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ROME'S POLITICAL MACHINE WRECKED!

Patriots Imitate Political Romanism by Getting Into Politics in the Interest of Democracy-- The Lesson of the Overwhelming Defeat of the Pro-Papal Machine

April fourth, of the present year, witnesses a municipal election in Kansas City, Missouri, that judging from the ill concealed fury of the representatives of politico-eclesiastical Romanism, has created greater consternation in the inner circle of the Roman Catholic political machine than any city election of the present century.

Not that the election alone was so ominous to political Romanism, though the grinding to powder of a powerful and supposedly invincible pro-papal machine was in itself appalling, but it was the fact that this election was the most decisive of a series of significant political happenings, that has so aroused the apprehension and alarm of the astute Jesuits. They have been quick to recognize what this and other recent elections reveal and portend.

Roman Catholic Campaign of Subterfuge and False Pretense

Here was a fresh evidence that the Roman Catholic political campaign of false pretense and subterfuge, under cover of which the loyal subjects of the papal theory have steadily advanced in city, state and nation, during more than a quarter of a century, could no longer be successfully maintained. An aroused and growingly indignant patriotic citizenship representing many millions of true Americans too loyal to lay down under the threat of an arrogant, un-American religio-political power that is already boldly warring on our federal constitution and the fundamental safeguards of our free institutions, was henceforth to be reckoned with.

Rome understands that hers is one of those paradoxical cases where to be discovered is to be lost. And she has naturally dreaded the possible coming of the hour when

The Titan of Democracy Should Awake

Hence, she has been striving so desperately to secure subversive legislation to prevent the constitutional right of freedom of religious discussion being freely exercised. (See the pending Gallivan bill in congress.) Legislation that would further abridge the freedom of the press and which would substitute Russian-like bureaucracy for trial by jury. (See the Fitzgerald bill now pending in congress.)

This fear that the eighty-six million non-Roman Catholics of the land will resent the war being waged upon fundamental democracy, also doubtless accounts in large degree for the numerous exhibitions of criminal lawlessness and mobocracy by Knights of Columbus and other subjects of the sovereign on the Tiber, which have so disgraced this nation since the Roman Catholic hierarchy opened its aggressive campaign to make America dominantly Roman Catholic.

Political Romanism knows that unless she can continue to intimidate or cajole the voters until she secures sufficient power in government to destroy the free press that is fighting her political machine, it is only a question of time before the awakened voters will imitate her in getting into politics exactly as she has long been in politics, and she also knows full well that when the patriotic Americans come to fully appreciate the peril to our splendid free institutions from the attempt of political Romanism to substitute the papal for the democratic system of government, a vast proportion of the eighty-six million non-Roman Catholics will promptly pay Rome the compliment of imitation to the extent of uniting at the polls for the preservation of free democracy.

Now, the Kansas City election is precisely the thing which political Romanism has been fearing would come upon her, and this, indeed, is why this election holds such sinister significance for those who are warring against free institutions, and why it is so tremendously suggestive to the millions of intelligent patriots who hold the lofty ideals and visions cherished by Washington, Adams, Jefferson and Franklin.

The Story of the Kansas City Victory

Kansas City, Mo., had been blighted by a pro-papal municipal regime, redolent of Tammany's spirit and tactics. The machine had waxed strong and powerful, feeding off of the city. About ninety per cent of the appointees were said to be Romanists. The machine believed it had become so thoroughly entrenched that it could master and hold the situation by strong-arm and other Tammany methods. But it made a miscalculation.

Heretofore, reformers had been unorganized and uninformed as to which of the candidates represented the old American ideals, and which, the reactionary autocratic and undemocratic theory of the papacy.

Now, however, the patriots of Kansas City quietly got together and formed an Independent Voters' League, similar to that which had done such excellent work in St. Louis. A careful and painstaking investigation was made of the candidates asking for popular suffrage, their records, antecedents and their positions were carefully scrutinized, and then a ballot circular or bulletin was prepared for the information of the patriotic voters of Kansas City, giving necessary information that the patriots were able to obtain which would illuminate the record of each candidate.

Here for the first time in the history of the city, the intelligent and truly American voting population—the population loyal to the fundamental principles of our free democracy, possessed information which should be in the hands of every voter before every election.

A New Richmond in the Field

As election day approached a new presence in politics was felt, or rather was sensed by the keenest politicians among the pro-papal forces. Instinctively the old order became conscious of a danger, subtle and intangible as the lightning of the approaching storm and quite as portentous.

To meet the new situation the most daring plans were put into execution to prevent the city from being rescued. But the patriots were aroused, a great American municipality was to be saved from papal sway and political misrule, and they went into the battle of ballots, as heroes in a noble cause go into the thick of the fight.

When the smoke of battle cleared away, it was found that all the papists and pro-papists, save four candidates, had fallen outside the breastworks.

The triumph was sweeping, decisive, and to Rome and her political allies it was appalling.

The Pioneer Independent Voter's League

And just here it will be interesting to call to mind the

The History of the Hierarchy's Victorious Advance Since She Has United the Papal Forces and Divided the Upholders of Democracy--The Overshadowing Peril and the Great Opportunity for Freedom

history of the pioneer Independent Voters' League and what called it into existence.

It will be remembered that in keeping with Rome's nation-wide attempt at censorship of press and public utterance, her faithful servitors in St. Louis, Missouri, undertook in 1912, to prevent General Nelson A. Miles, from speaking in St. Louis. This distinguished soldier and publicist of unswerving reputation, enjoying the respect of all high minded lovers of free institutions, was engaged to speak in a theatre in St. Louis. He proposed to outline the principles and purposes of the Guardians of Liberty, a patriotic organization which yearns on no church, but simply seeks to preserve the constitutional guarantees of liberty and the vital democratic provisions for safeguarding our popular non-sectarian education, divorce of church and state, and the full and free exercise of thought, speech, press and assembly.

Tolerance As Roman Catholics See It

When General Miles, who is at the head of the Guardians of Liberty, reached St. Louis, it was found that the Catholics had succeeded in bringing pressure to bear upon those in control of the theatre, inducing them to cancel the engagement. They had also succeeded in having him barred from all available halls and churches by their well known and un-American methods.

Contrasting Example of Protestant Tolerance

This very typical illustration of the Roman Catholic brand of toleration was exactly the reverse of that which the Protestants of St. Louis, accorded the Knights of Columbus lecturer, Mr. Scott, when he recently sang his siren song of Catholic toleration, so charmingly reminiscent of the old story book fable of the "spider and the fly."

The spectacle of General Miles, one of the most distinguished citizens in the American republic, going on invitation to one of our chief cities to deliver a message to those who wished to hear him, and being prevented by Roman Catholic intimidation, startled some of the Protestant citizens out of the deadly stupor into which political Romanism's false pretense of patriotism and toleration had lulled them. It also served to

show certain high minded patriots that they had a freeman's duty to perform in the presence of this

Deadly Upas of Old World Intolerance

To remain indifferent when the constitutional rights of one of the most distinguished American citizens, and that of thousands of citizens of St. Louis, were being thus violated, would be to play the part of a craven in an hour of supreme danger to free government.

In St. Louis, as in most great municipalities, there were many thousands of true patriots, loyal Americans who belong to organizations pledged to uphold the democracy of the author of the Declaration of Independence and the fathers of our republic, and there were other thousands, who though not so affiliated were equally loyal to the spirit and letter of our constitution.

A few patriots, men of vision, and profound lovers of our country, set to work to foment these patriotic voters in order to secure something like the same covert of action which had already made Rome master in so many cities, and an increasingly formidable un-American power in our land. These patriots desired to give to clean, efficient and democratic government at the polls, the support that upholders of the papal theory were giving Rome through solidarity in voting.

They organized the Independent Voters' League which soon became a revolutionary power in St. Louis politics, making for righteousness and true Americanism. Other cities cursed and blighted by political Romanism have since commenced the work of emancipation, but it remained for Kansas City to give the most striking object lesson in how religion can be kept out of politics, and how the present attempt to substitute the papal theory of government for that of our own democracy can be given its Waterloo.

Evidently this vision is what disturbs the evening of the editor of the Catholic Register, of Kansas City, (as when in his issue of April 6th, 1916, in a paroxysm of column editorial outburst, he expresses his righteous indignation over the iniquity of the members of the Independent Voters' League for voting as a unit in favor of candidates who uphold the American principles of government.

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The editor points out the fact that the Republican ticket which only had one Roman Catholic on it, received an overwhelming majority and that the lone papal candidate ran very low on the ticket, after which he makes the following very interesting and very illuminating statement:

"It must be remembered that there are not over 7,000 Catholic voters in Kansas City, out of 64,000 registered."

We are told on every hand by the Romanists that they are not in politics, and yet the pro-papal administration which met so timely a death on April 4th, gave an overwhelming majority of offices to the Roman Catholics.

It is stated that ninety per cent of the offices were filled by Romanists, yet according to this Roman Catholic authority there are only 7,000 Catholic voters out of an electorate of 64,000. Ninety per cent of the offices given to those who represent less than one ninth of the electorate is a truly astounding showing, if we are duly impressed by the Roman Catholic assurance that Rome is not in politics.

On this page we are giving our readers a reproduction of the now historic circular-bullet of the Independent Voters' League, that played so important a part in crushing past all recognition of its former self the pro-papal political machine of Kansas City.

Here is what the editor of the Catholic Register says about the circular-bullet.

"The rabid, lying anti-Catholic circular-bullet that was mailed to nearly every Republican voter and a great number of Democratic voters on Thursday evening, is the same form that has been used in every election in the country during the past year. It has defeated every Catholic who has run for a high office during that time. Witness the governors of New York and Massachusetts, the mayor of Chicago, of the entire tickets at Toledo, Buffalo, and Denver, of the mayors of Atchison and St. Joseph. We could name enough instances to fill this entire column if we took the trouble to refer to our files."

In this editorial we find, as we would naturally expect in a Catholic publication, the veiled threat of boycott for those who have offended political Romanism.

Rome is in politics! For years she has been actively, unitedly, aggressively working, intriguing and voting for the advancement of men and measures that would further her ambitious dream of making America dominantly Roman Catholic, by substituting the papal for the democratic system of government. In this, her political wisdom has only been distanced by her insatiable greed.

Rome in Our Politics

For years the masters of the Roman Catholic political machine have laid in wait, as it were, for divisions in one of the great parties, and when such splits have come, in city, state and nation, Catholic politicians, with tiger-like agility and backed by the compact strength of political Romanism, have sought nominations on the tickets of the undivided party; or where a party has deliberately flouted the popular will, Rome has been quick to push her politicians into nomination on the opposite ticket.

Here are two typical illustrations from a number of recent examples that might be cited. When the Republican party split over Roosevelt and Taft the Roman Catholic machine in Connecticut was instantly on deck to secure the nomination of the congressional delegation on the Democratic ticket.

The divided vote gave Rome her opportunity, with the result that the five congressmen elected were all Roman Catholics, then came the invariable sequel, a determined battle for important offices that would ramify Rome in government.

Soon every large city in Connecticut, with the exception of Bridgeport, had Roman Catholic postmasters installed. This list included such cities as Hartford, New Haven, Meriden, Waterbury, Middletown, New Britain, Willimantic, New London and Bristol. And what was true of postmasters, was true of officials in other important stations. Connecticut is overwhelmingly Protestant, and yet we are gravely informed that "Rome is not in politics."

In Massachusetts, the Republican party deliberately flouted the popular will by nominating for governor, one of the most unpopular politicians in the state, on a strongly reactionary "stand pat" platform, at a time when all the signs showed that the people were in no mood to tolerate Bourbonism in any party. Instantly the astute masters of the Roman Catholic political machine beheld their opportunity. A democratic slate was prepared, and with two exceptions Roman Catholic candidates filled the ticket from governor down. The candidates for auditor and state's attorney were the only exceptions. This ticket was triumphantly elected, and then began the shaking of the plum tree for the children of the Roman Catholic church, but we must remember—"Rome is not in politics."

Every great city where papal or pro-papal machines have carried the elections in recent years, the pay rolls have been literally loaded down with subjects of the pope. Kansas City, Mo., under the last regime was strictly typical of what is going on wherever a pro-papal machine carries an election. While preparing this article a letter has come to hand from a well known citizen of Boston. "In our city," says our correspondent, "the situation is well summed up in the following epigrammatic statement, 'eighty per cent of the city positions are held by Roman Catholics, but eighty per cent of the taxes are paid by Protestants.'"

Furthermore, what is true of our great cities is true in greater or less degree throughout the whole country. "In our district," writes a valued correspondent from the second congressional district of Wisconsin, "we have a Roman Catholic congressman and though the Protestants are in the majority, twenty-three out of twenty-seven postmasters appointed since this man got to Washington, are Roman Catholics."

It matters not in what direction one turns, in the investigation of American political history since the hierarchy commenced its campaign to make America dominantly Roman Catholic, the most obvious, inescapable and ever present fact is that Rome, organized, united, sleepless, determined and aggressive, is in national, state and municipal politics.

The pernicious activity of Senator O'Gorman, a typical subject of the pope, in defeating popular Democratic aspirants for various postoffice and other government positions in the

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FOR INFORMATION OF AMERICAN VOTERS

REPUBLICAN DEMOCRAT

FOR MAYOR

*GEORGE H. EDWARDS, AMERICAN Henry L. Jost.....Pro-Romanist

FOR COMPTROLLER

*EUGENE H. BLAKE, AMERICAN M. A. Flynn.....Romanist

FOR TREASURER

*HARRY E. BARKER, AMERICAN Ed. T. O'Beah.....AMERICAN

FOR N. SIDE COURT

*FRED W. COON, AMERICAN Wilbur F. Hall.....Pro-Romanist

FOR S. SIDE COURT

Jos. F. Kiernan.....Romanist *NORMAN WOODSON, AMERICAN

FOR SCHOOL BOARD

*W. A. KNOTTS, AMERICAN *JAMES E. NUAGENT, AMERICAN

UPPER HOUSE ALDERMEN

*ALBERT I. BEACH, AMERICAN *W. HAMER BROWN, AMERICAN

*LEWIS L. PETERSON, AMERICAN John T. Smith.....Romanist

*LIVELY L. ADAMS, AMERICAN Patrick T. Muliane.....Romanist

*CHAR. O. LARUE, AMERICAN *CHAS. H. WALKER, AMERICAN

*JAS. H. FRAME, AMERICAN *WM. C. STEINBERGER, AMERICAN

*E. B. HARRINGTON, AMERICAN *W. H. HARPER, AMERICAN

*EMIL DOEN, AMERICAN *LUSTIG, AMERICAN

*JNO. H. SPEARS, AMERICAN *A. P. SCHUERMAN, AMERICAN

LOWER HOUSE ALDERMEN

Ward 1 *John R. Lawrence, American

2 *John Z. Stettin, American

3 *G. W. Davall, American

4 *Wm. A. Townsend, American

5 *Joa. R. Lason, Romanist

6 *N. B. Hatch, American

7 *Chas. P. Woodruff, American

8 *Frank E. Seely, American

9 *E. F. Canham, Jr., American

10 *Euler R. Lovett, American

11 *H. B. Hall, American

12 *Vall Vance, American

13 *Walter N. Knapp, American

14 *Edwin J. Finnell, American

15 *Edwin V. Simons, American

16 *Edwin L. Winn, American

Ward 2 *Denny Costello, Romanist

3 *Frank Oaker, Romanist

4 *Joseph Fuchs, Romanist

5 *John W. Wadsworth, Romanist

6 *John George, Romanist

7 *Harry Sander, Pro-Romanist

8 *Thos. J. Maloney, Romanist

9 *Edw. J. Christ, Romanist

10 *J. M. Burnett, Romanist

11 *Jno. N. Becker, Romanist

12 *L. J. Fisher, American

13 *Samuel K. Frost, American

14 *Wm. R. Adams, Pro-Romanist

15 *Dr. W. R. Ferster, American

16 *Chas. Heydon, Pro-Romanist

EXPLANATION: Mayor Jost's appointments are 50 per cent Romanist. Sander, Lustig, Hall and Heydon are 100 per cent Romanist. Ferster is 50 per cent.

KEEP AN EXACT COPY OF THE BALLOT YOU VOTE so that in case the Ballot Boxes are opened you can testify.

PRO-ROMANIST indicates that the candidate has in the past or probably will favor ROMANIST legislation and appointees in preference to Americans and American principles.

THE ROMANIST VOTER OBEYS THIS ORDER
"The Roman Catholic is to wield his vote for the purpose of securing Catholic ascendancy in this country. All legislation must be governed by the will of the hierarchy. The Pope is the supreme authority, and under the Catholic authorities, and under 'education,' the opinion of the individuals and the utterances of the press are included—Many opinions are to be forbidden by the secular army under the authority of the Church, even to war and bloodshed."—Catholic World, organ of Roman Catholic Church.

From this it will be seen that Rome claims the right to dominate the politics of the nation—i. e., that the Pope shall be the SUPREME POTENTATE OF THE WORLD.

Therefore, we insist and maintain that ROMANISTS ARE NOT GOOD AMERICANS so long as they maintain allegiance to this FOREIGN POTENTATE, and until they sever this allegiance they should be defeated for any official position in the gift of the AMERICAN VOTERS. SCRATCH ROMANIST!

You should join the Independent Voters' League. It is the only active efficient organization that is fighting POLITICAL ROMANISM, the political system that has brought ruin and degradation to every country where it has gained power. The League endeavors to elect only Americans and keeps a record of all legislators and other officials to know that they do their duty as Americans as they promise before election.

Write under No. P. O. Box 424, Kansas City, Mo., for information as to membership. You will be investigated and if you are found eligible, you will hear in due time. You will learn before admission to the Independent Voters' League that we are not hindered by red tape, but every cent of dues and every minute of time is spent in getting results to save our Public School System and other free institutions and protect our country politically, morally, educationally and financially from the fate of Spain, Portugal, Austria, Italy, Mexico, the South American so-called republics and every other priest-ridden country.

THIS IS YOUR FIGHT. Why are you trusting to luck that some one else will prevent your blood-bought freedom? Join the I. V. L. today; if you do not join now send in a CONTRIBUTION and DO YOUR SHARE.

Every Romanist ward heeler and machine politician will vote and the INDEPENDENT AMERICAN VOTER must cast his vote to effect it.

PASS THESE BALLOTS ALONG, WAKE UP YOUR SLEEPY AMERICAN NEIGHBORS!

Vote for AMERICANS Only, Scratch Romanists

KEEP RELIGION AND POLITICS SEPARATE

This is the slogan of the INDEPENDENT VOTERS' LEAGUE and is the reason we are advocating the election of certain men and the defeat of certain others.

Why YOU Should Vote for AMERICANS ONLY

From the American Citizen, Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 20, 1915.

"The Jesuits are at the head of the great Roman Catholic mission in this land."—"Tables" (Roman Catholic).

They are, therefore, connected with the Roman Catholic church—ITS HEAD!

Are they good American citizens? Has a single Jesuit ever taken the oath of allegiance to the United States? Would they make good citizens and give their first allegiance to the State over that of the Church of Rome?

This is NAPOLEON BONAPARTE'S conclusion:

"Wherever the Jesuits are admitted, they will be masters, cost what it may. Their society is by nature dictatorial, and therefore it is the irreconcilable enemy of all constituted authority. Every act, EVERY CRIME, however ATROCIOUS, is a meritorious work if it is committed for the interest of the Society of Jesus, or by the order of the general of the Jesuits."

Fine institutions! It has flourished wonderfully in this country and has become a mighty power, but as it has been DRIVEN FROM ROMAN CATHOLIC COUNTRIES, BY ROMAN CATHOLICS, it will yet be driven from this country, and the time is near at hand.

We shall heed the warning given England by LORD BEACONSFIELD:

"We are sinking beneath a power before which the proudest conquerors have groined pale, and by which the nations most devoted to freedom have become enslaved: THE POWER OF A FOREIGN PRIESTHOOD. Your empire and your liberties are more in danger at this moment than when the army of invasion was encamped at Bologna."

LORD MACAULEY is sure an authority. In his "History of England," he states that:

"The lowliest and most fertile provinces of Europe have, under her (Rome's) rule, been sunk in poverty, in political servitude, and in intellectual torpor; while Protestant countries, once proverbial for sterility and barbarism, have been turned by toil and industry into gardens and can boast of a long list of heroes and statesmen, philosophers and poets."

The papacy was well known by GARIBALDI, Italy's idol and great statesman. Thus said Garibaldi:

"The papacy, added by the Jesuits to the MOST HORRIBLE PLAGUE that my country is afflicted with, Eighteen centuries of falsehood, persecution and burning at the stake, in compliance with all the tyrants of Italy, rendered the plague incurable. At present, as heretofore, the vampire of the land of the Stupids supports its body, which is corrupted and eaten up by gangrene, by means of discord, venality, pillage and civil war."

If there is a movement to "drive Roman Catholics out of public life," there must be reasons for such action, and if the Romanists view as Rome demands, that first allegiance be kept Rome in matters TEMPORAL, as well as spiritual, then Americans should keep some papists out of public office, in order to safeguard American liberties.

To Make Liars Out of Priests

To deny that Rome comes first with papists is to make liars out of priests and the Roman sectarian press.

Said "Father" Phelan, editor of the "Western Watchman," June 28, 1912:

"Tell us we are Catholics first and Americans or Englishmen afterwards? Of course we are! Tell us, in case of the conflict between the church and the civil government, we take the side of the church; of course we do! Why, if the government of the United States were at war with the church, we would say 'insurrector,' 'TO HELL WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES!'"

Priest Phelan, representing and speaking for the Roman church, he is coward. He has the manhood to speak the TRUTH as he receives it from Rome. He is honest enough to publicly express the views of the hierarchy and its "To hell with the United States."

Roman Catholics admired, loved, adored Father McGilgan, and they stood by him manfully because they knew him to be a Christian, faithful and fearless. His only crime was that he loved America better than Rome. It was FATHER MCGILGAN who definitely proclaimed:

God Forbid! God Forbid!

The Pope's influence in politics? It has been the curse of nearly every nation. It has been the curse of Italy, France, Germany, England and Ireland. God forbid! God forbid! that the hated thing should have an ill-omened revival."

THE CANDIDATES MARKED * AMERICAN ARE QUALIFIED IN EVERY PARTICULAR TO SERVE THE PEOPLE—VOTE FOR THEM.

HAND THESE BALLOTS TO GOOD AMERICANS ONLY

Make each ballot count for a vote.