

The Roman Catholic Political Machine Is the Deadliest Menace to American Liberty and Free Institutions

# THE MENACE

Education Is the Handmaid of Progress—Ignorance and Superstition Are the Worst Enemies of Civilization

## WE CAN WHIP ROME WITH THE SCORPIONS SHE HAS TAUGHT US TO USE

HE peculiar position in which this country finds itself after fifty years of papal effort to ultimately "make America Catholic" was never more clearly evident than now. The situation is not one that can be made clear in a paragraph. Neither is it our purpose to burden you with details when a general summary will convey the necessary intelligence in fewer words. Public sentiment was never more unqualifiedly in favor of taking every precaution to safeguard American ideals and institutions than now.

When bills looking to the realization of this vital program are introduced before legislators, however, organized popery springs into action bringing influences to bear which often result in legislators taking action directly opposed to the desire of the majority.

Thus are put to rout real believers in government of the people, for the people, by the people, as opposed to government of a nation by a church, for that church.

An illustration is seen in Nebraska where a bill was introduced before the legislature to make the public school the sole educational institution for all children until completion of the eighth grade course of study, attendance to be compulsory eight months in the year.

Rome, ever organized and ready to spring into action, immediately appeared before the committee furthering and considering this and similar legislation, and by her speedy action and vigorous protests seemingly deceived the committee as to the real public sentiment on the matter.

In a spirit of compromise it was decided that a new bill would be drafted bringing parochial and private schools under state supervision but allowing forty minutes each day for the teaching of the catechism and what not in the language of the land from which parents of parochial pupils emigrated.

In other words, newspaper reports say religious instruction in a foreign tongue is to be permitted in any private or parochial school in the state of Nebraska. Yet it was the things promoted by the over-lords of the system that insisted on such church domination of immature minds that, during the war made Nebraska trouble in so many parts of the state. The existence of danger to Americanism from this source was responsible for thirteen Nebraska districts electing legislators pledged to correct the condition. Yet a joint educational committee seemingly overlooks this demand of Nebraska citizens and takes cognizance of a protest made possible by the close organization of a very small minority.

Now if that majority had been closely organized so that on a moment's notice it could have appointed men to go to Lincoln and show that committee that friends

Capable men all over the country are ready and willing to undertake the work of combining the forces now organized, and the unorganized. It is largely a missionary effort. Many of them cannot work without enough pay for their time to care for their families while employed. Though strongly advocating the movement the League has no fund with which it can step out and say to these men, "Here is your expense money, now get busy." Those who want to hasten and facilitate the work, who want to see a working force in the field on this proposition may use the blank below. This is not an appeal to help either THE MENACE or the League. The League merely guarantees to faithfully account for the funds as expended for the purposes outlined in the above. It cannot profit financially. Its only reason for determining to become the agency, under whose auspices such a movement might be launched, is because, many of its most trusted friends have been insisting on this move for more than five years. Because of the war and because we realized how gigantic is the task we hesitated. But now, as everyone knows, the time for action has come. The League will make an endeavor to see that sooner or later each man gets something for any money contributed. Just what proposition may be made by mail, later, will be determined by the size of the contribution and the opportunity local conditions may offer. Those who might want to help financially, but want to know more of the plan first, will please write Box 318, Aurora, Mo.

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of the public schools were on the ground representing a majority which insists on Americanism before sectarianism how differently it would have ended.

It is the same in other states. Never was the country so wide-awake to the havoc wrought by the parochial system as operated by popery. Never were so many states considering or about to have introduced, bills designed to make the public school the bulwark and melting pot that they were intended to be.

Yet, popery, in nearly every state, knows just what is going to happen and is ready with her close organization to get before the legislatures and defeat the desires of the majority. And all this is merely the result of lethargy on the part of the American people who have been so broadly tolerant and credulous regarding everything labeled "RELIGIOUS" that they have failed to recognize that popery insists on government by the church and for the church. This condition exists only because the people have not yet seen that if future Protestantism is to be free in America as it has been in the past, it must think, not in terms of Protestantism, but in terms of Americanism, while recognizing that good papists never think nor act politically except in terms of Catholicism.

Americanism of the broadest kind is all we need to insure the future of Protestantism, but popery is seeking to substitute the pope's way for the American way and the quicker we come to realize that all her political activity is designed to do that very thing, the better for the country.

Just stop and think a minute. If a compulsory public school law were to be introduced in your state tomorrow what steps could you take or what steps do you feel would be taken to get friends of the public schools before the legislative committee to urge its passage? Do you know of an agency anywhere in your state that could at once call friends of the schools together in each community and send a representation to the capitol building to make known the desires of 85 per cent of the population? NO YOU DON'T KNOW OF A SINGLE AGENCY THAT COULD DO THAT.

Think again. Do you doubt for a minute that popery would have men on the floor of that legislative chamber immediately? YOU KNOW SHE WOULD. What makes the difference?

The answer is: Papists are organized—non-Catholics are not. During the next two years important public school legislation will either pass or fail in every state. Are you interested in getting ready for action?

Billy Parker has an interesting message for you on how the awakened forces of this nation can combine and organize. He is in touch with men who are ready to help. Are you? For instance, are you ready to step out and help organize the awakened forces in your community? Do you want to see a working organization with facilities to get results for the public schools and other American organization programs? If you want to see will you demonstrate your faith by your works? If you will, write to the Free Press Defense League, Box 318, Aurora, Mo.

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## Booze and Good Roads vs. Public Schools

At Adrian, Mich., on the 6th inst., 800 women met to hear an address by Mayor James H. Baker on the equal suffrage question.

A Catholic priest, one Rev. John Mies also addressed the audience. He advised his lady hearers, to vote for a wine and beer amendment to the state constitution—to vote for bonds in aid of state roads—also to vote against legislation affecting parochial schools.

We can understand why the priest was so anxious about the wine and beer question, even to asking the ladies to vote for it, and we can readily see, why, in his mind the good roads proposition lapped on to the wine and beer business, as tippy people need good roads on which to reach their homes, but why he should tack the parochial school question on to the liquor deal, we cannot imagine, unless—oh, horrors! he thought that the parochial school teachers needed the wine and beer to enable them to do their work. If this is the idea, it is the unkindest of all, and we can hear the sisters (a la Caesar) crying in chorus: "Et tu brute, only in this case it would be paraphrased into Et tu Mies."

The public school question is no longer a local affair. It is one which concerns the United States government and it is your duty to help the government insist on Americanization of the coming generations by sending all children to the public schools.

The papists of Nebraska were anxious for state inspection and supervision of parochial schools when they found that they could avoid elimination of those schools only by submitting to such a program. But look out! The next thing papists will be running all the schools.

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## Shall U.S. Pattern After Austria and Bavaria

THE pages of the Craft periodicals devote a great deal of attention to our ancient enemy, the Roman church, much of which would be better left unsaid. On the other hand, as we are not too proud to fight, and believe thoroughly in muscular Christianity of the type, when smitten on the one cheek, give your opponent a black eye, we deem it not ill advised to draw attention to the pernicious political activity of the hierarchy.

It is but threshing over old straw to recite, what we all know, that Freemasonry stands for the individual and his right to free thought, free speech, free press and free government "of the people, by the people and for the people"; whereas Rome is the exact antithesis, and stands for the dominance and dictatorship of the church over thought, speech, press and government; a government of the church, by the church and for the church. It is not, however, bigotry to remind the sons of liberty, lest we forget, that the church demands that all mankind owe first and all the time—to the exclusion of all forms of temporal government—absolute and unquestioned obedience to the mandates of the priesthood, to carry into effect, at any cost, with German relentlessness, their aims—not only for spiritual, but for temporal dominion as well.

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## AS DOES CARD. GIBBONS SO DO THE PRIESTS

Sons of the Church Follow in the Footsteps of Its Rulers

One of the after effects of Cardinal Gibbons' statement that prohibition would only incite men to violation of law is a priest's statement published widely in *The Brooklyn Eagle* and other New York papers.

Cardinal Gibbons' statement showed a tender regard for the elements which foster defiance of law and here is what one of the priests under him said later in the widely published article to which we have just referred:

It is an unjust law. No one is bound to obey it. No one should have the least scruple about evading it, breaking it or defying it.

W. H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League in New York, scores the priest thus:

This is the very sort of thing which might naturally have been expected to grow out of the cardinal's utterances, and against which we protested. The cardinal's statement was more adroitly and temperately phrased, but it had in it the seed of disturbance which bore quick fruit in the utterance of this particular priest.

This utterance, if repeated after the amendment becomes operative, might not only bring the reverend gentleman into intimate touch with the federal criminal code, but would put his people outside the pale of the law in case they followed his advice.

The priest uttering the statement criticized is John L. Bedford, rector of the Church of the Nativity, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Get into the harness and organize. When you get organized stay in the harness. Be ready to meet Rome in the chambers of legislatures or anywhere in the United States at a moment's notice.

Rev. E. T. Swigert, according to *The Cincinnati Enquirer* of March 18, says that St. Patrick of Ireland is the only saint in the Presbyterian calendar. He was born near Dumbarton, Scotland, and had no connection with the Roman communion. We have heard that Patrick was connected with the ancient Masonic guilds and took part in some cornerstone layings, but never knew before how far back Presbyterianism went!—Exchange.

By HARRY T. EVANS, Associate Editor of *Square and Compass*, a Journal of Masonry, Published in Denver.

affairs of every nation of the earth, as it was in pre-reformation times. With the intent to save papal Austria, she sought to bring about a peace without a fight to a finish. The Italian debacle of a year ago was due to the treachery of the vatican. So long as German arms were in the ascendancy she offered but weak protest to the destruction and spoliation of Belgian and French cathedrals and peoples, they being liberty-loving and in temporal affairs anti-papal. The loot of German vandals now is found in the hands of German cardinals, who seek to wash their hands by restoration through neutral ports—as though that could not have been accomplished previous to November 11.

If ever state papers see the light, it will be clearly shown that the kaiser had promised the restoration of the temporal power of the pope in the event of his victory. In Canada and in Ireland the church, by every means in its power, endeavored to stay the hand of the government in raising and equipping an army. German sympathizers in Ireland have done and are doing everything in their power, through the church to detach Ireland from Great Britain. The successful termination of a war in favor of Protestant nations against papal ones causes no joy in the vatican, which consistently endeavors to sow seeds of disension between the great powers, so linked together by every tie that can bind.

It was a cunningly conceived and carried out plan, that the social life of the army should be conducted by but one religious order—to the exclusion of others. Most fortunately, the Y. M. C. A. developed a Protestant force in spiritual matters that was not counted upon; in return for which it is now attacked for shortcomings, which, we venture the assertion, are not a tittle of similar conditions and expenditures on the part of its unequal yoke-fellow.

Rome is constantly endeavoring

Don't be drones. When you know legislation is pending that Rome is going to fight, call a meeting of the awakened patriots and send men to Washington, if necessary, who can present your case to the legislators. Don't let Rome do all the talking and all the sending. If you aren't organized so you can call meetings with any degree of success it is time you were finding out how to get ready for action. Write Box 318, Aurora, Mo.

## Line Up of Wilson's Cabinet, Religiously

The Central has been asked to name the church affiliation of each member of President Wilson's cabinet. *The Kansas City Star* was asked the same question and submitted it to the president's secretary who gave this official a final answer:

President Wilson, Presbyterian. Secretary of State Lansing, Presbyterian.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo (resigned), Episcopalian. Secretary of War Baker, Episcopalian.

Attorney General Gregory, Presbyterian.

Postmaster General Burleson, not personally affiliated; family mostly Baptists.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, Methodist.

Secretary of the Interior Lane, Presbyterian.

Secretary of Agriculture Houston, Episcopalian.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield, Episcopalian.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, Presbyterian.

The president is not a member of any secret lodge or organization other than college fraternities.—*Central Christian Advocate*.

We should add to the above that General Pershing is an Episcopalian and that Mrs. Woodrow Wilson belongs to the same church, and that the new secretary of the treasury Glass, is not claimed by the Catholics which would be the case were he not a Protestant.

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This patriotic order is awakening to newness of life. The spirit of its founders is experiencing a new life and taking action in the form of preparation for insistence on 100 per cent Americanism.

A letter from Dr. Dozier of Birmingham, Ala., discloses the new awakening as seen in a series of resolutions which accompanies this letter.

Birmingham, Ala., Feb. 11, 1919. My Dear Mr. Parker:

I am herewith enclosing a copy of some resolutions adopted by the local council of the Junior Order American Mechanics.

The Junior Order here in Birmingham is becoming quite a live organization, and is somewhat bolder, and it's members somewhat better informed relative to Romanism, than they were a few months ago. From the Birmingham Council there is radiating an influence among the other local councils in this state that will make the Junior Order an intensely anti-Romish as any of the other patriotic societies.

With highest personal regards, and best wishes for THE MENACE and every member of its staff, I am Fraternally and cordially yours, BYRON DOZIER.

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, That the following resolutions, embodying the sentiments and wishes of this council, Birmingham Council No. 21, Junior Order United American Mechanics, be printed and that a copy of same be sent to each and every member of the legislature of Alabama, now in session at Montgomery, with the earnest request that every true American patriot in the legislature give to these resolutions his thoughtful consideration and actively engage himself in any laudable manner as his abilities and opportunities will permit to the end that suitable bills be drawn embracing the purposes herein set forth and that they be promptly enacted into law, to-wit:

1. That every child in Alabama between the ages of 7 and 14 years shall be compelled to attend public school for a period not less than twenty weeks in each and every year.

2. That all schools and literary educational institutions receiving any funds from county, city, town or state treasury, or that make charges for tuition, shall be required to have displayed on the grounds or on the building the lawful flag of our country—the Stars and Stripes—during all sessions of school, subject to the regulations of the federal government for protection of the flag against weather conditions.

3. That all public schools of the state of Alabama shall begin each day's routine of studies and exercises of the school with the reading of excerpts from the Holy Bible by the teacher—these excerpts to be of nature suitable to the intelligence and understanding of the scholars and calculated to inculcate love of justice, truth and uprightness among them.

4. That the distinctive garb of no religious sect or society shall be permitted to be worn in the schools or classrooms of any schools or literary educational institutions of Alabama receiving moneys of the state, or of any city, town or municipality of the state.

5. That every teacher in Alabama,

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## The Religious Issue Raised in Belgium

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 28.—Belgium is facing a crisis in its political history. The present government, comprising six Catholics, three liberals and three socialists, is acknowledged everywhere to be only a provisional one, a government of transition. A real government which will direct the reconstruction of Belgium is in the making.

It is not expected that elections can be held in less than six months. Meanwhile the political fight will be waged upon a basis of universal suffrage—one man, one vote. Before the war the priests had four votes, land owners and nobles as many votes as they had estates in different provinces and socialists and liberals only one vote each. The socialists were mostly workmen and the liberals mostly professional men. This enabled the Catholic party to be in power for more than forty years. Under the universal suffrage system which would relegate priests and land owners to the same category as workmen, doctors and lawyers, it is asserted the Catholic party may be placed in the minority. Nevertheless, Cardinal Mercier's great personality and the energy he displayed in behalf of Belgians during the war is said to have greatly helped the cause of the Catholic party.—*The Chicago Daily News*, January 15, 1919.

being engaged in teaching in public schools or in private schools where tuition is charged, shall be required to undergo the usual examinations and comply with all the requirements which the laws now provide for the qualifying and licensing of teachers in the public schools of the state.

6. That no property in Alabama shall be exempt from taxation by reason of it being owned or possessed by a religious society, sect, organization or church, except such as is in actual use for religious worship, and shall exempt no land upon which there is not a church or parsonage.

7. That it be made the mandatory duty of properly designated officials of the state to visit at frequent intervals of time and thoroughly inspect all schools, prisons, houses of detention and reformatories and eleemosynary institutions, of whatsoever name, purport or purpose, public or private, wherein either women or children are harbored or detained, and that all such places or institutions, whether public or private, that shall be found engaged in the unlawful detention of any citizen of this state or of any other state shall be considered as in violation of the sovereign law of Alabama, and shall be abolished, and the property made subject to confiscation by the state.

8. That it shall be unlawful for any magistrate, judge or civil official of this state, or of any of the subdivisions of this state, to commit any woman or child to the care or detention of any institution other than such places, institutions, schools or reformatories as may have been provided by the state, and which are wholly under the supervision of the state authorities.

9. That it shall be unlawful and an offense against the majesty of the state for any person to remarry, or to perform any marriage ceremony between a man and a woman who may have been previously legally married by some other person who had legal authority to perform the marriage ceremony according to the laws of Alabama.

10. That it shall be unlawful for any official of the state, or of the county of any city, town or county to aid in the diverting of any of the public funds of the state, or of any city, town or county of the state, from the lawful uses for which they were gathered, or to deliver such funds or any part of such funds into the hands of treasurer, agent or representative of any sectarian church, school, asylum, reformatory or other eleemosynary institution.

11. That no foreign-born person shall be eligible to register, vote or hold public office under the laws of Alabama except he shall furnish evidence by federal records of his full compliance with United States law as to acquisition of citizenship.

12. That the United States congress be memorialized for the speedy passage of bills reported from the committee on immigration of the house for the prohibiting of foreign immigration for four years and for the denotation of all interned enemy aliens and the deportation of those convicted of disloyal acts in the federal courts as soon as their terms of imprisonment expire.

BYRON DOZIER, E. R. CALHOUN, C. O. JACOBS, Special Committee on Resolutions.

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## A "Community" Chest Idea

The war chest idea, with its system of illegal taxations and enforced payments, was such a success in places, so beneficial to Catholic interests, and so universally favored by "Catholic citizens," that Dr. W. A. Scullen, chancellor of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, proposes to have a "Community Chest" to take care of local interests. It's a brilliant idea, and just the thing for the priests to put over.

They could list their various charities, hospitals and H. O. G. S., fix the amounts each would receive, assess the public for the money, rake it in, mainly from the non-Catholic public, and have a good time generally.

Our only wonder is, whether the people of Cleveland are going to fall for the game. If they do they are not to be pitied.

To Readers in St. Joseph, Mo. All MENACE readers who would like to become members of a good local patriotic organization should write Box 318, Aurora, Mo.