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COLUMBUS-DAY PROPOSAL PROVOKES A DISCUSSION

CONTROVERSY IN SPOKANE, WASH., CHRONICLE BRINGS TO LIGHT HISTORICAL CHARACTER OF COLUMBUS ADVERSE TO PROPRIETY OF MAKING NATIONAL HOLIDAY IN HIS HONOR.

To the Memory of Christopher Columbus in Grateful Recognition of the Fact that He was "The Originator of American Slavery" and "The First Slave-Driver in the New World."

DR. HENRY BROWN BRANDS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS AS "KIDNAPPER, SLAVER."

In a red-hot letter of protest, Rev. Henry Brown, D. D., one of Spokane's best known ministers, scores the record left by the great explorer and protests against making "Columbus day" a holiday in Washington.

To the Editor of the Chronicle: Senator Ralph Metcalf of Pierce is working hard to have a new holiday put on the calendar.

He wants to have the state of Washington observe the 12th of October as "Columbus day," in honor of the discovery of America.

Does not the senator know that it is extremely doubtful that Columbus ever set foot on the shores of the mainland of the American continent? And does he not know that history has long since accorded the honor of the original discovery of America to the Norseman, who were nearly 500 years ahead of Columbus?

Has the senator ever taken the trouble to inform himself concerning the life and character of this man Columbus?

Does he know that Columbus was but little better than a pirate?

Does he know that the man whom he thus seeks to honor was one of the most odious characters of his day?

Does he know that Columbus was a betrayer of innocent girlhood, a wife deserter, a kidnapper, a slave trader, and a tyrant?

Does he know that the most prominent characteristics of this man Columbus were his boundless cupidity and his remorseless cruelty?

If he does not know this it would seem that he should wait a little while and read up on the matter.

We want no holiday in honor of such a character as Columbus.
Respectfully,
HENRY BROWN.

ADMIRERS OF GREAT PIONEER EXPLORER DEFEND HIM AGAINST REV. DR. BROWN.

"If Christopher Columbus were to come to Spokane today he would find himself at once the most popular and most abused man in history.

"On one side he would find his friends, who are legion here. On the other side he would find doubters and detractors who do not believe the discoverer of America should be considered among the immortals.

"When the Rev. Henry Brown volunteered a published opinion that Christopher Columbus was a 'pirate' and a 'libertine' he caused a storm of protest and indignation.

"Members of the Knights of Columbus, as well as local members of the Italian colony, today rushed valiantly to the defense of the great explorer. Letters of protest were sent to the Chronicle by Dr. John H. O'Shea of the Knights of Columbus, Joseph Plastino and Joseph Cozzetto.

"Columbus was not a pirate," said Dean W. S. Hicks of All Saints' cathedral. "As judged by the standards of the age in which he lived, Columbus was one of the best men and should be judged by his actions. His contributions to civilization stamp him at once as a great man."

"Washington Irving doubtless knew more about Columbus than the Rev. Mr. Brown," said the former Senator George Turner, "and I am willing to abide by his opinion."

"Columbus, Columbus, a pirate! Not by a darn sight.—Hal J. Cole, register of the United States land office.

"Columbus was imbued with a motive to discover, and, I think, was a great man," said Mrs. A. E. House, president of the Woman's Club.

"Christopher Columbus was a grand man," said Dorothy Ellis, ingenue of

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE IT?

"The first step in the making (America Catholic) will be the election of one of the American Cardinals to the papacy, the removal of St. Peter's to Washington. Cardinal Gibbons is to be president and every non-Catholic will be driven out of the army and navy."—From the Catholic Sun, Syracuse, N. Y., issue of Dec. 8, 1911, bottom first column, editorial page.

the 'Queen of the Moulins Rouge' company. "He was a Catholic and so am I, and he was the first Catholic to set foot in the United States. He was perfectly grand—that's all there is to it. The people of Washington ought to feel proud to have a day off each year in honor of such a grand man."
From Missouri

"If Columbus was a pirate, I've got to be shown," said Thomas H. Brewer, president of the Fidelity National bank. "I'm from Missouri when it comes to my old friend Christopher, and they'll have to produce the goods. If they find he was a pirate, I guess he'll have to stand for it, and if he wasn't it won't hurt him much."

"What's the use of tackling the dead," is the way Waldo G. Paine, traffic manager of the Spokane & Inland expressed himself. "There are plenty of live ones to whom we ought to direct our attention."

"I don't recall any act of Columbus which might be construed as piracy," said United States Attorney, Oscar Cain.

DR. JOHN O'SHEA DEFENDS COLUMBUS AND CHALLENGES MINISTER'S STATEMENTS.

To the Editor of the Chronicle: I was astonished to observe a rather startling article in your issue of recent date, from the pen of the Rev. Dr. Henry Brown, agent the bill relative to Columbus day.

With regard to this bold statement and daring accusation the reader would like to ask: Where did the Rev. Dr. H. Brown glean his information that Columbus was a "pirate?" Where does he find that Columbus was one of the most odious characters of his day? Where did he locate the information that "Columbus was a betrayer of innocent girlhood," "a wife deserter," "a kidnapper," "a slave trader and a tyrant?"

Where did he find that "Columbus' most prominent characteristics were his boundless cupidity and his remorseless cruelty?"

These are broad statements and I ask the Rev. Dr. H. Brown what were the sources of his information. To my mind they could not have been other than an overheated, to put it mildly, imagination. All reliable sources of information about Christopher Columbus fail to tell us anything of what the Rev. Dr. Brown would have us believe with regard to him.

JOHN H. O'SHEA, M. D.

DR. BROWN REPLIES
Minister Comes Back at His Critics by Citing Authorities Who Hit Columbus.

To the Editor of the Chronicle: Permit me to thank you for the privilege of appearing once more in the columns of your valuable paper.

In my article concerning "Columbus day," published in your issue of Wednesday, my remarks were addressed more particularly to Senator Metcalf, but today I have the honor of addressing a distinguished company of men and women who were kind enough to favor me with their attention in yesterday's issue.

In the reported interviews I see that a number of very excellent people unite in declaring that Columbus was never a pirate.

I think Judge Turner will agree with me that, in answering an opponent, the exact terms of the proposition under discussion must be observed, and that, I am sorry to say, my critics have failed to do.

I did not say that Columbus was a pirate, but I did say that he was but little better than a pirate, and that statement I can substantiate.

Our friends from Italy may rest assured that I am not opposing the adoption of "Columbus day" simply for the reason that Columbus was a native of Italy, nor I reverse the memory of the great man of Italy who in their lives and labors have proven themselves truly great.

But now it gives me pleasure to address my remarks to Dr. John O'Shea, a prominent member of the Knights of Columbus, who in his published letter challenges my statements and demands to know my authority for them. To this challenge I am only too happy to respond.

Some 20 years ago Mr. Justin Winsor, the scholarly librarian of Harvard university, published his book on Christopher Columbus, a work of merit, a genuine biography, not a romance.

About the same time Professor Charles Kendall Adams, LL. D., president of the University of Wisconsin, published a similar work.

In the writings of these two reputable scholars I find the evidence with which to support my statements concerning Columbus.

1. He was but little better than a pirate.

In the writings of Professor Adams I find this statement:
"During the same period (some time before his voyage of discovery) the navigator (Columbus) went upon a slave-trading expedition to Guinea and served on several piratical expeditions under the much-dreaded corsair, Casseveuve."

Now, please remember, doctor, I said he was but little better than a pirate, and I submit that a fellow who serves voluntarily under a noted pirate is very little better than the pirate himself.

2. A betrayer of innocent girlhood.
If you please, doctor, will you read what Justin Winsor says about the intimacy of Columbus with a certain Beatriz Enriquez, and the fruit of that intimacy, his illegitimate son Ferdinand, and you will save me the trouble of quoting it here.

3. A wife deserter.
If he was not a wife deserter, doctor, what did he mean when he said in a letter to the Spanish court that he "abandoned wife and children, whom he never again saw?"

4. A kidnapper.
That Columbus was a kidnapper is stated in so many words by Winsor when he says: "He had already made the voyage that of a kidnapper by entrapping nine of the unsuspecting natives."

5. He was a slave trader.
Our Italian friend says that Columbus was a missionary, and he marvels that I, a minister of the gospel should criticize such a saintly man, but what does the record show? By his own testimony Columbus makes clear the fact that the natives of the newly discovered lands believed them messengers from heaven and treated them with the greatest kindness and hospitality. Here was his opportunity to win them for Christ. What did this first missionary (?) do to the new world? He kidnapped nine of the natives on his first voyage, later on he sent a shipload back to Spain to be sold, and still later four shiploads to be sold as slaves, and set in motion a system of enslavement and oppression which resulted in the extermination of the natives on some of those islands.

Hear Winsor on the matter:
"It is to Columbus, also, that we trace the beginning of that monstrous guilt which Spanish law sanctioned under the name of repatriamientos, and by which, to every colonist, and even to the vilest, absolute power was given over as many natives as his means and rank entitled him to hold."

Tyrant Also
6. He was a tyrant.
Now, doctor, will you kindly tell me what you think of this? When we reached the coast of Cuba we are told that "He caused 30 of the men to swear that they had reached the continent * * * and anyone who should on his return renounce his oath was to be fined 10,000 maravedi and have his tongue cut out."

7. His boundless cupidity.
If you have read up on the question, doctor, you will remember that Columbus was always looking for gold, so much so that the natives came to consider gold to be the god of those savages, and you will remember that he imposed a tribute of gold on every adult native and that each one "was required to produce a hawk's bell full of gold once in three months on penalty of manual labor on the farms of the Spaniards."

Then still more of the meanness of his avaricious spirit is seen in his robbing the poor sailor of the promised reward for the first sight of land and claiming it himself on the ground that he had first seen a light on the shore.

Shows Missouri
8. His remorseless cruelty.
This has already been shown, and I can furnish much more in substantiation of the charge if it is called for.

Now permit me to say to our friend who says he is from Missouri and requests me to "produce the goods," that I have shown some samples and have plenty more of the same kind in stock.

The doctor thinks I have drawn on my imagination for my charges against Columbus. I think I have convinced him to the contrary. But now permit me to say that I think Mr. Paine is right when he deplored any criticism of the dead. But when a Roman Catholic order known as "The Knights of Columbus" makes it their business to fasten "Columbus day" upon this fair state of Washington, not primarily for the reason that Columbus discovered America but because he was a Roman Catholic (they never would have dreamed of such a holiday had Columbus been a Protestant), and when they seek by law to compel us to take one whole day every year to watch the Roman Catholics parade our streets and hear their high dignitaries emphasize their oft-repeated claim that this whole country belongs to the Roman Catholic church by right of discovery, then as a native-born free American, a property holder and a taxpayer in the state of Washington, I think I have a right to protest and to state my reasons for so doing.

Respectfully,
HENRY BROWN.

The hierarchy gives its dupes the precious privilege of bearing the cross while they plan and prepare to wear the crowns of rulership over every country they can corrupt and subject.

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There can be no equality in American citizenship where Romanism is given the preference in all official positions.

Let every reader of The Menace help to overcome the apathy of the Protestant clergy. Remind the ministers of your city or neighborhood of their duty in this great struggle, and insist on their speaking from the pulpit concerning the aggressiveness of the hierarchy.

The church of Rome stands before the world, claiming to be Christian, drenched in the blood of sixty-eight million five hundred thousand human beings, without counting the many millions of souls she has sent to hell with her dirty, filthy, degrading, debasing and polluting confessional box.

Romanism is financial strychnine. It paralyzes the nerves of industry, it stiffens the muscles of enterprise, it stops the heart-beat of commercial progress and congeals the blood of finance. Nations, while subject to Rome, have made no real advance in commerce, mechanical science and financial prosperity.

There may be some argument against direct legislation, the recall and other radical measures of the day, but one excellent argument in favor of them is the fact that the Catholic clergy is fighting them with all its might. Anything political that Rome opposes is sure to be progressive and worthy of consideration at least.

If Roman Catholics can take away the "Freedom of conscience in religious matters in the Philippines" then what may we expect in the near future in this country? Shades of Patrick Henry! Where is thy voice that 130 years ago, said: "Shall we sit idly by, while the chains are riveted about our necks? I know not what course others may take; but as for me give me liberty, or give me death!"—Glenwood (Ark.) News.

It is no sign of bravery to say that you are not afraid of Rome. Those who dismiss our charges with that answer merely show that they are ignorant of what is going on. Read the history of the Roman Catholic (so-called) church, see by the daily papers what Rome is doing in this country today, then show your bravery hanging up with all loyal Americans to defend America from this foreign invasion.

The Roman grafters are as astute in business as they are cunning in politics. The immense business they conduct in the country is carried on in building and upon property that is free from taxation on the pretence that such property is used for religious purposes. We had to fight at one time against English taxation without representation, and it seems now that we will soon have to fight against Roman representation without taxation. Like "star boarders," who never miss a meal and never pay a cent, the agents of the hierarchy demand money for their schools, hospitals, etc., from the public treasury but escape paying the tax upon property by which public funds are provided. These Catholic "fathers" are wise old owls.

A very large majority of the appointive places in the public service at Washington City is held by Roman Catholics. When a priest solicits the place for a Catholic, congressmen and senators comply, for they know that the priest controls most of the votes in his district and that Protestants never carry their religion into politics for the graft. So the Catholics get the places and nothing is said about it. Most of the consular service is also held by Catholics. And they are always active agents for Rome in every country—and the Protestant United States pays the bills! See it that every Catholic on any ticket next year is wiped off the slate. Only by the arousing of the Protestant voters to what is being done to them can any shake-up of Rome be realized.

The Catholic hierarchy has the best political organization in the United States. Every priest is a politician. In fact they never have been anything else in any country on earth at any time. They are for the political power of the pope—that is the sole object of their lives. They are trained to it from youth and believe that is the salvation of the earth. They have no religion, never teach anything except to lie and cheat and commit any crime—if only it will help Rome. They keep their communicants from reading anything except what has been censored, so they will never learn anything about what they are being used for. Not one Catholic in a thousand knows a thing about the history and crimes of the Catholic hierarchy. The only way to combat Rome is to educate their children in public schools, so they will know something about history of the past. A Protestant who votes for a Catholic on any ticket is aiding Rome to master this country. The members of the organization are honest folk, but they are made dupes of by their designing priests. Every priest is an enemy of the United States government. And they are powerful only because the Protestant ministers do not explain their real character to their own communicants. Protestants are ignorant of the part Rome has played in the history of nations. Rome thrives on the ignorance of Protestants to her real character, as well as the ignorance of her own dupes.

CATHOLIC "CHARITIES" IN BAD LIGHT IN N. Y.

NEW YORK'S CITY CONTROLLER DEMANDS THAT AN ACCOUNTING SHALL BE GIVEN OF THE VAST SUM WHICH CATHOLICS WRING FROM CITY'S TREASURY EACH YEAR—BOOKS BADLY KEPT.

In the issue of December 23rd, The Menace made mention of the contention existing between the so-called Catholic Charities of New York City and City Controller Prendergast. It was stated then that the contention grew out of the fact that the Catholic institutions refused to submit their books and records to the city controller for auditing, notwithstanding the fact that they were the recipients of a yearly budget from the city treasury aggregating approximately two million dollars, or 75 per cent of the full amount expended in this way among all such institutions in the city each year.

One reason, at least, why the black robed heads of the various institutions resisted the controller's new order has now developed in a complete published statement of Mr. Prendergast, in which it is shown that not only has a careless, reckless and inaccurate system of book-keeping been in vogue, but evidences of theft and downright rascality are apparent on every hand.

Of the sum of \$3,516,535 which has been appropriated by the city in the past four years for six of the largest Catholic institutions to maintain and educate children committed to their care, \$13,905.29 was not expended and never returned to the city, according to Controller Prendergast, who boldly insinuates that the sum of money was diverted to private purposes.

A Part of Controller's Statement
It is evidently the purpose of at least one of the counsel to the Roman Catholic church authorities to attempt to beland the issues which have arisen between the authorities in regard to charitable institutions. On November 24, 1911, these representatives addressed a letter to me in which they set forth objections to the rules adopted by the board of estimate and apportionment governing the payments to charitable institutions for the year 1912. To this letter I made a direct reply. I answered fully every question raised by counsel and endeavored to confine discussion to the issues involved, which are:

1. Shall there be city supervision of an effective character of the finances and business methods of these institutions?

2. Shall the character be enforced which says, Section 661, "Moneys paid by the City of New York to * * * institution for the care, support, secular education or maintenance of its inmates shall not be expended for any other purpose?"

3. Shall the board of estimate and apportionment rule governing these appropriations, in practically the same form, be lived up to, which says: "Moneys received from the city treasury shall be used by such institutions for recurring expenses of care, support, education and maintenance?"

4. Shall these privately owned and conducted institutions be permitted to use city funds for payment of mortgages or for extensions to buildings in violation of the charter and the rules of the board of estimate and apportionment?"

5. Shall the city be a party to the disorderly accounting methods which now prevail in many of these institutions?

It would be preferable from my own point of view if I could say that there was nothing to condemn and everything to praise, but as the defenders of these charitable institutions are so confident of their claim that the business methods of the institutions are beyond reproach, it would benefit them to know the following instances of many we have found covering the period 1906 to 1910, which I shall denominate as unbusinesslike.

In St. Malachy's Home the only book of account is a city cash book, and the only information given in the receipts and disbursements, with the classification shown as a memorandum only.

In our investigation we find that on account of losses by fire, in 1909, extensive additions and repairs to plant were made at Rockaway Park. The cost of these additions and repairs amounted to approximately \$18,000 and this cost was charged up in the city cash book. It was learned that the institution received from five insurance companies \$24,239.08. While the cost of the repairs and additions was charged to care, maintenance and support of city wards in the city cash book the collection of the insurance to cover these repairs, etc., was included as private receipts and did not appear on the city cash book as income to offset the corresponding expense of about \$18,000.

In the Roman Catholic orphan asylum for the years 1906 to 1910, there are 1,488 vouchers missing, aggregating \$200,000. Practically all the vouchers for the year 1907 are missing. This is the year in which the Potter fund was started.

A number of journal or cross entries appear on the general ledger which do not appear upon the four-

nal of the institution. The general ledger is of little value. It is handled on a cash basis, making it impossible to prepare currently a statement of revenue and expenses. For nearly two years the institution failed to take off a trial balance.

In the Convent of Mercy for the three years 1906 to 1909 the payments made to foster parents of children boarded out amounted approximately to \$121,100, which was not supported by receipts of any kind, nor so far as could be ascertained, were any records kept of such expenditures.

In the Dominican Convent of Our Lady of the Rosary, the cash book has not been balanced for a number of years. The posting of both the debit and credit sides of the cash book are continually brought forward, the expenditures apparently being several thousand dollars in excess of the receipts at all times. At no time did the cash book show a cash balance on hand.

The New York Foundling Asylum, by journal entries this institution has arbitrarily and fictitiously increased its expenses for three years by \$6,000 a year, in order to show a larger payroll "because other institutions had larger payrolls."

Over \$10,000 a month is charged to nurses payroll, outdoor department, for which a memo payroll book is kept. This represents amounts paid to each and not amounts due. The totals are never proved. When they are through paying for the day they simply count the amount remaining and put it in a separate place and what remains is placed in regular petty cash drawer. There is absolutely no control over this expenditure.

Asylum of the Sisters of St. Dominic. A check to Rt. Rev. Mgr. Edwards, V. G., for \$300, classified as "clothing." The voucher attached is a bill of "specifications" of Lord & Taylor for mourning draperies placed on St. Joseph's church building, Washington place and Sixth avenue, Manhattan, the total being \$729.58.

"THE MENACE" NOT A MENACE
From the Catholic Universe, Cleveland, Ohio.

Recently in Catholic periodicals of varying character there has been a good deal said of a sheet called "The Menace," published at Aurora, Missouri, by an individual who calls himself "Rev. Theo. C. Walker." The first copy we have seen came here during the week and it is a prize specimen of the antediluvian age of A. P. A.-ism.

The sheet is small, is poorly edited, worse printed, and it is hardly worth the attention and the vitriol which some of our esteemed contemporaries have dignified it with.

It has little wit, less wisdom, still less truth, and no morals at all. So evidently it is conceived in ignorance and brought forth in bigotry that it hardly is eligible to be classed with newspapers in any sense. It is not a publication, but rather a vocabulary of eccema.

It is passing, too, under a misnomer. The "editor" calls it "The Menace." He has taken unto his publication too great a distinction. It is certainly not a menace to the Catholic church, nor to the beliefs and feelings of any normal human being, who is sane enough to be justified in "playing hockey" from ad imbecile asylum.

The Catholic church is never tangibly disturbed by any similar efforts to inspire malice against her. There is more seriousness of import in one ordinarily sensible attack on one Catholic's practicality by the germ of indifference than there could possibly be in all the screeds of this kind that could be printed from now until the millennium.

In the light of history the union of church and state is unthinkable, and yet that is the end and object of Roman scheming and intrigue. If they succeed the union will be like that of the Hen and the lamb, the state submerged in the church and the church under the thumb of a murderous pope like Alexander VI and the bastard Birgias.

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Next week's issue of The Menace will be a great issue for distribution. It will be printed on our new \$10,000 perfecting press which is here and being installed, will deal with the "Militia of Christ" and its connection with the labor movement, and will be an all-round propaganda number. Order your bundles at the usual rate for distribution and do it NOW.