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ON THE FIRING LINE

Chicago, Ill.—There is a record for 35 days. Will some one look it please, as I can get busy and do some work that is really work. I have distributed 1000 copies of The Menace; have sent to me each of 10 of my own work; have got up a club of 25 for the Pastor, and I have also placed 10 donation cards for The American Federation of Patriotic Voters. I have will, delivered, and placed in the hands of fellow workers over 200 anti-Catholic books. Besides have been working nine hours every morning for—except one day and a half that I was off—I was then up before the grand jury giving testimony. Now come on boys! Let us do better for the next thirty days. I know we can if we try. Yours in the work.—J. O. K. 37, 411 4th Ave. S.

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Hickory, Mont.—I have received The Menace for a year and am one of the greatest admirers of your ability and nerve, for it takes "nerve" to expose and expose the pope's political devices, the pope's (small letters, a. n.) real character and general intentions.

Washington, D. C.—Money order enclosed for ten subs. Being managing editor of one of our local papers have been exposing The Menace gratis, but I include myself on this list as I consider it an honor to be paid a subscriber to your paper.

Louisville, Ky.—Now that it's a MILLION, let's make it TWO MILLION by the end of 1914. To this end, I want to be one of 1000 to guarantee 100 subs during the next year. Will keep this pledge if I have to pay for the 100 myself.

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to that incidents of either Massachusetts or Pennsylvania are not taking the "American" about.

Los Angeles, Calif.—I have one good friend to that a lot of the publishers are waking up and denouncing Romanism from the pulpit. We will not get these conversions and conversions done overnight. Rome—By doing the method of 21 thousands and 41 new subs, look good to you. I give you pleasure to join on the much needed information The Menace is able to give.

Kennett, Mo.—The Justice Order here is in progress with the work you are doing. Will be coming to see you in the near future. This brings me total up to 251 subs, kindly write me that I am on the Firing Line.

Alton, Ill.—Have never seen a letter from Alton in your Firing Line, but we are here and on jump. This check for \$2.25 is for a list of 15 subs.

Theriot, Wash.—I am a Catholic minister and I am with you in the greatest work of this or any other age; fighting the best of Romanism.

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Oakland, Calif.—The money the good Ameri can people get when the better. Let's hurry to the TWO MILLION mark! Why delay?

Homer, La.—Book a paper as you now publish should have been in existence in this nation for at least the past twenty-five years.

Propaganda League Fund Balance on hand November 29, 1913. \$29.95 Receipts for the week 25.50 Total \$55.45 Five thousand samples \$50.00 Balance on hand \$5.45

German Baptist Association Commends The Menace Work At a meeting of the General Baptist Convention held in Dallas, Texas, Nov. 1913, the work of The Menace was praised and strong resolutions passed, to wit:

Whereas, it is evident that there are forces at work in our beloved country aiming at the destruction of our free institutions, and good morals; and whereas, these are atrocious endeavors springing from Roman Catholic sources and organized efforts from their various societies in that they have tried to influence our government in the distribution of a certain periodical (not to be listed) through the United States mails, etc.; and whereas, influences from the same source have been put forth and have actually hindered, by the aid of unscrupulous officials, public speakers in doing their duty to their country, etc. etc.

Be it resolved that we, as the N. Texas German Baptist Association, protest against such un-American proceedings, antagonistic to our political and religious rights and ill adapted to our enlightened age, and we hereby pledge our selves to encourage and aid any movement looking for the betterment and elevation of humanity in truth and righteousness.

In the New Testament, the story is the same. The voice of John the Baptist rang out in no uncertain tone denouncing the errors of the religionists of his time, and later the voice of the Son of God was heard in union with that of the man sent from God, whose name was John. With tears in his voice, Jesus Christ made known the errors of those who professed to be the only true church and urged a return to the simplicity of truth. Apostle after apostle entered the ranks of protestors, and in this way the truth of the gospel triumphed. Truth is not afraid of investigation; it invites it.

In the Book of Revelation terrible denunciations of error are to be found, and persistent pleas made to all to forsake systems of religion professing to be Christian, but which are proved to be false. The wrath of God is to be inflicted upon those who are followers of a religious system denominated by the term Babylon, and his people are urged to forsake the wrong way and worship God. How could this message, yes, how could the entire Bible be preached, if the state is granted the right to interfere with free religious discussion?

Religion, whether it be true or false may be freely proclaimed by its adherents, and the province of the state is to protect each person in his right to advocate that which he believes to be the truth.

A religion which would use the sword of steel to silence the voice of an antagonist, can not be the religion of Him who told Peter to put up the sword of steel lest he perish with it. True religion, like pure gold, will shine with added luster as it is rubbed by honest investigation or caustic criticism. Truth silenced is like water dammed by rubbish; it gathers force by opposition, and eventually sweeps away the rubbish, and makes fertile and fragrant the life into which it is permitted to flow. Christianity asks no favors from the state, and protests against all interference, no matter what the source.

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FREEDOM OF SPEECH

BY JOHN N. QUINN

RELIGIOUS organizations in the United States, with a membership of hundreds of thousands, have officially declared their determination that every voice crying out in protest against what they term "our holy religion" shall be silenced. These organizations have the right to silence voices antagonistic to what they candidly believe to be the only true religion, but they must adopt proper methods. Argument must be met by counterargument, and if false statements are made, the truth must be made known. Argument, persuasion, entreaty, truth—these and these only are the Christian weapons of defense, and when used in the fear of God and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, will convince the gainsayer and lead men to the true church, in which there is present peace and everlasting salvation.

However, methods other than these are proposed, chief among them being the boycott, and an appeal to civil authority. The boycott is contrary to the teaching of Christ, who instructed his disciples to feed their enemies, and thus heap coals of fire on the head, burning away prejudice and bigotry.

Civil authority can never justly be used in a religious controversy, as religion is entirely outside the realm of civil government. Each person has a right to freely express his conviction concerning any religion, whether it be true or whether it be false, and no law of any government should in any way interfere to silence the voice, whether it be on the platform, in the pulpit, or in the press. So long as personalities are avoided, and nothing libelous about the character of the individual professing religion is stated, no interference by the state is to be brooked.

Grant the right of the state to interfere with the free and untrammelled discussion of religion, and the Bible itself could no longer be preached. In the Old Testament repeatedly do we find the religion of the time denounced by prophet and prophet, and the people who alone professed the "holy religion" were censured for their apostasy from the truth. Baal worship was not spared and no matter what the position of the apostate, his conscience was goaded by the spirit of reform and righteousness.

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all the state officers of Illinois—and put its unhalloved and mercenary hands upon cities and governments, graft the people and rob the treasuries and blight the souls and bodies of men, and papal apologists think there is no harm, but when a community refuses to be skinned any longer, why people there are bigots and prejudiced and everything that is bad.

Here is a sentence printed in black type by the Times-Star that shows how thoroughly dragged the editor is. Listen: "Perhaps the most curious thing about these present day Americans who follow religious prejudices to control their vote is the fact that they are so often engaged in the pursuit of mere shadows."

What does that fellow mean by printing such stuff? Is papal Tammany a shadow? Is the fight of the papal gang over the one hundred million of dollars in New York state a shadow? Is the demand of a division of the school fund and the overthrow of the public school system a mere shadow? Is the right to peaceable assembly, free speech, a free press, the right of private judgment and worship of God without let or hindrance of pope, priest or prelate a mere shadow?

A man who is abreast of current events knows that where there is revolution, be it in Belgium, Mexico or Spain, the Jesuit is there building the fires of insurrection. Will this scribbler tell his subscribers what nation of Europe has not banished the Jesuit order. What nation on earth is free from papal intrigue, now or ever has been? "Mere shadows?"

Heaven, what blood shed—what wars, what lynchings, what national bankruptcy, what national disgrace, what poverty, ignorance, superstition and fear has come to this world through the activities of the papal system, promoted by the Jesuits. "A mere shadow," do you say?—The shadow of death—the shadow of hell—the shadow that precedes national disaster, dishonor and ruin. A Jesuit is on the editorial staff of the Times-Star and the stockholders better create a vacancy at once lest the blessing of the Cincinnati bishop turn to a curse and the favor of the pope of Rome become a double disaster.

CATHOLIC CHURCH AND THE PRESS IN MINNESOTA The Lutheran Herald has a clear and incisive article on the contemptible discrimination of the Minneapolis Journal in favor of John Ireland.

It says: "First: Ireland was given five columns and a fulsome report of the proceedings, but one could hardly find any notice of the Lutheran festival." The Herald says this treatment was given to their people notwithstanding the fact, taken from government statistics, there are 72,146 more Protestants in the state of Minnesota than papists.

If all people of Lutheran descent are counted they alone would outnumber the Catholics because they have 262,322 communicant members in the city of Minneapolis there are 35,000 Lutherans and 25,000 Catholics.

Of course, the Lutheran Herald was provoked and asks in indignant tones: "Why should the press of this country where we enjoy religious and intellectual liberty be the dog from the shoes of the despotic organization on the face of the earth?"

The answer is easy: First, because Ireland can deliver votes to the politicians who in many cases own the papers.

Second: Because Ireland places reporters upon these papers to secure publicity and praise, and in the interest of Rome. Minneapolis and Minnesota are not alone in this matter. A systematic plot is being worked by the Jesuits to control the public press and give a Catholic coloring to news.

Fourth: Rome had reporters on hand when Ireland spoke and the Knights of Columbus worked up the meeting. Not unlikely if pictures were given to the Tribune they were furnished free and the copy all type written and prepared, and all the city editor had to do was to say "Certainly sir, certainly we can give you space—as much as you want—and the Catholic people appreciated the efforts of the Tribune to give Catholic news."

Did the Lutherans see to it that they had a reporter there and have they given the Tribune to understand that they must have a square deal?

The Menace has said it before, and many times, and will repeat it: No city or state need be under the heel of the pope. Rome has no political power when patriots are united. Quit your party business, and vote against the greatest menace to free institutions; free your journals from the threat of Rome; smash her boycott as you have power to do. Then when you have liberty of press, liberty of assembly, and have really separated church and state in Minnesota you can make alliances to secure social, political and economic benefits as you deem best.

The first thing is to kill the beast that is eating your substance; put John Ireland out of politics and the papal lobby out of your legislature.

It was Minnesota that started the movement to put the statue of Marquette, the Jesuit, in Washington, D. C., and whose hateful presence overshadowed Lincoln; took money out of the public treasury to honor a man who had done nothing for this country—look it contrary to law—to honor to Jesuitism that has cursed every nation on the globe.

Men of Minnesota, you have the

power to put your state to the front, wipe out the stain, free your people, and help save the nation in this new Reformation—the greatest of modern times.

ANOTHER HOWL FROM ROME The noise is located in East Boston, Mass., where a bunch of Knights of Columbus banqueted, cursed the public schools and kicked the Y. M. C. A. The coming of a new chaplain was made the occasion of the feast and felicitations. Priest Dolan succeeds my Lord Trelling.

Just why the speech makers made the Y. M. C. A. their special object of attack seems to be because the Christian Association is trying to save the boys and young men of East Boston from the evils so manifest in this Roman Catholic city, whose mayor, police and officials are bigoted papists.

It is a notorious fact that the Young Man's Christian Association has a stronghold upon the people because of its non-sectarian features, its earnest Christian spirit, and its magnificent work done in the nation.

What is the matter with priest Teiling, Dolan, and the K. of C. that these people should fight such a thoroughly Christian work? Nothing but the contemptible bigotry of the priest-hood of the papal church that assumes that all efforts for good, all attempts to help young men and boys not under the control of Rome, is bad. Nothing is good, neither school, societies or nation are to be tolerated by the papacy unless, forsooth, it has the entire supervision and management of them.

In other words: this nation must be made Catholic, and people are not to be permitted to have any other faith than the Roman Catholic faith. All jobs are to go to papists—offices, benefits, national and state is to be unruled by Rome.

Are you ready for this change? Boston is getting a good dose of paganism, and the papal boycott. Are you inviting it?

That is right. K. of C's. curse the Y. M. C. A.'s and dynamite the public schools with lies—dig under the constitution—until the hated "separation of church and state" is stricken out, and a law is passed permitting the Federation of Catholic Boycotters to destroy all papers whose editors refuse to kiss the pope's toe (?). That is nice talk, is it not?

That is an inspiring program for patriotic Americans to think about.

But listen, citizens, that campaign can not succeed while The Menace lives. If K. of C's can not banquet without abusing Christian effort, and threatening free institutions, it will have to be suppressed as such disloyal organizations have been kicked out of Europe.

Put no one on guard but patriots. There is an enemy in camp—an emissary of Rome is whispering his password: "The pope is king." Spot the traitor!

Church Efficiency Congress The great Church Efficiency Congress of the Christian church held at Davenport Iowa from the 17th to the 22d of November brought about some very interesting discussions on the question of Romanism but as this issue of The Menace goes to press we are unable to give any details but hope to be able to do so next week. Crowley, Clark, Boles and other great men in the anti-Romish crusade were on hand and made things lively. The following telegram just received from Mr. Crowley indicates that things were doing:

"The Menace Aurora Mo.: "Have mailed you this evening letter and Davenport papers concerning lectures before Christian congress. The cowardly attitude of the Davenport press is proof positive of papal intimidation and diabolical collusion between press and popery against truth and liberty. Notwithstanding such collusion, truth is mighty and shall prevail."—Jeremiah J. Crowley.

WISCONSIN PATRIOTS, ATTENTION The time has come when a decided stand must be made and action taken if the forces undermining our public institutions are put to rout.

Do we want a Roman Catholic for governor? Do we want a Roman Catholic church holiday in this state? The answer comes—NO.

We will have both if we do not organize to prevent it.

The Guardians of Liberty have the best organized force in this state today to combat Romanism.

A man whose patriotism is measured in a 25c subscription to a patriotic paper does not get us very far in a battle with Rome's millions.

Reading patriotic papers is the first step; organization the second.

If you are a true American man or woman do something and do it now.

Write Chester J. Felton, State Recorder, Black Creek, Wis.

The news that the priests of Paris will present a motor car to Cardinal Amette inspires the Western World to say that the clergy of the United States should likewise provide their bishops with automobiles and, besides, "defray for them the costs of maintenance." The pope's motto, "to restore all things in Christ" is worked steadily to cast an odor of sanctity over the maneuvers of the popish hierarchy—in reality it is "bishop's Latin" for "buy and maintain automobiles for bishops; furnish them with fifty-room mansions, lots of housemaids, European trips, and the luxurious life generally which Christ and his apostles did not seek."

The Best In Books

Postage paid on all books at prices quoted.

PUREST AND WORST—By Mrs. William Lloyd Clark. The Confessional, the Priest, the Priestly Inquisition—The very worst and most diabolical iniquity is contained in this book. 15c.

ROMISH GATE AND PAPAL CURSE—By the Roman Catholic Church Turned Inside Out. 15c.

SIXTY LIES AND ONE AWFUL DISCOURSE—Showing that converts are intended to cherish, virtue and freedom. 15c.

THE SECRET INSTRUCTIONS OF THE JESUITS—Reprinted from an edition of 1722, of which the Jesuits on the continent suppressed all copies obtained. 15c.

DEAR, THE DICTATOR—A strong story of a remarkable life, showing the international solidarity of the Roman Catholic political machine. 15c.

THIRTY YEARS IN BELL—By Bernard Fremberg, who for thirty long years was the warden of a Roman Catholic prison. Cloth, \$1.00.

FREEZE, FROST AND CONFESSION—A book by Father Channing, if you want to know why priests should wear red, read this book. Cloth, 15c.

IF YOU WANT TO RULE AMERICA—By Rev. Augustus E. Barnett, one of the foremost patriotic lecturers and writers in the nation today. Paper, 10c. Bound, 15c.

CRIMES OF PRIESTS—By Wm. Lloyd Clark. A condensed review of the crimes committed by Roman priests in the United States. It is a great volume. 15c.

MY LIFE IN THE CONFESSOR—By Margaret L. Shephard. One of the greatest books ever read by the public on life in a confessional. 15c.

PAPACIAL SCHOOL FALLACIES—Or An Arsenal of Facts for Use on the Firing Line. A complete and complete history, literary and historical journaling. 12c. Paper, 15c.

ROMANISM A MENACE TO THE NATION—By Joseph P. Crowley, Jr. Twenty-one years a priest of the Roman Catholic church and still uncompromising. 700 pages, bound in cloth, \$1.00.

AMERICA OF ROME, CHRIST OR THE POPE—By J. P. Crowley, Jr. The latest arrangement of the Roman Catholic political machine in plain, bold, and simple. 15c.

FOOTPRINTS OF THE JESUITS—New edition, 500 pages, extra special red cloth binding. This book by R. W. Thompson, ex-secretary of the K. of C., is a history of Jesuitism ever written. 15c.

THE CONVENT HORROR—Or the true history of Barbara Uley. Imprompted for 25 years by Joseph P. Crowley, Jr. 15c.

FOUR BOOKS OF MALTUS—A brief history of the careers of the Reformation. A book that holds a place in thousands of homes. 15c.

WITNESS SHOULD WE?—This great book is in every home in America. This is the book which Catholics have tried their hardest to destroy as it is one of the strongest indictments against the Roman Catholic Church. 400 pages, cloth bound, and gold stamped. \$1.00.

MARIA MONTE—The terrible disclosures of the black mystery. This book is the one to place in the hands of parents who become free by sending their girls to convent schools. The book has been tried for 25 years to suppress, 50c.

THE HISTORY OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION—Alexander Campbell vs. Bishop Purcell. No book in the world in which the arguments for Roman Catholicism on the one side and the fundamental principles of Protestantism on the other are given with such fulminations. Cloth, \$1.00.

SEVEN DOCUMENTS 190—A complete and verbatim copy of the original, which is now out of print at Washington, having been discovered by the order that the people might remain in ignorance of the work of the Catholic church in the Philippines. 250 p., paper 50c; cloth 75c. 15c.

LATER IN BLACK—The most authentic book of startling disclosures ever written on convent life. The author, Anna M. Lowry, is well known. 15c.

THE POPE—CHIEF OF WHITE SLAVERS, HIGH PRIEST OF INTRIGUE—By Jeremiah J. Crowley, author of "Romanism—A Menace to the Nation." This book is the present patriotic crusade will read this great book. Contains 445 pages, 20 remarkable illustrations. 15c.

BEHIND THE CURTAINS—By J. Donnelly, ex-priest. All books by ex-priests are reliable, but this one has no superior. The whole inside story told in 225 pages. 15c.

ROME'S SECRET SOCIETIES AND OATHS—The latest look out. Testimony of courts, Pinkerton, the great detective, and of priests; pamphlet. 15c.

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Above prices include postage. Order from The Menace, Aurora, Mo.

Important Notices A court of Guardians of Liberty has been organized at Trenton, N. J. For particulars address Lock Box 319.

All patriotic citizens in Montana who would be interested in organizing a local castle of the Knights of Luther are asked to write V. Smith, 930 Locust street, Missoula, Mont.

Those living in Denver desiring to become members of the K. of L. can secure full information by addressing calling on B. F. Lovell, grand organizer, 1117 Bannock St., Denver, Colo.

Let's Plaster the United States With The Menace. Here is What You Have Been Looking For

EVERYBODY in general, and the newspaper fraternity in particular, realize that THE MENACE is the wonder of the age in a newspaper way, and to many it is a great puzzle how it has succeeded so phenomenally in the matter of circulation.

Laying aside the great and all-consuming question underlying the paper, the method of propagating the circulation has been one of the very strong factors in its success.

No paper such as THE MENACE could last for very long on a single subscription rate of twenty-five cents a year unless it had some method of marketing by-products so-called such as books, extra bundle sales, etc. When THE MENACE was launched we realized this fact; at the same time it was our greatest desire to deliver the paper at the lowest possible price leaving only enough margin for running expenses. Therefore we made the single subscription rate fifty cents and adopted a club rate of twenty-five cents in clubs of four or more. The single subscriptions gave us the necessary profit to run the business and the very low club rate gave us the enormous circulation which we now enjoy.

It took some work to make this proposition clear in the minds of the people at large but after it was understood it worked with clock-like regularity and though we have had thousands of suggestions regarding circulation work from the men on the Firing Line, and we appreciated all of them, we stood steadfastly to the original plan.

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