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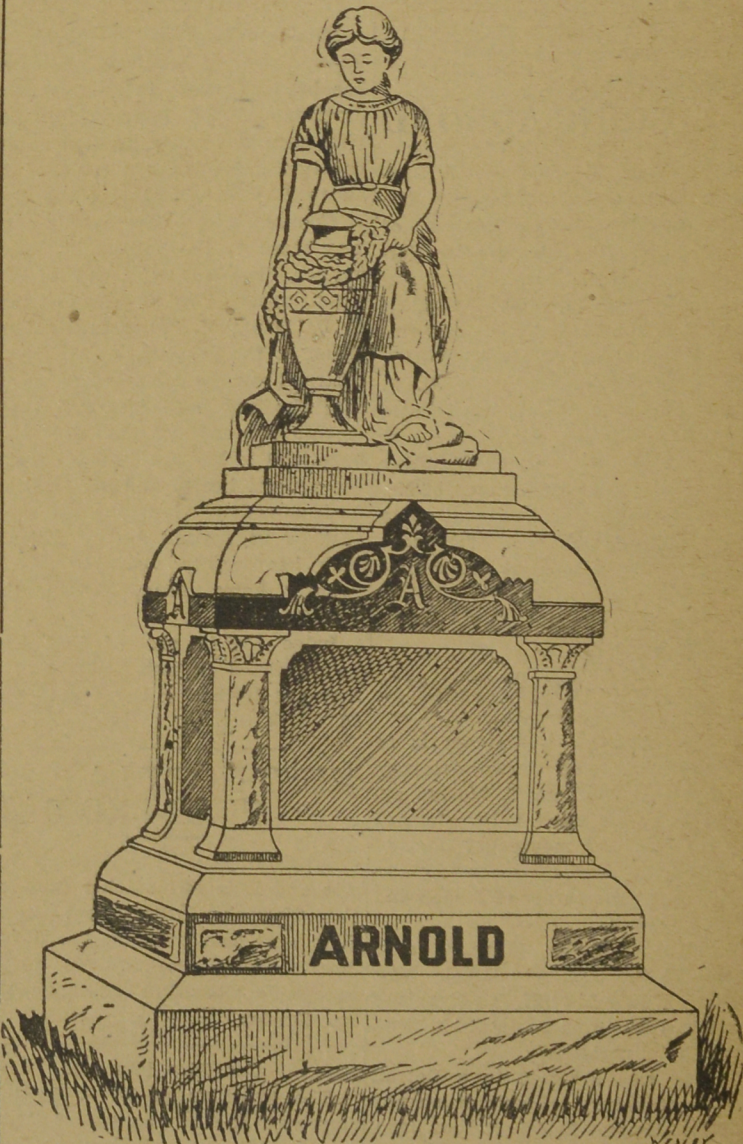
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KU KLUX KLAN FLAMING
IN MANY PARTS OF THE U. S.

(Philadelphia Ledger)

On Saturday night fiery crosses flamed in 260 Oklahoma towns, villages, open fields and timber clumps. The Klan was out. On that same day bands of floggers were busy in Georgia, Texas and Oklahoma, and Steubenville, O., was calling for troops to stop Klan and anti-Klan clashes in the streets.

The optimist who believes the Klan is withering and smothering in the venomous juices of its own hatreds is fooling himself. Internal feuds and bickerings have not checked the spread of this hateful, hooded thing. The Middle West is seething with Kluxerism. So is the Southwest.

The Klan campaign is sweeping into full swing in Ohio. Indians is full of "Kluders," as they call themselves. Indianapolis comes near being the capital of Northern Kluxerism and the seat of the more or less "Invisible Empire" in the North. Estimates of Indiana Klan strength run anywhere from 138,000 to 300,000.

Southern Illinois is fermenting with Kluxerism; and "Egypt," from Cairo on the Ohio-Mississippi delta north to Decatur and Springfield is alive with it. It is filtering into back townships, where half-grown youngsters have never seen a Negro, where a Catholic is a curiosity and where no Jew has ventured since the old days of the "Jew pack-peddler." As in Indiana, it is embittering the community life of every town. "Klookers" are boycotting the Catholic, the Jew and the alien and scowling at the black man. Illinois, home and tomb of Lincoln, numbers its "Klookers" in the tens of thousands.

And Missouri also. That State is in the throes of annexation to the "Invisible Empire" at so much per hate and per head. Wherefore and because of which, St. Louis is fearful that she may have a race riot on her hands before frost.

The southern counties of Kansas know Klan terrorism. Former Governor Henry J. Allen did his best to kill the Klan; but his best was not enough. The other night the Klan, in full glory of Night Shirt and Pillow Slip, gamboled in the streets of Topeka in full view of all men. Iowa's

turn is coming. Klookedom is turning its eyes toward the fat land of the Hawkeyes.

Oklahoma is stuffed with Klanism. Her Governor has charged that his State has had 2500 floggings in the last twelve months. There was exaggeration in this; but floggings have become a routine of Oklahoma nights. In an effort to check them, Okmulgee and Tulsa have been given a taste of martial law, with doubtful results. Still rides the Klan, and the lash is busy in the hateful glow of the fiery cross.

The crazy "Klooker" jargon of klavern and kleague, cyslops, wizard and dragon, of kamelia and kaligraph, has an odd and ominous sound north of Mason and Dixon's. This queer, commercialized madness is in great part based on misdirected and daimed-up religious emotionalism and the blind, unreasoning hate of the back-woodsman for the foreign-born. The "pine rat" and the "wool hat," the "hillbilly" and the "nester" and the man who is narrow between the eyes, whether he walks the hills or the asphalt, takes to it as duck takes to water. The human whose skull sutures closed when he was fourteen years old, or thereabouts, loves to hate. His is a fine old-vintage hatred.

Public opinion, as yet, has not killed the Klan. Exposures of it have helped check but have not slain it. Ignoring it has not halted it. The phenomena of its twisted hatreds are now a part of our national life. It is something for the statesmen to think about. Unless some miracle of sanity intervenes, it will color the results of the campaign of 1924 in many States. It is something that America and the real American must reckon with until it has run its hate-spurred course.

POWERS OF
KING'S PRINTER
ARE REVIVED

Ottawa, Aug. 21—Government publications will, in future, be under the direct control of a sub-committee of the Cabinet. This move restores to the Cabinet authority delegated in September, 1917, to an editorial committee, consisting of Fred Cook, F. C. T. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce; Mr. Lynch, of the Interior Department, and the late Rodolphe Boudreau, Clerk of the Privy Council.

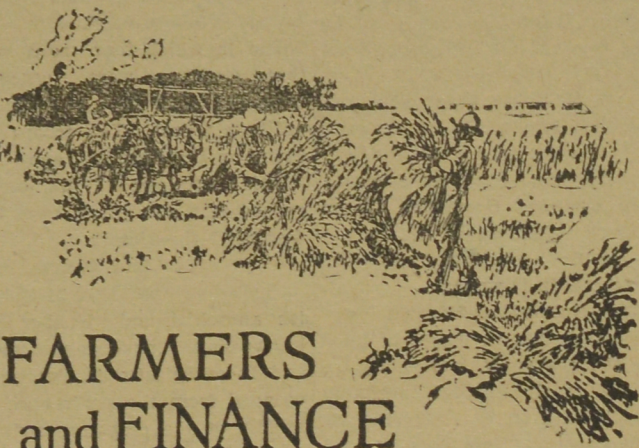
Under the new arrangement, authorized by Order-in-Council, the authority exercised by Mr. Cook and his committee will be exercised by the Cabinet sub-committee who will work with the King's Printer, Mr. Cook and such officials of the present editorial committee as the Government may deem it necessary to retain.

Under the arrangement just terminated, Mr. Cook was, to all intents and purposes, in complete control of the Federal publishing activities, but under the new arrangement the King's Printer, acting under the sub-committee of the Cabinet, will be the responsible authority. Mr. Cook will be retained in a supervisory capacity, but all requisitions made by the various branches of public service for printing and supplies will be forwarded direct to the King's Printer.

The sub-committee of the Cabinet consists of Hon. James Murdock, Minister of Labor; Hon. Ernest La Combe, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and Hon. A. B. Cepp, Secretary of State.

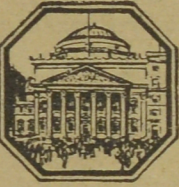
CHIEF JUSTICE
OF ONTARIO
PASSES AWAY

Montreal, Aug. 21—At the age of 83 years and after only a week's illness, the Hon. Sir William Ralph Meredith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Ontario, died at the Royal Victoria Hospital here tonight. One week earlier he had been brought hurriedly to Montreal from Scarborough Beach, where he had gone as usual to pass a month in his family. At that time Sir William, looking well and taking an active part in all the attractions of the seashore, including bathing. Owing however, to intestinal trouble it was deemed advisable to seek medical aid and surgical treatment and he was brought to the Royal Victoria Hospital. It soon became evident that the condition of the patient was one for some apprehension and a slight operation was found necessary. Although losing strength daily, Sir William remained conscious clear of intellect and maintaining to the last his usual courage and cheerfulness. When the end came at 9.30 tonight there were with him Lady Meredith, his daughter Mrs. W. W. Ramsay, of Toronto, Chief Justice R. M. Meredith, of London, Ont., and Sir Vincent and Lady Meredith of Montreal.



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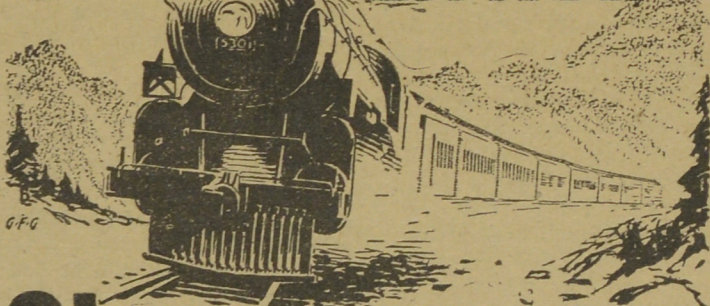


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