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THE EVILS OF ORGANIZED CENSORSHIP OF PRESS

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stopped there. Mr. Burleson informed the press at the outset that every socialist organ was in danger, not because it was socialistic, but because of the doctrines it taught! No paper, he said, would be allowed to affirm that this is a capitalistic war—thus demonstrating beyond all question his misconception of his task. *It seems that he no longer merely seeks to prevent sedition and treason, but aims to control public opinion.*"

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Hancock, Mich.—Your appeal contained in Menace No. 387 has been carefully read. That you are doing a noble and necessary work for the maintenance of freedom in this supposedly free country is extremely evident to all persons, living in a dominant Catholic community, who refuse to bow to the demands of the arch enemy. I am sending my donation, the amount probably looks insignificant. I only wish I could do more.

Bloomingburg, Ohio.—Your S. O. S. call for help just received and you will find enclosed five dollars as my mite. It would be nothing short of a crime for patriotic red-blooded Americans to allow The Menace to lose any of its efficiency for want of a few paltry dollars. I will be one of thousands that will make up whatever is necessary to finish paying the $40,000 indebtedness when due if this appeal does not raise the money.

St. Louis, Mo.—Your interrogatory, "Shall The Menace Live?" just received and carefully read. I am exceedingly sorry to learn that the indebtedness has not been met, and am equally sorry that I am not able to contribute a larger amount than the check enclosed. The Menace has certainly made an open fight from its initial number to the present day, as I can witness, having been a subscriber from within a few months of the first issue. The five-dollar check enclosed is small indeed compared with the amount to be raised, and I send it with a prayer that there may be ten thousand others at least, averaging an equal amount.

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An Open Avowal of An Alliance and An Aim

Hot Stuff From Nov. 21st Issue of Word and Way, a Baptist Paper Published In Kansas City

THE following open, arrogant, and defiant discussion was sent two or three weeks ago to the editor of *The Railway Post Office* in Kansas City, by Mr. J. A. O'Connor, ex-secretary of the Cincinnati branch of the railway mail association. The article was credited to *The National Catholic Register*, and Mr. O'Connor being himself a Catholic the article is presumably authentic. Mr. O'Connor gave as a reason for wanting the article published at that time that it would serve a good purpose as campaign literature. In other words, he thought it would help the administration, (in the November election) or more strictly speaking, the democratic party. Feeling that the Catholic church was under obligation to the administration for large favors, and that there was a probability that if the democratic party remains in power yet other favors would be granted the Catholic church, Mr. O'Connor felt that it was the duty of the Catholic church to give to the party full and loyal support. For the enlightenment of our readers we give *The Register* editorial in full. It follows:

"CATHOLICISM AND POLITICS

"Catholicism is, and always has been a practical religion. There is no sin that it cannot forgive or absolve; there is no human soul so ignorant, lowly or degraded that cannot seek shelter and peace under its divinely protecting wings. It was founded by Jesus, the Son of God and Mary, upon the eternal rock of truth; and Jesus was practical. He bestowed spiritual blessings upon every soul-weary sinner who came seeking the life eternal; he healed the sick and fed those who hungered. In founding his church, he beseeched his apostles to be practical, using whatever good thing the Father placed within their reach, be it political power, education, money or other material thing. All things consecrated to the use of the Holy Catholic church are sacred and blessed.

"It is God's plan that the Holy Father of Rome should be the temporal and spiritual head of his Kingdom on earth. It is the same today as in the time of the first pope. The best way to accomplish this is through political power, through religious education and service. God has doubly blessed the Catholic church of America by placing one of its most faithful sons at the right hand of President Wilson. Next to the president, Hon. Joseph Tumulty, Knight of Columbus, fourth degree, wields the greatest political power of any man in America, and as a true Catholic he is exercising the great trust which God has given into his hands for the glory of the Holy church. Through his tact and holy zeal he has created a warm friendship between the Catholic church and President Wilson, together with the democratic party. Other presidents have feared the power of the Holy church and have courted its support, politically, by granting it childish favors, which deceived no one. But this is the first time in the history of the country when the president and a great political party have openly sought an equal and honest alliance with the Catholic church. And before seeking this political alliance, the president and his party have shown their good faith by works. Through the efforts of Hon. Joseph Tumulty, President Wilson has practically granted that education in the Philippines (?) shall be under control of the Catholic church; and that religious activity in the great American army shall be under the direction of the Knights of Columbus. This means the addition to the church of one million of the country's best and bravest young men, or at least their strong preference and sympathy for the Catholic church. We must make the most of this opportunity. President Wilson has also shown every encouragement and sympathy with the program of the church in bringing the war-orphaned children of Belgium and France to this country. These children are solidly Catholic and will be reared and educated in the faith.

"All these things, and more, show that President Wilson and the democratic party are sincere in their friendship for the Catholic church. This is only as it should be, because the democratic party is the one in which is found almost ninety per cent of the Catholics. By an alliance between the Catholic church and the democratic party, the ideals of both will be made secure by creating a dominant political organization.

"This may be proved by actual figures. The country is normally republican by about three million votes. There is not much doubt that the Catholic church can give to the democratic party two million more votes, especially with woman suffrage, because in their noble devotion to the cause of their church, the women of the Catholic faith will vote first for its interest.

"The Catholics will soon have an opportunity to prove their appreciation of President Wilson's friendship, and at the same time increase their political prestige and strength. The republicans are making a desperate effort to wrest control of congress from the democratic party, and in this way discredit the president. Their party machinery is quiet but deadly. In elections that have already been held they have made decided gains, partly through an exceptionally strong organization and partly through the indifference of the democratic voters. Every Catholic must awaken to his duty and stand by his church and President Wilson. Your duty is plain. The republican party is the recognized and open enemy of the Catholic church. Every recognized leader in its organization, from the lowest to the highest, is a member of the secret pagan order of Masonry, the ancient and most dangerous enemy of the Holy Catholic church and the truth faith."—*National Catholic Register.*"

The above will perhaps be an eye-opener to some of our readers who have been giving little or no attention to the encroachments of the Catholic church. We are not here going to discuss the doctrines of the church. Baptists believe in religious liberty and the freedom of conscience. Baptists are in favor of Catholics having the same freedom in religion as they themselves have. Of course, Baptists believe that the Catholic religion, as such, is false and dangerous. Catholics have the right to their religion, however, and the right to practice and propagate their religion *up to the point where such practice and propagation do not affect or threaten our principles of government. The protest against Romanism is on the ground of its interference with the affairs of the government of our country.* The frank and lengthy discussion given in the foregoing challenges the attention, and should inspire the protest and resentment of all non-Catholics on the ground that it declares the purpose of Romanism to gain such political power that it will be able to advance its own interests and ultimately reach a point where it can control the principles and policies of our government.

Let it be noted that *The Register*, speaking for the Catholic church, boldly claims in the first paragraph that Jesus authorizes the apostles to use "political power" to advance the interest of the church. Upon this false claim Catholics are forward to justify themselves in seeking and securing political power. With them the end justifies the means. In the beginning of the second paragraph it is affirmed that it is God's plan that "the 'holy father' of Rome should be the temporal and spiritual head of his kingdom on earth." This is simply a restatement of the age-long and persistent claim that the pope, by divine right, should be the temporal ruler of the world. And there is no sort of doubt that it is the program of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to establish the temporal rule of their Catholic kaiser. While billions of dollars have been expended and millions of lives sacrificed to dethrone a military autocracy, heading up in Berlin, Catholics are diligently working on a program for a world-wide ecclesiastical autocracy, heading up in Rome. *The Register* does not hesitate to announce that the best way to put the pope on the throne of temporal power is through political power. And it is in this way and to this end that the Catholic church is diligently and effectively working throughout the world, and especially in the United States.

Let careful attention be given to the following statement: "God has doubly blessed the Catholic church of America by placing one of its most faithful sons at the right hand of President Wilson. Next to the president Honorable Joseph Tumulty, Knight of Columbus, fourth degree, wields the greatest political power of any man in America, and as a true Catholic he is exercising the great trust which God has given into his hands for the glory of the Holy church. Through his tact and holy zeal he has created a warm friendship between the Catholic church and President Wilson, together with the democratic party."

Observe that *The Register* claims that God has shown signal favor to the Catholic church in America by placing "one of its most faithful sons" at the president's right hand. Mr. Tumulty, President Wilson's private secretary, who is a Catholic and a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, is claimed by *The Register* to be next to the president, the most influential man in the nation. And *The Register* claims that Mr. Tumulty is there serving the cause of the Catholic church and using his influence to gain political favors for it. He has succeeded, we are told, in creating a warm friendship between the Catholic church and President Wilson and between the Catholic church and the democratic party. We do not undertake to say that Mr. Tumulty, in his responsible and influential position, is abusing his position and betraying his country, but we want to point out very clearly and emphasize very strongly that Mr. Tumulty is being thought of by the Catholics of the country as using his position to serve the Catholic church and further its interests.

The Register, in substance, congratulates the Catholics of the country that President Wilson and the democratic party "have openly sought an equal and honest alliance with the Catholic church," and that there is proof of the alliance of the democratic party with the Catholic church in the service rendered by the party to the church.

Note the further claim that President Wilson, through the influence of Mr. Tumulty, has practically consented to an arrangement by which the Catholic church shall have control of education in the Philippines. Let particular attention be given to the claim that as a special concession to the Catholic church by the administration, through the influence of Mr. Tumulty, "religious activity in the great American army is under the direction of the Knights of Columbus." By this means, *The Register* claims, "one million of the country's best and bravest young men" will be added to the Catholic church, or these million young men will be brought to a preference for and sympathy with the Catholic church. This makes an opportunity, says *The Register*, Catholics must make the most of it. But there are yet other favors that *The Register* claims the Catholic church has received from the administration. The Catholic church, it seems plans to bring the orphan children of Belgium and France to this country. These children, it is claimed, are Catholics and will be reared and educated in the Catholic faith. President Wilson, it is affirmed, is giving every encouragement and sympathy to this enterprise.

The Register takes the position that the democratic party in forming an alliance with the Catholic church, and the administration in its partiality to the Catholics are doing nothing but what is reasonable and right, since "almost ninety per cent" of the Catholics of the country are in the democratic party. By an alliance between the democratic party and the Catholic church, so *The Register* argues, the ideals of both will be realized and a dominant political organization created. As the argument runs, the hope of the democratic party is in the Catholic church. The country is normally republican by a majority of some three million. The democratic party, it is claimed, is absolutely dependent upon the practically solid vote of the Catholic church to overcome this majority.

Allowance must be made for shrinkage in nearly every statement made by *The Register*. We do not believe that the democratic party has formed any alliance with the Catholic church, nor do we believe that the republican party is, as such, an open enemy of the Catholic church. We do believe, however, that the Catholic church is seeking political power by any and every means, and we do believe further that the government has been entirely too responsive to the demands of Romanism, and that Romanism has been granted favors far beyond what is wise, and safe and just. We have greatly admired President Wilson and have given him full and loyal support, but we have never been able to understand why he persists in having as his private secretary a man so thoroughly devoted to the Catholic faith as is Mr. Tumulty. No man connected with government affairs has such opportunities for knowing all national and international secrets as does the president's private secretary. No wonder the Catholic church is so greatly pleased that Mr. Tumulty stands next to the president in opportunities to know, and with the power to serve the Catholic cause. And there is little cause to doubt that Mr. Tumulty in his position is giving valuable and loyal service to his church.

The sooner the non-Catholics of our country inform themselves of the aggressions and encroachments of the Roman Catholic church the better. By every hook and crook the church is gaining political power and influence. Romanists, as everybody knows, have political power enough, and influence enough with the administration to get forty per cent of the chaplains in the army and navy, and the exclusive right to go into the camps and cantonments and function as a church. Only recently in these columns we called attention to the influence of the Catholic church over the secular papers of the country. If there is one great metropolitan paper in all the land that does not give its influence to the Catholic propaganda the existence of such a paper is unknown to us. For some reason these papers fear the Catholic church and are in some way subsidized by it. Through these papers Romanism gains a great advantage and wields tremendous influence.

If even half of what *The Register* claims concerning the favoritism shown the Catholic church by the administration be true, then we should think that the non-Catholics of the country would use the first opportunity to change administrations. There is no sort of doubt that the democratic principles of our country and the cause of civil and religious freedom are being encroached upon, and menaced by the Roman hierarchy. In the name of a pure Americanism, and to preserve American ideals and institutions and to preserve civil and religious freedom, there must be an uprising to resist the further encroachments of Romanism.

The outspoken declaration of *The Catholic Register*, as quoted above, and upon which we have briefly commented, are interesting and instructive, not to say alarming, in, that they reveal the Catholic program and purpose; the Catholic mind and attitude. They show what Catholics are thinking and doing, and what they propose to do."

NOTE—When religious organs begin to analyze conditions as is done in the foregoing by *The Word and Way* we begin to realize that in spite of press muzzling the excessive papal activity during the past two years has been noted by men who five years ago would never have believed that such things would come to pass or such claims be made. We have taken the liberty to change what was apparently a typographical error for as published in *The Word and Way* the above article, all the way through, speaks of Tumulty as a thirty-third degree night of Columbus instead of a fourth degree knight.

Mr. Brown, the editor of *The Word and Way*, is a Wilson man, he has been one of the country's most loyal supporters of the administration in all "win the war" efforts; the more glory to him for having spoken right out in meeting when things looked wrong to him. He might well have stated, however, that almost universally the democrats of the south are anti-papal. Exceptions to the anti-papalism of that party in the south occur it is true, as in Louisiana and Kentucky, but where will you find conditions more favorable to complete separation of church and state than in Florida and Alabama? Nevertheless certain aspiring democrats of the South surrender to Romanism for the sake of national supremacy for the party, as witness the fight on Watson in Georgia, Kilby in Alabama, and Catts in Florida, to say nothing of how some southern politicians have conducted themselves in Washington when considering measures involving the principle of separation of church and state.

No plea in abatement can possibly be made for the democratic party north of the Mason and Dixon line, however. We also want to call the attention of our readers to the fact that *The New York Times* occasionally kicks over the traces with some interesting news that would hardly be passed by a competent papal censor and it can be said in favor of *The Christian Science Monitor* that it is one daily paper with a wide national circulation that never hesitates to defend PRINCIPLE if the Roman Catholic church, by its excessive political meddling, attempts to block the onward march of PRINCIPLE. *The Monitor* raps papal meddling with considerable vim and vigor.

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ME TOO, GIBBONS

If Benedict Takes Snuff Cardinal Gibbons Sneezes and Associated Press Would Call it News

The amusing regularity with which we see the endorsement by Cardinal Gibbons, or, as he signs himself, J. Card Gibbons, or something, President Wilson, Benedict XV, or some other notable has said or done, reminds us of the pet name by which the late ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York was familiarly known.

In the days when Senators Platt and Conkling ruled the republican party of New York with a rod of iron, and likewise essayed to run the nation, Senator Platt, by reason of his subserviency to the dominating personality of Roscoe Conkling, and his endorsement of whatever the latter said and done, was derisively called "Me Too, Platt." The nickname stuck, and Senator Platt was more widely known by the appellation of "Me Too" than by any other name. The term largely contributed to his political overthrow.

"Me Too's" alias, "Rubber Stamps," are so numerous nowadays in political, social, and ecclesiastical life, as to attract but little attention from the public; though it is evident that the prevalence of me-too-ism is largely caused by the influx into public life of many persons, who, afflicted with an excess of mediocrity, try to attract the attention of the public by aping their superiors.

This class of unfortunates seem perfectly willing to be classed among the "Echoes," "Rubber Stamps," and "Me Too's" if thereby they attain a brief and cheap notoriety, and are able to read their names in the newspapers even if in so doing they invite political extinction, which so many of them secured in the last election.

It is safe to say that the greatest living exponent of the "Me Too" idea, is the aged and somewhat garrulous cleric of Baltimore, who never fails to get into print with an endorsement of something the president or his lord on the Tiber has said or done, and thereby keeps himself before the public eye as one of the great cog wheels of the nation.

We do not say that the cardinal does this for vain glory or more reprehensible purposes, as he has undoubtedly convinced himself that he is one of the indispensables, and that without his O. K. the public would fail to do its duty and the nation cease to exist. More probably he has arrived at such a mental stage that if the cable should state that Benedict was taking snuff, the cardinal would sneeze with such violence that the Associated Press would carry the news the length of the land, and the public be apprised of the important news that the said "J. Card." had had a nasal convulsion.

A fresh, very fresh, illustration of this echo idea of the cardinal is to be found in the following from *The Kansas City Star* of November 2:

"GIBBONS FOR JEWISH STATE

"Approval Is Given by Cardinal to the Zionist Plan

"New York, Nov. 21.—Announcement that Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore had authorized publication of a statement of his approval of establishing in Palestine a national homeland for the Jewish people was made here today by the Zionist Organization of America.

" 'It is with pleasure that I learn of the approval accorded by his holiness, Benedict XV, to the plan of providing a homeland in Palestine to the members of the Jewish race,' Cardinal Gibbons's statement reads. 'I am sure that there are many who would feel happy to return to that land, so rich with the sacred traditions of the past, and which is at the same time the home of the fathers.' "

After reading the above we presume our Hebrew brethren will be immeasurably relieved for, with the pope's endorsement and J. Card's ratification of the same, they will now feel perfectly free to return to Palestine. Otherwise without the potent endorsement of these clerical personages they might well have hesitated, and now that Baltimore has spoken nothing more remains to be said, *except that James Card. Gibbons is the great Me Too of the day.*

The diocesan organ of Cardinal O'Connell on November 16 stated that the Knights of Columbus and the bunch of enthroned Roman autocrats known as the National Catholic War Council were urging the government to chastise or destroy THE MENACE and *The Christian Science Monitor.* The Knights of Columbus, when not too busy murdering preachers, have long been demanding the head of THE MENACE in a charger; but their demands have not been granted.

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