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As the Cardinal Would Like It!



CARDINAL O'CONNELL, in a cablegram from Rome, greeted his Boston parishioners as follows:

"I rejoice with you all that Boston has been singled out to go down into history as one of the proudest principalities of the greatest, oldest and most holy monarchy on earth."
 One would naturally judge from this, that Boston is not one of our American cities, or a constituent part of our Republic. Indeed it is expressly stated that it is a part of the "oldest and most holy monarchy" on earth. There is no sort of doubt, that our un-American cardinal would like to make it, according to his statement, and if it is not, certainly it will be no fault of his.

We were of the opinion that the episode of 1776 settled the question of monarchy in America, but it seems that we must have a further settlement of this question with the Pope, and if so, the sooner the better.
 If history teaches anything, it teaches that no nation is safe, as long as a considerable portion of its population owes allegiance to the Vatican. It can be easily proven, that during the last thousand years, Roman Catholicism has wrecked and ruined more nations than all other causes combined.

It is probably true, that should America become engaged in a controversy, or war with the Vatican, one-fifth of our entire population would be found on the side of the Pope. The allegiance of every true Catholic, is first to the Pope, and then to his government.
 We have sometimes thought that it might not be a bad idea for our Government to amend our naturalization laws, that no one could become an American citizen, without renouncing all allegiance to any foreign power, Pope or potentate. But even should this be done, no doubt, not a few of Roman Catholic citizens would fall back on the doctrine of mental reservation.

but joined to it to the extent of open revolt against existing laws."

The emperor expressed a hope that his holiness would, upon being informed of the true position of affairs, use his authority to put an end to the agitation carried on amid deplorable distortion of truth and abuse of priestly authority. He could not pass without contradiction the expression that everyone who has received baptism belongs to the pope. He accepted no other mediator with God than Jesus Christ.

"This difference of belief," he concluded, "does not prevent me from living in peace with those who do not share mine, and I offer your holiness the expression of my personal devotion and esteem."
 It was generally conceded that William had the best of the argument, and congratulations poured in upon him from all parts of Germany. The city of Augsburg in particular sent a remarkable address, signed by Catholics and Protestants alike expressing satisfaction and pride at the independent attitude of the emperor, declaring the papal complaints of persecution to be a wanton perversion of the truth, and urging his majesty to continue to enforce the laws.

To Arm With Rifles

It seems when Cardinal O'Connell made his address to the Knights of Columbus at the recent blowout in his honor, the cardinal was carried off his feet by the praise and warmth of the occasion and stated, "That every Knight of Columbus should be armed with a rifle."

This got into the first edition, so we are informed, of the Boston Post, and there was a hurry and scurry on the part of the Romanists to get the edition suppressed before it reached the hands of the general public, upon their awakening next morning. "So reliable is the source of this story," says our correspondent, "that I cannot but place implicit reliance upon it."

This is nothing new or strange, but simply reinforces the remarks of Archbishop Quigley, of Chicago, who indicated what use would be made of the organized Catholic companies should an attempt be made in this country to repeat the action of France respecting the church.

When these bishops and cardinals give us notice what to expect, it would seem that America would wake up to the menace to free institutions and liberty.

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL DECREE

The following decrees of the Third Plenary Council of Baltimore, page 101, No. 199, have been approved of by the "Holy Father" and are binding in conscience under grievous sin:

I. "We decree that a parochial school be erected in every parish where it does not already exist, within two years from the promulgation of this council, unless on account of grave difficulties the bishop should judge otherwise."
 II. "That a priest, who by his negligence impedes the erection or maintenance of the school within this time, or who, after repeated admonitions from his ordinary does not care, deserves to be removed from the parish."
 III. "That a parish or mission which neglects to assist the priest in establishing or maintaining a school, so that on this account the school cannot exist should receive a reprimand from the bishop."
 IV. "We decree that all Catholic parents are bound to send their children to the parochial school * * * unless the bishop grants permission for weighty reasons approved by himself to send the children to other schools. * * *"

CLERICAL DEFEAT IN SPAIN

The recent Spanish elections of municipal officials prove to be a considerable victory for modernism and monarchism. They were held in something more than 9,000 communes, and the results show ministerial victories, that is the election of candidates favored by Senator Canalejas and his associates, in 5,263 instances; conservative victories in 2,201; independents 1,294; republicans, 845; socialists, 99; Catholics, 69; religionists, 93; Catalan Nationalists, 22; Basque Nationalists, 39; and indeterminate, 68. Although the Lerroux radical element assumes to have held its own in Barcelona and some other strongholds, the general results are an unquestionable victory for Canalejas, Moret and the moderate liberal parties.

All of which shows the revolt against Rome and a rebuke to its attacks upon modern progress.

WHAT ARE NUNNERIES FOR?

WHAT crimes and criminals are hidden behind the walls and locked doors of the convents? no one can tell.

There is certainly a purpose in the secrecy. A plan in the high fens, a necessity for the locked doors. What are they?
 According to the account given in the last Menace of the "Triumphs of the Cloister" no woman in normal state of mind, after the facts were known, would remain in such a place if she could get out.

It may be, too, that females who go in soon cross the bridge over which they never have a desire to recross.

Certainly, and forever settled it is that, as a doctrine, asceticism is dead. It has no place or useful existence in modern life and activity. It is false—it is a wicked deception—to say that a woman, shut up under conditions as portrayed in the life of a Carmelite nun, is better, holier, more devout than her sister in the busy world, resisting temptation, and building a character of purity and beauty in God's out in the world way.

Saved in the midst of evil, and not of it, is a true test of virtue; as the Hebrew children walked in the flames of the furnace and yet were not burned.

All moral philosophy teaches that character can only be secured in freedom, not in the cloister. "Even the well informed priests," the *Menace* says, "have objected to establishing the Carmelite convents in America."

The *Menace* believes, after reading the account, that no such institution ought to exist on American soil, for the very good reason that asceticism destroys virtue, weakens the will, blinds the judgment and makes the victim think there is holiness in a separation from temptation, from care and from responsibility.

Jesus condemned the Jews for just such things and asked them if they could, by taking thought, add to their stature. He positively taught differently when he said: "I pray not that thou take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep from them the evil."

A holy life is a state of being, not doing penance in a monastery. Deeds are the fruits of the spirit.

But these convents seem to serve another purpose, namely: to take women who have prospective fortunes, and by hook or by crook—and more often crook—turn that money into the coffers of the Roman church.

Almost daily, clippings from all over the United States come to this office telling how wills are broken, heirs cheated, murders committed and convent and church and hierarchy, mother superiors, and courts are all tied up together, in a fierce struggle.

We cut from the Newark Evening Journal a clipping which suggests many things not printed. Here is a case where the woman's name is changed, where a nun is dead, and a nun wants to set aside her father's will. The supreme court has given an order for the mother superior of the convent of St. Vincent de Paul to testify and produce records. The *Menace* prophesies that she will do neither.

But here is the item as printed by the journal:

Arthur F. Hanel, the attorney engaged to oppose the suit of Jessie E. Reed, a nun, to set aside the will of Charles S. Reed, whom she claims was her father, obtained from Supreme Court Justice Davin an order directing Margaret E. Cullen, Mother Superior of the Convent of St. Vincent de Paul, to testify and produce records.

The Mother Superior will be asked to tell all she knows about the late Sister Mary Berchmans. This is the name under which Jessie E. Reed is known in the religious order, but the attorneys for the Reed estate have been informed that a woman in the convent known as "Sister Mary Berchmans" died within the last two years. They want to ask the head of the order all about this dependent to find out if they can identify the living Sister Berchmans.

Mr. Reed, who was a New York publisher, left his \$150,000 estate to her. He divided it equally between Dr. Flaks, of No. 75 West Eighty-sixth street, and Mrs. William Grant Brown, wife of a lawyer.

What show have the heirs under the will against that bunch, or who knows when or how the deceased woman came to her death, or what sort of records Margaret Cullen keeps in the convent?

Sometimes the public will become weary with convent duplicity and hierarchy machinations, with women in convents, with high walls, and locked and barred doors—these public places where girls are lost and forever disappear—this religious maelstrom that sucks in its victims with remorseless fatality. Sometimes do you say? Why not now?

ROME'S POLITICAL ARM

MENTION has been made in these columns time and again of the American Federation of Catholic Societies. This organization is destined to be the political right arm of Rome, and its activities should convince the most bigoted of the truth of the *Menace's* contention that Roman Catholicism is not a religion, in the generally accepted meaning of the word, but a gigantic ecclesiastical trust organized for pelf and power, and in this country actively engaged in a campaign to capture America for the pope and reduce the republican form of government which we now enjoy to a temporal dominion of an ecclesiastical potentate. Not long since Bishop McPaul, of Trenton, N. J., told a gathering of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, that the Roman Catholics of America were fools not to organize in one solid mass and make their power felt in the politics of this country; there were 2,000,000 Roman Catholic voters, and if they were united for political action they could make this country a Roman Catholic nation.

This federation has now been formed by the following societies: The Knights of Columbus, The Knights of St. John, The Catholic Benevolent Legion, The Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Irish Catholic Benevolent Union, The Irish-American Societies, The German-American Societies, The Catholic Knights of America, The Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America; and besides these organizations, there are scores of others of less prominence.

In this connection it may be well to recall the words of the so-called liberal Catholic, Archbishop Ireland at the hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the United States, which was held in Baltimore, November 10, 1889, said: "We must make America Catholic. As we love our church, it suffices to mention the work, and our cry shall be, 'God wills it,' and our hearts shall leap towards it with crusader enthusiasm." He was wildly applauded by the 80 bishops and 1,000 priests and 5,000 laymen present.

"Why should we fear or hesitate?" continued, with glowing fervor and loud boasting. We number ten millions—a powerful army if the forces are well marshalled and their latent strength be brought into action. Catholics in America are loyal to their church and devoted to their leaders. Their labors and their victories in the first century of their history show that they are capable of in the coming century when they are conscious of their power and are under complete hierarchical organization."

Do American citizens realize the scope of this movement? Think of it, 2,000,000 votes at the absolute disposal of an alien on the Tiber. Imagination stands aghast in view of the possible consequences.

Rome is certainly very aggressive and in a thousand ways striving to undermine the institutions of America while Americans are shutting their eyes or keeping them solely and exclusively turned in one direction; the worship of the almighty dollar. Some try to delude themselves with a belief that the Catholic church takes no interest in politics and hence no dan-

ger exists, but, is this strictly correct? let us see—Josiah Strong in "Our Country," (A work that every American citizen should read), says: "An encyclical letter of November 7, 1885, Sec. XIII, as reported by cable to the New York Herald, said: 'We exhort all Catholics to devote careful attention to public matters, and take part in all municipal affairs and elections, and all public services, meetings and gatherings. All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in countries where they live. All Catholics should exert their power to cause the constitutions of states to be modeled on the principles of the true church. If Catholics are idle,' says the same pope, 'the reins of power will easily be gained by persons whose opinions can surely afford little prospect of welfare, hence, Catholics have just reason to enter into political life. * * * having in mind the purpose of introducing the wholesome life-blood of Catholic wisdom and virtue into the whole system of the state.'"

Dr. Bronson—Review for July, 1864, declared: "Undoubtedly it is the intention of the pope to possess this country. In this intention he is aided by the Jesuits and all the Catholic prelates and priests."

The Pastoral Letter, issued by Third Plenary Council, December 7, 1884, and signed by Cardinal Gibbons, says: "Nor are there in the world more devoted adherents of the Catholic, the See of Peter and the Vicar of Christ, than the Catholics of the United States."

But why go on? Those and similar quotations have been presented to the public time after time. A few consider them seriously but to the great mass of Protestants they pass by as the idle wind which is regarded not.

You are asked now to consider carefully and thoughtfully the last move of Rome in connection with her avowed intention of revolutionizing America, and giving her, bound hand and foot, to the pope.

JACKASS ARGUMENT

In another place will be found a letter from Rev. Clutter, Huron, S. D., who was beaten up and abused by a bunch of Roman thugs in that city recently for the simple reason that he dared to preach the truth about Catholicism.

We are in receipt of another letter from that point, written by a prominent citizen, from which we take the following: "Mr. A. F. Fay, nominee for election for secretary of state, was met by a friend on the street and was accosted in a jocular manner in regard to what Evangelist Clutter said about the public press here, while holding a revival meeting at this place. His reply was that the preacher did not get any more than he deserved, and ought to be run out of town, as he had no business to say anything in regard to Catholicism. This man Fay is working for the Catholic vote for both nomination and election."

The writer also encloses a circular on which is the cut of a jackass, and under the cut is defamatory wording about Rev. Clutter.

This was the argument with which the Catholics answered Rev. Clutter in Huron, S. D., U. S. A. In different localities they use different arguments. Some places they use stones and state eggs; other places, fire and dynamite; in Huron, pictures of their own tribe.

GOV. WILSON LINES UP

TRENTON, Feb. 26.—Governor Woodrow Wilson signed Assemblyman Martin's bill, depriving justices of the peace of the power to perform the marriage ceremony at 4:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and it at once became the law of the state, as the act provided that it take effect immediately. There was no way of justifying the justices of the peace of the hour when it became a law, and constitution required when it became known that some of the peace justices ignorant of the new law, might keep right on performing marriages until they read the morning newspapers. The act became the law of the state just as soon as the Governor signed it, and there is grave doubt of the legality of any marriage ceremony performed by a justice of the peace after 4:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

This bill was prepared by the Newark Diocesan Federation of the Holy Name Society and the representatives living in this county were active in procuring its passage. The introduction of the bill was suggested by the Rev. Mgr. John A. Sheppard, of Jersey City, and a former "Paterson boy."

The above press dispatch from Trenton, N. J., shows what Romanism is doing in the way of dictating to the law-makers of this nation, and shows conclusively that Governor Woodrow Wilson is in the hands of the hierarchy, and that he hasn't the backbone to veto a measure which he must undoubtedly know is promulgated for the purpose of increasing the revenue of a grafting priesthood and fasten upon the people more securely a damnable Roman influence.

If the priests can control the marriage relation they can soon control the politics and religion of the nation, and if they can force this kind of legislation in New Jersey they can do it in other states.

The justice of the peace is the most important civil officer in any locality and he is the poorest paid. A big part of his revenue comes from marriage fees, notwithstanding the fact that he seldom charges over \$3.00 as against the priest's twenty-five or fifty dollars, and such laws as this one will soon put the justices on the shelf of "has beens."

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Romish Hypocrisy

In a clipping from the Cleveland Press, February 27th, 1912, we learn that Priest Haley and Attorney Mooney have made application to the school board of Cleveland for the use, two hours a week, of a room in Murry Hill school building.

As the Roman voting strength is large in Cleveland it is expected the board will surrender. The hierarchy has driven out of the Cleveland schools all religious instruction, even to the reading of the Bible, prayer, and singing. They prevented, by threat, the graduating of pupils in the Belvidere, Ill., school because a Presbyterian minister was to give the invocation and benediction.

They have driven out the Bible in all the public schools of Illinois. They have excluded the same book in Brainerd, Minn. While doing this three-fourths of the teachers in the public schools of Chicago are Catholics; they take money from the United States treasury and have their religious-garbed nuns teach in the Indian schools, and now want the school board to permit the use of the school building built with public money to teach pupils the Roman religion,

that despises all other faiths and is hostile to the work of state education.

Such contemptible hypocrisy and double dealing sanctioned and directed by the cardinals and bishops of the Roman church ought to receive, and will receive, the well merited rebuke of all honest citizens. The patience of the people is almost to the breaking point, and the hierarchy, with impudent audacity say with Tammany of old—"What are you going to do about it?"

By the way people are sending for *The Menace* it looks as though something will be done, and that right speedily. France got tired of the duplicity and did something. Italy is doing something. There is a stir in Spain. England is aroused. The world is getting ready for a revolt against the "Holy Roman Empire" hoped for and worked for by Pope Pius X. and his cardinals.

The battle of Armageddon is on!

Rome vs. Germany

In October, 1872, a great sensation was caused in Germany and throughout Europe by the publication of a correspondence between Pope Pius IX., and Emperor William I. of Germany. Writing on the 7th of August, the pope charged the German government with aiming more and more at the destruction of Catholicism, but said he had heard that the emperor did not approve of the harshness of the measures adopted by the government and that those measures could have no other effect than to undermine his majesty's own throne.

"I speak with frankness," Pius IX. added, "for my banner is truth. I speak in order to fulfill one of my duties, which consists in telling the truth to all, even to those who are not Catholics, for every one who has been baptized belongs in some way or other—which to define more precisely would be here out of place—belongs, I say, to the pope."

We would think it unnecessary for the head of any church to accentuate truth-telling as his special duty, when everybody is to tell the truth at all times everywhere and to everyone. Pius IX., after saying it is his duty to speak the truth to all, condescendingly includes non-Catholics, and then seems to limit truth-telling to those who have been baptized. But notice what others thought of the truthfulness of his statements.

On the third of September the emperor replied, saying that he was glad his holiness had done him the honor to write to him, because it afforded him an opportunity to correct errors which must have occurred in the communications his holiness had received relative to German affairs.

"If the reports which are made to your holiness respecting German questions only stated the truth," wrote William, "it would not be possible for your holiness to entertain the supposition that my government enters upon a path which I do not approve. According to the constitution of my states, such a case cannot happen, since the laws and government measures in Prussia require my consent as sovereign. To my deep sorrow a portion of my Catholic subjects have organized for the past two years a political party which endeavors to disturb, by intrigues hostile to the state, the religious peace which has existed in Prussia for centuries. Leading Catholic priests have unfortunately not only approved in this movement,

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