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**INQUISITION ACTIVE IN NEW JERSEY**  
 Typical Method of Browbeating and Terrorizing Citizens Used in Paterson to Intimidate Supposed Agent of The Menace—Clumsy Effort Eloquent in Its Revelation of Romish Methods and the Use of the Boycott

The Paterson (N. J.) News, of May 13, contains a communication from one William Wieda which is full of meaning for all who are familiar with Romish tactics and the methods of its Inquisition in these days of the twentieth century. It seems that Mr. Wieda is a manufacturing merchant of Paterson, and that he had been denounced to the Romish Inquisitors for the heretical crime of having something to do with the local circulation of THE MENACE. The "holy office," acting upon such information, immediately wrote him a threatening letter which purports to be from a resident in New York who formerly lived in Paterson.

In short, the letter to Mr. Wieda was one of those nasty, threatening lamentations, so common in these latter days, in which the addressee is accused of being an active agent of that "unspeakable MENACE" and is warned that he will "hear more about it." But the writer, as usual, signs no name.

It may be proper to state here that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, there is no one named William Wieda who is actively circulating THE MENACE in Paterson. That should satisfy the cowardly cur who is bold enough to write threatening letters but is not brave enough to sign his name to them.

But, what if Mr. Wieda were an agent of THE MENACE? If he were, would he not be acting clearly within his rights as a free American citizen? Has it come to such a pass, under the administration of Tumulty, that citizens of New Jersey must obtain a papistic permit before they dare take active part in public affairs? That seems to be about the way the modern Inquisition looks at it.

Mr. Wieda did well in publishing the letter he received, for it is full of meaning to those who understand where such eminently Christian (?) missives come from. If the public service were as earnest in protecting the rights of citizens as it is in avoiding conflict with Rome, it might have been well to have turned that letter over to the authorities; but there will have to be a national housecleaning before much can be expected from that source.

That unsigned letter, no matter what it purports to be, and no matter who may claim now or later to be its author, is clearly the work of the terrorists who maintain and conduct the Romish Inquisition in such a way as they may and dare in this day and age. This particular letter is a course piece of work because the holy heretic hunters are in this instance after the wrong man.

But it reveals the spirit, the purpose, and the methods of the pope's agents who are just as determined to destroy all opposition to papal encroachment now as their kind were to flay, boil, and burn heretics in the day when papal Rome ruled Spain and much of the world.

In a city like Paterson, where dupes of the papal system are numerous, it is today an easy matter for the "holy office" to make successful war on a man who depends upon the good will of the public as any business man must do. The Romish boycott is a most effective weapon directed by Jesuit cunning and made effective by a fanatical population who believe blind obedience to their priests to be the greatest of all virtues.

Boycotting is a crime as dangerous to personal safety and the public welfare as arson, and murder. The law so regards it. Legislative action prohibits it and prescribes punishment for those who resort to it. But it is a common occurrence to see plain threats to boycott boldly printed in the columns of the papist press. And it is a matter of everyday occurrence for persons in a position to be injured through such a conspiracy to receive threatening letters. If these trouble makers dare to resort to such methods now, what do you think they will do if they become more numerous and correspondingly bolder? It is a condition that demands immediate and effective action on the part of every liberty loving citizen. We must elect men to all executive, legislative, and judicial positions who are willing and not afraid to enforce the law.

**The Romish Inquisition**

IV. "HOLY OFFICE" AND PROCEDURE  
 THE head of the Spanish Inquisition was the Inquisitor-general who was nominated by the pope. This officer could not enter upon any part of the duties pertaining to his position until fully approved by the pope of Rome. From Rome he received the right to be addressed as "most reverend," a title or privilege which placed him on an equality of rank with bishops.

His first care was the appointment of subordinate inquisitors. None of these were subject to the bishops or the heads of the orders to which they belong, but were wholly under the authority of the Inquisition which derived its power direct from Rome. To them was given exclusive power to publish edicts against heretics, to excommunicate, interdict and suspend. Their power in the matter of hunting and punishing heretics was superior to that of the local priests or bishops.

The Inquisitors could enact laws against heretics, prescribe punishment for such as failed to obey, could cause the arrest of such offenders even when they took refuge in churches, could grant indulgences, and were vested with authority to forgive the sins of those who served them. Severe punishment against all who might resist Inquisitors were enacted and enforced. To so much as strike an Inquisitor or any agent of the "Holy Office" was a serious offense.

With few exceptions the Inquisitors could proceed against all persons, both clergy and lay. Nor was their jurisdiction limited to friars, priests, and bishops. Even princes and kings were subject to this Romish court. Persons of both sexes, and of every age and condition were subject to its writs.

The Inquisitors of Spain and Portugal exercised jurisdiction over the citizens of other countries. One of the remarkable cases illustrating Inquisitorial arrogance and the limitations it placed on a king even in his own dominions, was that of Thomas Maynard, a British consul under Oliver Cromwell. While resident at Lisbon as a representative of the British government, Maynard was thrown into prison by the Inquisition under pretense of his having said something derogatory to the Romish faith.

Cromwell was equal to the emergency, however, and told the king of Portugal that since he had no power over the Inquisition he should immediately declare war against it as a means of liberating the British official entrusted to his care. This so alarmed the Inquisition that Maynard was immediately released. It seems that the power of the Inquisitors was limited only by the power and disposition of the few who dared resist it.

The Inquisitor-general was immediately assisted by five counsellors who bore the title of Apostolical Inquisitors. These, with clerks and lesser officers, constituted the High Court of the Spanish Inquisition. It was at once a legislative body, an executive council, and a court of appeal. The subordinate, or provincial, Inquisitors also added three or four assistants with clerks, etc., similar to the supreme council.

The first activity of these several tribunals was to encourage and even compel every class of people within their jurisdiction to become informers. This made spies of the whole population and set every individual to watch upon and accuse his neighbor. Masters denounced servants, and servants masters. Even parents were induced to denounce their children under fear or being reported for failure to do so. Children were so intimidated as to bring imaginary charges against parents in the belief that their zeal would in some way be for the common good as well as for their personal profit.

As a result, informations were received and acted upon without any regard for the character of the persons by whom they were given. Basals of every kind, persons with a prejudice or personal dislike, puffed and disgruntled neighbors were a means of punishing those they disliked with the additional incentive of believing that they were in some way helping themselves by making trouble for others. And in all cases the names and identity of the accusers and witnesses were kept hidden from the accused. There was no such thing as the prisoner being confronted by his accuser.

**Petite Preachments**

Every man his own pope; every pope his own pentent.  
 It is a wise pope who knows how to adjust his own morals and refrain from denouncing others.  
 The popes appoint the cardinals, and the cardinals elect the popes. What God and the people of the earth, have to do with it is not so apparent.  
 When mankind learn the value of faith in themselves, they will feel less need for papal authority; as their faith in their Creator grows, their faith in pretenders will diminish.

Any organization on earth which treats its adult membership as children and vests its power and authority in a few individuals, is bound to oppress the many and corrupt its privileged few.  
 Is it not the least bit inconsistent for priests to prate about the sacramental quality of marriage, and at the same time pretend to superior sanctity because of refusal to enter into that relationship?

A correspondent suggests the following paraphrase of that good old fashioned hymn: "Sing on, pray on, we are gaining ground, glory hallelujah! the power of Rome is tumbling down; glory, hallelujah!"  
 It is better to look up and lift up than to kneel and groan. Consider the dumb brutes which never whine about their sins, never seek absolution, but calmly live the lives to which they are born and render the service of which they are capable. Shouldn't mankind be able to do as much?

Rome teaches that there are seven sacraments, each of which requires the professional services of a priest in its performance. To the truly religious every human act of helpfulness to self or neighbor is a sacrament, none of which requires a ritual or set form of pious words. To the truly sacred all good things are sacred.

Images, candles, incense, vestments, pomp, show, and circumstance, all appeal to the sensual and lower nature, investigation, thought, meditation, undisturbed by pomp, pageantry and spectacular effect, appeal to the intelligent and spiritual nature. And the different natures of different people naturally choose what appeals to them.

Rome makes much of the few who are perverted to union with the Romish organization; but there is nothing said about the thousands who are breaking away from the great lathery of superstition as self respect gets the better of their foolish fears. The leaven of enlightenment is working, and working mightily.

Here is the official title of the Romish priest as assumed by the present Pope Benedict XV: "Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Jesus Christ, Successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles, Supreme Pontiff of the Universal Church, Patriarch of the West, Primate of Italy, Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Roman Province, Sovereign of the Temporal Dominions of the Holy Roman Church." And if there had been any more, it would have been mentioned.

**Hot Springs Awake**  
 In the recent city election at Hot Springs, Ark., the lines were drawn squarely between Rome and America, and American patriots won the day with a clean sweep. Dr. McClelland, independent candidate for Mayor, made the role as an American citizen against Rome, proprietor of the Majestic hotel, who was the Democratic machine candidate and backed by the Knights of Columbus. Rev. Chas. N. Dewitt, pastor Park Place Baptist church, was chairman of the American committee and Basil E. Newton of Hope, Ark., was active in promoting the welfare of the campaign for Dr. McClelland.

The struggle in American politics is now between the forces of Rome and the forces of life and liberty, the patriotic American people, and incessant war will be waged against political Rome until the power of the papal machine is broken beyond repair in the United States. Hot Springs has repeated, on a smaller scale, the exhibition of patriotism in action as staged in Chicago and the time is rapidly coming when Rome will realize that the people and not the pope are running this country.

**A Strong Story**

There is a story abroad that is about as rank as the pious narratives printed weekly by our esteemed enemies. It seems that in one of the remote Latin countries of the new world, the priests had boycotted the soap industry with results.

It so happened that a parishioner, merely tainted with heresy, had the temerity to declare in public that a certain priest had a more disagreeable odor than the goats. He was promptly pulled into the presence of an Inquisitor and arraigned as an enemy of the faith.

He maintained that the charge on which he was arrested was a question of fact rather than faith, and declared his ability to prove to the satisfaction of the court that what he had said was literally and substantially true. Wherefore the ecclesiastical tribunal told him to demonstrate.

The defendant caused a particularly odorous goat to be apprehended and brought into court, whereupon the judge fainted. It looked like the case was sure to go against the defendant; but, when the priest was brought into court, behold! the goat fainted. That's all.

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