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THE POLICE AND THE KU-KLUX-KLAN

According to a statement appearing in The St. Louis Post Dispatch of Sept. 6, Frank A. Crippen of New Orleans, one of the grand-gobblins of the Ku-Klux-Klan, is quoted as saying that the membership of the St. Louis branch of the klan, which has about 3,500 members, include men in the "Police Department and the City Hall."

This statement may or may not be true. But one part of the statement in which we are particularly interested, is that which refers to the Police Department. We are thinking of those burning words of Victor Miller, president of the Board of Police Commissioners, when he said, that the police department must be kept out of politics. Citing as his reason, that "no man can serve two masters." He added that if the police owed his allegiance to the politicians, he could not render honest service to the Board. In this we heartily agree with Mr. Miller. But what about the police who are members of the Ku-Klux-Klan? Each member swears allegiance to William J. Simmons and to an organization which defies law and order. That being the case, how can a police officer be a member of such an organization?

One Hundred Police Dismissed

Recently, in an Oklahoma city, the chief of police, acting on the instruction from the mayor, dismissed more than one-hundred police officers, who admitted they were members of the Ku-Klux-Klan. This is a precedent that should be followed in St. Louis. Every member of the Police department should be questioned as to his membership in the Klan, and those found to be affiliated, should be summarily dismissed from the police force. This ought to be done at once. We believe that Victor Miller is the man with the nerve to do it.

WHAT MEANETH THIS UNREST?

If the question was put squarely up to us and we were pressed for direct answer, as to what the unrest among the Negroes of the country mean, we could give no better answer than the fact that they are dissatisfied.

Not that we are bewailing the fact that we have a real cause for grievance, but on the other hand, we are pleased to see this condition arise at this time. Dissatisfaction to us means growth. It means that we as a group will move up higher in order to satisfy our state of mind.

The Negroes in Virginia, Kentucky and Georgia have declared themselves against the treatment of the Race by the Republican party. They are now making a bid for the support of their brethren in the North and border states to join them in an "Independent" movement, as a resentment of the actions by the Republicans in dealing with the Negroes in the country.

The thoughtful among us are beginning to ask the question, what meaneth this unrest?

There can be no doubt about the effects that these independent moves will have upon the masses. They have waited a long time for some movement that will lead them out of the wilderness. They are tired of present conditions—they want to get somewhere.

The Argus is willing to support any movement that will set the leaders to thinking and acting together. —All we ask is to think and act wisely. We must go from here, or we die.

LEADERSHIP

As never before, there is in the Negro race a need and a demand for a strong leadership. The narrow-minded, short-sighted and selfish majority of those who are so styled in the present crisis of racial affairs, in our estimation, are doing more to befuddle and demoralize their people than do the unmasked agencies which openly seek to precipitate their undoing. No race of humans, has ever advanced very far in the scale of humanity which dished at the critical periods of its existence develop within itself and of it's men of brains capable of turning the tide of ill fortune. To such men and not to the accomplishments of the masses does the civilized globe owe its advancement.

The state of the black race in America today is analagous to a ship in a billow sea, over-burdened with rudders, each of which tends to steer it in a direction contrary to all others. The result is, that we are getting nowhere, or rather, under the influence of these conflicting forces we are drifting nearer the Sargossa Sea where repose all of those races and nations who failed to function when the demand of their age was for men. That a race of nearly fifteen million souls, physically and temperamentally distinct, during fifty years of actual contact with an almost idealistic civilization, has failed to develop a head capable of shaping the destiny of the body, seems incredible, but nevertheless, in the case of the Negro race it is true. And in all the history of the world there is not a parallel.

Our leaders of today are but the leaders of groups and each group is aligned against every other group—so much so that there is created an internal disorder in which lies the whole secret of the weakness of the Negro people. And therein it will remain unless some method of uniting the floundering masses into a compact whole is discovered, and according to the rule established by precedence, the experience of all who have preceded us—there is only one, and that one is able leadership. When the man or men rise who can weld into one solid and irresistible unit the various factions, the problem of the black people shall been solved for all time to come. However, until that does eventuate, they shall be like a tenderless flock of sheep—the victim of every foraging dog that chooses to prey upon them.

Mr. Josephus, the Jewish historian in his pathetic recital of the seige of Jerusalem by Titus, the Roman general, is a lesson by which the Negro race should profit. At the great crisis in their nationality, after standing before the Roman soldiers like men, they bickered among themselves and divided into warring factions. The result was the undoing of the Hebrew nation, and those who did not become victims of the sword were scattered to the four corners of the earth. So it ever has been and ever will be with the races who fail to develop a strong and dependable leadership.

There is not one man or group of men, living today to whom the black millions of America will give the function of leadership. The fault lies not in the fact that the Negro is one whit different in his natural make-up, from other races of men, but in the weakness and selfishness of those who would so aspire. No man who has only through the narrow vision of his individual perception only hope to succeed as a leader of other men, and the failure of such leadership is due solely to this very thing. As a consequence of their determination to do the things they seek to accomplish by this uncompromising method, the whole Negro race is now almost hopelessly divided against itself.

We are now facing a crisis. And while it is true that we have a real cause for our hopes and a sense of travail to bring forth, we have little to hope for and prepare for unless we do so wisely. Leadership which seeks to satisfy the longings and aspirations of its followers, is deluding them into false and destructive ways that will make the rescue all the more difficult. Leadership calls for the sacrifice of the material for attainment of the idealistic. The black man may be as wealthy as gold can make him or he may be as cultured as product an over the greatest institution of learning produced, but he is a black man still, and as such he must endure the scorn of the rest of humanity. Therefore those leaders who advocate wealth as the "open sesame" for the race are as wrong as the uncompromising advocates of education. These two alone or in combination will not make a man free or give to him the advantages and opportunities of other men unless he is looked upon with respect by his kind, regardless of color or other considerations.

To this end the new Negro leadership must direct its united efforts. The old ideas and conceptions held by those of the past as to what constituted freedom and manhood must be swept aside. There should be only one standard and that the highest of which it is possible for humans to aspire. The compromising and vacillating advocates of a conditional status—in part free and in part slavery, must go. To demand all the things which other men enjoy may call for sacrifice—then let that sacrifice be made. The men of the future broad enough and far-sighted enough to lead the black people out of the slough of despair, must give themselves in the doing. And such men may it please God to give us now.—Weekly Review.

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Statement Of The Condition As The Close Of Business August 31, 1921

Resources

Cash on Hand	$17.00
Loans on Real Estate and Stock Security	21,150.00
Loans on Stock	2,650.64
Delinquent Dues	11.40
Delinquent Interest	12.00
Delinquent Premium	42.00
Deliquent Fines	39.77
Inventory and Taxes advanced	411.28
Furniture and Fixtures	60.00
Charter	45.00
Accrued Interest	11.00
Pass-book Inventory	40.20
Total	$21,896.61

Liabilities

Installment Stock	$18,416.88
Delinquent Dues	11.40
Profits Distributed and Credited	2,783.29
Borrowed Money	2,500.00
Undivided Profits	193.19
Contingent Fund	30.00
Total	$21,896.61

State of Missouri
City of St. Louis

I, Fred P. Blair, secretary and F. J. Williams, president, each on our oath state that the above and foregoing statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief, as shown by the books and records of said association.

Signed:
F. J. Williams, President
(seal)

Fred P. Blair, Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of September, 1921.
Signed Hutchins Ingo, Notary Public

My commission expires Jan 20, 1921

SERVICE IS NOTICE

The law firm of Vaughn & Barnes has removed their offices from North Jefferson avenue to the Midway Bldg., Fifth street. Telephone Rosemont 1941 19-9-14

PADUCAH, KENTUCKY

By H. J. M. Thomas

C. Nelson 1225 Harrison Street is much improved after a 3 weeks illness. Miss Ruby Ogg has returned to Alton to take up her school work, after spending several months with her Aunt, Mrs. Annie Smith, 4211 Harrison Street. Mrs. Virginia Ogg 1225 Harrison Street is on the sick list. Mr. C. C. Adams of Pittsburg, Penn., preached a most wonderful sermon at Harrison Avenue Baptist Church Sunday. Text, Rev. 22:21-26. Everybody relished it with him. Our railroaded Soldier Boy had a glorious reunion visiting April 11. We thank the Lord and everybody for whatever gifts for our church. Mrs. George Jackson, 1428 Washington Street is improved. We hope she will be up in a few days. Mr. H. E. Jones and Mr. James Johnson of 1112 14th Street left Saturday for Buffalo, N. Y. to spend a few weeks with relatives and friends.

FARMINGTON, MO.

By E. B. Cayce

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cayce are to wedding over the arrival of a new baby girl. Mr. George Evans had the misfortune to burn his foot severely Tuesday. Mr. Woods and wife and Mrs. Carrie Bates and Mr. Harvey McCallister attended a basket meeting at Jackson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Aretha Wilkins and R. J. Wilkins arrived here from St. Louis Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins will remain until the Eph. J. P. Ex. and was the host at a ball given at the Masonic hall Monday night. Mr. Moses, Hunt and Miss Elizabeth Mitchell returned from St. Louis Monday. Douglass School did open Tuesday. Miss Edith Bates accompanied Miss Dayse Baker home Monday. Miss Baker was unable to take up her school work at Douglass. Mr. Baker and an operation of the right hand a few days ago in St. Louis. A growth was removed. He is convalescing. Miss Beatrice Ewing went to St. Louis Tuesday to resume her work at Sumner High School. Mr. Baker and Miss Corlume Wilkins have enrolled there also.

MINISTERS MISSIONARY UNION

Ministers Missionary Union met with Mt. Carmel Church. The meeting was a success spiritually and financially. The next meeting of the Union at St. Luke Baptist Church, 2621 Lawton Avenue. The Ladies auxiliary will render a special programme. The following ministers from the Union is attending the National Baptist convention this week: Revs. J. L. Weathers, St. Louis, J. H. Hill, Bolivia, Rutherford Tritt and Billington, Mos. S. Williams, president; Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. W. H. Bailey, secretary; Mrs. W. B. Merrit, reporter.

COMING — — — — ANN LITTLE In "THE BLUE FOX"

SPECIAL TO THE NEGRO CITIZENS OF SAINT LOUIS AND VICINITY

After the adjournment of the second largest convention of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League, held in New York City, August 1 to 31, we have the honor to announce the coming of our high potentate, the Honorable Hubert Johnson, Mayor of Monrovia, Liberia, Africa.

He will visit our city on the 12th of September, 1921 and lecture to us at the First Free Baptist Church, Harrison and Leona avenues.

We, the officers and members of the St. Louis Division of the Universal Negro Improvement Association and African Communities League extend our heartiest invitation to all Negroes, and a special invitation to the officers and members of all fraternal organizations, and all pastors and their congregations.

Come and hear for yourselves from this son of Ethiopia, the truth of the greatest Negro movement the world ever knew. In fact, the only movement whereby God and man are agreeing to redeem the Negro spiritually and temporarily. The only Negro movement that has a ten million dollar ($10,000,000) factory corporation and a ten million dollar ($10,000,000) Black Star Line Steamship corporation. Again we invite you to come.

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IF YOU MISS READING THE ARGUS YOU MISS THE NEWS

THE MISSOURI NEGRO REPUB. LEAGUE CLUB

The Missouri Negro Republican League Club met Monday night in regular session at Cook headquarters, 4306 Market Street, Mr. Jas. A. Dupuy, chairman of the Special Political Committee outlined plans for immediate political action by the club. The Club voted thanks to Mrs. Carrie S. Tillman for her entertainment of the Club last Thursday evening. President McFarlane and Secretary Bennett were invited to address the Kirkwood school committee Monday night, Sept. 12, a delegation from the club will go with them to Kirkwood. Mrs. Francis Grail and a committee of ladies will serve supper to members of the Club after the meeting on Sept. 19th. Board of Directors meet every Friday night.

Next regular meeting of the Club, Monday night, September 19th, 1921.

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