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the United States. The Baltimore sion and hatred. . Sun states that under the guise of In an article in the Nation, patriotism the Klan is attempting Albert De Silver reviews the vari- the ecclesiastical corruption of his to revive "the old Know-Nothing ous acts of lawlessness perpetrated times and his condemnation of many movement, one of the most intoler- by the Klan. "The Klan," he says, of the contemporary Popes, have led ant, fanatical and tyrannical epi- "springs from the memory of post- to some questioning as to the poet's sodes in American political history." civil war lawlessness, when the attitude towards the Church. His

only have capitalized the racial and It proclaims its purpose to main- Catholic has been amply and repeatreligious bigotry of their dupes to tain white supremacy and to pro- edly vindicated, notably by Dr. the extent of many hundred thou- tect womanhood, the two customary Moore who declares that "there is sands of dollars,—for each member cloaks for lynching. Its leader no trace in his writings of doubt or is assessed a tendollar initiation fee, -but have inflamed prejudices and security of the people in the of the teaching of the Church in hatreds to a degree that threatens absence or inadequacy of the forces matters of doctrine authoritatively bloodshed.

The first Ku Klux Klan, in the beginning of its career, had a little something of excuse for its existence in the abnormal conditions of the reconstruction period, and it, too, proclaimed virtuous ambitions, but soon and inevitably it degenerated into a criminal substitute for orderly execution of the laws, an instrument of ruthless oppression and the settlement of private grudges by the infliction of summary vengeances. The new Klan purposes doing precisely the same thing.

This new secret society, like the one whose name it has assumed, is a thoroughly bad one-the worse, perhaps, because its publicly avowed purposes, namely to defend American Federal and State Constitutions, to help in the maintenance of law and order, and a long string of such phrases, are all in themselves commendable and therefore likely to blind the ignorant and the unwary as to the real purpose of the organization. The idea that a secret society is needed either to guard or promote American institutions, is a proposition which is severely condemned by all right-thinking Ameri-

Full exposure of the Ku Klux Klan as a very profitable scheme for coining the ignorance, prejudice and animosities of its dupes into dollars for its officials and promoters, and as a potentially dangerous agency committing orimes against Catholics, Jews and Negroes, has been undertaken by the New York World, in a series of articles which it has already begun to publish.

These articles, based upon months of investigation, have caused quite a stir, and the World reports that as a result of its revelations, thousands of letters are reaching the White House urging the Federal Government to move against the Klan, and that the Department of Justice is to institute an inquiry.

"The invisible empire of dollars" is the manner in which the Ku Klux Klan is described by the World, which proceeds to show that the "Grand Whizzer" has found in his Klan a glorious goose capable of laying golden eggs which are not so invisible as his empire.

According to the published accounts each member "donates" \$10 as an initiation fee. Five dollars go to the "wholesale and retail salesmen of membership" and the rest to the "Imperial Treasury." The robe factory, owned by the Klan, provides nice, white, ghostlike apparel for \$6.50, although the cost of manufacture is about \$1.25. sion that the purveying of "hate that his works have had a direct acter.

and venom" is indeed a profitable share in shaping the aspirations and business. And whither goes the destinies of his native country. World:

"I further decline, any longer, to your scheme to establish in America personal aggrandizement."

goes on to draw attention to the popularizing Catholic theology and ceived but 14,500 recruits.

The organizers of the Klan not negro was disfranchised by terror. theological position as an orthodox asserts its purpose to protect the dissatisfaction respecting any part of law and order.' Its membership laid down.' form discloses an unmistakably Although a bitter opponent of the

tradition of a lawless past and its actual existence, he ever recogbrought forth in the extravagant nized Peter, even in those Popes obscurantism of present-day preju- whom he so vigorously denounced. dices. Its life cannot and should He placed Boniface VIII. among the not be a happy one. The modern imoniacal in the lowest depths of Ku Klux Klan does not deserve to hell, thus doing a grave injustice to live and it had much better die."

DANTE

(1321-1921) September 14th, 1321, has given a was still a fervent Catholic. new impulse to the study of the intellectual faculties."

most perfect representative. Dante sanctity then lamented and reproved was no saint, no holy ecclesiastic, them. who might cry from the mountain time, a typical exile, a faulty pilgrim of Eternity.

In the whole conception and exefact.

society.'

song, uniting in his work the accur- faithless to her destinies."

one might be drawn to the conclusion that the purveying of the him works have had a direct stand of kneer upon the ground embraced within its walls him mediacy, left to stumble unknow here him mediacy.

links of Italian unity."

keep secret any part or parts of stood so high as at the present day out the Empire, as it then was, this -when he is universally recognized tendency manifested itself. The an Invisible Empire, fraudulent in as ranking with Homer, Aeschylus, immediate result of that proclamaits conception, vicious in its nature, Sophocles, and Shakespeare, among tion was that over three hundred political in its objects, and subject | the few supreme poets of the world. | thousand people withdrew from to the will of a self-constituted It has been well observed that his the State Church. Of these, the emperor who seeks to exploit the inspiration resembles that of the majority joined the Catholic Church. is rapidly increasing in every com-American people for his own Hebrew prophet more than that of The exact figures, according to a munity and it is astonishing to wit-

fact that the disguises of parties Catholic philosophy, and rendering committing acts of violence "cor- it acceptable or at least intelligible whole 'Invisible Empire' is a cancer of the twentieth century, so differin the body politic," he continues. ent from the men of Dante's age, in "It is like some foul and loathsome ideals and outlook; so scornful of the dark, away from the sight of verses; so reckless of the hell he by the silent dead.

Dante's vehement denunciation of

anti-Jewish and anti-Catholic bias. temporal claims of the Papacy or It is a child conceived in the its abnormal extension rather than a great and grossly maligned Pope. Nevertheless in some of his finest verses, he bitterly arraigned the outrages perpetrated at Agnani by the tools of Philip the Fair of The six hundredth anniversary of France against the same Pontiff. the death of Dante at Ravenna on If he were a fiery Ghibelline, he

Not without significance then is poetry of the author of the "Divine the eulogy of Dante pronounced by Comedy." For six centuries he has the present Holy Father. To Dante appealed to and held the interest of who attacked the Sovereign Pontiffs the Western mind. "The central of his time, "we must extend and revelation. Meanwhile Protes- your boy?" to answer that he is man of all the world," Ruskin calls pardon," he says, and then frankly tantism is helpless to do either. him, "as representing in perfect adds: "And who will deny that balance the imaginative, moral and there were at that time among the

truth, no less than with all the them crowned in his Paradise. Be- idea. splendor of art. In fact, his Com- fore Michaelangelo flung the terrors media, which has deservedly of Judgment Day on his colossal nothing else than to glorify the jus- had watched the writhings and recall the following: tice and the Providence of God, who the tortures of the damned. When governs the world in time and eter- Dante's thought, his dreams and his

Dante may be said to have made man, warrior and royalty have all Exemplar of perfect manhood."

NOTES AND COMMENTS

1910, when the Douma proclaimed speaketh. Never, perhaps, has Dante's fame entire freedom of worship through-

> called Russia proper. It is improb- The following anecdote, though able that Western sectarian bodies, unusual, contains a note of warning notwithstanding the lavish funds at to which every father should give their disposal, can make any lasting heed: A prominent Canadian impression upon a people with the Judge of a Juvenile Court tells of a ereditary preconceptions of the visit which he made to a place of Russians, who are above all, dogmatic detention where he became interin their faith and have clung so ested in two bright looking boys of tenaciously to the teachings handed about sixteen years of age. In condown to them from the first ages. versation with one, he said, In the Catholic Church alone, can "Charlie, how did you come to get such a people find realization of into this trouble. I knew your their highest ideals.

stir in Protestant circles. But is dad, he was always too busy. oped the "Reformers" thesis. . .

clergy things to be reproved, at the Prince of Wales, a Toronto daily being cooped up within doors and A child of that wondrous age, the which a soul so devoted to the says: "It is true that Princess molly-coddled into a lap-dog, but thirteenth century, Dante, though | Church as that of Dante must have | Yolanda (of Italy) is a Roman Cath- | rather, that the remedy for this conone of its latest products, is per- been quite disgusted; and we know olic, but it is not improbable that if dition should be effected without haps with St. Thomas Aquinas its that men distinguished for eminent this were the only bar to a marriage allowing him to drift aimlessly upon with the future King of England, the streets. Take him out into she might change. This was done God's great out-of-doors, if you will, "Dante," says a well-known by that grand-daughter of Queen and let him by your guidance betops what could not always be heard in the valleys and plains. He was hers in her sweetest and loftiest Spain." These words simply reflect God's handiwork, but not the street, the great Catholic layman of his accents. From his brain and heart the current non-Catholic notion of for there, there is and can be nothing leaped the wisdom and song of his religious faith—a thing to be put worth while. After all, what an country. The sonnets of Petrarch off or on as material considerations ugly thing a street is. It may be slumber in Dante's canzoni. The may dictate. We know nothing the barren stretch of lane that cution of his immortal poem, he is Madonnas of Raphael are but pale about the personal bearing of Prin- passes before the overcrowded tene-Catholic to the core. In his Ency- copies of that Maiden Mother, whom cess Yolanda to religion, but take ment houses, or it may be the clical on the poet's sixth centenary, Alighieri so divinely celebrated in leave to doubt that it is of the free avenue, beautiful above, with its Pope Benedict XV. emphasizes this his loveliest lyric, one that swells and easy character implied by the shade trees and well-trimmed lawns, from that mystic fount of poesy words quoted. As to Queen Victoria but remember, Catholic fathers and "We must also recognize, "His hidden in some vale of Paradise and of Spain, there is nothing to show mothers, that somewhere beneath Holiness says, "the powerful im- known only to the sons of God. The that her adoption of the Catholic each of them, there lurks a sewerpulse which he derived from Divine beauty, not of earth, that glows on Faith was not an act of genuine not only the earthly sewer, but a Faith and which enabled him to the faces of the martyrs and virgins conversion. Her whole-hearted moral sewer that from little drain embellish his immortal poem with of Fra Angelico is but a reflection practice of her adopted religion certhe many-hued light of Divine of the glory with which Dante saw tainly goes to substantiate that

READERS OF that entertaining received the title of Divine, aims at canvas, with Dante as his guide, he book, "My Unknown Chum" will

to the worship of material comfort, where await him. Parents will say, Some of the fellers are scared plumb WITH THE gradual return of and given pleasure the first place in "Oh, Jimmie plays with Charlie profit? Capt. Henry P. Fry, who Thus Corrado Ricci says that "the normal conditions in Russia, the its devotions. The author of "My Smith. He's a nice boy." Yes, was disillusioned after serving as a Divine Comedy is the mine from Church is likely to receive large Unknown Chum," was like a "voice very true. Mr. Smith, Jr., may be kleagle in the order, in tendering which by poet and statesman alike additions to her membership in that crying in the wilderness" of his the best boy on earth, but withal he his resignation to Col. Simmons, much of the precious ore was dug much-tried country. All accounts own day and to those who have ears is only a boy and this fact alone wrote as follows, according to the that welded together the broken agree as to this. So long ago as to hear he, being dead, yet proves the lack of interest on your

BOY LIFE ON THE QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP By Basil Loughra The need for trained boy leaders

the poet as ordinarily understood. St. Petersburg (Petrograd) paper ness the results of a few years in -boy training-boy welfare-in one A former officer in the organiza- His influence, moreover, is by no of the time, were 233,000, while some centres where citizenship is word,—Boyhood. For the present tion should certainly be familiar means confined to mere literature. Lutheranism, the only considerable still a noble thing and where pride we find that the particular organizwith its inner workings. Capt. Fry The power of his sacred poem in Protestant body in that region, re- of race breeds proper understand- ation which shows no discrimination ing of the boy-the racial father of between age, class, type and creed, tomorrow's dawn. On the other and whose results are most effective THE WAR necessarily, and the hand it is quite appalling to note is the Boy Scout Movement. Think respond convincingly with the offito non-Catholics, is at the present revolution, with their resulting turthat even in these ideal centres of of it.—"A leizure time programme cial regalia' of the Klan. "The day almost incalculable. The men moil, have greatly interfered with Christian citizenship, the Catholic for Character building and citizenship. this trend towards Catholic unity, boy, in whom are all the latent pos- ship training," and whose ideals, but the tendency remains. There sibilities and supreme qualities of when analysed, are found to be the has long been a considerable ele- true Canadian manhood, is being quintessence of true manhood and thing that grows and flourishes in the mysteries he celebrated in his ment in the Russian Church that "passed up" by his own people and looked with longing eyes to the Holy has to be taken care of by the An organization, which has honest men and women. It was pictured in flaming lines; so skeptic See for redemption from the tyran- Y. M. C. A. and other like organizaassumed the name of the Ku Klux conceived in avarice, sired in ignor- of the purgatory up whose slopes nical bonds of State subserviency, tions. This is not caused by a lack Klan of post-Civil War times and ance and damned in greed. It is he toiled with Beatrice; so cold to and while this spirit is most marked of co-operation on the part of the which imitates the terrorism of the now being nurtured in cunning and that heaven he painted, turn to the among the Poles, the Lithuanians Church, but simply because our above society, has recently been false pretense and fed upon an un- lifeless ashes of the poet and recogcausing considerable disturbance in holy lust for gold by means of pas-

> father well. He was one of the best ministers in Canada. It must have The suggestion made to the Inter- broken his heart to see you going national Conference of Chemists in wrong. Why didn't you take him New York last week that the Bible into your confidence when you found undergo such revision as to bring it yourself slipping?" The boy hung into line, as it was expressed, with his head and mumbled, "I could science, has created considerable never get within forty feet of my not this just what the good people Now I ask you Catholic fathers, have, in effect, been doing them- does such a condition as this exist selves? Luther set the pace in between you and your son? When the beginning, and "higher criti- your boy wants to "chum" with cism" has in the main but devel- you, his dad, are you too busy? Do you realize that the one vital thing That, however, the Bible is out in a boy's life is that he does not of tune with scientific discovery and get enough companionship? Do development is a delusion. The you realize that a boy craves, de-Bible need fear no true science nor mands, and will have companionneed true science fear the Bible. ship with someone, and if not with And the Catholic Church, true to you, then with whom? Who could her mission, is always there to safe- give him more ideal companionship guard the integrity of the Scriptures than you, his dad? Or are you conand to define the harmony no less tent to leave him to his own rethan the distinction between science sources, and when asked "Where is "out somewhere playing." Let it

be understood that I am not advanc-IN REVIEWING possible brides for ing an argument in favour of his cesspool of degradation. Is your boy "out playing" on the brink of this cesspool?

We have at last realized the potency of the fact that at least one-third of every boy's life is spent . "True progress is something in leizure. Out of a total week of superior to your puffing engines and one hundred and sixty-eight hours governs the world in time and eter-nity and punishes or rewards the faith, energize in his people, Italy clicking telegraphs, and independent one hundred and sixty-eight hours one hundred and sixty-eight hours the average boy spends seventy and talk like they was going to actions of individuals and of human lives a crowned queen. When his of them. It is the advancement of hours in sleep, twenty-five hours in verse no longer sways her poets, her humanity in the knowledge of its school, thirteen hours at meals, two Dante is the Thomas Aquinas of thinkers and her statesmen, she is frailty and dependence; the eleva- hours at church, and the rest of the tion of the mind above its own time-his leisure-in any way his acy, the precision, the depth and The works of Dante are, then, limited acquirements, to the infinite whimsical nature desires:' In the force of the Summa. Over all his today, one of the moral milestones source of knowledge; the cleansing home he has his parents, in the work Catholic dogma rules as mis- of the world, a human shrine to of the heart of its selfis'mess and school, his teacher, in the church, The way mine does at the close of tress and queen. He has been which flock the best of the sons of uncleanness; in fact, it is anything his pastor, but in his leizure, wherejustly called the poet of scholasti- men to gather fresh courage and whatever that tends to assimilate ever it may be spent, he has no one cism, the lyrist of Catholic dogma. new inspiration. Poet and states- man more closely to the divine to guide him, either directly by in-Italian poetry and to have stamped to pay homage to the man who six If this was true, and applicable proper companionship. He is "out the mark of his lofty and command- centuries ago in his works and in his to the time in which it was written somewhere" there alone, that uning personality upon all modern life stood for faith and morals, up- -some seventy years or more ago- trained child, that creature of im-

part and also the hazardous condition of your boy. The author of 'Tom Brown" says that "boys follow one another like sheep, for good or evil: they hate thinking An' he doesn't act as though he was and have rarely any settled principles.

To combat this contingency there Christian citizenship.

However, to this all-embracing opportunity to develop boyhood there is one great drawback. We lack leaders. We lack men who know boys and who want to help tage of this opportunity-civiliza- phase of the question at all for the tion's greatest offering to youthor before the present organization can be strengthened in the foremost centres, we must have men-men willing to lead, to work, to be inter- in the very statute they were interested in the things that boys are preting, as well as in interested in.

And so the call goes out from world. coast to coast asking the Catholic give help and companionship to the Catholic men of tomorrow. We medium of the Boy Scout Movement. pers stand or kneel This movement has received the very highest approval of our Church, Victoria, B. C., Sept, 5, 1921. and therefore it should be considered no longer as a child's game living. It values deeds above words. It builds character through habit, and citizenship through service. It develops co-operation through cooperation. It learns through doing. Its outdoor craft enhealthens, deepens and enriches boy life. Scouting is a process of making real men out of real boys, by a real pro- exempting it in future from the gramme, an interest-gripping, onerous impost. growth-producing, character-building programme of activities.

be a boy leader? It is not what he all the years gone by," added the Bishop. He declared that the satis should know but rather what he Bishop. should know but rather what he should be. "He must be a real a matter of grave importance; it man, red-blooded and right-hearted. was necessary that they should get He must believe in boys and in exemption. Scouting. He must be ready to give them companionship as his 'bit' for the companionsh the next generation. The Scoutmaster must undergo 'sizing up' ciple of taxation, which was that every citizen ought to contribute to judges. They instinctively see beneath the surface. No sounding munity in proportion to the amoun brass or tinkling cymbal, no of revenue he enjoyed under the protection of the State. Why 'veneer' but sooner or later the protection of boys 'sees through it.' But if the Scouts see real Scout ideals in the Scoutmaster, if they get the ring of sincerity in his words and deeds, if porting it. Rather was it a con they recognize him as a true Master | tinual drain on their resources. Scout, nis influence with them may be practically without limit."

This is your opportunity to do house is not productive, and yet is your "bit," to pay your debt to properly liable to taxation. But a humanity, to pay the supreme price for Canadian manhood and Christian citizenship. Will you lead, or will ductive. The owner may rent it or you be content to "leave it to the sell it, and pocket the other fellow" as we have so often not so the owners of a church. done in the past? At least to give you a proper conception of what

And their hair's all gone, and they never grin Or holler an' shout when they come

They don't get out in the streets

day. It's just as funny as it can be But my pa doesn't seem old to me.

struction or indirectly by at least He doesn't look old, and he throws a ball, Just like a boy, with curves an' all, And he knows the kids by their first

names, too,

When their fathers are near 'em an They was doin' wrong if they made a noise, But my pa seems to be one of th

It's funny but, somehow, I neve Think of my pa as a grown-up man He doesn't frown an' he doesn

He talks of the things I want to Just like one of our gang, an' so,

Is more like a pal than a pa to me. -EDGAR A. GUEST

## BISHOP MACDONALD WINS SUIT

PRIVY COUNCIL'S DECISIO CLEARS POINT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

\* LETTER OF EXPLANATION

Editor Daily Colonist: Sir,—The report of the interview with me in Sunday's Colonist is in certain respects inaccurate. made to say that "we have no inten tion whatever of claiming a rebate of taxes paid during all the ye gone by." The word "rebate" not mine, nor is the statement. What I said, or meant to say, is that I was not dealing with present. Again, I said the reason why the Privy Council did not prenounce upon the principle of exe tion for the public worship of God was that the principle is embodied of every country within the Empire.

The great point now made clear men of today to come forward and by the judgment published in Sungive help and companionship to the day's Colonist—and it is a point of tremendous importance—is this

The irreducible minimum of exmust have Catholic leaders for our emption for the public worship of Catholic boys, men who will do their God that can be embodied in any very best, by uniting the boy in the statute purporting to grant such Man and the man in the Bey, to worship is offered, including as the bring forth the Man of To-morrow, and particularly through the fined, the place where the worship

ALEX. MACDONALD, Bishop of Victoria.

The Daily Colonist, Victoria, B. C. "I am highly gratified with the but as a man's sized job. "It is in decision handed down by the Juditself a companionship"—a way of cial Committee of the Privy Counties of the Privy Coun declared Rt. Rev. Macdonald, speaking to a Colonist reporter yesterday of the result of his appeal in re the imposition of church taxes. The fact that the highest court in the realm ported his own views in this matter has, declares His Lordship, lifted a heavy burden from his mind, and

"The fact that we have won the present litigation satisfies me; we have no intention whatever of claim-You ask what one should know to ing a rebate of taxes paid during sprang from ignorance of the printhe support of government and to the upkeep of the city or civic comshould the non-churchgoer pay les than the one who went to Church The church was not a source o

CHURCHES V . HOUSES

"It has been urged that a man s house is private property and in any case does not belong to the class of property that is essentially unpro-They have no money interest in it. Churches have also a claim to exyou a proper conception of what companionship means to a boy, I submit as your food for thought the following poem:

HIS PA

Seme follow, pag seem awful old

Churches have also a claim to exceemption on the score of the service they render to the State. Of all moral agencies for the preservation of law and order they are incomparably the most efficient," amplified Bishop Macdon ald.

"The decision of the Privy Council Committee deals simply with the interpretation of the statute; it does not deal at all with the principle of church exemption, which is embodied in the laws of all nations so far as I know. Only what is relevant has been dealt with; it would be irrelevant in a Privy Council to discuss the principle of public worship itself. The point on which they lay special stress is contained in the following clause" (here Bishop Macdonald quoted :)

"The thing most necessary for the use of the cathedral as a place for public worship is that the con-gregation which frequents it should be able to stand or kneel upon the