

MER ROUGE MURDER CHANGE OF VENUE TO BE ASKED FOR

Bastrop, La., March 19.—Faced with the failure of the Morehouse Parish Grand Jury to return indictments...

Next move of state The next move on the part of the State officials, who have pledged themselves to prosecute the cases to the end, will probably be the filing of affidavits against persons suspected of having participated in the crimes...

Assistant Attorney General Walmsley has intimated that affidavits charging more than 45 persons with such crimes as "lying in wait with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, deporting persons from the State, and other lesser offenses would be filed immediately...

"I am very much surprised," said Walmsley in a report to him that the Morehouse Grand Jury had failed to bring in true bills. "The State had counted on indictments, at least for the lesser offences. The public can feel assured that Attorney General Cocco will take prompt action in the matter."

Attorney General Cocco apparently had anticipated the failure of the grand jury to return indictments, as more than a week ago he expressed his fear that there would be no true bills returned. This opinion has been somewhat general for the past month, since it was announced that the venire chosen was composed of ten known kinsmen, five klan sympathizers and five possible neutrals...

CYCLOPS SKIPWITH ELATED Captain J. H. Skipwith, exalted cyclops of the Morehouse Ku Klux Klan, who has been asserting constantly that the klan had no fear of the consequences of any investigation, expressed his elation at the action of the grand jury when he said, "The State has done its duty," he said, "and I hope it is satisfied and will let the matter rest."

FORMS SYNDICATE OF PRIESTS

Cardinal Maurin, Archbishop of Lyons, has officially announced the constitution under his auspices of a "Syndicate of the Clergy of the Diocese of Lyons." The personality of the organizer of this syndicate, and the previous authorization for its existence given by the Holy See make this event a particularly important one.

In a statement regarding the syndicate Cardinal Maurin says: "Under the new and apparently strange form of syndical action, there is a question of creating a regime which will permit the clergy to own and administer church property without submitting to the status of the cultural association provided by the Law of Separation."

Cardinal Maurin reached his decision after having sought the opinion of a diocesan committee of legal experts. The law on syndicates authorizes the associations of all members of a same profession for the defense of their professional interests, and since 1920 syndicates had been authorized to own and administer capital and realty as well as to receive dues, gifts, donations and legacies.

The Syndicate of Ecclesiastics of the diocese of Lyons will therefore be the owner of seminaries, rectories and retreat houses. These properties will be administered by the priests under the direction of the bishops. Furthermore, as the duration of the syndicate is limited, church property will be free from transfer taxes.

The syndicate was founded at a meeting held in the residence of a Archbishop of Lyons and attended by the auxiliary bishops, the vicars

general and all the archpriests of the diocese. The statutes were accepted by unanimous vote. By agreement with the Archbishop of Lyons, one of his suffragan bishops, Mgr. Bonnet, Bishop of Viviers, founded a similar syndicate in his diocese a few days before. The Protestant pastors of the Paris district recently founded a syndicate to solve their administrative problems.

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