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KLANSMAN SHERIFF'S SILLY INTOLERANCE CONDEMNED BY WISCONSIN'S GOVERNOR

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Madison, Wis., Jan. 10.—A verdict of guilty of official misconduct and neglect of duty in an altercation with members of the American Legion on September 16, was rendered against Frank L. Baker, sheriff of Pierce County here recently accorded to an announcement made by Gov. John J. Blaine, following an inquiry into charges against the sheriff. The investigation was conducted by Attorney Fred M. Wylie, of Madison, as special investigator. The complaint was an outgrowth of trouble at the Pierce County Fair, held at Ellsworth, when the Eldon C. Kinne Post of the Legion displayed before its booth an American flag, trimmed with gold fringe. At sight of the national emblem, so decorated, members of the Ku Klux Klan gathered about the booth and demanded that the gold fringe, the "Pope's colors," be removed from contact with the flag.

Sheriff Baker, himself a Klansman, also attempted to induce the Legionnaires to remove the fringe. While Governor Blaine declared that the actions of the sheriff warranted his removal from office, he said, that in view of the fact that Baker's term would expire before the removal could be put into effect, nothing further would be done.

"The Klan, in the 'furiousness' of its fanaticism and its extreme intolerance, participated in an act that affronted to the American flag and to the World War veterans and the sheriff of Pierce County added and abetted this disturbance and acting to an announcement made by Gov. John J. Blaine, following an inquiry into charges against the sheriff, as he should have foreseen. The investigation was conducted by Attorney Fred M. Wylie, of Madison, as special investigator. The complaint was an outgrowth of trouble at the Pierce County Fair, held at Ellsworth, when the Eldon C. Kinne Post of the Legion displayed before its booth an American flag, trimmed with gold fringe. At sight of the national emblem, so decorated, members of the Ku Klux Klan gathered about the booth and demanded that the gold fringe, the "Pope's colors," be removed from contact with the flag.

Mrs. Chesterton Confirmed. London, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Gilbert Keith Chesterton, wife of the noted Catholic author, was confirmed here recently at Westminster Cathedral. Many other converts were in the confirmation class.

Calles' New Paper Is Greeted With Rival's Sarcasm

Mexico City, Jan. 10.—Having ruthlessly suppressed every religious paper in the land, together with every truly liberal journal which dared criticize his regime, with the sole exception of those papers so strong that he dares not touch them, President Calles has nevertheless found himself without a single consistent and adequate defender among the journals of Mexico. Accordingly, he is now going about the establishment of a new paper which will unreservedly support his every act. He has further seen to it that the shareholders in the new venture are members and employees of his government who will not dare oppose him for fear of losing their positions. The powerful "El Excelsior" of Mexico City, one of the greatest papers of Latin-America, regards the venture with amusement deeply tinged with sarcasm, and has openly indicated as much in its editorial columns. Of the new Calles organ it says editorially:

"In spite of the fact that all experience is against such a project, high officers of the Government have reached the conclusion that there exists a necessity for a new periodical openly and unreservedly supporting the Government, which will devote itself to building up the prestige of the present political regime, and what is even more important, will be able to dissipate and combat the 'legendary tales' which circulate among the people regarding the Government under which we live.

"It would be sheer stupidity for us to express any opinion concerning this project, because we would at once be charged with partiality and even—shall we say it—even with crime. Therefore, we have no opinions, and in this editorial we will limit our comment to a few brief words so momentous a subject.

"The government daily, the issuance of which is a project already well advanced, will be called the 'New Era' (Los Tiempos Nuevos), as if to indicate that we are living in a new epoch of Mexican history, even of the history of man, and that, since to this new epoch there correspond new theories, our new colleagues will become the herald of the new doctrines in the fields of philosophy, ethics and sociology.

"We will risk no opinions which in the end we might regret. We will await the appearance of the new daily and will then know the new things that it will bring to us, what lights now obscured it will enkindle, in what wonderful language it will speak to us.

"No sooner was the announcement made that the new daily is to appear, than all bureaucracy was set in motion, and the faithful, the enthusiasts, the heroic servants of the people, hastened to subscribe for the capital shares of the new company (even the thought of capital shares is new—reactionary news, to say the least—in the times in which we live) and by signing an order authorizing the paymaster to deduct the amount from their salaries, those who receive twenty pesos a day acquire (by a free and spontaneous act; who doubts it?) four shares having a par value of a hundred pesos; those whose pay is only twelve pesos take one share only, and the gentlemen who are Secretaries of Departments, more splendid in their liberality and at the same

time more solicitous and having a deeper interest in the success of the 'new' enterprise, separate themselves each from the sum of two thousand five hundred pesos, and, be it said, thus become the proprietors of twenty-five shares, without complying with the premises or incurring any of the risks contained in the Constitution.

"Fortunate indeed is the New Era' (we beg your pardon for this play on words to which our new colleague compels us), which with such ease, so casually and so simply, causes humane capital to flow into its treasury in the form of generous gifts from the government employees. Happy, too, those faithful servants of the Government who are to find in this new knight a defender against uncertainties, against the 'readjustments' to which they are subjected, against delays in the payment of their salaries, against the humbug and even the 'dishonesties' imposed without the vaunted indemnification guaranteed by the Constitution. . . . Happy all, and our best wishes for a New Year of happiness go out to them all: to those who contribute, may they not lose heart, during 1927 in their labors as journalists and as . . . contributors; to our future colleagues, may it have one director, and not be cursed with as many as there are bureau chiefs in the Government; may it be truly a spokesman of the Government, and not end by becoming one more problem to add to those we already have; may it live long, and never meet the fate of the engineer whose vanity so puffed him up that he burst like a soap bubble."

Change in Dublin Poor Fund Sought

N. C. W. C. NEWS SERVICE
Dublin, Jan. 10.—The Dublin law courts are discussing the appointment of new trustees of what is known as the "Ada Lewis Trust," a fund of fifty thousand dollars left by the widow of Sam Lewis, an English moneylender, with the provision that the lord mayor and high sheriff of Dublin, distribute the annual revenues among the poor of Dublin, at Christmas.

Sam Lewis was one of the most famous moneylenders in London, England, towards the end of the last century. It has long been freely whispered that royalty was among his patrons. It is to be presumed that he was of the Jewish religion. Recently the lord mayors of Dublin have been Catholics, as have most of the high sheriffs. Since the abolition of both of these offices, it is for the law courts to appoint successors to distribute the revenue of the fund among those for whom it was intended by the late Mrs. Lewis.

Gen. Obregon Plans To Defend Calles In U. S., Reported

(By N. C. W. C. News Service)
Mexico City, Jan. 7.—It is reported here that General Alvaro Obregon, former President of Mexico, and strong supporter of President Calles, will make a lecture tour of the United States to defend the policies of the Calles regime. It is understood that his itinerary will include New York, Washington and Chicago. It also is said that an effort will be made to procure an interview for Obregon with President Coolidge while the former is in Washington.

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