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Events the World Over

Revised Guffey Coal Bill Is Passed-Republicans Map Anti-Italian Trade Sanction
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 secret and terrible organizations which ride the night in ghastly masks
and fearsome ceremonial robes. No doubt the Black Legion is already being used as a threat to
scare little children into eating their spinach or practicing their music lessons. But the law, inclined to scoff at first, has decided that it is
high time the outlaw order be taken in hign ane seriousness. Authorities, it is
deady
reported, are even ready to belleve that the secret members of the Black $6,000,000$ persons.
There are today even reasonable zations may have roots in other sec
tions of the country. In many localities there are movements to demand the
truth about secret, robed organiza-


Two Detroit police
weapons of, the Black
maximum of $6,000,000$.
tions which, under the guise of "true
Americanism," allegedly seek to grasp
political power by terroristic methods. Find State Employees Members. Positive proof of the existence of
such a band seems to have been un-
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men, allegedily members of the Black
Legion, were held in the murder of Leg, alleseder held in the murder of
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Charles Poole, a twenty-two-year-old WPA worker of Detroit. Authorities
there claim that in a district of 135 , 000 persons there are at least 3,000
and possibly 40,000 Black Legionnaires. and possibly 40,000 Black Legionnaires.
Three state employees have been disThree state employees have been dis-
missed because of their membership,
and twelve others have been suspended from state, city and county pay rolls.
In some 15 or 16 states, investigations are now under way, probing into pant, un-
solved cases of omo violence, and into
complaints by citizens that they are being demplaizst
Detroit's own case probably began last August, when a ballot box scan-
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by a secret masked brotherhood; but
police laughed at the idea. When Poole police laughed at the idea. When ; buole
was killed, however, the police in was killed, however, the police, in
seeking some clue to the murder, discevered that he hat been a member mer
of a club which met in a little meeting hall and celebrated weird reetvealed that the Black Legion had ex-
isted since 1933, at least, although there were a few who insisted that it
dated from the Maytlower or from the It is considered possible that the
organization may have been an outorganization may have been an out-
growth of the Ku Klux Klan: The of-
ficers, dress in white garb somewhat nicers dress in white garb somewhat
similar to that of the KKK, and the
ritual is said to be similar. Detroit anthorities are inclined to believe the story of Dr. William Jacob Shepherd was an Exalted Cyclops of the KKK,
and organized a Black Guard which developed units in Ohio and Indiana
and then spread like

There were many groups who were attracted by the black robes and mys-
tery of the new offspring, Doctor
Shepherd Shepherd said. Arthur Lupp of De-
troit, who seems to chier recruiting officer of been the Legion, insists that it never counte-
nanced violence of any sort. He ex plained its growth ony declaring that, sands of men an interest in life that Other witnesses claimed that the pri
mary purpose of the organization was the nary purpose of the organization was the
securing of jobs for its unemployed mem.
bers, and to keep employed members in

Authorities Say Membership May Rùn Into Millions; Killing in De troit Arouses Public Indignation; Gang on Way Out.

| South has had its Night Riders or "White Caps." And the coal fields of Pennsylvania once quaked in fear of the Molly Maguires. All of them were brought into being to create a need and disappeared when the need disappeared. <br> The Vigilantes arose to defend the weak and law-abiding in the days when men of the pioneer West lived by the celerity of their gun hands. They saw that justice was meted out in trials where the murderer would have ordinarily been acquitted through fear or admiration in ridiculous court proceedings. They cleaned up the West and made it a safe place in which to live, even in the early days. But they were unlike other organizations in that they were not masked and their membership rolls were no secret. <br> KKK Born in South. <br> The Ku. Klux Klan first gained prominence, and was probably born, in the reconstruction period following the Civil war. Its methods were ruthless, but were at that time probably justified as the only means of protecting the South against the army of carpetbaggers and villains who sought to control the government of the South at that time. <br> The theatrical costumès and the dramatic rites of the KKK were aimed primarily at negroes who sought political superiority to whites after gaining their freedom. It was not hard for the blacks to believe that the whiterobed Klansmen were the ghosts of Confederate soldiers returned to haunt them. To have discouraged the superstition would have been to contribute to the defeat of the Klan's purpose, so |
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sult it finally died out for an extended
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