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CATHOLIC PRIEST CRIPPLES MILWAUKEE BOY FOR LIFE

PARENTS BRING ACTION IN THE COURTS AGAINST CRIMINAL AND ARE EX-COMMUNICATED AND DENIED THE SACRAMENTS.

At 1030 S. Seventh Ave., Milwaukee, Wis., lives John Stoltz, a man of humble mien but a good citizen, whose family have never known other than the Roman Catholic religion, and who have always been dutiful and obedient toward its rules and ordinances.

In the Stoltz family is a bright young lad of twelve summers who bears his father's name, toward whom the parental affection has always gone out most tenderly, and in whom the fondest hopes and highest aspirations have always rested.

John Stoltz, Jr., attended St. Joseph's parochial school, due to the fact, no doubt, that his parents were communicants of the St. Joseph Roman Catholic church. One morning in the latter part of last month John was late at school, which was against the rules, whereupon he was set upon by "Father" Matthew Nowak, the priest in charge, and almost beaten into insensibility. Press dispatches at the time stated the case in such a manner that it could be construed by the public as nothing short of an outrage, at the same time it is now evident that the half was not told. The Menace has a letter from an official in Milwaukee who is in every way truthful and reliable, in which it is stated that the little boy's leg was broken, the arteries were in such shape that it was only by heroic work on the part of the physicians that he was kept from bleeding to death and there were internal injuries not evident to the casual observer.

Following this outrage, on Oct. 21, to be exact, Stoltz swore out a warrant for the black robed villain and he was arrested and the trial set for Nov. 3.

But what do you think followed this perfectly natural and legal course? Why, the Sunday following the

whole Stoltz family were excommunicated from the church by the chancellor, Bernard Traudt, and an order was issued barring them from all rights and sacraments of the church and bitterly condemning their action in prosecuting the villainous scoundrel who had wrecked and crippled for life the child of their own flesh and blood. According to Chancellor Traudt it is a rule of the church that no one shall take action against a priest without the consent of the higher church authorities. "Unless these people apologize, withdraw the action against Father Nowak and make amends for the scandal they have created they will not be admitted to any of the sacraments," said the Rev. Traudt.

Do you catch that, Mr. Unthinking Catholic?

Do you see that you are being duped by the hierarchy?

When you have to consult the officials "higher up" before you can bring suit against a priest for a felony you are affiliating with a dangerous organization.

The fact is you might consult till doomsday with the "higher ups," but you would never get their consent to bring the action.

The hierarchy is composed of the "higher ups" who own the Catholic church as an instrument with which to work you for an easy living, and it's a cinch that they never allow any of their underlings to cause them any pain or annoyance.

The Roman Catholic church has always had rules and regulations which protected its sleek, fat prelates at the expense and suffering of the masses. They can commit any crime in the calendar and go free, even the protests before civil authority sometimes being in vain, and the wonder of it all is that the people not only allow such things to continue, but many look upon them with reverence and consider them holy.

OPEN THE HELL HOLES. If Nunneries and Such Like Are to be Used by the State, They Should Be Subject to the State.

There is an awakening in the matter of sending girls to "Houses of the Good Shepherd" and other Roman Catholic institutions after being convicted of crime.

In Albany, N. Y., recently, according to a report in the Evening Journal, the matter has been brought to the attention of the public in a case cited by the paper as follows:

The case is that of Laura Lang, a girl who comes from a respectable Remondet family, but who some time ago became wayward and refused to live at her home. She was arrested on the streets of Albany for soliciting, and sentenced by Police Magistrate Brady for six months at the St. Ann's School of Industry. Through her attorney, Mr. Bloch, she appealed from the sentence to the county court and on the advice of Mr. Bloch had lead a respectable life at her home pending the argument on the appeal. County Judge Adlington dismissed the appeal on this week and the Lang girl was then sent to St. Ann's to serve her sentence. Attorney Bloch, however, secured a writ of habeas corpus for her release yesterday returnable before Recorder Frost today.

Quotes the Constitution

At the hearing before the recorder Mr. Bloch declared that the commitment of the girl was illegal on the ground that chapter 144 of the laws of 1899 is unconstitutional. The chapter gives St. Ann's school the right to take females, who have been committed by the local police for waywardness or some other offense, and to receive pay from the city for their maintenance. Mr. Bloch held that the legislature had no right to enact such a law as it was in direct violation of section 5, article 1 of the constitution of the state, which reads: "Neither the state nor any subdivision thereof shall use its property or credit or any public money or authority or permit either to be used directly or indirectly to aid or maintain, other than for examination or inspection, of any school or institution of learning wholly or in part under the control or direction of a religious denomination."

He held that the 1899 chapter also violated section 14, article 1 of the constitution, which provides that the

state may pass laws for the education and support of "juvenile delinquents," by private institutions. This section, Mr. Bloch said purposely omits adult delinquents from its provisions. He declared that the law affecting St. Ann's school further violated the prison labor law in that the women sent there were obliged to labor, although the institution received money from the city for their care.

"It would seem," said Recorder Frost in commenting on Attorney Bloch's contention, "an abhorrent thing that a private corporation should be established for punishing criminals. The same principle is involved in a private institution maintaining a woman convicted of a crime."

Let these bastilles be opened to inspection. Humanity and the law demand a change.

FROM IRISH CATHOLIC GIRL.

The Menace is in receipt of a letter which purports to be from an Irish Catholic girl, dated Ft. Wayne, Ind., Oct. 12th, 1911. She says:

"Dear Sir: I came in contact with your insulting paper, The Menace, and with great surprise read its contents to learn, indeed, that the days of Catholic persecution are not over."

The letter is probably the product of a priest of Ft. Wayne and he gets behind the skirts of this Catholic girl and does not allow her to sign her name.

Had she done so, I would have answered her personally, but as it is I will reply briefly, hoping that some other Irish Catholic girl may see The Menace and be enlightened.

The Editor cannot understand why printing Roman Catholic matter taken from their books and papers is called "persecution." In no place in the letter before me is there an attempt to disprove the things you have read in The Menace. Our Irish friend ought to know more about the Catholic church. But she commits a sin if she tries to find out the history and purposes of the Roman Catholic church. She is told that to go to a Protestant church is a sin, and that Protestants go to Hell.

In the first place, my Irish

friend, The Menace wants you to know that you are at liberty to be a Catholic, go to the confessional, to the mass, to shrines, and think and worship when, where, and how you please. You ought to know that it is only in Catholic countries, where your religion has been backed up by the power of the state and nation, and pope, that the freedom you possess here and the liberty we are anxious to keep, is denied. Your own Catholic citizens in Italy have turned against the church. In Belgium, where nine persons out of every ten are Catholics, the people by a tremendous revolution and vote compelled the Roman Catholic church to separate from the government, establish public schools, give freedom of worship to other religions, as in our country.

No, the days of persecution are not over, certainly not in Catholic countries. My child, do you know of any nation today where Catholics are having so hard a time as in Catholic countries?

Tell me what people have suffered so much as the Irish people? The great bulk of your people living in the Green Isle have been robbed of their lands and despoiled by their enemies. How did it happen? The pope sold your nation and their homes to the English. Ireland would have had home rule long ago but Protestant Irishmen have feared papal rule and so the long-hoped for, worked for, self government has been kept from them.

In conclusion, who is trying to take your religion from you? Not The Menace. But please allow Americans to have whatever religion they may choose. That is fair is it not?

When have we pointed to a black spot, a priest, or House of Good Shepherd, or Inquisition, or boycott, that was not true and authenticated? Is it "persecution" to tell the truth and turn the light on men and women who hide behind public bolted doors and do not allow inspection? Why do you think we are cruel, because we try to take away your fears of purgatory, when there is not a particle of evidence on earth and never has been that people can be prayed out of such a place?

If you knew the Bible you would know better yourself. But if you are happy in thinking the priest can grant you indulgences, can make you pay penance, and that the bones of supposed saints, their pictures or the scapular or any other device to get your money can cure you of disease or cause you to escape danger, well and good, that is your business, not mine, only I am sorry for you.

The Menace has only one aim, one object, one purpose, and that is to prevent the political rule of Rome and its poverty in America and the damning blight of a united church and state and the pernicious influence of parochial schools that teach their pupils to be Catholics—and not citizens, obedient to the pope in matters of conscience and morals, which includes duty to the nation. To repeat in this nation all the bitter experiences of Roman Catholic cursed governments—The Menace will resist. This is our duty and privilege, and is urgent, seeing Roman Catholics are aiming and drilling with the avowed purpose to capture America and compel it to be a Roman Catholic nation instead of free America.

Please sign your name next time. Do your own thinking and thank God that you are allowed to do it.

WHY BE SO EASY?

The Menace would like to have a heart to heart talk with the Roman Catholic laity—the rank and file who foot the bills but have no voice in the government of the church.

The Menace has no ill will toward any Catholic on earth—but it does hate the idolatry, paganism and tyranny of Catholicism and the machinist ones of its political magicians.

You of the laity—you who work and foot the bills—are too busy in your everyday life to study out the intricate and mystifying system of Catholicism. The priests and prelates have obscured the real history of the organization and have so clothed its forms and customs that its splendor is bewildering.

You do not think for yourself—the priest does that for you. If you did your own thinking you might reach the conclusion that

you were only a pawn on the great politics-religious chess board of the Roman hierarchy, and there's no telling what a person is liable to do when he finds he is being played for a sucker.

You are not allowed to read the "forbidden" books for the very good reason that you would find out that a gigantic fraud was being perpetrated on you, and I how nicely you were being trimmed by the higher ups who work not, neither spin, but who enjoy all the luxuries and comforts of life—at your expense.

Throw off the yoke. Demand and reserve the right to do your own thinking. Read all you can, anything you please and as much of it as your soul demands. Break away from superstition, ignorance and fear. Don't be a slave! Be a man!

GREAT PROPHECIES.

"This government will pass through two wars, one over slavery and the other with Catholics."—Henry Clay.

"If the liberties of the American people are ever destroyed, they will fall by the hand of the Catholic clergy."—Lafayette.

"I can scarcely withhold myself in joining in the wish of Silas Dean, that there was an ocean of fire between this and the whole world."—Thomas Jefferson.

"No more cunning plot was ever divulged against the intelligence, the freedom, the happiness and virtue of mankind, than Romanism."—William E. Gladstone.

"The pope, had he the power, would employ fire and sword against us. For this reason I expel the Jesuits from Germany."—Prince Bismarck.

"The crucial test of the American Republic will come in the early part of the twentieth century; and as the Huns swept down on Rome, so will a vast horde sweep down on America."—Macaulay.

"Americans must be blind, indeed, if they cannot see that the day is very near when the Jesuits will rule their cities, from the magnificent White House in Washington to the humblest civil or military department."—Rev. Charles Chiniquy.

"Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me fellow citizen) the jealousy of a free people ought to be constantly awake; since history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of Republican government."—George Washington.

"The thirteen colonies were all Protestant. The members of congress in their address to the people of Great Britain: 'The Roman Catholic religion dispenses impiety, bigotry, persecution, murder and rebellion throughout every part of the world.'"—Bancroft's History, Vol. IV, page 46.

"If we are to have another contest in the near future of our national existence, I predict that the dividing line will not be the Mason and Dixon's, but between patriotism and intelligence on the one side, and superstition, ambition and ignorance on the other."—Gen. Grant.

"All the low population of Europe will be carried to America. It will be a receptacle for the bad and diseased. This will create surplus—a heterogeneous population—speaking different religion and sentiments; these will carry with them their principles—will adhere to their former government, laws, manners, customs and religion—speak of them among the natives, some of whom will join them—and they will become citizens—discord and civil war will follow—some popular man will take the lead to restore order—the European sovereigns will aid him—all the emigrants will join, and the government will be subverted."—Duke of Richmond.

EXTRA!

As we go to press personal letters from the east and west express fear that in some way The Menace is imperiled by sale or otherwise. There is no foundation for these rumors either in fact or fancy. The cause is too precious to be betrayed by anybody. Our lives are committed to the work, and The Menace cannot be bought, bullied or frightened. Next week we will state the situation so plainly that its worst enemies cannot be mistaken or its sacrificing friends have a single doubt as to our sincerity and determination. Our sacrifice and our labors ought to save us from suspicion. Are you with us?

THE RELIGIOUS FUTURE OF THE UNITED STATES

AS IT APPEARS TO EX-PRIEST AND BISHOP WHO IS VERSED IN THEOLOGY AND HAS TRAVELED EXTENSIVELY.

BY JUAN ORTIZ GONZALEZ

The United States of America seems at first glance to a foreigner to be a materialistic nation which stands merely for material affairs, material business, material improvements and material comfort. The foreigner sees so many material enterprises, he hears the American people speaking so constantly about business and money, that he is apt to conclude that nothing impresses public opinion in America but money, and that nothing awakes the American mind but business. When I came to America, and after my first introduction to English, I was deeply impressed to see a religious inscription stamped upon your silver and gold coin, viz., "In God We Trust." An American citizen laughed at my surprise and said, "There is a word misspelled in the inscription. Instead of being 'In God We Trust' it should be, 'In Gold We Trust,' because the only God the Americans really worship is gold."

But my friend was wrong. Ideals, great ideals, touch, move and guide North America more than business and money. And among such great ideals religion has a large and prominent place.

Not long ago a German writer, after a thorough examination of American institutions, customs and literature, proclaimed emphatically, "The North American people are the most religious people on the face of the earth." And every one well acquainted with American religious enterprises, both at home and abroad, requiring millions of money and the highest grade of manhood and womanhood, knows that this German writer is correct and also that religion in America is not in decay.

I will not, therefore, discuss whether North America will, or will not, remain religious in the future. I take it for granted, and to me it is unquestionable, that the United States will continue religious. But what religion will predominate in the future? Will Americans remain largely Protestant, as in the past, or will she become Catholic? Were we to give our answer to this question from the Roman Catholic standpoint, we would say that America will become Roman Catholic, and that very soon.

First of all, taking into account Roman Catholic statistics and comparing them with government statistics in the matter of immigration, we are authorized to state that the Roman Catholic Church in America instead of advancing is a tremendous failure. According to official Roman Catholic statistics, there are in the United States between 17,000,000 and 18,000,000 Catholics. But the official figures of the United States census rate the Catholics as numbering only between thirteen and fourteen millions. According to the immigration received, had the Romanists held their own without counting their natural gains among their American followers, there should now be more than 25,000,000 Catholics in the United States.

Let us illustrate this point, considering conditions in New York State, where undoubtedly Catholic influence is stronger than in any other State in the Union, and where Catholic forces are better qualified and equipped to handle Catholic immigration and retain it for the Roman Church. Of the 9,000,000 foreigners received into New York in the last ten years, more than 1,500,000, which were Catholics, remained in that State. How many Catholics, therefore, do you suppose are in that commonwealth, since through immigration alone 1,500,000 were received? Well they number less than 1,300,000. Therefore, instead of enjoying a net gain, the Catholics of New York have suffered a loss of more than 200,000 members, taking only immigration into consideration. I am not surprised, therefore, that good

American authorities, both Protestant and Catholic, number the Roman Catholic losses as exceeding 20,000,000 during the last 30 years.

But what strikes me as the most convincing proof of the tremendous failure of the Roman Catholic Church in America is the fact that even today no bishop, nor archbishop, nor cardinal, is either brave enough or frank enough to explain fully to the Americans the true and real Roman doctrines concerning the power of the Pope and his Church in connection with civic functionaries and officers of the Nation.

How many Catholics in America believe the pope has the power to depose presidents and kings? How many American Catholics believe that for a Catholic to vote for a Protestant against a Catholic is to commit mortal sin? How many native Catholics believe it to be a mortal sin to send their children to the public schools, etc.?

Yet, it may be asked, when will American Catholics become acquainted with the real doctrines of the Church of Rome? My response is that this will happen very soon, and that Catholics themselves will make the disclosure.

There are here, as everywhere, two parties among the Catholics—the liberal and the narrow. Until last year the narrow party could do nothing, because the American Catholic Church was a missionary church. But now it has been regularized. From this time forward the narrow party will press on, demanding the fulfillment of all claims and rights, since the American Church has been a regular and canonical Church, which stands on the same footing as the Church of Spain, or of Italy, etc. Already some bishops have begun by forbidding, as a mortal sin, to send children to the public schools when there are parochial schools at hand. The liberal party will resent such attacks on American ideals and institutions. Then a split will follow. In their quarrel they will expose their Church. The result of such an exposure will be the complete discrediting of the Roman Catholic Church in America, even as it has happened in Spain and France where, more than the propaganda is unbelief, it was the liberal Catholic party that rooted out the Roman Catholic influence as incompatible with present civilization and progress.

In the meantime let us not forget that we are in America, the country of tolerance, religious freedom and fair play. Let us invite the Catholic people to hear the truth and pray for them and be ready to embrace them as brothers when they will come to the knowledge of the truth of God.—The Converted Catholic.

Proofs of the treason of the Roman Catholic church and the priesthood to the people's cause continue to multiply, especially in Portugal, where the black-robed traitors are found foremost in the ranks of the debased monarchists who seek to reduce the freed republic to a condition of slavery. Priests and kings are always found to be as thick as thieves together, now and then falling out over the spoils, but ever united in the congenial task of stamping out the spark of human liberty. The Republic of Portugal is fortunate in her enemies; and all friends of humanity will earnestly hope for her complete and decisive triumph over the combined forces of ignorance, brutality and reaction.

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 The Menace, Aurora, Mo.

We are feeling pretty good in this town this morning for the reason that we have beaten all the Catholics that ran for office in this borough, and I think it was mostly done through, or as a result of The Menace.