

55,000 Klansmen In Parade

Applications Flood Ku Klux Klan Offices

S. GLENN YOUNG AND WIFE SHOT; GUNMAN DEAD

FORMER FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WHO LED IN CLEANUP OF WILLIAMSON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, ATTACKED BY FOUR ASSASSINS IN ROADWAY NEAR OKAWVILLE, ILL.

Mrs. Young Seriously Wounded and Her Husband Shot in Leg—Constabulary Kills Gunman and Wounds Companion in Frenzied Battle at Outskirts of Herrin—Machine Gun Found in Their Car—Another Chapter in Williamson Cleanup Campaign

HERRIN, Ill., May 26.—Jack Skelcher, notorious gunman, rum runner and bootlegger, is dead here, and his companion, who gave his name as Brown, is wounded and in a Herrin hospital, as the result of a battle between the two men and officers of the Illinois constabulary force at the edge of the city Saturday morning.

The officers were guarding all roads leading into Herrin in the search for the gunmen, who, Friday morning, shot S. Glenn Young, federal prohibition agent, and Mrs. Young, near Okawville, Ill. Mrs. Young is in a serious condition from the wounds inflicted by the assassins, and Mr. Young was wounded in the leg. Both are in a hospital at Belleville, Ill.

The attempted assassination took place on the Atlantic-Pacific highway in the Okaw river bottoms, as Mr. and Mrs. Young were on their way in an automobile from Harrisburg, Ill., to St. Louis.

Fuillade of Bullets Four men were in a closed car which came from behind the Young car. As it passed the Young car, three of the men opened fire with automatic pistols and a sawed-off shotgun. Mr. and Mrs. Young threw themselves on the floor of the car and thus escaped death. Mrs. Young was wounded in the face and heard fourteen shots from the shotgun taking effect. The sight of one or both eyes may be lost, physicians say. About twenty shots were fired at the Young automobile.

"My wife and I were driving to St. Louis on the A. P. highway when I observed a sedan following us. Young said, 'I think there were four men in it. When I arrived at the embankment near the Okaw river bottoms, the driver of the sedan sped up his car and passed my machine on the left. Just as the two cars were abreast, three of the men in the sedan poured a volley of shot at us. My wife and I both ducked and escaped being killed, bullets passing through the automobile right over our heads."

Refuse to Surrender The battle in which Skelcher was killed and his companion wounded (Continued on Page 5)

CAMPBELL COUNTY WOMEN PLAN PICNIC

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Credit Due Policemen

The police force of Indianapolis is deserving of great credit for the splendid work in co-operating with Klansmen who had the direction of the great Klan parade in Indianapolis Saturday night. Inspector White promised E. M. Hardin, grand marshal of the parade, that ample police protection would be provided, and Herman Rikhoff, chief of police, provided exactly what Inspector White promised. Not in the history of Indianapolis, probably, has a large crowd had better police protection. Klansmen wish to thank Mayor Shank, Chief Rikhoff, police captains, lieutenants, sergeants, traffic men and every city official who had in any way anything to do with making the Klan gathering a success.

The only thing to mar the entire celebration was the sounding of several false fire alarms, two of which brought fire apparatus into the crowd in Washington street at two places. The kind of the alarm is plainly seen here, but no member of the fire department can be held to blame. Chief O'Brien gave all the service he possibly could to the parade officials, and they have a most kindly feeling toward him.

Stunned up, the success of the whole undertaking is placed at the feet of Emmet M. Hardin, the "man who put it over," probably as no other person could have done. His organization was a marvel to men who have had experience with many big affairs of this sort. Several of these men were the first to congratulate Mr. Hardin and his efficient assistants.

Two \$50,000 Gifts for a Springfield Lincoln "U"

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., May 26.—Two gifts of \$50,000 each were presented to the Abraham Lincoln University association here last week, by Dr. Elmer Hagler and Ira B. Blackstock, retired farmer, both of Springfield. The association is conducting a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for an Abraham Lincoln university here.

VICIOUS BOYCOTT AGAINST AMERICANS AT JEFFERSONVILLE

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So the People May Know

What is the province of a newspaper? Years ago, in the days of Nasby of the Toledo Blade, Greeley of the New York Tribune, Harrison of the Chicago Democrat, and many others maybe not quite so well known, our grandfathers and grandmothers read the daily newspapers as religiously as they did their Bible. They believed what they read, and they got the news of the nation untarnished. They then had a right to say: "I saw it in the paper, and it is true."

Our fathers and our mothers, children then in the homes, were taught to regard the newspaper as an institution. They grew up in that belief and in a measure brought it down to the present generation. It was a fine thing to know that your home newspaper tried and in great measure served the news of the day ungarbled. It is a sad commentary on the press of today when one is compelled to note here and there that this story is colored to suit the situation; that article is garbled to suit a certain clique; this is propaganda, issued from some

bureau to put over the plan of some organization; here is something sent out by a powerful corporation to boost a certain scheme in a community to obtain a valuable franchise. The columns, after columns, the discerning reader can pick this class of "news" from practically every daily newspaper going into the homes today.

The press associations cater to certain classes or nationalities. They suppress the news here, garble it there and inject the color to suit the occasion. In some cases this is done to "make good reading," the facts taking a back seat. The change from the Nasby-Greeley-Harrison day can be traced to the chain newspaper period starting twenty years ago. One man of great wealth and a desire for political power inherited a newspaper on the west coast. He saw its power and he began to add one newspaper after the other until he had a string reaching from coast to coast. This was the introduction of the yellow journal. This string of newspapers fairly wallowed in sensationalism. The conservative publisher became panic-stricken. He feared and

hated this yellow journalism, but the business office—the jingle of the dollar—tried to the better of his conscience and he tried to ape the original yellow journal, until today one may go down the line from Frisco to New York, and practically every daily newspaper he picks up is trying to be as yellow as the chain newspaper—the original yellow.

Some clique, bureau, organization, foreign power, corporation, manufacturers' association or merchants' association that has something "to put over" that is a little shady has its colored "news" spread throughout the pages. They prevent the publication of anything that seems to oppose their scheme of affairs. They have their representatives in every press association, in every bureau, in every daily newspaper office. They are organized to the "nth degree. The Roman Catholic hierarchy has spies in every place to guard its propaganda and to "put it over" with the hardest punch.

This condition is responsible for the almost united stand of the daily newspapers against the Ku Klux Klan. This condition is responsible for the almost united stand of the daily newspapers against the Ku Klux Klan. This condition is responsible for the almost united stand of the daily newspapers against the Ku Klux Klan.

While the Roman Catholics are sowing the seed of hate, they are attempting to show that this seed of hate is being sown by Protestants. The point where, in strictly Roman Catholic business corporations, firms and business houses in Indianapolis, few, if any, Protestants are employed. It is not the Roman Catholics who are sowing the seed of hate, it is the Protestants who are sowing the seed of hate.

They are warning their way into every Masonic lodge in America where it is possible. Do you think for a minute a Protestant could get into a Knights of Columbus order? You and I know they could not. If you knew, as I know, that they give for being opposed to the Klan organization—that it refuses to let certain citizens of the United States into it as members. They never found fault with the Jews, the Italians or any other race having exclusive organizations. Why, then, so much talk about the Klan refusing admission to others except Protestants.

Please America understand this statement. The Klan is not opposed to Roman Catholic citizenship. But it wishes this citizenship to be on the same plane with the citizenship of Protestants. No man would be ignorant of its principles if he did not take the word of the enemy for it. The Klan is not tearing down any

LEGION MEN FOOLED BY ANTI-KLAN MOVE

MARION, Ill., May 26.—A stranger, wearing an American Legion button, appeared at the meeting of the American Legion here last week and announced that he was authorized by General Dages of Chicago to organize Legionnaires and members of the federal reserve corps into an organization known as Minute Men. He said it was an organization to uphold the Constitution of the United States. He obtained a few signatures and in a few days these men received letters from Chicago showing that they had joined a rapid anti-Klan organization. They were assigned to the 66th company of Minute Men of Illinois. The commanding officer of this outfit in Williamson county is George Calligan, Roman Catholic, discredited sheriff.

PRESIDENT SIGNS IMMIGRATION BILL

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The immigration bill was signed today by President Coolidge. Despite the provision making Japanese exclusion effective July 1, put into the measure over his vigorous opposition, the President decided because of other considerations to give executive approval to the legislation on the statute books. It was pointed out that inasmuch as the present immigration law expires June 30, a veto might have made it necessary to rush through an emergency measure in the closing hours of the session. Such a step, the President felt, would not be practicable in view of the tangled legislative situation and the certainty that any emergency provision would be beset by many attempts at amendment and possibly blocked altogether.

TWO-DAY PICNIC IS PLANNED AT BRAZIL

BRAZIL, Ind., May 26.—Klansmen of Clay county are planning a big celebration here the evening of Friday, May 30, and Saturday and Sunday night, May 31. A program of unusual interest has been arranged at Forest Park, and a parade through the streets of Brazil is to be a special feature Saturday evening. A large class of candidates is to be initiated. Several noted speakers are to be present, music has been provided, refreshments are to be served and a baseball game is to be one of the afternoon attractions. "The Traitor Within," a Klan photoplay, is to be shown at the auditorium Friday and Saturday nights.

RIOT BY NOTRE DAME STUDENTS RESULTS IN GREAT INCREASE

South Bend Headquarters Is Besieged With Requests for Admittance. Many Points in Michigan Show Increased Membership as Result of Mob.

(Special to The Fiery Cross) SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 25.—Klan headquarters in this county have been virtually swamped with applications for membership in the Klan organization since the riot in this city by Notre Dame students, who one week ago last Saturday tore down and trampled under foot the American flag, assaulted Klansmen and Klanswomen and brutally beat a Fiery Cross newsboy after stripping practically all clothing from him as he attempted to fight his way out of a mob.

That the effect of the mob has only resulted in thousands throughout St. Joseph county coming into the Klan organization, is seen in reports coming from different points in Michigan from which Klansmen had come to take part in the celebration to have been held here on the day of the riot. Many of these Klansmen from Michigan were set upon and beaten and a report from Niles states that a number of students from the Roman Catholic college went to Niles, ten miles from this city, and attempted to break up a meeting being held by the Women of the Ku Klux Klan.

Reports from Gary Reporters from Gary and Hammond tell of a great influx of new members in those places, due to the fact that the Hammond and Gary delegations were set upon by the students as they were alighting from trains and badly beaten. The women in the party received no more consideration than the men. The instruments carried by the Gary band were demolished by the students. As early as 3 o'clock on the day of the riot, American non-Klansmen had begun asking for admittance. As the day went on and no mercy was being shown age or sex by the rioting students, and Protestants were

GREAT KLAN REVIEW, PAGEANT TWO NIGHTS AT THE FAIRGROUNDS

Most Brilliant Fireworks Display Ever Given in Indiana Is Promised

Musie, Vaudeville, Pageant of Floats on Program—Free Parking Provided

Following the biggest Klan celebration ever held in Indiana, on last Saturday night, plans have been completed for a great Klan Review and Pageant at the state fairgrounds, opening Thursday night and continuing all day Friday and Friday night, May 29 and 30.

The greatest fireworks display ever attempted in Indiana will be given each evening, and 2,000 persons are required to give the dramatic setting and tableaux of the pageant. The fireworks display is to include set pieces of almost innumerable designs, each of which has a distinctive educational value.

A program of unusual interest has been arranged, every minute of both evenings being occupied by some entertaining feature.

Musical Features The musical program is one of the most varied ever offered at a Klan celebration. The Indianapolis Liberty band and Indianapolis Liberty band are two of the musical organizations to be present.

The setting for the program features center about the grandstands. In front of the stands, in plain view of any person in the stands, a diversified entertainment will be put through that can not help but be entertaining and instructive.

Vaudeville Program Vaudeville and athletic features have also been arranged and stages (Continued on page 3)

KLAN STAGES SPECTACULAR PROCESSION

STREETS JAMMED TO VIEW EIGHT AND ONE-HALF MILES OF MARCHERS—RUNNING OF FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH DOWNTOWN, RISKING LIVES OF THOUSANDS, ADDS TO SPECTACULAR—ALLEN EFFORT TO BREAK UP PARADE PROVES AS FUTILE AS EFFORTS TO DISORGANIZE KLAN ORGANIZATION.

Crowd on Sidelines Is Estimated From 225,000 to 300,000—Efforts by Dullies to Minimize Number in Parade, Which Took More Than Two Hours to Pass Given Point, Brings Astonishment From Readers Who Witnessed Event—Imperial Officers Speak at Fairgrounds Preceding Night Event

(By Wingfoot)

In the greatest parade ever witnessed in Indianapolis, fifty-five thousand Klansmen marched through the streets of the Hoosier capital Saturday night in a procession eight and one-half miles long and which was viewed by a crowd variously estimated from 225,000 to 300,000. The Klansmen were cheered wildly along the entire line of march. Women of the Ku Klux Klan and members of the Junior Klan had places in the procession which moved from Capitol avenue and Sixteenth street at 8:30, led by an escort of motorcycle policemen supplied by Chief of Police Herman Rikhoff on orders issued by Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank.

The spectacular was accentuated by the running of the fire department through jammed streets in a wild effort by the alien forces in Indianapolis to break up the procession. That no one was injured was a miracle and was due to the perfect signals from Emmet Hardin, marshal of the parade, to his assistants, and the police officers in handling the crowd. That the running of the fire department through the downtown streets was prearranged by those familiar with the workings of the department is seen in the blocking of the procession at Illinois and Washington streets, by calling the boxes so that the department would have to pass north in Illinois street and then calling fire wagons from north of Washington street to go into the territory just vacated by

SIX ALIENS FIND NEWSBOY GUILTY

Newport Police Charge Him With Creating a Disturbance—Case Is Appealed

NEWPORT, Ky., May 24.—Five Roman Catholics and a Jew in police court here Wednesday morning, serving as a jury, found Charles E. Portenier, a salesman for The Fiery Cross, guilty on the charge of disorderly conduct. He was fined \$50 and sentenced to jail for thirty days. He immediately appealed the case to the circuit court, provided bond and was released.

A certified check as bond was refused by Louis Reuscher, city attorney, and Portenier was compelled to provide a realty bond.

Portenier was arrested on May 13 when selling papers in front of the Hippodrome theater in Monmouth street. The charge against him was that he was calling his wares in the street. Other newsboys sell papers in the same street, calling their wares in the same manner as Portenier.

The jury which found Portenier guilty five minutes after it retired with the "evidence," was composed as follows:

Nathan Bartel, a Jew tailor. Fred Harmeyer, Roman Catholic painter and glass dealer. Gustav Ellerman, Roman Catholic clothing merchant. James Madden, Roman Catholic shoe merchant. Henry Weick, Roman Catholic, owner of a gent's furnishing goods store. James Sheridan, Roman Catholic, a steel worker and a noted radical.