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## Colorado Citizens After Judge Burke's Goat

### Judge Who Set Aside a Verdict of Guilty Against "Father" Sasse, an Alleged Abortifacient, is to Be Recalled by the Decent Citizens of His District-- the Little City of Sterling is Aroused

Northwest Colorado is in the throes of a recall election because a district judge set aside a verdict of guilty against Father Sasse, of St. Anthony's church and parish in Sterling, a bright little city of four thousand inhabitants, for the alleged performance of an illegal operation (abortion) upon an unknown woman, presumably one of his parishioners, on the night of the 15th of January last.

The case is one of the most unusual occurring in Colorado. Father Sasse is a man of strong personality and of vigorous mental and physical make-up. He has built about fifty thousand dollars worth of church and parsonage property in Sterling in the past five years. More or less of a *bonnie homme* man, he has been suspected of boot-legging among his foreign parishioners, and two such charges have been laid against him in the county court.

For having saved an innocent priest from the penitentiary after a jury had pronounced him guilty of a wretched crime.

But the people of the district have taken the matter up, the twenty-five per centum of voters necessary to insure a recall election have signed up for such procedure, and as soon as a healthy and safe surplus is secured the governor will be notified and a recall election will be ordered. It will then be seen whether the Church of Rome shall control our judiciary in Protestant territory, and whether it shall dictate the nomination and election to the supreme bench of our state.

The *MENACE* circulates largely in Northwest Colorado and will doubtless have an influence in the case. Logan, Morgan, Washington, Yuma, Phillips and Sedgwick counties comprise the district. In all of them it goes by the hundreds. True patriots will not hesitate to sign the recall petitions in so aggravated a case, nor will they hesitate at the special election to recall the offending judge, and the district attorney also, who is equally guilty with him, in letting the case be dropped from the docket after the judge had set the culprit free.

Other charges are arrayed against both officials, but the abominable case reported is, in the minds of most people, the real issue.

Would Judge Burke and District Attorney Van Bradt have set free an ordinary culprit under the same testimony and proof? It is not so believed.

The complaining witness got away with the foetus when the priest and woman left the room shortly before daybreak, and reported the case to the sheriff, his deputy and the deputy district attorney immediately. The two peace officers swore they authorized the boot-legging mission. They also swore as to the foetus, which had later been stolen from the special officer's trunk while he was ill and the jury believed them. The judge must have done so or he would not have given them the case, with his usual charge of their judgment as to facts governing them in the verdict. He did not censure them on points of law, but differed as to the facts, of which they are, under our jurisprudence, to be the sole judges, and he had told them so.

A Catholic prosecuted the case, a Protestant political judge turned the convict loose. Now the people will pass their verdict and it is believed they will retire both judge and district attorney, who failed in his duty, sitting idly by while his Catholic deputy and an attorney friend took care of the interests of the state, to the seclusion in private life, to which they are entitled under the facts. All Colorado is watching the district.

### Don Quixotes "De-Looks"

John Bonzano, the American pope, addressed the Knights of Columbus in convention assembled at Seattle, Wash., the other day on loyalty and cosmopolitanism and urged the members of the order to emulate the knights of old. We call to mind a certain knight of old who made it his business to do battle with clumsy but inoffensive windmills—it might have been good exercise and served to keep him from venting his belligerencies in other and more dangerous ways but it seemed to us that Don Quixote was indulging in an unproductive waste of energy.

Pope Bonzano has set up a windmill before the knights and asks them to train their lances upon the long arms which move at the touch of irresistible winds. The windmill against which he wishes the noble knights to charge is Socialism—and while the charge is being made and the public is waiting and watching with breathless suspense to know what the outcome will be the sappers and miners of political Rome will be busy as ever in the hidden paths shaping legislation in papal molds, dictating legislation and scheming new ways to evade laws.

Does Bonzano think that the patriotic Americans who have set their minds and hands to the elimination of Rome from public affairs will forget the iniquitous convent system while his knights are making an assault upon Socialism? Does Bonzano imagine that enough dust can be raised in that quarter to hide the cruelties of the Houses of the Good Shepherd? Does Bonzano think we will forget Sullivan and his frenzied frank press muzzling Fitzgerald and his priest tactics of Romish ruffianism against free speech while the

knights are breaking their wooden lances against a flock of windmills?

The American people may enjoy being humbugged but it may be said truthfully that they are particularly as to how they are humbugged. P. T. Barnum could turn the trick and get away with it because he was not seeking political power—he did not interfere with anyone's rights and liberties. His circus was a diversion rather than a perversion and the public knew there was nothing compulsory about waiting upon the pleasure of P. T. Barnum—they could stay at home if they wanted to, could see the parade and go home, or they could pay the price and see the whole show.

It is different in the case of Rome and her great American show. There is more of the "heads I win and tails you lose" spirit than is compatible with American principles and American patriotism, and the indifference of the people is giving place to determination—and Rome knows that determination is going to work hardship with her intention to make America Catholic. They have their eyes on the little pea in Rome's shell game, and, by heck, they are going to keep it there or know the reason why. The arrogance of Bonzano's bunch has become irksome and unendurable. Chicago saw patriotic Americans in action at the defeat of Sweitzer and the same spirit of determination will make a change in the political complexion in many other places at the next election—knights or no knights, Bonzano or no Bonzano.

It must not be inferred that because Bonzano has urged the knights on to other attacks that he has withdrawn them from the search for the causes of "religious prejudice," the effort to have anti-Catholic papers suppressed and the other characteristic Catholic activities. No, indeed. The boycott will still be used, the subtle influence of papal pressure will lay its hand upon the press to oppose inspection and slaves are yet going into papal prisons from juvenile courts.

Do not forget that Rome has more than one iron in the fire all the time. She will not desist from her cruelties as long as there is a victim to bind or a dollar to gain. There are too many windmills for Bonzano and his band, however, and it is a losing fight—for Rome. The patriotic Americans are in to win and freedom will prevail—wooden lances cannot stand against determined freemen.

### The Buffalo Document

The papal press has been and is still making great ado over the so-called "appeal" circulated in the interest of popery throughout the city of Buffalo, N. Y., and to which the signatures of several Protestant ministers, an equally large or larger number of priests, and a large number of disgruntled politicians are appended.

This appeal "deplores and discourages the printing, circulating and reading of all publications containing any misrepresentations and vilifications of another's religion." It "deplores all secret meetings or utterances, the primary purpose of which is to foment religious antagonism." It condemns the application of any religious test to candidates for public office, "and any business or social boycott on account of religious belief."

To all of which The *MENACE* says, "Amen!"

Believe what you please regarding religious worship, creed or dogma. It is the inalienable right of every American to worship God as he sees fit. The *MENACE* would fight for religious freedom just as hard and sincerely as it is fighting for the eternal elimination of religion from politics, and the fact that we occasionally refer to the political activities of those who believe in the temporal power of the pope of Rome, and who voluntarily call themselves Roman Catholics, and that we refer to them under their self-styled name, should not mislead any thoughtful person into considering our propaganda as against their mode of worship. They can worship the pope or a golden calf, it makes no difference to us. We would prefer seeing them worship Jehovah, and rather Christ than Joseph and Mary, but that is none of our business and we pass it up. BUT:

The Federated Catholic Societies have repeatedly stuck their nose into politics. They have urged the election of Roman Catholics, and they didn't do it because they were Presbyterians or Methodists. The *Columbian* publishes the names, photographs and lives (in part) of Roman Catholics who are seeking political office. Oh rats! Is there any real use of repeating the facts and emphasizing their moss-covered lies. The

Roman Catholic Societies of this land pay more attention to politics than to their reputations, and when we refer to them we simply have to call them by name.

You cannot vilify evil. You cannot misrepresent political Rome. If we did that, we would have to apologize her, and that wouldn't be right, it wouldn't be deserved, it would be false.

The popes of Rome, down to and including the present Italian incumbent, have cursed, anathematized and delivered unto the lowest depths of perdition, that certain organization known as Freemasonry.

This well known action of the popes, which the most unscrupulous papist on earth will not deny, places that great organization in the list of those which the Buffalo "document" deplores. It is too well known to need our statement to that effect, that the Masonic institution has never fomented religious antagonism, but every Roman Catholic paper in this country says that the European Lodges have fomented religious antagonism, and they blame Freemasonry for the loss of Portugal, France, Italy and her waning power in Spain. Does this "document" therefore "deplore" the secret meetings of the Masonic Lodges of Buffalo? Rome says Masonry is against her and that it is presided over by an anti-papal Jew. How Rome did pull the wool over the eyes of those Masonic clergymen who so fulsomely signed that document. Masonry opposes no man's religion, but its record is for free speech and a free press and against human slavery in all forms, therefore Rome, for some strange reason, hates Masonry.

How can any man in possession of his senses, calling himself a Protestant minister, or a plain American citizen, sign a Catholic circulated petition? I would as soon sign my death warrant, for I would not believe a Jesuit under oath, and you can bet your bottom dollar that a Jesuit either wrote or inspired that "document," and yet these "intelligent" gentlemen signed it. It means that if Rome so decreed, every meeting held in secret would be under the eyes of papal agents. It was always so in Portugal and Spain, and in every country when and where papal temporal sovereignty was acknowledged or winked at. And yet these men signed a paper "deplores secret and public meetings." What next?

If a candidate for political office is a papist he should be snowed under by the biggest avalanche of votes ever cast. We don't care whether he is a Roman Catholic, Roman Catholic sympathizer, Presbyterian layman or Methodist preacher; if he is a papist, if his inaction would mean dyed-in-the-wool papists in office, (then he is a papist), and if his signature to such a document as the one referred to resulted in papal supremacy or Jesuitical victory, then he is a papist, no matter what name he goes under. The man whose cowardice or desertion or inaction wins a victory for the other side is twice guilty. The *MENACE* opposes for public office any and every man who believes in the Roman Catholic Doctrine of papal temporal power, and the man who is so insane as to believe the claim that good Roman Catholics do not believe in the temporal power of the pope needs a dash of holy water in his simple face. Such idiots are too good to be true. As Pat said to Billy, "rade th' papers Billy, rade th' papers." Read papal newspapers—read O'Connell's paper, the *Pilot*.

The man who will be influenced by that wonderful "document" of Buffalo, N. Y., is in bad shape. If you want the truth about a rascal, still willing to follow the pope in strictly spiritual things, refused to let him run their government. Every papal bull dealing with this question asserts and reasserts the temporal power of the pope. This is the Roman Catholic religion in part.

And Bonzano says that the papist's "fidelity to his religion is the measure of his citizenship." What a rule, therefore, to go by! What a false bottom that measure has! How American free government, independent of priests and popes, must suffer if measured by such a vessel! The *MENACE* has been trying to tell the people of this country this same thing for several years, and hundreds of thousands have refused to believe it. Will they believe it now that Rome has spoken?

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## Knights of Columbus Admit Big Slush Fund

### Financial Report Rendered at National Meeting at Seattle Shows Enormous Amount of Money on Hand for "Special" Purposes—Big Boss Bonzano on Hand to Hand Out Sophistry For Public Consumption

Several things are worth mentioning in connection with the annual meeting of the Knights of Columbus at Seattle this year; not the least of which is the publication of the fact that \$1,921,943.04 was collected the past year, and that the assets of the organization, exclusive of special funds, are nearly \$6,000,000.

We would like to have them publish the amounts in those "special funds." How much have they in the fund for the suppression of a Free Press? We are informed that one council in New York raised \$50,000 for the fight against *The Menace*. How much is in the big fund itself?

Then, how much is in the "special" fund for political purposes, subject to order by the cardinals?

How much is in the "special" fund for the prevention of legislation looking towards state or city inspection of convents and monasteries? How much?

Suppose you deny the existence of these special funds!

But we wish the whole people of this nation could be brought to comprehend the subtle danger lurking in the words of the Italian representative of his foreign masters. The great trouble with the majority of people is that they read and see, not the inner meaning, not the play of words, but the outward cloak, and that outward cloak may by its beauty so dazzle the view that no more is asked for and the presence of the hidden poison is unsuspected.

Now note what Bonzano said: "Be not afraid to stand and say . . . that in the principles of your Catholic religion lies the very strength and vigor of your loyalty and devotion to your country; that a Catholic's fidelity to his religion is the measure of his citizenship; that the American constitution is sacred to you and second only to the constitution of God as outlined in the gospels; and that while you bow respectfully to that authority which guides the eternal destinies of your immortal souls, you thereby all the more submissively bow to that authority that directs your material welfare."

What sophistry! What insincerity in fact!

### The Meaning

"The strength and vigor of a true Roman Catholic's loyalty and devotion to country, lie in the principles of the Roman Catholic religion."

What are the principles of the Roman Catholic religion? They have never changed and Rome says they never will, that they are always and ever the same, immutable, unchanging, "established by Christ and Peter."

Pope John has ever and unceasingly told its votaries that the vicar of Christ is the head of Christendom, the earthly ruler of their lives in all things. This dogma, an intrinsic part of Roman Catholic "religion" permeates history with the wars it has caused and the blood it has spilled. Garibaldi didn't believe it. Ferrer lost his life because he opposed it. Portugal resented it and threw off the yoke which American papal newspapers have repeatedly asserted would result in Portugal's destruction. Ever since Portugal dispensed with the temporal power of the papal regime, American Roman Catholic papers have found no words harsh enough to condemn Portugal's action? Why? Because the people of that country, still willing to follow the pope in strictly spiritual things, refused to let him run their government. Every papal bull dealing with this question asserts and reasserts the temporal power of the pope. This is the Roman Catholic religion in part.

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Bonzano says the American constitution is second to the constitution of God as outlined in the Gospels, and the Gospel meaning can only be explained to the people correctly by papal priests. What sort of an explanation will they give? What gospel elucidation did Priest Phelan give when he said from his pulpit in a Roman Catholic church: "To hell with the government of the United States." Thus, the constitution of the United States is not at all sacred to the true papist, to the thousands of Knights of Columbus who listened to Boni Banana.

Now comes the corker. Listen! "You bow all the more submissively to the authority that directs your material welfare."

The *MENACE* wants to ask Bonzano, who directs your material welfare, the King of Italy? You dare not answer "Yes" unless you are a Jesuit, for all Jesuits lie and are authorized by the pope to lie when it benefits their purpose or obtains their ends. We ask Bonzano what he considered the boss of material things to be when he wrote a Texas man that he had no right to vote the Socialist ticket, that he should be guided in his voting by the instructions of his "spiritual" advisor. Boni, what did you mean? You meant exactly what you said, but you were new and young in America and didn't realize you were writing a letter which we would have photographed and reproduced in an anti-papal newspaper, did you?

The authority that directs the material welfare of Roman Catholics is exactly the same that directs their spiritual welfare, and every intelligent Knight of Columbus realizes this, as does every intelligent Roman Catholic, and every well informed non-papist knows it too.

Voting for men for political office has not long been considered a very spiritual matter, at least not by us Americans. We think that in the general order of things God absents himself from the polls as often as election day comes round. There is little evidence of spiritual grace at the ordinary primary, although it is quite in evidence at anti-saloon league meetings, and Rome opposes restriction of the liquor traffic. Therefore, where does Rome draw the line?

Roman Catholics, if true to every canon of their church, and if true to Bonzano's teachings, put the United States second to the pope.

Take notice, please! Bishop McFaul, of New Jersey has uttered warning to Catholics and non-Catholics alike, to beware of the "man or woman clothed as priests, brothers and sisters, traveling about imposing upon the charitable public." You are warned to buy no medals, rosaries, images, candles, or any of the other indulgent articles whatever from peddlers and agents unless they can show letters of recommendation from your priest. While the articles which you may receive from them would be all right, they would not be properly blessed and made perfectly holy by those who have a "corner" on such work. If these bogus peddlers are "walking frauds who go clothed like lambs but inwardly are ravenous wolves," to quote the words of *The Western Catholic*, what are these other priests and nuns who beg incessantly all over the world, whose lives are spent in one long drawn-out wail for money, money, money! A beggar is a beggar wherever he is found.

Will the next congress relieve the desperate situation of the poor Indian children of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes? Is the question that is worrying Cardinal Gibbons who suddenly thinks as much of the poor Indian and loves him with the same sort of tenderness as he does the nuns. For years the Romish leeches sucked up the tribal funds, but the controller of the U. S. treasury ruled that the four Catholic boarding schools were private schools, and cut them off from this annual amount of more than \$25,000. Rome is lying low because of this, watching her chance to make a raid on the United States treasury in behalf of her schools.

It is a fact that all the histories of the assassinations of presidents and other heads of governments are histories of murderous Roman Catholics. This is the "triumph of the church" so much praised and chanted about by Archbishop Ireland. Ninety per cent of the cases of criminals executed for their crimes have priests to officiate with the "Sacrament"—they were brought up in a Catholic atmosphere, and were Catholics. The *Parish Monthly* tries to keep in practice by saying "No true Catholic can ever offend the law of the state or nation; it is impossible for a true Catholic to be a law breaker." When you see such statements as this, just stop and think what Rome would do to you if she had the power!

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