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## “Dynamic Possibilities”

Enemies of the Catholic Church in America have issued a new declaration of war and are about to launch an intensive campaign to convince non-Catholics that Rome is a deadly menace to our country.

The first division of the anti-Catholic army will be composed of 120,000 Protestant clergymen. Each preacher will be asked to organize and conduct local crusades against the “Romanist evil,” until “Popery” is utterly and eternally discredited in every community.

The central organization is known as “The Evangelical Protestant Society.” It will undertake to mobilize all Protestants under one banner and conduct a nation-wide “campaign of education,” to the end that fraternal relations between Catholics and Protestants may be destroyed. In the smiling fields of amity they propose to sow seeds of bitterness, suspicion and hatred. Following the general scheme employed so effectively by the Drys, they will employ a large number of agitators, organizers and lecturers. As these workers of mischief will be well paid they are sure to keep busy.

According to its promoters, this “movement has dynamic possibilities.”

Its possibilities are not only dynamic but damnable.

Its possibilities may be judged by the recent history of Ulster.

Stripped of every pretense and camouflage, the intent and object of its promoters is to Ulsterize the United States.

It is not within the power of the Catholic Church, fighting alone, to prevent the consummation of this infernal plot.

The non-Catholic must be reached. He must be convinced of the fraudulent character of the so-called evidence upon which her enemies hope to convict, discredit and destroy Catholicism in America. His sense of fairplay must be aroused. The appeal must be addressed to his reason and love of liberty. If the non-Catholic cannot be aroused, cannot be induced to resist the forces of bigotry, America is certain to be Ulsterized and religious liberty become a thing of the past.

Catholics in Ulster are outnumbered four to one. This is about the same ratio of Catholics to Protestants in America. This preponderance makes it possible to create a “bandwagon situation.” Few like to fight with the minority. This is

especially true of most politicians, editors and business men. My fight against bigots, and for equal rights of every citizen without regard to his religious convictions, has cost me many a pretty dollar and frequently slammed the door of opportunity in my face. Having fought for principle, without ulterior motives or hope of gain, I have refused to let such things dull my sword or turn the point of my lance. Aside from a noble band of loyal friends—Catholic and non-Catholic—I have fought practically alone. Very few members of the Catholic Hierarchy in America even know that I exist.

But knowing what Ulsterization of America would mean, I must continue to fight—not merely for the rights of Catholics—but for Liberty—for the Republic of Jefferson and Lincoln—for American ideals. Realizing the “dynamic possibilities” of a movement designed to enlist 30,000,000 Protestants in a religious war against fellow citizens of another creed, I cannot remain silent or indifferent.

That all my readers may know what Ulsterization of America means I want to remind them that two years ago more than 8,000 Catholic workers lost their jobs at the Belfast shipyards on account of their religion.

During the last two years more than 22,000 Catholics were driven from their homes by mobs made insane by religious prejudice as preached by professional agitators.

There were 425 killed by bombs and bullets and 1,764 wounded.

These figures are not for all Ireland, but for Ulster. They read like a bloody page from the records of barbarism.

The fact that Catholics are outnumbered by Protestants four to one is proof that these assaults upon the lives and property rights of the former were unprovoked.

After years of organization and agitation (openly and in secret societies) Ulster bigots are putting their principles into practise—translating their words into bombs and bullets.

Before this became possible it was necessary to turn backward the dial of progress at least 200 years.

This is one of the “dynamic possibilities” of the anti-Catholic crusade in America. The same cause will produce identical results, regardless of the age or country in which it operates.

The history of the great world war shows how easily human beings slip en masse from the pedestal of civilization into the mire and brutality of barbarism.

The men who organized the "Evangelical Protestant Society," the men who support it with their money, whether secretly or openly, believe and teach the same lies that inspired Belfast Protestants to deny Catholic workers the right to earn a living for their wives and children in their native city.

The leaders of this crusade in America are moved by the same prejudice that drove 22,560 people from their own homes into the streets of Belfast to face bullets from the guns of hidden snipers and fly to the fields and woods for protection. The hatred that murdered nearly 500 Catholics of Ulster may be seen in nearly every word either spoken or written by these American bigots.

That our readers may fully understand the scope, spirit and intent of this un-American movement of "dynamic possibilities," I submit the following article from the New York World of July 14:

"A programme of action and a form of membership pledge will be made public today and a nation-wide membership campaign will be officially opened by the Evangelical Protestant Society—an anti-Papal body which has been organized quietly during the past six months.

"It has the co-operation of such well known clergymen as Dr. Robert Stuart MacArthur, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Bishop William Burt, of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Buffalo; Dr. David James Burrell, in whose study at the Marble Collegiate Church the first organization meeting was held last December; Dr. John Roach Straton, of Calvary Baptist Church; the Rev. Edwin D. Bailey, of the Prospect Heights Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, who is announced as major author of the new society's constitution, and the Rev. Oscar M. Voorhees, general secretary of the Phi Beta Kappa.

"The president of the society is a business man, well known for his evangelistic inclinations—Edward C. Miller, president of the Magnolia Metal Company of No. 115 Bank street. The society aims to include in its membership the 120,000 Protestant clergymen of the United States and many times that number of laity.

#### **Calls Papacy Political.**

"In an interview obtained by The World yesterday, Mr. Miller said: 'The movement, now in its inception, has dynamic possibilities. We intend to form an extensive and permanent organization to fight the Romanist evil. This is probably the biggest movement since the days of Martin Luther.

"We wish to make it clear that we are not hostile to Roman Catholics as individual churchmen. We believe there are thousands of noble Christians in the Catholic Church. To them it is a great spiritual body. But to the Pope and his hierarchy it is only a political organization.

"Yes, I know that the Pope does not claim to be a political ruler; nevertheless, that is exactly what he is. At this moment Papal Nuncio Bonzano at Washington is bending every effort to bring about



an exchange of Ambassadors between the United States and the Vatican. That is political and not religious.

“What this organization proposes to do is to establish a research bureau to examine every charge against the Papacy.

### Says Fight Will Be Open.

“Then the results of such research will be presented to our Executive Committee, and that committee will formulate plans to meet each emergency by use of the pitiless publicity of mass meetings, the circulation of literature or other means of arousing the public to its peril.

“We will have a press department in charge of an editor, who will furnish copy to the secular and religious press and to organizations affiliated with this society throughout the United States. His name will be announced later.

“We will fight Papal Rome and its hierarchy in its attempt to encroach on American institutions; for instance, in its attempt to destroy the American public school system in the interest of its parochial schools, where Papal religious and political teaching is given.

### We'll "Expose" Efforts.

“We will confront its efforts to procure sectarian appropriations. We will serve notice on politicians that henchmen of the Roman hierarchy fill a percentage of the public offices out of all proportion to the percentage of the population. We will combat its use of the Knight of Columbus, Tammy Hall, the Jesuits and other organizations to secure the balance of political power in this country for the purposes of the Papal hierarchy.

“We will expose the efforts of the Catholic hierarchy to create hostility between Great Britain and the United States in order to prevent close co-operation between the two Protestant countries. We will oppose any exchange of Ambassadors with the Vatican.’

“The Evangelical Protestant Society will make public today a pamphlet entitled ‘The E. P. S. Bulletin,’ in which its principles and methods of operation are explained, for distribution among prospective members.

### What the Members Pledge.

“It contains membership application blanks and a list of membership pledges which include:

“I am willing to pledge myself to use my influence to get a bill passed in our State Legislature to compel the attendance of every child at the public schools up to the eighth grade.

“I am willing to use my influence in favor of the Towner-Sterling Education Bill.

“I am willing to send you prompt information of any new move in the direction of raids on the City or State Treasury by Papal agents for sectarian institutions—or utterances against the Eighteenth Amendment or against any other of our laws or institutions.

“I am willing to subscribe for ( ) copies of the Converted Catholic for distribution among Roman Catholics. This magazine is written for circulation among Catholics; each member has an evangelical appeal based on citations from the Catholic Bible.

“I am willing to get my pastor to preach a sermon on ‘Why I Am a Protestant.’

“The membership fee is \$2.50, of which \$1 goes to support the under-

takings of the society, \$1 for a subscription to the Protestant and 50 cents for expenses in extending the membership.

From Mr. Miller, president of the organization, we "learn":

1. That to the Pope and Hierarchy, the Catholic Church is "only a political organization."

2. That he is directing the "biggest movement since the days of Martin Luther."

3. That the Pope lies when he denies that he is a "political ruler."

4. That "all charges against the Papacy are to be examined," the Church attacked by "pitiless publicity, of mass meetings, the circulation of literature, or other means of arousing the public to its peril."

5. That a "press department in charge of an editor will furnish copy to secular and religious journals and to organizations affiliated with the society throughout the United States."

6. That politicians will be "served with notice," which means threats, dictation, ostracism and intimidation.

7. That while pretending to be an "Evangelical Society," it is in reality a religio-political party, organized, among other things, to "combat the Knights of Columbus, Tammany Hall, the Jesuits," et al., at the polls.

The pledge that each member must sign shows how thoroughly these bigots appreciate the power of the written word.

Each member is pledged to act as circulation agent for "The Converted Catholic," one of the vilest and most rabid anti-Catholic sheets ever published.

One dollar of the membership fee goes to support "The Protestant," edited by Judge Gilbert O. Nations, whose impertinent and insulting challenges to debate, addressed to leading members of the Catholic Hierarchy, have made him infamous.

There is but one way to fight "This Evangelical Protestant Society." Tell the truth about Catholicity, its principles and mission. Tell the truth about these narrow-minded bigots, expose their un-American methods and principles; confute their vile and slanderous lies and place the answer in the hands of the American people before their minds have become hopelessly poisoned.

The field is great. Non-Catholics comprise 80 per cent of our population. Of this number 30,000,000 are avowed Protestants. How to reach the other 50,000,000 is the biggest question now confronting the Catholic Church in America.

## Sane Protest by Protestants

The Protestant Churches of Atlanta, through their committee on co-operation have taken a position opposed to the Ku Klux Klan.

This sane protest by Protestants is made through the medium of a published statement. It says, in part:

"We call on every freeborn Georgian to unite with us in destroying this secret, masked tyranny which threatens and strikes in the dark.

"When these threats are made in an effort to force the members of Atlanta's Board of Education to dismiss from our public schools teachers because the teachers happen to be members of a particular church, it is time for the members of the churches to take action.

"Can you doubt that democracy and our fellowship are doomed, if we permit the night-riding mob, the masked bully and the secret assassin to drive 'the light' from Georgia, enthroning in this State the most evil of all tyrants, religious intolerance and hate?"

Religious prejudice is indeed a terrible thing. It destroys good will, and creates an atmosphere of hate and suspicion in a community or a nation that prevents friendly co-operation in solving the many local and national problems that need attention.

Protestants and Catholics can combine on the proposition of opposing bigotry and intolerance in the knowledge that they are aiding themselves as well as each other.

People may honestly differ in their views on theology, but that is no reason for them to hate and distrust each other.

The road to happiness on this earth is paved with good will toward one's fellow men. No man who harbors hate, suspicion and prejudice in his breast can be happy. You may differ with your neighbor in your religious views, but you should accord him the same right to differ with you that you claim to differ with him.

True Christian charity calls for tolerance.

The Ku Klux Klan could not thrive today if bigotry and religious and racial prejudice did not exist in the hearts of millions of people.

Let us all be protestants against an organization that makes its main appeal to the baser passions in human nature!

# Is the Catholic Church a Menace?

## II. Catholics and the Public School.

Anti-Catholic Crusaders never grow weary of repeating the assertion that Catholics seek the destruction of the public schools. Upon this general fallacy, the enemies of the religious schools build their case for compulsory attendance at the public schools of all children who have not completed the eighth grade.

These agitators do not stop there, but insist that the very existence of parochial schools menace the public schools. These charges are false and absurd.

Catholics established their own schools, not to compete with or to injure public schools, nor yet for the pleasure of paying double taxes for educational purposes, but because they consider it a religious duty to see that their children receive a religious education.

As it is manifestly impossible to teach religion in the public or secular schools, those whose conscience demands a religious education for their children have no other recourse than to establish their own schools.

For this purpose they tax themselves a large sum of money in addition to the public school taxes which they pay but from which they derive no benefit.

The very fact that religious schools have existed in this country since the birth of the Republic, almost a century and a half ago, without ever interfering with or menacing the public school is proof positive that they are not a menace to the little red school house as their enemies would have us believe.

Great educators, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, lament the fact that it is impossible to teach religion in the public schools. They have tried to devise some system which would make it possible, but have so far utterly failed.

In attempting to arouse antagonism toward the parochial schools, men like Senator Watson, Judge Nations and Billy Parker call attention to criticisms of the public schools made by Catholics. Practically all of these criticisms are based on opposition to education without moral and religious training.

Catholics do not hate the public schools. They merely consider the public school curriculum lacking in what they look upon as an essential part of the work of educating the youth of the country. Catholics have never advocated the



abolition of the public school, nor have they ever stood in the way of improving the public school system.

In criticising the lack of religious training, Catholics do not stand alone. Great non-Catholic educators have expressed identical opinions.

Among these we have room only for a few of the hundreds available:

Nobody knows how to reach morality effectually without religion. Exclude religion from education, and you leave no foundation upon which to build a moral character.—**Charles W. Eliot, ex-President, Harvard University.**

Even among the warmest friends of the public school system there is an increasing number who are disposed to think that the American common-school system is mischievously considered in its neglect of the religious element in man's nature; and a purely secularized education is worse than no education at all.—**Prof. Alexander Johnstone of Princeton University.**

The public schools now teach nothing of biblical history or of Christian truth, and the indispensable task of Christian education is falling between Church and State, to be undertaken by neither. The State has handed religion over to the Church and the Church has handed education over to the State. Hence we have in America millions of children growing up without any religious training whatever—a situation more perilous than any other with which the republic is now confronted.—**Dr. Wm. P. Faunce, President, Brown University.**

I am really sorry for you people. You are now going home to your schools with roseate hopes. You believe that your work will be a blessing, and that the welfare of the country depends upon your work. But I repeat, I am sorry for you. You cannot educate in the public schools, because the Word of God is lacking! Your work simply consists in training the reason of the children intrusted in your care. The only people who know how to educate children are the Lutherans and the Catholics in their parochial schools.—**Dr. Stanley Hall, professor in Clark University, in an address to National Educational Association, San Francisco Convention.**

I believe in the Public School System. It has been the salvation of democracy, but the private schools and colleges have been the salvation of the Public Schools. These private institutions have their place in our educational system. They

prevent it from becoming autocratic and arbitrary, and encourage its growth along new lines.—**Philander P. Claxton**, United States Commissioner of Education, 1919.

The greatest bane to the public school system of today is, in my judgment, its Godlessness. We have allowed the moral influences to be crowded out. When I say moral, I mean morality based upon religion. We have gone too far in allowing religion to be eliminated from our schools. We cannot afford to have the faith of our children undermined. If I were compelled to choose between the two, I would rather have a child unlearned, but heartwhole, than to have its head developed and the heart's faith destroyed.—**Wm. J. Bryan**.

We see from these quotations that criticism of the lack of religious training in the public schools does not imply enmity to the schools themselves. These men are non-Catholics and each professes staunch friendship for the public schools.

Catholics have as much right to express their opinion of the public schools as have the rest of us, and they show their sincerity by digging into their pockets and supporting both the public and the Catholic schools.

Non-Catholics, instead of slandering Catholics for their attitude on the school, ought to be grateful for relieving them of some of the burden of school taxation.

Catholics have frequently been accused of opposing education. Bigots find out how many illiterate savages there are in the wilds of Brazil or some other South American country and then make unfavorable comparisons between the percentage of illiterates in "Catholic" Brazil and "Protestant" America.

They completely overlook the fact that Catholics are partly responsible for the showing in America. They at least are doing their full share in the matter of education.

Catholics conduct a total of 113 Seminaries with 8,698 students, 222 colleges for boys; 718 academies for girls, and 6,258 parochial schools with 1,852,498 children attending them.

For a Church that is opposed to education, this is quite a record. The public school systems in practically every state are admittedly overcrowded and short of teachers. What would be the condition if the nearly 2,000,000 children in Catholic schools, not to mention the tens of thousands in other private schools, had to be taught in the public schools is best left to the imagination. Undoubtedly school taxes would go up in leaps and bounds.

Catholics are not aiming at the destruction of the public

schools, but they do protest against the abolition of their own schools.

By no possible stretch of the imagination can the religious school where Mary Smith is taught religion along with the three R's be a menace to the little red school house where Willie Jones is taught his A B C's.

The private schools have existed in friendly competition with the public schools—to the benefit of both. Competition prevents stagnation. It inspires both systems to strive to become better and more efficient. Each occupies a vital place in the educational world in America as it is today.

The big question to be considered in discussing the right of the parochial school to exist is that its arbitrary abolition as proposed in Michigan, Oregon and other states would be a direct attack upon the freedom of conscience of many of our citizens. Many parents, Catholic, Lutheran, Dutch Reform and Adventists, look upon it as a religious obligation to give their children a religious education. To deny them this right is to abridge their religious freedom.

This is unthinkable to people who really believe in fundamental Americanism.

To change the dual system of education, with private and public schools existing in friendly competition, under which America has made such rapid progress and shown such a splendid development would not only violate the rights of a great many of our citizens, but would be a dangerous and idiotic experiment fraught with the gravest menace to the Republic.

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## Divorce on the Increase

By Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana.

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Divorce is the greatest enemy of the home, the base and foundation of the Republic.

Churches should sink their differences so far as marriage and divorce are concerned and present a united front against this evil.

Members of all churches should be taught to observe the sanctity of marriage, to look upon it as the most sacred and solemn step a human being can take, to understand that separation with the right to remarry should never be granted, that for better or worse, and that God's blessing is sure to

follow all who obey His laws on this most important of earthly matters—the only one which relates directly to the procreation of children and perpetuation of the race.

We hear every day warnings being uttered against our enormously increasing divorce rate by prominent public men and women of every denomination and sect. Are such expressions of alarm impelled by casual or exceptional conditions? Most emphatically I say that they are fully justified by the conditions prevalent in our land today. Nearly every one who has given the divorce problem the slightest study admits that it is one which must be solved, and that promptly. We must either destroy divorce, or it will destroy us.

In the United States divorce is spreading with alarming rapidity. It has permeated every walk of life and is prevalent among every class of people. The total divorce in 1867 was 9,937, or 27 per 100,000 of population. Forty years later, in 1916, there were 112,036 divorces or 112 per 100,000 population. Thus, in actual numbers, there were more than eleven times as many divorces granted in 1916 as in 1867, or, allowing for the increased population, divorce had increased 415 per cent. To put it another way, in 1857 there was one divorce for every 3,666 people, while in 1916 there was one for every 895 people.

A comparison of our divorce statistics with those of Japan shows that in Japan the number decreased from 282 per 100,000 to 100, nearly 200 per cent, in the last 30 years, whereas, in the United States the number increased in 50 years from 27 to 112 per 100,000, or more than 400 per cent. This is certainly a comparison favorable to Japan and one of which the United States can well be ashamed.

If divorces multiply at the same rate in the future as in the past—and there is every indication that they will increase faster—then before the middle of this century we will have annually in the United States 275 divorces per 100,000 population, or one for every five marriages. In 1887 there was one divorce for every 17 marriages; in 1906, one for every 12 marriages; in 1916, one for every 9 marriages, and at the same rate we shall have in 1946 the appalling figure of one divorce for every five marriages.

Statistics show that countries in which divorce is greatly restricted or prohibited have larger birth rates and fewer illegitimate births than those in which divorce was freely permitted. Easy divorce is the sign and the cause of moral decay.



## School Amendment Petition Fails

The proposed amendment to the constitution of the State of Michigan providing for the practical abolition of parochial and private schools will not be voted on this fall.

The enemies of the parochial school failed to secure enough signatures to their petition to place the proposition on the ballot.

This is a great victory for religious liberty and shows that educational work done in combatting the school amendment in Michigan two years ago was effective and lasting.

In 1919 the petition for the school amendment carried thousands of signatures more than necessary to place the amendment on the ballot.

While the anti-Catholic forces were exceptionally active this year, they found that people were not so easily misled on the school question. There is a reason.

In 1919 Bishop Gallagher, the Knights of Columbus and the Liberty Educational League conducted a splendid educational campaign. Sincere, forceful speakers stated the case for the parochial school in every town. Literature was prepared and distributed throughout the state. The people were placed in possession of the facts. The lies of James Hamilton and Rev. Forsythe were analyzed and exposed.

More than 900,000 copies of special editions of TRUTH AND LIGHT were placed in the hands of the voters. We prepared and published two million leaflets used in the campaign.

The school amendment was defeated by a vote of two to one, and now we learn that a second attempt to place the amendment before the people did not receive sufficient support to get on the ballot this fall.

This shows the value of proper educational work, and demonstrates that the people, regardless of creed, will make the right decision if placed in possession of the facts.

The good work done two years ago in Michigan not only won the day at that time, but saved the friends of the parochial school the expense of putting up a fight this year.

The threat to religious liberty in Michigan is by no means over. The signatures secured previous to July 6th, the day the petition had to be filed, can still be used to place the school amendment on the ballot next spring, and the enemies of

Catholicity have almost eight months in which to secure the necessary signatures. There is little doubt that in that time they will secure the number necessary. If the vote is light this fall, they will have the added advantage of needing less signatures in the spring than was necessary this summer.

The educational work must go on. Every lie that rears up its ugly head should be crushed and rendered powerless for harm. Every misstatement of fact must be answered. Every misrepresentation must be exposed. A great start has been made in Michigan against the forces of bigotry. The good work must go on, if the ground gained is to be held.

Bigots can be depended upon to keep up their agitation. Friends of liberty must ever be on the alert to combat their vicious and un-American propaganda.

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## Masonry and the Klan

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A letter declaring "the Ku Klux Klan an un-Masonic organization, utterly without Masonic support or sympathy," has been sent to all Masonic lodges of the state by Arthur D. Price, Grand Master of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge.

The letter, made public here Friday, says that as a Grand Lodge "we would take no interest in this organization, but for the claim made by its officers and organizers that its membership is largely Masonic and that it has Masonic approval and support."

"This statement," Mr. Prince's letter continues, "is absolutely false, as the Klan has no connection with, and neither does it have the support of any Masonic jurisdiction."

The avowed principles of the Klan, Mr. Prince asserts, "violate Masonic law at every point, and it would be impossible for me to conceive of a true Mason affiliating with an organization which advocates taking the law into its own hands, condemning men and women in secret trials and imposing the punishment of the whip, the tar bucket or unlawful banishment."

The letter, after asking how long it will be "before the law-abiding people of this Commonwealth visit dire punishment upon those who forget or flout the sovereignty of the law," concludes with a declaration that no Masonic temple or apartments must be used for the Klan's purposes.

## Bigotry in Iowa

The present state Treasurer of Iowa is a bigot, with a narrow warped brain that makes him intolerant of all things Catholic.

The gentleman is W. J. Burbank, and he proves the case against himself in an insulting letter sent out as an official document to the voters throughout Iowa.

The letter speaks for itself:

Revenue Bulletin State House.

Des Moines, Iowa.  
January 1, 1922.

Dear Sir:

In the enforcement of the Inheritance Tax Law it comes to light that we have those among us who do not respect our laws, or wish to contribute their just share toward the common burden of taxation.

The following case I wish to bring to your attention. About one year before I came into the State Treasurer's office a Catholic priest died, leaving a large estate to his brothers and sisters, he having no children. All of the property was subject to a tax of 5 per cent. One brother was also a Priest, and neither the death nor the estate was reported to any official so that tax could be figured. After I had been in office about three months one of my men learned of the evasion, but the true state of affairs was not found out until I had held a court of investigation in the three different counties where the heirs live. We could not get the brother Priest into court for the reason that he lives in the State of Kansas. The courts gave us a lien for inheritance taxes of \$7,000 against good Iowa land and it will have to be paid.

In order to aid the State in the enforcement of its revenue laws upon all alike, I ask that you report direct to this office the death of any priest or any other person leaving property subject to such a tax when the same is hidden and not reported to the proper officers, and your information will be held strictly confidential.

THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING IN THE OATH A PRIEST TAKES OR IN HIS TRAINING THAT TENDS TO MAKE HIM AT ALL TIMES DISREGARD THE COMMON LAW REQUIRING HIM TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE STATE.

Last year there was collected over \$600,000.00 in Inheritance taxes, and it is my intention that no partiality be allowed any person or any class, and your co-operation will be appreciated while I am on the firing line looking after the interests of the State in these matters. It is my desire that the laws be enforced so that the revenues of the State do not suffer. As the Judge says:

"Ill fares the land to hastening ills a prey,  
Where laws accumulate and their Teeth decay."

Yours for Law Enforcement,

W. J. BURBANK,  
Treasurer of State.

A copy of the letters reached Father Joseph A. Minch, who

promptly forwarded a straight from the shoulder communication to the State Treasurer:

Mr. W. J. Burbank,  
Sir:

St. Marys, Iowa.

This morning I received your letter dated Jan. 1st, 1922. I know nothing about the case mentioned, but, if true, it is an individual case which must be dealt with on its merits. I resent the cowardly insult to the Catholic priesthood contained in paragraph four. ONLY IGNORANCE OR MALICE OR BOTH could inspire such a dastardly accusation.

With contempt for your dishonest state of mind, I am,  
Yours fearlessly,

JOSEPH A. MINCH.

Father Minch is right. It is quite possible there was a misunderstanding regarding the payment of the tax. The State certainly ought to have a system inaugurated by which notices of deaths of citizens would be reported. Does Burbank mean to say that the death of the priest was hidden? Was no funeral held, no burial certificate issued, no death certificate filled out by a doctor? Bosh.

Possibly Burbank is accusing the dead priest of failure to notify the State Treasurer of his own death. That would indeed be a crime worthy of severe condemnation.

The statement that priests take an oath to disregard tax laws or are taught to disobey the laws, is a ridiculous and asinine charge, without a single basis in fact or knowledge.

This ignorant and malicious bigot took advantage of his official position to carry on a bit of A. P. A. propaganda at a great cost to the State. We wonder what the people of Iowa who have had to foot the bill think of their noble Treasurer.

If they don't hang his hide upon the political fence at an early date, they fully deserve having an intellectual pollywog as their State Treasurer.

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## Period of Reaction

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By Congressman Harry B. Hawes.

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We are in a period of reaction which always follows a great war. Intolerance and bigotry seem to be developing. Hasty and intemperate legislation is proposed. State and Federal officials are attempting to make laws of their own. Organized minority groups are driving the legislative and executive officers into acts of official lawlessness.



The first ten amendments to the Constitution are virtually the bill of rights, unanimously adopted by all the states, for the avowed purpose of preventing oppression by government. Next to religion the amendments demand our highest reverence, for, while liberty is the best offspring of democracy, we must still guard against democracy destroying its choicest product.

The intolerant is hopeless mentally. As a social unit and as a citizen he cannot be changed, but we may, by a frank statement of history, law and experience prevent his infection of the body politic and reduce his evil influence to the minimum.

Toleration has developed with education, enlightenment and a proper understanding of the Christian religion. When we left paganism we abandoned intolerance and advanced to the higher grade of a conscience and religion procured and maintained by reason and persuasion, leaving the Government only the proper function of protecting the right of each individual to pursue, in his way, without interference from the state or citizen of a state, the fine exercise of personal choice in the matter of conscience and creed, modified only by the moral suasion of religious associations.

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## Bigotry Bumped

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Anti-Catholic agitators in Maine made a desperate fight against the renomination of Governor Percival P. Baxter in the Republican primary election.

Rev. Judson P. Marvin, pastor of the Universalist Church of the Messiah in Portland, was the leader of the bigots.

One of the excuses he gave for his opposition was the gift of an organ to the Sacred Heart Parish in Portland by the Governor and his attendance at religious services at the time the organ was dedicated.

Rev. Marvin also objected to the message of condolence which Governor Baxter sent to Rome on the occasion of Pope Benedict's death.

The school question was injected into the fight, and the Governor accused of trying to make all schools Catholic after first helping to destroy the public school system.

The people of Maine expressed their opinion of this kind of bigoted bunk by piling up a plurality of 20,000 for the Governor.

People in other states would do well to follow their example in condemning such bigoted movements.

## Protestant Fronts

Henry Ford's magazine, the Dearborn Independent, made much ado about the Gentile fronts which the Jews are supposed to employ in order to disguise their connection with business houses and political movements.

It remained for some man suffering with anti-Catholitis to discover a new kind of a "front."

There "lies" before us, in more ways than one, a circular that is being widely distributed in the State of Mississippi. The author is a great discoverer. He has "discovered" that Catholics employ "Protestant fronts" just as the Jews are accused of using "Gentile fronts."

This "discovery" will prove a great boon to anti-Catholic agitators. It opens an entirely new field for them to browse over. They endeavor to prove that Catholics control the public schools, the press, Congress, municipal, state and national governments.

They usually have difficulty in trying to substantiate their charges. For instance, they tell us how Catholics control the American Government, but they have a hard time getting around the fact that the President is a Mason and a Baptist, that not a Catholic is in his cabinet, and that Congress itself is composed of 95 per cent non-Catholics, including more than 300 Masons, and is predominantly Protestant so far as religious affiliations are concerned.

The discovery of the "Protestant front" idea is a big help here. Where Catholics do not appear themselves, they hire Protestant officials and legislators to do the Pope's bidding. It's a great idea, and the A. P. Apes are sure to fall for it like a ton of bricks.

But to get back to the circular. It is anonymous as those documents frequently are.

The first paragraph is entitled "Protestant fronts," and is interesting in that it shows the methods used by bigots in their campaign of educating the people into believing their wild assertions and ridiculous inventions:

### "Protestant Fronts."

"Just a word in regard to Protestant 'Fronts.' Now that those alien elements who fear the Klan see their doom, in frantic anticipation of their fate they are employing pseudo-Protestants to attack the Klan. The Klan

is not a movement, it is a CRUSADE, and these little spinelsss Protestant "fronts" will be left in the maelstrom following in our wake. Whenever you see an article attacking the Klan by a Protestant 'front' he has two objects in view; he has either sold out body and soul to the enemy or he is fishing for a political office. It may be said, without fear of contradiction, that a WEDGE has been driven in this city and United States as well between Protestantism and Catholicism and its allies that cannot be bridged. We have a number of pseudo-Protestants here who, with a Don Quixote valor, like to pose as exponents of blissful "tolerance" and thus receive the plaudits of the alien elements. They probably overlook the fact that the sole and only reason why they are able to worship as rational Protestants today is because of the sacrifice made by their ancestors in the days of Wickliff, Calvin, Luther, Ridley, Latimer, Huss, etc."

Evidently the Klan intends to create a great disturbance if it is going to leave maelstroms in its wake.

The idea that the alien elements are the only portions of our population who appreciate "tolerance" is a peculiar one for an organization to have that poses as super-American.

If the aliens are the only ones who love tolerance and religious freedom, what we need in this country is enough aliens to crowd out un-American natives.

The ancestors of "Protestant fronts" might well have been Catholics. Few of us can know for sure that none of our ancestors were Catholic. Liberty loving men among both Catholics and Protestants have made sacrifices for religious liberty. There have been bigots among both Protestants and Catholics, and the same is true today. The fact that a Catholic, Lord Baltimore, established the first home for religious freedom in the world when he colonized Maryland indicates that the man who wrote this circular has separated himself a most respectful distance from the truth.

The Puritan Fathers came to America to secure religious freedom for themselves. They denied it to others. They had an idea that Christianity, and especially their particular brand of it, could be imparted by law—by force. They were wrong, and the people who think Catholicity can be destroyed by persecution and Protestantism encouraged by force are also wrong. True it is that Catholics can be made to suffer; disagreeable situations can be created in communities by stirring

up bigotry ; religious rights can be abridged ; injustice can be done to many, but Catholicity can no more be destroyed by telling lies about it than you can abrogate the law of gravity by telling people that water runs up hill.

If the Catholic religion is the true religion, nothing can destroy it. If it is not the true religion, then nothing could save it. The anti-Catholic crusade can cause unhappiness, but it cannot accomplish the slightest good in the world. Protestants who attack Catholicity overlook the fact that no Christian sect could survive the downfall of the Catholic Church.

Another paragraph in the anonymous circular is worthy of consideration :

**Important: Listen:**

“The population of Mississippi is approximately TWO MILLION PEOPLE. The census reports show that there are only Thirty Thousand Roman Catholics and Four Thousand Jews in Mississippi. Therefore, One Million Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand People are thoroughly capable of running their affairs without dictation from an insignificant minority.”

This paragraph shows the spirit back of the Klan movement. If the Protestant Anglo-Saxon is so superior to all other species of the genus homo why should two million of them fear domination by the “insignificant” minority of 30,000 Catholics and four thousand Jews? The two million might attempt to oppress the 34,000, and are able to do so if they are capable of it, but the 34,000 would have to be super men to dominate the two million.

The people who circulated this leaflet are evidently opposed to democracy. True democracy gives the members of a minority equal rights with the members of a majority. Democracy can recognize no distinction between individuals. The minority, whether racial or political, must at least be conceded a voice in their own government.

The Klansmen and anti-Catholics generally charge that Catholics would take away the rights of Protestants if they were strong enough, and yet they advocate taking away the rights of Catholics and Jews. Frequently people fear that others would do as they would under certain circumstances. This idea is largely behind the fear of Catholics that lives in the minds of bigots. They know what they would attempt to do to Catholics if they had the power, and presume that Catholics would do the same.



The following paragraph expresses the un-American, un-democratic, mean and narrow program of the Klan:

**Practice Klannishness.**

“If you have any business to transact, do it with White, Gentile, Protestant Americans, and no others. Patronize brother Protestants on all and every occasion, and none others.”

America is the great melting pot of the world. In it are fused the best and bravest blood of a hundred races. The one thing that makes America great is the fact that all have an equal opportunity. The real American patronizes the business man who gives the best value in service or goods for the money spent, regardless of his race, politics or religion.

Klannishness would tend to keep people of different races or religions separate and distinct. It would prevent the melting pot from functioning.

Klannishness should be avoided as a curse, not encouraged as a blessing.

If this doctrine were widely accepted, it would transform America into a perfect Bedlam. People would vote for a candidate for public office according to race or religion instead of considering his qualifications. We would ask a merchant what Church he attends instead of inquiring as to the quality of the goods he has for sale. A fine America we would have if these bigots had their way!

The circular would be incomplete without a slam at Catholics on the school question, so here it is:

**Roman Catholic Teachers in the Public Schools.**

“No Roman Catholic should be permitted to teach in the public schools of this Nation because their church is hostile to the same, and a person impregnated with the doctrine of papal supremacy is not a fit person to have over our children. You women folks see to it that only 100% Protestants are put in the public schools. WEED OUT THE PAPISTS.”

In the first place, the school teacher occupies a public position and discharges a public trust. The Constitution states that there shall be no religious qualification for such an office. Any attempt to boycott Catholic teachers is opposed to the spirit and the letter of the fundamental law of the land.

The position of the Church on the public schools is continuously misrepresented. The Church is not opposed to the public schools. She looks upon the public school curriculum

as incomplete, lacking as it does the moral and religious training that she considers so essential to the education of the youth. Great Protestant educators take the same position. Bryan, Wilson, and a veritable host of Protestant leaders of education condemn the lack of religious training in the schools.

The statement that a Catholic is no fit person to teach children is idiotic and ridiculous. The Catholic teacher does not teach Catholicity in the schools, and if she does she should be discharged. The same is true of the Baptist, Methodist or Lutheran teachers. If a person has the proper qualifications for teaching, the question of his religion should not enter into the matter at all, any more than the religion of a candidate for public office. True it is that the A. P. Apes also insist upon the religious qualification for public office, but this is a principle that every true American must repudiate and condemn.

TRUTH AND LIGHT is edited by a non-Catholic, a man whose ancestors came to America long before the Republic was established, but he cannot remain silent while the sacred rights and liberties for which his ancestors fought are being undermined and endangered by groups of self-styled super Americans, who know less about the principles of true Americanism than pigs do of higher mathematics.

We can have no equality of rights, if the rights of Catholics or Jews are abridged. We can have no religious liberty if Catholics are barred from public office. We can have no real liberty if the inalienable rights of the individual are not protected. We can have no true democracy where the minority is denied a voice in government.

Bigotry is the greatest menace to the American Republic and the ideals which led our forefathers to establish a government of, by and for the people.

We care not where you were born, what Church you belong to, or what blood courses through your veins, if you would deny to others the rights you claim for yourself, if you endorse principles that violate the equality of rights, if you support an organization that wars upon religious liberty, you are a bigot and have no more right to call yourself an American than a pollywog has to refer to himself as a whale.

An amendment to the Constitution denying the rights of citizenship to every traitor to American principles who seeks to deny his neighbor every right claimed by himself on account of race or religion, might be in order.

No one ought to be a citizen of the Republic who rejects the fundamental idea upon which it was based—the idea that all men are created equal in regard to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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## Judge Powell on Bigotry

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Judge Arthur G. Powell, president of the Georgia Bar Association delivered a scathing denunciation of bigotry in an address at the annual convention in Savannah recently. In part, he said:

“I am no Roman Catholic. I am a Baptist and my forefathers as far back as I can count them were Baptists. Some of the family are bold enough to claim that John the Baptist was named John Powell. I do not know about that, but I do know that no reason exists for any bias in my mind in favor of the Catholic religion. But I am an American citizen and know something of the meaning of the word ‘Liberty’ and when I see statutes passed in the use of law for the purpose of giving to some board or officer a discretion by which the Church may be persecuted I am filled with abhorrence.

“This is supposed to be a land of religious freedom and of liberty of conscience; yet can you sum the wrongs that would be done to Jews and to Catholics, even in this very State of Georgia, if most of their rights were not protected by fixed laws instead of being left to discretion? And this is true notwithstanding the large number of useful, upright, honorable, high-minded citizens found in the membership of those two sects. However, this spirit of religious persecution is so foreign to the inherited instincts of our people that the hope is strong within me that it will soon pass away; and I am bold enough to prophesy that the day will come when the descendants of Mr. Justice James K. Hines will point with pride to the dissenting opinion in that case in our Supreme Court wherein the majority upheld the enforced reading of the King James version of the Bible in our public schools, as having been written by their ancestor—an ancestor of whom they may well be proud.

“Discretion is the weapon of tyrants; and there is no tyranny like the tyranny of an unrestrained democracy.”

## Bar Non-Christians from Citizenship

Charles M. Wood is the name of a near idiot whose habitat is Brooklyn, and whose mental machinery is clogged, jammed and flabbergasted by the noble idea of trying to make America Christian by the passage of sumptuary legislation.

His yellow letter head informs us that he is editor and manager of a publication entitled "The Patriotic American Patriot," which is devoted to the interest and welfare of American-Americans.

While the ICONOCLAST hates to waste a shell in trying to hit a mental insect, still the practice might keep us in form to hit larger game.

Editor Wood sends the following letter with a copy of the law he wants enacted barring non-Christians from the rights of citizenship and ownership of property:

"Dear Sir:

"Will you please use ALL your power and influence to have the following legally framed and made into a LAW, by our United States Congress, and have other countries to adopt a similar law? If necessary, make it the Twentieth Amendment to the Constitution of our United States. Ninety-one million Christian people in our United States want this Law, and only 3,000,000 are opposed to it. Rescind any 'Religious Freedom Law or Laws' not consistent with the teachings of Jesus Christ. We shall live or die by our Faith in Jesus Christ.

"Very Respectfully,

"CHARLES M. WOOD."

The gentleman from Brooklyn has his mental feet crossed behind his back and his statistics are strange and weird. There are not 91,000,000 Christians in America. Considerably less than half of the people of the United States are members of any Church, and unless we are sadly mistaken, a very considerable number of Christians would oppose a law that would do away with religious freedom.

The bill which this imitation American wants to have enacted into a law is worth reading, because it reveals a type of mind that is rapidly developing in America, a type of mind that, given the power, would destroy all the blessings of freedom won for us by the heroism, suffering and sacrifice of millions of real Americans.

Here is the proposed bill:

"Be it enacted by Congress of our United States: That on and after the passage of this BILL, it will be UNLAWFUL, for any person or persons, male or female, white or colored, native or foreign,



born, to hold any National, State or Municipal Government Office, either ELECTIVE OR APPOINTIVE, for pay or otherwise; or have any Voting Franchise whatsoever; or own any Real Estate, or transact any Business whatsoever; or own any Bonds, Stocks, Securities, Mortgages, etc.; or to hold any Meeting or Meetings, or Service or Services whatsoever, not consistent with the Grace of God; or any Teaching or Teachings, other than the Teachings of JESUS CHRIST; or enter our United States, from any other Country whatsoever; WHO ARE NOT FIRM BELIEVERS IN ALMIGHTY GOD, OUR HEAVENLY FATHER, AND HIS SON, OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, and THE CONSTITUTION OF OUR UNITED STATES."

"The Penalty for Violation of this Law will be from one to five years in Prison and Confiscation of ALL their Real Estate and other Property and Business, in which, he, she or they have any interest whatsoever. Any Law inconsistent herewith is hereby declared Rescinded, and Null and Void."

Also: "By the passage of this Bill, it AUTOMATICALLY APPLIES RETROACTIVELY to each and every person in our United States at the time of its passage."

And this kind of narrow, bigoted, and un-American dope is handed out by Brother Wood as the quintessence of patriotism and the ne plus ultra of Americanism.

Ye gods! Upon what mental pabulum has this biped browsed that he can submit such a proposition without cracking his lip laughing at himself?

On his letter head he writes:

"United States for American-Americans."

Why not practice what you preach, Mr. Wood, and get out of the United States? You do not belong. The rays of light from the lamp of Americanism are far too feeble to penetrate your cast iron dome, and illuminate that thing within which you flatter by calling a brain.

Your proposition from first word to last is the antithesis of Americanism. America gave to religious freedom its first home in the wide world. Your letter head informs us that you are "Guided by the Constitution," and yet the Constitution specifically states that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States." Are you guided by that provision?

The first amendment to the Constitution provides that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."

We would suggest that Mr. Wood take time off from his arduous duty of attacking liberty and devote it to reading the Constitution. Before attempting to edit the "Patriotic Amer-

ican Patriot," he ought to have learned what Americanism means.

He has less conception of the true meaning of Americanism than a louse has of the mysteries of radio communication.

Under this proposed law Editor Wood would have his property confiscated and be subject to imprisonment for not believing in those sections of the Constitution concerning religious liberty.

His attempt to inculcate a retroactive feature in his law shows that he is an ignoramus as well as a bigot. It would violate all rules of legislation and automatically place in prison and confiscate the property of a majority of the people of this country.

How this ambitious gentleman from Brooklyn has evaded incarceration in an insane asylum is one of the modern mysteries. Many a person has been given free board at Kankakee, Dunning and other resorts for the mentally unfit for giving vent to ideas a heap more reasonable than the law proposed by this hair-brained reformer.

There is no danger that such a law will be passed, but there is danger that other laws doing violence to the principle of Americanism may be passed through the activities of loud-mouthed reformers who pose as super-Americans. The American people have frequently shown that they can be fooled by any propaganda masked in the guise of religion, humanity or patriotism.

There is less respect in America today for the true principles of liberty than at any time since the Salem trials for witchcraft.

Why is it that organizations attacking the fundamental principles of Americanism invariably pose as super-Americans? Look at the Anti-Saloon League, the American Protective Associations, Guardians of Liberty, True Americans, the Ku Klux Klan and similar societies. They wave the flag with one hand and light a bomb under American liberties with the other. They add to their un-American activities the infamy of Hypocrisy.—Brann's Iconoclast.

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There is always plenty of room at the top. One of the reasons is that it is hard to get there.

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If you are nursing a grouch, get rid of it. It will never get you anything but unhappiness.

## School Fight in Oregon

“Down with the parochial school” is the slogan of the anti-Catholic forces in the State of Oregon.

At the end of a spectacular drive by the combined forces of the Scottish Rite Masons and anti-Catholic organizations, sufficient signatures were secured to a petition to place on the ballot in November an initiative measure to compel children between the ages of 8 and 16 to attend public schools.

This would automatically close the doors of every private school in the state to all children who had not completed the eighth grade, and is the equivalent of direct abolition of the parochial school.

Only thirteen thousand signatures, or those of ten per cent of the voters, are required for initiative measures in Oregon, and three times that many were secured in a single day.

As soon as sufficient signatures were on the petition, the Scottish Rite Masons accepted responsibility for the campaign.

Robert E. Smith, president of a bank in Portland, who had active charge of the petition, was also largely responsible for the attempt made in Michigan two years ago to outlaw Catholic Schools.

Fred L. Gifford, exalted cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, was also an active leader.

That the Catholics of Oregon have a hard fight on their hands if they are to preserve the right to give their children religious education is evident to all who understand the local situation.

Proponents of the bill mask their real motives by trying to make it appear that they consider the public school superior to the private school and that they merely want to give all children the equal opportunity of public school education.

The real cause for the fight on the parochial school is the animosity toward Catholics. Adoption of this measure would embarrass Catholics, close up their schools and deprive them of the right of obeying the law of their church, which compels them to provide religious and moral education for their children in the Catholic schools.

The fact that every leader and every organization back of the fight to do away with the parochial schools is anti-Catholic proves conclusively that enmity toward Catholicism is the real motive back of this agitation.

Were there no prejudice against Catholics, if the anti-Catholic crusade did not exist, no movement to do away with private schools would ever have been inaugurated in any state in the union.

The citizen who lines up with the opponents of the parochial school need not fool himself by posing as a friend of the public school. He is lining up on the side of bigotry, and might as well recognize that fact first as last.

The anti-parochial school fight is merely a phase of the anti-Catholic Crusade.

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## Stand Up for Your Rights

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If your rights are worth anything to you, stand up for them. If you wait for the other fellow to defend **your** rights and protect **your** liberties, you may prepare yourself to lose them. Any rights worth having are worth fighting for.

Anti-Catholic bigotry in the Southern States has been aggravated and encouraged by the attitude of Southern Catholics, who, because they are a small minority, didn't want to stir up things by answering the lies of their enemies—as if their enemies needed stirring up.

They overlook the fact that many people have a propensity for believing evil of their neighbors. Gossip always travels on faster wings than truth.

Most people accept as true every statement they hear or read, unless contradicted and proven false. A lie about people or organizations is just as effective in discrediting them as if it were true, so long as people believe it be based upon facts.

Archbishop Michael J. Curley, the brilliant and deep thinking prelate of Baltimore, calls attention to the danger and foolishness of adopting a policy of apparent indifference to serious charges in a splendid address delivered to the Holy Name Societies.

In part he said:

“I do not believe in the policy advocated by some to ‘let sleeping dogs lie.’ If you let men walk on you and on your rights as American citizens and Catholics, they’ll walk on you and they’re right. If we always lie low and wait for the storm to pass, it will never pass.



“After fighting for seven years for the right to make the sign of the cross, I am convinced that when you fight back, those whom you fight will respect you, and when you don’t fight they will not. It is time for Catholic laymen to stand together, or, even though 20,000,000 strong, they will be swept off the map. We have had experience in this country with the power of well-organized minorities.”

This is sound advice. No man whose reputation is worth anything to him could permit slanderous references about himself to go unchallenged. People believe charges made against a bank or a business, if the slandered parties remained silent. So it is with attacks made upon Catholics.

Lies, like counterfeit coins, will be accepted at face value by most people, unless challenged.

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## Newspaper Harvests

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By Will W. Whalen

Publicity is a very necessary evil. If you don’t think so, become a Rupert Hughes, a Jeritza, a Lou Tellegen or sumthin’ odd like that, and see. Every time your name gets in the papers, your box office value waxes. Every time your picture appears, jingle goes your cash register. But there’s a limit in all good lines.

Two Virginia ladies have enjoyed much publicity lately—Nanny Langhorne Astor and Peggy Hopkins Joyce. Peggy’s notorious. The more that find it out, the merrier for Peggy. Nanny’s at times silly and frequently stands too far up stage, hugging a big spotlight. “What a loss if I’d been kept from the public!” she declared modestly. Nanny even preached, and told those foolish Cawtholics they’re only tolerated in the U. S. A.—a land she forsook long ago, which by miracle survived her departure. In England much of the adverse criticism she suffered here was copied in the London papers. That was horrid printer’s ink in her morning tea. The joyful going abroad brought a somewhat sorrowful coming back. Her children sent her a message: “Lady Bug, fly away home!” Nanny’s clever, but she’s not the 20th century unlimited miracle she fancies she is. She condemned our divorce laws as too, too easy; and one of the easiest divorces ever granted

was her own from Mr. Shaw, the first Mr. Nanny. Lots of Nanny's statements couldn't face the microscope, but she stole pages of publicity with 'em, so she should worry, the deah thing. She's living under two flags, or rather dwells under one and is supported by the other. She has rawther a gay time of h'it in old Lunnon town, with her money sailing over the sea from her Virginia and New York real estate.

Peggy reaps her golden harvests in the divorce courts where she has been starred thrice. One can't blame her much for jack-potting the nuts who marry her. Peggy adores only one human being, her shallow self, and she is stronger on notoriety than publicity. Publicity may be a virgin, but notoriety is ever a harridan.

If a male, weary of breath, plugs himself with lead, and Peggy harks to the shot, she yells: "He has did it for me! Oh, why ain't I married him!" I'd say the suicide had a lucky escape from bein' murdered. Peggy didn't take his name in life, so she steals his reputation in death, because lots of women say a man can't lose his fair fame. Only a woman is enriched with that gem, and all men are poor indeed!

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## Ex-Priest Crowley Cruel

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The following item was taken from a Chicago paper. Jeremiah Crowley, the villain in the play, is the same ex-priest who has left nothing undone that he thought would tend to discredit the Catholic Church. The testimony given would indicate that Crowley has bats in his belfry, which might well account for his strange lies and fantastic imaginings. Further comment is unnecessary:

"In a bill in which he is called a 'wife beater and a knife thrower,' Jeremiah J. Crowley, unfrocked priest of Wheaton, has been sued for divorce by his wife, Marie.

"Mrs. Crowley, daughter of former Congressman Donald McCloud of Nebraska, charges her husband with cruelty and nonsupport. In itemizing her allegations she said Crowley had treated her cruelly and made her life miserable for several years, on one occasion throwing a hatchet at her, on another hurling a knife, which she dodged.

"Attorney John Leedle, retained several weeks ago by Mrs. Crowley, filed the suit in the Wheaton court on June 1, but it was not made public until yesterday. Attorney Charles E. Erbstein, counsel for Mr. Crowley, said last night that his client would file an answer within a few days.

"Crowley, excommunicated several years ago, has since attacked the Catholic Church from the Chautauqua rostrum."

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