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As for the editors and publishers of THE MENACE, as individuals, it matters but little what happens to them—BUT IT DOES MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO THE MOVEMENT IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED!

For that reason we plead with every man who reads these lines to get on the Firing Line and join this great army of the Common Good.

You can only save yourselves by saving society.

You can only save society by joining your brothers and standing guard against the wolves that threaten to devour you if you retreat a single inch.

THE MENACE already has the Roman Catholic aggression whipped up to a standstill. Rome's only hope is to get the United States government to pull THE MENACE off its back.

All we want you to do is to demand that the government hands off and give us an open field and a fair fight.

Our army has been sufficient for all past emergencies, but to keep it up to standard it is necessary to at all times keep the recruiting station open.

Include in your new year resolution a determination to do something more for God, Home and Country this year than you did last, and we will be satisfied.

If you can find a better way of serving the cause than hustling subscriptions for THE MENACE, well and good, but until that time put on a full head of steam and see just how big a list you can send in while you are looking for something better to do.

A LITTLE LIST OF FOUR WILL GET YOU ON THE ARMY ROLL FOR A WHOLE YEAR IF YOU SEND 'EM NOW!

Fitzgerald's Careless Tongue

At a meeting of the Holy Name Society of the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Brooklyn, N. Y., Representative John J. Fitzgerald delivered an address early in October. Strange to say he could not refrain from making an attack on the freedom of the press, even at a meeting of Holy Namers who are supposed to be devoted to the excellent business of keeping their own and the lips of others free from a vicious use of the Saviour's name.

According to the Brooklyn Daily Eagle, October 11, 1915, Mr. Press-Muzzle Fitzgerald said:

"We as Catholics cannot prohibit and cannot be excluded from the press and the mail, publications or articles which criticize, not (?) offend, our faith. In fact, we would be only too glad to welcome the opportunity of having our doctrine and teaching brought out and would help increase the circulation of any publication that would endeavor to bring it out, but we do prohibit, not only as Catholics but as American citizens, the circulation through the mails of objectionable literature."

We are a little amazed at the admission which is cloaked in that word "prohibit." We are well aware that Rome has "protested" in that direction, but did not know that she had power to prohibit the passage of certain publications through the mails. It is not at all improbable that Catholics have successfully prohibited the publication of what Fitzgerald calls "offensive articles" in certain intimidated or paid papers, but Fitzgerald is going a little strong when he says "we do prohibit."

Prohibition implies authority and Catholics have no authority but the pope and the pope has no authority to prohibit anything in the United States, however much he may desire to prohibit. But we have seen various attempts to enforce the wishes of the Roman Catholic church in the matter of suppressing free speech and free press, and instances in which human life was taken with murderous arrogance are not unknown. Wm. Black fell because the pope's fighting arm, the Knights of Columbus, wished to enforce Rome's prohibition of free speech.

Tom Watson has been persecuted by the same spirit of despotism in an attempt to enforce Rome's prohibition of free press. THE MENACE is feeling the clutch of the

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BY CHARLES EDWARDS

No day should pass and see no good deed done; No forward step for freedom and for truth.

No year has flown but left some work of worth; Some mark of progress to inspire, in sooth.

The year just passed has seen a finer trend Of human thought in channels cut more deep; A closer cleaving to the things that make

A people prosper as they climb the steep That leads to learning, and the surging throng Has seen the beacon on the farther height

Where Truth and Knowledge in impatience wait To lift us from the gloom of Romish night.

Rome follows close as Fate upon our heels To bring disaster to a righteous cause

But hope is rising from the dust, and now We mean to meet her with enacted laws.

Too long has Romish treachery conspired To throttle truth and lead us into hell,

But free men answer from the desk and plow— The printed page speaks out, and all is well.

Today we enter on a twelve-month run— With hearts encouraged by the races run—

Let all our vigor find expression now In active effort, and the fight is won.

same infamous prohibition in many ways—we do not know how many hundreds of copies are destroyed in transit to subscribers each week by Catholic mail clerks and postmasters, but circumstances indicate that the number is not small.

ROME WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS, THE MENACE FIRST OF ALL, FROM PASSING THROUGH THE MAILS AND IS BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO THAT END.

When Congressman Fitzgerald says "we do prohibit, as Catholics," the non-Catholic citizens should understand at once that the Roman Catholic church is indeed a menace to our free institutions.

The arrangement of Rome is exercising prohibitory powers in diverse ways in this nation—politically, economically and educationally.

The boycott is used as a means of enforcing Rome's prohibition of free speech and free press and in many places those who dare to exercise their constitutional rights by circulating truth concerning the purpose and practice of Rome are hounded to financial ruin or beaten into physical wrecks by the obedient fools of papal despotism. THIS IS NOT CONJECTURE—IT IS FACT.

There have been too many murderous mobs busy with the pope's devilish business of securing control, too many assassinations, to leave room for doubt as to the inquisitorial spirit that brings infamous hate against free Americans.

It would be well to watch Fitzgerald and all other Catholics who may hold a public office. Such words as his are not evidence of loyalty.

Variety is the spice of life. Why not give the laity a little variety, ye priests, instead of walling about their indifference and disinterestedness in the church? They may be aware of the relics of the same old saints, and a little variation would give some spice to their veneration.

The relic of the holy dog that is being preserved in the parish church of San Andres, Spain, would be a change. Taylor in his "Diogenes" says: "This dog used to slide along on his haunches to receive the Sacrament and to watch over the church yard like a guardian angel and when he saw another dog about the graves of the saints, he would instantly set on them and teach them to go further!" He was actually canonized by the bishop of Rome and many splendid and glorious victories were wrought at the shrine of the Dog, St. Towser! (See Catholic Miracles, p. 43.)

A parochial school lesson chiefly for old sinners goes like this: "St. Anthony died at Padua at the age of 34. At his death all the bells of his native far-distant city, Lisbon, pealed forth solemnly. Thirty-six years after his death his body was exhumed and transferred to a new church. Then St. Anthony's tongue was found to be intact and undecayed. St. Bonaventura took the tongue and said, 'O blessed tongue, thou hast always praised God and induced others to praise him, thy wonderful preservation proves how acceptable thy services were to God!' St. Anthony's tongue may be seen in a costly case in a church in Padua. St. Anthony's ability is in finding lost purses, keys, hearts, money, etc.

In spite of the hard times and scarcity of work, the Romish beggars do not cease to drain their poor of all they can get. A bishop is now begging for money for twenty-three monstrances (glass bread boxes) at \$1.20 each; seven communion cups, \$15 each; fifteen ciboria, (goblets) \$15 each—a poor Catholic woman gets her dishes at the 10 cent store!—twenty-nine capes for the priest, \$25 each; twenty-five benediction veils—a poor woman wears a shawl and does without a veil—fifteen candlesticks at \$15 a set, 45 altar cloths, \$3 each; etc. And these priests drone preach that most of the sorrows of the world are caused by the extravagance of women!

A non-Catholic girl who is making ready to marry a Catholic must go to confession on the eve of her marriage. There the priest goes at her full tilt, and many a girl has said that the priest's questions to her were too obscene to appear in print. A priest who evidently enjoys his trade writes to the Tablet saying: "In the Confessional, a Catholic kneels as a sinner, conscious of his sins, humbled by his frailties, sensitive to the advice and instruction he receives from God's representative." Pretty fair sample of Romish gall, eh?

Burnett Immigration Bill

It is reported that Representative Burnett of Alabama will reintroduce his immigration bill which was vetoed by President Wilson at the last session of congress.

In commenting on that probability, the Indiana Catholic and Record, December 17, 1915, referred to the bill as "un-American" and reviewed the record of the fight made for and against it. The Catholics will oppose its passage this time as they did at its previous presentation because it would interfere greatly with Rome's illiterate immigrants who are flocking to the United States.

The people of the United States are in favor of the Burnett Bill; Rome works for its defeat. The reason is apparent. With Catholicism, with its attendant oppression and illiteracy, meeting a growing disfavor in Europe, and especially Southern Europe, a new vantage ground must be available for the poor who must be taken from their native soil.

America is the last place of refuge for Rome and her oppressed poor, her ignorant children who have felt the blight of Romish despotism in foreign lands are coming to America, supposedly to better their condition, but in reality many of them are brought to our shores for the definite purpose of helping to make America Catholic.

"Catholics have votes" and every male alien of Rome who lands in America, no matter how illiterate, may become a voter, and since Rome keeps a close grip upon her children by segregating them in her own schools, putting over them priests of their own tongue, preserving native customs, promoting superstition and holding them in subjection to the will of the church, it is easy to see how the Catholic vote is recruited and controlled.

IT IS THIS CLOSE COMMUNION AND LOYALTY TO PRIEST AND POPE WHICH MAKES CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION A REAL MENACE. The Burnett Immigration Bill would save us from much of the danger. Our penal institutions and asylums are too densely peopled with persons of the Catholic faith now for us to encourage an influx of potential criminals and dependents who can be utterly controlled by the Catholic church—and used against our free institutions; against our native labor; against our efforts to make this a civilized and intelligent people.

If the Burnett Bill comes up for consideration its passage should be urged, insisted upon, DEMANDED by every patriotic American who knows or who can be made to see the danger in Rome's political activities and her interference with courts, business and education.

The people of this nation are taxed too heavily now to care for Romish criminals and dependents; to support fake charities operated under the shadow of the Catholic cross.

LET'S STOP THE GRAFT, FREE THE SLAVES AND SAVE OUR COUNTRY FROM MORAL, MIDNIGHT AND MENTAL DE-CAY!

PASS THE BURNETT BILL!

We Want No More War

Preparedness is a new word very much in evidence in the daily newspapers at present. In its formation the word is suggestive of preparation for any coming event, and if applied to laudable purposes might be a useful addition to the English language. At present the term is used almost exclusively as indicating preparation for coming war with its attendant bloodshed and misery. If it is only used as indicative of national defense it might be excusable. Even then it shows a spirit of national unrest and fever-

known which is foreign to the true American spirit.

All the "preparedness" in a military sense should be confined to matters of national defense. In those days when national honor and agreements are held to be matters of little moment and men's sworn obligations to the government that protects them are treated as straws to be broken, we find large bodies of men of foreign birth feverishly engaged in training for war.

Perhaps the most notable case of this kind is that of the Polish Falcons who, according to the St. Louis Post Dispatch and other papers, are weekly drilling and receiving military instruction. This is true not only in St. Louis but in Buffalo, N. Y., and other centers where the foreign born population is congregated.

Their professed object is to be ready to assist the United States in time of war, and also to be ready to fight for Poland. If there were occasion for it, the first named object might be some use. The last, however, is a plain declaration of an intention to violate the neutrality laws of the United States whenever opportunity offers. This of itself is a grave danger to the nation.

The fact that there are thousands of armed men who proclaim their intention of waging war with nations at peace with the United States shows a spirit disloyal to every conception of Americanism, and the Poles are not the only offenders in this line. Military bodies of other nationalities are to be found in all our large centers of population.

What is the object of all this? One thing is certain, neither the real objects of these organizations, nor any more information than it suits their leaders to give out, will reach the public until the time comes.

It is very significant that in the case of the Polish Falcons, and some other armed organizations, the members are Catholics; their leaders are Catholics; their officers are Catholics and their chaplains are Catholic priests, and if ever the leaders of the Catholic church see fit to make trouble in the United States, they have armed forces at their command.

Simple justice and national security demands that all armed bodies of irresponsible soldiery be placed under governmental control or else be forced to disband and give up their arms.

We have no room in America for breeding places for treason or preparation for another civil war, no matter whether it be of secular or clerical origin.

Rome's Military Activities

Government assistance for Catholic military schools is being asked. Father Humphrey Moynihan, president of St. Thomas college, St. Paul, Minn., made a trip to Washington in furtherance of the idea of securing government money for his and similar schools. The project is being engineered in such a way as to convey the impression that government aid is asked for "private" military schools whether Catholic or non-Catholic, but you can set it down as a fact that in almost every instance in which the Roman Catholic church favors a movement, that she started the movement—THAT IT IS HER OWN PET PLAN.

Father Moynihan is not soliciting aid for any schools but those controlled by his church. You can bet on that. Rome is taking up with the preparedness idea because she sees in it a chance to get financial assistance and glory, and the disputed theory that the basements of Catholic churches and schools are stored with guns and ammunition may become, if it is not now, A FACT and not A THEORY.

St. Thomas college has 740 students and is said to be the largest institution of its kind in the Northwest and Father Moynihan is seeking to bring about co-operation between his school and the government—between the government and the Roman Catholic church, if you please, for St. Thomas is conducted by and for the church and is of the church; a Catholic priest is president of the institution and other priests are instructors and advisors in its operation and management.

From a Boston paper we learn that the Brookline Catholic Club has started a movement to form a machine gun company which is to be composed of two officers and about fifty men. The work of making up a full complement of the Catholic military organization is to be pushed rapidly.

THAT IS MORE CATHOLIC PREPAREDNESS.

From the Oakland, Calif., Tribune, December 12, we learn that "the League of the Cross Cadets is attracting attention as a military organization." The League

of the Cross Cadets is a quasi-religious organization identified with the Catholic church and there is a movement under way to establish similar organizations throughout the country.

The league at San Francisco, the First Regiment, now has 1400 junior and 600 senior cadets with a 40-piece band, drum corps and hospital corps all fully equipped. Father Richard Collins is chaplain.

Then there are the Holy Name rifle clubs and various other military and semi-military organizations directly under the control and supervision of the Roman Catholic church. ARE THERE GUNS STORED IN CHURCHES?

IS ROME TRAINING HER CHILDREN TO SHOOT IN DEFENSE OF THE PUBLIC SCHOOL, THE FREE PRESS AND FREE SPEECH? We cannot believe such to be the case, but there is no doubt that male Catholics are training in many places and in many ways—BUT THEIR STRENGTH AND SKILL IS IN DEFENSE OF ROME'S OWN INSTITUTIONS.

The Catholic church is taking up the preparedness idea fast enough, but we want to know where the loyalty of the Catholic military organizations will fall when the call to arms comes. Let them enlist in the regular army if they want training or wait until a foe has threatened with an armed force if they wish to serve. Preparedness is all right if it is preparedness for peace, but Rome's preparedness is all for war, either of ballots or bullets, and she would have the government help her bear the cost of training.

It seems to us that it is evidence of rank hypocrisy for those who claim to serve and follow the teachings of the lowly Nazarene to be fitting schools and effecting organizations in which young boys and men are trained in the brutal science of war, the indelicate art of killing. Yet Rome is making soldiers and tricksters, politicians and beggars of her children.

LET US HAVE LESS MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND MORE EDUCATION IN PEACE AND JUSTICE!

"A neighbor told me that the Catholic church is opposed to science, and that we are an ignorant lot," complains a Catholic, and the priest-editor of the Western Catholic replies that "the church came from Eternal Truth and has always been the greatest patron of science and art." The neighbor, whom the priest says is ignorant and conceited, knows that the Romish church used to burn scientists and opposed science because it threatened the faith of her dupes. Romish medical science is up to a fine point, however, there are Protestant physicians, and health resorts for the priests, and holy bones, holy water and images for the laity.

Jordan Acquitted at Litchfield

F. B. Jordan, anti-Catholic lecturer who has been persecuted and prosecuted extensively and persistently by Romish interests in Minnesota, was acquitted at Litchfield, December 15, where he was tried for slandering Rev. P. J. Boland, a Catholic priest.

It was claimed in the charge that Jordan made a slanderous remark about the priest, but from the evidence it appears that Boland was making mountains out of mole hills, for it was shown that Jordan's "slanderous remark" was to the effect that if Boland had taken a certain oath when he was ordained a priest he could not be a good citizen. Boland denied having taken that oath and produced another alleged oath which he claimed was the oath taken by him. So after all it was established that priests do take an oath.

Jordan was convicted at Benson recently on a charge of having circulated obscene literature, said literature being extracts from Liturgic Theology. He also has a damage suit on at Owatonna for false imprisonment. Rome is leading Jordan over a rough and rocky road, but Jordan has nerve enough to fight his persecutors to a standstill.

Rome's hatred of free speech and free press is vicious in its insatiable fury, but patriots are meeting her venom with the sunlight of truth.

The man who fights facts gets fighting mad. So does Rome.

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