KLEAGLE' OF KU KLUX STRIPS KL

VETERAN OF CANADIAN ARMY DESCRIBES HOW HE JOINED KU KLUX KLAN, GIVING FACTS OF INVISIBLE EMPIRE'S RITUALS, PURPOSES AND GROWTH

Constitution of Klan Prevents Extension to Canada—Denies Outrages in Quebec-Claims Two Million Klansmen in the United States.

KLAN BORN IN WEIRD MIDNIGHT CEREMONY

This is the first of a series of three articles giving the facts of tha mysterious Ku Klux Klan related to The Advertiser by a veteran of the Canadian army, who bears credentials as a "kleagle" of the Klan. Today's article describes the ritual by which the Klan was founded as midnight on Thanksgiving Day, 1915; tells how this man became a

Klansman, and gives a general survey of the Klan's activities. Subsequent articles tomorrow and on the following day, with further photographs, will deal in detail with the initiation rituals, the oaths and obligations, the constitution and operations in the United States.

The Advertiser offers no comment on the statements made in any of the three articles. The only motive is to provide information which is evidently reliable on a subject believed to be of interest to the general public regardless of personal inclinations.

Ku Klux Klan!

Haunting bugles thrilling through him in the mysterious way, which he the night; ghostly riders galloping claims the Klan uses to win all its shrouded horses; the fiery cross— was joining the ghostly army of mystery!

No three words have ever been so obligation. surrounded with weird legends as the Ku Klux Klan of the Civil War.

such extravagant stories as the Ku Klux Klan of today. bears signed certificates, repalla and think of an organization that lives for other credentials as a Kleagle of the just these things about which you

Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. His name is Irwin R. Hignett, of top, in big letters, were the words: Elwood, Indiana, and he is living in a house on King street. The Advertiser met Mr. Hignett

two days ago, and in a series of incerviews has obtained from him a complete presentation of the organization and activities of the Ku Klux Mr. Hignett's information unmasks

the Klan as a tangible definite body with which one can come to grips. In place of the hooded figure cloaked in mystery, one sees the Klansman as an ordinary man, less terrifying in broad daylight, less sinister when stripped of his mystery.

In authorizing publication of this information Mr. Hignett vouches for

grip, the password and certain codes of the constitution. The account which he has given to The Adveritser includes, therefore, not only the present work of the Klan and its surposes, but the various oaths and rimals of the initiation ceremony, the Kian's constitution and the exhortation of the "Emperor of the Invisible Empire" at the "Klonvocation" of the

There is nothing very weird or terrifying about Mr. Hignett himself. He is a rather short, stocky chap, with thick dark hair, intense eyes, and a slow deliberate voice, bearing traces of an old country accent in spite of his American citizenship.

He has an engaging personality and is altogether a likeable sort of person, and gives the following interesting account of his own career:

A Canadian Veteran. Mr. Hignett is a Canadian veteran.

Entisting with the 25th Battalion, C E. F., he fought in Flanders with the 13th Hightanders, and at Kemmel in 1916, received wounds that shattered and permanently disabled his right

He was one of the first Americans en join the Canadian forces. Soon after Great Britain cast in her lot with France and Belgium in 1914, although he was then but 17, he deserted his studies in a law school in Bosand hurried to Halifax to don a uniform. In 1915 he went overseas, and early in 1916 took his place in

the trenches. Useless as a fighting man becaus of his disabled elbow, he was returned to Halifux late in the same year, but continued to serve in the position of record clerk at the M. H. C. C. Hospital, situated on Pier 2 of that

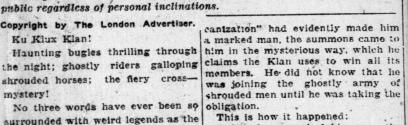
Hignett was on duty there when the great explosion that almost demolished Malifax occurred on Dec. 6, 1916. The percussion from the explosten wrecked every window in the building where Hignett was working, but although flying metal riddled the

walls, he was uninjured. In 1917 he received his discharge and returned to Boston, but did not resume his studies. When the Amercan Legion was organized in 1918 he folned it at once, and soon began ecturing in its behalf.

Hie ability as a speaker has been one of the greatest factors in shaping his career, for while serving the Legion in this capacity he was given the opportunity of lecturing on a Chautauqua circuit. His appeals for "Americanization" wor many states, and eventually paved the way for his entry into the Klan.

Hears "Invisible Empire's" Call. He had completed his contrac with the Chautauqua people and from his new home in Elwood, Indiana, was carrying on a considerable program of independent work, speaking efore such organizations as the otary, Kiwanis and Lions' Clubs.

he heard the call of the "In-



A friend approached him on the

No three words have given rise to streets of Anderson, a nearby town. "You are forever talking of the great principles of Americanization," said the friend. "What would you

He was handed a card. Across the "Non Silba Sed Anthar." Translated they are, "Not for self,

but for others!" Then followed on the card:

Your friends state you are a 'native-born' American citizen, having the best interests of your community, city, state and nation at heart, owing no allegiance to any foreign government, political party, sect or ruler and engaged in a legitimate occupa-"They say you believe in the tenets

of the Christian religion, white sumanhood, just laws and liberty, closer relationship of pure Americanism, the quarters at Atlanta, Georgia, and he upholding of the constitution of these began work in the state of Indiana. property by lawless elements, the in one town of Indiana, limitation of foreign immigration, and

"Real men whose oaths are invio-

ate are needed. "Upon these beliefs and the recommendations of your friends, you are given an opportunity to become a member of the most powerful secret. non-political organization in existence, one that has the 'Most Sublime Lineage in History,' one that was 'Here Yesterday,' 'Here Today,' and 'Here Forever.' "Discuss this with no one. If you

wish to learn more address, "Ti-Bo-Tim,' at the following address.' The Mysterious "Ti-Bo-Tim."

No explanation of this mysterious message was offered. Curious about ceived bruises and black eyes. what it all meant. Mr. Hignett hunt ed up "Ti-Bo-Tim."

At the door he was met by that mighty person, dressed in civilian

"Are you a Protestant?" he wa asked immediately, and when an af-firmative answer was given there folwed these questions: "Are you a Gentile?"

"Were you born in the United cussion. States?" "Are you married?" "If so, is your wife a Protestant?"

"Are your parents Protestants?" "Are you a white man?" et forth in the 'Non-Silba' card?"

"Do you believe in the principles When all these had been answere long lecture, giving the aims and objects of the society was read. But he name of the organization was

till kept a secrét. When departing Hignett was advised that he might still withdraw if. of Civil War days. on taking the obligation of the society, he found everything was not just as had been represented.

It was not until some days later. after he had paid out an initiation fee of ten dollars, and was about to fix his name to the charter, did he discover that he had been admitted rock in the United States, located into the Knights of the Ku Klux 16 miles from Atlanta, Georgia. On

Named as a "Kleagle." His reputation as an orator immed-



as Kleagle, or in words outside of the Klan language, "Organizer and Pubpremacy, protection of our pure wo- lic Lecturer." The honor was bestowed upon him by imperial head-

its accuracy as an officer of the Ku Kian commissioned by its founder. He substantiates his statements by references to documents by references to documents ments by references to documents press, closer relationship between in both closed meetings and in gath-bearing the Klan title, and to var-lous newspaper clippings. Mr. Hignett declares that his oaths and obligations as a Klansman prevent him only from revealing the preventing fires and destruction of oath to 1,600 men in eighteen weeks

Robed in a long shroud of white sateen, with a surtout of blood red thrown in striking contrast over his shoulders, and with a tall conical helmet tasselled in red, face covered with a weird visor pierced only by two holes through which bright eyes gleamed, he has led countless parades through dark streets at midnight or in the shadowy interior of unlighted churches, or in open fields illuminated by the fantastic flare of a flaming cross, he has initiated innumerable candidates into the mysteries of the Klan.

In his work he states that he has encountered many enemies. He tells of receiving many threatening letters and warnings, and that he has re-

Facing, night after night, a public andience containing many persons of unfriendly opinions, has worn Hignett's nerves to a shred. All this summer he plans to rest, and then intends to organize another state.

All this information was drawn from Hignett with difficulty. He did not relish describing personal experiences, but he talked with enthusiasm when the Klan itself was under dis-

How It Originated.

"Let's get back to the beginning of things," he kept saying to The Advertiser.

"The beginning of things" led to the organization of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan itself. The Klan, as it exists today, is only

seven and a half years old. It is a corganization or reincarnation of the K. K., whose story was told in the "Birth of a Nation"-the Klan

The birth of the Klan, or rather its reorganization, as described by Hignett, is as weird and romantic ne mysterious "Invisible Empire into which it has expanded.

The klan was born on the summ of Stone Mountain, the greatest single mile into the air the great stone lifts ts bald head, where, except in a few TURN TO PAGE 5, COLUMN 1.

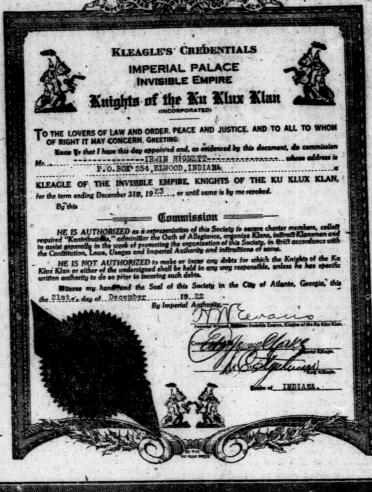
Reveal Sensational Plot To Murder Irish Leaders

for him considerable fame through Bonar Law, Lloyd George and Sir Hamar Greenwood Were To Be Included in Wholesale Killing.

> Associated Press Despatch.
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> London, March 14.—A sensational story of a plot by an Irish republican organization to murder their cabinet organization to murder their cabinet ministers and commit other outrages is printed by the Daily Sketch. The newspaper connects the alleged scheme with the activities of Irishmen recently afrested in Great Britain. It says that the persons marked for assassination included Premier Bonar Law, David Lloyd.

George and Sir Hamar Greenwood.

A large number of women in the organization, the Sketch asserts, ob of the intended victims and thus be





"KLEAGLE" OF KU KLUX KLAN IN LONDON.

The hooded figures above, taken by The Advertiser photographer, show Irwin R. Hignett, of Elwood, Indiana, who is now living here on King street, in his regalia as a "kleagle" of the Ku Klux Klan. The document in the centre is Mr. Hignett's commission as a "kleagle" for the year 1923, signed by H. W. Evans, imperial wizard; Edward Young Clark, imperial kleagle; nd D. C. Stephenson, king kleage, at Atlanta, Georgia, December 21st, 1922 Mr. Hignett has a similar commission for the year 1922, signed by Co Simmons, the founder and "emperor" of the klan. Mr. Hignett is a veteral of the Canadian army. His photograph unmasked appears on page five. (All photographs copyright.)

HOLY SEE IS SENDING EMISSARIES TO IRELAND

Believe Suggestion for Procuring Peace Emanated From Great Britain.

BY EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER. Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Dally News. Copyright. Rome, March 14.-The Holy See, desiring to work at pacification for

JAPAN REJECTS PROPOSAL

Associated Press Despatch. Tokio, March 14 .- Japan today reected China's proposal to abrogate the Sino-Japanese treaty of 1915, which contained the noted "twenty-one demands," and extended for 50 years, the Japanese leases on Kwang rougher Tung Peninsula including Dalni and

JAMAICANS PROTEST AGAINST GOVERNMENT

Allege That People Are Dissatished and Lack Confidence in Ireland's Administration.

By R. W. THOMPSON. Special Cable to The London Advertise and Chicago Daily News: Copyright. Kingston, Jamaica, March 14.-The elected members of the legislature are correspondent is told, to the Irish island government. They are pre-Free State to learn what can be done paring a memorial for transmission to reconcile the warring factions. It to the Duke of Devonshire, the colonis considered probable that the suggestion emanated from Great Britain, but the Vatican has been intership shortcomings of the executive departain, but the Vatican has been intership shortcomings of the executive departain, but the Vatican has been intership to the form time to the control of th ested in the Irish conflict, and hopes ment, charging that from time to for results from intervention. the people, that they are not qualified to fill the positions they occupy, FROM CHINA ON TREATY that the people are dissatisfied with representatives have not confidence in the administration.

GIVES BIRTH TO SON.

Associated Press Despatch. Gmunden, Upper Austria, March 14 The Duchess of Brunswick, daughter of former Emperor William of Germany, has given birth to a son.



MANITOBA MAY TAKE Premier Promises to Sobmit Petition of League to

the People. Canadian Press Despatch Winnipeg. March 14 .- Should the couse so decide, the government will submit the potition of beer and light wine league to a vote of the people at the same time as the moderation league's bill. Premier Bracken made an announcement to this effect in the legislature yesterday

That he was in receipt of information in which such serious charges as violations, of the railway act, the grain act and the criminal code, were made against the grain trade, was the effect of a statement by F. J. Dixon, leader of the Labor group, when urging adoption of W. Sanford Evans' resolution for appointment of committee to investigate grainmarketing methods. The debate was

he resolution proposed by Spinks, Cypress riding, for a division in the members of the legislature rom 55 to 40...

STATES MANY RAILWAY EMPLOYEES NOT AFFECTED

Canadian Press Despatch Ottawa, Ont., March 14 .- "A large Canada are not affected by the deision of Mr. Justice Gall of Winnleg, declaring the Brotherhood of comotive Engineers an fillegal or anization

This statement was made here last night by A. R. Mosher, grand president of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway Employees, who declared that nearly 15,000 employees, mem-bers of the Canadian organization, were protected by the registration under the trade unions act of 1871.

NEAR EAST CONFERENCE IN LONDON TOMORROW

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, March 14 .- M. Bompard, for er ambassador to Turkey, and Rear Admiral Lacaze leave today for London to attend a conference tomorrow night on the Near East and Turkish situation as it has been influenced by he Turkish reply to the Lausanne

For First Time, Army of Occu- "Tonight I Step On the Board pation Takes Fuel Direct From Pits.

OUTSIDER WORKING

Suspect Unidentified Nation Is Secretly Interceding in Ruhr Dispute.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. seigure of coal direct from the mines by the French in the Ruhr was ac-

omplished today, a total of 350 tons state of siege imposed at Buer, where anyone found guilty of carrying arms not in accordance with the provincial French reports confirm the severe vill be court-martialed, while five officials are to be shot for each at-

ack upon a Frenchman. OUTSIDE POWER AT WORK? Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Berlin, March 14 .- An outside ower is secretly interceding in the many to make a new reparations of the ratepayers are bening me in many to make a new reparations of the stand that these expenditures, mounting steadily from year to year, should be halted in 1923," added his worship. Cuno government has had out for some time, are understood to have failed. It now is indicated that proader-gauged feelers may be fruitful, especially in view of the repor of the assistance of the outside power

BOMB RAILROADS.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. London, March 14.-Because an along the railway from Werden to in excess of what we are retiring this Essen, the French today required year." burgomasters of German towns to

Mountain Town May Be Buried

Associated Press Despatch.

Bologna, March 14.—The village of Braschi, in the Province of Piacenza, is threatened with burial under a landslide, caused by the infiltration of water from the upper slopes of the Apennines. The movement of the earth, after

buried some live stock. The popula

BRITISH LABOR PARTY TO INVESTIGATE RUHR

Official Deputation to Report on Situation There and in Germany.

Associated Press Despatch. London, March 15 .- The British Labor Party is sending an official deputation to the Ruhr and other parts of Germany to report upon the situation, the Daily Telegraph says The four Scottish laborites, who re-

cently went to the Ruhr, issuing a statement on their impression of conit is pointed out. Labor activities subsequently made it clear that the four spoke only for themselves. House of Commons, by a majority of 48, supported the government in rejecting at yesterday's session a Liberal motion to re-open discussion of the ministry's Ruffir policy. Roland McNeill, under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, as serted that the government tinued to stand by the position re cently outlined by the prime minister. The vote on the motion, which was offered by Sir John Simon and supported by Former Premier Asquit!

TAKES ACTION TO PADLOCK 3 BEST KNOWN CABARETS

was 249 to 201.

New York, March 14.-United States Attorney Hayward yesterday began action under the Volstead act padlock for a year three of best-known cabarets in the white light district—the. Knickerbocker

Grill, the Little Club, and Shanley's Babe Ruth Out To Fight Mysterious \$50,000 Action

desiring to work at pacification for elected members of the legislature are legislature and Ireland, is sending emissaries, the continuing their agitation against the Says He Doesn't Even Know Miss Delores Dixon, Who Has Started Suit Against Him-Backed by Wife.

> baseball's slugging ace, will fight the \$50,000 damage suit started against

Bushel, his attorney declared today. George Finberg. Miss Dixon's attorney declared that the papers in the case would be filed today, and that in the meantime the girl, who has disappeared from a recent address, will remain in seclusion at his advice.

Special to The Advertiser. are described in the complaint, ac-New York, March 14.—Babe Ruth, cording to Finberg. The plaintiff claims she is about to become a mother, and according to attorney, charges that Ruth is the father. him by the mysterious Miss Delores "blind summons" was served on Ruth Dixon, 19, "to the limit," Hyman last Nov. 13, it became known to-Rushel his attorney declared today.

According to Ruth's attorney, that the people are dissatisfied with the government, and that their elected representatives have not confidence will do it as a public service."

"The Babe is a fighter, and he will he was urged several times to settle out of court and avoid publicity.

"Ruth doesn't even know the gir.l"

remain in seclusion at his advice.

Alleged automobile rides taken by Ruth and the plaintiff, who claims to be an orphan, in the former's car,

of Education Estimates, He Declares.

MAY GO TO COURT

His Worship Suggests This Course For Board of Education If Not Satisfied.

"Tonight I step on the board of Dusseldorf, March 14 .- The first education maintenance estimates to This is the blunt announcement at

noon today from Mayor Wenige, ir-respective of the claim from the respective of the claim from the members of the school board that statutes "I am standing pat" declared the mayor in his most emphatic manner

as he reviewed last night's event and ascertained from City Treasurer Bell that the tax rate still stands above the 36-mill rate, more than a mill in excess of 1922. "I believe that at least 90 per cent Ruhr dispute, trying to induce Ger- of the ratepayers are behind me in

> The mayor indicated in no uncer-tain fashion that there can be no compromise inasmuch as he is in-

volved. No Compromise.

"As long as I am mayor I will not anything calling for a higher rate than last year. Neither will I lend my name as a businessman to any Neither will I lend outbreak of bombings has occurred debentures that will mean an issue

"As I have said from the first, there should be no building of high schools in 1923. If after the tax rate is struck below 34.9 points there is any available funds, they shall be devoted toward the construction of a new public school in West London. That was my attitude, and it has not

hanged.
"It's time for a change BEER AND WINE VOTE

Earth Moves Down From the Slopes of Apennines.

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Earth Moves Down From the ness policy in municipal affairs. It is ness polic

> When questioned as to the right of the council to cut the board of educaoperating expenses, the maye destroying woods and fields, has al-ready engulfed several houses and could take whatever the city treas urer was directed to allot them, after which they could take their problem to the people, to the high courts, or to wherever they chose.
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> "Personally, I don't think they will,"

he stated decisively. In regular session tonight, the nembers of the finance committee of the council will consider their estimates anew at the suggestion from the mayor that they reduce them by another \$15,000 or so.

It is purposed also to consider the proposed board of education outlay, which will be cut, the mayor assures, by \$50,000, if the councillors will stay "It's time for a drastic change in policy," he argues

CHARGE TRACK OFFICIAL WITH FALSIFYING REPORT

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 14.-Frank D. Dunn, former race track official, employed by the provincial gevernment, appeared in the court Bench here yesterday and pleaded not guilty to charges of falsifying a government report and embezzling \$38,-

Counsel intimated that a motion. would be made for particulars, and the case was adjourned until next Friday.

RUSSO-POLISH FRONTIER, Associated Press Despatch

Paris. March 14 .-- The Allied council of ambassadors rendered a decision today fixing finally the frontier between Poland and Russia, the definite determination of which has been pending since the Paris peace con-

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS. Today-Fair and cold. Thursday—Easterly winds, with snow. Pressure is low off the Nova Scotian oast and over the Southwest States. nd high over the central and norther portions of the continent. Snow has fallen in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in Ontario and the West the weather has been tair

Temperatures. The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m.

Weather. Clear Fair Stations. Victoria 46 Calgary Clear Winnipeg 22 Sault Ste. Marie. 16 Clear Clear Toronto 26 Kingston 30 Fair Ottawa Snow Cloud S Snow Snow Montreal 18 Father Point.... 12

Halifax LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

The highest and lowest tempera-tures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last, night were: Highest, 33; lowest, 16. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 20; lowest, Barometric Readings.

Tuesday—8 p.m., 29:10. Today—8 a.m., 29:43.