

AN ANSWER TO TAFT

BY AN IRISH-AMERICAN WOMAN

An article appearing in the November number of *The Woman's Home Companion*, by Wm. Howard Taft, president of the United States, entitled, "The Dawn of World Peace," embodies the statement, "The movement derives impetus from the influence of churches, regardless of denominational differences," and concludes with these characteristic words, "The voice of American women should speak in the interest of peace."

Peace is indeed beautiful, a quality to be cultivated by every individual, class, sect and nation within reasonable and safe bounds. Always it seems to have been a predominant note in the policies and pursuits of the Hon. Wm. Howard Taft. But peace, like charity, should begin at home, and in this connection I would like to ask, "What avails this bombastic (and, under the circumstances, ridiculous) activity on the part of the statesmen of this nation, toward the establishment of international peace, when the nation is harboring, abetting, encouraging and assisting, through the portidity of certain of these statesmen, the thing which is fast making for the destruction of peace within her own confines; when as all the thinking world knows, our national peace and honor and freedom are threatened by an organization which has placed and proclaimed itself above and beyond the laws of any and every nation, arrogating the privilege of making (and un-making) its own laws to suit conditions and emergencies—an organization which is of no nation and yet partakes of all—which has openly avowed its purpose to humble the American nation as it has humbled and degraded every nation wherein it has gained a foothold, and which, because and by reason of its nature, will not and cannot be bound by any treaty looking toward the establishment of peaceful conditions, either through national or international treaty laws?"

As an American woman, with natural fear of a system such as this, I may be pardoned for saying: Conditions within this country demand that all of the energy, all of the time and all of the attention of these presumably peace-loving statesmen be devoted to the interests and safety of our own fair land—the indiscriminate and proper enforcement of existing laws, and the promulgation and enforcement of effective new laws, which will bring within reasonable and safe limits, the power and influence of the Roman hierarchy—that vile encroacher and arch enemy of peace and progress and humanity, ere its villany has time to bear bitter fruit. With all the world bound to peace, the means of and opportunity for enforcing its demands will be made quite clear. We do not wonder that Cardinal Gibbons has come forward with such a strong and stirring appeal for support of the movement. The rule seems to be working both ways—Taft for the hierarchy, and the hierarchy for the policies of Taft. Is not the "handwriting" quite plain?

The Punch and Judy exhibition at Washington would indeed be an amusing spectacle to intelligent men and women of America were they able to ignore the hellish designs of the powerful and dangerous factors manipulating the strings.

Not being a suffragette, and entirely unversed in practical politics, only judging of what they have come to be here in this country by results, the writer is not concerned with the bulk of the learned article in question. But, (with all due respect to President Taft, whom I honor solely because he is the nation's chief), I, as a native woman, must enter emphatic and energetic protests against the statements above quoted, taken from said article. Observation and American "intuitiveness," which I take it is a necessary element of true patriotism, having revealed the existence of conditions herein brought about by the machinations of this so-called "religious organization" (which is a gross misnomer) cannot accept the statement that "the movement derives impetus from the influence of churches regardless of denominational differences" as made in good faith, because if Mr. Taft is the man of wisdom and foresight which his position would seem to demand, he is in full possession of knowledge which, with wisdom and foresight quickened by patriotism, must convince him that the aforesaid "church" is working unceasingly, unintermittently and unrestrainedly toward war against every freedom within this nation who, when the issue is ripe, shall refuse to come in to its fold. The statement, taking into consideration this state of affairs, is stamped boldly with insincerity—the reason being quite plain, even to those with "only one eye, and that half open."

Furthermore, the president, knowing this state of affairs fully, and cognizant of what it most lead to if ignored, has no right to take advantage

of his position in the nation to appeal to its women to "speak in the interest of peace," when the establishment of their voice and services in that cause, under the aforesaid deplorable conditions, would but mean acquiescence in and submission to the vilest slavery the world has ever known, and when, by sympathy in and for that cause, they would be assisting to rear and strengthen the mighty rock upon which their own peace and womanliness would be wrecked, by affording freer rein and more unobstructed right of way to the hierarchy in its ambition to Romanize America. In these circumstances the solicitation, suggestion, appeal, or whatever it may be termed, is a libel upon the intelligence of true American womanhood.

When President Taft and the statesmen allied with him in this latest political fad and sop to the gullible voter shall give to American womanhood active sympathy and attention in a cause which to it is of vastly greater and more vital importance today than the establishment of world peace (the fulfillment of which, at best, seems but a dream precipitated from the millennium) when they shall prove that they are honestly striving to protect and perpetuate the qualities and institutions of the nation which have made that womanhood what it is, instead of assisting the hierarchy, by their greed and cupidity, to undermine and devastate those qualities and institutions, when they shall by voice and action take up the fight of their native womanhood against her deadliest enemy, this grafting system of luxury loving dignitaries and priests, THEN AND NOT UNTIL THEN THE VOICE OF THAT WOMANHOOD LEND ITSELF TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE PERSONAL AMBITIONS OF THESE STATESMEN, BECAUSE THEN AND NOT UNTIL THEN WILL AMERICAN WOMAN BE CONVINCED THAT SHE IS SANE AND SAFE AND SECURED IN SO DOING.

If America is ever Romanized it can only be at the sacrifice of her truest and staunchest manhood, the blood of her purest and noblest womanhood; and the voice of real American women will not be raised for peace while such dangerous and unspeakable conditions exist, and when, by all that is righteous, progressive, fair, patriotic, humane and womanly, it should be clamoring for war against this filthy, unclean thing of alien and infamous origin and activity, which is challenging America's true womanhood and seeking to undermine its moral status.

Peace we would have, worthy president, and would raise our voices in a tumultuous prayer to high heaven to obtain and maintain it forevermore; but peace with liberty as the price, NEVER, so long as heaven shall vouchsafe to us the strength TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM—HER OWN MOST MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

OLIVE KIMM,
An Irish-American woman, ex-Catholic.
(There are no priests behind these petticoats.)

BAPTISTS AROUSED

The following resolutions were adopted at the annual meeting of the Baptists convention of North California, held in San Francisco, November 14th to 18th, 1911. The Menace is indebted to Mr. Wallace M. Peere for a copy which is herewith printed. Readers will notice how square-toed the statements are, moreover, there is no mistaking the meaning, or disposition to compromise the issue. The Baptist was a long ways before Roman Catholicism, which was a vile mixture of paganism and tradition, to which the hierarchy have overlaid, in the subsequent years, until the great fundamentals of Christianity are smothered in a dead language and in forms. Listen to the Baptists of California:

Resolved that we Baptists, representing the Northern district of California, express our adherence to the long and ancient doctrine advocated by Baptists of the complete separation of church and state, and that we by this means call the attention of all right thinking citizens to the dangers of any compromise of this principle.

Further that we stand for the principle of the public school as being a safeguard to our nation as regards civil and religious liberty, and we oppose strenuously every effort to obtain state aid for the establishment or maintenance of the parochial school, or any recognition of a parochial school whatever by the state.

Further that we express a protest against the taking from the school teachers in the Philippines the right to use the freedom of their consciences in regards to religious matters outside of school hours.

We adhere to the Bible as a source of all doctrine and as the foundation of all Christian knowledge, and therefore, claim and aver that it is not a sectarian or denominational book, and advocates its free use in every department of educational work.

MODERN INQUISITION

From Seattle, Wash., comes a pathetic story of the unbacking and desecration beyond of one P. F. Saggese, a Catholic priest, who fell in love and got married contrary to the provisions made and provided in the case of priests by the Roman Catholic church.

This man and his family are being persecuted by all the power of the Roman Catholic hierarchy because he met and fell in love with the young lady, now his wife. After meeting her and ascertaining the state of his affections toward her, he did as an honorable man should do under like circumstances, resigned from the church, which forbids its priests to marry, then honorably married the lady of his choice. This should have ended the matter in so far as his relations to the church were concerned, since it is a fundamental principle of human life and conduct as such incorporated in our fundamental "Bill of Rights," the Declaration of Independence, that each individual has the right to his own life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. And since Mr. Saggese has dissolved his former connection with the Roman Catholic hierarchy they are clearly violating a fundamental and vital principle of our government in their persistent and unwarranted interference in the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness of one of its citizens.

HELPING THE MENACE

The Ellis County News, Kan., devotes its good space to advertise The Menace by publishing the paid stuff of "The Bellman." Wherever the Bellman plows the ground and the local press sows The Menace seed there we reap a harvest of subs. Thanks, gentlemen. Like Joseph's brethren, you thought to do us harm, but the Lord meant it for good. We also notice that the A. F. of C. S.—American Federation of Catholic Societies, is issuing the Bellman's article as a bulletin of that society. Oh, no, these fellows are so saturated with holy desires and high ideals they would never think of kicking a poor, little good for nothing, harmless sheet like The Menace.

But you just wait and see the spirit of Rome in the open. These fellows are trying to hide behind the "Bellman" now, but later on will come the boycott, the inquisition up-to-date, the old and unchanging intolerance that has killed and put out of business Protestants and even Romanism in the land of its greatest power. That's right, Ellis County News, keep up the fight on The Menace—cultivate it and see it grow.

THE CLERICAL PARTY

Here is a new item confirming The Menace in the position that the Roman Catholic church is an organized political party.

The dispatch reads: "The result of the recent election in Austria cannot fail to have far-reaching effect." It then goes on to tell how the clerical party has lost in the election, and bemoans the situation.

Rome is going to be defeated everywhere. The world is not going to submit to an old religion, and dead formalism. Romanism is going to have its rights, but not exclusive control as she pretends to think. She is not the only religion in the world, and is by no means the true religion, though she may have some of the truth, but not all of it. Here is her fatal error. Intolerance cannot succeed in the twentieth century.

MARKED BALLOT WITH BLOOD

Out in New Mexico, a correspondent writes The Menace:

"I was rudely assaulted when I went to the polls to vote—absolutely without provocation. The marshal, deputy sheriff, big burly brutal Mexicans, struck me in the face, cutting lip and eye, but I voted just the same, and my ticket went into the box with some good American blood on it. They are all Roman Catholics, mayor, sheriff and candidate for secretary of state who witnessed the assault and never uttered a protest—every one of them Romanists, and known as 'penitents.' This assault was not made on account of their so-called religion, only as it is a gigantic, corrupt and criminal organization for political control and power.

"If the people in the states know the situation here I am sure something would be done."

We dare not give our friend's name or place of residence lest greater harm shall come to him, but the incident only shows what Rome would do had she the power.

We know of no other religious body in the United States whose members feel called upon to defend their church with stones, stile eggs and molasses bats. Do you? Are we to our walls things get worse?"

From bars in front of convent windows gurgles the plenty of the inquisition.

KILLS WIFE AND LOVER

Phantoms of His Own Imagination Drive Slay to Confront to His Priest.

Marion, Wis., Nov. 27.—Fugate Marched out of the hands of his wife and her lover last night with an ax, and then wandered aimlessly about the city until phantoms of his own imagination drove him to confess to his priest.

Marched is 27 years old; his wife's lover is his cousin and still younger. He came home, found the two together, seized an ax in the woodshed and crept back into the house. He struck his cousin one blow, and severed his head.

His wife awoke and begged for her life.

Marched told the priest how he tore the baby from her arms as she strove to protect herself, and struck her repeatedly. Then he took the youngest of his two children, washed its mother's blood from its face, and took it, with a 4-year-old child, to his brother's home, explaining that his wife was ill.

He hid in the basement of a Catholic church. There he crouched, and shrieked at the phantoms of headless women, who he said rushed around him in the darkness. Then he sought the priest and confessed. The priest turned him over to the police.

Marched is a wealthy merchant, and was influential among Italians.

O'SULLIVAN AGAIN

From Truth, Buffalo.

Judge O'Sullivan of the New York court of sessions is after our "Godless and atheistic" schools once more, charging them with the responsibility for all of our national evils. We would like just one wish on O'Sullivan and all the other alleged Americans who sit in high places through the grace of American institutions and who are not pleased with our public school system, and if the judge and they would like to know what it is, it is only necessary to address this office to receive an immediate reply.

Meanwhile he might interest himself in the following sworn and certified report of the Milwaukee House of Corrections which is only one of the many others:

Roman Catholics	1,724
Lutherans	606
Unclassified	199
All others	362

Thus it is seen that the Roman Catholics and Lutherans, the two denominations which emphasize and insist upon the desirability of school drilled religion as the only means to national salvation, or any other for the matter of that—make the biggest showing.

"I do not intend," says a writer in the article appended to this report "to show or try to show what is the best religion. I merely claim that facts prove that public schools turn out the most thoroughly educated and moral class of people in the world. Italy with its Camorra, Black Hand and other criminal organizations, has been the home of church schools for centuries. France long ago threw away her church schools. Portugal and Belgium have just done so. Even Italy now compels attendance at state schools and will not permit any person connected with any religious sect in an official capacity to teach therein.

"SPIRIT OF OLD" GONE

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 20.—The Boy Scout movement and the Y. M. C. A. as means of drawing boys away from the Roman Catholic faith, have been attacked by the directors of the national congress of the Holy Name society of the United States. The Rev. Francis J. Sullivan, chaplain of the New York police department, protests against the Protestant organizations.

"Many Catholic boys," he says, "attend the Protestant clubs, and it is to be deplored that there is not the spirit of old to oppose this tendency. There is the Y. M. C. A., which is doing good for the Protestants, but which is bad for the Catholics, by weakening their faith and leading to mixed marriages—the curse of our church."

Fr. J. C. Fearn of Boston says: "The Boy Scout movement has got to be attacked as well as the insidious Y. M. C. A. It keeps boys away from Sunday school and mass."

HOW THEY GET THE MONEY

Sterling, Ill., Nov. 21.—The will of John F. Burke, probated here today, was found to bequeath \$50,000 to the Catholic parochial school being erected by the Sacred Heart and St. Mary's parishes.

A CLEAN SWEEP COMBINATION

The Menace's book business is growing rapidly and we are stocking up with new lines every week. To make room for new books we are going to reduce our stock of the old reliable pamphlets and paper covered books on which we have had an enormous sale from the start. In order to do this we have made up a "Clean Sweep Combination" that takes in practically all of the "old timers," right in number, and we are offering the lot at a price that should move them quickly. Here they are:

Crimes of Priests	10
The Priest in Absolution	25
Secret Instructions of the Jesuits	25
Sister Lucy and Her Awful Disclosures	25
Priestly Cellar Exposure	25
Priest and Woman	25
Roman Oaths and Papal Curses	25
The Devil's Prayer Book	25
Total	\$1.85

The prices quoted above are the regular selling prices of all these books, and they have never sold for less, but if you order the combination you can have the whole lot for \$1.85. Order the "Clean Sweep Combination."

THREE NEW RED HATS

By VIRGINIA DAY

Unity, at this season of the year, when the sap has run low, you will note that the long-billed tribe or red-heads which are commonly called sapsuckers, move to a more congenial climate. They usually pass towards the "land of milk and honey, currs and wine" at night, and keep up a squeaking all the time during their journey. Those which do not migrate before the industrious ants go into winter quarters, have to plant their hardened bills into dead timber and ruck out their food with their bearded tongues or steal the food which industrious squirrels have stored away.

I note, from the subsidized press, that three Americans went over to Italy and received their red top-knots from the "Most Holy Blessed Lord, Pope Pius X." They have now reached the end of their migratory journey (for they have kissed and kissed the pope's foot) and have their bills or beaks ready for the green timber of America where they will live high until called back to the Vatican to choose, or rather create, another man-made god called "Most Holy Blessed Lord, Pope Pius or Leo (Vicarius Dei Fili). Vicar of the Son of God, who in turn will some time in the future make some smaller gods with red hats (sapsuckers), and the red hats will then some time in the future make another Vicar of the Son of God, etc., etc., ad infinitum, and who can tell but what our honorable diplomatic Jim Gibbons may become one of the ad infinitum. Just here, can anyone wonder at Bob Ingersoll's remark when he said "an honest God is the noblest work of man?"

Listen, if the "Most Holy, Glorious, Blessed Lord Pope"—Vicar of the Son of God—and all his predecessors, clear back to Christ, have had and do now have the power for the remission of sins, and getting the lost ones out of purgatory, whence comes the necessity for the belief in transubstantiation? We no longer need to believe that the body and blood of Christ actually exists in the bread and wine when we have the ideal, real thing at the Vatican more divinely worshipped than was ever the man Jesus, and who stands ready to intercede with "the Mother of God"—the Virgin Mary—and blot out the sins of all Catholics at one fell swoop (the sins of self-conceited heretics are unpardonable). That our "Most Blessed Lord Pope" can send and transcend a bountiful supply of sin-remittance through the red hat officials who transubstantiate it on down to the toes of a priest, no one must dare to doubt under penalty of anathema.

Why should we foolish mortals stand gazing into heaven looking for the second coming of the Son of God when we do not need him; for have we not had his deputy, the "Most Holy Blessed Lord Pope" with us for the past seven hundred years? And what has been done during these centuries of divine servitude? Let the pages of history which have been written in blood answer; let the inquisition and the Jesuits give us a page; let the secret recesses in their nunneries speak; let their monasteries come to the light and speak; let the innocent girl come from the confessional into the light of truth, virtue and morality and speak.

But there is a slight difference between the man Jesus and his vicar or deputy, if we are to believe the New Testament writings:—The lowly Nazarene had not where to lay his head, and sought not wealth and fame, save the glory of the heavenly Father, while his deputy or vicar seeks and has sought to control the whole earth, and weeps crocodile tears at the suppression of his holy religions in the European countries. It looks like those European countries are destined to be lost; for the spirit of our "Most Holy Blessed Lord Pope" will not always strive with them. But those crocodile tears of the pope change into a smile of transubstantiation joy when he looks across the pond to dear America where his holy religion is flourishing like the green bay tree.

If these European countries could most surely believe that the pope was the sure enough "Most Blessed Holy Lord" they would tell us that the millennium had come and gone five hundred years ago—a thousand or more years ahead of his time, and as he did not come up to the standard of the lowly Nazarene we read about, they think he should tear down his monasteries, nunneries and houses of Good Shepherd, and return to heaven and let us have peace for a season. Those European countries have almost gotten rid of the millennium, and it is now coming to America.

If the real Jesus could stand on the mountain tops and behold the devil in his satanic majesty chained to the north pole while the Vicar of the Son of God was promulgating his holy religion in the confessional and behind the barred doors of the nunneries,

monasteries and houses of the Good Shepherd, and unroll the scroll of a hundred years or so ago, and read the records of the inquisition executed in his name for the glory and edification of the heavenly Father, we think he would marvel and ask "what does infallibility mean and what is truth, and who is there among men on earth who do not hold man's persons in adoration instead of worshipping the only true and living God—the great architect and builder of the universe whose word is truth, love and light; and not falsehood, hate and darkness."

REMEMBER THIS!

The Menace would like to impress upon its friends the necessity for their signing their names and correct address to every communication mailed to this office. Anonymous information, be it ever so true and valuable, is not available, for the simple reason that we cannot afford to take chances on being caught in the enemy's trap. Many good items are sent in which we would like to publish, but we have no way of identifying the writer or ascertaining the truth of his statements when no name or address is given. You need not hesitate to let yourself be known to The Menace, for if you are acting on the quiet, all you need do is to ask us not to make your name public and that will end it, for we have never yet betrayed a friend and never will. "If you see it in The Menace it's true," hence this statement.

"SISTERS (?) OF MARY"

Six Sisters of Mary, a Catholic nursing order, have just passed the Missouri state examination as druggists.

These sisters will oust the men druggists employed in their hospitals in Illinois and Missouri. They are the first of their order, and perhaps the only sisters who ever have taken the druggist's calling.

The Sisters of Mary is an order founded in St. Louis in 1772, and powerful in Missouri. It has spread into Illinois, and has a hospital near Chicago.

The six sisters gave three years to learning how to prepare medicine and getting ready for the state's examinations for registered druggists.

If reading the Bible makes a Romanist a Protestant then the Bible does not teach Romanism.

Rome will act the part of a saint for half a century to carry out her devilish purposes for a month.

If popery had to work its political trickery without a mask it could not get an American politician to aid it.

Life is valuable according to its activity; life in monkdom is valueless. Monks are drones, not honey bees.

Rome must be defeated; better do it now quietly with ballots than to have to do it later with bloodshed and bayonets.

Some preachers who desire to be noted as tender-hearted show that they are soft-headed by praising Rome.

Rome has two codes of morals; one teaching humility and obedience to its dupes, and the other justifying duplicity and deceit when practiced by its priests and agents in behalf of the pope.

In politics, in matters involving faith, morals, or Catholic rights, the clergy are the leaders and teachers of the Catholic body, and their instructions will be obeyed—The Catholic Columbian, Nov. 24th, 1911.

Do not delude yourself with the fond fancy that the danger is yet far off. Rome has already divided the country into diocesan provinces and placed its own appointed prince cardinals and bishops in authority to rule over them.

Italy wants the "Holy Land" for the Vatican. It is the only place the pope would consent to go to. It is easy to see that Italy is glad of an excuse to turn the attention of the disaffected clerical party and unite them in the great effort to recapture Palestine. The Menace is willing to have His Holiness go to Jerusalem and stay there. We do not want him, or need him, in America.

O'Connell, lately appointed Cardinal, and living in Boston, was a graduate of the public school, in Lowell, Mass. He is eloquent, it is said, and doubtless his early education has broadened him and made of him more of an American citizen than if he had been cramped in mind and soul by a parochial Catholic school. The old church needs enlightenment and life instead of forms and traditions to produce 20th century men.