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# Last Call for "Minute Men" --- Remember Flag Day!

**T**HE last of the contributions to the "war fund" of the temporary organization of The Free Press Defense League must be in the mails by midnight of June 14. Contributions mailed after that hour will not be accepted. The work of the temporary organization draws to a close. Soon a permanent league, incorporated under the laws of Kansas, equipped with a great legal bureau and various legislative bureaus will be established. This will be done in keeping with the pledge made by the officers of the temporary organization when, without remuneration or hope of profit, they launched The Free Press Defense League to protect American institutions from the machinations of Rome.

Flag Day is at hand. June 14 was the day set for the trial of Marvin Brown, W. F. Phelps, the Rev. Theodore C. Walker and B. M. Phelps upon the charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. Let it be said once more, so there may be no reader of The Menace who does not know it, that this indictment was inspired by the Romanist hierarchy and the real "crime" of these four men was not the publication of obscenity but the preaching of patriotism. The best testimony to the falsity of the statement that The Menace is obscene is the nearly 1,500,000 clean, pure American homes into which it is welcomed each week.

Since it was for the preaching of patriotism that the Romanist hierarchy proposed to imprison these men and destroy The Menace, and since the hierarchy, through technicalities, attempted to use the courts to crush this patriotic newspaper, the officers of The Free Press Defense League conceived the notion of making Flag Day, which was the trial day, the final rallying point of the first campaign. In the name of American liberty it accepted the challenge of Rome and called upon all patriots and the lovers of liberty everywhere to rally upon Flag Day, that there might be assembled under the League, the greatest patriotic army and the greatest "war fund" that any institution had ever raised to protect a land that it loved and served.

Flag Day is now at hand. The final rally draws nigh. The sum for which the League has appealed, the amount it needed to carry out its work upon the magnificent

scale it has conceived, has not been forthcoming. It hoped for such an army of modern "minute men," for such a fund with which to finance their campaign, that the pope of Rome would tremble upon his seat beside the Tiber and the stealthy, persistent, treacherous, unceasing effort of Rome to subvert American institutions would have been abandoned.

But while the response has not been what was hoped for, it has been splendid and inspiring. The patriots have rallied; the "minute men" have sprung up to guard their land. And the work that they have begun is destined to live until the hand of Rome shall no longer be stretched forth to blight that which Americans have won and kept at unbelievable cost of blood and tears.

## Rome's Huge Slush Fund

**A**LMOST upon the eve of Flag Day, an officer of the Free Press Defense League learned upon unquestionable authority that Rome, in her desperate fear that The Menace might escape, had levied a special assessment upon the members of all Catholic secret societies in the United States. What the assessment upon the Catholic Order of Foresters, the Militia of Christ, the Hibernians, the Clan na Gael and Knights of St. John was, has not as yet been learned. But each of the 300,000 Knights of Columbus in the United States is compelled to pay \$5 into a fund for the suppression of such newspapers as The Menace. The assessment upon the Knights of Columbus will amount to \$1,500,000.

With this terrific slush fund, augmented by other millions from the orders named, what cannot Rome do in the way of terrorism and corruption? Commanded by men of Jesuitical cunning, captained by those skilled in intrigue, what cannot the Romanist politicians with such a fund as this at their disposal, do for the subversion of our liberties?

The Free Press Defense League hoped to have raised the greatest fund ever devoted to a battle over American freedom. Rome has succeeded in doing so. But regardless of the odds, the fight goes on. It will not, shall not, end while those dangers to our institutions which called The Free Press Defense League into being continue to exist.

The League set its mark at one million members and a fund of one million dollars. It had hoped to reach that mark by Flag Day. This cannot be done but the response has been such as to show that by the time The Menace and its editors go to trial in January there will be a permanently organized Free Press Defense League with a million members and a million dollars.

The defiant challenge of Rome is not to pass without some fitting reply upon behalf of American patriotism.

## Do Your Part Now

**F**LAG DAY approaches. It is the rallying day. It is the anniversary of the birth of the American flag—the day upon which the Stars and Stripes were first unfurled, bringing a new message of liberty to an oppressed land. It is meet that we celebrate this day with a renewal of our fealty to those ideals which brought the banner into

being. It is meet that we once more shall consecrate ourselves to the cause of liberty in this and all lands, for this and all peoples. Like good soldiers we give ourselves, our hearts and the strength of our hands to the fight for freedom wherever freedom is in danger. And with a malignant priestly hierarchy bent upon sending to prison four American patriots, Walker, Brown and the Phelps, there can be no doubt as to where our privilege and our duty lies.

With the men who make The Menace facing a technical criminal charge, with the Romanist hierarchy attempting by a technical use of the federal courts to do what it lacks the courage to do openly, with the freedom of the American press in danger, every patriot is needed now.

You who have served upon the Firing Line through many hard fought battles, you who have given of your time and money to the cause ere now—you are the captains. The Free Press Defense League depends upon you in this final rally. Get your friends together, tell them of the cause in a way that they cannot misunderstand, and mail their names and contributions to the Free Press Defense League before midnight of June 14. You who for one reason or another have not yet carried out your intention to help in this work—go to work now! The time is short; the cause is great; the need is grim. Do your part and do it now.

## For Permanent Organization

**T**HIS is the last call for funds under the temporary organization. Next week there will be given to you a report of the total amount of money collected. At the end of the trial of The Menace Publishing Company, Marvin Brown, Theodore C. Walker, W. F. Phelps and B. M. Phelps at Joplin next January, a full and complete report of the expenditures of The League under its temporary organization will be submitted.

Meanwhile, the temporary officers of The League have come to the conclusion that it will not be well to postpone permanent organization until after the trial as was intended when it was expected the trial would occur in June. There is no time to waste and the work ahead of The League is the biggest ever cut out for an organization of this kind.

Within sixty days the temporary officers expect to be able to announce a permanent organization. It is desired, with the approval of the membership, to incorporate The Free Press Defense League under the laws of Kansas. It is hoped that at the head of the permanent body can be placed men of national reputation, patriots whose very names speak for the high purpose and effective service of any institution that they may be connected with.

In compliance with the terms of the pledge given by the temporary officers of The League when they volunteered their services to this cause, there will be a legal bureau, composed of eminent talent. This bureau will have representatives in practically every community in the United States—lawyers of ability who will as the occasion requires fight the legal battles of

the free press, free speech, free schools and free churches. Connected with the bureau proper, we are able to announce at this time, will be some of the most capable attorneys of the United States.

In every state also there will be legislative representatives of The League. The battle is not confined to the courts nor to the ballot box. It is necessary that our law-makers be watched and advised. Legislation tending to the restriction of the freedom of the press, the school or churches, will be fought; legislation for the promotion of these rights will be encouraged.

In these and in other ways, the details of which are as yet to be determined, The Free Press Defense League will carry out the purposes for which it was formed.

## Remember Patriotic Press

**M**EANWHILE, let no patriot, no lover of liberty, forget our patriotic press. It is the watchman upon the tower of freedom. It is the guardian of our rights, which protects us while we sleep. It is the first and foremost obstacle to the program of Rome which has hoped and still hopes to convert the United States into a province of the "Holy See" and make America Romanist indeed.

It was for this that Rome marked The Menace for extinction. It was for this that the hierarchy planned, once it should have disposed of The Menace, to wipe out some three hundred other publications, some of them Protestant, some of them Masonic and some of them purely patriotic.

The connection of The Free Press Defense League with The Menace will end when it shall have defended the so-called Menace case. The League is an independent body. But the officers of The League would feel themselves recreant in their duty if they did not advise patriots everywhere to do all in their power to enlarge the circulation of The Menace and similar papers. In the war on Rome for the protection of American rights, these newspapers are the 42-centimeter guns. It is their bombardment that counts. It is the part of every one who realizes the danger of Romanist oppression to see that the unenlightened receive the light through such a publication.

## The Last Call

**R**EMEMBER, this is the last call for funds under the temporary organization of The Free Press Defense League. The lists close with those contributions mailed at midnight of June 14. There is still time for you to send your contribution and rally your friends. Make one final stand for the freedom of the press and all that is bound up with it!

(Cut out and mail this coupon with your contribution TODAY)

## The Free Press Defense League

FT. SCOTT, KANSAS

WILBUR F. PHELPS, President J. I. SHEPPARD, Secretary  
 I hereby make application for membership in The Free Press Defense League and I enclose \$..... as my contribution for the purposes of the League.

I understand that in consideration of this contribution, I am to receive a receipt and membership card. Also that after the first year I am to have a voice in the management of the organization and in the election of officers.

Name .....

Street or Rural Route .....

Postoffice .....

State .....

(Send all contributions intended for The Free Press Defense League to that organization at Ft. Scott, Kas., J. I. Sheppard, Secretary, and not to THE MENACE.)

## Bulletin Board

Total number of members of The Free Press Defense League received up to June 4, 1915. . . . . **13,206**  
 Total amount of money received by The Free Press Defense League up to June 4, 1915. . . . . **\$17,565.91**

### AFFIDAVITS

State of Kansas,  
 Bourbon County.—ss.

W. T. Seagraves, being duly sworn, says: I am cashier of the Peoples' State Bank of Fort Scott, Kas.; there has been deposited in this bank to this date by The Free Press Defense League total of \$17,565.91.

W. T. Seagraves.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of June, 1915.

Elsie Freeman, Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 3rd day of May, 1918.

State of Kansas,  
 Bourbon County.—ss.

C. P. Frey, being duly sworn, says, since the organization of The Free Press Defense League began, I have had charge of the membership books and there have been enrolled to this date 13,206 members of said League.

C. P. Frey.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of June, 1915.

Elsie Freeman, Notary Public.

My commission expires on the 3rd day of May, 1918.