

# NEW YORK MAYOR LAUDS PARKER'S ANTI-KLAN FIGHT

## Louisiana Governor Praised for Exposing Hooded Outrages.

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New York, Dec. 23.—Comparing the Ku Klux Klan to masked highwaymen whose professions of "brotherly love hark back to the days of Cain and Abel," Mayor Hylan sent a telegram today to Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana, commending him on his fight against the "murderous gang of hooded night riders."

Aroused by yesterday's discovery of two klan victims in a Louisiana lake the mayor sent the following message to Governor Parker at Baton Rouge:

"On behalf of the people of the city of New York and every other man and woman in this American republic, who are determined that law and order shall be maintained by the duly constituted authorities without interference on the part of a slimy brood of venomous reptiles, squirming in an invisible empire, I most heartily congratulate you on your bold vigorous fight against the Ku Klux Klan organization.

"The newspapers this morning tell of the discovery in Lake Lafourche of the mutilated bodies of a world war veteran and of a law-abiding citizen, known to have been marked men by the Ku Klux Klan. Thus, it would appear that murder, barbarous and cruel, is one of the objects of this organization which always has been a liability to our nation and whose professions of brotherly love hark back to the days of Cain and Abel.

"Can the Ku Klux Klan assert that wearing masks by its members is for the purpose of concealing virtuous intentions or honorable motives? Are they not actuated by the same motives as the common highwayman who hides his face and prowls in ambush that he may take life and property and through concealment escape possible detection?

"I believe that every man and woman, regardless of race, creed or color, owes you an undying debt of gratitude for your heroic American fight to end the infamous outrages of the Ku Klux Klan.

"You have biased the trail, and God-fearing Americans will form behind you a solid phalanx."