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ON the Firing Line

THE MENACE is gratified with the activity of the men on the Firing Line during the past few weeks. The progressive program which we have recently outlined seems to meet with their hearty approval, and we are receiving many encouraging letters relative to the editorial contents of the paper.

Nothing pleases us so well as to know that we are giving our readers what they want, and we take some pride ourselves in the fact that we are on our way toward the accomplishment of great things—things that are really going to count in this great battle against political Rome.

The front page of this issue will show you that we have some plans in hand that will make Rome howl when she is appraised of them. *It means something* to attempt to close the Houses of the Good Shepherd in this country and set free the slaves. It means that Rome is going to fight with every weapon at her command, and she commands some that are powerful and deadly. Persecution, boycott, the courts and even dynamite have been invoked against THE MENACE without material results. Now she is going to be still more aggressive, for the closed and cloistered institutions in which she grinds the labor of innocent women and girls into gold are her cherished strongholds and she is going to resist with might and main every effort at their abatement.

This means that the work of arousing patriots and enlisting them under the banner of our cause must proceed with speed and alacrity and that every possible person must be reached with our propaganda.

As we have long predicted that it would come, the time has arrived in the history of this nation when *the services of every patriotic citizen are needed,* and he who hesitates at this critical moment can only be credited with indifference or cowardice.

I dare say there is not a single man on THE MENACE Firing Line who would want to see the paper fail in a single undertaking—AND IT WILL NOT FAIL IF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU DO YOUR LITTLE PART IN THE MATTER OF HELPING EXTEND ITS CIRCULATION.

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Men, of America, the triumphs and achievements you have made possible in the past can now be repeated with double their former value to the cause if you will only do your duty as we believe you now see it!

One effect of the JONES LAW FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS is *to stop the payment of public funds to sectarian institutions.* The wail in Manila is like unto that in Chicago when Judge Baldwin handed down his decision requiring *compliance with the plain provisions of the Illinois constitution.* The priests prattle in both places about the number of dependents who will be thrown into the street unless the *"charities"* which have kept them, because the public paid well for their care, will continue to keep them without payment from public funds. *That Roman Catholic "charity" which the public pays for is too much of a joke to perpetuate.*

ROMANISM AND THE WORLD WAR

By a former special secret agent of the U. S. Government and Author of "The Great Conspiracy."

THE following striking paper has been especially prepared for THE MENACE by the brilliant author of The Great Conspiracy. The author served as secret agent for the Mexican and Chilian Governments, also as official servant in the employ of our republic, performing important foreign investigations as special agent under President Harrison. His wide historical research, his intimate knowledge of modern diplomatic relations, and his international experience in special foreign service, makes the following timely and illuminating statement absorbingly interesting when Germany's astounding plot to embroil this republic with friendly nations is fresh in the public mind. [Chairman Editorial Board].

In 1896 I was engaged as special secret agent for the Mexican Foreign Department by Secretary of Foreign Relations, Ignacio Mariscal. I was registered in the office of Sir Leonel Carden, then the representative of Great Britain, as a British subject. In international spy work one has to do such things.

I there met an elderly German, then in the Secret Service of the Mexican government, and at the same time a *paid German spy.* He never knew that I was aware of this latter fact for I discovered it from other sources. He was a German Catholic specially detailed to assist in the work I was engaged in and we were thrown much together. When I discovered his double role, what I had learned of the German Spy System while special secret agent for President Balmeceda of Chili, S. A., in 1890 and 1891, immediately led me as a patriotic American, to do some sleuthing respecting this gentleman on my own account.

He was a lover of both brandy and beer. Availing myself of several bottles of fine French brandy, "for medical use" as I informed him, I set about to cultivate his closer friendship and succeeded to the extent that his usual caution was thrown down and regarding me as a Britisher, inasmuch as I was so registered, he became quite confidential. When in his cups he was not so discreet as in his sober mood and by encouraging him with hints to the effect that Great Britain was no friend to the United States I learned many things that were then apparent under the surface, and have since come to be known as absolute facts.

I should hardly relate this little experience were it not for the Zimmerman letter from Berlin, dated Jan. 19, 1917, which coming to the hands of President Wilson was the last straw that decided him to break diplomatic relations with Germany, though we were not aware of the fact that this letter had been serious until March first when the president released this one of the many great state secrets in order to awaken congress and the people.

To be brief with my own story, back in 1896—21 years ago—German secret agents were at work in the United States preparing for "The Day." "The Day" was the favorite toast of the German army officers and the Pan-German Union. The expression need not be explained. Evidence has made it sufficiently lucid. This particular agent of the German Spy System about whom we have been talking used to remark occasionally when Britain's attitude during our Civil War was under discussion that "the United States is the biggest D—— fool nation in the world." He spoke both English and Spanish fluently and had been German agent in the United States and was in addition, a "short coat." He volunteered the information, which was no news to me, *that the German Catholic Verein was the headquarters of this service and that in several departments of the United States government were employed clerks, draftsmen, etc., of the German Spy System who had passed as Americans in order that they might procure positions of trust.* He informed me that plans and drawings supposed to be the secret property of the United States were accessible to them and that on those things which were deemed important plans were passed on to the German government.

That statement is not far-fetched when we stop to consider how the stealing of plans of a new battleship came near causing a sensation a few years ago but was hushed up and investigation blocked.

This German spy indicated a truth, that has long since become known to studious Americans, to the effect that THE ROMAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY WORKED IN CO-OPERATION WITH THEIR SERVICE AND HAD DONE SO ACTIVELY, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE SECRET AGREEMENT, OR TREATY BETWEEN THE KAISER AND POPE LEO XIII IN 1892. *His remark boldly indicates that the retirement of Bismark and his anti-papal policies clearly mark the union of the policies of the vatican with those of Germany in preparation for "THE DAY."*

When in South America, especially in the years 1890 and 1891, I found other of these German agents (Catholics and "short coats") particularly active in *stirring up a distrust in that country towards the United States and especially were they active in their efforts to discredit the Monroe Doctrine and distort its purpose.*

Many who have paid attention to the relationship heretofore existing between these countries since that date have doubtless wondered how and where Spanish America could so stupidly misconstrue the Monroe Doctrine.

It has been the work of the Jesuits and for some twenty-four years the German service was joined with them; but where and in what paper, under the present censorship of press, could such facts as these I have set forth be published?

Rome's grip on the press of this land together with the index renders her master of the situation and makes such publicity almost an impossible feat. Every now and then the facts are confirmed, to those who will see them, by an inkling of state secrets becoming public. It is doubtful whether or not the secular press would in any way hint at the connections that exist.

Other countries have repudiated the Jesuits, that "hidden hand of popery" in their governmental affairs. France and Portugal excluded the pope and his agents from handling their affairs of state; and, Italy in 1870 stripped the supposed vicegerent of Christ of his temporal power; and this is only the beginning.

When the political church as she is, is made naked—exposed—then indeed will the nations of earth turn upon her. The Italian battleships blown up, the wireless code message that enabled the Breslen and the Goeben to escape from Messina and many other treacheries of vast import have been traced to that great palace in the city of seven hills.

Much has been suppressed but there will finally come an exposure of all secrets with a sudden explosion that will blast the Jesuit cliques. As we watch developments in the world war let us bear these facts in mind.

HORRIBLE CASES OF INVOLUNTARY SERVITUDE IN MILWAUKEE HOUSE OF GOOD SHEPHERD

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tion, the *Kuryer Polski* presents additional evidence, as follows:

3. Case of Two Country Girls

Mrs. B—— residing on Greenbush street in Milwaukee, related to the Kuryer Polski the following occurrence:

"Several years ago there was in Milwaukee a sensational trial at which the evidence brought out startling facts.

"Two orphan girls had been placed with a farmer, who maltreated and whipped them. The girls eventually became prey to the lust of the two youths on trial. The boys were sentenced to a term in prison, and the girls, for want of a better location, were temporarily entrusted to the shepherdesses at the House of Good Shepherd.

"One would naturally assume, that the poor orphans, victims of brutality and cruelty from their earliest childhood, had at last found a quiet and comfortable refuge. Such assumption, however, would lead to disappointment.

"About a month after the trial, I and a friend of mine, called on these girls, and we were shocked to see them dressed in coarse prison garb, made of denim, or overalls goods. To our inquiry what became of the good though plain dresses with which we had them equipped, the reply was that as soon as the girls entered the prison they were required to surrender their dresses to the 'sisters,' and to don the prison garb.

"Further questioning elicited the following replies: 'We are obliged to work long hours in the prison laundry, or scrub the floors and polish stoves. They do not teach us anything, and we do not like it here.'

"We inquired of the nuns whether the girls would not be given opportunity to receive at least rudiments of an elementary education, and instruction in sewing, cooking and housework. The nuns assured us that 'all would be right.'

"On our second visit we brought goods for dresses and insisted that the girls should have them made and be permitted to wear them. The nuns confiscated the goods, and only after repeated protestations from us did they finally permit the girls to make and wear the dresses occasionally.

"Later we learned more of the bad treatment, and we decided to take the poor orphans away from this institution. But this was not easy. The nuns insist on keeping their slaves as long as they may, and they refused to surrender the two girls. We appealed to the court and to others, and finally we presented the case to District Attorney Zabel, who after some effort succeeded in having the girls released.

"Upon their release, the girls were free to tell us all about the treatment at the hands of the shepherdesses.

"In the morning, one girl would comb many others with one comb. A number of girls were thus hurriedly combed in fifteen minutes, and they could not be combed properly. As a result many had vermin in their hair.

"They were obliged to work hard, and long hours. The two girls in question spent nearly five years at this prison, but during all this time they had no opportunity to learn reading, writing nor arithmetic. They could not read the time of the day upon the clock, and had no idea of the value of money.

"The girls, now grown up, present the sorry spectacle of adult women encumbered with childish minds. They are mentally undeveloped. We had them with us for two years, we tried to teach them many things, including the three R's, but they still are under developed.

"One of them has married, but cannot make a good housekeeper because she does not know how to buy things. The other works in a factory.

"A similar fate awaits other girls sentenced to the House of Good Shepherd."

4. Case of a Girl Up-State

A girl now residing up-state writes:

"I read with great interest the exposure of the House of Good Shepherd through the columns of the *Kuryer Polski,* but what the *Kuryer* described forms but a small part of what is going on there. I spent two years in that institution and have never in my life worked as hard as when there.

"For three months I was employed at their laundry, and the next eight months I spent scrubbing floors. Our official work hours were said to be from 8 a. m. to 5. p. m. But we seldom quit at 5. Most of the time we were compelled to work till 10 or 11 at night. These long hours apply to the laundry, where there is always more work than can be attended to during the regular working hours.

"Our meals were poor, and insufficient. We received: for breakfast, coffee and bread; for dinner, one potato, a small piece of meat, bread and some apple sauce; for supper, bread and coffee.

"When we worked overtime they would hand us two small pieces of some dry cake, which constituted a veritable feast for us.

"The girls dare not complain when they are sick, for the nuns invariably accuse them of malingering. * * *

"Out-of-town girls were allowed to write to their relatives once a month, and all letters, coming and going, were read by the nuns. Whenever a girl would complain in her letter, such letter would never reach the addressee. The control is so strict, that the public has not been able to learn the truth about this mediaeval private prison in Milwaukee, and I am glad the *Kuryer Polski* is now publishing these facts, because the poor girls, inmates of the House of Good Shepherd, do not deserve the brutal treatment meted out to them and the suffering to which they are exposed, like slaves."

5. The Case of Genevieve W——

The girl in question, aged 13, was committed because she went to work instead of attending school. Yet at the House of Good Shepherd, instead of being permitted to continue her interrupted education, she was put to work and worked harder than before.

Mrs. Agnes W——, 355 Maple street, relates as follows, to-wit:

"I, too, fell victim to our queer probation system. My daughter, Genevieve, 13, was committed to the House of Good Shepherd solely because she worked without permit from the authorities.

Too Large For Her Age

"Genevieve attended school, until thirteen. Being of large stature and well developed, she was often teased by her schoolmates, who nicknamed her 'the old maid,' or called her 'mother,' and made it unpleasant for her in many other little ways. My daughter bore up with this petty persecution for a long time, but in the end her patience gave out, and she would come home crying almost every day. Genevieve asked me many times to take her away from school, but I persuaded her to continue at school, because I realized she was too young to quit.

"One day, however, Genevieve returned home, crying, and declared that under no consideration would she go back to school. She was then thirteen years and three months old. My persuasions failed to shake her resolve, and Genevieve remained home from then on. This was in April, 1916.

Goes To Work Without Permit

"Not wishing to be idle, Genevieve applied for work and secured a job soon enough. About two weeks later, Police Officer M—— came to the house and said that Genevieve would be arrested, and that my husband and I should appear before the juvenile court on the day following. Judge Eschweiler at that time presided over this court. I must add, that my knowledge of the English language is very limited, and neither I nor my husband understood the nature of the trouble.

"In court I was approached by a probation officer named Domachowski, who asked what we were going to do about it. I told him that we did not know the character of the complaint against Genevieve. After some proceedings, Mr. Domachowski informed me that Judge Eschweiler decided to place Genevieve in the care of a German farmer near Martens, Wisconsin.

Deported Despite Protests

"Our protests were of no avail, and the girl was sent into a strange family in a strange place. Genevieve complained to me later that she was obliged to work too hard. She rose at 5, did some housework and the family washing, attended horses and wagons, but her most important task was to wait on a man paralyzed four years before, whom she had to lift and keep clean.

"Later she wrote me that she could do this work no longer, and asked me to take her home, which I was perfectly willing to do. I proceeded to the juvenile court, where I related to Mr. Domachowski the substance of my daughter's complaints. Mr. Domachowski replied that my daughter lied to me, that on the contrary she had a good home, was attending school, learning to play piano, and learning fancy work, and that I would receive pay for her services. This statement misled me and I actually began to believe that my daughter, in her desire to return home, overstated her grievances.

Daughter In Slavery

"Some time later I had a talk with Mrs. Smith of the probation office, and she expressed the opinion that my daughter was not treated right and ought not to have been sent to do such hard work on the farm. Then again my daughter wrote, complaining and asking to return. I appealed to Mr. Domachowski, who informed me that the trouble was not with my daughter, who is known to be a good and deserving girl, but that the trouble is with her home surroundings; that is, with me and my husband. I asked why then I was not arrested if I did anything unlawful, and why I was not punished instead of my innocent daughter.

"Again we appeared before the court, husband and I, and the judge was inclined to comply with our request, when one of the female probationers remarked that my husband was earning very little and could not give Genevieve a good home. Thereupon the judge rejected our prayer.

Works With Broken Arm

"On the 29th of May Genevieve broke her right arm, and soon thereafter I learned that she was nevertheless required to do hard work with her left hand. Then, I proceeded to the farm, in company with Mrs. Szwankowska and Mr. Szweda. We found that Genevieve was really doing the family washing with her left hand. By the end of the month we brought her home. Her arm was partly healed. She did not receive a dollar in the way of wages.

"One night at midnight, Officer M—— arrested her again at the home of Mrs. Szwankowska. The following day a place was found for her as maid in a private family at $3.50 a week. She was forbidden to call on her parents.

Given To the Shepherdesses

"A few weeks later Genevieve returned home. She said the work was too hard for her, and she preferred to stay home. She remained at home several months, or until October. Then they arrested her again, and the juvenile court sent her to the House of Good Shepherd, until majority. There she was treated worse than at the places of her former employ.

"Three weeks later she, with five other girls escaped. In leaping from the window in the third story of the house, she hurt her side and was suffering when she returned home. I kept her in home in hiding, but Officer M—— learned that she was home. Assisted by Officer E——, M——came to my house at night. E—— did not enter the house. M—— asked for Genevieve and I told him that he had no right to enter my house without a warrant. He insisted on entering the house, and my husband and I pushed him outdoors.

Genevieve Recapturd

"M—— then telephoned to the station, and soon enough a patrolwagon with five policemen drove up. They broke into our house, kidnapped our daughter and returned her to the House of Good Shepherd.

"As we resisted this unlawful proceeding, M—— called us ugly German names. We consulted several lawyers but it seemed that no authorities had any jurisdiction over the House of Good Shepherd. My daughter was fourteen years old only last month and would have to remain at this prison for seven more years. This we cannot permit. We have therefore engaged another attorney and are trying to get her out."

The entire procedure reminds one of stories told of Siberia. That similar atrocities should occur in the United States is past belief, yet it is true. A day's sojourn at the Good Shepherd casts a stigma that years of virtuous life cannot wipe off. Parents should be punished, if guilty of misconduct, but innocent and chaste girls should be spared the humiliation and the harsh treatment.

Sacred Duty of the Legislature

The *Kuryer Polski* repeats that delinquent girls, or girls exposed to demoralizing home influences might under certain conditions be benefited by being placed in a properly conducted corrective and educational institution.

But to send girls to unknown farmers, where they are more likely to be abused than not, or to send them to the House of Good Shepherd, where they are abused, is wrong. The attempted cure is worse than the evil.

The legislature is in session. Can there be a more sacred, a more urgent duty before the legislators than that of verifying the charges presented by the *Kuryer Polski,* and of adopting remedial measures?

REV. N. A. NANCE TO LECTURE ON THE MENACE OF ROMANISM

We have just received a communication from the popular and earnest minister of the gospel, N. A. Nance, in which he says, "I have decided to give a part of my time to lecturing on The Menace of Romanism, as I feel it my duty to do so and render a much needed service to my country."

Mr. Nance is a fine representative of a rapidly growing number of high-minded scholarly clergymen who are at once broad thinkers, fundamental patriots, and loyal servants of primitive Christianity, who recognize the growing peril to our free institutions and liberal democracy because of the paganized Roman hierarchy that is carrying forward a nation wide POLITICAL CAMPAIGN for the substitution of the papal for the democratic theory of government.

The following testimonials of prominent citizens of Kansas, who were personally acquainted with Mr. Nance before his removal to Texas, shows how high he stands in the estimation of leading citizens where he is well known.

Olathe, Kansas, Dec. 23, 1915.
I am well acquainted with Rev. W. A. Nance, pastor of the First Christian church, Olathe, Kansas. I have attended his church in this city and greatly enjoyed his sermons. I take great pleasure in recommending him as an excellent preacher, able and conscientious, and an honorable citizen.
Respectfully yours,
JOHN T. LITTLE,
Ex. Att'y. General of Kansas.

Olathe, Kansas, Dec. 21, 1915.
This is to certify that W. A. Nance, Minister First Christian church, Olathe, Kansas, is personally known to me as a Christian gentleman, honorable and honest in his dealings and gentlemanly in his conduct. A great good has come to our city, through his efforts and labors, during his ministry with the First Christian church of this city.
GEO. H. HODGES,
Ex. Gov. of Kansas.

Olathe, Kansas, January 11th, 1916.
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:
Rev. W. A. Nance, minister of the First Christian church of Olathe, Kansas, is personally known to me and is a man of splendid ability, well liked and fully capable of faithfully performing any duty in which he may engage in connection with any line of Christian work.
JOHN P. ST. JOHN,
Ex. Gov. of Kansas.

Olathe, Kansas, Dec. 22, 1915.
This is to certify that W. A. Nance, pastor First Christian church, Olathe, Kansas, has served us faithfully for more than two years, and has the fullest confidence and the highest esteem of his congregation.
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SAM J. KELLEY,
Chairman Board of Officers,
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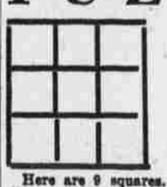

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