

OKLAHOMA FIGHTS KLAN TROOPS OCCUPY CITY WHILE LEGISLATORS THREATEN TO IMPEACH GOVERNOR

Oklahoma City, Sept. 17.—With state-wide martial law effective in Oklahoma, and this city occupied by troops, citizens here are awaiting the next move in the struggle between Governor Jack Walton and the Ku Klux Klan, on which he has placed the responsibility for the whippings and other outrages which have finally resulted in the use of the State military forces.

Oklahoma today presents a social and political situation which has no parallel in this country since Civil War days. There is no compromise in sight. Although Colonel William H. Key, military director of the city, has seized the police department from Mayor O. A. Cargill and ousted Chief of Police Ray Fraiser and Night Chief Nelson, the latter apparently no disposition on the part of any public officials whose resignations have been demanded to yield up their powers to the governor.

There has yet been no great outburst of public opinion over the rule of the military and in some quarters it is openly asserted that on the issue of "Down with the Whippers," Governor Walton will ride into the United States Senate in 1924.

But under the outward quiet there is smouldering a volcano which may burst forth any minute. No one knows what will happen next. Friends may be secret informers. The Governor's food is watched to see that no poison slips in. Secret police are everywhere.

Governor Walton has authority for all his acts, according to legal authorities, but the question of the expense of martial law is already beginning to be agitated. Military occupation, it is estimated, is costing about \$1,000 a day. There is said to be only \$60,000 left in the Governor's emergency appropriation of \$200,000 and the cost of military rule is mounting every day as additional cities are being occupied by troops.

Tulsa, which has been under martial law since August 14, is already chafing under the strain. Civic bodies have adopted resolutions condemning the governor and there is as yet no disposition, it seems, on the part of the Sheriff, the Police Commissioner and the Jury Commission to resign as requested by the Chief Executive.

delivered one of the most powerful blows against invisible empire rule in the United States when he definitely connected the Ku Klux Klan with a violation of the law of the land through the conviction of four men who were later sentenced to two years on a charge of rioting. The Attorney for the defendants, one of whom was a constable, pleaded that they were not half as guilty of flagrantly violating the law as the officials of the Ku Klux Klan, who had inveigled them into membership in the organization, taken their money and then helped them paralyze law enforcement.

OBITUARY

JOHN MCGOEY On Sept. 28th the angel of death removed from the village of Linwood, Ont., one of the highly respected citizens in the person of John McGoeY. While the deceased had been ailing for about four months, the surrounding community was deeply grieved and shocked on hearing of his death.

He is survived by his wife, one sister, Mrs. R. M. McCabe, Arthur, Ont., and three sons, Francis on the homestead, Edgar of Grand Coulee, Sask., and Rev. J. S. McGoeY, P. P. at Markdale.

The funeral which took place on Tuesday, Sept. 11th to St. Joseph's Church, Macton, was largely attended. Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by his son Rev. J. S. McGoeY, Rev. R. S. Doherty, C. R. as Deacon and Rev. N. Sullivan of Elora as Subdeacon.

Armed forces have been posted at the door of the State capital to prevent a coup by members of the legislature, some of whom, it is said, planned to catch the Governor by surprise and impeach him at a special session. The Governor has made it known that he stands ready to send members of the legislature to jail if they attempt to convene an extraordinary session to take up his action in enforcing martial law.

Members of the Legislature who have threatened the impeachment of the Governor, have, however, shown no disposition to yield to the threat that they will be put in jail if they attempt to meet. Senator Ross Lillard has openly declared: "We will meet and we will impeach Walton."

Whatever the outcome of the present situation, it is admitted on all sides that Governor Walton

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