

K. C. Fails to Trick Grotto

GROTTO PARADE MOST GORGEOUS SPECTACLE

PROPHETS STAGE ONE OF MOST BRILLIANT PROCESSIONS EVER WITNESSED IN INDIANAPOLIS

Costumes Are Weird, Beautiful, Fantastic and Grotesque—Mardi Gras Parade on Tuesday Night Follows Carnival in Monument Circle

Replete with bands, drum, bugle and fire corps, members of the Grotto from all parts of the United States and Canada, Monday afternoon, in brilliant uniforms of every shade and hue staged one of the most gorgeous parades ever witnessed in Indianapolis.

The long procession was punctuated with the ridiculous, and much amusement was afforded by such as "The Kitchen Band," and other organizations in grotesque garb.

ATTORNEY BLUNDERS AT JEFFERSONVILLE

Severe Criticism Follows Attack on Klan by N. K. Harris at Flag Day Celebration

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., June 23.—Severe criticism is being voiced here following the attack launched on the Ku Klux Klan by Norval K. Harris, prosecuting attorney of Sullivan county, who took advantage of a Flag Day celebration by the Elks to enter into a tirade against the American organization.

In the opinion of many citizens of Jeffersonville, Harris hurled insults directly into the faces of the many Klansmen who served Uncle Sam overseas during the world war.

The young men who saw service in Europe realized more fully the conditions there, and were eager to save America from such situations as found there.

Opposition Bombs Pastor's Home Glenn Loses In "Spite Case"

E. M. HARDIN, VICTIM OF TRAFFIC HEAD'S WRATH, ACQUITTED

Decision by Judge Wilmet Shows Former Joint Keeper in True Light

Protestant Merchant Many Times a Victim of Traffic Department's Prejudice

Mike Glenn, former operator of what was termed by police under the Jewett administration as a "joint," and who is now head of the traffic police in Indianapolis, lost in his "spite case" against Emmet M. Hardin when the latter was acquitted in police court Saturday morning by Judge Wilmet.

When Hardin appeared in answer to notice for him to come to Glenn's office, Glenn, who takes every chance possible to vent his wrath against Protestantism, ordered Hardin's arrest on the charge of impersonating an officer.

Glenn Fares Well

Under Chief Rikhoff, Glenn has fared well and a special title was given him; that his salary might be raised. He was an active member of the now defunct anti-American Unity League which was formed here to combat the Klan.

"ANTI-KLAN" PLANK IS GOAL OF IRISHMAN

GEORGE BRENNAN WOULD READ AMERICAN DEMOCRATS OUT OF THEIR PARTY

At Smith, Roman Catholic, Leading Fight Against American Order—Convention Sidelights

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

NEW YORK, June 20.—Judging from all the New York newspapers are printing nowadays, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Klan and anti-Klan planks as proposed, the doings and movements of the Klan, and things pertaining to the Klan, are the biggest things in the biggest show in New York, viz., the Democratic national convention.

Placing headlines about the Klan and anti-Klan to be found on the front page of every New York paper in every issue these days. The Klan seems to be of more concern than the prohibition question.

Everybody wants to see Wizard Evans and no one can find him. He goes and comes as he pleases and the reporters somehow can't seem to get next. Most of them have him arriving here days and days after he has been on the ground conferring with his friends in and out of his rooms.

Working on Platform

Preliminary steps are being taken toward drafting the platform. So far the subject is up only in conferences. Right at the beginning it is made plain to everyone that the biggest fight of the convention is coming over the position the Democratic party is to assume in regard to the Ku Klux Klan.

PROTESTANT BECOMES FRENCH PRESIDENT; GREAT CHANGE LOOMS

New Policy Against France Having Embassy at Vatican

Gaston Doumergue Is First Protestant to Be Elected Chief Executive

(Bureau Publication and Education)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18.—Gaston Doumergue, the first Protestant president elected since France became a republic, has just come into office and a new era is on in French politics.

Heavy Blow Struck

Thus the spirit of the Klan seems to be invading France and has struck a heavy blow at the old order of things in the French republic. Speculation is rife as to the likelihood of a break between the Pope and Quai d'Orsay—a break which has been brewing since the elections of May 11.

The Doumergue victory is understood to have been due to underestimation of the upper house and overestimation of the chamber. It was the senate vote which turned the scales at Versailles.

In addition to the abolition of the

CHURCH AT KOKOMO IN PECULIAR STAND

KOKOMO, Ind., June 20.—The death of a Klanswoman here, a Miss Lee, brought up much comment concerning the narrowness of the directors of the Christian church, when services were held there by the Eastern Star, while sister Klanswomen were forced to stay outside, according to the ruling made a few months ago, when the church was refused the Klan to hold services over a deceased brother who belonged to the church.

The Klanswomen made no attempt to enter the place, but stood silently outside while the other services were going on. The services of the Klan were held at the cemetery.

MICHIGAN TO HOLD GIGANTIC CELEBRATION

VAST THRONG OF 200,000 EXPECTED TO GATHER AT JACKSON

Klonklave to Extend Over July 3-4-5—Tented City Being Laid Out

(By Staff Correspondent)

JACKSON, Mich., June 23.—What will no doubt be the biggest Klan meeting ever held in Michigan and which all indications point to being one of the largest to have ever been held in any state, will be held near this city on July 4.

Plans have already been completed for a gigantic parade which is expected to rival the Indianapolis parade of several weeks ago when 55,000 Klansmen marched in a procession approximately ten miles long.

Line of March

The tentative line of march follows: The parade will form in West Michigan avenue and proceed to Jackson street; north in Jackson street to Ganson; west in Ganson to Seymour; and north in Seymour to the city limits.

The Klonklave will open on July 3 and close on July 5. The three days will be chock full of every conceivable amusement and entertainment for the visitors.

A large acreage has been secured by the Klan on which a tented city will be laid out. Streets will be named and possible tents numbered as in a permanent city.

Michigan at this time is turning to the Klan in a way that warms the hearts of all true Americans and the Klan is held in high esteem by leading citizens throughout the state.

OUTRAGE FOLLOWS ON HEELS OF THREAT BY OPPONENTS OF KLAN

Newport, Kentucky, Is Scene of Despicable Act—Babes Lives Endangered

Activity by Klansmen in Starting Crusade for Better Civic Conditions Arouses Aliens

(By Staff Correspondent)

NEWPORT, Ky., June 23.—Arrests are expected hourly here today in connection with the bombing of the parsonage of the Grace Methodist Episcopal Church by persons opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

That no one was injured is considered remarkable, as the minister, his wife, and three children were in the home at the time of the bombing, which occurred shortly after midnight Wednesday morning.

Newsboys Are Threatened

A terrific fight is being made against the Klan in this county, and newsboys selling The Fiery Cross have been threatened with death as the opposition gives in every way to check the growth of the Klan.

It is understood that through the efforts of Klansmen in this county much evidence has been placed before the grand jury, and a number of indictments against alleged bootleggers and other law violators will be returned when the grand jury adjourns.

The organized opposition to the Klan is desperate in its efforts to bring about the bombing of the parsonage. The procedure here is in keeping with that being carried on throughout the United States against the Klan.

That the bombing will have little effect on the actions of Rev. Gregory is seen in his statement issued to newspaper men, in which he says he will continue in his work and that he and his family will continue to reside in the home.

Would Intimidate Klansmen

The last threat received by the minister arrived at the home a few hours before the explosion. It

LOCAL MASONS FOOLED ONCE WATCH STEP

OLIVER R. WALD, SAHARA MARCH, DENIES ABSOLUTELY THAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR "GROTTO NIGHT" AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL, AS TOLD OF IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS, WERE MADE BY HIM.

"Negative Campaign" Against Klan by Roman Catholic Organization Is Brought to Light—Stories of Masonic Bands "Serenading" Roman Catholic Prelates Are Proven to Be Canards—Gorgeous Decorations Throughout City Accentuate Bareness of K. C. Home in Delaware Street.

(By Wingfoot)

The Knights of Columbus have been completely blocked by the Sahara Grotto of this city in furthering what has all the earmarks of a nation-wide understanding between that Roman Catholic order and other orders of the same faith, to carry on a "negative campaign" against the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and at the same time make it appear to the general public that the Roman Catholic attitude toward all Masonic orders is of the greatest friendliness.

The local Grotto was tricked last year at Cleveland when, conceivably complying with what seemed to be an innocent request, the Grotto band marched into a Cleveland hotel and gave a short concert. The members were astounded the next morning when Cleveland newspapers announced that the Grotto band had "serenaded" a Roman Catholic dignitary who was at the hotel at the time.

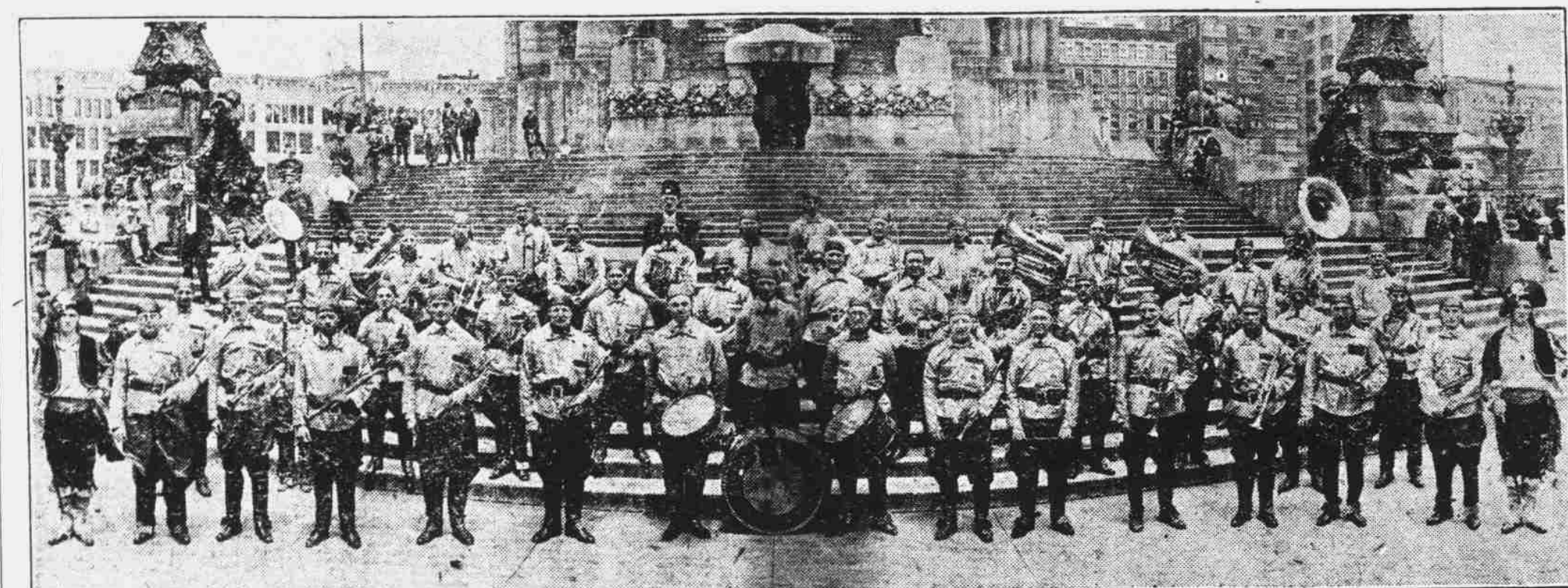
Local Papers Play Part

That certain local newspapers have been a party to this play by the Knights of Columbus, either knowingly or unknowingly, is seen in the absolute denial of Oliver R. Wald, monarch of the Sahara Grotto, that he authorized certain statements appearing in Indianapolis papers in regard to a "Grotto Night" at the Knights of Columbus hall in North Delaware street.

In one particular instance, the Indianapolis News prints a story in which it was stated "arrangements for this hospitality (a dance at the K. C. hall in honor of the Grotto) to be extended to the visitors was made with Mr. Wald by a committee of the Knights of Columbus, headed by Harry E. Calland."

Mr. Wald, Monday morning denied absolutely that any such arrangement had been made.

Sahara Grotto Band Tricked in Cleveland Into "Serenading" Catholic Dignitary



Above is shown the Sahara Grotto band of Indianapolis which, while in Cleveland in 1923, was requested to give a short concert in one of the hotels there. On the following morning the members were much surprised to learn that they had "serenaded" a body of Roman Catholics among whom was a high dignitary of the Catholic church. The story was played prominently in Cleveland and other metropolitan newspapers and was carried to all parts of the United States by press associations.

NEWCASTLE READY FOR EVENT JUNE 28

Henry County Klan Plans Big Day—Parade and Ceremony to Feature Program

NEWCASTLE, Ind., June 23.—National speakers, band concerts, races and quartets will be some of the attractions at Newcastle when the Henry County Klans hold their big meeting at the fairgrounds, on Saturday, June 28.

A big parade is planned as one of the features of the day and it will move at 8:30 p. m. A ceremonial will also be held by the Junior Klan at which more than fifty lads will be initiated.