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THE KUKLUX KLAN.

The Kukulux Klan, that dreaded organization of murders and house burners that flourished a few years ago, has again commenced its depredations, this time in Kentucky.

Two years ago the Klan was organized by Blaine Coombs, a fearless young mountain fighter, now in the Philippines. The object of the Klan was to whip lewd woman and drive them from the county. Camp Branch and Rock house Creek, in the western part of Letcher county, contributed the first members, and in those settlements a number of loose characters were whipped. The membership of the Klan rapidly increased, however, and in a short time 159 men were sworn to carry out the decrees of the order. In many cases the decrees commanded that death be done.

The serious depredations of the gang began 19 months ago. At that time 24 members of the Klan, masked, marched at dead of night to the home of John P. Craft, a respected citizen, living near Boone's Fork, and in his absence took his wife from her bed, stripped her to the waist and beat her brutally with hickory clubs. After that they whipped her servant, Sarah Cleek, in the same manner. The women barely escaped with their lives.

This outrage threw the county into a fever of excitement. A few weeks later law abiding citizens headed by W. S. Wright, the most prominent man in the county, attacked a band of the Klan at the mouth of Boone's Fork on their way to a scene of disorder. Shots were exchanged and a fierce battle waged. Two of the desperadoes had their horses shot under them. Lewis Lucas, one of the Klan, was killed, and Willie Johnson, another member, was seriously wounded.

After this event the lawlessness of the gang ceased for two months. But in the six weeks following 12 law abiding citizens were horribly whipped in the Rockhouse Creek vicinity.

On the occasion the gang fired into the home of Postmaster Rawlet: Hale of Rockhouse, and his family narrowly escaped death.

On successive nights within one week many residences were fired.

But their defeat by the band of citizens headed by W. S. Wright was a sure spot with the members of the Klan. Him they singled out as a victim. On Jan. 30, 1900 while riding along the public road on Boone's Fork he was shot from ambush and killed instantly. Soon hundreds were searching the adjacent hills for the murderers but no trace could be found.

The following day John and Noah Reynolds, brothers, walked into Magistrate Quillin's office and said:

"We want to give ourselves up. We killed Mr. Wright." The Reynolds were not Kukulux members at that time, but were friends of the outlaws.

For some reason the Kukulux organization increased rapidly after that on Boone's Fork. John and Morgan Reynolds, Creed and Isaac Potter, Jr., George and "Son" Newsome, Lige and Sol Fleming, Zack and Josh Bentley, Martin and John Wright, Jr., Mack Yount, George Cook and Joe Johnson became members, and then lawlessness broke out anew.

Night after night the homes on Boone's Fork were pelted with bullets. In July the large steam and grist mill operated up to his death by W. S. Wright was burned to the ground. In August the public school building on Boone's Fork was burned because the Kukulux did not like George Venters, the teacher. During the interval of the next two months several respectable women were whipped with hickory clubs.

On the night of Nov. 16 last the gang killed Mrs. Minna Hall a re-

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spectable old widow, and her 16 year old son Sherwood Reynolds. Men and officers rushed to the scene and searched everywhere, but the murderers could not be found. There was one clew. Tracks, made evidently by a dilapidated old shoe were noticed near the house. On the night of the murder similar tracks led to the home of Sol Fleming, a mile from the scene of the murder. His arrest followed, and amid the cries of an excited mob, who were bent on lynching him, he was taken to the Whiteburg jail. For a month the jail was closely guarded.

Last January Sol Fleming implicated 14 others in the murder of Mrs. Hall and her son. Governor Beckham then offered a reward of \$250 each for their arrest. Many of those implicated were prominent. Among them was Morgan Reynolds. The "captain" of the Kukulux gang was a school-teacher.

Thirteen members of the gang remained. These, heavily armed, hid in the mountain fastnesses they know so well. In February Detective John S. Wright, Sol Wright and "Wild Bill," a Cincinnati officer, surprised four of the outlaws while at a dance in Sol Hall's house and arrested them.

During the last month the officers pursued "Son" and George Newsome and Creed Potter to Camden-on-Ganley, W. Va., and there in a fierce battle "Son" Newsome was arrested. George Newsome and Potter escaped.

Since then Potter has been in three desperate battles with the officers. The outlaws under his control now number 50. Trapped in their mountain stockade, they are ready to fight to the death. The battle will be a bloody one, for the mountaineers, picked shots every one of them, are determined to kill off the ruffians of the Kukulux Klan.

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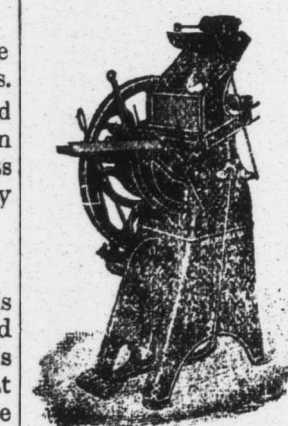
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