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### Washington's Birthday

THE frantic efforts of the papacy to square itself with progress, with free institutions, in the face and truth of the utterances of the pope to the contrary is amusing. It is tragic, because circus riders have succeeded in riding two horses going in opposite directions. They have always come to grief and sometimes gone to the hospital for repairs.

Washington's birthday prompts the Jesuit to line up with Washington. Can some Irish name with colonial times, pretend that Washington acknowledged that the papacy had saved America to freedom and liberty.

The Knights of Mob and Murder are all stirred up because the Masons propose to build a monument to commemorate Washington's affiliations with their order.

Washington was an Episcopalian; Jefferson had about the same view of religion and Christian belief that Lincoln had. Paine's patriotism was never doubted and he wrote the "Age of Reason."

Love of Liberty, the desire to be free, a larger hope for individuals and nations is inherent in man. There is an infinite spirit in man always urging him forward to something better, more noble and glorious. Man is not yet fully completed. God is still breathing into him the breath of life. He is not finished, nor will he be until he reaches the heights of the immortal and stands erect as a perfect Son of God.

What folly and insufferable egotism and distorted bigotry there is that which thrusts into view an Irish papist, as though because a man is Irish or English or Dutch, or what not, that makes him a patriot. The black man stood with Washington and has never betrayed his country.

Washington was a man and a patriot. He chose to stand with the patriots of his day, suffer with them, and for them. He endured the contempt and contumely of Tories of all faiths and nationalities. He prayed when the stress of winter and the murmurs of his soldiers were unbearable at Valley Forge. His religion was true and simple and heartfelt at such a time, and it is remembered while his devotions in the Dunfrees, Va. church are forgotten, and the old building crumbles by the tooth of time.

All this becomes clear when we get down to the essentials in religion and patriotism. But we must not forget that the thirteen colonies were all Protestant, if religion is to be counted as an asset that inspires noble action. Even in Maryland says Bancroft, the historian, "The Roman Catholics formed scarcely one-eighth, perhaps, not more than one-twelfth, of the population; their presence in either province, except Pennsylvania, was hardly perceptible."

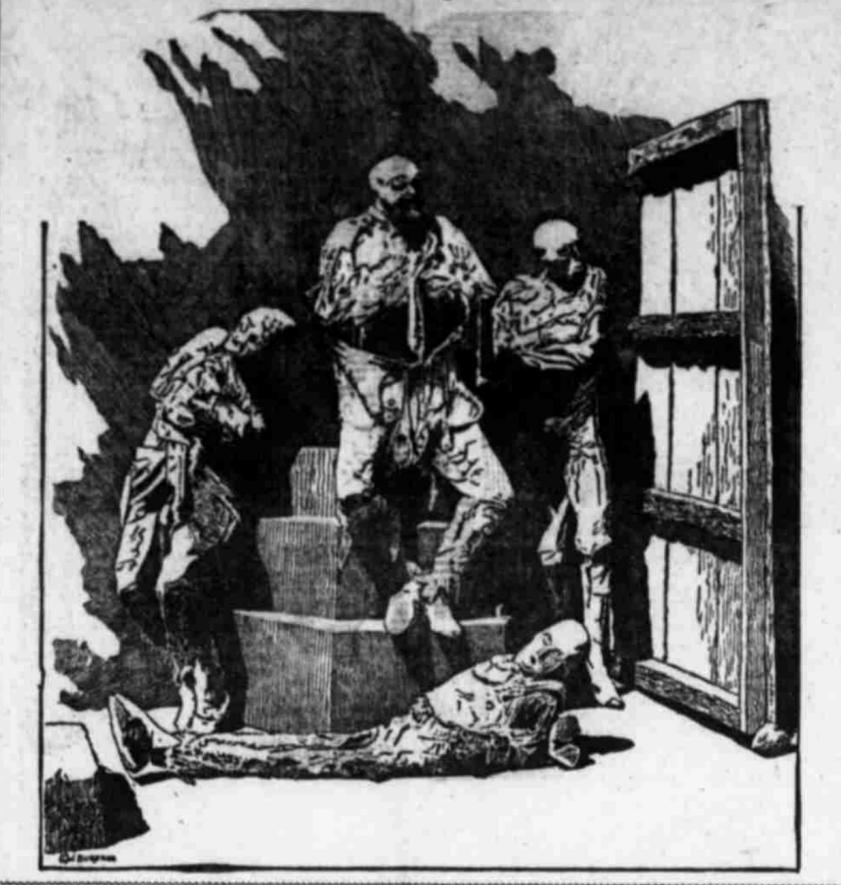
"America was most thoroughly a Protestant country. The whole number of Roman Catholics within the thirteen states, as represented by themselves, in the year 1784, was 32,500."

With such a condition of things, it would seem that the papacy would show a little modesty, go away back and sit down and keep quiet.

That papists should attempt to secure praise claiming to be a friend to Washington during the Colonial days is a piece of Jesuitry almost equal to the attempt of Hickey, an Irish Catholic, to poison Washington, and which failed because General Washington's housekeeper disclosed the Jesuit plot and the poison placed in the mess of green peas was sent back. Hickey was arrested and tried by a court martial and condemned. He was hanged in Colonel Rutgers's field, a little east of the Bowery, on the 25th of June, 1776, in the presence of 20,000 people.

If any one has any doubt about the estimation in which Roman Catholics were held by the thirteen colonies he has only to consult the laws passed by Georgia, Louisiana, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia. The old North State passed a

## The Trail of the Serpent in Old Mexico



Courtesy The Christian, 211 Tremont St., Boston.

In 1857, at the time of the Mexican revolution, the papal inquisition, which had long existed in Mexico and Puebla, was given into the hands of the people, who for the first time had the privilege of freely entering its portals, and searching there for friends who had from time to time mysteriously disappeared. In the City of Mexico the people ransacked the place, but could not find what they sought.

After considerable investigation some one pointed out that the walls of the building seemed very thick. Then they commenced beating upon them, and found that in certain places they were hollow. They broke into them, and from those whitened sepulchres, filled with dead men's bones, they drew out men in their clothing, dead, dried up, perished.

And lest this awful revelation should sometime be forgotten, doubted and denied, as so many others have been, they sent for an artist, placed those dead bodies in position, and had them photographed. One of those pictures, taken in the City of Mexico, came into our possession, and from that picture, painted by the son which has no prejudices, a copy was made, and we are thus enabled to show a picture, not of Egyptian mummies of ages gone by, preserved with sacred care by heathen priests, but a picture of the mummies of the nineteenth century, taken from the dungeons of the Papal Inquisition.

Is it strange that a universal, inflexible, unchangeable organization, which has such a past, and hides such skeletons as these in her closets, is very careful what kind of history the children study in the public schools of America? Let people who fear God and love his Word, watch against these evils that are around them, and warn the unwary. We want no inquisitorial dungeons, no walls up skeletons, no cells and chains, and bars and bolts and prisons; we want the open Bible, the common school, and histories that tell the truth.

### This Editor Learns Something

We have the clipping of a heated local argument carried on at Versailles, Ohio, through the local paper The Versailles Policy. The argument was started by a Catholic priest making allegations in regard to local elections, raising upon THE MENACE and attempting to belittle a lawman because he was an ardent supporter of THE MENACE movement and political agitation against the Roman Catholic political machine. The editor of the Policy, wishing to treat all impartially and not being able to foresee developments of an argument, gave prominent and liberal space to the local priest to say his say. When one of Versailles' patriotic citizens desired to reply to the local priest through an open letter through the same columns, he was granted the same privilege by the impartial editor. In the next issue the priest came back with some more of his slender and calumny and again in the following issue was met by our patriot for the second time. The editor decided the fire was getting too hot and closed off the draft by saying: "The columns of the Policy are always open for the discussion of topics of importance to the public, but we feel that the time has come when the controversy indulged in the last four issues must come to a close with this issue, as we doubt very much whether further indulgence would redound to any good for our little village and community. We feel that we have been fair to both sides, and that we are to be boycotted. Well, that's all right. If your conscience tells you to take revenge on the Policy on account of favors extended and wishes complied with, obey your conscience, even if it is unreasonable. We have, however, decided to publish the names of all who join in the boycott against us, with an expectation of preventing the boycott but to let our readers know who the unreasonable and indiscreet are in the matter."

True to his word, the editor published a boycott roll, as shown by extracts from an editorial in the following issue: "Henry Schuer, the local priest and agitator of the late controversy with 'B. L.' which appeared in these columns, by securing voters for expressing the right of suffrage according to the dictates of their consciences, had made good his threat to boycott the Policy. When Mr. Schuer presented his first paper we granted him space without question. . . . When his second paper, purporting to be an answer to 'B. L.', was presented for publication, we kindly suggested that he drop the matter, as any further controversy could only change matters from bad to worse. But he insisted upon having space granted him, saying, 'I must do something.' We consented reluctantly. Certainly, no sane person could say that we mistreated him in any way. The day following the publication of his second paper he called at this office and asked if we thought 'B. L.' would present a second answer. We told him that we knew nothing about that, whatever he did, the chances were that he would, and if he did, in justice to all we would be under obligation to publish it. Then, perchance 'B. L.' should present a second answer, this irrational priest requested that we submit it to his inspection before we proceed to set it in type, presumably to make changes to suit himself or to wholly annihilate it. Triple brass audacity! Of course, like every other reasonable minded person would have done, we refused his request on the basis of honesty and fairness. This somewhat ruffled his egotism, and then followed his threat to boycott the Policy, giving us to understand that if a second answer from 'B. L.' be published (Schuer) would withdraw his patronage as a subscriber. This he has done, regardless of all previous accommodations extended to him, and has shown that detestable spirit of rule or ruin. . . . Certainly, any one has a right to cease being a subscriber to a paper at any time on a logical reason, but to endeavor revenge on a person or business that tried to keep you from getting your nose burned, is nothing short of ungratefulness and a disposition of a bad spirit." We think the editor will find them all of the same stamp. Let other editors profit from this experience.

### A PATRIOTIC WOMAN.

A good deal has been said in the past about the work of the patriotic men, but not enough has been said about the work of some of the self-sacrificing women who have given the best in their lives to this great cause of civil and religious liberty. Every great cause has enjoyed the support of many brave and able women and the fight against Romanism is no exception to the general rule. One woman worthy of special mention at this time is Mrs. Wm. Lloyd Clark, author of *Priest and Woman*, and wife of the well-known lecturer. In the years gone by when the mob raged around Mrs. Clark and her husband in Davenport, Ia., Rock Island, Ill., and other cities she stood her ground though she must have known that their lives were in great peril, for many times the streets were filled with the maddened demons of mob and murder, turned out by the parochial schools, who fought like demons to break through the line of loyal body guards who in most cases succeeded in holding them at bay.

A new edition of *Priest and Woman*, Mrs. Clark's splendid book, is just off press. This book has enjoyed a tremendous sale during the past five years and every loyal woman who reads THE MENACE who has not already done so should send 25 cents for this book. In this way you are not only helping THE MENACE in its great fight against the deadliest enemy to your free institutions, but you are rewarding a loyal American woman and mother who is so ably assisting her husband in his fight against the common enemy. After a hard fought battle the people of Milan, Ill., recently elected Mrs. Clark to the important office of school director and it is needless to say that there is one town in America where the Romans need not sneer through the use of the public schools. This at least shows what the people think of this worker in the town where she lives, and we are asking you to help us give her a pleasant surprise in a flood of orders for the new edition of the book, *Priest and Woman*. Send all orders direct to THE MENACE. Price, 25c.

### Miss Lowry's Lectures

Miss Anna M. Lowry, author of *The Martyr in Black*, is now actively engaged in the lecture work, and dates for her lectures can be secured by writing to her secretary, W. K. Cunningham, Box 35, Hittsville, Wash.

These lectures can be secured for \$50 and all expenses, and additional lecture, at the same stand, can be had for \$25 each. Write her secretary for blank contract and all other necessary information.

### Is That So?

For the benefit of a few of our readers who may have seen a copy of THE MENACE containing a base accusation against a priest of this diocese, we deem it well to state that there is not the slightest foundation for the reflections on his moral character to which it gives publicity. The whole article is a willful misrepresentation of fact, a studied attempt to blacken the reputation of a good priest who has suffered much at the hands of a coteries of malcontents who tried to make life miserable for him in his parish. To protect himself against their malevolent attacks he was forced to become the defendant in a civil action for damages brought by them in an attempt to extort blackmail. The case was tried in open court before a non-Catholic judge and a jury composed of eleven Protestants and one Catholic. At the conclusion of the trial the jury brought in a verdict in favor of the defendant awarding him damages in the sum of \$500.

## Patriots! Protestants!

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### Phelan Stops Over Again

We have neglected poor old "Father" Phelan, of the *Western Watchman*, for several weeks. We didn't mean to, but we have just simply been too much crowded to get any of his frothings in. The editorial paragraph which follows is a little ancient but by no means stale. It is taken from the *Watchman* of Dec. 4th and its reproduction herewith will give the "Nites" of Colombo good grounds for again trying to have THE MENACE barred from the mails:

The dirty doctors have been giving sermonic lectures in the public schools of Chicago and the dirty school-ma'ams, with their filthy school superintendents at their head, thought it proper to have them printed and sent to the mothers of the children. Here the United States stepped in and ordered the vile stuff thrown out of the mails. The vile school-ma'ams of the Windy City have at last discovered something they know and are fit to teach.

### Another Catholic Lie Nailed

Catholic editors have been blowing their heads off of late about the editor of the *Literary Digest* leaving the Protestant church and joining the Catholic church. THE MENACE made mention of this matter several weeks ago, but to ascertain the facts, Otis L. Spurgeon, Sovereign Scribe of the Knights of Luther, wrote the editor of the *Literary Digest* recently and received the following refutation of the Catholic falsehood:

February 13, 1914.  
Mr. Otis L. Spurgeon, Des Moines, Ia.  
Dear Sir:—In reply to your inquiry of February 5th I would say that the report you mention is untrue. It probably grew out of the fact that Mr. Joyce Kilmer of the *New York Times*, who compiles our poetry department, has taken the step you mention. I might add that as far as my own predilections are concerned I was born and brought up in the Methodist church, and have no intention of making any change.

Very truly,  
WILLIAM REAVER WOODS, Editor.

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### A Correction

Congressman C. H. Burke, of South Dakota Not a Catholic.

In MENACE No. 149, dated Feb. 21st, page 4, we carried an article from our Washington correspondent entitled, "The Burnett Immigration Bill Passes House."

In that article our correspondent endeavored to give the line up of the congressmen on the Burnett bill, giving also a list of the congressmen reported as not voting. He also attempted to designate Protestants and Roman Catholics, and in doing so evidently made some mistakes. He at least made a mistake with reference to Congressman C. H. Burke of the third congressional district of South Dakota. Our attention was called to the matter several days ago and upon investigation we find that Mr. Burke is an Episcopalian, is treasurer of his church at Pierre, and is also a Mason and Knight Templar.

It is an iron clad policy of THE MENACE to correct mistakes when we are convinced that we have made them, hence this statement.

### What We Say and What We Mean

A few of our readers do not yet seem to understand the construction which we place on the word "Romanist."

We consider that a man who does the dirty work for Rome, and who stands up and defends the Roman Catholic political machine, is a Romanist, whether he happens to belong to the Roman Catholic church or not.

A man might have a mania for stealing watermelons, but couldn't be induced to steal anything else, yet he would be classed as a thief. Likewise there are many men who are willing to kiss the pope's toe but unwilling to go into the Catholic church where they belong.

We have been criticized for calling the pseudo-Protestant-Masonic attorneys who defended Stage and Megonegal Knights of Columbus. We do not know whether they belong to the Knights of Columbus or not, but they are in league with the Knights, and have betrayed confidence reposed in them by unsuspecting Protestants, and they are "Nites" in spirit if not in reality. If they do not belong to the order, they should join at once or be made honorary members for doing the dirty work for the gang.

We have respect for a Catholic who is honest in his opinions—just as much as we have for ourselves—for he is in the dark and only needs to be brought from darkness to light, but we have no respect whatever for a pseudo-Protestant or Mason who pretends to be something he is not and who is living the life of a traitor to himself and his country.

Please do not get confused on this idea. When we call a man a Romanist we do not necessarily mean to infer that he belongs to the Roman Catholic church—he may be, and can be, a whole lot worse than that, but this is the most convenient way to classify them.

### Schmidt and the Slams

You have all heard of Schmidt. The editor of the *Chicago Record Herald* has also, and in the issue of Feb. 7th, he labors in an editorial to prove that environment has nothing to do with the

### K. C. Oath Case a Farce

From The American Citizen.

Last winter, Clarence Stage and Charles R. Megonegal were arrested in Philadelphia on complaint of the Knights of Columbus, the charge being that Megonegal printed and both Megonegal and Stage circulated, the alleged Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus oath. Both gave bonds, and two weeks ago (on the 30th of January) the case was brought up in the quarter sessions court. The daily press reported that Stage and Megonegal "entered pleas to indictments charging libel and conspiracy to libel," and (says the *Evening Bulletin*) "Megonegal entered a plea of guilty to the indictments, while Stage did not contest the charges, but entered a plea of 'not guilty'." (which means: "I do not plead guilty, but will not fight the case.") This was the agreement between the lawyers on the two sides, that Megonegal and Stage should so plead, and then the case would be dropped.

The Philadelphia dailies say: "James A. Flaherty, supreme knight of the Knights of Columbus, and Joseph P. Gaffney, counsel for the order, told Judge Wilson that the Knights of Columbus felt that they had been vindicated by the plea entered by the defendants, and expressed themselves as

### A Trap for Virtue

Reader it is up to you to assist in the upbuilding of your country. To stand by and guard judiciously your liberty, the freedom of the press—and the purity of your home. In order to do this you must have the right knowledge of things pertaining to Romanism, Jesuitism, parochial schools, nunneries and the Roman Catholic political machine in general.

THE MENACE has been the greatest aid to this end ever known. We have done more to enlighten the people of this great nation on this subject than has been possible through all other agencies combined. We keep abreast with the times. We watch the enemy. We delve into their secret hiding places, and make it our business to expose them when occasion demands.

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### Covenant

classes of crime, which are generally attributed to the alms. He cannot understand what was the matter with Schmidt. To quote: "He had been a student and a priest. From his youth up he had influences about him to encourage his intellectual and spiritual development." It is impossible to believe that a man with intelligence enough to edit any big daily can be ignorant of the deeply demoralizing influences of the Roman Catholic reservoir of crime. He must know that it is the source of all liquor trouble, ignorance, graft and white slavery, and that it breeds the slums, and that Anna Amuller would have been safer in any slum than with any priest.

Did that editor ever see a priest? If so, does he not know that no woman in safe living alone with one of them? Does he not know that any woman or girl is in danger with one of them, unattended, even for a short time? Did that editor ever read any history? Does he not know that this Roman Catholic environment which encourages intellectual and spiritual development" (if one wants to use the editorial page to mislead unthinking readers) influenced herds of priests to set up, dismember, burn and drown multitudes of women for no crime except that they would not subject themselves to them? Does he not know that these wretches handled the machines and knives, kindled the fires at the stakes and under the kettles of oil and gloated at the excruciating agony of women of whom the world was not worthy?

Schmidt's poor victim had an easy death compared with them and he is not a bit worse than thousands of other fellows in this "environment" only he was invidious because he cut the girl up in America.

Here is a question. How long will Protestants, who are the large majority of readers of newspapers, stand for the Jesuit influence in them?

A COVENANT.