone; political manoeuvers we have become hardened to. It is a campaign year and foolish procedure in politics is accentuated.

But such a situation as has confronted the people of Rhode Island, while it has its humors, is a bad one to permit to exist. The business organizations of the state are going to get at the matter and probably will set things going in sane fashion There is law in the state of Rhode Island; there are courts to decide its application to situations and officers to enforce court findings. The state Legislature makes the laws, it should be made to obey them Sometimes it appears quite natural for people to grow sceptical about the supremacy of law when law makers behave as have these Rhode Island senators.

Our information is that not "a majority of the Rhode Island Senate but a majority of one of the parties represented in the Rhode Island senate have fled from the State in order to break a quorum and prevent the majority in the Senate from approving certain amendments to the State Constitution preparatory to submission to the people of the State for approval at a popular referendum these amendments would put an end to the gerrymandered legislative districts under which hamlets with 300 or 400 population elected a senator and assemblyman while the Rhode Island metropolis of Providence has no more.

"May God Forbid!"

Long after the political turmoil of 1924 will Al Smith and his friends recall these sentences in the letter sent the Governor by our old friend Dr. A S. Crapsey —

What the country needs now in the White House is a man with intelligence, with human warmth for the plain people and with a demonstrated record of administrative ability. What we do not need is a compromise candidate—compromise and substitute for a man Above all we do not need a man who becomes President because of a whispering campaign of prejudice against a better man

"The majority of voters of New York State have proved that they believe that Governor Smith's religion has not been a handicap to his serving them to the best of his ability. If they did they had a chance to repudiate him but they re-elected him If the people of the country feel that Governor Smith would be all right but for his religion, then I say he will be all right with his religion

"Morally, Governor Smith is as clean as a hound's tooth," said Dr. Crapsey. "When, after the recent election to the Governorship, the directors of the company, of which Mr Smith was then president, offered to continue his salary during his term of office, Governor Smith in terms more forcible than polite told his directors to go to ——.

"Is a man so gifted and competent to be debarred from public service because he belongs to the most ancient church in Christendom—the church of St Gregory and St Francis? That, may God forbid We want the best man for the Presidency that we can find and if he believes in and practices the religious teachings of Jesus of Nazareth, so much the better"

Sister Mary Eteldreda Ermire, received a signal honor from the University of Pittsburgh at the commencement exercises Wednesday morning. Upon Sister Eteldreda was conferred the honorary degree Master of Arts, an honor that has been conferred on only 13 women in the 137 years of the University of Pittsburgh's history.

The old-fashioned brand of convention oratory was on tap in Madison Square Garden.

People who wonder why LaFol-

Who would think that in a Northern State like Indiana, the home of Whitcomb Riley, Booth Tarkington and Thomas R. Marshall the Ku Klux Klan would have obtained control of both political parties?

[illegible] abolished the saloon? Then why the peremptory orders of Director Butler to his Philadelphia police to "close up one hundred saloons a day?"

We do not know whether it is the Klan Kleagles who are doing it, but there is a campaign on to resurrect the "Menace" by selling 7 per cent preferred stock.

WEEKY CALENDAR OF FEAST DAYS

Sunday, July 6 —St Goar, priest, was born of an illustrious family in Aquitaine. Wishing to serve God entirely unknown to the world, he went over into Germany and settling in the neighborhood of Trier, he shut himself up in a cell and arrived at such an eminent degree of sanctity as to be esteemed the oracle and miracle of the whole country. He died in 575.

Monday, July 7 —St Pantaenus, Father of the Church, flourished in the second century He was a Sicilian by birth and a Stoic philosopher by profession. Converted to the Faith he was placed at the head of a Christian school in Alexandria Later he left his school and went to preach the Gospel to the Eastern nations He died in 216.

Tuesday, July 8 — St Elizabeth of Portugal, was the daughter of Pedro III of Arragon and a niece of St Elizabeth of Hungary At the age of twelve she was given in marriage to the King of Portugal. Her patience and the wonderful sweetness with which she cherished even the children of her rivals, completely won the king from his evil ways After her husband's death she took the habit of the Third Order of St Francis and spent the rest of her life in austerities and almsgiving.

Wednesday, July 9 - St Ephrem, deacon, was known as the light and glory of the Syriac Church He entered the religious life but his humility led him to refuse the dignity of the priesthood He was noted as a preacher and teacher and his hymns so won the hearts of the people that he is known to this day in the Syriac liturgy as the "Harp of the Holy Ghost" He died at Edessa in 378.

Thursday, July 10 - The Seven Brothers and St Felicitas, their Mother, because of their refusal to sacrifice to the pagan gods were subjected to torture and finally put to death during the reign of the Emperor Antoninus

Friday, July 11 —St James, Bishop, was a native of Nisibis in Mesopotamia He chose the highest mountain for his abode, sheltering himself in a cave in the winter and the rest of the year living in the woods continually exposed to the open air Many sought him to ask for his prayers and spiritual advice. When Saporo II, King of Persia, besieged Nisibis his army was routed by a vast multitude of gnats in response to the prayers of the Saint. St James died in 350.

Saturday, July 12 — St John Gaulbert, was born at Florence in 999 and for a time pursued the profession of arms After becoming reconciled with a relative with whom he had carried on a feud, he abandoned the world and entered the religious life He established the monastery St. Salvi and died in 1073.

Bond Is Given For Oregon School Cases Apeal

Portland, Ore., June 19 —Federal Judge Bean today received the petition of the defendant officials for an appeal to the United States Supreme Court in the Oregon school law cases The bond was fixed at $500 in each of the two cases that will go to the high court, that of the Sisters of the Holy Names and that of the Hill Military Academy. Sam Pierce, deputy district attorney for Multnomah County, appeared with the petition on behalf of Attorney-General Van Winkle, Governor Pierce and Stanley Myers, district attorney. J. P. Kavanaugh represented the Sisters The court's action was purely formal.

The next step will be the filing of briefs by both sides.

Lord Shaughnessy's Home To Be English Catholic Hospital

Montreal, Canada, June 27.—The home here of the late Lord Shaughnessy will be converted into a hospital for English-speaking Catholics, it has been announced here. The new institution will have 250 beds, and the building will be remodeled and equipped with the latest hospital devices.

Lord Shaughnessy, whose death occurred December 10 of last year, enjoyed the universal esteem of Canadians, regardless of religious persuasion, and his death was mourned by the entire Dominion. He was the greatest of Canadian railroad trustees, being the head of the Canadian Pacific lines. All trains and shops of the Canadian Pacific were halted during his funeral, and a minute of silence was observed by workers throughout the Dominion.

CONAN DOYLE'S SISTER BURIED AS CATHOLIC

London, June 20.—Mrs. Constance Hornung, widow of Ernest William Hornung, well known novelist, and a sister of Sir A. Conan Doyle, was buried this week from the Catholic Church at West Grinstead.

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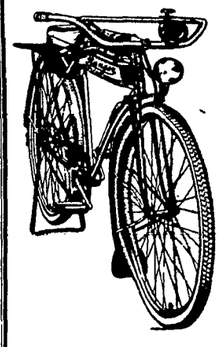
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