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The Ku-Klux Klan

*Its Aims and the Various Methods it Proposes
Using in the Different Sections of the Country.*

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(In Two Parts. Part I.)

THERE is grave danger that, with the subsidence of the first wave of excitement caused by the sudden resuscitation of the Ku-Klux Klan, the Northern Negro, believing himself secure in the more orderly communities of the North from the violent forms of Ku-Kluxism, will relapse into his ancient mental state of false security and almost complete detachment from his harassed kindred in the South.

Already we hear the opinion expressed that "the Ku-Klux Klan won't amount to much in the North," followed by the boast that "we would like to see them parade on Lenox avenue or State street." In the first statement the fact is ignored that there are thousands of Southern whites now resident in the North, and that the mind of the average white man, of whatever locality, provides a most fertile field for anti-Negro and white supremacy propaganda. In the second, it is innocently assumed that terrorism is the only method proposed.

As a matter of fact, terrorism is not among the immediate aims of the resurrected Klan. At least not in the North. That will come later and on a vaster scale after the field has been well sown by anti-Negro propaganda than would be possible through precipitate action now. Under present plans of the Klan, as publicly announced by the Imperial Wizard, as well as ascertained by Negro investigators, the sum of \$1,000,000 is to be spent annually for the purpose of disseminating a propaganda of lies against the Negro. The Klan has been careful to make public the proposition to spend a million dollars a year and thus lure into a policy of "watchful waiting," publications which might otherwise have opposed it as a pernicious organization. Even greater care has been taken to keep secret the more sinister aims of the organization, such as the plan to create distrust among Negroes and so discourage Negroes from investing with their own corporations, and the efforts to be made to exclude Negroes from businesses by barring them from stores and office buildings (even in their own communities), and to urge upon white business men the foreclosing of mortgages when possible where Negroes are concerned.

That terrorism is not the only weapon, and, indeed, not even the chief weapon, is recog-

nized by intelligent race leaders at least, as demonstrated by the feverish efforts on the part of several organizations to mobilize Negro opinion and organize the Negro. Rev. Charles A. Ward, speaking at a mass meeting February 8 in Boston, warned his hearers that, "In less than ten years he (the Negro) will be driven out of Boston, literally starved out, and it can be done in seven days, if the modern Ku-Klux Klan succeeds in its aims." That the Ku-Klux Klan is aiming at white organized labor, as well as at the Negro as a race, was the warning given at the labor demonstration at New Star Casino February 9 under the auspices of the National Association for the Promotion of Labor Unionism Among Negroes.

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TROPICAL NIGHT

By CLAUDE MCKAY

The twilight gathers on the hill,
The swee-swees seek their bower
And the thorp is calm and still;
But, when the night has had its hour,
The golden morning will return.
To kiss the powdered cheek of the fern.

The moon has hidden her saffron face,
The stars have gone to bed,
They shine not in their place;
But, when the gloomy night has fled,
The golden morning will return
To kiss the powdered cheek of the fern.

PARAGRAPHS

Albany has a bill proposing to cut the "State printing" pap to publishers. To arms! To arms! Ye New York weaklies. Here's at last a cause to fight for.

If there's a white married minister in the U. S. A. who has not eloped with a flapper member of his congregation will he please speak up?

England seeks remission of its debt to the U. S. on the plea that the Allies did more in the war than the U. S. That may be. They did more to start it, too.