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## How Public Schools are Wrecked

Why are the Romanists Organizing and Threatening Bloodshed?

The Menace.

Of all the methods of the Romanists to cripple and destroy the public school system by impairing its efficiency, none is more effective than the prevention of the erection of buildings adequate for accommodation of all pupils. This is done through Romish obstructionists on boards of education, the difficulties interposed by Romish city officials in the obtaining of building permits, and the raiding of school funds by Romish freebooters. A fair example of these tactics is found in the action of Mitchel, New York City's Knight of Columbus, who, in voting a bond issue for the night schools and following this by slashing four million dollars from the general schools appropriation. The effective results of this Romish warfare against our free schools and in favor of the parochial school can be seen in the following excerpt from the report of Commissioner Hall which was included in the official report of the board of education of Binghamton, N. Y., and published in the Press of that city for Oct. 26, 1915:

At Jarvis street, Miss Stone reports 620 registered. There are 152 in the kindergarten, 80 of which cannot speak English, and they have to sit on the chairs, and on tables, and on the floor. There is a gain of 101 over last June. The seven A has to go to Laurel avenue, she seven B and six A to the truant room in Clinton street, where Mrs. Mary Clark and Miss McGowen have charge of them. In one room, 40x60, there are 172 pupils. The playground is greatly appreciated. The school spirit is more than usually satisfactory. One reason for the crowded condition over there is because of the transference of a class from the parochial school into Jarvis street. This was done by the desire of the parents, because out of a class of nearly forty, ranging in ages from six to ten years, that has been to the parochial school over two years, not one can read a word of anything intelligently, and the parents desire that they shall come to a school where they will be taught in the proper way. The teachers in the parochial school have been young girls and boys from a grade equal to the seventh grade in St. Mary's Home that have been employed as extra teachers over there, and their own crowded condition was such that it was impossible to properly take care of the children. They are perfectly happy in that school, only they mourned for their pupils that have gone out into other schools, and the teachers cry because they want their children back here. By building more rooms this could be accomplished.

### Do You Get This?

If those confident persons who invariably pooh-pooh all warnings that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is preparing for armed action in America could read, as does The Menace staff, all the boldly militant statements which appear in the papal press, they might alter somewhat their views on the matter and feel a sense of security. It is nearly certain that the crisis of violence will come when the patriots of this country refuse to surrender the public schools to the ready hand of Rome. Let all persons who are skeptical on this subject ponder the following frank and significant utterance, merely a specimen of many others in various Romish papers, taken from the Catholic Union and Times, an authoritative mouthpiece of the hierarchy in America. Its meaning can not be mistaken by the most unimpassioned, and it should leave no doubt as to the true function of that fully armed and carefully drilled military organization, the Knights of Columbus. The date of this item is Nov. 27, 1918, exactly two years ago. Read it, you may groan, and then maybe you'll do a little less laughing.

## Rowan Court Finished

Colored Woman Sent up Eight Months for Killing Her Husband.

Judge Shaw finished up the criminal docket of Rowan court Wednesday afternoon and the civil cases go over to the next term. Flossie Rose, the Negro woman who killed her husband under what was considered most justifiable circumstances, plead guilty of manslaughter and was sent up for eight months with permission to the commissioners to hire her out. She proved an excellent character by both white and colored and there were several applications to take her for hire. Ita Clark, Negro, plead guilty or murder in the second degree and was sent up for 20 years. He killed another Negro in East Spencer.

Judge Shaw ordered E. H. Hooper into custody of the sheriff until he gets an answer to a letter he had written Judge Lane regarding Hooper's sentence for three months. Judge Lane, who last week heard Hooper's plea of guilty for the larceny of a cow wired Judge Shaw that the sentence should be three months but with permission to hire. In the meantime Judge Shaw had written Judge Lane that he tried the young men who were working for Hooper and that they had done three months' time. Their trial took place while Hooper was out of town and he thought Hooper should have the same kind of sentence. If Judge Lane replies to this letter and is still of the opinion that Hooper should be hired out this will be done. Otherwise Hooper must go to the roads. Hooper at the time of the alleged larceny was running a meat market and was a well known business man of the city. It seems that the original sentence, that Hooper serve a term with privilege to be hired out by the commissioners, has been definitely settled.

Lee Savage, escape, mistrial, not pros with leave.

Bill Davis, larceny and beating reboard bill, not guilty.

Henry and J. Brown, liquor case going up from County court, \$800 and \$500 and costs respectively.

Will Johnson, assault with deadly weapon, sixty days.

Will Miller, colored, house-breaking, guilty; jury asks mercy for prisoner.

John Gant, embezzlement, six months.

The case against Boosey Cook, the Granite Quarry Negro, for murder was continued for the State. Another Negro implicated in this killing, the victim being Gamewell Jeffries, is at large.

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George Brewer for assault with deadly weapon gets ten months on the roads and in a case for carrying concealed weapons judgment is suspended for two years during good behavior.

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ing about the harmless hierarchy: Five thousand Knights of Columbus attended a special vesper service at Saint Patrick's cathedral, in New York, last Sunday afternoon, celebrating the 1600th anniversary of the Edict of Constantine. It is good to see this fine society justifying its existence. Just imagine what these five thousand husky lads, reinforced many times five thousand from other places, will do when arrives the psychological moment for an outbreak.

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## Grand Jury Hits Spencer

Does not Think Much of The "Law and Order" Administration There.

Every now and then we have a real grand jury, one that understands what needs to be done and does not hesitate to do it. Of such was the last one as its report, given below, will indicate. THE WATCHMAN does not rejoice that conditions are such in our neighbor towns as to justify the grand jury, which was composed of honest and capable men, in making the charges and recommendations it did. Rather we would have it the reverse, but if the charges are true, which we have no reason to doubt, it was right and proper that the jury should have taken action. It seems that the mayor of Spencer, who is also the recorder, has called a meeting for Friday night to discuss the matters, when, we presume those making the charges, have done so in good faith, thoroughly understand the situation, have the necessary evidence, will be on hand, will not be bowled down and will give a good account of themselves. The grand jury's report is as follows:

North Carolina, Rowan County, November Term Superior Court, 1915. To His Honor, Judge Thomas J. Shaw, presiding:

We, the Grand Jury of November Term beg to report as follows:

We have acted on all bills of indictment presented by the Solicitor and on all other matters brought to our attention.

By committee we inspected the Sheriff's office, office of Clerk of the Superior Court, Treasurer's and Register of Deeds and found

same in a neat, clean condition and the public documents and records in all offices are neatly and cleanly kept, in files where they are properly protected and of easy access for reference.

By committee we visited the county jail and found same to be in sanitary condition.

We found that the heating facilities are not sufficient and recommend that one more radiator be placed in a suitable place.

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Bear This in Mind.

"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy by far the best medicine in the market for colds and croup," says Mrs. Albert Blosser, Lima, Ohio. Many others are of the same opinion. Obtainable everywhere.

## Baptist State Convention Met in Charlotte Yesterday.

News Concentrated for Those who Want to Know About Home Affairs.

Louisburg, Dec. 5.—The eighty-fifth annual session of the Baptist State Convention, opened Tuesday evening, December 7, in the auditorium of the First Baptist church of Charlotte, gives every indication of being spiced with interesting features and of being fraught with the most momentous and far-reaching results of any convention held within the last decade and a half. The Pastor's Conference began Monday night with a sermon by Rev. Bruce Bentin, Rockingham. Dr. A. T. Robertson, of the Louisville Seminary, and Dr. M. G. Evans, Fa., made the principal addresses Tuesday.

The convention opened with the introductory sermon by Dr. Thomas W. O'Kelley, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh, Tuesday evening, at 7:30. The organization of the body followed.

Perhaps the one outstanding feature of the convention will be the election of a corresponding secretary to take the place of Dr. Livingston Johnson, who resigned some weeks ago to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Rocky Mount. Dr. Johnson has held this position fifteen years, five years longer than any one else has ever held it, and led the missionary forces of the Baptists of this State to signal victories. His recent triumph in raising more than \$56,000 for State missions, thus enabling his board to go to the convention with practically a clean sheet, is perhaps the most notable of all his victories.

### Boyd and Von Papen Dismissed by Uncle Sam.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Immediate withdrawal of Capt. Karl Boyd and Capt. Franz von Papen, respectively naval military attachés of the German Embassy, has been requested by the State Department. In making formal announcement of this action late today, Secretary Lansing said the attachés had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States Government by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters.

The secretary acted with the full approval of President Wilson, who is understood to have determined that the United States shall be rid of foreign officials who make themselves obnoxious by activity harmful to the best interests of the Nation.

The State Department made its request three days ago through Count Bernstorff, the German Ambassador.

### Laughter Aids Digestion.

Laughter is one of the most healthful exertions; it is of great help to digestion. A still more effective help is a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. If you should be troubled with indigestion give them a trial. They cost a quarter. Obtainable everywhere.

### Germans Scared in September.

London, Dec. 6.—The Lausanne correspondent of The Times claims to have accurate information from Berlin that the Germans got a tremendous fright during the Anglo-French offensive of September and that at Brussels all the papers and belongings of the headquarters staff stood for three days packed on motor-cars ready for instant flight because the staff feared the offensive would succeed.

As the Germans are still in a state of alarm the correspondent continues they propose in January to make a desperate offensive attack of their own on the western front and to this end the Krupps are working feverishly to prepare the necessary big guns and material.

"Supposing this attack fails," the correspondent continues they have another card to play. The Pope and President Wilson will be invited by Germany to initiate proceedings for the proclamation of peace. This is the explanation of Prince von Bismarck's visit to Switzerland and his negotiations there with the Vatican."

## State News Items

Indications are That Eastern and Western Conspirators Were Working Together.

At a meeting of the Iredell Poultry Association held last week it was unanimously decided to hold the next annual poultry show at Statesville January 5, 6, 7 and 8. Statesville and Iredell have made quite a reputation on their poultry shows and it is the purpose to sustain that good reputation in this season's exhibition. Officers of the association for the ensuing year were elected as follows: R. A. Cooper, president; D. Matt Thompson, vice president; B. L. Brone, secretary and treasurer; K. L. Miller, assistant secretary and treasurer; J. D. Cochrane, superintendent and general manager of the show room.

Around Newport, Carteret Co., there are alligators in abundance and they are sometimes a menace to pedestrians. However, it was not until a few days ago that one of the critters had the honor of holding up the United States mail for a period of two hours. The alligator in question was encountered by a rural carrier a short way out of Newport and he at once exhibited signs of preventing anyone from passing that point of the road in which he was lying.

Mr. R. F. D. carrier at once drew his revolver and fired seven bullets into the critter, but these proved of no avail and it was not until a shotgun was brought into action that his alligatorship was dispensed with. When the smoke of battle had finally cleared away it was found that the conflict had consumed more than two hours.

Jack Bivins, a negro of some 60 odd or 70 years, was struck and instantly killed by a west bound Seaboard passenger train six miles west of Monroe Friday afternoon. Bivins, in company with three other negroes, was walking in a cut and attempted to cross the track in front of the locomotive, some part of which struck him in the temple. Bivins lived at Marshville.

News of a bold but unsuccessful attempt at robbery took place at Erwin station, a few miles from New Bern, Thursday night. An unknown negro entered the small grocery store of L. M. Basden at that place, who had gone down to the railway station for a few minutes, and, being alone, there was nothing for Mrs. Basden to do but to open the cash drawer and hand out the cash according to the black's request. She went around in the rear of the counter, opened the drawer and instantly picked up a revolver which was lying in the drawer. Aiming the weapon at the Negro she pulled the trigger and fired a bullet at him. The black at once made a hasty retreat.

Lee Jarvis, one of the three participants in the shooting up of the home of W. M. Mehaffie in New-hope Township, Iredell County, a week ago Saturday, surrendered to the Iredell County officers Saturday morning 'phoning Sheriff Deaton to come for him which the sheriff did, bringing the prisoner back with him. Jarvis was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate W. J. Lasbury, confessing to his part in the shooting, and in default of a \$500 bond, was committed to jail. Jarvis gave as his reason for surrendering, the fact that he was tired of lying out in the woods in the cold and in addition his wounds received in the battle with Mehaffie were troubling him. It was found that more than 55 No. 6 shot had penetrated his leg just below the thigh, and in addition he had several shot in his left hand and one in his stomach. In his confession Jarvis implicated Joe Nicholson, father of Rush Nicholson, one of the men said to have been in the crowd that did the shooting, and stated that the elder Nicholson was arrested on Saturday night, charged with complicity in the plot to kill the Mehaffie family, and was placed in jail until Monday when he was given a preliminary hearing.

### Owes her Good Health to Chamberlain's Tablets.

"I owe my good health to Chamberlain's Tablets," writes Mrs. R. G. Neff, Crookston, Ohio. "Two years ago I was an invalid due to stomach trouble. I took three bottles of these tablets and have since been in the best of health." Obtainable everywhere.

Box Supper at Sloop's School

There will be a box supper at the Sloop school house, China Grove Township, District No. 7, on Saturday night, December 11th. Everybody is invited to come. All girls are expected to bring boxes. *Kum.*

## German Plotters Sentenced

This and the Affirmation of Three Death Sentences Supreme Court's Brief Work.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—The upholding of the North Carolina quart law and the affirmation of three death sentences gave today's decision of the Supreme court of North Carolina state-wide interest.

The liquor act of the 1915 general assembly stands and all judges who have decided cases in the lower courts are affirmed. The solitary case that has been carried up from below was decided today after a recess of several months added to the fall sitting.

The decision today came no earlier than it was expected. Near the close of the spring term a special order was made of a Wake county case but the court adjourned without attempting any agreement. A decision of 16 type-written pages is handed down and a hand-to-hand reading shows that the lawyers have read it more than they have done any other in months.

Three murderers who find no help from the court are Jim Cooper, of Rowan, who killed Lucinda Price, and George Poston and Ernest Lowry of Gaston, who killed Grant Davis for the purpose of robbery.

Of absorbing interest in the decision of the Supreme court from North Carolina handed down in the case of Glenn vs. the Southern Express company.

The opinion of the court is elaborate and is written by Justice Allen. The constitutionality of the Webb-Kenyon law is considered and upheld. In passing upon the entire country, Department of Justice officials were convinced tonight that they had under arrest most of the men implicated in plots to interfere with American commerce in munitions of war.

The arrest today in San Francisco of Baron von Brincken, who claims to be connected with the office of the German Consul General there, is regarded here as one of the most important made in several weeks. The baron, according to the information here, was a prominent figure in the plans of C. O. Crowley, arrested in the same city charged with plots against munition factories.

More arrests are to be made in the Crowley case and important developments are looked for when all the witnesses the Government is seeking reach San Francisco and give their testimony.

Although officials would not admit that a direct connection has been established between the Crowley plots and those in which Lieutenant Robert Fay and his accomplices were implicated in New York, it is understood many facts point to such a connection. If this proves true, the Department expects within a few weeks to have completely defeated plans Nation-wide in the East to England, France and Italy, and in the West to Russia.

plot to shoot up the Mehaffies. Their original plan, said Jarvis, was to kill the entire family and then burn the house. He said that it was Nicholson that furnished the whiskey presumably to get their nerve up for the shooting, made all the plans and bribed the three men charged with the shooting to attempt the dastardly deed in which they failed. None of the other fugitives have been apprehended up to this time. The elder Nicholson was arrested on Saturday night, charged with complicity in the plot to kill the Mehaffie family, and was placed in jail until Monday when he was given a preliminary hearing.

### War Upon Pain

Pain is a visitor to every home and usually it comes quite unexpectedly. But you are prepared for every emergency if you keep a small bottle of Sloan's Liniment handy. It is the greatest pain killer ever discovered. Simply laid on the skin—no rubbing required—it drives the pain away. It is really wonderful.

Mervin H. Soister, Berkeley, Cal., writes: "Last Saturday, after tramping around the Panama Exposition with wet feet, I came home with my neck so stiff that I couldn't turn. I applied Sloan's Liniment freely and went to bed. To my surprise, next morning the stiffness had almost disappeared, four hours after the second application I was as good as new."

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