# Ku Klux Klan Born at Midnight 'Neath Fiery Cross on Mountain Peak

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hollows and in a crevice here and there, does vegetation find a footing

#### on its grey and barren surface. The Midnight Dedication.

At midnight on Thanksgiving Day, 1915, sixteen men, twelve of whom were members of the original K.K.K., toiled upwards to the crest of the mountain of rock. Here each of the sixteen seized a boulder, and a stone altar was built. On the altar were laid the American flag, an old sword, carried through the civil war by a gallant general, and the Holy Bible, opened at the twelfth, chapter of

The sixteen men knelt in the midnight before this rude altar and swore to re-establish the Ku Klux Klan and its principles for the purpose of saving America from dangers, which they believed existed.

Members of the Klan today are officially known as knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

The founder of the Klan today is Col. William Joseph Simmons, known as "Emperor."

"Col. Simmons" declared Kleagle Hignett, "follows in the footsteps of General Nathan Bedford Forrest, who created the original Ku Klux Klan in 1866 "

"During the reconstruction period, which followed on the heels of the American Civil War, the control of

"Pandemonium reigned everywhere. following articles. . Obedient, docile, industrious slaves by the use of whiskey were turned States of America who owe no al- eighteen months ago.

#### and protected the 'carpet-bagger.' With Sword and Ceremonial.

"It was then that Gen. Forrest rose cultivate and promote patriotism toup; organized the Ku Klux Klan, and ward our civil governments; to pracsuperstition of the ignorant negroes, saved the people. The Klan gained

"The negro is not the greatest danger facing the United States today. He does not threaten as he did through an exalted ritualism, and by in the 80's, but on every hand there a practical devotion to conserve, proare forces even more sinister at work tect and maintain the distinctive into destroy the very national life of stitutions, rights, privileges, printhe United States. There is little ciples, traditions and ideals of a pure Because of the great secrecy to which justice in the land because the public Americanism. offices have become filled through the influence of crooked politics. You caivalry, humanity, justice and pa- joined the cause. The Klan, accordhere in Canada do not realize the triotism, embodying in its genius and ing to Mr. Hignett, holds the secrecy

"Years ago Colonel Simmons rea- duct, noble in sentiment, generous in things else. lized the trend of affairs. His heart manhood, and patriotic in purpose. bled as he saw things going from bad to worse. Becoming convinced that no other power could save the country from the hands of those who would ruin her, he decided to draw nocent, and the defenceless from the that saved the nation once before, and so he re-organized the the Klan."

Following the mystic ceremony on the oppressed; to succor the suffersecured a charter from the State of the widows and the orphans. Georgia by which the Ku Klux Klan was incorporated.

### The Klan Constitution.

The constitution under which the Klan works today is as follows: "We solemnly declare to all mankind that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, incorporated, is the original Ku Klux Klan organized in the year 1866, and active during the recon-

### 2 Specialists Recommend D. D. D. for Your Eczema live?" Hignett was asked.

Dr. E. B. Holmes, the well-known skin

"I am convinced that the D. D. P. Prescription is as much a specific for
Bezema as quinine for malaria."

And Dr. W. L. Randolph corroborates:

"The treatment of skin diseases
(Bezema) and diseases of the scalp is
known to be difficult. However, there is
one remedy that is entirely dependable
in this distressing and troublesome
disease; that is D. D. "
What is D. D. P. A therenebly selection

What is D. D. D. ? A thoroughly scientific rescription, or it would not have the endorsement of these two authorities behind it. A

Our Guarantee We feel that in found the Remedy for skin diseases, and we than back of this prescription with our iron-nound guarantee. If you are troubled with any tind of skin affection—a mild case, a hard bound guarantee. If you are troubled with any kind of skin affection—a mild case, a hard stubborn one—it does not matter which—secure from us a bottle of D. D. D. and if it does not convince you that this is the real remedy—YOUR REAL REMEDY—we will refund your money immediately. Stop that itch today. Price \$1 a bottle. Try D. D. D. Soap, toc. Strong's Drug Store, Standard Drug Co.,





a great portion of the south fell into struction period of American history. Texas, the Ku Klux Klan spread like the hands of negroes," he continued. And by and under its incorporate wildfire, and the two soon became the In a few months all law had been name, is revived, remodelled and ex- strongest states of the new empire. abrogated. There was no law. The panded into a ritualistic, fraternal, The work of the Klan was comlegislature of South Carolina was patriotic society of national scope mencing to make an impression made up wholly of negroes; ignorant duly incorporated (under the laws of especially in the political field of the ex-slaves were made sheriff, con- the State of Georgia) in the year south. Opposition began to spring stable, magistrate, and were given 1915 and 1916, and dedicated to the up, and then, according to Mr. Higcontrol of the political and legal life same principles and spiritual purposes nett, efforts were made by powerful as more particularly set forth in the enemies to besmirch its name.

Its Special Objects.

"First, to protect the weak, the in-

the state by opposing tyranny in

every form or degree, from any and

less and faithful administration of

"Yes, it is the very heart of the

Has Grown Tremendously.

seven years has been tremendous.

In the course of a year or so, ac-

justice through due process of the

fear and without reproach."

empire of today," he replied.

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every source whatsoever, by a fear-

Its particular objects are:

source whatsoever.

Although the growth of the Ku "The objects of this order shall be Klux had been so rapid in the Southof a few months before, through agit- to unite white male persons, native- ern States, the organization did not ation of crooks and demagogues, and born gentile citizens of the United cross the Mason-Dixon line until

legiance of any nature or degree to "Fear and desperation seized the any foreign government, nation, in- country that had known the Klan people; no home was safe; humilia- stitution, sect, ruler, person or people; only by hearsay," continued Mr. Higtion and disgrace covered the south. whose morals are good, whose repu- nett. "But the Klan was powerful And through all this, the federal tations and vocations are respectable, by this time, and hundreds of secret soldier stood guard over the negro, whose habits are exemplary, who are workers were sent ahead to prepare of sound minds and 18 years or more the way. In town after town and in of age; under a common oath into a county after county organizations brotherhood of strict regulations to came into being overnight.

"In towns where the name had hitherto been connected merely with with the use of the sword and through tice and honor clannishness towards a mysterious organization far away, mysticism, which played on the each other; to exemplify a practical citizens were startled suddenly at benevolence; to shield the sanctity of midnight when hooded and ghost-like figures rushed through the street the homes and the chastity of womanhood; to maintain for ever white while weird bugle calls sounded. It

> Imperative Secrecy. As the Klan spread no one could be sure who were its actual followers.

every member is sworn, even wives "This order is an institution of did not know when their husbands serious state of affairs in America. principles all that is chivalric in con- of its membership sacred above all The actual strength both nationally

and locally, Mr. Hignett says, is never divulged, although it is admitted that the total membership in the White Empire now exceeds two millions. The growth is estimated by Indiana alone, he says, the strength Klan in Canada?" asked The Adverbautal; to relieve the injured and is well above 100,000.

According to Mr. Hignett, every Stone Mountain, Col. Simmons ings and the unfortunate, especially state in the union has been touched by the Klan, and on most of them "Second, to protect and defend its tentacles have become firmly the constitution of the United States fastened. Even in the State of Oreof America and all laws passed in gon, in the corner of the United conformity thereto and to protect the States farthest from Georgia, much states and the people thereof from work has been done.

The great cities of the United all invasion of their rights from any States have been invaded as well, al-"Third, to aid and assist in the exe- though the effects of the Klan there cution of all constitutional laws and are not as noticeable as in the counto preserve the honor and dignity of ties and towns.

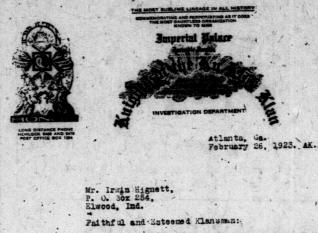
#### Cannot Come to Canada. There have been frequent rumors

and many sensational stories regard-

law and to meet promptly and Advertiser that these are unfounded properly every behest of duty without and that there will be no Ku Klux Klan in the Dominion. 'And does that constitution still "Canada has never been touched," replied the Kleagle. "As an officer of the Klan." he continued, "I can say this emphatic-

ally, no attempt has ever been made The growth of the Klan in the last to establish the Klan in the Dominion, and just as surely no attempt will ever be made.

ording to Mr. Hignett, Georgia was "Just read that constitution. It ment, like ripples in a pool when a order shall be to unite white male one is cast, began to be felt, in persons, native-born citizens of the Across the United States of America, who owe When it reached Louisiana and of the Klan. Its whole constitution, rituals.



Please investigate this man and send us a report on him at your earliest possible convenience. Faithfully yours,



THE "K EAGLE" AND HIS EMPEROR.

On the left above The Advertiser photographer shows Irwin R. Hignett, "kleagle" of the Ku Klux Klan, who is now in London. On his coat lapel may be seen the Canadian war service badge. A telegram received by The Advertiser this morning from the department of militia, Ottawa, verifies Mr. Hignett's war record, giving his regimental number as 67488, date of enlistment as November 19th, 1914, with service in England and France, and wounds in arm and leg. The document is a letter addressed to the kleagle on Feb. 26, 1923, at Elwood, Indiana, from T. J. McKennie of the "department of investigation," Atlanta, Georgia, asking Mr. Hignett to investigate a man in Elwood, Indiana, as to his fitness for membership in the klan. The letter is written on the official stationery of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. On the right is a photograph of Col. William Joseph Simmons, taker from a Ku Klux Klan booklet. Col. Simmons founded the klan in a weird midnight ritual on Thanksgiving, 1915, and is "Emperor of the Invisible Empire." Below is Stone Mountain, an immense rock near Atlanta, Georgia, n the crest of which Col. Simmons and fifteen companions performed the eremony which brought the klan into existence again seven and a half years ago, as described in the accompanying article. (All photographs copyright.)

bylaws and rules would have to be changed if other nations were to be included." "What about the mysterious church

fires in Quebec and other outrages

"The Klan has never worked or spread propaganda in Canada," replied the Kleagle. "Furthermore, it is not the policy of the Klan to burn churches, destroy property, or use violence of any nature, no matter who is involved."

"But you are opposed to Roman Catholicism?" questioned the reporter.

"We are opposed to no one. We are Mary. anti nothing. We are an out and out "pro" organization. We build, we do not destroy," replied the Klansman. "You yourself have spoken against ing the extension of the Klan into Roman Catholics when on the plat-Canada. Mr. Hignett declared to The form," persisted the reporter.

"Neither I, nor any other man of the Klan," déclared Mr. Hignett, today, has decided to use machine thas spoken against Roman Catholi-dism as a religion. But we do op-ding veil. pose attempts that we believe have been made, under direction of Rome to unite state and church in the United States. And we do condemn utterly the parochial school, believing there is room in the United States for the free public schools only."

Mr. Hignett's statements almost organized and then the move- states clearly: 'The objects of this will be continued in tomorrow's Advertiser. The imitation ceremonies of the Ku mated at \$200. order into Alabama fo the west and ne allegiance of any nature or degree Klux Klan will be described buth Carolina to the north and east, to any foreign government, institu-tion or ruler.' From beginning to the eral photographs of actual tion or ruler.' From beginning to the eral photographs of actual

HIGNETT'S WORK IN INDIANA.

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Queen Mary Advises Against Display in Consequence of Unemployment.

Special Cable to The Advertiser.

London, March 14.-Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyons, who is to become the bride of the Duke of York on April 26, has taken a little tip from her prospective mother-in-law, Queen

The queen, it is understood, has passed the word along that the wedding should be marked with simplicity, because a lavish display of wealth should not be flaunted in the face of the thousands of unemployed. Lady Elizabeth, it became known

#### FIRE CAUSES \$200 DAMAGE TO POWER HOTEL, CARGILL

Special to The Advertiser. Cargill, March 14.-Fire, believed to have originated from overheated furnace pipes, broke out at 4 o'clock yesterday morning in the barroom of the Power House, causing damage esti-

moke coming from the barroom window underneath and gave the

The fire had burned the entire window casing, part of the counter and a portion of the floor in the barroom before it could be extinguished. The hotel is a three-story brick building situated in the heart of the

#### METHODISTS ARRANGE ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

Special to The Advertiser. Cheap ide, March 14 .- The ladies of the Methodist Church will hold a St. Patrick day social at the parsonage, Friday evening, March 16th. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell Armstrong and daughter Marjorie spent Saturday and Sunday in Simcoe

nis hip last week, is in the Dunville Hospital. He is reported progressing Radiophones have been installed in several homes of the community re-

#### DECIDE ON CONTESTANTS FOR ORATORY COMPETITION

After the preliminary speeches of the oratorical contest being conducted at De La Salle High School were delivered yesterday, six contestants



Wrested the Solemn Secret from the grasp of Night and became Imperial Mas- o ter of the Great Lost Mystery.

Col. William Joseph Simmons, V.D.M., LL.D. FOUNDER, CREATOR AND EMPEROR OF THE

INVISIBLE EMPIRE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

## Jury Adjudges "Scobie Dan Mentally Unfit For Trial

Donald P. MacDonald Remanded To Jail To Await Transfer To Institution-Shows No Emotion When Verdict Returned.

Special to The Advertiser by a Staff Reporter.

stand trial for the murder of George He was remanded to jail to await

the pleasure of the lieutenant-gover-nor, who will decide in what institu-

were out one hour, during which time the prisoner was taken to his cell. Unmanacled, he marched to and from the court room between the guards. the three marching in single file. As they passed through anter-room the prisoner stooped to pick up an overcoat which had fallen from

a table to the floor. Even when his by to see how she was undergoing the counsel, Otto E. Klein, explained to ordeal. They took her arm in theirs him what bearing the yerdict would and crowded a little closer to her. have on his future, "Scobie Dan" did For a moment her eyes fell upon her not show the least excitement. will be placed in an institution," his counsel told him. "Sometime you may get out. You must whether her son first get rid of all those delusions. trial for his life. You heard what all those witnesses

said, everybody liked you. Displays No Emotion.

not look at any of his family, except entered the witness box, and then it was only a queer per- most, as the prisoner himself

#### FIELDING UNABLE TO SET DATE FOR NEXT BUDGET

Canadian Press Despatch Ottawa, March 14.-The finance minister is not yet ready to give the date of the budget. Sir Henry Drayton, former minister of finance, asked n regard to it in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon: "I am afraid that my honorable once before he gets an answer," Hon. Mr. Fielding replied.

#### PRINCESS IS MAKING OWN WEDDING DRESS Special Cable to The Advertiser.

Rome, March 14.—Princess Yo-anda, daughter of King Victor landa, Emanuel, who is to marry an Italian nobleman on April 7, is making her own wedding dress to demonstrate daughter of Detroit spent the week-that she believes in the economy end in town. principles of the Fascisti. The princess has already embroidered her nuptial bedspread.

RUSSIA TO RECOGNIZE PACT. Associated Press Despatch. Moscow, March 14.—Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, in a note to Lon-don, Paris, Rome and Berlin, again asserts that any Allied agreement regarding Memel and the River Nie-men will not be recognized by Rus-

Walkerton, March 14.—Donald P. There were four anxious faces in the MacDonald family when the jury filed into the court room to deliver their verdict, while the fifth, that of

conduct his defence or instruct his her three daughters were plainly affected by the tenseness of the mo-The four women were sitting in the front seat of the court room near the prisoner's box. As each jury-

tion he shall be confined.

"Scobie Dan" remained unmoved man passed by their eyes passed when the jury returned its verdict at searchingly from one to the other as farmers in the Poplar Hill and Cold stream District have formed a been stream district have formed as been stream district have been stream district have been stream district hav concealed behind their looks. During the brief interval which to the court the four women experihours.

The two daughters one on each side of their mother watched her anxiousson, and then they were fixed on the judge, to whom the paper was handed bearing the verdict which decided whether her son would have to stand

### Strain Is Relieved

As the last words of the decision fell from the judge's lips. As the last "How will I get out?" the pris- word was uttered the sisters of the oner asked in the same even tone in prisoner appeared relieved.

which he spoke when he answered Signs of the strain they had exhis indictment. To him it apparent- perienced since their brother had bee ly was part of the ordinary events placed in custody last January vanishof, his life, this matter of his confine- ed. They knew his fate. The mother ment. When the verdict was read did not share their relief, she seemed by the judge, Scobie Dan did not give bewildered, then they repeated the his people, who were seated but a verdict and interpreted it to her. She few feet from him, even a casual smiled, approached her boy's counsel glance. Throughout the trial he did and extended her hand. But as Scobie Dan's loved ones left the court they were calm, as calm al-

#### GEORGE KOEING PURCHASES LYRIC THEATRE. HANOVER

returned to Stratford.

Special to The Advertiser Hanover, March 14.-The Lyric fire recently, has been sold to George Koeing of Hanover, who secured immediate possession.

The theatre is closed at present undergoing repairs as a result of the Hyde Parker, who had been oper theatre for some time, has

### WEST LORNE

Special to The Advertiser. West Lorne, March 14.—Fred Coll Ridgetown was in town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Haviland and Mrs. J. A. Fuller is seriously ill at her home here.
Miss M. Jane Page spent the weekend in Rodney. Mrs. Q. S. Durand and son Earl

of London are spending a few days

BRIAND'S ADVISER DEAD. Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, March 14.—Alfred Chatten personal friend and adviser of former Premier Briand, died today.

### Nick's Determination to Marry Mary Lands Him In Prison For Six Months

in town.

Special to The Advertiser. Wind or, March 14.—Nick Ponichuk, 25 years old, of Ford, must was Ponichuk's fifth appearance in

## PRESBYTERY NAMES ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Rev. M. Stevenson, Appin, Is Appointed Interim Moderator of Melbourne Charge.

#### **REV. I. ELDER RESIGNS**

Rev. W. G. Wallace, D. D., Outlines Critical Condition of Finances of Church.

At vesterday's session of the Presbytery, held in the First Presbyterian Church, ministerial commissioners to the general assembly were appointed. Those chosen were W. D. Rose, of Delaware, J. W. Stewart of Belmont J. D. Bannatyne of Bethel, M. Stevenson of Appin, M. A. Campbell of Vammeth, A. J. Carr of Dunwich, and J. M. MacGillivray of St. Thomas. Among the items of business considered was the resignation of Rev. John Elder of Melbourne, to take effect the last Sunday in March. resignation was accepted, and Rev. M. Stevenson of Appin was appointed

The Presbytery decided to form a settlement committee to look after pulpit vacancies as they occur and to assist ministers and congregations in the matter of settlement whenever the contingency arises. The home mission committee ap plied for a grant to Knollwood Park Chelsea Green, Port Stanley and Wallacetown. Rev. Dr. Gardner of Knox College, Toronto, was nominated for the moderatorship of the assembly, and Rev. W. H. Geddes of Ailsa Craig was chosen moderator

of the synod. Rev. John Currie reported for the historical committee, and urged all congregations to send in their historical reports as quickly as pos Toronto, represented the general oard and presented a report dealing with the state of the budget of Presbyterian churches throughout Canada. He revealed the critical condition of the finances of the churches and advised the Presbytery to impress on congregations in sessions to accept the allocation made to them through the Presbytery and to make their returns to the treasury at the end of each quarter.

A resolution of condolence regreting the death of the Rev. J. D. Stuart was passed and forwarded to the

## sonal stare which he gave every wit- FARMERS CO-OPERATE TO PURCHASE MEAT

Lobo Agriculturists Organize Beef Ring, Comprising 36 Members.

Special to The Advertiser. Ilderton, March 14.—The Lobo farmers in the Poplar Hill and Coldring, comprising 36 members, operations will begin shortly. Each preceded the reading of the verdict member will receive their quota of beef weekly throughout the season

according to the size of share he holds. Very little maple syrup has made as yet. One Lobo farmer, who tapped some time ago, has had but one boiling. The weather yet is too cold for the sap to run. Some have been cutting their maple into wood. Owing to the high price of wood more timber has been cut than for several years past. A number of

# **AUTHORIZE OVERTURE**

Bruce Presbytery Seeks Farly Consummation of Organic Church Union.

Special to The Advertiser. Southampton, March 14 .- At the quarterly meeting of the Bruce Presbytery, held in Knox Church, Paisley. Tuesday, an overture was presented, calling upon the general assembly to take such steps at its next meeting at Port Arthur in June, as will se Theatre here, which was damaged by cure organic union of the Presby-fire recently, has been sold to George terian, Methodist and Congregational churches at the earliest possible dat A vote of the members of the esbytery present was 14 for and against.

#### POLICE FORCED TO GUARD MAN FROM CREDITORS

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, March 14.-Police were alled in to quell a riot which occurred yesterday at a meeting of the creditors of the Dominion Ticket and Financial Corporation here. The police soon had the meeting under control, but they were forced to guard A. A. Schimnowski, president of the defunct firm, from an angry mob of creditors.

#### TWO PERSONS KILLED IN HEAVY WINDSTORM

Associated Press Despatch. Bainbridge, Ga., March 13 .- Two ives were lost and several buildings blown down this morning when a heavy wind storm struck Boydville, a small sawmill station on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, 18 mile: east of here. According to the ac-count received this afternoon, the large commissary building of the large commissary building of the Boyd Lumber Company was razed.

### GAINS NEW INDUSTRY.

Stratford, March 14.-Assurance has were selected to compete in the finals on Friday afternoon. They are:
Terence Dromgole, Thomas Quirk, Granville Warburton, John Cook, John Donahue and Wilfred O'Rourke.
The speeches were all relative to Irish subjects, and the final ones on St. Patrick's Day are to be of the same nature.

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In four previous cases Ponichuk pleased the city council, that the been given D. A. McLachlan, chair-man of the industrial publicity com-