

# **WHAT IS KU KLUXISM?**

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Waters.**

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## FOREWORD.

Although the Ku Klux Klan was reorganized in 1915, the writer of this discursive article was not aware of its serious activities until early in the year 1921, when Colonel Simmons made public announcement of the principles and purposes of the new order.

This announcement aroused my recollections of the Ku Klux Klan of my boyhood, and I was moved by self-gratification to write them down. These grew so voluminous, and were so apparently of no real value, that I determined, instead, to set down my deductions after making faithful comparison of the respective characters and the sincerity of purposes manifested by the old Klansman and his enemies. While these, too, are of but little value within themselves, I trust they will at least arouse the really competent to supply an anxious public with a full history of the character of the old Klansman, of the cause he so firmly espoused, and of the principles he so unflinchingly defended. These conclusions are drawn from my own recollections, and from information gathered later concerning their respective acts before and after the disbandment of the old Klan.

It is superfluous to note that the writer is not a scholar. He is not even a writer. He makes no pretention to being skilled in the art of coherently assembling statements of facts so as to make them most clear and most impressive. He is aware that he is not an authority on Roman Catholicism. He was never on the inside of one of those splendid edifices into which the communicants of the only Holy Church of God assemble to worship. What he writes is based on current published reports unrefuted, on the certified statements of those who claim to have once been citizens of the Roman Catholic government, and on the generally accepted facts recorded in history. What he says concerning Roman Catholicism applies to the clergy of the Roman Catholic government only. His information is that the Roman Catholic laity has nothing to do

with its government, except to uncomplainingly obey its clergy which follows the dictates of its sinless pope.

Sudden and serious illness had prevented the completion of this article until early in the present year, 1922. I was still in the infirmary when I read the news of the passage of Colonel Simmons through the fiery furnace of alien persecution. Stubborn opposition to the reorganization of the old order had already developed in the camps of anti-Americanism, and these developments followed so rapidly and so precipitously one upon the other, that much of what the writer had predicted in this regard is rushing into the past tense with almost prophetic accuracy. Evidently the Knights of Columbus had become terror-stricken, and through their mouthpiece were hastily shaping their plans for a Congressional Investigation of the character of the Ku Klux Klan with the hope of inducing our national government to exterminate the klan, and to outlaw the principles of Americanism in America!

Even though the hasty, spectacular, cowardly attempt to dull the splendor of the character of the Ku Klux Klan by forcing it to undergo investigation by our national government signally failed, and left not even the smell of fire on the garments of its illustrious Imperial wizard, yet I feel constrained to warn the young manhood and womanhood of America that this is but an index to the character and methods of the relentless enemy with which they will have to deal; and to all lovers of a pure Americanism I sincerely and solemnly dedicate these pages.



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Judging from the tenor of some of our weeklies, it is evident that an effort is being made to reorganize throughout our country local lodges of the old "Mystic Order" of the Ku Klux Klan which operated so extensively in the South during its reconstruction under Federal direction. Its origin, its creed, its operations and its achievements are recalled at length; and numerous letters from various and widely separated points indicate that the idea will prove a popular one.

It appears that the leader in this work, Colonel Simmons, of Atlanta, Georgia, some five or six years ago, had completed the task he had voluntarily assumed of revising, refining and enlarging the old ritual with the view of reviving and reorganizing the old order as a memorial to the founders and promoters of the original organization.

This task performed, he submitted his plans to a number of his friends, some of whom had been members of the old klan, and who expressed their approval and agreed to join him in his undertaking. With this new ritual, but under the old title, he and his friends secured a charter, and began at once the work of reorganization.

I am indeed glad that I have been permitted to live in a time when a genuine effort is actually being made to found such an order for such a purpose. It lends the gratifying assurance that there still lives in America, and in the land of Dixie, a noble sentiment which most of us, perhaps, had begun to fear would soon become but a hated memory of the bitter past, a sentiment spurned from the roster of American ideals and banished from Truth's brightest page of her history of a pure Americanism. It is a sensation akin to that which one experiences when he comes suddenly face to face with an old friend whom he had believed long since dead.

How inspiring this sanction by posterity must be to the few remaining old veterans who reverently swore that the banner of White Supremacy and its allied principles should never be dishonored in our Southland! For more than half a hundred years have they stood silently by and stoically listened to irreverent and insulting invective, coarse, profane and obscene

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imprecation hurled at them by white racial perverts who brazenly boast of their loyalty to our American Institutions!

Do not those who lend credence to the persistent defamers of Ku Kluxism realize that if those resolute men had failed to accomplish their noble purpose, our posterity in only a few generations would be devoutly tracing their lineage back into the jungles of Darkest Africa? In their mad infatuation with money getting have they not been too absorbed to observe that since the disbandment of the old Ku Klux Klan the dangers that threatened the South during the sixties have increased tenfold in their scope and intensity? May the rapidly diminishing remnant of those old defenders of racial distinction live to see the son worthy of the sire.

Some fifteen years ago, a very intelligent, highly esteemed American citizen and popular public official of high rank set what many of us considered an extremely dangerous precedent, as its almost certain misconstruction would give, in some sections of our country, new vigor to a suppressed hope for social relations impossible of attainment. This trick of political diplomacy, turned by a great, though impulsive and somewhat erratic statesman, led me to remark to some of my friends that the trend of political and social conditions would soon necessitate the reorganization of this old order in some form.

Quite to my surprise, some of these gentlemen had never before heard of such an organization. A few had heard of it as a band of outlaws only. None of them understood the real principles and purposes of those silent, determined men. Not one of them expressed his gratitude for the grand sacrifice those noble patriots made to save our Southland from the most corrupt political system and the most disgraceful and repulsive social conditions that the genius of vindictive deviltry could devise.

Among those gentlemen were a lawyer, a doctor and others, fairly well educated, and BORN and REARED in the SOUTH!

In perfect candor, and in sincere earnestness, I think that the disorganization of this old order was very unfortunate for the whole country, notwithstanding its active services were no longer needed in the South. I verily believe that every community throughout our broad land needs the permanent presence of just such an educative organization as one of the many effective means of training its young manhood into the highest type of American citizenship. This conclusion is the outgrowth of personal observation of conditions, and is not at all far-fetched.

I am under the impression that the community in which I was reared was one of the unusually active storm centers of

the klan's operations over a wide area during the administration of the mongrel government imposed on the South immediately after the Civil War, and that community, for many years after the klan had disbanded, was widely known for its thrift, social cleanness and civic advancement. I have yet to learn of a community that was not thus benefited by the enforcement of its wholesome discipline.

Very poor educational advantages and an absolute want of access to libraries prevented the young manhood and womanhood of the rural districts of the South from comprehending much of what was said and written about religion and politics during my young manhood. Besides, religious discussions and debates were usually confined to the comparative orthodoxy of the various denominational creeds as measured by the Scriptures. But little was said or published concerning the relations of our religion to our national and state constitutions and the laws thereunder enacted. The distinctive difference between Americanism and Alienism was seldom discussed by those best qualified to do so. Baptist and Protestant ministers and the more influential among laymen refrained from participating in such discussions on account of their sincere advocacy of perfect separation of Church and State; and public sentiment approved the wisdom of their course.

Aliens warmly commended this course, because it prevented exposure of their designs upon the American government. They had already taken advantage of conditions which existed immediately after the war, and they had hoodwinked our national government into becoming a medium of persecution of the only exponent of Americanism in the world. They made the very name of Ku Kluxism odious, and of course, Americanism became correspondingly unpopular. Consequently, statesmen and political aspirants were inclined to discuss these most vital subjects in only such manner as expediency directed.

It is only fitting that the Ku Klux Klan and its well-wishers should remedy this dangerous defect in our educational system, and I trust that it will inaugurate a thorough system of plain, succinct instruction adapted to the needs of the common people. I trust furthermore, that it will effect the adoption in our public schools of the compulsory teaching, through carefully graded courses, the real principles and purposes of the American government, and prohibit the subtle injection therein of all alienism designed to slowly estrange the minds of American boys and girls from American ideals. Is it not alarming to hear audacious aliens brazenly assert that they possess a perfect American right to alienize our children, and as perfect an alien right to forbid and prevent the Americanizing



of their alien children? What must be the inevitable result of permitting this unbridled alien bigotry and impertinence to cunningly intermeddle with the policies of our American institutions? Slow disintegration of Americanism with all its attendant blessings and gradual insinuation of alienism with all its baleful influences.

All of us readily concede that the financial conditions of the South at that time forbade the expenditure of time and means necessary to maintain this organization, expand its educative facilities, and keep the range of its operations within the bounds of its ideals; still, those who were fortunate enough to live under the influence of the reputed ex-klansman, and had the opportunity to watch his actions after disbandment, can easily realize the need of the continued efforts of his clan.

When the disappointed Carpetbagger was forced to seek retirement in the home of his native obscurity to await development of new opportunity to plunder and oppress the defenseless, he carried with him the vindictive hope that he might utterly destroy through vengeful propaganda a noble American sentiment he knew no physical force on earth could subdue. That he feels that his hope has not been altogether in vain is reflected in his public boast that his task is almost completed.

When the unthinkable Scalawag was unceremoniously abandoned by his treacherous ally and imperious overlord, and was driven to abdicate his easy chair at the national petit-piécouter, he carried with him a lusty longing for a speedy recall. Recently his ears are pricked to close attention, as if in recognition of his master's voice.

When the unfortunate son of Ham was rudely aroused from his dream of luxury and lust, and was lashed into the economic position his Maker designed he should hold, he carried with him an overpowering desire to again take up the broken thread of his lecherous dream. He, too, is smiling in anticipation of an opportunity to again offer himself a sacrifice on the altar of another's alien ambition.

Consciousness of the presence of organized Ku Kluxism alone can long hold these smoldering delusive hopes in abeyance.

I am unable to understand how any American-born white man who professes to love Liberty, and who claims to believe in pure American institutions, can oppose or even discourage an effort to revivify this purely patriotic old order. Indeed, active opposition to this worthy undertaking would, it seems to me, indicate designs so subversive of these institutions as to arouse their guardians to renewed vigilance.

Remember that it was while men slept that the Devil sowed his tares. Truly, eternal vigilance and daily sacrifice is the price of Liberty. We covet idleness, ease and luxury, and are prone to selfishly enjoy the blessings secured through the painful sacrifice of others, but we are loath to take our turn at the sacrificial altar. We forget that the ennobling spirit of sacrificing for others alone moved our fathers to secure to themselves and to preserve to us the sacred heritage of a pure Americanism.

At no time in my life have I seen men and women so little inclined to make sacrifice for ennobling principle, and certainly in no decade have I witnessed so much mingled religious and political hypocrisy and intrigue, as in the one embracing the great world-war into which Duplicity drafted us and solemnly assured us that world-wide Democracy and Universal Peace should be our reward. But she has manacled instead with strengthened chains of world-wide religious intrigue, political confusion, moral chaos and universal unrest. And through a censored Public Press, Wicked Diplomacy boasts of her grand achievement and at the same time charges her failure to those who thwarted her alien designs upon America. The enormous sums necessary to finance a nation-wide propaganda to educate our people into sanctioning this alien scheme were cunningly abstracted from the pockets of the victims of her unholy methods.

May the lovers of pure American ideals guard the safety of our government against the cunning intrigues of unscrupulous emissaries inimical to our ideals and loyal only to foreign potentates who would not scruple to suborn our national leadership into bartering the blood of the sons of American Liberty for the sordid hope of sharing the spoils of a conquest that would assure the establishing of Pan-world religious overlordship!

As is the case after all great political upheavals, intolerance and persecution ran rampant in the South for some years after the surrender at Appomattox, and many unscrupulous and vindictive politicians from the ranks of the victorious army received from the Federal government appointments to military office in this subjugated section. It is common knowledge that these were only unfeeling adventurers vengefully exploiting, under sanction of a victorious government, the policies of a strange, despised and defenseless people.

In order to perpetuate their tenure of vantage while they executed their nefarious plans, they formed community of interest with their recreant fellows resident in the South, with whom they unevenly divided the spoils. In short, the officials of our government seemed to be composed of the North's social outcasts. The South's family black sheep, and the more



pretentious among the negroes, who naturally followed the lead of their emancipators, political guardians and social elevators.

Only those who have witnessed the loathsome pre-festive ceremonies of a flock of carrion crows as they await the proper degree of putridity of the carcass, can properly conceive conditions as they actually existed when the Ku Klux Klan made its debut in negrophilistic society. But, a few of the witnesses of those gruesome scenes still linger among us; and, now and then, to have them reverently raise the time-worn curtain of regretful memory, and make us live in the past with them and feel the anguish and shame they felt, is a peculiarly cherished privilege.

With the cyclorama so closely drawn around us that we live and move as integral parts of it, we are permitted with them to stand aghast with painful inquiry, as we observe thoughtful, far-seeing, resourceful, dependable, manly men grow pale and stare blankly in sheer consternation, when the news of Lincoln's cruel, unrighteous and untimely assassination at the hands of a Southern fanatic is irreverently announced by those who have grown accustomed to reckon any calamity to the North as just retribution for her sins against the South.

With them we are permitted to tearfully gaze upon the picture of deepest despair rudely set awry on the countenances of Southern noblemen as they ponder over the horrible calamity that they foresee must follow in the wake of vengeful disfranchisement of those born to rule.

With them we are permitted to experience the revolt of racial pride as we watch hatless and barefoot, but haughty and defiant negroes, bathed in malodorous perspiration, pass our war-ravaged homes in pairs, at a hop-skip-and-jump pace, rushing to their regular Saturday afternoon patriotic parade that sharpens their ambition to occupy civil and military office with a view to spreading the laurels of their success and their victory at the feet of their Anglo-Saxon fiancées!

With them we join in suppressing the spirit of righteous retribution, as we note the smile of helpless masculinity give but feebly assuring answer to its mate's frown of distressful inquiry, as the sullen roll of the drum and the beastly roar of the savage rasp the chords of racial instinct.

As we watch the noble countenance of modest, innocent Southern maidenhood pale into death-defying scorn, as she contemplates the hellish design of the black brute in human form, we are permitted with them to raise our right hands to Holy Heaven and solemnly swear that this diabolical revenge designed by cowardly alien race renegades shall never be wrought through their unleashed lechers.

With them we are permitted to tearfully gaze upon the sad sorrow, as we observe strong, brave, patriotic, noble-blooded White Men clandestinely brush away the briny tears of unutterable grief, as they speak in tremulous tones of the rude haste in which our national government fills our legislative halls with imperious Carpetbaggers, vindictive Scalawags and exultant Skunks.

With theirs we are permitted to join our righteous scorn, as we look upon the insolent carpetbagger, clothed with national license, armed with the nation's bayonets, and coldly issuing his cruel orders to plunder a submissive people already reduced to penury.

With them we are permitted to smile with a contempt almost akin to pity, as we behold the obsequious scalawag so recently promoted from a literal hole in the ground to positions of political leadership and social prominence that the raucous squeak of his new brogans has not yet succumbed to the moli-fying influence of copiously applied mutton suet. He works, nevertheless, like a veteran seasoned in the spirit of unrighteous confiscation of a neighbor's property, in order to maintain a perpetual national system of spoliation of the vanquished.

With them we are permitted to watch in deepest disgust the ebon puppets of carpetbag demagogues, as they occupy in our legislative chambers the seats of our ousted select noblemen; and we are permitted with them to share in the fear for the safety of the future, as we observe the savage exultation of those willing dupes, openly indulging in the luxuries of cheap whisky and parched peanuts, and, parrot-like, voting useless, wasteful and wicked appropriations that will drive our sovereign state to ultimately repudiate the enormous indebtedness so shamefully incurred.

When the curtain is lowered, and we have pondered well these abuses of decency, law and order, we can make a fair estimate of the cold, cruel, calculating character of America's alien enemies in America, and form a definite idea of the problems the Ku Klux alone faced, and unaided, solved with undying credit to themselves and with unimpeachable and everlasting honor to the glorious order whose name they bore.

Nor can one not an eyewitness realize with what promptness and agility some of these clumsy, cowardly birds unceremoniously disappeared from the scene of their unholy carnival, when the first note of genuine alarm was sounded. They all knew they were treading on God-forbidden ground, and they all realized that, sooner or later, they must vacate with dishonor to themselves. Their reckless extravagance and riotous debauchery during the short period of their ascendancy marked their total want



of patriotic motives, and plainly showed that they were conscious of their short-lived tenancy. Verily, verily, to the sordid and ungodly hopes of this motley aggregation of the irresponsible, the inexperienced and the ignorant, the advent of the White Robe was, indeed, a death blow. And their successors will go to any extreme to prevent its reappearance.

When real White Men of the South were shocked by the stern realization that they were indeed no longer to be recognized as citizens of a government their own fathers had founded after a long and painful struggle for independence from the oppression of an alien branch of their own kith and kin; when they saw that the sacred heritage secured to them through the blood of their noble ancestors was being snatched from them and abandoned to the ruthless desecration of unprincipled adventurers of every race, creed and color; when they realized that a vacillating national government was being surreptitiously forced to do the bidding of unscrupulous alien manipulators grown drunk on the wine of their successful exploitation of the peoples' very life sustenance; when they saw their national government was shamefully violating its sacred pledge to protect their civil, political and property rights as citizens of a common country; when they had appealed to their nation's sense of decency and justice, and had been turned away without hope of redress; when noble-blooded White Men and Women of the entire nation were made to hang their heads in very shame for the audacious and vengeful efforts of racial perverts to force, through national legislation, the most repulsive contamination of Anglo-Saxon blood that Nature would permit; when they saw that the grimy hand of alien hatred would halt at nothing to accomplish its devilish designs; when the nations of the earth heard the agonizing cry of the South's sore travail, but passed by on the other side—then it was that from the battered ranks of her own noble sons sprang the South's "mysterious deliverer;" for then it was that the spirit of the fathers of the American Revolution moved the sons of American Liberty to meet in solemn conclave, and out of that illustrious council chamber of dire distress emerged, white-robed and silent, those gallant sons of Southern Chivalry, the immortal Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

These are they who scourged those filthy birds from our temples of civil authority, revived the crushed spirits of Decency and Justice, and restored them to the noble stations our fathers decreed they should occupy among our cherished ideals. These are they who won the everlasting gratitude of all lovers of pure American principles throughout the nation, and excited the admiration of the civilized world. These are they who, after

having fulfilled their noble mission, quietly laid aside their spotless robes, and resumed their places in industrial and professional pursuits as loyal and patriotic citizens. These are they whom impartial history, despite the persistent defamation and untiring persecution by alien interlopers, will ultimately recognize as the Flower of all Charity.

Those repulsive creatures with which the old klansman had to deal came from a long line of religious interpreters and political dictators alien to our every religious and political ideal. They can exist only on humanity oppressed to helplessness; and on intensified human helplessness depends their success in America. They, of course, understand and feel the importance of this, and are ever ready to furtively devise and shape opportunity to swoop down upon their unsuspecting and defenseless prey. Already they have tightened their grip on the vitals of a large portion of humanity and with greedy eyes fixed on America's wealth, they are busy perfecting pretexts under which the lovers of religious and political liberty may be induced to fly at each other's throats, while they make their own elaborate preparations for the spread of their next great carnival.

But American people are intelligent, independent, peaceable, resourceful, freedom-loving, charitable folk, possessing ideals peculiar to themselves. Experience has thoroughly convinced the world that their ideals are conducive to strong individuality and staid nationality. Despite the ridicule of the world, despite the persistent efforts of political heresy and tyranny to force her neck also under the yoke of ignorance, superstition and race renegation, America has, thus far, through the inspiration of an unfaltering faith in the final triumph of her noble ideals, steadily forged to the forefront in national stability and beneficent world-influence.

Her timely aid in the gigantic world-struggle to beat back the strong wave of the great militaristic fallacy that Might is Right, won for her a prominent place in the councils that must endeavor to restore order out of world-chaos, and shape the future destinies of the nations of the world. The task is a delicate one, in view of the fact that for some years our government officials have shown an inclination to reject the counsel of our fathers to avoid entangling alliances with foreign nations; and this delicacy and this danger are increased tenfold by the further fact that recently some of our national officials, swayed by political gratitude, or by the smooth flattery of alien diplomats, have undertaken to cunningly induce us to virtually renounce the Monroe Doctrine and some others of the basic principles upon which the safety of our American institutions rest.



And, although the American people administered scathing just rebuke for this breach of official trust, our enemies have not at all abandoned hope, but have redoubled their energies, and with a desperation equaled only by its audacity, are rallying their forces for a final thrust at the heart of our cherished institutions. Nothing but determined, patriotic, organized effort can thwart their sinister plans.

Is there a man so blind that he cannot see that a desperate effort will be made to exclude the spirit of true Americanism from all such councils? Is there a mind so blunt that it cannot foresee that our alien enemies will attempt to occupy the front seats in all such councils, and for the purpose of directing all deliberations to the promotion of the political welfare of their own world-government, every interest of which is completely antagonistic to and wholly subversive of a free and liberty-loving government?

When we consider America's greatness, her unlimited resources, her fixed purpose of beneficence, and compare her numerical strength and moral courage with those of our alien foes in America, we deem it too silly to gravely consider their proud boast that America will soon be won over to the pope.

But the lovers of true American ideals would best be on their guard, and teach their young manhood that their crafty enemies do not, as a rule, make clearcut issues and openly fight under their own colors. They are too shrewd to engage in such folly in America, just yet, without assurance of strong support from without. In America they are crafty strife makers by virtue of their hope of ultimate success in inducing Americans to destroy themselves while they sow the tares of alien heresy.

When circumstances forbid the employment of force, they become pastmasters in the art of thus inducing their enemies to destroy one another. They subtly select the issues that will most effectively destroy the unity of the people of a peace-loving government, and furtively incite them to internecine strife. They resort to the same tactics, when they seek the destruction of two or more nations of kindred thought, ideals and purposes inimical to their own.

They have no religious nor political principles or sympathy in common with the American people, and would not hesitate to align themselves with either or both sides of any issue, and do valiant service to make destruction complete. When the belligerents, whether engaged in internal or external strife, have worn themselves out, exhausted their national credit, and are ready to sue for peace, the pope piously offers his holy service as disinterested mediator, while his puppets seize the spoils. conduct the festive ceremonies, write their names at the head

of the nation's pension roll, and assume supervision of the distribution of political patronage. And they presume to express the world's gratitude to the pope in terms of the gold they abstract from the coffers of the defenseless.

This sounds so preposterous that it can scarcely be believed by fair-minded, charitable Americans whose only source of general information is a carefully censored Romanized press; but developments are rapidly verifying the truth of these statements.

Beyond all doubt the design of our enemies is to ultimately destroy our ideals by force, but for the present, secret and insidious diplomacy better serves their purpose. Hasty judgment is uncharitable, I admit, but does there not lurk in the bosoms of many of us an insuppressible suspicion that the great victory we so elaborately celebrated was but a lemon juicy with deceptive confusion, and presented to us by the soft, smooth, graceful hand of Duplicity schooled for centuries in the diplomacy of guile?

Is it disloyal to a pure Americanism to suspect that our famous onrush to victory already won was halted by this self-same crafty hand which seized the fruits of our glorious achievement, and triumphantly tossed them into the greedy lap of the very mother of that bloody world-strife?

Is it treason against our great American government to listen to charges that the leadership of a great American political party shamefully forsook its time-honored principles, and lent its aid to our alien enemies in their furtive efforts to induce our national government to enter a pact clearly violative of the spirit of our basic law, and conducive only to the establishing of the world-power of the pope?

Is one a traitor, if he connects these cunning efforts with the facts that the pope was a secret ally of our all but vanquished foe, and is at present accredited with being the exponent of all alienism in America? If Charity induce us to deny disloyalty and duplicity on the part of these statesmen, may she not embarrass us with making a poor defense of their capability? Does the failure of the present leadership of that political party to condemn such treachery indicate that it is still in the coils of the serpent? Shall aliens read out of that grand old party the lovers of the noble principles it so long and so faithfully espoused?

Would it be sacrilege to entertain the thought that, mayhap, these pious manipulators inaugurated and energetically promulgated an insidious, sentimental, nation-wide propaganda, in order to hoodwink the intelligence of America into justifying this shameful perfidy? And who was the Moses chosen to lead



his people through the mazes of this deceptive propaganda of anti-Americanism?

Is it not alarming to think how near they came to executing their devilish designs before a trusting public could calmly judge their unholy motives? And what a victory it would have been! Their most coveted prey on earth almost within their grasp! What a great and rich nation ripe for rapine! What a tempting carcass spread for the greatest of all carnivals! What a long lease of power to plunder and oppress at will! We will lift our eyes from the scene of their contemplated orgy with a fervent prayer that the spirit of the old Klansman may move our young manhood to lash the conscience of our national government into a more sacred reverence for pure American ideals.

The negro to whom no real blame could be justly attached, first showed signs of weakening under the klan's firm hand of discipline. In order to retain him in their ranks, his cruel and calculating allies were accredited with having inflicted violent punishment upon him in disguise, and with having publicly announced that their cowardly outrages were the work of the Ku Klux Klan. While this is characteristic of the scalawag's methods and is undoubtedly true in many instances, at least, no one at all acquainted with its history would think of denying that the klan itself often freely applied the lash to desperate negroes incited by race renegades to commit violence upon white men and women. Nor would I deny that the klan made some, perhaps many, serious mistakes. They were not angels, but fallible human beings hardened by shameful outrage, and actually warring against ruthless extermination of a noble race by the diabolical process of gradual disintegration through shameful amalgamation. It became too evident that their hidden purpose was, not to elevate the African, but to abase the Anglo-Saxon.

No human agency could have accomplished so much of real good for humanity in so short a time and under such desperately aggravating circumstances without making some blunders. The wonder is that their mistakes were not more numerous and more grave, as the task they had in hand had to be expeditiously performed, no matter what the cost. Those unacquainted with the nature of conditions and the character of the furtive agitators and their pliable dupes, could not have accomplished that task without practically exterminating a race that was only an unsuspecting cat's paw in the hand of a smooth artist speculating in the gullibility of those whose interests he affected to guard and foster.

The white man entertained no animosity nor ill-will toward the Negro. He realized that the seat of the evil was in the

designs of degenerate white men who sought safety behind the Negro whose value as an ally they had overestimated, and whom they had stealthily flattered into the absurd notion that he was the Southern White-man's mental and moral superior. Northern fanatics incited negroes to demonstrations of violence against native white men assuring the negroes that Southern Anglo-Saxons were ruthless usurpers of authority rightfully belonging to outraged Africans.

Of course Real White men, with a racial pride based on the unrevoked decree of Almighty God, did not hesitate to devise plans by which to obviate the atrocities that must ever grow out of the unholy orgy which always follows in the wake of such unnatural and malicious counsel. They saw that, while the Negro was much less culpable, it was absolutely necessary to eliminate him first, not as a dangerous factor within himself, but as a cumbersome obstacle in the road to the stronghold of the real agitator and plunderer.

But often the Negro, obsessed with diabolical ideas inculcated into him by his mock-friends, could not readily grasp the gravity of the situation, and only yielded to the argument of the lash which he soon learned was an emphatic reminder that he had been informed that his activities must immediately cease. With rare exceptions, further discipline was unnecessary; and his retirement alone was the end to be accomplished.

The forming of unruly, vengeful mobs that precipitate disgraceful race-riots in which the guilty almost always escapes and leaves the innocent to suffer, was never permitted. This usually occurs in communities where race-distinction has not yet been mutually recognized and adherence thereto promptly and properly enforced. The Ku Klux Klan permitted only the guilty to be punished. The rule of the old klansman was to never permit the sacrifice of life, except to thwart an attempt or to forestall a threat of violence on himself while maintaining the supremacy of his race and protecting the chastity of its womanhood. His grand achievement at so small cost in mortality evidences the patience, forbearance and mercy characteristic of his klan and his creed, and unto him is due a measure of praise heaped up, pressed down and running over.

Any fully informed, native white American whose heart does not swell with patriotic pride when he recalls the true character and valorous deeds of those Silent Horsemen who rode so fearlessly on the heels of reconstruction by desolation is either pitifully blinded by alien propaganda, or is not proof against the temptation to which the scalawag yielded, when he proudly bartered his race-right for the opprobrious sobriquet that so well befits him!



No White Man resident of America, enjoying the blessings of American Liberty, American government and American institutions generally, but who owes primary allegiance to any foreign potentate or power, political, religious or otherwise, can be loyal to pure American institutions, and consequently he cannot become a bona fide American citizen clothed with authority to exercise suffrage.

Anyone of any race, color or creed, native or foreign born, who owes primary allegiance to any power, native or foreign, militant in its nature against White Supremacy in America, and who ingratiatingly persists in sharing in American suffrage, in directing American government, and in ignoring American ideals, with a secret, pernicious motive to further the interests of those to whom he does owe real allegiance, is an abuser of American Charity, a sponger on American Hospitality, an exploiter of American Resources, and unworthy of sharing the blessings of American Institutions.

Such as he cannot understand the value of our ideals to humanity. They are no part of his spiritual heritage. He has no desire to understand them. He religiously absents himself from every institution that teaches them. To him we are but heathen men and publicans. He associates himself with us financially and politically only, and with the single purpose of speculating in our charity, and of manipulating our government to the furtherance of the interests of his own alien, rival, subversive government. His only thought is to ruthlessly brush aside our own cherished ideals, destroy our beneficent institutions which he openly declares effete and only a dream of the Dark Ages, and on the ruins thereof to establish a religious tyranny, the real product of the Dark Ages, and governed by a clergy that lives sumptuously every day on the spoils that it, under guise of Divine Right, cruelly extorts from its own willing wards.

The incalculable, permanent good the old klansman did for the nation and all humanity has never been passed to his credit on the nation's Ledger of Loyalty. His defamers have always nervously and vociferously protested against the performance of this national duty, because it would virtually be an official declaration that their attitude in America is that of undesirable aliens. Shrewdly taking advantage of distressful conditions that existed after a crushing defeat and final victory that settled an issue wholly foreign to the damnable fallacy they immediately injected into our national politics, they confused our national government and inveigled it into declaring the old klansman an outlaw. They succeeded in flattering or cowing a Public Press, Platform and Pulpit into uniting in so

persistently dinning this alien propaganda into the public ear, that many good people were led to honestly look upon the Preserver of White Supremacy and the Defender of the Chastity of Southern Womanhood as a racial fanatic, dangerous to our social system, a political criminal, unworthy to exercise the right of Suffrage, a religious bigot, barred from the hope of eternal life.

Even the unearned pelf and the unmerited power of disloyal post-war time-savers were made the means of promoting this coarse propaganda of defamation. One word or deed that would have justified his creed, or that would have reflected credit on a klansman, would have proven fatal to any further participation in political affairs. The timid among the old klansman's friends held their peace, fearing a charge of rebellion by a court that laughed at Justice. Truly the old klansman's rugged road of conscientious duty recalled to him the agony of the Garden of Gethsemane!

But he shirked not the sacred duty he had sworn to perform. He silently did his work without fear or favor. To speak might have meant death, and would certainly have meant disaster to his cause. It was not the fear of death, but the love of the cause he had espoused that sealed his lips.

It is difficult for those of the younger generation who live in the after years of peace, plenty and security to understand what manner of white men it took to stand the crucial test those heroes underwent. Nor can those who indulge in idleness and ease, and who have no nobler incentive than to get money with which to gratify the coarser appetites, appreciate the pure motives that prompted those men to pledge their very lives to faithfully execute designs so seemingly impossible.

They had just returned defeated after having sacrificed practically all their worldly possessions, and after having exhausted their physical manhood in defense of a principle they sincerely believed essential to the existence of a republican government, and to the safety and happiness of their people. Their homes had been destroyed, their fields had been laid waste. Their property had been confiscated without hope of compensation. Nothing remained to them save the indomitable spirit of the White Man. Though his body was shell-torn and scarred, though it suffered from wounds still unhealed, though it was wasted by disease, hunger and privation, yet that noble spirit within, undaunted and unconquerable, arose with a vigor born of the miraculous, and faced this new and unspeakably diabolical menace without a tremor.

They did not dally. They worked with dispatch and precision. They deliberated calmly and decided justly. What they



decided to do, they did unflinchingly. Failure was expunged from their vocabulary. Spoiled aliens will pale and again seek refuge in the arms of our national government, when they learn that the spirit of the old klansman is again abroad in the land; and those who would emulate the virtues of the old klansman must cultivate the spirit that prompted him to make his unselfish sacrifice.

Long ago the names of those maimed, exhausted, penniless defenders of American White Supremacy and of American White Womanhood would have been triumphantly placed among the first on the Honor Roll of American heroes, but for that sinister, insidious, secret, highly organized alien influence that is intruding itself into the ramifications of every department of our national government, ever seeking to subtly inject into its policies the leaven of contempt for our American ideals.

The maligners of the Ku Klux Klan were, for a time, very persistent in making their scurrilous charges, and daringly heralded its stubborn silence as a confession of guilt. They pronounced the Robe and Mask the insignia of cowardice. Over-indulgence in this innocent pastime occasionally led a few to venture without the safety zone, and return with puzzled expressions on their countenances, and with the firm conviction that silence is indeed golden.

It was patent knowledge, however, that those extreme decriers of the Ku Klux Klan were almost exclusively found among the braggadocio element of the despisers of decency and order. Their general conduct was indefensible, and their punishment for infraction went uncondoled, or received outright approval. Reform was repugnant to them because it was not conducive to their business progress, their political ambition nor their social laxity. Being impervious to moral suasion they hugged the delusive hope that they might so lower the standard of moral probity that it would comport with their own lax conduct, or would at least tolerate their shady methods.

When they discovered that open denunciation only identified them as outright enemies to every Southern interest, and that nothing could shield them from the eagle eye of the old klansman, they resorted to the quieter and more secretive methods of villification adopted by their overlords. The success of their combined efforts may best be measured by the extent to which their noxious propaganda has moulded public opinion against the underlying principles of Ku Kluxism—Pure Americanism.

If the reorganization of this old order should show marked progress, the disseminators of the old propaganda will reappear, like the Scarlet Woman of Holy Writ, and by multifarious, sub-

tle methods, redouble their activities. If our national government can again be swerved by this insidious, sinister alien influence deadly to every American ideal, again vigorous attempts at intimidation, persecution, oppression and punishment under its sanction will surely and swiftly follow. Any organized effort to thwart their plans to supplant our American principles with the canon laws of the Roman Catholic government will be heralded as an attempt to overthrow our American government—our Roman Catholic government, of course, as our enemies recognize no other. Permit me to emphasize the fact that the hypocrisy of the Roman Catholic government is really astounding. Its most striking characteristic is its cunning in detracting public attention from its own sinister purposes by blatantly accusing others of committing the very offenses of which it alone is guilty. It diligently propagates and violently imposes a religious creed that substitute penalties for repentance, and defends and encourages "rational" indulgence in sin for the obvious purpose of maintaining a penal system on which alone it can subsist.

Only increased vigilance, unselfish devotion to our ideals, and well organized, sincere effort to preserve our American institutions can render us at all secure against an insidious propaganda, and especially so, if it is to be diffused under open sanction, tacit agreement, or implied tolerance, of a national government pledged to further the interests of an alien foe. Will the lovers of a pure Americanism continue to stupidly gaze upon the gradual, but certain revolution of their government by the unscrupulous manipulation of a comparatively small group of designing aliens, and never learn to appreciate the true value of persistent, untiring, intelligent, organized effort?

Already the Roman Catholic government has openly announced through a supposedly American Free Press that America will soon be won over to the pope. Of course it means for us to construe this in a religious sense only, but what does it matter to us how it is to be accomplished? Under whatever guise it may be achieved, the dire result will be the same. Its church is the very danger we most dread. Its church is the great persecutor, Destroyer. Its religion and its politics are the same. They are absolutely one and inseparable. But it is not yet strong enough to openly declare its political intentions, and all its political designs must be devised and executed in secrecy. Indeed and in truth, it is utterly impossible for the American people to realize the diabolical mission of the Roman Catholic government in America, until they bring themselves to understand that the principles of the Roman Catholic government can never be established in America without first completely abolishing every principle upon which our government



is based, and that the extent to which American principles have already been abolished, is exactly measured by the influence Roman Catholics are wielding over the American government.

The Roman Catholic secret organization in America is not an American political party like the Republican Party or the Democratic Party which submit to the people for adoption their respective policies for promoting the interests and preserving the principles of the American government, but it is an alien political government, complete in itself, and seeking to overthrow the American government and make America a subdued integral part of its world-wide government. Of course this must be done in secret. To openly announce their motives and methods would be disastrous to their insidious designs. If the people of America perfectly realized the mission of Roman Catholics in this country, they would rise up almost to a man and demand cessation of their intermeddling in American politics, or force them to seek the congeniality of foreign shores whence they came to inaugurate a huge political campaign of religious conquest.

The part that Roman Catholics play in American politics is that of secretly acquiring sufficient voting strength to form a formidable balance of power, and with this as a bribe, to cooperate with that party which will lend the most aid and assure the greatest protection in their efforts to subvert the American government. None so thoroughly knows how profoundly and sacredly the American people reverence freedom of religious thought as do Roman Catholics, and no one knows so well how to gently touch this sympathetic chord. Taking advantage of this peculiarly American characteristic, they shrewdly execute their political designs under guise of religion.

If the American people will disassociate themselves from their religious charity long enough to lift the dark veil of religious sanctimony of the Roman Catholic government, they will observe the most repulsive political system that the master hand of deceptive diplomacy could evolve in ten centuries.

Recognized as one of our religious denominations loyal to our American government, the subjects of this alien, hostile government, without the least compunction, and with all the assurance of exclusive proprietorship, solemnly swear, allegiance to a government every basic principle of which is declared by their pope to be so intolerably heretical that it must be destroyed.

The subjects of the Roman Catholic government are solemnly sworn to destroy every government, political or religious, that does not recognize the supreme authority of the pope, bow to his will and pay him financial tribute. Yet, without let

or hindrance, his loyal subjects exercise every right and every privilege secured by the American government to its own loyal citizens. Moreover his subjects are super-sensitive, and are outraged, if they are not fawningly invited to the most prominent seats in all our councils.

Either openly or covertly, they persist in their efforts to elect and select all our officials. In reality, the people are not even permitted to select their own candidates for important office. For every office of importance, including executive committeemen of all parties of appreciable political strength, the Roman Catholic government selects, through its own secret executive committee, a group of gentlemen or gentle-women whom it knows it can trust to wantonly or unwittingly promote its own political policies and execute its own political designs. As a Jew attractively displays his merchandise, so the Roman Catholic Press sets these before the public, carefully pointing out the peculiar fitness of each. It solemnly informs the public that only those who compose these secretly formed groups are big enough and broad enough to be honored with a public trust. It further informs the people that they, as free and independent American citizens, have the inalienable right to select any one of any of these groups whom they believe will best promote the public welfare! This sounds so American that the people do not suspect that it is only a mask under which to hide the sinister motive of alien conspirators against everything American. If the people think this is absurd, let them select a candidate outside one of these groups, and watch Roman Catholics either lash him into their fold, or ridicule him into oblivion.

The subjects of the Roman Catholic government may perform the functions of any office under our government from constable to president. They, or preferably their covert instruments, may become members of all our legislative bodies, and secure enactment of laws which will further their own alien interests, or that will stall the enactment of laws that would further the interests of true American citizens.

They may plead in all our courts, sit on all our juries and direct fabricated evidence to exonerate the alien, or to persecute the loyal.

They may exercise the functions of all our executive departments, and sit on all our pardoning boards for the same sinister purpose.

They may be mayors and minor officials of our towns and cities, and serve on our police and detective forces for the purpose of protecting their own criminals, and for the purpose of appropriating public funds for the intimidation, persecution and



prosecution of American citizens who refuse to bow before the image of their pope.

They or their puppets may be governors of any of our states, and use all the powers of such states to exile or to destroy any organized effort to preserve and protect the principles of American liberty.

They may sit in our national cabinet, or occupy the exalted position of Chief Executive of our nation, and dictate the policies of our government to the aggrandizement of their own alien institutions.

They may lobby with all our legislative bodies for the purpose of procuring such legislation as they desire, or for the purpose of preventing such as they deem detrimental to their own alien government.

Under the same guise they may aspire to every appointive office within the gift of our government.

They may hold private interviews with our Chief Executive, to urge their alien demands.

They may direct their organized secret influence to secure the appointment of one of their fellow aliens to the private secretaryship to our president, and such private secretary may so censor all communications as to choke any influence that would militate against His Holiness, the pope.

Should exigency demand, and should opportunity present itself, he could conceal or deny the disability of our Chief Executive, cover the treachery of both, usurp the office of President of the United States, and as a loyal citizen of a hostile alien government, betray the powers of our government into the hands of its calculating despoiler.

Posing as friends of the oppressed, they may flatter our national government into so constructing our immigration laws as to convert America into a veritable dumping ground for the surplus riff-raff of the pope's European provinces, and to prevent transportation and deportation of these undesirable for just cause.

With nominal educational and moral restrictions, these enemy aliens are joyfully received with open arms by Americans and solemnly pronounced as worthy to remain loyal disfranchised citizens of the Roman Catholic government and become disloyal subjects of the American government, but clothed with the power of suffrage, and declared eligible to hold office and begin their alien duties as soon as the brief time limit fixed by our government has elapsed.

Only a few days ago, I read in a Birmingham Daily that the good women of that city spread a feast in honor of a num-

ber of such aliens! Yet none can make so much sanctimonious noise about deporting undesirable aliens as the Roman Catholic Press. This is a fair sample of Roman Catholic hypocrisy.

They may sit in our national and state Constitutional Conventions, and surreptitiously seek to contaminate our very basic laws with their alien heresies, and our national constitution is not altogether free from their baleful influence.

They may go as Ambassadors, Envoys Extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary from our American government to provinces of their own world-wide government for the same purpose. May not our government be unconsciously paying to these wolves in sheep's clothing competent salaries, comfortably and luxuriously housing them in foreign lands and pledging its honor to protect them while they abuse the confidence thus imposed and cunningly conspire with their fellow aliens to perfect its overthrow.

In the same manner and for the same purpose, they may direct or influence the forming of treaties between the American government and other of the pope's provinces throughout the world. It must be very gratifying to his Holiness, the Pope, to have his religious tyranny gratuitously maintained by a great national government whose subjects have been duped into believing that they are the exponents of freedom of religious conscience!

Our government maintains an Army and Navy for our protection against the invasion of foreign foes. These aliens may intrude themselves into our training institutions for the purpose of preparing themselves, at the expense of our government, to direct the power of our instruments of defense to the achievement of their own sinister aims. Our Army is rapidly slipping into their grasp. They have already practically monopolized our Navy. They are entrusted with our Army and Navy secrets, which will be of valuable assistance to them, when the opportune time arrives to strike at the vitals of our American institutions.

This is not a vagary of an overworked imagination. The Catholic Sun has been quoted as saying:

"The Pope has given the order to make America Catholic. The first step in the making will be the election of one of the American Cardinals to the Papacy, the removal of St. Peter's to Washington, and every non-Catholic will be driven out of the Army and Navy."

An arch-bishop of the Roman Catholic government is credited with having said:

"The Catholic Church has an organization by which her laws may be enforced. Our work is to make America Catholic."



These are not idle boasts made by irresponsible and irrepressible hot-heads. They are official utterances clearly defining the real purpose of the united clergy of the Roman Catholic hierarchy. There is no doubt as to the pope's intention. It is to possess this country, and all his priests and prelates stand ready to strike.

When our ships sailed under sealed orders across the sea to do their bit in bringing the great world-struggle to a successful close, a high official in our navy, but a loyal citizen of the Roman Catholic government, expressed his perfect indifference as to whether his orders instructed him to attack our enemies or our allies. Does this imply that this official entertained the treasonable hope that at the last moment our government would be coddled into turning our army and navy over to the pope's hierarchy for the purpose of destroying a great and powerful nation allied with us, and the ideals and interests of which are similar to our own and antagonistic to those of the pope, the secret ally of our enemy whose armies were fighting us all over Europe, seeking new alliances all over the world, destroying our ships on the sea, our munition plants on land, and through unscrupulous diplomats, were clandestinely seeking the disruption of our American government.

Whose was the spirit that prompted a Roman Catholic press to persist in its efforts to wheedle an intelligent American public into commending the attempt of an alien military court to reprimand, humiliate and destroy a true American subordinate naval officer who has the patriotism and the "guts" to warn his government against the possible danger of disloyalty in our navy?

Do we need any stronger evidence to convince us that the great pro-German sentiment in America at the outbreak of the war was the fruit of carefully prepared and skillfully disseminated Roman Catholic propaganda?

When we entered the war we were told that the American government did so with a purely patriotic purpose, and that it expected no reward of any nature whatsoever. That was true so far as loyal American citizens were concerned, but what about the spoils that our competitive and covetous Roman Catholics were to privily receive? Were we really fighting for world democracy, or were we just helping the pope to subdue a rapidly growing democracy in Europe as well as in America? Analyze the results of the great struggle, and note who were the real victors. Were the unselfish efforts of the American government shrewdly directed to the aggrandizement of the government of its own enemies?

Ostensibly the Roman Catholic government does not maintain a separate Army and Navy, but it has a secret religious organization which boasts a membership in America of almost a million. This is in accordance with the statement made by the above quoted Arch-bishop. It is rapidly becoming recognized as a secret, world-wide military force that includes all citizens of the Roman Catholic government in our American army and navy. It is claimed that desertion from this army is secretly punished in a manner very similar to the punishment imposed by other governments that openly maintain like institutions. If this punishment is as diabolical as its accredited oath of allegiance, but few will have the hardihood to desert its ranks. I understand that Roman Catholics will denounce this oath as a bogus one. It may be, but my information is that it was read into our Congressional Record some years ago, and that its genuineness has but recently been questioned. Could one not thoroughly imbued with the spirit, and not fully conversant with the teachings of Roman Catholicism, conceive and formulate so un-American an instrument?

Yet, the above mentioned high naval officer still holds his honored position and enjoys the confidence of those in charge of our national government, though he is a Knight of Columbus and sworn to do the bidding of the pope who arrogates to himself an authority above that of our American government.

There is no necessity for misrepresenting the Roman Catholic government. It condemns itself through the public declarations of its official agents, and there is no excuse for our not understanding its aims and methods. I am not talking at random. Listen to arch-bishop Ireland:

"The will of the pope is the supreme law of all lands."

The following is from the Canon Laws of Rome:

"The Pope has the right to annul state laws, treaties, constitutions, etc., to absolve from obedience thereto as soon as they seem detrimental to the rights of the Church or the Clergy."

Pope Gregory XII said:

"The power of the Church is superior to the State."

A Roman Catholic Review has published this:

"If the Church should direct the Catholic citizens of this American republic to abolish the constitution, the liberty and the very existence of their country, as a sovereign state, they are bound by a Divine ordinance to obey."

Cardinal Mercier once said:

"I am a Bishop of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and as such, I acknowledge no sovereignty but His Holiness, the Pope."



In 1870 the Catholic World said:

"If the Pope's authority and that of any civil government comes into conflict upon any vital point, the Catholic is to act in the 19th century precisely as he did in the first, second or third century."

Remember that these Holy Spokesmen recognized no church but their own.

Priest Phelan once said in a sermon:

"Tell us in the conflict between the Church and the Civil Government, we take the side of the Church. Of course we do. Why, if the government of the United States was at war with the Church, we would say tomorrow, To Hell with the government of the United States." If the above mentioned Roman Catholic oath of allegiance is genuine, and it is characteristic of the Roman Catholic government, the American government is aiding and abetting, and paying the expenses of its own enemies in destroying its own institutions. The organization does exist. Its officials publicly threaten to use it. It is Roman Catholic and secret. If it is Roman Catholic, it is un-American, and being secret, it is but natural to presume that it is military, even if its mouthpiece did not admit it. If it is military, somewhere it has an armory. Since the profane eyes of the American government may not pollute the internal workings of the secret holy institutions of the Roman Catholic government in America, it has been suggested that the basements of its churches, nunneries, and so on, may be veritable magazines.

I would not encourage acts of violence. I deplore them. But, if you are a native-born, White, Gentile, loyal American citizen, I ask you to calmly read and ponder well in your heart a few quotations published from time to time. By those who have carefully watched the public utterances of the Roman Catholic press and clergy.

Archbishop Quigby:

"We have a well-ordered and efficient organization, all at the beck and nod of the hierarchy and ready to do what the Church Authorities tell them to do. With those loyal bodies of Catholics ready to step into the breach at any time and present an unbroken front to the enemy, we may feel secure."

Pope Leo XIII:

"We call upon the Clergy everywhere to organize the laity, male and female, old and young, into secret societies, and that the men and boys must have competent instruction to give them military training, that they may be prepared to aid and sustain our faith in an emergency."

Priest Minard:

"The Church may have to call on you to defend her rights in this country and I hope the young men will obey the Church and take up arms to exterminate the enemies of the Roman Catholic Church."

Bishop Ryan:

"If ever the Roman Catholics in this land should become the considerable majority, which in time will surely be the case, then will religious freedom in the United States come to an end. Our enemies know how the Roman Church treated heretics in the middle ages, and how she treats them today, when she has the power."

Read this again, and remember it is a Roman Catholic Bishop reminding us of the cruelties of which his CHURCH is capable of inflicting WHEN IT HAS THE POWER. How can pure American citizens recognize this pagan political tyranny as a church? From "Ruin of Education in Ireland:"

"The Catholic Church has the right and the duty to kill heretics, because it is by fire and sword that heresy can be exterminated."

The Irish Journal, New York:

"For every musket given to the State Armory, let three be purchased forthwith. Let independent companies be formed. Let every foreigner be drilled, trained and have his arms always ready."

Why this rabid appeal to foreigners, if they are the loyal Americans they boast themselves to be? If they are not traitors to the ideals and principles of the American government, why do they not appeal to loyal Americans? Echo answers, why?

Let us not lose sight of the fact that the Roman Catholic government thinks and speaks in terms of its own religious views only. When it speaks of religion, it means Roman Catholic religion only. It anathematizes all other religions. When it speaks of the Church, it means the Roman Catholic Church only. It destroys all other churches. When it speaks of civilization, it means Roman Catholic civilization only. It knows no other. When it speaks of "our government," it means "our Roman Catholic government" only. It recognizes no other. When it speaks of "our American Institutions," it means "our Roman Catholic American Institutions" only. It overthrows all others. When it speaks of our "American Ideals," it means "our Roman Catholic American ideals" only. It tolerates no others. When it speaks of Americanism, it means Roman Catholic Americanism only. It chokes all others. When it speaks of allegiance,



patriotism and loyalty, it means allegiance, patriotism and loyalty as construed by the Roman Catholic government only. It countenances no other construction.

More than once have we all read of the citizens of the Roman Catholic government being overtaken in smuggling arms and ammunition in open violation of our laws. Is it at all improbable that the Roman Catholic government hopes to monopolize our army and navy, and at the opportune time impress them into the service of the Roman Catholic government for the purpose of overthrowing our American institutions? If you doubt it in the least, ask yourself if you are really a loyal American citizen.

It is growing more and more apparent that when these instruments of destruction are about to be used to defend and protect the interests of real Americanism, the Roman Catholic government in America becomes very peace-loving, and the pope grows very anxious to arbitrate in the name of humanity; but if the clergy of the Roman Catholic government can manipulate the issues of a deadly strife in which the interests of its own government will be furthered through diplomacy, regardless of who are the victors, it becomes very patriotic, and usually succeeds in inducing the officials of the American government, in the name of humanity, to espouse an alien cause, sacrifice its manhood and bear the burdens of aliens while waging war against its own loyal subjects.

Permitted unchallenged to play the parasite upon our people, and to direct our governmental policies to the furtherance of the interests of its secret, alien government, and to the direct detriment of our own, it naturally has grown arrogant, officious and covetous of still further privileges and power. With a population equal to only about one-fifth of our total, it is claimed that verified statistics show that it has so juggled with the tolerated brokers in political patronage, that its alien citizens and their puppets hold or control three-fourths of our appointive offices.

Within the last decade, at a meeting of its clergy in a city of Alabama, our Dailies reported that august body to have given utterance that indicated that the alien Roman Catholic government was growing resentful on account of the uncharity of the American people in not helping it to elect one of its alien citizens to the Presidency of the United States of America! Would it be an unpardonable sin to ask if this ardent wish of the pope has ever been gratified?

In view of the foregoing enumeration of conditions, can any one entertain a doubt that our ancient, alien political and religious rival and enemy will put forth every ounce of its energy

to influence our government to godfather its designs to intimidate, persecute and punish the Ku Klux even to extermination?

If it develop that the leaven of a diabolical alien political and religious heresy has not yet so weakened the stamina of American manhood as to force its national government to cower before bluff, bluster and bravado, our enemies will not abandon hope of final victory. They will more closely concentrate their diplomatic forces upon our government, and increase the volume of their seductive propaganda until it will be felt in every nook and corner of our great commonwealth. It will be carefully prepared and specially adapted to the peculiar prejudices and religious sympathies of each section or locality.

But mark the prediction that all our loving-kindness and all our religious sympathy will be forgotten just as soon as this serpent which we have taken into our bosoms becomes warm enough to strike. When it is perhaps too late, we will learn the deep significance and the humiliating sting of the kiss of a Judas Iscariot.

To undertake to enumerate the various cunning methods of disseminating the noxious propaganda of the only Holy Church of God on earth would be like keeping tab on the devices of Satan himself, but thus far, its public press has served its purpose with wonderful success. Through this medium, thoroughly Romanized and censored to serve its interests only, it sends forth its thousands of highly colored half-truths which easily leads us through the gradual process of reluctantly tolerating and then finally accepting its assumed prerogative of setting for us its loose standard of moral integrity, political duplicity and religious insincerity.

The American people maintain this press with liberal subscriptions and expensive advertisements. Periodically it beguiles our innocent and unsuspecting boys and girls, as well as thoughtless or careless adults, into gambling for attractive prizes offered for the purpose of increasing the circulation of its output and establishing its permanence on long-term subscriptions. It ingratiates itself into the good will of the people by conferring scholarships upon our boys and girls, and by doing many other benevolent deeds that are unnatural to its real character. It is only bribing future generations of Americans to aid it in its efforts to supplant our free American government with its Eastern hierarchy.

It cunningly worms itself into the superintendency of our government hospitals, and issues cigarettes, matches, chewing gum, bon-bons, picture show tickets, and so on, to the inmates as part of the regular ration. These are all conspicuously stamped with the compliments of the Knights of Columbus, and



are lavishly dispensed as if they were furnished by Somebody's government for a sinister purpose. Our government thus endorses the acts of an alien enemy within its own bounds, and advertises the secret instrument chosen to accomplish its destruction. These are small, insignificant things that point to great and grave results.

Apparently peeved because it could not lure our people into a league of nations conceived in the sin of its own craftiness, and born in the iniquity of its own duplicity, it seems that its next step will be to launch a nation-wide campaign of propaganda, in order to educate our people into believing that our American ideals are but fossils of the Dark Ages from which it gleaned all that is worth while in establishing and furthering the spiritual and temporal welfare of the world; to graciously remind us that we are very ungrateful in our so persistently resisting its unselfish efforts to free us from a pitiable obsession that isolates us from the refining influence of those nations it has already proselyted or forced into relegating their temporal and spiritual well being, here and hereafter, to the holy watch-care and keeping of the impeccable!

Are Americans ready to accept the rule of an alien religion the basic motive of which is to utterly destroy religious freedom of thought and every other ideal cherished by their fathers? Are they ready to cravenly surrender the inalienable rights guaranteed by their constitution?

The first amendment to our constitution was, of course, intended to forestall attempts already being made to encroach upon the rights it safeguards. If such attempts had not already been made or contemplated, there would have been no need for the protection secured in the amendment. This amendment forbids Congress to pass any law respecting the establishment of religion. It also forbids Congress to pass any law pertaining to the prohibiting of the free exercise of religion. A religion is, nevertheless, being established, not by our government, it is true, but by an alien, hostile government that refuses to acknowledge our National Constitution as the supreme political law of our country, and whose head claims Divine Right to exercise a politico-religious authority superior to that of our American government. It is not yet strong enough to force the exercise of the authority it claims, but it will do so just as soon as it can complete its process of gradual dilution and permanent eradication of the spirit of a pure Americanism.

Careful study of the nature and purposes of these two rival governments shows that they are as opposite as the poles, and that while the Roman Catholic government is enjoying one of the safeguards of our fundamental law, it is diligently seeking

to undermine the other. It is plainly obvious that when it is thoroughly established, it will immediately destroy the very safeguard under which it takes shelter to establish itself. It is becoming too evident that this religion will be established in the fullest sense of the meaning of the word. Only that religion will be tolerated. Professors of all other religious faiths will be coaxed or forced into accepting this, or else they will be persecuted even unto death. The unrefuted history of the Roman Catholic government for more than a thousand years justifies this conclusion.

The day is fast approaching when this alien religion will be established, when our cherished ideals will be only a memory, when America will be but a province of the pope's world government, unless the manhood of America can be brought to realize that these are the real conditions that confront them, unless the spirit of the old klansman arouse the young manhood of America to the patriotic determination to keep our institutions uncontaminated by alien intermeddling and manipulation, unless the people themselves snatch the reins of our government from the hands of alien interlopers and place them in the hands of loyal Americans and say to our foreign foes in our midst: This is our America. You are welcome to share the blessings of our beneficent government, but unless you can conscientiously renounce your allegiance to your alien, antagonistic government, and without evasion or mental reservation, solemnly swear to accept our government as the supreme political authority of the land, and give your undivided allegiance thereto, you can not enjoy the privileges of American citizenship. If you cannot, on account of your religious, political or social convictions, unqualifiedly accept these conditions, you may abide with us, but as aliens only; and any attempt on your part to agitate or proselyte to any religious, political or social faith that in its operations could militate against our well-defined ideals and principles will be construed as disloyal, and punished according to the gravity of the offense as interpreted by us, and not as interpreted by yourselves or your suborned agents.

None but those imbued with the spirit of the old Klansman will have the backbone to deliver this warning, and stand up under the consequent fire of persecution and oppression by an enemy that feels well ensconced behind a government whose important officials are growing accustomed to yielding to his persuasions.

Our basic law prohibits any community of interest between our religious and political economies whatever beyond the guarantee to each individual, or group of individuals, to the unmolested right to worship as their consciences direct, and the peo-



ple are their own lawmakers. Under this guarantee a large proportion of the people of this country, as yet, avow their hearty, sincere and sole allegiance to our purely political government. There is, as yet, a much smaller proportion of our people who owe an unqualified allegiance to a politico-religious government, world-wide in its extent and the basic principles of which are perfectly contrary and menacingly antagonistic to our own.

Citizens of either of these governments cannot become bona fide citizens of the other without first renouncing their allegiance to the one of which they are already citizens. To attempt to exercise the rights and privileges of both simultaneously is but a covert expression of a sinister motive. Yet this is precisely what the Roman Catholics, through our false idea of religious charity are permitted to do; and you need not doubt that they are making hay while the sun shines.

American people readily understand that one cannot, at the same time be a Democrat and a Republican, though both these political parties are alike loyal to the organic principles of the American government; but our people seem to be unable to understand that one cannot, at the same time, be a loyal citizen of two distinct governments wholly unlike and thoroughly antagonistic in their principles. Even though one is a hierarchy, the other a republic, one a promoter of religious tyranny, the other a defender of religious liberty, they appear to be unable to understand why one cannot be simultaneously loyal to both.

While the American government is purely political, and while her loyal citizens brook no interference by any religious sect, they are distinctly religious, and accept the Bible as their guide and rule of faith and practice. Under a strict and just construction of our national constitution the religion of the Roman Catholic government can not be tolerated in America, because it forbids the exercise of free religious thought, when it denies to its laity free access to the Bible and to the unhampered study of the Scriptures, the only true source from which conscience can receive information necessary to exercise self-determination.

So violently has it always been opposed to the study of the Bible by the masses, that three times it persecuted Wycliffe for translating it into the language understood and spoken by the people. Thirty years after his death, it opened his grave, burned his bones and threw the ashes into the river Swift. Several attempts to translate the Bible into English had previously been made, but they were all halted by the pope, and it was not until the fourteenth century that Wycliffe succeeded in giving the common people a Bible written in their own language.

In the fifteenth century, Tyndale undertook the task, but papal opposition became so strong that he went to Germany to complete his work. His Bibles were all confiscated and burned by PAPAL CHURCH OFFICIALS. Ten years later, he was kidnapped, strangled and burned. This is accepted history.

Cardinal Daugherty is charged with burning two hundred and fifty thousand Bibles in the Philippines. Two priests are reported to have recently burned two hundred and fifty Bibles in a TEXAS town. The reckless burning of Bibles and cruel punishment for distributing them seem to assure rapid advancement in the line of clerical promotion!

Bishop Spotwood is quoted as saying:

"I would rather half the people of this nation should be brought to the stake and burned, than ONE MAN should read the Bible and form HIS OWN judgment from its contents."

Cardinal Gibbons asks this question:

"What assurance have you that the book is the inspired word of God?"

If it dared, would not this papal fire-fiend punish the distributors and teachers of the Bible now, just as it did five centuries ago? Most assuredly. Only the fear of a pure Americanism restrains it. They are only biding the time "when they have the power." They are only waiting until their leaven of Roman Catholic social, moral, political and religious laxity leavens the whole lump.

Hear this quotation from Pope Pius IX:

"Cursed be those cunning and infamous societies which call themselves 'Bible Societies,' and which give the Bible to inexperienced youth."

The Freeman's Journal is quoted as follows:

"The Bible Society is the deepest scheme ever laid by Satan."

Is it at all surprising that the spirit of the old Klansman is moving the lovers of American Institutions to seriously ask themselves if they really have any assurance that their officials are sincerely striving to observe their sacred oaths to secure to American citizens the Liberty, Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religious Thought, Freedom of the Press, Separation of Church and State, together with all the other blessings guaranteed to them in their national basic laws? Do they not daily observe a trend of conditions that arouses in them a regretful suspicion that, in tacit acknowledgment of a superior alien authority, their officials are being furtively influenced to disclaim the complete sovereignty of their government over its subjects, to deny its promise of perfect guardianship, to repudiate its pledges of



protection over its citizens? Will not this suspicion ripen into downright fear that many of our national officers are making only nominal resistance against the strenuous efforts being made to induce our government to abandon them to humiliations, intimidation, persecution and punishment at the hands of the cruel tyranny of an unfeeling alien religion which history brands as an imposture, but whose lawgiver arrogates to himself the office of viceroy to the God of all the earth?

To claim that the Roman Catholic government is dual in its nature, that it is antagonistic to and subversive of our own appears so absurd that an unqualified denial by its clergy not only finds credence in those of us who have not carefully watched its operations and studied its motives, but it reflects on the veracity of the allegator himself, and thus supplies the enemy with a very effective sort of propaganda of which it never fails to avail itself. Roman Catholicism is grounded in hypocrisy. From the beginning it has been the policy of this world-wide religious government to worm itself into all institutions inimical to its sordid interests and too strong to crush by force, and assume direction of such institutions and incite them to self-destruction; or to expel, persecute, punish and burn the faithful contenders for the primal purposes of such institutions, confiscate all the property of such institutions, and use the proceeds to further its own selfish ends. If this is not true, one cannot judge its character from a careful observation of its operations, the monstrosity of which staggers the belief of the ordinary, fair-minded, unsuspicious American citizen who has never come in contact with its secretive and audacious workings, and who has not had the opportunity or the inclination to study its history.

But careful investigation will not only justify the claim, but will strengthen our faith in the principles of a Pure Americanism. Under guise of Christian Sanctity the Roman Catholics have been permitted, from the founding of our government, to maintain and expand coextensively with ours, a separate and distinct government of its own. It is not only a government separate and distinct from our own American government, but its every ideal, both religious and political is diametrically opposed to those adopted and revered by loyal Americans.

The functions of this rival government cannot be performed without total subversion of our fundamental law. The officials of the Roman Catholic government are a clergy, a body of ministers. The head of their government claims Divine right to abridge the authority of the American government in controlling and protecting those of its citizens who profess faith in the Roman Catholic religion. Under shelter of our religious tol-

erance it, without protest from our government, unblushingly avails itself of every opportunity to proselyte our citizens to a religion the very existence of which in America wholly depends upon the success of its cunning efforts in luring our own people into disloyalty to our government, as well as upon its privilege of dumping its Eastern undesirables upon our shores for the purpose of controlling our suffrage to our own hurt.

You who doubt the existence and the active operations of such a government in America can, by a little investigation, find that its seat is in Rome, Italy; that it is two-fold in its character jointly exercising spiritual and temporal, or religious and political powers. You will see that the sole head of this government is the pope, that in him is vested its legislative, executive and judicial powers—spiritual and temporal. The pope is the expounder of the tenets of his own hierarchy, and Pope Leo XIII said:

“The Church of Rome must not only have the spiritual power, but also the SUPREME TEMPORAL power.”

You will find that the pope claims to be the viceroy of God himself, and infallible—cannot sin! You will ascertain that if you will deliver to him of your filthy lucre a sufficient quantity to convince him of your faith, he will forgive your sins periodically. But your faith must be proven for each new offense, and further confirmed by doing whatever penance his Holiness may deem necessary to keep in subjection whatever remains within you of manly resistance to his pious fraud. I have the profoundest respect for any one who sincerely believes in his religious creed and who openly proclaims and boldly defends it; but I have no faith in the sincerity of anyone who evidently employs religion in any form as a cloak under which to hide selfish, sordid political intrigue.

For a like consideration he will administer Extreme Unction, and save you from death. If he arrive too late to successfully perform this solemn service, he will remove your soul from Purgatory, provided your loved ones strengthen the evidence of their faith, which is always expressed in terms of the coin of the realm.

It is said that in the vestibules of Roman Catholic churches one may see conspicuously posted advertisements, called admonitions to the laity to remember the souls of their loved ones in Purgatory. Is this not a clear-cut declaration that the poor souls are really in purgatory, and that nothing can remove them but the price demanded by the pope or his priest? Can the pity of the pope or his priest be moved except by the sordid price demanded for deliverance? Does not this imply that the pope or his priest is perfectly indifferent to the welfare of those poor



souls? Is he at all concerned beyond the PRICE of deliverance? Or is this indifference attributable to his consciousness of the fraud he is perpetrating? Then is he not guilty of the coarsest kind of blackmail?

Can anyone permitted to read the Bible and study the character of Jesus Christ and His mission on earth bring himself to really believe that He devised this penal system of finance and bequeathed it to a long line of sinless speculators in human frailty headed by such a noble and unselfish character as the Apostle Peter? Did Jesus of Nazareth invent this political machine, inaugurate this financial system and empower the pope of Rome to substitute them for the efficacy of His blood spilled on the cross of Calvary for the atonement of the sins of the world? Did not the pope and his successors heir the money bag, instead of the keys to the Kingdom of Heaven? Could anyone conscientiously question the validity of their claim to successorship to Judas Iscariot, should they make such claim? Could anyone permitted to exercise American Freedom of Thought submit to such indignity imposed by the greed of Paganism? No! And under whatever guise or pretext it may operate, the fear of Freedom of Religious Conscience will be the real reason for prompt and vigorous effort on the part of the Roman Catholic government to induce our own government to clothe our enemies with authority and exhaust our own national treasury in aiding it to exterminate Ku Kluxism in America.

Better than many Americans, apparently, do Roman Catholics know that Ku Kluxism does really mean Pure Americanism, and not outlawry. They know their scurrilous propaganda is false, and they know that when the spirit of the real old Klansman is aroused to the point of investigation the dangerous fallacy of their propaganda will be exploded, the people disillusioned and Ku Kluxism justified before all true Americans. They know that once the old Klansman defied the world to destroy the Anglo-Saxon race through the diabolical process of miscegenation, and won. Their frantic efforts to have our government exterminate the Klan only discloses their covert design of again undertaking the impossible. This is what they foresee, and for this they quake with fear. This alone is what prompts their press to so persistently malign, persecute and prosecute all those who it even believes to be Ku Klux or well-wishers to Ku Kluxism. Like blind snakes, they are striking at every noise they hear. Their cry for help to maintain law and order is but to hide their own guilt in arrogating to themselves the authority of directing a government that repudiates its paganism. To conceal its sinister motive, the Roman Catholic press will characterize the new klansman as the real law-

less agitator and vicious plunderer. He will be charged with attempting to overthrow our government, but we have only to remember that when it speaks of "our government," it means the Roman Catholic government. It has no interest in nor concern for our American government. It would be only too glad for us to overthrow our American government. Daily and nightly they are laboring to effect this great catastrophe.

You will learn through further investigation that the performance of the miracles above referred to is an exclusive function of the Roman Catholic Church, that in fact there is no other church, and that all other religious institutions are apostate and can have no communication nor association with it until they confess their heresies, surrender their all and return to their Mother Church. When it has the physical power, it emphasizes its claim to Holy Motherhood, and presumes to force into subjection those who deny its claim or challenge its authority.

You will soon become aware that its high officials are sworn to celibacy, and that many of the functions of its church are performed in strict privacy. You will be shocked to know how often suspicion has been aroused in regard to the sincerity of purpose in assuming this oath. You will be worse shocked to know that such suspicion has been verified by those who have renounced this religion, and by those who have escaped from its prison-like institutions. Heinous crimes against morality are often charged to them, but they go uninvestigated and unpunished, as they were committed by supposedly religious impeccables. Where they can prevent it, the powers of State in no province of the world-wide Roman Catholic government dares to intrude into the sacred precincts of its holy institutions, or to challenge the authority of any law that bears the imprimature of the pope.

All efforts of loyal Americans to have the charges against the secret workings of these alien institutions subjected to real investigation have proven futile. To render such crimes justifiable and their perpetrators respectable, thus far the Roman Catholic government has only had to appeal to us through a Christian charity into which it persistently seeks to educate us, and which is broad enough to embrace the doctrines of the Devil, and blind enough to overlook the subtle schemes of an alien government to secure the protection of our own government while it destroys our own institutions.

The Roman Catholic government will not respect any moral or religious standard not of its own setting, and the standard that it has accepted is ever hostile to our American ideals. It will not loyally obey any law not enacted by itself or its subtle agents, and any law that it would enact will be anti-American,



yet, true to its record of pretending to be exactly what it is not, it affects to be the mouthpiece of real Americanism. It stands in holy aloofness from our American religious institutions, and anathematizes them for their heresy, yet it often succeeds in craftily beguiling lukewarm, self-appointed mouthpieces of these same institutions into publicly justifying and endorsing its indirect thrusts at the very vitals of our American institutions.

The American people have no desire to prohibit Roman Catholics from the free exercise of their religion. If the sincerity of their concern for the spiritual welfare of mankind was as undoubted as their political zeal in monopolizing speculation in the temporal welfare of humanity, all America would bid them godspeed. True Americans, however, do most seriously and solemnly protest against Roman Catholics hiding under the mantel of Christian Charity, in order to more perfectly manipulate our political government which is our only safeguard against Roman Catholic hostility to our plans to defend and protect the sacred principle of Freedom of religious Thought. This, after all, is the real thorn in the flesh to Roman Catholicism, and to remove this thorn and thrust it into the vitals of our American Ideals, is the sinister aim of Roman Catholic officialdom in America.

It is humiliating to observe to what extent we are being skilfully drawn into servile acceptance of the claim of religious and political super-excellence of this affable imposture. We often hear really good Americans say that the Ku Klux have as much right to organize for the purpose of preserving and perpetuating the principles of our government as the Knights of Columbus have to organize for the purpose of promoting the interests of their government. They seem to forget the fact that none but loyal Americans have any such right in America. All other governments of any political nature whatsoever are alien, and the subjects of these governments have no right to openly or secretly organize for the purpose of promoting the interests of their government in America. For the Knights of Columbus to organize for the purpose of promoting the interests of the Roman Catholic government in America is outright treason, for the officials of their government openly announce that their purpose is to make America Roman Catholic, and that when this is accomplished religious freedom in America will cease. Religious freedom is the cornerstone upon which all our institutions are based. Destroy that, and watch our civilization crawl back into the crevices of the Dark Ages. And this is the avowed purpose of the Roman Catholic government. Bear that in mind.

To appeal to our government for protection while they engage in teaching disloyalty, and to demand that our government punish its own loyal subjects for protesting against alien interference with our affairs of State is bald effrontery. Nevertheless, we have permitted ourselves to be gradually and cunningly educated into this broad religious charity selfishly conceived by our enemies, and under cover of which they ardently hope and zealously seek to destroy the only religion from which true charity can emanate.

It has its foundling institutes which have been perhaps not altogether falsely termed nurseries for the fruits of the sins of its saints. I have read an exposure of the sins of the papal clergy by one who made the solemn statement that as high as eighty per cent of the inmates of at least one such institute is the illegitimate offspring of the Roman priesthood, though posing as a group of religious fathers!

In countries where the people will tolerate it, or where they are helpless to prevent it, the powers of State are compelled to establish and maintain all religious institutions. This identical government has been extended to include America, and here in our own country it is the same in all its ramifications as the original, except in the open exercise of its political functions.

The Roman Catholic government is not yet strong enough to openly attempt to establish and enforce its canon laws upon the American people. That is the only obstacle in the way of immediate and perfect control of our political system; and it is diligently seeking to induce Americans themselves to remove it. Apparently for the purpose of measuring its progress in moulding public sentiment, its dailies occasionally publish attempts to induce our courts to set aside our American laws, and substitute its canon laws as a basis upon which to render their decisions. Occasionally we read of a straw vote being taken to ascertain the success of its propaganda in justifying or in condemning such legislation as it may suggest or discourage. Usually this is done under pretense of respect for the will of the people. This is but the quintessence of hypocrisy. The voice of a people that it has not perfectly keyed to its own instrument is abominably discordant to the Roman Catholic ear.

Free exercise of its political functions is essential to its continued existence, although it would have the American people believe that its politics is but a subsidiary adjunct to its religion.

The importance it attaches to its political supremacy is shown in the three little words: "All is lost," which are said to have been uttered by the pope himself, when the people of Italy revolted and declared that the functions of the Church and those



of the State must be operated separately. The folly of trying to separately operate the religion and the politics of the Roman Catholic government is also clearly shown in the case of Italy. It is an impossibility. So long as Italy, America or any other country accepts or tolerates the religion of the Roman Catholic government, it will also accept and tolerate its politics or be always in a turmoil and struggle to suppress its intermeddling and manipulation. Italy will again come under the yoke of the Roman Catholic government, or discard both the religion and the politics of that government. France tried that experiment, but she has had to submit to the inevitable until her people again learn the treachery of their mock-friend. America must profit from their experience, or else reap the bitter fruits of her folly.

Tolerated unhindered to operate a proselyting religious system inimical to and subversive of every religious ideal, but barred from openly exercising political functions on which its very existence depends, there is but one course for the Roman Catholic government to pursue. That is to proselyte our citizens into abandoning their own ideals and substituting its alien religious system in their stead. Its political policy, then, must of necessity be to direct the policies of our American political organism. This is being done with a silent rapidity and precision that our people do not seem to realize. Deceptive diplomacy, false propaganda and persecutive prosecution under sanction of our government appear to be the chosen instruments with which our American Institutions are to be undermined and ultimately overthrown.

It is becoming more and more obvious to the American people that to tolerate even the religion of the Roman Catholic hierarchy or any other politico-religious government is to deliberately invite wanton encroachment upon our own purely American independent institutions. Our religious charity is known all over the world, and Eastern aliens are speculating in it to our hurt. Their religions are all actively and primarily political, and they see that in America they can devise and promote any political system or systems, however hostile they may be to our government, if they will only christen it religion or call it Americanism.

All these politico-religious governments are silent disseminators of propaganda of contempt for our American Ideals. The Mormon Hierarchy is quietly gaining strength in America, and will align itself with Roman Catholicism in its efforts to suppress our American Ideals. All such alien institutions are of necessity anti-American. The basic principles upon which they build their governments make them so, however much

they may protest, and however cunningly they may seek shelter under our religious charity. As soon as the Mormon hierarchy gains sufficient strength to venture from under cover of secrecy, it will announce its political aims. About a century ago it was founded in New York, but it lays claim to the discovery of America long before Columbus sought his short route to Asia.

Mormons claim to be successors to a Jewish tribe that emigrated to America and that they are therefore descendants and heirs to the North American Indians. They, too, will soon be claiming the America that the Anglo-Saxon developed into the most liberty-loving country in the world. The Mormon religion, too, is a politico-religious government, and consequently anti-American. Our government has, under alien influence, temporized with this blot upon civilization, but has finally forced it to somewhat modify some of its practices that shamefully violate our moral code. It will return to the mire just as soon as it can gain sufficient numerical strength to justify the sacrifice.

The Jews have their religious institutions established throughout our country. Their's is a political religion, also. All these aliens know they can make no progress in America, until Americanism is destroyed, and they are all working in perfect harmony to accomplish this. Money means temporal power. The Roman Catholics are gathering their shekels of force by flirting with our covetous officials, and by commercializing their religion. The Jew says but little about his religion, but he is secretly and untiringly seeking to gain control of the money markets of the world. Both are world-wide operators. Both are making surprising progress in America. Both conspired to crucify Jesus Christ and destroy His ennobling and redeeming principles. Is it difficult to foresee what dire results will certainly follow the combined efforts of these alien elements to overthrow our American institutions? They are marshaling their forces all over the world to destroy freedom of religious thought.

To tolerate the religion of the Roman Catholic government partakes of the nature of a confession of the heresy of which it charges us, and for which it will slyly seek to induce our government to destroy our American religious institutions, as well as our political system. Pre-eminently prominent in the history of the Roman Catholic government stands its fawning, flattering, seductive proselytism to its faith until it adroitly marshals sufficient strength from the ranks of its contemplated victims to intimidate and persecute into abject submission, precipitous flight or utter destruction, yet they call this religion, and the religious charity of the American people accept it as such. To proselyte to the religion of the Roman Catholic government is



to proselyte to its politics also. They are one and inseparable, and both are anti-American. Its church is the only one on earth, it boasts, and the politics of the whole earth must be made subservient to its maintenance and perpetuation. Its pope is crowned as father of kings and princes, and ruler of the world. In America its cardinals are crowned kings and rule from their thrones in their throne-rooms, just as other kings do. Yet our government is pledged to the policy that forbids the establishment of any government in America except a republic.

It is only natural to presume that a great militant, well-organized, secretive, sin-forgiving institution like the Roman Catholic government should ever be on the alert to further its own interests. So, whenever this institution that thinks only in terms of world-wide supremacy seeks to participate in directing our American institutions, we may rest assured that it is always with a view to eliminating everything that fosters Pure Americanism, or to divert their primal purposes to the gratifying of its ambition to force the world to worship at the shrine of its own idolatry.

Since it cannot openly maintain a separate political organization through which to perform its political functions; since the performing of its peculiar political functions is essential to its very being; and since it may openly maintain and secretly operate almost anything that it may brand a religious institution, it is only natural to also presume that what it fails to accomplish through its secret, sinister influences over our American government, it will endeavor to secretly accomplish through its openly maintained religious institutions. In the face of all this, its citizens enjoy all the rights and privileges of loyal subjects of the American government, and are permitted to employ their peculiarly seductive methods of proselyting from allegiance to our government to fealty to its own. In addition to this they are permitted to transport from beyond the seas its many millions of recruits.

The American government is a political institution that denies the right of any other government, religious or political, to dictate or direct its affairs. The whole of political authority is vested in the subjects of our government. These subjects can unqualifiedly swear allegiance to their government only, because they choose their own officials who are empowered to enact no laws except by consent of the governed. The officials are only servants of the people, instructed to enact and enforce laws approved by the people. Our officials are not our masters, clothed with authority to enact their own selfish wills into laws for the purpose of speculating in the ignorance and helplessness of their servants. The American people recognize the authority of no super-man nor earthly super-government.

They maintain a federal government, complete in itself, which overlooks the general welfare of the people, and is operated solely under rights specifically granted to it by the people of the several states. All other rights are specifically reserved to the people.

Under these reserved rights the people establish and maintain separate state governments, and may exercise all rights not granted to their Federal government, in enacting such laws as the people deem best for themselves. In America the people are empowered to dictate their political policies and to exercise Freedom of Religious Thought.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy is a politico-religious government. It claims Divine Right to mould the religious thought and to direct the political policies of the whole world. No religious, no political right to think or act is recognized or tolerated beyond the pale of its authority, when it has the power to prevent it. It is ruled by a pope through his clergy selected by his predecessor. All power is vested in its pope whom all the world must obey absolutely.

There is no place in America for papalism. It does not, nor can it be made to fit into either our religious or our political economy. This is as true as the law of Physics that declares that two solids cannot occupy the same space at the same time. Its presence is a menace to our peace and security. Its predominance means the utter destruction of both.

The pope is not an American citizen, and cannot become one without first renouncing the tenets of his hierarchy, because the American government challenges his claim to Divine Right to rule the world, and defies him to exercise any political authority in America. He cannot be loyal to an antagonistic government, the religious and political ideals of which he deems so heretical that he swears his own loyal subjects to destroy by any and all means. He cannot swear allegiance to a defiant government whose territory has been Divinely appointed a province of his own realm. Can he swear loyalty to the disloyalty of a province of his own dominion? He can assume no attitude in America except that of subduer and destroyer.

No true American can conscientiously deny the right of the pope and his subjects to worship God according to the dictates of their own consciences. That would be contrary to the spirit of our constitution and the ideals that underlie it. Yet the pope denies to his subjects resident in America the exercise of this identical right so graciously granted him and his subjects by the spirit of a true Americanism, and he audaciously insists that he is inherently possessed with a Divine Authority superior to that of our national government.



Whose subjects, then, are Roman Catholics in America? The pope's exclusively. The pope knows that they cannot serve two masters at once, and he sees to it that the religious tenets he hands them, together with the oath with which he binds them secure in himself complete mastership over them.

If the pope himself cannot become a loyal citizen of America, on account of the antagonism of the tenets of his hierarchy, by what process of reasoning can one arrive at the conclusion that his subjects can become loyal citizens of the same? Do they not owe, and have they not sworn complete, undivided allegiance to the same tenets? Can they become even alien citizens of America and observe their tenets without infraction against our basic law that defines treason?

The pope, supported by his united and thoroughly organized hierarchy, encouraged by hordes of aliens of every race, creed and color, and emboldened by our own overbred religious charity, has one cold, cruel hand at the throat of our government and the other on the world's gold as his clergy announces that its final victory is in sight.

The pope will insist that the American government persecute, even to extermination, the only people in America who pledge their unqualified allegiance to the sacred, unselfish and benevolent ideals from which were evolved the principles upon which our fathers founded our government. Will True Americans condemn the preservers and defenders of these noble principles beforehand, and solely on the evidence of their arch-enemy's suborned witnesses?

The solution to the whole matter can be found in the answer to this question: Which shall shape the destiny of America, the Spirit of American Liberty and Freedom of Religious Conscience, or the Spirit of the Holy Inquisition? Vote for one. There is no second choice. There is no middle ground. You cannot compromise without making virtual surrender. Roman Catholics reckon every concession as a distinct victory won, and not as a privilege graciously granted. They are out for conquest only, and are strangers to gratitude. Apparently the Ku Klux Klan stands for American Ideals, while the order of the Knights of Columbus stands for the anti-Americanism of religious conquest. Where do you stand? If you have not definitely decided, you stand on dangerous ground.

When we take into consideration the undisputed fact that the Roman Catholic government looks upon our institutions as solemn farces, outright frauds, rebellious schisms and secret conspiracies against its holy authority, we feel that our charges are fully justified, even if we were not corroborated by history and the sworn statements of those who were once citizens of

that government and who were eyewitnesses to, and participators in the secret operations of its numerous institutions. Viewing our institutions from this standpoint, they count it no sin to falsely swear loyalty to any of our institutions, in order to thwart or minimize the purposes of them, or to monopolize them and direct their aims to the furtherance of their own government.

Hear what priest McDermot says:

"I admit the pope can abolish Catholics from allegiance to the form of government under which they reside."

This is quoted from the Canon Laws of the Roman Catholic Church:

"The Roman Pontiff can absolve persons even from oaths of allegiance."

The Roman Catholics took the church of Jesus Christ by force for the purpose of destroying or weakening its influence, while it profited by the spoils of the consequent contention. In the same manner they will make a desperate effort to enter the Ku Klux Klan for the purpose of creating confusion, beguiling its leaders into seizing its colors and leading its hosts, under guise of Americanism, into the camps of the Knights of Columbus. It will not hesitate to do this at its first opportunity.

Cognizant of the fact that American institutions are very largely political, and hiding all its own institutions under the mantle of religion and charity, it counts it no sin, but boasts as magnanimous its cunning efforts to induce our government to relieve all religious institutions of the burden of taxation. In some of our states loyal citizens of the Roman Catholic government far outnumber loyal American citizens. In such states the Roman Catholic government does not scruple to beguile the authorities into ignoring their national basic laws for the purpose of annually appropriating millions of dollars to the maintenance of religious and charitable institutions; and we complacently observe that the lion's share of such appropriations go to filling the coffers of an alien hostile government, while a mere pittance is grudgingly distributed among like institutions that profess loyalty to the American government.

Actuated by greed insatiable, and knowing that Americans voluntarily maintain their religious institutions with liberal donations, it does not hesitate to assume the role of a loyal American religious denomination, and gather graft from the charitable unwary. Where it has the numerical strength, or where it wields sufficient influence, it deems it but shrewd business acumen to warningly smile as it suavely informs loyal American business and professional men and women that they are expected to donate stated sums to the maintenance of their in-



stitutions. We frequently hear it solemnly asserted that these men and women are forced to pay this tribute exacted by America's alien enemy, or suffer the consequences of a systematic, organized, pious boycott that our American government seems helpless to prevent.

Frequently some of our children at a very tender age develop an abnormal tendency to criminality. In order to avoid their continuous association with hardened criminals, when punishment is unavoidably inflicted by our courts, our government maintains separate institutions for their correction and training with the hope of redeeming them to useful citizenship. To assure humane treatment, these institutions are operated under the direct supervision of our government, and are always open to inspection by its own appointed officials. But our competitive alien government, moved by loyalty to its religion, and always seeking opportunity to intrude its holy influence into our institutions for the purpose of proselyting the heathen to its own government, often succeeds in having these unfortunates assigned to its secret institutions where our own profane and tabooed institutions dare not make their polluting approach.

The statements of those who have escaped from these prison-like secret institutions indicate that this is only one of the many methods employed by the Roman Catholic government to procure free American labor to do the drudgery of its clergy.

With whatever aid its craftiness can devise to beguile or boycott our people into contributing, it builds and maintains hospitals, alms-houses, foundling institutes, and so on, for the shrewd purpose of advertising a charity wholly foreign to its real character, but under cover of which it piously seeks to procure prominent locations from which to issue its baleful proselyting propaganda of anti-Americanism. We must remember that the titles to these institutions are in the clergy of the pope, that they are operated by the pope's menials, and that they are in no sense American.

When it had satisfactorily shaped the issues and precipitated the bloody struggle that developed into the great world-war, it grew very patriotic and aggressive in America, and became conspicuously officious in inducing our government to levy taxes, to issue bonds and to solicit private contributions to enable us to wage war against an enemy that was a secret ally of the pope. It is charged that the vast amount of clothing, provisions, comforts and luxuries donated by patriotic American women and girls were sold to their husbands, sons and sweethearts at exorbitant prices, and the proceeds turned over to secret agents of the pope. It is further charged that many millions of that money is still in possession of the pope's loyal sub-

jects, and are being used to proselyte loyal American citizens to Roman Catholicism, or to persecute them into penury or prison. That is nothing new. For centuries that has been its best known characteristic. And they believe that they have only to deny these charges in the name of religion, and American gullibility will declare them false.

If greed were its god, if hypocrisy were its religion, if duplicity were its politics, the Roman Catholic government could not more perfectly live up to its declaration of faith, even if these charges be only partially true. I understand they are made in perfect good faith, yet the Roman Catholic press will assign their accusers to the Annanias Club, and all will be well. In some communities really good people will readily impeach the oaths of the most reliable citizens, if such oaths at all conflict with obviously deceptive propaganda issued by our Roman Catholic American Free Press. The perfidy of the Roman Catholic government in America is measured by the political power it gained as a result of its war in Europe.

The utter contempt with which it treats our marriage vows clearly indicates the esteem in which it holds our every institution, religious and political alike. Those united in wedlock under our vows are accused of living in sinful cohabitation, and its clergy boldly and persistently teach our American citizens that it is no sin to violate their marriage vows, if they were not solemnized by the Roman Catholic church. This sinister influence over this sacred institution is becoming more and more apparent. Its daily reports, through its press, of the Divorce Courts are only boasts of its success in debasing our American citizenship by encouraging and justifying sensuality. Apparently its policy is to degrade mankind for the price it hopes to receive for its false pretense of raising it from the mire into which it has decoyed it. Its sordid motive is too plain to be doubted.

Our marriage vow is an impediment to its progress in proselyting our people. When an American and a Roman Catholic are married, the contract is void, unless it is authorized by and performed under the vows of the Roman Catholic government, and those vows specifically provide that the offspring of such marriage shall be considered citizens of the Roman Catholic government. Manifestly it is a deep laid scheme of the Roman Catholic government to have its subjects to marry outside its fold for the sole purpose of increasing its numerical strength. Ask any close observer how often he has seen innocent girls and unsuspecting boys lured into indiscretion and forced into alien wedlock, in order to cover their shame. Yet this religious monstrosity, posing as the church established by Jesus Christ, ab-



solves beforehand the sins of its young manhood and young womanhood, and sends them forth to ensnare young unsuspecting Americans into these unholy alliances.

Those whose marriage is not authorized and solemnized by the Roman Catholic government are living in adultery, their children are born out of wedlock! That is what they brazenly tell us. And the shame of bastardy can be removed and respectability restored only through the saving grace of the Holy Roman Catholic Church! What a Godsend! How refreshing to realize that we have a world-wide, sin-forgiving institution that will take our cash in exchange for absolution from any sin, howsoever vile it may be! How consoling and how convenient for those of us who despise genuine religion, but who realize we cannot accomplish our devilish designs except in its revered name!

The Roman Catholic government is not satisfied with being permitted to maintain and operate its religious institutions unmolested, but persists in meddling with our political institutions for the purpose of directing, weakening or destroying their influence to the upbuilding of their own. It can never hope to predominate in America, until it destroys or directs our political system. Its existence depends, not on its piety, but on its political supremacy.

Our American governments maintain systems of free public schools, the benefits of which may be shared by all the children of all the people without discrimination. These systems are all political. It is true that the moral principles of the Bible are, and should be, taught in all our schools and recognized and revered in the conduct of all our institutions, because every ennobling thought that leads to a free and beneficent government is born of the spirit that indicted the sacred principles taught in that Inspired Book. Our American civilization is rooted and grounded in Him who is the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament and the Author of the grand and ennobling principles of the New.

Our public schools must help to perpetuate the cardinal governmental principles taught by Jesus Christ, if it would save itself from the disaster and ruin that has befallen all nations that have rejected those principles. Our enemies would bar Jesus Christ and His Bible from our public schools, in order that we may forget them, and thus enable these aliens to cunningly substitute the pope and his creed as our God and Guide.

The distinctive tenets of no religious sect is demanded or required to be taught in our public schools. This duty is left, uninfluenced and unaided by the American government or any of its minor powers, to the various sectarian schools. This char-

acteristic of non-sectarianism in politics is so marked that many a Roman Catholic has doubtless turned it to his advantage in securing to himself or his Scalawag friend important office, the functions of which were coolly, premeditatedly and mockingly directed to the destruction of every interest that secured the welfare of those who unselfishly honored and trusted him.

Subjects of the Roman Catholic government cannot avail themselves of the benefits of our American public schools on account of the contaminating influence of our religious heresy over their children. The Roman Catholic government maintains, instead, its parochial schools in which its religious tenets are taught, but from which the Bible is excluded, because it is dangerous to the moral and religious welfare of the children of its subjects. But the Roman Catholic government cannot yet legally thrust its greedy hand into American public treasuries for the purpose of abstracting funds with which to defray the expenses of teaching the tenets of its own religion in its own schools. It cannot yet legally force loyal Americans to pay for the training of children into a religious hatred of everything truly American. However, it will do so, if we continue to permit it to construe our laws and define the limits of our Christian charity.

Loyal subjects of the American government are barred from teaching in the parochial schools of the Roman Catholic government, in order to prevent religious heretical contamination. Yet subjects of the Roman Catholic government are not barred from teaching in our American public schools where the dangerous influence of disloyalty to our government is much more likely to be wielded on account of the broad American charity into which its press is piously and diligently educating us, and on account of its own narrow proneness to proselytism. If I have been correctly informed, in some of our large cities as high as nine-tenths of the teachers employed in our public schools are Roman Catholics. According to the Roman Catholic government's own theory these are drawing salaries from the American government for sowing seeds of political disloyalty and religious heresy in the minds of American children. Roman Catholics are not only willing to teach in our American public schools, but claim that they have the right as American citizens to do so. They become very indignant, when this right is challenged, or their loyalty questioned. Does the price received by Roman Catholics who teach in our public schools render them immune from our religious heresy?

Furthermore, children of the subjects of the American government are cheerfully admitted into Roman Catholic schools without incurring any danger from religious contamination



themselves, it seems. Is it not clear, then, that all danger from contamination lies in our American teachers who are loyal to our government? Will the Roman Catholic government be satisfied with anything short of America's abject surrender to it of all her rights of tutorship, leadership and directorship?

Roman Catholics are to be commended for their tenacity to their religious faith, if they are sincere in their profession. American religious institutions might well emulate their example. But that is not the contention at all. The real contention lies in the subtle efforts of their government, under guise of Divine Right, to force upon Americans a politico-religious government antagonistic to and subversive of the religious and political principles upon which their own government is based. Americans repudiate the religious faith of the Roman Catholic government, and challenge its right to deny the free exercise of individual religious conscience. Freedom of religious conscience has ever condemned the religion of the Roman Catholic government. Freedom of religious thought is protected in our American public schools. Is it difficult to see why Roman Catholics are unalterably opposed to our public schools? When drawn to its last analysis, it becomes very apparent that the Roman Catholic government is opposed to our public schools because it knows it cannot exist where the Bible is taught and where Americanism is practiced. Ku Kluxism stands both for the Bible and the Public School. The Bible, the Public School and Ku Kluxism must be destroyed by the American government, in order to preserve, perpetuate and protect a religion whose history for centuries has been written in the blood of those it slew because they would not renounce their faith in the principles established by Jesus Christ as they understood them.

The Roman Catholic clergy very clearly and tersely defines its attitude toward our public schools. Priest McCarty says:

"The public school is a national fraud, it must cease to exist."

Cardinal McClosky says:

"We must take part in the elections, move in solid mass in every state against the party pledged to sustain the integrity of the public schools."

Here is what Priest Hecker hands us:

"Education must be controlled by Roman Catholic authorities, and under education, the opinions of individuals and utterances of the press are included even to war and bloodshed."

Can you doubt the importance they attach to the destruction of our public schools? Do you doubt their sincerity in making these declarations?

Seeing that the American people will not yet permit their public schools to be destroyed by alien legislation, the Roman Catholic government has apparently concluded to subtly convert them into propagandic hotbeds. It would suavely so supervise the selection of our text-books as to eliminate the teaching of anything purely American. It would modestly suggest our school readers should contain nothing that would rasp the tender chords of political or religious prejudice. We must remember to not overlook the fact that when it speaks of religious prejudice, it means prejudice against Roman Catholic religion and Roman Catholic politics only. It would prefer to have our readers filled with fairy tales that tell of the wonderful exploits of fairy kings, fairy queens and other mythic persons and things foreign to America, and with just enough papal piety interwoven to not arouse the suspicion that it is preparing the tender mind to accept the tenets of a religion grounded in superstition. It would suggest the adoption of those histories that most grudgingly bestow but a modicum of praise upon real American soldiers and statesmen, and that saves the good wine for its own heroes. It would suggest that its own select periodicals would prove a wonderful supplementary aid as an adjunct to our literary and journalistic courses. And so on ad infinitum.

Yet, when American Freemen protest against such unmitigated audacity, it pronounces them narrow bigots, hopelessly lost to reform; and it demands that our government accept its coarse calumny as unvarnished truth, appeals to our government to declare her only loyal subjects as outlaws, and this brazen-faced alien foe offers the services of its minions to exterminate the breed!

This is all perfectly natural, because its hope of religious pre-dominance in America depends on its political security alone. But Americans must remember that their government is based upon ideals much more unselfish and much more beneficent than those that the Roman Catholic government untiringly and persistently seek to foist upon them; and they must not forget that their hope of reward is not grounded in greed for power to extort secular indulgence from the subjects of their own government.

The mark of the high calling of an American citizen should be a sturdy growth in capacity to rightly enjoy the blessings of the liberty secured to him through the blood of his fathers, just as a Christian should strive to enlarge his capacity to enjoy the blessings of his redemption through the blood of his Christ.

The Roman Catholic government loses no opportunity to make itself conspicuously active in raising funds with which to endow some of our most influential secular colleges with a hope



of wielding its sinister influence over them later. Howsoever much they may scoff the idea, this cunning appeal to their love of money is going to prove too great a strain to many of our teachers who really think they are loyal Americans. Too soon will the fruits of this false generosity be made manifest. Prominent and influential Roman Catholics will soon be found among the instructors in these important institutions, for the purpose of selecting their text-books and influencing their general policies.

Just as soon as our public school systems can thus be thoroughly Romanized, opposition to our public schools will cease. Seeing that Americans will ultimately establish a compulsory public school system, they are taking time by the forelock by making crafty efforts to perfectly Romanize them. This done, their press will herald the espousal by Roman Catholics of the principle of American Free Public Schools! Our schools are our strongholds against Romanism. Will our educators surrender these for a sordid consideration and hide their shame in the shadow of religious charity as defined by Roman Catholics? God forbid!

The Roman Catholic government hates an American Free Press, even as Satan despises the Plan of Salvation, yet as soon as its furtive plans to thoroughly Romanize it perfectly materialized, it became a staunch advocate of its American Free Press, and it is very jealous of its American right to daily flaunt its alien fallacies in the face of loyal Americans.

The American Free Press is no longer a medium of disseminating news, except such as has been carefully censored by the faithful guardians of the interests of the Roman Catholic government, and deemed proper for the public to know. It is no longer a medium through which to express untrammelled, real American public opinion. It publishes only its own selfish views of questions vital to the welfare of the people. It unscrupulously pleads its own cause, and resorts to most questionable methods to suppress open, fair discussion. It coarsely ridicules and mercilessly persecutes all true Americans who dare to publish the real nature and character of its alien operations. It is a suppressor of all attempts to expose the sinister motives and cunning methods of its government. It cravenly seeks to induce our American government to exclude from its mails all publications that condemn its alien policies, or that defend real Americanism. It appeals to our American Congress to penalize adverse criticism of its institutions. For many years our public press has been but little more than an inductive correspondence course in Romanism. Should not loyal Americans refuse to be educated by a public press so violently antagonistic to everything American?

Although the subjects of the Roman Catholic government may sit on all our juries, testify in all our courts, plead in all our courts and preside over all our courts, yet it holds all our American Institutions in such perfect contempt that in instances where it does not preside over our courts in which its subjects are involved in litigation, it resorts to its faithful press to acquaint the public with the facts as ascertained by its own trusted agents. It thus seeks to forestall the proceedings of our courts with the hope that they will piously follow its lead. It elaborately presents to the public all the phases that it considers advisable for the public to know, clearly demonstrating that all reliable evidence exculpates its defendant, or justifies the conduct of its plaintiff. It makes careful investigation of the private characters of both, when an American is jointly involved, and finds its own subject a model of Christian piety and that of the American a perfect specimen of human depravity. It is humiliating to know that, in "the land of the free and home of the brave," there are many who accept the verdict of an impertinent, alien enemy press as though it were a portion of Holy Writ.

This description of the methods of the Roman Catholic press sounds too ridiculous to command serious notice, but there are thousands of thoughtful and observant Americans who closely watched its maneuvers in the notorious Stephenson and De-Bardeleben cases recently investigated by our courts, and who will verify the correctness of these conclusions.

Added to this bald effrontery is its occasional public reprimand of our government for failing to maintain the integrity of our courts, in case the wisdom of these bodies does not confirm the pre-determined verdict of this Roman-censored press.

Apparently for propagandic purposes alone, the Roman Catholic government sometimes elects to have our government to criminally prosecute loyal American citizens for violation of our various national laws. When it deems it propitious to institute these intimidating and persecutive proceedings, it enters a detailed statement of its charges on the front pages of its dailies, under startling captions and in its boldest type. Skillfully avoiding liability to criminal prosecution against itself, it musters its secret agents, often paid employees of our national government, and accumulates bribed and otherwise illegally secured evidence, plausible enough to convince our national government that investigation is imperative. This character-besmirching evidence, unpublished and unanalyzed on front pages of our dailies, is placed in the hands of our government, and when investigation exposes the propagandic conspiracy of our alien enemy, the public is informed through some medium



other than a Roman Catholic Free Press. Doubtless these copies are carefully filed away among the archives of its Holy Church, beautifully adorned and reproduced in some of its "standard" magazines and ultimately incorporated in a history it will write as a very desirable text-book for "our" American public schools.

These crafty conspirators go unpunished, and loyal Americans pay for the luxury of being persecuted by their alien enemies through the instrumentality of their own government! These pernicious persecutors take such cunning advantage of their relation to our national government that often persecuted loyal citizens unacquainted with the methods of legal procedure, are led to mistrust our government as being either negligent of their duty, or of being a party to their persecution; and it is only natural for the inexperienced to presume that their government is sponsor to the acts of its own legally constituted agents. The Roman Catholic government institutes these proceedings for the double purpose of intimidating loyal American citizens, and engendering distrust and contempt between them and their national government. They know that confusion and disloyalty to our government alone can produce its overthrow.

The Roman Catholic government is unchangingly opposed to what Americans call Separation of Church and State, because it is perfectly subversive of the whole political and religious scheme of that government. But as soon as it can Romanize our laws and our religion, as it has our press, and as it is gradually doing our public schools, it will as warmly espouse this American principle also. If we will let them Romanize our institutions, they will be fair enough to let us call them American, and they will make no further concession. The Klansman will not become a party to that compact, and must therefore be destroyed for his wicked obstinacy.

I am truly ashamed to discuss the religious progress of the Roman Catholic government in our boasted intelligent America! It is laying its smutty hands more or less heavily on the concepts of all our religious institutions. This is readily seen in the increased laxity of their discipline. It is not my desire to oppose or criticize the Roman Catholic religion except in its relation to and influence over our government and its institutions. I would prefer to leave its religion alone, but its religion and its politics are so closely interwoven that one cannot discuss them separately, and if you separate them you destroy both. One cannot exist without the other. It is not my purpose to charge that government with being the author of human depravity. We are all human alike. But our consciences have not all been trained to accept the same standard of moral and religious excellence, nor even to accept any such standard in the same degree of integrity and completeness.

I would emphasize the fact that what I say in regard to the religious phase of the Roman Catholic government applies to its clergy or governing power only. I conceive its laity to be composed of loyal subjects perfectly disciplined into unquestioning obedience to their pious overlords. I hold no animosity toward the Roman Catholic laity. It knows no religion but the Roman Catholic religion. It has never been permitted to know, it will never, by consent of its clergy, be permitted to know any other religion. The healthy existence of the Roman Catholic government in America depends on the utter ignorance of its laity of any other religion. In all candor, I firmly believe that the laity of the Roman Catholic government is as sincere in its religious convictions as are the communicants of any other religious organization in existence, and I know that none manifests more devotion to its creed and ceremonials. I say this knowing that it will fall upon deaf ears, so far as this laity is concerned, because it is perfectly trained to give credence to nothing that does not emanate from the pope.

I as frankly admit that I am not so sure about my feelings toward its pope, as well as its clergy. To me the intelligence of the pope and his clergy and the monstrosity of its creed suggest calculative hypocrisy and contemplated Simony. I think I do not hate the pope, but I am sure I utterly condemn papalism.

But, while we fully recognize and freely admit that the Roman Catholic government is not wholly responsible for the rapidly increasing laxity of discipline in all the churches of our various religious sects loyal to our pure American Ideals, any unbiased observer of its activities since the civil war must admit that its influence over all our institutions has been wonderful in its development and pernicious in its tendency. It claims that its religion is based on Divine Authority delegated, without reservation, to sinless humanity. But its creed and its methods are so distinctly human that they will not bear comparison with the teachings of Holy Writ, and the unhindered study of the Bible is penalized and punished as a crime against its religion. Its basic purpose seems to be to gratify, rather than to crucify the flesh; to rationally cultivate our evil passions as an innocent pastime, rather than to subdue them; to piously speculate in human depravity, rather than to seek to remove the source of temptation. And this religious fallacy strongly appeals to human frailty.

The standard of religious excellence accepted by Roman Catholics is so antagonistic to that adopted by the various religious sects loyal to America's government that the former openly defends practices and indulgences that the latter so



strongly condemn that they promptly exclude from fellowship those of their communicants who are found guilty of such practices and indulgences. Among these practices and indulgences are found many that are penalized by our secular code and punished as hurtful to moral probity and destructive of social purity.

The growing laxity of discipline so painfully observant in our American churches is, beyond question, largely due to the baleful, furtive influence wielded over them by the Roman Catholic method of indulgence rather than of restraint. This conclusion is fully confirmed by the fact that the laxity in our churches inclines to those vices and indiscretions most stoutly and constantly defended by its press. I have just read a clipping from the Louisville Catholic Record that sets forth the fact that the gambling instinct is one of the most universal of human propensities, and says that it is unreasonable to condemn it. It states that to regulate it so as to serve rational purposes is the part of true wisdom! Is it difficult to conceive what is meant by "rational purposes?" It declares that gambling of itself is not evil, and that if it were so, Columbus could not have legally discovered America, as this famous adventure had in it all the elements of gambling! It maintains that legislation will be rather ineffective in regulating gambling so that it will serve "rational purposes," except so far as it is supplementary to the common conscience of the people.

But the people cannot exercise conscience without a law to guide them. There was no sin until there was a law to violate. Conscience can only measure our conduct by an accepted standard of integrity. This is strange doctrine for a Roman Catholic to advocate and present to intelligent people, as his whole politico-religious system rests upon arbitrary laws which it forces its subjects to accept as the only guide to their consciences, and punishes them for exposing themselves to the temptation to accept any other guide. In reality, the Roman Catholic government condemns the exercise of conscience by its laity. That is a prerogative of the church. Through the thin veneer of such argument may be plainly seen the covert purpose of the Roman Catholic government to educate our people into indulgence in evil for the "rational purpose" of paying the clergy to exercise its holy influence in securing forgiveness for the sin of over-indulgence.

It defends drunkenness and the sale of intoxicants in the same way. In America its press loses no opportunity to educate our people into unfaith in our laws to promote temperance and reduce crime resulting from its abuse. This is but a covert declaration of its defiance of such of our laws as con-

flict with its own lax moral code from which it reaps rich revenues. Its clergy lives sumptuously on its speculation in the crime it encourages.

Occasionally our court records show that a priest has been found guilty of drunkenness and disorderly conduct, but the offense seems to be of too little importance to be published in its "free press." In Europe, where its influence almost universally prevails, it is said that the manufacture and sale of Benedictine is a heritage to the priesthood, as a means from which to secure pocket change for private use; and it is further charged that it often has been obtained ready blended with other drugs for purposes too vile to name! Can we hope that this is false when we observe its attitude toward this and other similar vices in our own country?

I am not seeking opportunity to justify our prohibition laws. Their value must indeed be justified or condemned by the conscience of the people. But I do most emphatically protest against enemy aliens arrogating to themselves the Divine Right to exercise the prerogative of meddling with our efforts to educate the conscience of our own people according to our own conceptions of the teachings of the Bible, and not according to the dictates of one man who propagates a religion that rejects the Bible, and who promotes religious laws that are antagonistic to and subversive of our own religion and the civil laws that protect the principles of free religious thought. And especially do I protest, when our only motive is to protect our own citizenship against the certain ruin that must inevitably follow indulgence in the very vices they encourage solely for the revenue they raise from the sale of such indulgences. The same may be said against many other offenses that prevent or hinder the progress of moral uprightness, and which they justify for the same sordid purpose.

Even a casual and disinterested observer can but notice that our churches are fast learning to ignore the commission of offenses that are punishable by our secular laws. This was not nearly so noticeable fifty years ago, and I wish to repeat that this laxness leans very largely to those vices most often and most strongly justified by the Roman Catholic press, the authorized mouthpiece of the Roman Catholic government. Many of us are being easily lured by a religion that removes guilt through the official sale of indulgence. Even our government is being covertly tainted with the sin of selling indulgences in vice for the revenue it reaps from the unfortunate!

In addition to our public political institutions and our public religious institutions, our people maintain many fraternal and benevolent institutions in the peculiar rites and ceremonies of



which the general public is not permitted to participate. Only their characteristic principles and their respective purposes are published, and none can legally operate until its objects are explained to the proper authorities, and permission to operate has been secured through a charter which protects it against intrusion or abuse by non-communicants. The authority that grants such charter reserves the right to revoke same at any time it violates the conditions under which it has been issued; and our government is clothed by loyal subjects themselves with ample authority to protect its citizens against wrongs committed by others, whether such wrong-doers are organized or unorganized, whether they act secretly or openly.

Many very strenuously object to the formation of these secret organizations, and appeal to our national government to exterminate them. It is easily observable, however, that often those who most persistently object to these secret organizations are themselves constantly engaged in organizing secret institutions, the sole purpose of which is to overthrow our American religious and political systems. Of course these will object to our meddling with their "business!" In the name of religion these will sanctimoniously appeal to our national government for permission to exterminate loyal American institutions for the purpose of preserving civilization! We have only to remember that the Roman Catholic government speaks only in terms of its own religion. When it speaks of religion and civilization, it means Roman Catholic religion and Civilization only. Any other religion and any other civilization is a fraud and must be annihilated! Of course these secret alien conspirators against our American institutions will object to the formation of secret, organized effort to disclose their furtive plans and to thwart their sinister purposes. And the nearer one of these organizations stands to Pure Americanism, the more strongly will they insist on its extermination. The louder the objection, the more sinister the motive, and the greater need for counter-organization. The more persistent the persecution, the more diabolical the design, and the more determined must we be to resist their assaults against our American ideals.

In discussing our secret institutions, one is forced to follow the same rule by which he must be guided in discussing the secret Roman Catholic institution that claims to be the only church of Jesus Christ on earth. That rule is the rule of common knowledge of the accepted history of their respective reputations. A non-communicant can legally have no positive knowledge of the functions of any organization the operations of which are secret. Whether communicant or non-communicant, he can only discuss externals. If a non-communicant

undertakes to publicly discuss the secrets of an organization, he can only bring just reproach upon himself, because every one will know that he speaks without authority and may have no knowledge of the facts. If a communicant discuss unwisely the secrets of his order, he will incur the displeasure of his fellows, forfeit their confidence, and for his folly reap the contempt of aliens themselves. If an ex-communicant discuss the secrets of an organization, however true his statements may be, the charge of bias or pique may place him in an unenviable position.

But, should our secret institutions, or should alien secret institutions menace the liberty or welfare of loyal people to our government, it becomes absolutely necessary to discuss the dangers that thus threaten them. Failure to do so is virtual surrender of such government to the offending secret organization. Artful attempts to have the government persecute such discussion is treasonable.

To discuss the merits or demerits of a secret organization, one must have something reasonably sound, at least, on which to base his arguments, if he hopes to command the serious attention, or to escape the utter contempt of his hearers. Results of their operations can supply the criterion by which such organization can be justly judged. Actions speak louder than words, and it is from their actions as they come under our own observation, or have stood the fire of public criticism, that we draw our conclusions in regard to their real character. And we must always remember that the conclusions thus drawn by loyal citizens of a government denote the exact attitude in which the government should hold any of these institutions. For the will of loyal citizens, and not that of any secret institution, or a group of such institutions, must represent the will of the government itself.

If the results of the operations of a secret organization do not, in the estimation of loyal citizens, measure up to the claims it publishes, but discloses a disposition to ignore the will of loyal citizens as expressed in their basic rules of conduct, the purposes of such organization may be justly construed as inimical to the interests of the people. And the unrestricted right to think, speak or publish their opinion of the influence such organization may wield is reserved to loyal citizens only.

When a secret organization realizes that it cannot exist under a government where its ideals are basically antagonistic to those of loyal citizens of such government, and persists in seeking to beguile the officials of such government into aiding it to foist its own ideals upon loyal subjects of such government, and to persecute those who protest, it becomes an un-



grateful and treasonable interloper, pure and simple. Its motive is alien, and the destruction of opposition is the object to be accomplished.

Secret institutions loyal to the American government are voluntarily maintained by their respective communicants, and have no connections with their government as such. Such institutions are fraternal, benevolent, educative and promotive of some sentiment, principle or ideal, or a combination of same. They all recognize the Supreme Being, acknowledge their relations to the people, declare their loyalty to our government; and some of them place special stress upon the importance of maintaining that high type of patriotism which offers its services, without partisan motive, to enforce strict observance of our constitution and constitutional laws.

Such of our institutions as deny admission to citizens of the Roman Catholic government are marked for destruction in some way. I am not a Free Mason, I regret to say, but if I had never heard of that great institution until early in the present year, when I read the vituperative denunciation of it by a great pro-Catholic Daily published in New York City, I would have known that the Roman Catholic government was becoming alarmed at the popularity Free Masons were gaining by defending or promoting some pure American institution, movement or principle. That powerful anti-American government known as the Holy Roman Catholic Church appears to be wholly incapable of conceiving of a church government or any other organization whose head is not an individual human being vested with autocratic powers. Evidently it endeavors to have our presidents to so consider themselves. The Americanism of Free Masonry is slated for destruction, or else I am sadly misled.

If Ku Kluxism really stands for a pure Americanism exclusively, what sort of welcome may it expect at the hands of this jealous, alien bigot and dictatorial interloper? Can there be any doubt that there is any thing in the annals of cruel cunning that this super-vampire would not justify in an effort to destroy Ku Kluxism? Read the oath of its secret army, remember Bartholomew, watch its operations and be convinced. You will not, I think, have long to wait. If you think the picture is overdrawn, watch it furtively attempt to arouse the prejudice and incite the hatred of every alien race of every color and creed, and organize them into secret benevolent societies ostensibly for the purpose of promoting some interest peculiar to such race, color or creed, but in reality for the purpose of thwarting the plans of the Ku Klux Klan. Watch it covertly seek to stir up sectarian strife among protestants themselves as it sanctimoniously poses as a model of pious disinterestedness.

The Roman Catholic clergy is painfully aware that its religious creed will never bear critical inspection in the light of American Liberty. For this reason alone it would suppress freedom of religious thought and speech. To hide its motive, it shrewdly insists that the free public discussion of the distinctive principles of one's religious creed is a serious breach of religious etiquette, a distinguishing mark of the ill-bred. It refuses to discuss its own creed except in general terms of self-praise, and demands that its creed alone be accepted without question. I think it holds its creed so sacred that it would be an unpardonable sin to deign to stoop so low as to defend it against anathematized heretics.

Its baleful influence in promoting this cunning scheme to suppress freedom of religious thought is so thoroughly permeating all our American religious institutions, as to discourage public discussion of anything that pertains to religion except the lax moral code which in substance constitutes its political platform. To its exposure of its religious creed is so repugnant that it constantly prompts the docile demagogues whom it furtively elects and sends incognito to our national congress to beguile our government into penalizing criticism of anything that it may wish to brand religious.

At its present rate of success it will not be long before those of our religious organizations that insist on publishing the distinctive principles of their respective creeds will be condemned as un-orthodox, and declared without the pale of religious respectability. What percentage of Americans can intelligently discuss the distinctive doctrines of their chosen creeds? How many are actuated by religious prejudice rather than by religious principle? How many ministers in our American religious organizations have the temerity to publicly proclaim their distinctively doctrinal tenets? Astonishingly few! How many of this faithful few have not suffered religious ostracism? How many have not so keenly felt the sting of poverty that they have been practically driven into silence? Could the object of the Roman Catholic government be more perfectly accomplished? Silence is the end to be attained. Can the human mind conceive of a scheme that would more rapidly and more permanently proselyte America to papalism? Its perfect confidence in this scheme moves the Roman Catholic clergy to boast that America is almost ready to be delivered to the pope.

If Americans sincerely believe in the tenets of their accepted creeds, they become allies to the Roman Catholic government in its efforts to suppress freedom of religious thought, when they fail to boldly publish the Gospel upon which they claim their creed to be based. Roman Catholics discard the



Bible because its teachings conflict with their system of man-made laws. These laws tolerate fleshly indulgence upon which sufficient revenue is laid to sumptuously sustain their clergy and fill their strong box with gold with which to maintain their world-wide system of seductive propaganda.

When Americans are cowed into silence, they are recreant to their most sacred duty, and are unworthy to enjoy the blessings secured to them by that basic principle of their government which defends and preserves the right of Free Speech. They cravenly ape the Roman Catholic government and thus expose themselves to the damning charge of doing so because there is something in their creed that condemns their own conduct, or else they fear that their creed cannot endure exposure to American criticism.

The Roman Catholic government covets numbers because it measures strength only in terms of physical force on which alone it depends to ultimately crush American religious conscience and establish its European hierarchy in lieu of our American government. It would prefer that we tamely submit, but if we refuse to do so it will persist until it in some way succeeds, or until it is emphatically reminded that its seat is in Rome and not in Washington. Spiritual strength does not enter into its calculations, and the undwarfed minds of free Americans are beyond their comprehension. When an American religious institution begins to boast too loudly of its numbers, it is only a covert threat to direct its influence or its physical force to accomplish some end that is in no sense spiritual; and Roman Catholics smile with placid assurance, because they know full well that it is only a small task to harmonize the efforts of kindred spirits.

This is in all reality our America, the land of liberty, Free Speech and Freedom of Religious Thought. Let Episcopalians, Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and all other religious denominations loyal to American ideals preach the Gospel as they honestly understand it, unhampered and unashamed. Like the muscles of the body, exercise of religious faith and American principles is essential to healthy and sturdy growth, we cannot be justly charged with a want of broad-mindedness and charity when we refuse to surrender our American right to openly and freely express our honest religious and political convictions, and we are only borrowing cowardice from Roman Catholics, when we do. Truth languishes only in the darkness of deception, and flourishes only in the sunlight of honest research. Personal ridicule, defamation and abuse are not arguments. They are only forced confessions of the total absence of argument. They are an index to unfaith in what

we profess, the cowardly retort of deserved rebuke, the wail of conscience undergoing the torture of the searing iron.

We can no more effectively and permanently execute the purely political designs of the Roman Catholic government to destroy our unity of purpose in preserving our American institutions than by aiding it in fostering a propaganda of denominational hatred among Americans. The Roman Catholic government ostensibly encourages broad Christian charity and unity, but we must keep in mind the fact that it speaks in terms of its own religion only, and we must not forget that its creed is wholly and viciously antagonistic to and subversive of everything American. Posing as a model of broad charity, it plays the consummate bigot by anathematizing all creeds not shaped by its own dextrous fingers. Its conception of unity is a universal acceptance of the orthodoxy of its own religious creed to the exclusion and extermination of all others. The American conception of unity is that unity of purpose that preserves the liberty of choosing one's own religious creed, and the unmolested right to openly proclaim and defend and propagate the tenets of the same. When we discourage, criticise or interfere with the free exercise of such right, we are, to all intents and purposes, aliens to American ideals just as Roman Catholics are. We must tenaciously hold to Americanism, or abjectly surrender to Romanism. Roman Catholics covertly propagate political serfdom under the loose robes of religious bigotry. Americans openly defend religious freedom under the flag of American liberty.

What would be the result should Ku-Kluxism become only the secret military arm to enforce the tenets of an American religious denomination or group of such denominations? American religious bigotry would be pitted against European religious bigotry, and the American people should only have swapped the Devil for his witch. Our American flag would be trampled into the dust, and universal tyranny would reign triumphant to the end of time. Ku Kluxism will never become the champion of any sectarian religious creed, but will forever, at all hazards, defend the great American principles which secure to all men the free exercise of religious conscience. It will never become the champion of any partisan American political party, but it will forever defend, protect and perpetuate those noble political principles upon which all our free and benevolent institutions are based.

Every cunning scheme conceivable will be resorted to in order to create confusion for the covert purpose of stemming the tide of the Klansman's righteous protest against invasion by our alien enemies, whose motive is to Romanize America. To



hide its sinister purpose, you will hear its pharasaical puling charges that Americans are conspiring to take the laws into their own hands, while it is surreptitiously engaged in seeking to usurp the prerogative of enacting and enforcing anti-American laws upon Americans! Certainly Americans purpose taking the reins of their own government into their own hands. That is their inalienable right and imperative duty, and they mean to exercise that right and faithfully perform that duty; and there will be no opposition, except from exploiting, plundering, impertinent alien interlopers, who have the audacity to tell us that we shall not maintain and direct the affairs of our own government. What real American he-man would permit a common Dago to enter his place of business and say: "You have a prosperous business here, but you are running it for the benefit of yourself and your own people. My pope and myself are getting nothing out of it. You must change your methods and purpose and conduct it to the interest of my pope and myself. You will therefore turn its entire management over to me, and I will follow the specific instructions of my pope who is a perfect financier. You may run it in your name, but all the profits and all the honors of its success must go to my pope to be distributed as his wisdom and infallibility directs. You will make a better citizen and a more humble and dutiful Christian if you will meekly live in ignorance and poverty, while my pope uses your substance to strengthen his political and financial system and to guard your religious welfare."

The gullibility and ambition of the Negro will doubtless again be speculated in, in order to make him an easy victim of the deception of the most cruel tyranny in the world, unless the spirit of the old Klansman again directs his course and protects him against the cunning efforts of those who would cruelly make of him a stepping-stone to the goal of their own selfish ambition. They will take him into their warm embrace, hold their noses long enough to more firmly shackle him with superstition, and then proceed to feast upon his gullibility. Mayhap, they will attempt to establish training schools for the purpose of making clerical timber of a few, and thus, with a few dextrous leaders, bind a whole race in the most cruel bondage yet devised by depraved race apostates.

If your charity demurs to the charge of coarse jealousy, you have only to recall the efforts of the Roman Catholic government in my own state during the world war to prevent fraternal association except that among the communicants of a secret, alien, military organization that owes allegiance to the pope alone. If you doubt its ability to wield a sinister influence to the pope alone. If you doubt its ability to wield a sinister in-

fluence over a partisan administration of the American government, you have only to note the ease and promptness with which it succeeded in this nefarious scheme. If you would learn the purpose of this discrimination, you have only to take a census of our army and naval officers, and recall how utterly impossible it was to keep the Germans and the pope from ascertaining our army secrets, when thousands of our American boys were struggling in the foul trenches on the battlefields in Europe, fighting to fulfill the pope's dream of a universal democracy that would place Europe and all the world at his feet.

Whose is the spirit that persists in inducing our government, under false charges, to persecute those who protest against such un-American methods? If you feel inclined to doubt that Roman Catholics hate and fear pure Americanism, have Congress to seriously consider the erection in our national capital of a worthy monument to the memory of the old Ku-Klux Klan, and watch their antics, listen to their vituperation and learn the utter futility of such an effort. And remember that, to them, at least, Ku Kluxism does mean Americanism. They will laud to the skies any political or religious organization that will condemn Ku Kluxism, or give them the slightest pretext for publishing it as unfriendly to Ku Kluxism. Though it swears its subjects to destroy any and all religious organizations except its own, it heaps unstinted praise upon all American religious denominations that will even condemn the things of which it falsely charges the Klan.

If I understand the character of the Ku-Klux Klan, and have a proper conception of its mission, it assails no man's religion and questions no man's political convictions, so long as they do not contravene our American ideals, principles and laws; but that its sole purpose is to uncompromisingly and unflinchingly defend the noble principles of our fathers against the invasion of any and all alien foes of any color, race or creed whatsoever, as well as to inculcate into the minds of our young American men and women the sacred ideals of a pure Americanism as interpreted by themselves, and not as interpreted by interloping aliens sanctimoniously playing the role of Holy Ghost to our every cherished institution.

Furthermore, if the new order of the Ku-Klux Klan is not a very poor counterfeit of the old, its reorganization is but the issuance of solemn notice to all mankind that it will never abandon the principles in defense of which it stands without solemn, stubborn protest, and that, while its mission is purely educative, it will assume any attitude necessary to overcome any alien opposition to its efforts to maintain and perpetuate American ideals; and I repeat that there will be no opposition or discord



to arise except such as is engendered by aliens for the purpose of thwarting the noble aims of the Klan.

Roman Catholics know that if the principles of a pure Americanism prevail in this country all aliens will be forced to cease their efforts to shape the policies of our government, and there is nothing it will not dare do to accomplish the destruction of the Klan. Those who think otherwise will be sadly disappointed.

The old Klansman sought companionship with the staid, the thoughtful, the fearless, the silent. In the main, his reply, even to denunciation and villification, was a mysterious smile that bespoke patience, forbearance, fortitude, but a cool determination that brooked no interference, carpet-baggers and scalawags alike soon learned the significance of that smile. Indifference, indecision and irreverence for the old order, while they made no impression on the impassive countenance of the old Klansman, sunk none the less deep into his breast. This conclusion in regard to his social temperament was drawn from careful observation of the old Guard at close range. Time alone can disclose the social character of the new Klansman, but with the military phase of his character subordinated to a means of announcing his presence and impressing his purposes upon the minds of the people, there is no reason to conclude that it will prove very unlike that of the old. It is foolish to presume that a body of intelligent and patriotic men, headed by a creditable and sincere minister of the Gospel, would deliberately invite the coarse criticism and incur the swift and vengeful persecution that would surely follow an attempt to organize a fraternal order under this hated title, if it did not purpose to adhere pretty closely to the original creed. Indeed to stray very far away from the old path would only provoke the disgust and contempt of a thinking public.

Nor is there any reason to justify the conclusion that the ease-loving, comfort-seeking advocates of peace, harmony and unity at the sacrifice of American principles, will not again fall easy proselytes to the false propaganda of alien enemies who will surely seek to inculcate into the minds of American citizens that the Ku-Klux Klan is ever the spiteful aggressor in every clash that will arise between Romanism and Americanism. They persist in attempting to manipulate our political policies to the aggrandizement of their own antagonistic government; they persecute those of us who protest against their impertinence, and they audaciously tell our people that they are the only true guardians of American ideals and principles. Truly, the sons of Judas, with itching palms, stand ready to receive from the high priests and elders the scalawag's price for bearing false

witness against those who pledge their all to maintain Americanism in America.

The spirit of the old Klansman has returned to stay, if I mistake not, and when this stern fact dawns upon the minds of these alien impostors, you will see them abandon their attitude of ridicule and bravado, and covertly crawl behind the battlements of American liberty and American religious freedom, and pose as holy martyrs to the very principles which they are sworn to utterly destroy. There is no political creed that the Roman Catholic government would not promulgate; there is no religious fallacy it would not profess, if it may be permitted to interpret such creed and to commercialize such fallacy to its own upbuilding. It cares little for what we profess, if we tacitly acknowledge its orthodoxy and superiority and leave it unhindered to practice a proselytism that will ultimately destroy the loyalty of Americans to their principles. It matters little what we write in our constitution and our laws if it or its chosen agent may exercise the prerogative of super-interpreter to all our courts.

Those who profess to love the principles upon which our fathers founded our government and built our institutions, but who know nothing of Ku Kluxism except public opinion as moulded by the persistent and continuous vindictive and utterly false propaganda of its alien enemies, should be wary in making adverse criticism or in forming hasty opinions, as such imprudence might forever prove a bar to companionship with their real fellows and place themselves in an attitude to be easily and unconsciously led into distinct and permanent alignment with their most dangerous enemies. For the day is coming when they must rue their rashness, take their appointed places in the ranks of true American manhood, or skulk away to the tents of aliens who utterly condemn every basic principle of a true Americanism.

And it is well enough for us to recognize the fact that when we once make a false step in choosing our ideals we are prone to spend the remainder of our lives in justifying the error of our course. There are none so well aware of this weakness in our human nature as are the Roman Catholic officials, and none so prompt to speculate in this weakness. They cunningly seek to induce us to hastily and permanently draw our conclusions from their false statements, and depend on this weakness to hold us to the false opinions we thus form.

If we have not sufficient knowledge of the principles of our government to appreciate its value in securing inestimable blessings to ourselves and to our posterity, we will not be able to judge the sincerity and faithfulness of the interpretation given



them, nor feel the importance of making personal sacrifice to perpetuate these principles, and to maintain the government based thereon. Nor can we appreciate the serious danger to which our government is continuously exposed if we have no definite knowledge of the character, purposes and methods of our cunning enemies. This knowledge cannot, of course, be secured through our proselyting enemy's censored press. They are perfectly satisfied in their faith in the biblical prophesy that the time will come when men and women will prefer to believe a falsehood rather than to believe the truth. The perfect abandon of its press shows that it is perfectly assured that its defamation of Ku Kluxism will be accepted by our people as the sacred truth.

But, while I think it is wise for the uninitiated to exercise prudence, the Klansman himself, though schooled in prudence and self-restraint, should not forget that he has crossed swords with the shrewdest diplomats that duplicity can evolve; and they will diligently seek and plan every possible opportunity to place him in a false light before an ununiformed and a misinformed public in order to perfect the utter destruction of his character.

I do not know that the new order of the Ku-Klux Klan will indorse all or even a major portion of what I have said in regard to Roman Catholicism. I am not sure that I have not seen in some public statement that Roman Catholics are, or at least may become, eligible to membership in the Klan. If this can really and truly be done, no one will rejoice more than I, for I recognize in Romanism the chief enemy of Americanism. The old Klansman knew fairly well how to take care of himself, and with uncovered and bowed head I wait to see if the new klansman will be wanting in this quality.

In the meantime, I entertain no fear that he will kidnap me, speed me away to some lonely spot in the wilderness and flog me for exercising my opinion of his character and his relations to our social and political economies; and I have no desire to charge him with things that I know are false and defamatory of his character. Unmanly methods were wholly foreign to the nature of the old klansman. That is characteristic of the sneak, and it was the sneak with which the old klansman had to contend. There is nothing that so terrifies the sneak as does the ever present consciousness that he must finally become the victim of his own methods. The conspirators against White Supremacy and the chastity of our Southern White Motherhood did their cowardly work under cover of the most effective secrecy, that of deceived and prejudiced national government in its military character. The old klansman was forced to employ the same methods, and he disguised himself to hide

his identity and thus save himself from punishment by a government backed by people who were not permitted to know his real character and motives. It was not the methods of the old klansman that his enemies most feared, but his motive to preserve the principles of Americanism at all hazards.

The guiltless had no ground to fear the old klansman. Those who rant about the new klansman's methods only seek to muddy the waters and prevent Americans from making that calm and mature analysis of his character that they know will justify his patriotic and noble motives. Without a particle of evidence except that fabricated by their own cunning, they persistently charge the Ku-Klux Klan with being the perpetrator or instigator of every crime committed against law and decency. Without any proof they charge him with resorting to unlawful and cowardly methods of wreaking revenge for private wrongs. They stamp the earth and warn him that our country will be deluged with blood if his methods are not forthwith suppressed. Any one not so blinded by false propaganda that he cannot reason calmly and justly should be able to read their motive as he runs. Through these fabricated accusations they hope to deceive and mislead unsuspecting and charitable Americans into espousing their cause. The cunning design of the Roman Catholic government is to inveigle Americans into becoming aiders and abettors in the destruction of their own government. Their reference to spilling blood is to intimidate peace-loving Americans into refraining from making protest against our government again becoming the instrument of destruction of the safeguards of American religious and political liberty.

They do not contemplate spilling much of their own blood in defense of any real American principle. Their motive is to incite Americans to spill the blood of each other in order to destroy or weaken American resistance to alien Romanism. Will the American people and their American government suffer themselves to be duped into offering themselves a sacrifice on the altar of alien idolatry and tyranny? If blood must be spilled, let us unite in spilling it in defense of our own American religious and political institutions. When our alien foes see that we stand united against all their own cunning efforts and those of their truckling scalawags, the voice of bluff, bluster and bravado will cease to be heard in the land.

So, while I have not appointed myself a committee of one to dictate or suggest what the Ku-Klux Klan should or should not incorporate in its creed, what methods it should or should not employ to propagate its principles, or in what garb or at what time it should or should not appear in public, I do feel at liberty to say that I cannot conceive an arrangement that



could reconcile the principles which the klan openly espouses with those of the Roman Catholic government. Doubtless Roman Catholic infallibility would be glad to offer a satisfactory solution, as they are notably proficient in officiousness. To me the two are incompatible.

These are indeed harsh words, but one whose youth was submerged in the horrors of Reconstruction, and who sees in the present outlook a possible recurrence of those harrowing scenes, enacted with ten-fold intensity and cruelty, cannot faithfully describe them in mild or generous terms. Even the harshest words but feebly indicate the chaotic conditions that threatened a frenzied nation as it staggered under the shock of the sad and unfortunate tragedy of Ford's Theatre. Sectional feeling ran high, both in the North and in the South. Hatred was the test of loyalty. He who could not hate became a suspect. A deeper, deadlier hatred is being covertly engendered and skillfully trained against our every American ideal.

Had Abraham Lincoln lived, the South, I feel sure, would have been spared much of the ignominy and shame thrust upon her, yet few men have been hated as Abraham Lincoln was hated in the South at the time of his death. I sincerely believe that if he had been spared to formulate and execute the plans for the reconstruction of the South he would have become more popular here than in the North, for I think he loved justice, and in the North his mercy had already become a stumbling block in the way of the wrecker of coarse revenge. A southern fanatic shot him to death, and if the South did not openly rejoice, she did not conspicuously mourn.

The North charged that the dastardly deed was the consummation of a conspiracy among the leading officials of the defunct Confederacy, and was so rabid in her zeal to mete out summary punishment that she hanged an innocent woman! The South could have offered but feeble resistance to such a justly indignant but wholly misguided mob, and the law of retaliation would scarcely have been satisfied with less than the blood of the South's hunted heroes, had not a David found a Jonathan in the North. I sincerely believe this, but I frankly admit that I am not in possession of an iota of tangible evidence to support my conviction.\*

Moreover, I just as firmly believe that the colossal, almost superhuman task of staying the hand of African barbarism that menaced racial purity in the South could not have been so

\*Since writing this, an Atlanta weekly newspaper has confirmed this conclusion by stating that a captain of a Pennsylvania company was ordered to run down the Ku-Klux in a certain community in the South, but finding reports of conditions so exaggerated and so misrepresented that he joined the Klan and protected the leader whom he had been ordered to capture and imprison.

quickly and so thoroughly accomplished if that mysterious smile had not graciously spread beyond the confines of Mason and Dixon's line. I do not say this in a spirit of flattery of the North, and certainly not in a spirit of detraction from the glory of the South, but to emphasize the fact that the love of flattery nor the hope of selfish glory affects the acts of pure Americans in such a crisis. Let others think as they may, but, as for myself, I shall ever believe that when the diabolical effort was made to drive our national government into legalizing and enforcing this base contamination of Anglo-Saxon blood in the South the heart throbs of racial sympathy in the North pounded so distinctly on the dull ears of racial perverts who irreverently sought to correct the mistakes of Almighty God and set aside His Holy Decrees that they paled and trembled, as they realized that they had so far overstepped the limits of decency and right as to precipitate a righteous indignation and reaction of Godly sentiment that silently labored to save the South from the menace of the Black Horror.

If the unscrupulous manipulators of our vacillating government had compelled it to declare war on the Ku-Klux Klan for the purpose of forcing their avowed policy of race contamination in the South, Mason and Dixon's line would have been wholly forgotten in the struggle that would have followed. These conclusions are further justified by recent public statements that the creed of this klan is surprisingly popular north of that well-known Land Mark. The idle boast that the Federal government, through fear, was slow to interfere with the operations of the klan as a band of outlaws with no motive but the indiscriminate destruction of life and property, and that the klan abandoned its noble purposes and disbanded in the South for the same reason was made, I think, by those who failed to recognize the mysterious power behind that assuring smile that none dared to challenge.

I was about eight years old when the Ku-Klux made their first appearance in our community, and it was in the midst of the quick-shifting scenes of their operations that I received many imperishable impressions that greatly influenced my conduct in after life. Truly, by his fruits alone can the old klansman be judged. His harvest was indeed plentiful, and its value to all humanity cannot be overestimated. He left no history but grand achievement, and he needed no religious hypocrisy under which to hide alien perfidy. After publishing the principles for which he stood, he withdrew into the shades of a mysterious silence, and put forth an energy before which the most skeptic paled, and from which the most daring recoiled. He adopted his secret plans and hazarded his all to counteract a perfected system of anarchy and tyranny in order to re-establish condi-



tions under which alone permanent peace, prosperity and happiness could be secured to all races as an All-wise Creator has decreed. Yet his calumniators accounted his victory sin, and disgraced our national government by directing its authority to brand him an outlaw, and to inaugurate a wicked and stealthy propaganda for the purpose of utterly destroying that noble spirit of Americanism which alone could save that selfsame government from utter ruin.

It was just prior to their disbandment that I came to understand the real mission of the Ku-Klux Klan. Up to that time I lived in a nightmare. My companions were chiefly the few negroes who remained on the plantation after their freedom. It was from them alone that I gleaned the news of the klan's operations. Often I would sit by their fireside at night and listen to their exaggerated description of those mysterious shadows and their miraculous exploits until I would refuse to return to the "big house" without an escort who dared not go more than a scant halfway!

Yet, it is with a sense of real pleasure that I recall the many startling incidents of those tempestuous times, because they indelibly fixed in my mind the sacrifice that one must make in order to attain to full-grown, White American Manhood, and to realize that noble, unselfish sacrifice ultimately brings its priceless reward. I am truly glad that I lived through those stirring scenes and have within me the consoling evidence that clearly belies the wanton charges that I have often heard so persistently made against those defenders of our homes and of our racial purity.

Thus far, I have portrayed my conceptions of the military phase of the old klansman's character only; but he had other than military traits, as was verified by his conduct after the order was disbanded. For, after the Ku-Klux Klan had disbanded and ceased its military operations, and while much was being said about the gallows and the Federal penitentiary, I became very much concerned as to what course he would pursue; and I watched with intense interest to see what attitude he would assume toward his persecutors who evidently hoped to incite our government to inflict dire distress on the thwarters of their diabolical plans. I observed that he went about his business of reclaiming his farm or other business, re-establishing business relations and guarding the public welfare in much the same way he had formerly done, with apparent unconcern for the activities of his maligners and persecutors.

As conditions moved toward normalcy, I saw fearless young white men who had coldly and stiffly nodded to each other, when they unavoidably met, now clasp hands, speak without

reserve, and smile. I saw stubborn and staid old men extend the hand of reconciliation across chasms of coolness, and I saw these overtures accepted by an earnest grasp of that hand, as smile met smile and as soul read in soul the white man's earnest appeal to the higher and nobler duty of self-sacrifice for the right. I saw some accept these overtures with the hand of Uriah Heep, and I saw others ignore all overtures from the old klansman. These gradually retired to the outer circle of religious, political, social and industrial activity, and sullenly protested against further interference with their business. I could not at all comprehend the meaning of the word "business," as they seemed to apply it. It appeared to imply that one might arrogate to himself an inalienable right to commit an unmanly, unlawful, or otherwise reprehensible deed deleterious to public welfare, and exercise another similarly acquired right to challenge the authority of the public to question the turpitude of such act.

They seemed to look upon life as a race against legislation in which the legislator was their criminal ally empowered to enact easily evaded laws only, and to affix to these laws only such penalties as would, in no event, hazard their "business" success. In addition to these safeguards of their liberty, they insisted that only the infallible should execute the law, or insist upon its being upheld where their good names were involved. It seemed that in their conception the greatest crime possible of being committed was that of a criminal confessing his crime and making honest effort to reform. There appeared to be no place in their Code of Honor for repentance, and there seemed to be no disgrace except in exposure of their questionable methods.

Owners of negroes tolerated certain petit rights assumed by their slaves, and after their freedom the negroes were slow to realize that these rights were abolished along with slavery. I heard white men who were accredited with having been Ku-Klux stoutly remonstrate with unscrupulous and overbearing neighbors for prosecuting negroes for minor offenses. This petit prosecution led to much frivolous legal wrangling, often to the discredit of white men, as such minor offenses were largely nothing more than an exercise of those assumed rights, but exercised on premises other than those of their former masters. It was, to some extent at least, the natural outgrowth of the negroes' contempt for his erstwhile scalawag ally who had sanctioned the assertion of the carpetbagger that the property of southern white men, by virtue of its production by the labor of the negroes, was in fact the property of the negroes themselves, and that the negroes were fully justifiable in appropriating this property to his own use by any means whatsoever.



By way of parenthesis, I will state that his false teachers have never made any attempt to undeceive the negroes in regard to this mischief-engendering fallacy. Newspapers and periodicals of today, ostensibly edited and published by negroes, brazenly reiterate their faith in this fallacy. In not a single instance, so far, have I noticed where the successors of the carpet-baggers and scalawags of the sixties have made any attempt to school these gullible people out of this damnable fallacy. While every energy of their censored press is directed to putting forth ostensibly instructive and beneficent propaganda, may not our enemies, for purposes of accomplishing their own sinister designs, be clandestinely organizing these same negroes into various societies with high-sounding benevolent and fraternal titles as they anxiously await the opportune time to again incite them to riot, rapine and rape?

Even under the aggravating circumstances above described, I heard of these old klansmen protesting before grand juries against returning bills for those minor offenses. I heard of these men making bail for negroes while awaiting trial for these trivial offenses. I am afraid that out of such kindness the unscrupulous conceived and perfected the abominable practice of peonage which developed later. The ignominy of this practice, as well as that of lynching, would never have besmirched our fair name if the Ku-Klux Klan had remained to school us into the strict observance of the principles of its creed.

I would not leave the impression that there were no exceptions to the rule of conduct of the old klansman. It would be unreasonable, unjust and uncharitable to expect perfection in him. Many of his fellows, having undergone the harrowing experiences of four years of cruel war, and having borne the terrible trials of wicked reconstruction, had become hardened and desperate. The deeds of a few caused him much concern and regret, as they smiled through tears of charity distressed. But let their maligners be reminded that the mistakes of the old klansman, deplorable in a few instances, I admit, were but mere incidents in the perfecting of one of the greatest and grandest achievements known to the history of the Caucasian race. The world is now rapidly realizing that the persistence of the enemies of the old klansman in pointing with horror to his mistakes is but to detract attention from the glory of his achievement. If there had been no achievement, there would have been no need for deceptive and malicious propaganda. There would be no need to seek to inveigle our government into legalizing the persecution and punishment sought to be inflicted upon loyal citizens by their government's most implacable enemies. The real value of the old klansman's glorious achievement to humanity is measured by the volume of intense, vindictive, virulent and slander-

ous propaganda and legalized force his enemies have deemed necessary to put forth to destroy his heroic character and to dull the splendor of his glory. Nothing but Satanic audacity inspires the Roman Catholic government to brazenly hold up its head and sanctimoniously charge any government on earth with injustice, hypocrisy, perfidy and cruelty, since for more than a thousand years its garments have been steeped in the blood of those it has persecuted and tortured because they would not renounce their faith in religious freedom of conscience and political independence of thought.

The more intelligent and the less ambitious among the negroes soon realized that their only real friends were the old klansman and his well-wishers. Had it not been for the spirit of mutual confidence and respect that spontaneously sprung up between the few of these elements of the two races, it is certain that conditions would have become as bad as the enemies of the old klansman could have wished to chronicle. The old klansman entertained genuine respect for the real rights of the negroes, and this class of negroes never presumed to exercise social rights repugnant to the whites. This type of negro entertained only perfunctory respect for a white man who would not flog a recalcitrant negro into recognition of race distinction. He looked to the genuine old klansman for counsel and employment, and he never failed to find in him a cheerful and sympathetic friend.

The negro, nor one of any other inferior race, can be elevated out of his dependence upon the white man. Our alien enemy can only agitate the negro into a vicious mental unrest that demands more idleness, more indulgence and more unnatural privileges. They have no more love for the negro than they have for a pure Americanism. Their hope of success in America depends upon suppressing Americanism, and they will not scruple to speculate in the credulity of any race which can be gulled into raking their chestnuts out of the fire.

All these facts have been fully verified and confirmed by northern negro lovers who have come South with their heads full of unnatural theories that can never be practicalized until the Almighty nullifies His edict governing racial relations. Thoroughly schooled in a fanaticism propagated for political advantage inimical to Americanism, they firmly believed that the negroes were their equals in every respect. Many of them engaged in enterprises, the operators of which were largely composed of negroes. They were very kind to the negroes and generously considerate of their interests, recognizing them as their business, social and political equals.

The experiment did indeed demonstrate that in some instances, at least, the negro was the equal, if not the superior,



in some respects; but if these isolated cases are to be accepted as a true criterion, they only supply indisputable evidence that a member of a naturally inferior race who has been schooled into recognition of race distinction is superior to a member of a naturally superior race who has been schooled out of racial pride. Racial pride is essential to racial progress. It is more. It is essential to racial existence.

Those who could not bring themselves to embrace the principles of race distinction could never win the confidence of the resident whites, and while the negro cunningly availed himself of the opportunity to profit from their kindness and generosity, entertained for them only nominal respect. However, a large majority of those who came South had sufficient acumen to analyze the situation without bias. These soon schooled themselves out of their fallacy, and were cheerfully received among their fellows.

Racial equality is utterly impossible of enforcement, for an omnipotent Creator, in His infinite wisdom, and for purpose of His own glory, has decreed otherwise; and all the millions spent by misguided philanthropists and all the blood spilled at the instigation of racial renegades and political pirates cannot force the annulment of this Divine decree, howsoever repulsive it may be to their super-Divine sense of justice.

I do not think that it requires a profound knowledge of biology to disclose the covert motive in advocating miscegenation as a desirable means of overcoming prejudice against universal social equality. The real progress of every race, however free it may be from admixture with other races, depends on its constant, strenuous effort against degeneracy from moral rectitude. The standard of excellence of any race admixture that is the product of the amalgamation of two races, the one naturally superior to the other, must fall below that of the superior race entering into such admixture, even if only the finer elements of both races are preserved. If only the baser elements are preserved, the standard of excellence of the resultant admixture will fall below that of the inferior one entering into the admixture. In no case will this standard equal or exceed in excellence the standard of the superior race entering such admixture. Have we any assurance whatever that the baser elements only will not be preserved? Does not the natural tendency to degeneracy assure us that, in a large majority of instances, at best, the baser elements only will be preserved? To reason otherwise would, it seems to me, be to attribute to nature an independent progressively perfective creative power beyond the control of Omnipotence Himself. The result would be the same, regardless of whatever virtue might be made the standard of excellence, and regardless of the number of races involved.

Abasement, if not complete destruction, of the highest ideals of the superior race will inevitably follow such racial contamination. To repudiate race distinction and the supremacy of the white man in directing world affairs is to challenge Holy Writ, and is, on that account, I think, entirely without the pale of manly discussion.

The fanatic may exult over the just punishment the white man must often undergo for abusing the sacred trust imposed in him, and the designing interloper may feast and riot on the proceeds that may accrue from his temporary advantage gained through the treachery of white apostates, but the final triumph of the true white man has been indelibly written by the prophetic finger of Almighty God.

Is it not perfectly clear, then, that the sole purpose of all these sentimental and high-sounding dissertations on the beauties of racial amalgamation as a remedy to destroy prejudice against racial equality is only to confuse the minds of the people while they are being almost imperceptibly led into embracing a progressive abasement that will ultimately repudiate our sacred ideals, and thus prepare us to submit to citizenship under a religious government that subsists on the graft it extorts from the ignorance, superstition and vice of its own loyal but deluded vassals?

The spirit of a pure Americanism can never be subdued by force, but may not our conceptions become clouded, our ideals adulterated and our blood diluted until we will become an easy prey to a religion whose history is written in the ashes of those who had vainly struggled to throw off a galling, oppressive yoke which they had been solemnly taught was the cross of Jesus Christ, the Son of God? Will Americans continue to shelter, pamper and palliate and pet this European cuckoo simply because it has the brazen audacity to tell us that its organization is a holy, religious institution, and that its pope is the only mediator between God and man? Do we not wantonly cast pearls before swine, when we continue to extend to them the scornfully rejected blessings of a pure Americanism, until we permit our religious charity to become the medium through which to destroy our religion?

Every race has its genuine men and its counterfeits. The genuine are respected by all fair-minded men and women of all races. They recognize the spheres in which they were divinely appointed to move and they make sincere effort to fill with honor the places to them assigned. The counterfeit is not only a burden to his own race, but he is a menace to all other races with which he comes in contact. In every community composed of white men and those of one or more of the inferior races,



there are always those who are possessed with more gall than gray matter. They obtrusively aspire to stations of political responsibility and social recognition up to the requirements of which they cannot even understand. Their highest ambition is to secure license to demand credit they do not deserve and to exact emoluments they do not earn.

The whites among these, though unfortunately their conduct scarcely measures up to the standard reasonably expected of an inferior race, are, nevertheless, very jealous of their claim to a racial superiority that the inferior races are fully aware they have grossly dishonored. The strong current of true manhood in all the races pushes these degenerates aside into the eddies of racial decay and moral depravity, poverty and wealth, with equal abandon, contribute to the maintenance of these social cesspools. Too often, I fear, from these amalgamating cesspools periodically emanate deplorable race clashes. These humiliating conditions could not exist, if the Ku-Klux Klan had remained organized to carry out this educative feature so clearly manifested in the old klansman. And I would say to his maligners that this alone atones a thousand times for the unavoidable errors committed in its accomplishment.

Upon the superior race devolves the greater, graver duty, and on it rests the greater, graver responsibility. I may be pronounced an alarmist, but nevertheless I feel constrained to warn every true lover of pure American ideals that our alien enemy is putting forth every ounce of its energy in furtively engendering strife among all nations, colors and creeds whose ideals prove a bar to its march of progress in subduing the world to the will of the pope. I would solemnly admonish all lovers of a pure Americanism to faithfully follow in the footsteps of the Old Guard in their patient efforts to maintain existing amicable relations, and thus lend incalculable aid in thwarting the diabolical aims of the world's most indefatigable, most implacable, most cunning and most tyrannical foe.

Especially would I exhort all loyal Americans to exclude this alien enemy from all their councils in which are determined issues, measures and policies involving the safety of their American government. Its influence over such councils will ever be to stir up strife between America and her friends, or among Americans themselves. Americans should not suffer themselves to be lured by the love of money into financial or business association with aliens whose sole purpose is to Romanize their free public press. They should learn that to associate with Roman Catholics religiously, politically or financially is to lend aid in promoting the interests of the Roman Catholic government only. We cannot associate with them in any capacity without

at least encouraging disloyalty to our American institutions. Americans should remember that Roman Catholics are here not for the purpose of becoming Americanized, but for the purpose of Romanizing America. In very truth, Roman Catholics cannot become Americanized and remain Roman Catholics, neither politically nor religiously. Our basic law clearly implies the utter impossibility of this.

Early in our history the Roman Catholic government recognized this, and forbade its subjects to emigrate for the purpose of becoming American citizens. Later it conceived the idea of transporting its undesirables to America with instructions to swear false allegiance to the American government, place themselves in charge of their fellow aliens and unworthy designing American politicians engaged in Romanizing America's government. Their general conduct toward our institutions suggests this conclusion.

Let all true Americans be on the alert and be united in a righteous determination to always present a united front against all furtive efforts of Rome to embroil us with our friends abroad and with our brethren at home. Let them remember that the secret mission of Roman Catholics in America is to estrange us from our friends abroad, to effect factional divisions among ourselves, destroy our national prestige, overthrow our government, repudiate our Americanism and establish a cruel religious tyranny on American soil. Only in unity is there strength, and daily and nightly are they diligently engaged in preserving our ideals and in defending our ennobling national principles.

During a period covering several years after the Civil War, I observed a type of citizen I have not yet mentioned, and I feel that it would be unjust, not only to him but more particularly to his posterity, to ignore him. I saw real white men, though conscientious republicans, who did not enjoy the high esteem and sincere respect due them in their community, because they, in order to perpetuate party dominance, yielded to the temptation to speculate in negro suffrage, which was so repulsive to the old klansman. These were not scalawags begging pie from any party that would toss them a stale crust for the good of the party. They were men of real convictions and possessed of the manly courage to defend them against odds. They would have been an honor to any party with which they might have chosen to affiliate.

Some years later I saw real white men with the same strength of moral character who did enjoy the respect and confidence of their community, although they tumbled to the same temptation for the selfsame purpose. They incurred no censure from within their political party and were subjected to no re-



proach from without, except a well deserved reminder that they were not true to their declaration of principles. These were democrats with whom I, as well as a large majority of the community, regularly affiliated. We were forced to justify our course with the dangerous plea that party success was of more importance than moral principle. We were forced to accept the only alternative left us, and to educate ourselves into the loose moral standard set for us by our enemies, and seize their instrument of persecution and oppression, and make of it a weapon of defense of principles we held dearer than life itself. This method of drawing us into moral retrogression is fast destroying the integrity of our electorate. I feel quite sure that if the Ku-Klux Klan had not disbanded these debasing conditions would not have been permitted to exist. The better element in both the strong political parties would have sought and found a means of settling questions of vital importance to their present mutual welfare and to the safety of their posterity upon a plane much above that of partisan political intrigue conceived and directed by a common foe.

It would be misleading and unfair not to also state that there were many good and influential men who loved the principles of Ku Kluxism, but who bitterly opposed the klan itself, because they believed that its modus operandi would only add to the weight of the burden of conditions already nearing the limit of endurance. Some feared that it would seriously demoralize, if it did not entirely drive away, the negro labor on which they had not yet learned they could no longer so safely depend. They were so confused by the shock of changed conditions that they wholly ignored public safety, and only thought of their own financial ruin. There were a few who believed in the principles of the klan, but who preferred to enjoy the blessings secured through the labor and sacrifice of their friends. If my community was a fair criterion, mediocrity figured very prominently in working the salvation of racial purity in the South. The once wealthy and influential only too often, I suspect, thought of himself exclusively, while the ne'er-do-well was content to gloat over the downfall of the prosperous.

I see no real cause for the new order to become embarrassed with these conditions, and doubtless the descendants of both the above types of citizens will be prominent among its first and most faithful advocates.

Some breaches of friendship were made that were never fully repaired, but the sincerity of the motives of the uninformed were never impugned. The old klansman seemed to recognize all loyal Americans outside his fold as Ku-Klux unorganized, and consequently only unconscious impediments. But the klan worked

so rapidly and so effectively that its active mission was fulfilled, and disbandment had been effected before those doubting Thomases realized the value of its noble purposes. The guardians of White Supremacy silently performed their task, and as silently retired, making no boasts, claiming no honors, and sad to say, in just a few years, through the influence of vicious propaganda, they were remembered only for the mistakes of their exasperated irrepressibles and the cowardly atrocities of their designing counterfeits.

But these silent makers of American history builded larger than they dreamed, and their epoch-making deeds shall, it seems indeed, live after them despite the bitter calumny of their untiring maligners. Truth shall rise again in all her splendor, though weighed down with the scurrilous contumely of half a century.

I would not ignore nor disparage the incalculable value of the church of which Jesus Christ is the head and builder. I gladly concede that it is the grandest and noblest institution on earth, and on this account has been the most relentlessly persecuted by those who pretend to be its only friends, protectors and preservers. I am proud to know that the principles upon which our government is founded bear such striking resemblance to those of this sacred organization; and on account of this similarity the sincere lovers of our American government and our American institutions generally may expect like persecution from the same source. Cain slew Abel because his own works were evil, and those of his brother good; and the defenders of a religion of their own conception and designing will never seek to destroy the advocates of the underlying principles of a pure and undefiled religion.

No one should think of supplanting the church with any fraternal order or secret organization of any nature. No one should esteem the duties of any such organization as equal or paramount to the duties of the church. Its blessings are open alike to every race and every color in every clime. It looks solely to the spiritual blessings of this life, and to the perfect happiness of the life to come, and should therefore be sacredly revered above all other institutions by all men everywhere. I think that it is not putting it too strong to say that one who does not so recognize the church can never be really and unselfishly loyal to any purely American ideal.

Still I feel that I do no sacrilege in commending the virtues of real Ku Kluxism, also; for, although its principles as I understand them, pertain more largely to the proper maintenance and to the just and benign administration of authority delegated to one race, to be exercised over the affairs of this life, they are



none the less God-ordered, also. "Am I my brother's keeper?" was asked by the father of those who insist that the offerings of their own choosing should be acceptable to God, and who seek to destroy those whose offerings find favor in His sight. God ordered race superiority. Those who question His Wisdom are walking in the ways of Cain.

Nor would I undervalue the virtues of any other fraternal or benevolent order whose workings are in full accord with our cherished American ideals. God speed them in their special work of benevolence and wholesome instruction to which they have been dedicated. But I would especially and most solemnly admonish all young white, native-born, Gentile Americans, whether in the East or in the West, in the North or in our own beloved South, to strive with all their minds, with all their hearts and with all their souls, to so live as to be worthy of the name of a true klansman, who humbly and genuinely accepts Jesus Christ as his criterion of character.

Young man, seek companionship with this new klansman! To aid you in rightly schooling yourself in the affairs of man, I could commend you to none more honorable, if he is a facsimile of the old hero whom I, in my boyhood, saw in action, and whose motives I learned to judge in maturer years. Under his tutelage, you cannot go far wrong. Under his watch-care you will be safe. Guided by his counsel, you will attain to fearless, honorable, useful, patriotic, American manhood, the greatest earthly achievement.

Let him divest you of the current alien-propagated notion that the Ku-Klux Klan is a band of outlaws hiding behind a mask in order to commit violence in gratification of petit personal revenge. Let him convince you that, while his organization is a secret one, its secrecy does not imply illegality nor immorality of purpose, for its mission is legal, moral and noble. Let him prove to you that his fellows are as faithful, as fearless, as true, and as consecrated as Gideon's Three Hundred. Let him impress upon you that through his veins flows the type of blood that fired the racial pride of the sons of Jacob who summarily punished the Shechemites for defiling their only sister.

Let him inculcate into your receptive minds that, while the Almighty has, in His wisdom, appointed the white man to rule over the other races, he should recognize the fact that he must rule justly, and not look upon his weaker brethren as objects of prey, either morally, socially or politically. Let him impress upon you that the essentials of real leadership include patience, forbearance and charity, as well as firmness and steadfastness, and that to shirk this duty is to relinquish one's race-right.

Learn of him to grimly smile as you pledge your honor and your life in defense of the white motherhood of America, which sacred office must soon be handed down to your own sisters and to the sisters of your companions. With a red-hot iron let him burn into your very soul the absolute certainty that White Supremacy cannot be long maintained in our America, unless clannish Anglo-Saxons banish from our Garden of Eden the loathsome Serpent of Miscegenation.

Let him indelibly write into your conscience that upon your shoulders alone rests the grave responsibility of checking the present tendency to immodest feminine attire, free love, easy divorce, home abolishment and race suicide which now, more than ever before, threaten to so abase our boasted motherhood as to render it no longer proof against racial attack. I shudder when I think of the enormity of the task, and when I consider how comparatively few will have the manly courage to face this dragon of social and racial damnation.

Let him teach you that man's imperfection and guilt do not bar him from the hope of attaining to a higher type of citizenship for himself and for his posterity, and that perfection is not a prerequisite to participation in any effort that looks to the betterment of mankind. Let him remind you that all that has ever been done by man to promote the real progress of humanity has been done by men who recognized, confessed and strove to overcome their imperfections as they struggled to establish civic integrity and security for themselves and their posterity.

Let him remind you that the greatest obstruction to real human progress has ever been wrought by those who assumed the role of perfection and have arrogated to themselves a Divine right to reduce humanity to the lowest degree of superstition in order to speculate in their victim's consuming desire to escape a future torment, release from which can be effected only by paying the mercenary price fixed by impeccables who are ever the sole beneficiaries of such absolution.

Let him teach you that the functions of the church and those of the state must be separately maintained in order to preserve the integrity of both. Let him show you that whenever and wherever a people has been beguiled or driven into jointly functioning these all-important rights, the church itself has always sunk to the lowest level of superstition and intolerance, and that the state has only functioned to persecute and destroy those who have the temerity to solemnly protest against sacrilegious efforts to reduce the unpretentious religion of the lowly Nazarene to a complicated system of meaningless external rites and superstitious ceremonies administered by a



coterie of cunning impostors who feed themselves fat on the penalties for sins of which they are the authors and finishers.

Let him inform you that these infallibles are ever on the alert in organizing every alien and disloyal element in our country into active instruments of secret dissemination of propaganda of disloyalty to our government. Let him warn you that the dark shadows of their designing emissaries unchallenged stalk with the air of proprietorship through the halls of our own national capitol today, fawningly and covertly seeking to transform the functions of the greatest, grandest and most liberty-loving government on earth into a huge, active, insidious, persecuting political agency to destroy the defenders of the very principles for which our fathers successfully fought a hundred and fifty years ago; the very principles which the old klansman struggled so nobly to preserve through those dark days of reconstruction.

Let him inform you that native or foreign born aliens resident in America who pledge allegiance to our government for the purpose of exploiting America's resources, and transferring their gains to foreign shores, are not loyal to our government, and can feel no interest in our government, except to shape its policies and enjoy its protection while they demoralize and despoil Americans in the name of Christian charity.

Let him demonstrate to you the power of a Romanized press, as he points to the sad spectacle of an American upholding the flag of the pope as he boasts of his loyalty to American ideals and American principles! Let him teach you that indeed, and in truth, only those who are willing to sacrifice for the right are qualified for the duties and worthy of the name of klansman. Let him teach you to read the distinguishing marks of a true klansman, and to recognize the ear-marks of the Simons and the Judas Iscariots.

Finally, let him teach you to never, by word or deed, countenance a lawless or unmanly act committed under the guise of authority or the garb of the successors of those one hundred per cent white men who so solemnly dedicated themselves and their all to the defense of those principles that our Southland holds dearer than life itself.

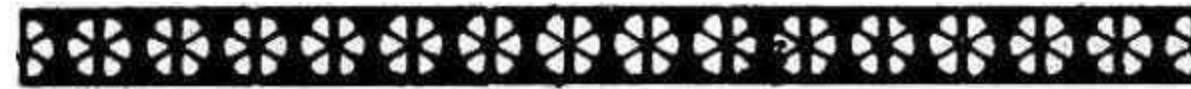
By all means, let this mystic monument be built to the sacred memory of the old klansman, and let us not be unmindful of the noble sculptor who sacrificed the mental energy, the time and means in chiseling into perfection the symmetry and beauty of its outlines. For, notwithstanding their methods were, by force of circumstances, sometimes harsh even unto severity yet, for a principle as sacred and for a sentiment as tender as the mind of man can conceive, rode those noble and fearless, white-robed and silent horsemen of the late sixties!

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