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## BOND OF LEO HOGAN IS SET AT \$20,000 IN KNOX

### Man Who Fired Into Alleged Klan Meeting Bound Over to Grand Jury at Preliminary Hearing Monday—Hints at Conspiracy and Inspired Criminal Act Intimated

### Statements Made Before Act May Mean That Shooting Was Part of Prearranged Plan—Is Knox Shooting Beginning of Intimidating Campaign of Klan Enemies?

(By Eyewitness)

Knox, Ind., May 8.—Is Leo Hogan a criminal or is he insane, as well as the question, was the firing into an alleged Klan meeting the act of a disordered brain or the carefully planned and inspired attack of the opposition to intimidate attendance at the meeting and is it a forerunner of a "reign of terror" to keep persons from attending meetings held by American citizens, is the question uppermost in the minds of many today. Not only in Starke county is this question agitating the minds of many, but throughout the nation this same question is being asked. No case has attracted as wide attention as has the case of Leo Hogan, now lying in jail here and charged with firing into an alleged Klan meeting.

The general belief is that Hogan is insane, but there is evidence that points to conspiracy and that this same conspiracy prompted and inspired the act.

(By Staff Correspondent)

### Held Under Bond

Hogan is now held under bond in the Knox county jail on two counts, the bond in each case having been placed at \$10,000 or a total of \$20,000. At a late hour today no effort had been made to secure the necessary bond that would free the prisoner.

### Shoots Into Building

The crime was committed on April 30th at about 9 o'clock and after Hogan had been refused admittance to an invitation meeting of what is alleged to have been a gathering of the Ku Klux Klan, in the village of San Pierre, near here. The first disturbance came when Hogan struck a man at the door after engaging in an argument with him when refused entrance to the meeting because he had no invitation. At that time Hogan was taken into custody, but afterward released upon the plea of his father and the promise that he return to his home.

Immediately upon his release, Hogan is said to have run to his automobile cursing and declaring he was going home to get a gun. In a short time he returned to the scene with a gun and deliberately fired through a window into the meeting striking and wounding Gilmore with the second shot. Edwin Wilkins, of Knox, who was standing outside the building, fired at Hogan in an attempt to divert his attention and save the unarmed persons inside who were at the mercy of Hogan. Hogan then turned his gun on Wilkins and wounded him in the shoulder. He then ran to his car and escaped, speeding westward.

At about 10 o'clock, the group of men who had made an effort to catch Hogan, were joined by Sheriff German, of this city, and all then proceeded to the home of Hogan. As the sheriff approached the house Hogan crawled out on a veranda road and fired three times at the sheriff. Undaunted, Sheriff German continued his way and entered the house. The occupants questioned the right to take Hogan without a warrant and after appointing deputies to guard against his escape, the sheriff journeyed to Knox to secure a proper warrant. Upon his return Hogan surrendered and was incarcerated in the Knox jail. He was bound over to the grand jury yesterday by a justice of the peace court.

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## COLUMBUS KLAN HAS BIG PARADE AND CEREMONIAL

### Efforts to Stop Demonstration Prove to Be Futile—Vast Crowd Present

### Cheers Greet Marchers—Fifteen Hundred Candidates Are Initiated

(By Staff Correspondent)

Columbus, Ohio, May 6.—Not only did the parade and naturalization ceremony of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan here Friday bring out the largest crowds seen on Columbus streets since war days, it also brought the eyes of the nation on the fight of Buckeye Klan No. 8 for fair play.

Two weeks ago, two organizers of the order confronted H. D. Shepard, a thirty-second degree Mason, and secretary of the Columbus Driving Park Association, with the proposition of leasing the park, just east of the city limits, for the ceremony. Shepard was not told that the park was wanted for a Klan ceremony, but was informed that an American organization would use it. The two officials were introduced by a Franklin county official, who is acquainted personally with both parties involved. A sum of \$100 was paid for the privilege, but upon a "gentleman's agreement," no receipt was taken.

### Secretary Changes Front

Prompted by some "power behind the throne," as the old adage puts it, Mr. Shepard, in a statement to the newspapers Thursday, declared that the park could not be used. He said if he had known it was the Klan engaging the premises it would not have been leased. Later he said that the two officials represented that the organization was a railroad men's fraternity. This is absolutely untrue. Then again, in another Columbus newspaper he was quoted as saying that the use of fireworks prompted him to deny the use of the park to the Klan.

### KLAN WELCOME AT ANY TIME, SAYS OHIO MAYOR AFTER PARADE

### Chagrin Falls Scene of Huge Demonstration—250 Candidates Are Initiated

Cleveland, Ohio, May 7.—On last Saturday night at Chagrin Falls, a town near this city, the Ku Klux Klan paraded before a huge crowd. Approximately 1,000 men were in the line of march. The parade was preceded by the Klan ceremonial at which about 250 men were initiated into the order.

The initiation ceremonies were held on the Archie Perkins farm, two and a half miles northeast of Chagrin Falls, on Russel road, the farm on which the Klansmen held their first open-air convales in this vicinity last fall. Automobiles in which the Klansmen journeyed from Cleveland and nearby towns to the meeting place were parked in a circle with their headlights pointing outward and casting long shafts of light across the farmlands to aid scores of

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## CHURCH LIGHTED BY FIERY CROSS AT MINNEAPOLIS

### Dr. W. S. Harper, Marion, Ind., in Double Sunday Meeting

### Pastor Hits Grand Jury With Sarcasm in View of Klan Trial

(By Staff Correspondent)

Minneapolis, Minn., May 7.—A flaming "fiery cross," symbol of the Ku Klux Klan, burned beside the pulpit in Foss Memorial Methodist Church Sunday night when services were held to which members of the Klan had been invited by the Rev. John G. Schabily, minister.

Rev. Schabily, who descended from the pulpit and lit the cross himself, told the congregation that he might be called before the grand jury for his action, but he added that "I'd like to go before the grand jury and preach the Gospel to them."

### Urges Congregation to Join

Rev. Dr. W. S. Harper of Marion, Ind., spoke on "The Development of the Protestant Church," and at the close of services offered prayer and then urged members of the congregation to join the Klan.

"The regular meeting will be held this week at the regular time and regular place," he said, "and those of you who want to get in, come on. Ask any wayfarer and he will take you eight miles north tomorrow night, on a high hill where a twelve-foot fiery cross will burn."

Rev. Schabily pointed out the cross just before Dr. Harper was introduced.

### Cross Gives Sole Light

"We are going to light this," he said, and the minister lit the cross and the church darkened.

Although Dr. Harper detailed the purposes of the Klan, he made no mention of the name of the organization.

### Offers No Apologies

Rev. Schabily told the congregation that he offered no apologies for inviting the Klan to attend the services.

"This afternoon someone called me

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## ALLEGED KLANS-MAN COMMITS A TERRIBLE CRIME

### Runs Amuck and Tacks Card on Telephone Pole, But Brings to Light Other Law Violations Which Flourish

### Jeffersonville Police Officer Has Eagle Eye—Detects Klan Advancement, But Fails to Arrest Offender

(By Eyewitness)

Jeffersonville, Ind., May 6.—At last an alleged Klansman has committed a terrible crime. A large cardboard sign, advertising a gathering of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Wabash, Indiana, was recently tacked on a telephone pole at the southeast corner of Spring and Market streets in this city, after which the alleged Klan "criminal" hurriedly drove away in an automobile. That he was hiding in Jeffersonville and successfully evading arrest by John E. Cole, Roman Catholic chief of police, was still a fact at the time this article was written. Chief Cole was able to obtain the license number of the car

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## ROCKVILLE VIEWS BIG KLAN PARADE

### Naturalization of Men Follows

(By Kitter)

Rockville, Ind.—Parke county had its first glimpse of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan here Saturday night, when a huge initiation was held following a street parade through the city. A previous demonstration was held near here a few weeks ago.

Unadvertised to the public, there suddenly appeared on West High street at 9 o'clock, a mysterious parade, the like of which had never before been witnessed in this county.

The parade was preceded by six Klansmen carrying an American flag, closely followed by a bright red fiery cross. The parade differed from the majority of Klan parades in this section of the state, in that there was an automobile in line for each four men, who walked with folded arms at the side of the car.

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## READ! WHAT DOES THE NATION NEED?

### A CORRECTION AND APOLGUE TO THE CLAYPOOL HOTEL

It is very, very seldom indeed, that The Fiery Cross finds it worth while or reasonable to print an apology, or make a denial of statements appearing in this publication.

But recently, referring to an article pertaining to the arrest of "Stew" Donnelly and Joe Farb, bootleggers who were operating around the Claypool Hotel, it was stated, "for the sake of the uninitiated it is generally understood that any concessions that are given around the Claypool Hotel are paid for, and the privilege of selling 'hip liquor' at Washington and Illinois streets is not gratis by any means."

This concession is entirely free, and without cost to anyone. We have a letter from Mr. Henry W. Lawrence, general manager of the Claypool Hotel, which says so, and says further that the Claypool Hotel does not control the concessions "around" the hotel, or "on Washington or Illinois streets." We sincerely apologize to Mr. Lawrence for our grievous error. We are glad to know that so far as the Claypool Hotel is concerned these concessions are entirely free, and possibly this accounts for the thriving business that has been done there in the past, and which has been broken up by the investigations of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and for which Mr. Lawrence is undoubtedly indeed grateful.

## PUBLISHERS ARE DEFIANT; WILL NOT CUT PRICES

### Neither Will Texts of School Books Be Changed

### Bids Still Open, But No History Books Yet Offered Other Than Those Presented on April 30th

(By School Book Editor)

Since the meeting of the state board of education on April 30, when high school books submitted by the various publishers for adoption for use during the next five years were rejected on the "ground of their high prices," it has been learned on highest authority that the publishers do not intend to reduce the prices on books and that no changes of text will be considered. No other history books have as yet been presented.

According to this state board of education at its next meeting, on May 29, will be confronted with a situation exactly similar to that of the former meeting.

### Subject of First Importance

While the cost of books offered is exceedingly high and should call for grave consideration on the part of those delegated by the state to make this decision, the quality and contents of school books is, to the minds of all serious 100 per cent American people, the subject of first importance. In this connection it has been repeatedly pointed out through these columns that the books dealing with early European history which are now being taught in our high schools as well as grade schools are highly objectionable, in that they are clearly Roman Catholic in teaching and sentiment. Children of Indiana have been reciting the misrepresentation of facts taught by these books and learning the Roman Catholic teachings since they were in their mother's arms, and it is the firm determination of real loyal American people who have awakened to the perils of this outrageous situation that this practice shall cease at no matter what cost in dollars and cents.

### Must Uphold Ideals

One hundred per cent American people, those men and women who stand by the Constitution of the United States and the principles and ideals upon which this nation was founded, know that the greatest institution in this republic is our system of free public schools. Within these walls where all children of whatever birth or station in life meet upon a common ground of real democracy, must be taught the principles of pure, 100 per cent Americanism in order that the citizens of tomorrow may be able to take their places and do their work toward the upholding of these great ideals and

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## WHO'S WHO

The following is a list of Roman Catholics, together with a listing of the business they are in, and their addresses:

1. John V. Coffield, president of Coffield, Sanders & Co., certified public accountants, suite 851, Lemcke annex; residence, 12 Hampton court.
2. Thomas A. Flaherty, secretary-treasurer of Coffield, Sanders & Co., certified public accountants, suite 851, Lemcke annex.
3. Anthony Klee, attorney, 802 National City Bank building, Residence, 1718 S. Meridian street.
4. Walter T. Lents, architect, 5504 East Washington street.
5. E. H. Moorman, coal, 1011 East East New York street. Residence, 1301 East New York street.
6. B. M. Keene, druggist, 201 North Delaware street. Residence, 2134 Central avenue.
7. Elmer A. Steffen, cigar manufacturer, 402 East Washington street.
8. Albert G. Feeney, Feeney Furniture Company, 128 West Washington street.
9. Frank Kottelman, furniture, 335 East Washington street.
10. John C. Carroll, grocer, 601 South West street.
11. H. E. Calland, insurance, 505 Odd Fellow building. Residence, 3840 Graceland avenue.
12. Frank L. Meier, Meier Electric and Machine Company, 136 South Meridian street. Residence, East National road.
13. Jud McCarthy, "Jud's Men's Duds," furnishings, hats and tailoring, 19 East Ohio street and 139 North Illinois street. Residence, 1913 North Meridian street.
14. W. S. Waters, proprietor Central Sheet Metal Company, 1621 East Michigan street. Residence, 1621 East Michigan street.
15. T. R. Lavery, sheet metal contractor, 601 North Keystone avenue. Residence, same.

## SHANK TRIES TO BLOCK LAW ENFORCEMENT

### "Punishes" Worley by Reduction in Rank. Series of Events Show Underworld Pressure Being Felt. Klan Efforts Draw Fire. Klan Investigators Persecuted. Attempts Made to Protect Violators by Police "Night Riding Squad."

### American Unity League Declares War on Protestants and Plans Assaults on Public Officials and Citizens. Klan Law Enforcement Program Proceeds Definitely, With Arrests and Convictions.

## FIVE THOUSAND PARADE IN SPRINGFIELD

### Fiery Cross Burns and Bands Play While Chief O'Brien Wonders

### Klansmen from All Parts Attend

(By Staff Correspondent)

Springfield, Ohio, May 5.—Five thousand Klansmen gathered here Monday night for one of the largest conclaves yet held in the United States, demonstrating the predominance of members of the organization in this section.

A class of 500 was initiated during the ceremonies which took place on a hilltop on the Holman farm, five miles north of Springfield, in the Urbana pike. Music for the initiation and the accompanying ceremonies was furnished by the Dayton Klan band and by the Atlanta, Ga., quartet.

While Klansmen from all parts of this state and officials of the Klan from all parts of the country, including headquarters at Atlanta, massed upon the hill, spectators on foot and in automobiles lined the pike in the valley below for more than three miles. Three thousand autos, it is estimated, including those which bore the Klansmen to the meeting, were at the Holman farm on that night. Their lights sparkled like fireflies in the valley while on the hilltop the white robes of the Klansmen and the darker civilian clothing of the initiates were revealed at times

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## INVESTIGATORS ARE NOW CO-OPERATING

### Aid Klan Investigators and in Turn Are Aided by Them

Operating with its one-man police department, Captain Claude Worley, at the county sheriff, Geo. Snider, it has been found satisfactory to co-operate in some cases with the federal investigators. Recently material aid was rendered by agents of the prohibition department, Winkler and Neilan.

It has been found in some cases where the Klan investigators were already working, co-operation was necessary, and was obtained in making arrests. It has also been found that cases on which the Klan investigators were working later federal investigations developed, at which time co-operation was obtained and carried out.

Investigators for the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and federal investigators have at all times worked in absolute harmony, and any information pertaining to Klan investigators who make any reference to the fact that they are investigators for the department of justice, or federal investigators under Bert Morgan's prohibition department, should be reported at once to The Fiery Cross, who will in turn place the information before the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Not only will such investigators be immediately dismissed from service, but every assistance will be given the federal government in prosecuting any men who might give the impression or who would be proven to be impersonating federal officers.

(By Eyewitness)

Feeling pressure from inside because of his failure to give protection, Limber Lunged Lew Shank, mayor of Indianapolis, attempts to strike back. Persecution and fake arrests of Klan investigators by "Buck" Summers, secretary to chief Rikhoff, warning to Klan investigators by police "night riding squad" to "keep out," the local organization of the American Unity League declaring war on the Klan, followed by the "reduction" in rank of Captain Claude Worley, investigator out of Prosecutor Evans' office, who has been assisting and co-operating with Klan investigators, are the outstanding features of another week of Klan pressure on Limber Lunged Lew.

### Silence Is Golden?

If silence is golden, as the old adage tells us, Limber Lunged Lew and Bill Armitage, after last week's "talk feast," are now storing up a vast amount of golden nuggets for use when they sink into oblivion following steady, persistent, and definite results by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, in their law enforcement program. Not a cheep has been heard from Limber Lunged Lew or any of his cohorts for one solid week, and from this silence it would appear that he had gone down for the third time.

It is a conspicuous fact, however, that following his week of talk and issuing of interviews to the newspapers, he has adopted a program of blocking the efforts of Klan investigators, under pressure from the underworld of Indianapolis, who demand protection. So far he has refrained from giving his permission to the police department to arrest bootleggers and other law violators and confines their efforts to the arrest, without cause, of American citizens attempting to secure law enforcement, and co-operating within, and under the law, with the duly constituted authorities.

In their efforts to secure evidence of baseball ticket selling at George H. Kramer's, 801 North New Jersey street, and at the place of Charles H. Green, at 476 Massachusetts avenue, two Klan investigators were arrested by Lieutenant Summers, who had trailed them from the local downtown hotel where they were stopping, to the point of arrest. These men were afterward immediately discharged after being arraigned in Judge Wilmet's court Tuesday morning. Of course, Lieutenant Summers insists that the only way he can find law violators is to trail Klan investigators. This is evidenced by the fact that in order to make it appear that law enforcement was effective, police officers last week followed every act of the Klan investigators and in one instance apparently were forced to act to protect themselves and in an effort to show good faith.

This remarkable and ridiculous incident was after Klan investigators had accompanied Captain Worley to the place of James Talbert, 27 West Pearl street, where Talbert was placed under arrest on a charge of distributing baseball pool books. Within thirty minutes after this arrest was made, Lieut. Summers himself, with a squad of police, dashed madly to the West Pearl street address, and again arrested Talbert, for which valiant and noble act he immediately received a whole column on the front page of Indianapolis newspapers, while Capt. Worley, who actually made the arrest, was not even mentioned.

These silly and ridiculous activities on the part of the police department are most amusing to those familiar with the situation; literally dashing from pillar to post, up alleys and down boulevards, in an attempt to convince the public that something is being done.

The fact remains, however, that the activities of the entire police department are directed, not at law violators, but to blocking the activities of the Klan investigators. The arrest of another Klan investigator, on a trumped-up charge of

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