

KU KLUX METHODS STRANGLE STATE ELECTIONS

KLANS HOLD ON AMERICAN POLITICS IS BECOMING A SERIOUS INFLUENCE SHOWING BALLOT BOX, NOT MIDNIGHT MASQUERADE, AS ITS REAL WEAPON

In Theory Klan Is Non-Political, But Recent Elections in Indiana Were Dictated by Ku Klux "Information Sheets"— Secret Order Killed Bill in Ohio Legislature.

"ANTI-NOTHING" SLOGAN DISPUTED BY FACT

This is the third of three articles giving the facts of the Ku Klux Klan as related to The Advertiser by Irwin R. Hignett, of Elwood, Indiana, who bears credentials and certificates as a "Klingle" of the Klan.

Mr. Hignett, who gives his age as twenty-six years, enlisted in November, 1914, with the 25th Battalion, C.E.F., of Halifax, and was wounded in France in 1916 while serving with the 13th Royal Highlanders of Montreal. Today's article deals with the constitution of the Ku Klux Klan and its present activities in the United States, particularly in the political arena.

As previously stated, The Advertiser offers no comment on the statements given by Mr. Hignett in any of the three articles. The Advertiser's only motive is to provide information which is evidently reliable on a subject believed to be of interest to the general public regardless of personal inclinations.

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What does the Ku Klux Klan do? Does it accomplish anything? Or is it after all, in spite of wild tales of its violence, a fairly harmless affair, delighting in fantastic masquerades, midnight parades, bonfires and bombast?

Description of its elaborate and mysterious rituals leave one perhaps with the impression that, stripped of shroud and hood, the sinister Klansman is pretty much just a small boy grown up, and it was in something like that frame of mind that The Advertiser challenged Mr. Hignett with the question:

"What do you really do except parade at midnight?"

Mr. Hignett's explanation in reply leaves a different impression.

He pictures the Ku Klux Klan as a rather serious body. The mysteries and fantasies appear merely as the scenery of the stage on which the Klan performs. Even making due allowance for a certain enthusiasm in Mr. Hignett's opinions, one is inclined to believe that the Klan has acquired an influence with which Americans must reckon in shaping their national destinies.

The Ku Klux Klan's chief power today is in politics.

According to Mr. Hignett, the Klan is a non-political body, whose interest in such matters is indirect, and secondary, and Mr. Hignett was obviously disinclined to discuss political activities. Declaring, however, that his information, however, it is evident that it is through political influence that the Klan's ends are largely attained.

A body of two million men, obeying implicitly instructions for united political action, is a factor not lightly to be ignored.

Mr. Hignett cited various cases to The Advertiser, which give a hint of the Klan's possibilities as a political power.

Two Examples.

Two of these cases are the recent state election in Indiana and the vote on an "open-to-the-public" bill in the Ohio state legislature.

In the Indiana elections, according to Mr. Hignett, the Ku Klux Klan, through its secret service, made complete investigations of every candidate for office. The Klan officers then made selections of its candidates, and to every Klansman in the state was sent a circular of the various candidates, with directions.

The Ku Klux name did not appear on this circular. It was headed simply, "Information Sheet," and gave the names of all candidates, mentioning each man's religion.

The Advertiser secured an "Information Sheet," which had been sent out, and a photographed reproduction is given with this article. The sheet is marked with crosses, and on it are various pencilled notes (which do not show in the photograph), such as "Hands off"; "No Information"; "Keep away." The crosses and remarks appear with equal liberality on both Republican and Democratic slates, bearing out Mr. Hignett's contention that the Klan is entirely free from party interests.

As a result of this propaganda work, claims Hignett, not a single candidate condemned by the Klan was elected to office, and the Ku Klux entries headed the polls.

In the case of the Ohio legislature,

Mr. Hignett stated that a bill was introduced whereby membership in all secret organizations should become open to the general public.

This was interpreted as an attack on the Klan, and it mobilized its forces to fight.

"A secret order was sent to every Klansman in Ohio," stated the "Klingle" to The Advertiser. "Within an hour from the time the order was issued every representative in the Ohio legislature was flooded with personal telegrams from his constituents demanding defeat of the bill."

"What happened?" asked The Advertiser.

"The bill was defeated by an overwhelming majority," stated Mr. Hignett, "although sponsored by a very influential senator. The Klan did it."

The Secret Order.

The Advertiser was permitted to see a specimen of the secret order which went out to the Klansmen in this connection, but is unable to reproduce it for publication.

The order was typewritten on a plain sheet of yellow paper, and with-out mention of the name "Ku Klux Klan."

The Advertiser questioned Mr. Hignett regarding the Klan's probable organization for the next presidential election, but the "Klingle" declined to make any statement, nor would he give comment regarding the Klan's attitude toward Henry Ford. It is perhaps significant, however, that the Klan's attitude toward the Jew in America as explained by Hignett, is in agreement with Ford's conviction, and there is room for interesting speculation as to the possibilities of Klan influence being thrown in support of Ford's rumored presidential ambitions.

Hignett was much more willing to talk of the Klan's activities in other directions than in the political arena. He described the Ku Klux Klan as a great law enforcing institution, and as a national welfare body, whose charitable efforts were extending into every state.

It sounded much too good.

"What about your work in punishing offenders?" demanded The Advertiser.

Hignett emphatically denied all deeds of violence, and the outrages frequently laid at the door of the Klan. He claims that the Klan works for and through the law of the United States, and not by its own hand.

Within the Law.

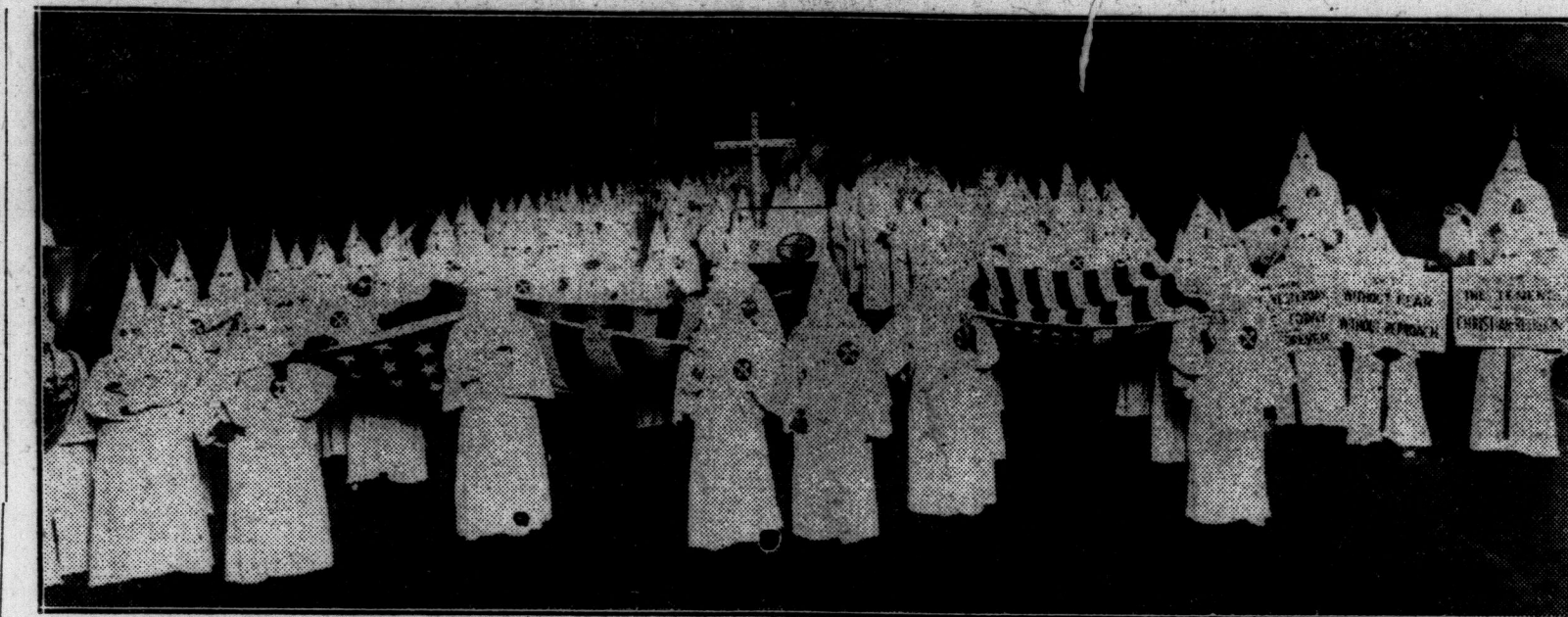
He says the Klan is bending its efforts towards wiping out of all crime and to the enforcement of law in all classes; and he declares that it is being done through proper and lawful channels. Any Klansman who would resort to any means outside of the law would be immediately expelled by the Klan, he claims.

In every corner of the "Great Invisible Empire," vigilance committees are working. They are a scourge to run-runners, bootleggers, thieves, gamblers, white-slavers and other criminals. It is their work to see that lawbreakers are brought to justice. They are the Klan's policemen.

Nightly, he said, they go their ghostly rounds gathering evidence of wrongdoing. This is turned over to the proper authorities. If the police do not act on this information or fail to make arrests, the Klan directs efforts towards the removal of the negligent officers.

In almost every state where it operates, declared Mr. Hignett, the Klan is working with the government to stamp out drug and liquor evils. Recently the governor of Oregon opened war on the traffic, and according to the "Klingle," the following order was immediately broadcasted to local Klans:

"Every Klansman, everywhere, is commanded to stand by the governor and to support all law enforcement officers, by every means possible in stamping out these terrible evils and bringing the guilty to justice.



INFORMATION SHEET

Republican Ticket Democratic Ticket

For United States Senator ALBERT J. BEVERIDGE (PROTESTANT)	For United States Senator SAMUEL M. RALSTON (PROTESTANT)
For Secretary of State ED JACKSON (PROTESTANT)	For Secretary of State DANIEL M. LINK (PROTESTANT)
For Auditor of State WILLIAM A. OLIVER (PROTESTANT)	For Auditor of State ROBERT BRACKEN (PROTESTANT)
For Treasurer of State ORA J. DAVIES (PROTESTANT)	For Treasurer of State GEORGE H. MCINTOSH (PROTESTANT)
For Clerk of Supreme Court PATRICK J. BURRIS (ROMAN CATHOLIC)	For Clerk of Supreme Court ZACHARIAH T. DUNGAN (PROTESTANT)
For Supt. of Public Instruction BENJAMIN J. BURRIS (PROTESTANT)	For Supt. of Public Instruction DANIEL C. MCINTOSH (PROTESTANT)
For Judge of Supreme Court Second District DAVID A. MYERS (PROTESTANT)	For Judge of Supreme Court Second District JOSEPH H. GALLAGHER (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
For Judge Appellate Court First District OLON A. ENLOE (PROTESTANT)	For Judge Appellate Court First District WILLIAM H. BRIDWELL (NO INFORMATION)
For Judge Appellate Court First District CHARLES F. REMY (PROTESTANT)	For Judge Appellate Court First District JOSEPH GALLAGHER (ROMAN CATHOLIC)
For Judge Appellate Court Second District WILLIS C. McMAHAN (NO INFORMATION)	For Judge Appellate Court Second District VALENTINE E. LIVENGOOD (PROTESTANT)
For Judge Appellate Court Second District ALONZO L. NICHOLS (NO INFORMATION)	For Judge Appellate Court Second District EDWIN F. MCCABE (PROTESTANT)

HOW THE KU KLUX KLAN HAS INVADDED AMERICAN POLITICS.

The large group shown above is a Ku Klux demonstration in Kokoma, Indiana, in celebration of Armistice Day, 1922. The parade filled the streets at midnight. The smaller group shows three Klansmen attending initiation ceremonies. The figure on the horse is Irwin R. Hignett, "Klingle" of the Klan, who is at present in London. These two photographs belong to Mr. Hignett. Below on the right is a photographed reproduction of the "Fiery Cross," a newspaper published in Indianapolis and controlled by the Klan. The document on the left is interesting as a demonstration of the Klan's methods in invading American politics. It is a reproduction by The Advertiser photographer of an "Information Sheet" in the possession of Mr. Hignett. This sheet was circulated among all Klansmen during the recent Indiana state elections, with pencilled instructions as to how the ballot should be cast. As described in today's article, Hignett claims that the Ku Klux selections swept the polls. This sheet disputes the Klan's contention that it is "non-political" and "anti-nothing." The notations under each candidate's name demonstrates clearly that the Klan makes religious distinctions.

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MAYOR WENIGE LIKES KU KLUX KLAN STORIES

Comments The Advertiser For Giving Bona Fide Information About Hooded Order.

"Go to it. Step on it. Let the people know just what is going on and what it is all about."

These and similar expressions of approval emanated from Mayor Wenige as he commented this morning upon the articles now appearing exclusively in The London Advertiser, revealing in minute detail the activities of the Ku Klux Klan.

His worship says that he has been reading them with keen interest, and voices the frank opinion that The Advertiser deserves credit for placing before the public what is obviously bona fide information pertaining to this secret organization, which boasts a two million enrollment south of the boundary line.

"The Advertiser is to be commended," he stated most emphatically, "and I certainly commend it, as chief magistrate of the city."

STEAL MAIL BAG FILLED WITH INCOME TAX RETURNS

Brattleboro, Vt., March 16.—Many Vermonters will have to do some explaining to the collector of internal revenue as the result of the theft of a mail pouch from a truck at the union station. It was filled with income tax returns.

400 Helpless Sufferers Saved As Hospital Burns

Montreal Nuns Work Heroically and Not a Life Is Lost When Hospital For Incurables Is Destroyed.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, March 16.—Montreal lost another of its Catholic institutions when fire destroyed the Hospital for Incurables at Notre Dame de Grace last night. This institution is owned and operated by the Sisters of Providence, who, headed by their superior, removed the 400 patients from the burning building to the Gray Nun's Orphanage.

The fire was not lacking in interesting incidents. As soon as the blaze was discovered, Father La Freniere, the chaplain of the institution, at once rescued the Host and sacred vessels, which he conveyed to safety.

There were at first terrible outcries from the frightened patients as the extent of the disaster became evident to them. They were soothed by the nuns and there was no disorder.

Three cases given up as hopeless and in which death was momentarily expected, were conveyed to the nearby orphanage and appeared to be untroubled by the removal.

The work of rescue was featured by the heroic efforts of the nuns; the even morale of the patients, which after the first fright, was maintained throughout, and the resignation with which the patients accepted the destruction of their home.

INDIANS ARE JUBILANT AFTER TRIMMING REDS

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, Ohio, March 16.—The Cleveland Indians were back at their training camp at Lakeland, Fla., today to resume practice, jubilant over their 19 to 2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds at Orlando yesterday in their first inter-league exhibition of the season.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS CONSIDERS NAVAL PACTS

Associated Press Despatch. Geneva, March 16.—The Washington naval agreements in their relation to countries not represented at the Washington conference, have been informally considered by the council of the League of Nations. Action was postponed, however, pending the conclusion of the Pan-American congress at Santiago, at which naval questions will also be discussed.

CANADIANS MAY HELP IDENTIFY "TUT" WOOD

Forest Products Laboratories Offer Services to Lord Carnarvon.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, March 16.—Canadian laboratory facilities may be utilized to determine the identity of minute particles of wood detached from objects in the collection of treasures brought to light by the discovery of King Tutankhamen's tomb in the Valley of Kings, near Luxor, Egypt.

This information was imparted last night by W. Kynoch, superintendent of the Forest Products Laboratories of Canada. Mr. Kynoch stated that the Forest Products Laboratory had communicated with Lord Carnarvon, the noted Egyptologist and discoverer of King "Tut's" tomb, and offered to undertake the examination of pieces of wood, chipped or detached from articles found in the tomb, with a view to determining the identity of the wood.

A reply from Lord Carnarvon is awaited.

MRS. LAMAR SEEKS DIVORCE.

Associated Press Despatch. Pittsfield, Mass., March 15.—Mrs. Marie Lamar has started suit for divorce against her husband, David Lamar, fugitive from justice and known as "The Wolf of Wall Street." She charges cruel and abusive treatment and asks for the custody of their one child.

KILLS SIX WOLVES, ONLY THEN TO DIE BY FANGS OF PACK

Northern Trapper Makes Brave Stand Alone Near Cree Lake.

FIND SHREDS OF COAT

Fur Hunters Discover Clue to Disappearance of Carl Lynn.

Canadian Press Despatch. Saskatoon, Sask., March 16.—Mute and ghastly evidences of a trapper's death struggle with hunger-crazed timber wolves in the hinterland of Saskatchewan, were found scraps of clothing and a gun encircled by the carcasses of six big wolves, which two fur hunters discovered at the north end of Cree Lake, two hundred miles north of Ile a la Crosse.

The clothing and gun belonged to Carl Lynn, one of the best-known trappers and mushers in the north country, his friends believe. Lynn made a business appointment to be in Ile a la Crosse on March 10, but did not put in an appearance. He was a man who never broke an engagement, but his acquaintances did not suspect that harm had befallen him until the fur hunters reached the post with the story of their ghastly discovery.

Lynn had apparently waged a desperate battle for life and had killed six timber wolves before he was finally beaten down. Nothing remains of the trapper's body, and all his clothing has disappeared, except shreds of his coat and trousers.

Lynn was a pioneer of the north country. He went overseas with the first battalion that was recruited in North Battleford, Sask., and throughout the war served as a sniper.

MUST SLICE MILL OFF FIGURES YET OR UP GOES RATE

Best City Treasurer Can Do With Present Estimates Is 35,824 Mills.

MILL OVER* 1922

Mayor Wenige states again that it can and will be done, and proposes that every spending body trim their estimates again.

City Treasurer James Bell submitted the following schedule to The Advertiser today, to show the standing to date:

Total expenditure	\$2,803,238.12
Less receipts other than taxation	512,194.96
Amount to raise by taxation	\$2,291,043.16
Less:	
Collegiate	\$215,672.76
Pub. schools	682,654.89
Technical	107,318.04
	905,720.69
R. C. S. S. Board	42,430.50
Less patriotic tax	25,911.73
Amount to raise in general tax	\$1,314,980.31
Less annex, 15 mills	\$31,250.25
Less schools, 14.4209	30,042.95
	\$1,314,778.01
Annex	1,207.90
R. C. S. S. Board	42,430.50
P. schools	682,654.89
C. Institute	215,672.76
Technical	107,318.04
	1,449,076.09
Patriotic	25,911.73
General	1,314,778.01
35,824 MILLS	\$2,291,043.16

NEGRO BANDIT IS SHOT ESCAPING FROM TRAIN

Tries To Carry Off Silks—Is Killed by the Mail Clerk.

Special to The Advertiser. Omaha, Neb., March 16.—A negro bandit, believed to be George Kennedy, Pocahontas, Idaho, was shot and killed when he attempted to escape after robbing a storage mail car in Union Pacific train No. 6 at Summit, Neb., near here, last night.

Kennedy was carrying \$200 worth of silks and other valuables when he was shot by Mail Clerk J. C. Kull. Kennedy is believed to have boarded the train at North Platte, 300 miles west. The train crew saw the negro leap to the ground as the train stopped at Summit.

John Dengar, Buffalo, who said he was stealing a ride on the mail train, surrendered as the shooting started. Postal authorities do not believe he was implicated in the robbery.

MINERS WILL VOTE.

Canadian Press Despatch. Calgary, Alta., March 16.—Union miners in District 18, United Mine Workers of America, will vote on the wage agreement recently signed by the miners' representatives and the Western Canada Coal Operators' Association.

About 9,000 men are affected.

Former Queen Dies In France

Milena of Montenegro Passes Before Daughter Arrives.

Associated Press Despatch. Antipodes, France, March 16.—Former Queen Milena of Montenegro died at 10:30 o'clock this morning. The end came one hour after her daughter, Queen Helena of Italy, had left Antipodes for Rome by special train. When the royal carriage reached Genoa, Queen Helena, who had hastened to her mother's bedside on Wednesday, received a message announcing her death.

Milena, who was 76 years old, had been suffering from arterio sclerosis and chronic nephritis for some time. At the queen's bedside were Grand Duke Nicholas, Grand Duke Peter and many members of the household. Queen Helena, upon learning of her mother's death, returned immediately from Genoa.

The prefect called to express the sympathy of President Millerand and the French government.

Free Press Takes Fright

The Free Press is terribly disturbed about this Ku Klux Klan affair.

Bad dreams are disturbing its slumber with wild fancies of hooded hordes knocking at its door in London.

It seems too bad to let one lone man, whom the Free Press has seen only in pictures, inspire such fear.

The Free Press deserves the sympathy of its readers. It cannot find Irwin R. Hignett and it does want the story so badly. It believes now that Mr. Hignett must be hiding, which is a mean thing for any man to do when the Free Press tells of all the trouble it has gone to in looking for him.

The Free Press searching party has followed Mr. Hignett from boarding-house to hotel to employment bureau until they are tired and discouraged.

They have ventured into poolrooms and even discovered the important clue that Mr. Hignett had a bath at the Y.M.C.A. But now, where is he?

They don't know and naturally they feel pretty badly about it.

We do think Mr. Hignett ought to call at the Free Press office and let them at least see what he looks like in the flesh.

Mayor Wenige is perhaps to be commended for his perception in directing his warning letter to the Free Press. He has recognized, of course, that the only alarm of Ku Klux invasion was circulated in the Free Press version of a faked interview with its own imaginary "William Hignett"—"Past Grand Serpent" and evidently a snake-in-the-grass as well.

Irwin R. Hignett, Ku Klux Klingle, whom The Advertiser located again this morning at the local hotel in which he is registered, seems to appreciate the humor of the situation.

"The only comment I might make," he said, with a shrug, "is that it seems unfortunate that the mayor of so patriotic a city as London should talk about deporting a man who came over here in 1914 to help Canada in her hour of need. It's silly to get excited about something that can't happen, and I'll leave it at that."

The Free Press searchers must be awfully tired. If they care to call at The Advertiser office perhaps one of the office boys can find Mr. Hignett's address for them.

THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.

Today—Westerly gales; becoming quite cold tonight; local snow flurries. Saturday—Westerly winds; fair; becoming milder again.

A deep depression is centred this morning over Temiskaming, moving quickly northeastward, and another depression of less intensity has come in over Alberta from the northward.

Snow and rain have fallen in Ontario and Quebec, while in the Maritime and Western Provinces the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:	
Stations.	High. Low. Weather.
Victoria	44 38 Cloudy
Calgary	44 20 Clear
Port Arthur	24 4 Clear
Peterborough	34 34 Rain
Kingston	30 28 Cloudy
Ottawa	30 20 Cloudy
Montreal	24 20 Rain
Quebec	20 16 Snow
Father Point	16 6 Snow
St. John	28 6 Cloudy
Halifax	28 6 Cloudy