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ROME IN CHICAGO, NE TEMERE PRACTICED.

What Protestants Swallow When They Become Catholics or Submit to Catholic Marriage

By W. H. Miller in The Menace.

The Jesuits, the priests and other apologists for the Roman Catholic church, when confronted with the Ne Temere decree of Pius X tell us that it is not practiced in America, and, indeed, is regarded as a dead letter by the hierarchy here. This is false, for whenever possible they use it as a weapon to beat their victims into line and keep them cowed by fear and threats of what will happen if they do not obey the priests. The following sworn statement furnishes indisputable proof of just how priests in America use this infamous weapon against supposedly free American citizens.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 17th 1914.
My name is Catherine Janluci, I am eighteen years of age, and on May 11th 1911, I was married by Rev. John F. Thomas to Tambeo Janluci, (who had previously gone under the name of Chas. A. Kippens,) and I have a certificate to prove that I was lawfully married on the above date.

At that time and during my entire life I was a member of the Baptist church and Janluci was Catholic and at first I refused to marry him on account of his religion but he most solemnly and sincerely promised that if I would marry him he would give up Catholicism and join the Baptist church and I not knowing anything derogatory to the Catholic system at that time I was, by false pretense, finally induced to marry him upon his promise to quit Catholicism and become a Baptist.

As soon as we were married he began to talk of what a beautiful and glorious thing Catholicism was and he took me to his church and his priest and sent people to me to praise Catholicism, but remembering his solemn promise and hoping that he would be true to his word I steadily refused to allow them to inveigle me into their clutches and refused to have anything to do with Catholicism whatever, conditions steadily got worse and Janluci became insolent and abusive and finally he grossly mistreated and beat me in a shameful manner and called me vile names and all because I would not embrace Catholicism and I was rendered insensible and confined to my bed on account of this abuse and beating and was unable to sit up or even raise my hand and while in this helpless and pitiful condition Father Morris of the St. Monica's church 36th and Dearborn Sts., came to my house one afternoon and said to me, "do you know that you are not married to Janluci and which is the cause of all your trouble, sickness, and unhappiness, and if Janluci should come to me tomorrow with a Catholic woman and want me to marry them I would do so instantly as you are not his wife, you are a vile woman and living in adultery and no better than a filthy prostitute of the streets and God has cursed you and you can not have any children and will be forever damned unless you repent your mortal sin and become a Catholic."

I was too sick and feeble to protest against this abuse of the priest and he left me in much worse and far more helpless than when he came into the room. (Signed) CATHERINE R. JANLUCCI. Personally appeared before me M. C. Byron, a notary public in and for Cook county, Illinois, Katherine Janluci who swears that she signed the above statement and that it was done of her own free will and that all the facts are true as stated. (Signed) MARY C. BYRON. Notary Public. Notarial license expires Sept. 12, 1917.

Also personally appeared before me M. C. Byron, notary public in and for Cook county, Illinois, Louisa Beasley who swears that she was present when Father Morris talked to Catherine Janluci and that the facts as above stated are true and I make this statement of my own free will. (Signed) LOUISA C. BEASLEY. (Signed) MARY C. BYRON. Notary Public. Notarial license expires Sept. 12, 1917.

Red blooded Americans, what do you think of that tragic story showing the practical workings of the autocratic monarchial and utterly un-American Roman Catholic system in this free re-

public? What American can remain indifferent or unconcerned in the presence of such outrages as are here set forth with such simple but tragic fidelity?

Is it not time we unite in a mighty movement to keep America free, and prevent another Canossa or another St. Bartholomew?

Little good however results from telling such pathetic stories of outrages unless we, the patriots of America are ready to do something to right the wrong, and restore the prestige and dignity of our free government. In writing this article I have ventured to hope that the readers of the Menace will show the article to their neighbors and friends with the view to getting the patriots in each community to organize a band for the purpose of putting an end to the exercise of such shameful despotism as is attempted by Ne Temere and such subversive attempts to re-establish intellectual slavery as is imposed by Montu Proprio.

It is true that in the last instance the papal decree primarily results in intellectual enslavement and mental paralysis of the Roman priesthood, and those educated in Roman Catholic schools, but secondarily with Rome organized and seeking to dominate all public opinion forming agencies the effect is detrimental to that freedom of thought or intellectual emancipation which marks the difference between the United States and Mexico, and between England and Spain. With the Ne Temere, however, the baleful influence is direct as well as indirect as is impressively illustrated in the above tragic and pathetic story.

The Ne Temere, or marriage legislation of Pius X went into effect on April 18th, 1908. Germany was not slow to resent the shameful insult flung by the arrogant sovereign on the Tiber into the face of every Protestant communion in the world. She promptly let Pius X understand that if the rest of the Protestant world was indifferent to the insult she did not propose to permit any such shameful implications to rest upon the lawfully wedded German citizens, when the contracting parties had obeyed the marriage legislation recognized by the German government.

Consequently the inflexible and irrefragable pope of Rome made haste to reverse his inflexible and irrefragable ex cathedra utterances, insofar as it related to Germany, for by a later decree the Holy See exempted Germany from the new legislation. Germany by her refusal to permit the insolent and arrogant papacy to cast reflections on her citizens, or question the legitimacy of offsprings where marriage had been performed in accordance with German law, showed the whole civilized world what every self respecting nation should do when a foreign sovereign attempts to meddle with the laws of the land.

The Italian government found it necessary to take radical and drastic measures to prevent the church from perniciouly meddling with state affairs. Thus, in regard to marriage the Italian government forbids the priests to perform the ceremony, decreeing that the marriage ceremony must be performed by civil authorities only. Italy goes so far as to make it a penitentiary offence for the priest to perform a ceremony.

The Mexican republic after the adoption of the constitution in 1859, refused to recognize any marriage that was not civil, although priests were permitted to go through the ceremony for the satisfaction of the religious convictions of those who wished a religious ceremony to supplement the civil one.

Surely the hour has struck for America to take a stand on this question. Such outrages as that described above, and

similar stories of domestic misery resulting from priestly interference with married couples, which might be cited, demand that we take the power from those who are trying to steal our freedom in order to make America dominantly Catholic, and who by such legislation as Ne Temere, feel they must wreck homes and ruin lives in furtherance of their loyalty to a foreign sovereign.

The church opposes divorce, largely for the reason that to do so, and then grant a divorce upon the payment of money, adds more revenue to the Church, in fact, by its weddings, divorces and deaths, the hierarchy obtains vast fums of money.

In Illinois, those Roman Catholics who can raise sufficient money have little difficulty in obtaining divorce, and there are numerous indications that the Roman Catholic machine is carefully laying plans to fasten upon various commonwealths, marriage and divorce laws patterned after that of Catholic Austria. The machine is carefully laying plans to fasten upon various commonwealths, marriage and divorce laws patterned after that of Catholic Austria. Even at the present time political Romanism is trying to discredit justices of peace, and make the marriages performed by them illegal.

An influential eastern publication has this to say on this subject: With the increase of Catholics in the judiciary the influence of the pope will become manifest. Already there have been signs of it. The taking of the function of performing marriage services from the justices of the peace in New Jersey is one such sign. Frequently Catholic magistrates in New York have declined to marry couples and directed them to their priest. Logically the refusal of Catholic judges and referees to recommend decrees of divorce will follow. The priests show their cunning by always discussing divorce as an "evil" when it is a remedy and a cure for marital ills. The church opposes "votes for women" because it fears votes mean divorces for women who want them. The point of attack for marriage reformers is the indissoluble marriage. Where divorce is desired by both parties it should be a ceremony instead of a trial and the principal business of the courts adjudicating on the disposition of children and property where the parties cannot agree.

Indissoluble marriage is for the sole benefit of the church and is maintained at the cost of moral purity and human happiness. Rome's true position in regard to marriage was admirably summed up by the eminent Jesuit writer, Rev. John Charock, S. J. in a pamphlet entitled "Marriage," which was published by the Catholic Truth Society, and in which he says: "The marriage of all Catholics (both parties Catholics) before a Protestant minister or civil magistrate is no marriage at all." "The marriage of all fallen away Catholics (who have become Protestants or infidels) before a (Protestant) minister or civil magistrate is no marriage at all." "The marriage of a Catholic to a non baptized person is never a real marriage unless the church grants a dispensation."

"The marriage of a Catholic to a Protestant (one never baptized in the Catholic church) before a (Protestant) minister or civil magistrate is no marriage at all." So deeply are we impressed with the necessity of prompt and united action to meet and repel this iniquitous attempt of a foreign sovereign, to create misery and unhappiness by meddling with our democratic marriage legislation and other vital questions where democracy is in opposition to the monarchial and despotic papacy, a number of patriotic citizens in Chicago have commenced organizing a campaign for effective action. Any readers of The Menace interested getting up a group to fight for legislation that will safeguard the rights of American citizens

MOB AFTER MAN WHO SHOT FIVE.

Wife and Occupants of House Where She Was Employed Victims of White Assault.

Marion, Sept. 10.—Virgil Butt, a white man, 35 years of age, shot and seriously wounded five persons at the home of Thomas Morris late this afternoon. The wounded are Lawrence Morris, Roland Morris, J. L. Biddix, Mrs. J. H. L. Miller and Mrs. Virgil Butt, wife of the assailant. After being wounded himself, Butt escaped and is yet at large with probably a hundred men on his trail. Excitement is intense to night and if the fugitive is captured there may be a lynching. Butt, it is said, has been a heavy drinker and has been regarded as dangerous when drunk.

Butt's wife was a cook at the home of Morris, supposedly against his will. This is believed his reason for the act. About 6 o'clock Butt appeared at the rear door of the Morris home armed with a rifle and shot his wife, then entered the home and began shooting at the other occupants of the house. J. L. Biddix, a nearby neighbor, attracted by the shots, appeared on the scene. Butt then shot Biddix the bullet grazing his forehead. Biddix returned to his house for a shotgun and succeeding in wounding Butt as he escaped toward the hills.

It is thought all the wounded will recover, though Mrs. J. H. L. Miller, who was shot in the neck, is in a serious condition.

Constipation the Father of Many Ills.

Of the numerous ills that affect humanity a large share start with constipation. Keep your bowels regular and they may be avoided. When a laxative is needed take Chamberlain's Tablets. They not only move the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Obtainable everywhere.

German Casualties Thus far 3,375,000

London, Sept. 10.—German casualties in the war during the month of August according to a compilation here from the German casualty lists, total 2,409,900. This brings the German total since the beginning of the war, as compiled from the summaries to 3,375,000. These figures include all the German Nationalities but do not include the naval and colonial casualties.

The detailed figures for the month of August as follows: Killed 42,700; prisoners 1,800; missing 42,900; wounded 153,500; total 240,900.

Detailed figures for the period of the war to the end of August, 1916: Killed 832,000, prisoners 165,700; missing 234,000; wounded 2,144,000. Total 3,375,000.

who will write to the Militant Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill., will receive suggestions in regard to organizing a working plan for action.

Rome acts while others talk. She has been in politics for years with a perfectly organized and powerful machine which has enabled a handful of Roman Catholics in many communities to dominate the press, party machines and party nominations, while her pernicious meddling with the marriage question, her attacks on our public schools, her efforts to evade the constitutional provision for absolute divorce of church and state, in obtaining appropriations for sectarian institutions and her present attempt to substitute bureaucracy for trial by jury in matters relating to the free press, and her attacks in congress on freedom of religious discussion, should show every patriotic American the importance of immediate action for the cause of wholesome freedom and fundamental democracy.

BULGARIAN-GERMAN FORCES TAKE FORTRESS

Rumanians and Russians, Fighting in Dobruja Apparently Suffer Considerable Losses.

London, Sept. 11.—The Bulgarians are evacuating Varna, the principal port on the Black Sea, according to a semi-official news agency dispatch from Odessa.

London, Sept. 10.—Continuing their advance in Western Dobruja, the German and Bulgarian forces have captured the old Bulgarian fortress of Silistra, which lies on the Eastern bank of the Danube about 25 miles Northeast of Turtukai and 60 miles East of Bucharest, the capital of Rumania and about an equal distance South of Constantza Bucharest railway line. The capture of the fortress is announced by the Berlin war office which asserts that the Rumanians and Russians fighting in Dobruja apparently have suffered very considerable losses during the last few days.

In the Banat, North of Orsova, however, the Rumanians advanced against the Austrians compelled the Austrian right wing after it had pushed them back two and a half miles, to withdraw to its former position under a strong counter-attack. Attempts by the Rumanians to advance against heights West of Csik Szreda were repulsed. In Southern Bukovina near the junction of the Hungarian and Rumanian borders the Fermanians are in contest with the Rumanians.

Berlin and Vienna concede a gain of ground to the Russians in the Carpathians near Zabio to the West of Shypot. The Russians says Berlin, are on the offensive from the Baltic to the wooded heights of the Carpathians, but everywhere except near Shypot their attacks have been repulsed.

Attempts by the Russians to break through the Austrian lines Southeast of Lemberg, near Halicz, failed according to Vienna, with heavy losses. The Vienna statement mentions the gallantry of the Turkish forces fighting with the Austrians in this region.

The repulse of German counter-attacks and continued heavy bombardments formed the chief features of the fighting on the Western Front in the Somme region between the French and British forces and the Germans. The attacks by the Germans against the British took place North of Ginchy and against the French South of Berny en Santerre.

A recapitulation by the British War office of the results attained by the British on the Somme front during last week shows an advance on a front of 6,000 yards to a depth varying from 300 to 3,000 yards.

In addition to numerous air battles between French and German aviators in which seven German machines were forced down French air craft have heavily bombed German depots and establishments in the region of Chauny, South of St. Quentin, Ham and Peronne. The British claimed for their airman the destruction of three German machines and the driving down of others in a damaged condition.

Patrol engagements and bombardments continue to feature the fighting on the Macedonian front. The Bulgarians, according to Paris, have been forced abandon several trenches in the district near Vetrenik while the British have shelled Jenikoi and Nevoljen and made a raid on the Doroin.

In Albania the Italians in the Avlona sector have taken with out opposition several Austrian points of vantage. The usual artillery activity continues in the Austro-Italian theater.

That Austria-Hungary, while she would hail peace with joy has no intention of quitting the fray at the present under the terms her enemies would impose, is the statement made by

MEN TELL ABOUT MAROONED LIFE

"When Was the War Over?" First Question Antarctic Explorers.

London, Sept. 11.—Life on Elephant Island in the Antarctic as it was experienced by the marooned men of Lieutenant Sir Ernest Shackleton's South Polar expedition, who were recently rescued and taken to Chile, is described in a message received from Punta Arenas and published in The Daily Chronicle today.

"The day began," says the description, "with breakfast, which consisted merely of penguin, fried in blubber, with a drink of water. The morning's duties consisted in clearing away snowdrifts and catching penguin. Lunch was served at 1 o'clock, consisting of a biscuit with raw fish butter. The afternoon was occupied with regular exercise over a track of one hundred yards in length.

"At 5 o'clock, when darkness fell, came dinner, consisting of penguin breast and beef tea lacking tobacco. The men smoked grass from the padding in their boots, while the pipes were carved from birds' bone and wood. The members of the party took turns in reading aloud from the only available books, namely, the Bible, an encyclopedia, Browning, Bacon's essays and Carlyle's French Revolution. Saturday evening was always marked by a concert, the feature of which was banjo playing. A banjo was the only musical instrument in camp.

On one occasion there was a welcome addition to the diet when several undigested fish were found in the stomach of a seal and greatly enjoyed. These were the only fish obtained during our stay. In August there was a change in diet when impets were gathered and seaweed was available as a vegetable.

"We were in the midst of one of these limpet and seaweed lunches when the rescue boat was sighted.

"When was the war over?" was the first question asked.

Are You Looking Old?

Old age comes quick enough without inviting it. Some look old at forty. That is because they neglect the liver and bowels. Keep your bowels regular and your liver healthy and you will not only feel younger but look younger. When troubled with constipation or biliousness take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are intended especially for these ailments and are excellent. Easy to take and most agreeable in effect. Obtainable everywhere.

Boys Find Stolen \$8,070 Hid in Woods.

Martin's Ferry, Ohio, Sept. 10.—A box containing \$8,070 which was stolen when two yesterday held up and fatally wounded Lee Rankin, paymaster for the Young-hogheny and Ohio Coal Company, near here was found today by boys in a wood a few hundred yards from the scene of the robbery. No attempt had been made to force open the lock.

Harry Brinline of Bellaire, Ohio, who was arrested as a suspect, was today identified by Paul Pickens, chauffeur of the automobile, in which the money was being carried, as one of the robbers, according to the police.

Don't Neglect Your Cold.

Neglected colds get worse, instead of better. A stuffed head, a tight chest must be relieved at once. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is Nature's remedy. Honey and glycerine heal the irritated membrane, antiseptic tar loosens the phlegm, you breathe easier and your cold is broken up. Pleasant to take, Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is an ideal remedy for children as well as grown-ups. At your Druggist 25 cents.

SEN. OVERMAN DESCRIBES ACHIEVEMENTS.

Fourteen Salient Features Pointed Out as Accomplishments of Vast Importance.

Washington, Sept. 9.—Upon the adjournment of the Sixty-fourth Congress Senator Overman estimates the achievements of the Democracy as having a value which will linger in the minds of the voters through all the contest of the political campaign now narrowing down toward its fiercest struggle. Running over the accomplishments in these difficult times he said the party had averted war, had stopped the strike which threatened to engulf this country into a calamity almost as great as the Civil War, had prevented panics and had given prosperity such as the country has never seen.

Senator Overman describes the outstanding features of the legislation of three years past under fourteen heads, as follows:

"1. The party has passed a tariff that has allowed prosperity to come and stay.

"2. A currency and banking law that abolishes money panics and furnishes an elastic currency—all based upon gold.

"3. A Clayton law that frees labor and business by abolishing Government injunction and allowing a trial by jury for indirect contempt, and gives business a rule and guide freeing it from fear and suspicion.

"4. The Federal Trades Commission, which is to business what the Interstate Commission is to railroads. Instead of the stiff unbendable system, this gives business a chance to adjust each situation to business needs, when a monopoly is not present.

"5. An income tax law which compels wealth to pay its share of the burdens of Government.

"6. A good roads law inaugurating national aid to road building and fixing a permanent policy that will result in a complete national system.

"7. Rural credits for the farmers. While not as perfect as it should be it is the first time anything on this line has been considered to give the farmers cheaper money on long time loans and making it easy to borrow.

"8. The perfection of parcels post and postal savings system.

"9. The development of practical and substantial help to the farmers in the prevention of diseases to stock and vegetation and the extension of intensive farming.

"10. A shipping bill to build up a merchant marine, the purchase of ships in time of war for auxiliaries to the navy.

"11. Establishment of agencies in foreign countries to aid in developing our foreign trade, especially with South America, as well as other countries.

"12. Taking tariff out of politics by providing a tariff commission so that the tariff can be changed without disturbing business.

"13. Preparedness for national defense upon the land and upon the sea.

"14. Firm, humane, and diplomatic course towards Mexico without going to war. Foreign policies for the maintenance of our just rights upon the sea but not seeking war or inviting participation in a European struggle, asserting our rights without bringing war. We have peace and we are the only great nation of the civilized countries which is now at peace with all the world and with each other.