

EVERY CITIZEN'S DWELLING IS OPEN TO THE LAW. EVERY FACTORY AND WORKSHOP MUST THROW BACK THEIR PORTALS WHEN THE LAW KNOCKS. EVERY PROTESTANT INSTITUTION IN THIS COUNTRY WELCOMES THE ENTRANCE OF THE LAW TO INSPECT. BUT NOT SO WITH ROME. THE DOORS OF HER PRISON PENS ARE ALONE BOLTED AND BARRED AGAINST LEGAL INTRUSION. WHY? WHY? WHY?

**WHAT WE ARE FIGHTING.**  
After a heroic struggle this government was founded upon the principles of Civil and Religious Liberty, but the republic is in deadly peril of having these blood-bought principles set aside by the Roman hierarchy, which, from the pope down, has avowed its purpose to make America Catholic. This would mean that it would put the church above the state and impose its religion upon all. Thus it would set up in the United States the vast, heartless, soulless papal political system that has cursed every nation in which it has obtained a foothold. It is this deadly peril to American Liberty and Civilization that this paper is fighting.



# THE PERIL



**WHAT WE ARE DEMANDING.**  
We are demanding absolute separation of church and state.  
That no one shall be interfered with in worshipping according to the dictates of individual conscience.  
That the public schools be fostered and perpetuated as the bulwark of American Liberty.  
That freedom of speech and of the press be preserved inviolate.  
That there be immediately enacted by Congress an immigration law placing stronger safeguards against the admission of undesirable aliens by sufficient tests as to literary attainments, health and morals.

OUR SLOGAN: NONE BUT LOYAL CITIZENS SHALL BE ENTRUSTED WITH ANY PUBLIC OFFICE WITHIN THE GIFT OF THE PEOPLE.

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## PRIEST AND CATHOLIC TEACHER AS HOME BREAKERS.

MISS WECHTER, CATHOLIC TEACHER AT LAFAYETTE HIGH SCHOOL, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, AIDS CUNNING PRIEST OF HOLY ANGELS IN LURING DAUGHTER FROM HOME AND MOTHER.

Mother Was Openly Insulted By Papists.

The next time a Catholic tells you that the Catholic priesthood is not a home breaker narrate to him the story of Isabella McCoach. The victims of the conspiracy are Mrs. Caroline McCoach, of 197 Fifteenth St., Buffalo, N. Y., and her daughter Isabella, a girl of 18 years of age, who was held unlawfully a prisoner in St. Joseph's Academy, Lockport, N. Y. The story as told to a representative of The Buffalo Socialist by Mrs. McCoach and verified by court testimony is as follows:

### Mrs. McCoach's Story.

"My daughter was in her third year at Lafayette high school and lacked one year of graduating because of extra studies taken up by her. About two years ago a Miss Julia Wechter came to the school as instructor in English and elocution, and she immediately took a fancy to my daughter, and shortly after invited her to functions at the Holy Angels Academy. During the latter part of June, shortly after the high school term closed, I went to Valparaiso, Ind., to take a course in the Valparaiso Institute.

"On July 8th I received a letter written by my daughter in which she stated that she had been christened at Holy Angels' church and was then a Catholic. I have subsequently found that the letter was dictated by Father Kirwin of that church. I immediately wrote 'Daisy,' as we call her, to come to me at once. I sent the money and a short while after she arrived. I found from her that she had been talked into joining the church and tried to interest her in her own religion.

"She felt sorry for what she had done, but on the following Sunday morning she expressed a desire to attend the Catholic church of Valparaiso. I tried to induce her to attend the Presbyterian church, because she was a member of that denomination, but she remained obdurate, and I saw that she had been turned away from her religion. She remained with me for a few days, and one night, when I returned from the institute she was missing. I became alarmed and called the matter to the attention of Professor Kinsey of the school. He told me to report the matter to the chief of police of Valparaiso, and I did so. The chief became angry with me, but finally said he would institute a search. Tired of the delays on the part of that man I went to Mayor F. W. Spooner and was openly insulted by him. I found that both men were parishioners of the local Catholic church and they told me conflicting stories of my daughter's departure. They said that she was seen in company of other girls of tough character, going to Indianapolis, and again that she had gone to Ft. Wayne.

"I wrote and telegraphed to Holy Angels' academy, to my friends in Buffalo and to the superintendent of police, Michael Regan. I, finally, while sitting in the mayor's office, listening to a storm of abuse, was handed a telegram from Superintendent Regan in which he stated that my daughter 'was safe in Holy Angels' academy.' After Mayor Spooner had a telephone conversation with Professor Kinsey and found that I was not friendly, his manner changed to obsequious deference.

"I requested the Reverend J. L. Logue, of the First United Presbyterian church in Buffalo, to call on Father Kirwin and ascertain her condition, but he was refused admission or information. I came on to Buffalo and accompanied by Dr. Logue called on Father Kirwin, and demanded that I be permitted to see my daughter. He insolently denied me that permission and informed me that I had no right to see her; that she was in safe hands and that my daughter did not wish to see me. He told me that I had taunted her wrongfully and had placed obscene books in her possession, the meaning of the story of the Reformation. He maintained that he was right in telling her lies about me as her religion was a matter between herself and God and I had nothing to do with it. He informed me that she had nine months' instruction in the church prior to entering it and, on account of the religious sentiment of her home, he had told the girl to make no mention of it. Father Kirwin told me that he had given her the necessary religious instruction and that she now belonged to the church.

"I did not see my daughter until she appeared in court before Justice Woodward, and then I found her to be a changed girl. She refused to recognize me, and took advice only from Attorney Noonan, who brought her to court. It was only through the merest chance that I found her whereabouts and I am hopeful that we will be able to save her from the nun's veil. I am impressed with the belief that it is the intention of Father Kirwin and others to make her take the veil and then she will be lost to me."



## ARE THE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF A GREAT FREE PEOPLE WEARING THE BALL AND CHAIN OF THE CHIEF OF WHITE SLAVERS IN THE VATICAN?

WHAT ARE AMERICANS GOING TO DO WITH THESE ROMISH PRISONS—THE CONVENTS, NUNNERIES AND HOUSES OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD? Slaves are confined in them. When Lincoln struck the shackles from the limbs of the negroes in this country, he dealt human serfdom a blow that paralyzed it all over the world. We in America loathe today that this is indeed a land of liberty. But is it? What about the slaves that are still in our midst?

The negroes were held in a bondage that was in keeping with their ignorance, they having just been brought to these shores from the jungles of Africa. But the slaves that are now in our midst are of a different class. They are educated and accomplished. WHAT CAN BE WORSE THAN MENTAL SLAVERY—PUTTING SHACKLES ON THE INTELLECT?

Some argue that these nuns are not compelled to stay in these institutions. But the nuns who leave tell a different story. They say that there are many who would be only too glad to leave forever the high walls, bolted doors and barred windows—the life of serfdom and mental degradation—if they could. But they dare not. STARING THEM IN THE FACE ARE THE HELLHOUNDS OF A TERRIBLE PERSECUTION THAT THEY KNOW WILL BAY AT THEIR HEELS TO THEIR GRAVES.

Every citizen's dwelling is open to the law. Every factory and workshop must throw back their portals when the law knocks. Every Protestant institution in this country welcomes the entrance of the law to inspect. But not so with Rome. THE DOORS OF HER PRISON PENS ARE ALONE BOLTED AND BARRED AGAINST LEGAL INTRUSION.

INFINITE SHAME THIS, AND A BLOTCH ON THE FAIR NAME OF AMERICA!

Has Rome got her shackles on the legislatures of the several states and on the congress of the United States? LET THE LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES OF A GREAT FREE PEOPLE EITHER SPEAK UP WITH THE DEMANDED LEGISLATION OR ADMIT BY THEIR FAILURE TO DO SO THAT THEY ARE WEARING THE BALL AND CHAIN OF THE CHIEF OF WHITE SLAVERS IN THE VATICAN.

Our public free school system is the bulwark of our liberty, and the Roman political machine is seeking with might and main to crush it. What do you think of a Catholic communicant who says he is loyal to our government, yet backs up the hierarchy in its efforts to destroy our public schools? Do you not think he is a patriotic bird of a rare plumage.

Do you know why the Catholics, who represent about one-fifth of our population, are so powerful when it comes to enforcing a boycott? It is because they are united and move all together. Just suppose all non-Catholics in this country were to thus unite and move, why, there would not be a greasy spot of popery left on this side of the Atlantic.

The Catholic leaders are hoping that the present anti-Catholic cyclone that has struck the country will soon blow over without doing them much damage. Let us show them it will never blow over until the Catholic church in the United States quits politics, opens up its dens of infamy, and occupies the same position in the republic as do all the other churches.

## AT THE "NITES" BALL.

1,000 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, ARMED WITH HEAVY SWORDS, AND 250 "DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA" (FEMALE "KNIGHTS") GO THROUGH THE MANUAL OF ARMS IN MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK CITY WHILE 5,000 PAPISTS CHEER, AT "NITES" CHARITY BALL.

Looked Like Getting Ready To Spear Heretics At Short Range.

BY N. Y. C. STAR REPORTER.

Well, it is all past and gone and it certainly was a great ball. Five thousand members of the "Nites," their sweethearts, wives, and other things which they brought in with them, crowded every seat in Madison Square Garden, New York City, in the evening of Friday, February 13th at the K. of C. "Charity Ball," to watch 1,000 "Nites," one-third of whom wore a military uniform, give an "Exhibition Drill and Dress Parade," go through the "Manual of Arms" with heavy, sharp, steel swords.

Yes, it was a great "Exhibition." One that contained material for considerable thought for every non-Catholic man, woman and child in the United States of America!

To see those thousand "Nites" thrusting their business-like swords forward, slashing the air and "charging," would convince the most skeptical that their drilling, and military training was intended for no good purpose.

A reporter for THE PERIL attended the ball, and watched every movement of the "Nites" from the beginning to the end. The price of admission was \$1.00, and it was with some reluctance that THE PERIL reporter paid the fee.

The doors of Madison Square Garden were supposed to be opened at 7:30 P. M. THE PERIL reporter arrived at that time and was compelled to stand with a small crowd outside of the Madison Avenue entrance, until 8:00 o'clock, however, before admission could be gained.

Madison Square Garden is the biggest Hall in New York City. It occupies the entire block from Fourth to Madison Avenue, and from 26th to 27th Streets. Exclusive of the main floor, it has a seating capacity of about 7,000.

### Military Manoeuvres Start.

From the time the doors were opened a constant stream of humanity poured into the big arena, and scattered itself throughout the two balconies.

At 9:00 o'clock Ward's Military Band entertained things by furnishing some martial music, but it was an hour later, or 10 o'clock, that things started in earnest.

At that time a huge cluster of Tantalum lamps, and several flaming arc lamps were set going, the Brass Band started with a crash, there was a ringing of necks, and all eyes turned toward the Madison Avenue entrance.

Marching four abreast, dressed in a uniform of Papal colors, yellow-and-white, about three hundred "Daughters of Isabella," or female Knights of Columbus, moved into the arena. Each female "Nite" carried a flag. The uniform consisted of a yellow, military cape, decorated with a red, braided, cord across the chest, a white skirt, and a yellow and white "Zouave" cap.

These female "Nites" marched once around the parade floor, and then the "Fourth Degree" "Nites," all resplendent in a blue uniform, brass buttons, a clappeau, or cockade hat, white belts and with swords swinging at their sides, strode after the females. Following these came the uniformed "Nites," each of whom also carried a sword.

A Knight, named P. J. Maguire, acted as General of this marching papal army, gave regulation military commands, and put it through the "Manual of Arms." For two hours these Papal cohorts marched to and fro, obeying Maguire's marching orders, and his manual-of-arms orders.

At the conclusion of the marching the "Nites," both male and female, clustered themselves into a Papal insignia, while they thrust their swords into the air. This was called the "Pontifical Salute."

To THE PERIL reporter, however, it looked like a rehearsal or how they would "spear" heretics, if they were fighting at close quarters.

Before disbanding, for the programme of the regular Ball, a "Review Committee," consisting of "Father" Francis J. Sullivan, Francis A. Chieherio, and Edward E. McCall, the badly defeated candidate for Mayor of New York, walked through the ranks of the "Nites" and commented favorably upon their business-like military appearance.

### Patrons of the Ball.

For a couple of months preceding the ball, the "Nites" had browbeaten a large number of business men into giving them advertisements for their programme.

Among the persons who "gave up" was Chauncey Olcott, the actor, who paid for a full page. William R. Hearst, the so-called "Independent editor" paid for Box No. 57 at the Ball, while Charles F. Murphy, the notorious Tammany Hall thug, purchased Box No. 48. Klaw & Erlanger, the theatrical Jews, were made to come across with cash for Box No. 69, and so the list could be continued almost indefinitely.

These "Nites" certainly do play a great game of browbeating, plundering and mobbing all for that blasphemous impostor who sits on his throne over on the Tiber.