

FIRING LINE, ATTENTION!

Write us at once what you KNOW about each congressional nominee in your district, not what you think, BUT WHAT YOU KNOW. Give us as far as you are able the affiliations of the candidates as to all organizations to which they belong, and all other facts that might be of value to true Americans. THIS IS MOST IMPORTANT.

OREGON STATESMAN DEFIES POLITICAL ROME

Principles Championed by Jefferson and Lincoln Again Coming to the Front--Ringing Statement of Popular Leader Sounds Marching Orders to Patriotic Millions

Champion of Popular Sovereignty Says Freedom of Speech, Press and Assembly Must Be Maintained--Opposes Appropriation of Public Money to Sectarian Schools and Denounces Sentencing Children to Papal Slave Pens

HERE is a statesman's letter that will thrill our patriotic millions. A letter instinct with the spirit of liberal democracy and that larger, nobler and freer life for which democracy stands. Here we have a free man speaking for free institutions.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 21, 1916.
The Free Press Defense League,
Dear Sirs:

I have carefully read the text of the Lindbergh Resolution (H. J. Res. 264), and if elected I shall vote for the measure and support the same in every possible way.

Your great fight in favor of the freedom of the press, freedom of speech, and freedom of assembly will always have my sympathy and support.

You may say for me that I was educated in the public schools and I regard the same as the sacred institution of a free republic. There can be no liberty where illiteracy and ignorance incapacitate the electorate.

It seems to me almost unthinkable that private penal institutions could be tolerated in this enlightened republic at this late day. It goes without saying that I am opposed to appropriating government money to such penal institutions, or to sectarian schools.

So long as private penal institutions are permitted to exist and incarcerate American citizens, they should at least be regularly inspected by a grand jury. This letter is for publication.

Very sincerely,
A. W. LAFFERTY.

This straight-forward and statesman-like utterance voices the spirit and sentiment of the fathers of democracy who threw down the gauntlet before the thrones and hierarchies of the Old World.

True there is nothing in the letter that Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Lincoln, Grant or Garfield would not have unhesitatingly subscribed to, for the master builders and preservers of this republic believed in jealously guarding all those great constitutional guarantees and safeguards of liberal democracy that found voice in the Declaration of Independence and our FEDERAL CONSTITUTION as well as the measures adopted to render permanent those distinguishing glories that differentiate this republic from all Old World governments where monarchical principles whether represented by kings, czars, kaisers or popes, prevail.

Roman Boycott and Censorship

It is, indeed, a startling illustration of the extent to which the Old World monarchical theory of the papacy has progressed in this country during recent years, that the pledges above given should not find ready voice from all statesmen who profess loyalty to our fundamental democracy, but since the Roman Catholic hierarchy has undertaken to make America dominantly Roman Catholic by methods historically approved by the papacy, viz., the boycott, the equally odious censorship of the press by organized secret oath-bound societies acting in unison for the advancement of the papal theory and wielding the club of the Catholic vote, and by attempted censorship or suppression of freedom of speech and public assembly, by means of intimidation, rioting, mobocracy, murderous assault, and even murder, we have beheld the humiliating spectacle of statesmen speaking with bated breath, or remaining tongue-tied in the presence of religio-political questions that strike at the very vitals of free institutions, for fear of antagonizing the Roman Catholic political machine whose threat of a solid vote has been so constantly kept before the politicians, and whose brutal boycott has been continually in evidence.

It was perhaps necessary that this reactionary Old World despotic influence should become so sinister and giant-like in its evil proportions in order that sleeping America

organized power that has been systematically operating through the Knights of Columbus, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the American Federation of Catholic Societies and the

Jesuits in Our Politics

has been equally active in creating a nation-wide censorship of the press by which it has succeeded under the absurd pretext of not arousing religious prejudice, in excluding from full, free, public discussion, such vital political issues as appropriation of public funds for sectarian purposes, the safeguarding of constitutional guarantees, of freedom of religious discussion, freedom of press, freedom of speech and assembly--basic provisions of our ORGANIC LAW that are as fundamental to free institutions as censorship and suppression by force are essential to the maintenance of despotism.

Pending Democratic Renaissance

Signs are not wanting that indicate that the greatest awakening in the history of our government is at hand. The recent introduction of the Free Press Defense League's demand for an investigation of papal activity in relation to our free government marks a mile stone in our history. The patriotic answer to Rome's organization and promotion of such secret oath-bound societies as the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus finds expression in such splendid American organizations as the Guardians of Liberty, the membership of which, is about one million, the Knights of Luther, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Sons of America, the Great Secret Order, and other patriotic societies whose memberships aggregate many millions. And now comes the awakening democratic sentiment expressing anew its fealty to freedom and the protection of human rights, by the enactment of convent inspection laws in two great southern commonwealths, and in the sweeping patriotic victories in recent primary elections, north, south, east and west.

It remained, however, for ex-Congressman A. W. Lafferty to set the pace for the peoples' representatives, by frankly pledging his loyalty to the fundamental ideals of our free government in the face of Rome's determined and persistent effort to replace our splendid liberal government by the papal governmental provisions including restriction, censorship, sectarian political advancement and enrichment and sectarian education.

In an address to the electorate of his district, Mr. Lafferty further emphasizes this position in the following words:

"If elected, I shall use the powers of the office of congressman to make the constitution and the flag mean all that our revolutionary forefathers intended that they should mean. I believe that education is the only thing that will ever completely strike the shackles of slavery from the minds and the bodies of the people. The three most important things looking toward general education are: Our matchless public school system, our right of free speech and our right to a free press."

What Lafferty's Election Means

When a man of Mr. Lafferty's courage, ability, and experience in national law making ranges himself on the side of the liberal democracy of the fathers, a great opportunity and a grave responsibility confronts the electorate of his district. His stand at this crisis should call to his loyal support, every patriotic man and woman in the third Oregon congressional district without regard to party politics.

tics, for the supreme issue today is America or Rome, Democracy or the Old World despotism of the papacy. All other issues sink into pitiful insignificance in the presence of this life and death struggle to preserve in their integrity such vital principles of our liberal democracy as popular non-sectarian education, the principle of absolute divorce of church and state, which forbids the appropriation of public funds for any sectarian creed or faith, freedom of religious discussion, freedom of press and freedom of speech and assembly.

By taking a stand unreservedly on the side of the liberal democracy of Jefferson and Lincoln, Mr. Lafferty has aroused the united opposition of the Roman Catholic political machine, while his splendid stand in boldly championing the rights of the actual settlers to homesteads on the millions of acres of forest reserves has long since aroused the bitter antagonism of the timber barons, the railways and the "controlled press." These rich, powerful, well organized, and widely ramified interests are unitedly opposing him as they ever oppose

the incorruptible statesmen who ably and fearlessly stand for liberal democracy and human rights. When in congress Mr. Lafferty warmly supported Captain Hobson's fight for the submission of an amendment to the constitution for nationwide prohibition, and he has announced that if elected he would again work for this measure. This insures the opposition of the powerful liquor interests. With privilege, Rome and rum, this trinity of the pit warring against this statesman who fearlessly stands at once for fundamental principles of democracy, and for clean, honest and just government, a great, a solemn, and an inescapable duty devolves upon

CONGRESSMAN'S ADDRESS URGES ACTION

Evils of Invisible Government Exposed--Congressman Charles A. Lindbergh in Powerful Address Points Out Importance of Free Press Defense League's Resolution and Shows How Privilege, Big Business and Roman Catholic Political Machine Menaces American Freedom

THE Congressional Record for August 22d, contains Congressman Chas. A. Lindbergh's scholarly address on the consequences of invisible government in the United States. The Minnesota statesman here shows that privilege, big business and the Roman Catholic hierarchy are menacing fundamental democracy in a deadly way.

The speech is far too long to reproduce in THE MENACE, but we give several verbatim excerpts that indicate Mr. Lindbergh's fundamental grasp of root causes that are mining and sapping our free institutions, and which call for the courageous and determined opposition of all lovers of popular sovereignty or government of the people, by the people, and for the people, based on freedom, justice, and fraternity. No one who is familiar with the philosophy of history as revealed by the rise and fall of nations, can remain indifferent to the lessons which are here pressed home with the compelling force of irrefutable facts and unanswerable logic, in this exposure of how invisible government is destroying the liberal democracy that has long made America the lode star for the poor and oppressed of all the world.

In the first part of his address Congressman Lindbergh says:

"There is a sinister influence at work in our country, which, if it is not checked, intends to completely undermine the institutions of our government and change it from a representative form of government to a monarchial and plutocratic system where it will be the privilege of a few to rule in splendor, and the fate of the many to spend their lives in unrequited toil and that hopeless condition of servitude which they came here to escape from. Already word has gone forth to lands across the sea, to those aspiring souls who search for liberty of person and freedom of conscience, that America no longer is in a position to offer to the world an asylum and refuge for the oppressed. That class of immigrants which was once our glory and our boast, has ceased to look for freedom here. It is a different class that now makes up the bulk of immigrants to our shores. It is a situation that deserves the careful consideration of all thoughtful persons. Amidst all this talk of "preparedness" we need to stop to inquire if, while we have been preparing for the foe who may possibly lurk without, we have entirely neglected to prepare for an infinitely more dangerous foe which, with the certainty of fate, exists within.



Honorable A. W. Lafferty

and combat the efforts of Gallivan, Fitzgerald and other of the pope's loyal subjects who are warring on the principles of our liberal democracy. The election of Mr. Lafferty will give the patriotic forces an able, experienced, fearless, and eloquent champion of the democracy of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln.

The Man Behind the Letter

Mr. Lafferty belongs to Central Christian church, of Portland. Like Jefferson, Lincoln, Grant, Garfield and, indeed, the majority of the greatest statesmen of our land, Mr. Lafferty was born on a farm. He was a Missouri boy, raised in a humble Christian home

on the united liberal and christian electorate of Portland and Multnomah county. Only by such union can the mighty combined opposition, led by the Oregonian, be overcome. Patriots of Portland, never have you had a greater opportunity to serve your city, state and the whole nation, than is offered you today. It is supremely important that in the incoming congress there shall be strong, able men to voice the demands of our patriotic millions

Ex-Congressman Lafferty Sets an Example Patriots May Well Ask Candidates for Office in Their District to Follow--This Eminent Statesman Volunteered--Others Will Fall in Line if Asked to Do So--Patriots Demand It!

when the exacting but wholesome work of the farmers of the middle west fell to the lot of the boy. It was in the public school that he received his general education, after which the law department of the University of Missouri gave him his professional training, and from that institution he received the degree of LL. B. in 1899.

He first located in Montgomery, Missouri, to practice law, and while there, was city attorney, prosecuting attorney of county, and captain of the Missouri National Guard. Here he secured the first convictions for bucket shop gambling ever sustained in the St. Louis Court of Appeals, and under a statute that had remained a dead letter on the statute books of the state for forty years.

In 1905 he was sent to Oregon as special agent of the General Land Office, reported to Washington that it was not the poor homesteaders that were stealing government land, but the big timber barons and the railroads. This report naturally aroused the antagonism of the great timber thieves and the rich railroad corporations that were fattening on wealth that should be the heritage of the people.

Distinguished Record

To Mr. Lafferty belongs the high distinction of starting the first suits ever brought to enforce the terms of the now famous Oregon and California Railroad Land Grant. That was done in 1907 as a private attorney. He has never charged any fee for work done on this great piece of litigation.

The case was carried to the Supreme Court of the United States where that tribunal on June 23, 1915, held that the original "actual settler clause" in the grant to the company was an enforceable covenant and must be lived up to by the company.

Congress has recently passed a law opening part of these lands to settlers, but providing that the bulk of the lands shall be classified as timber lands and sold to the timber barons. Mr. Lafferty opposes this late attempt to again rob the poor people of the United States of opportunities to get homes in the green hills of western Oregon, and if elected will propose an amendment to the law that will open all the lands to American citizens, in small tracts, and under a drawing system giving to all an equal opportunity to get a home.

The amount of land involved is 2,300,000 acres of vacant green hills in the Willamette, Umpqua and Rogue River valleys. It is unenclosed and unimproved. The original grant to the railroad company provided expressly that every acre of the land should be sold by the company to actual settlers only, in quantities not greater than 160 acres to any one settler, and for a price not to exceed \$2.50 per acre. It was to enforce that covenant that Mr. Lafferty has fought the case without fee for nearly ten years.

In 1914 the Oregonian and the railroads succeeded in defeating Mr. Lafferty for renomination to congress. They nominated C. N. McArthur, incumbent. McARTHUR RECENTLY VOTED FOR THE NEFARIOUS KIDNAPPING JUVENILE COURT BILL AND HE VOTED AND SPOKE AGAINST PHILIPPINE INDEPENDENCE.

In the late primary the patriots did not endorse any candidate for congress. They were quite friendly, however, to McArthur as he had posed as a strong American advocate. Since their primary it has come to light that McArthur voted for the kidnapping bill and against Philippine independence, and in writing to his constituents explain-

"I have seen the effect upon gov-