

ROMANISTS IN ARMS.

They Form a Military Organization to Free Ireland.

Are Armed With the Latest Improved Rifles and Drilled According to the New Army Tactics.

The time has certainly arrived when the proper officials of these United States should move for a suppression of all military organizations not a part of the National Guard.

It was only last week that we saw, in the Chicago Chronicle, a statement to the effect that the Roman Catholic church was foremost in the work of organizing companies of cadets. That paper, in the same article, says:

"The cadets are armed with a breech-loading rifle of Spanish manufacture, which is used as a means of teaching the boys the manual of arms and proper military drill. The uniform is dark blue, with yellow trimmings, the trousers having a stripe of the same color and a peaked cap a band of the same. So enthusiastic is the director of this corps in the military education of the boys that he has procured from the commandant of Fort Sheridan permission to take his company to the rifle range next summer for target practice and field exercise."

Following closely upon this announcement comes another from New York to this effect:

"What is said to be a movement for the establishment of an Irish-American army for the liberation of Ireland came to a head last week, when the tenth and last company was organized for the new Irish regiment of New York city, which is designed to be the parent or organization of others to be formed all over the United States. The inner workings of this movement are conducted with the greatest secrecy, and the utmost precaution is taken to conceal the real object of this martial enterprise. The controlling power back of the movement is the secret organization of the Clan-na-Gael, which has been identified with every revolutionary undertaking of recent years looking to the freedom of Ireland.

"The connection between the Clan-na-Gael and the new military organization is a complete chain. Every member of the military organization must first be a member of a Clan-na-Gael lodge. Each lodge is to organize a military club, which furnishes a military company of men selected with the utmost care. Each applicant must be of the Catholic faith. Every member is sworn to uphold the Irish cause, and it is an unwritten law of the Clan-na-Gael that death is the penalty for treachery. The money for the support of the military is to be furnished by the Clan-na-Gael lodges.

"It is intended that each lodge throughout the country shall support a military club. In the large cities, where there are numerous lodges, regiments are to be formed, and companies in the smaller places where there are only one or two lodges.

"Organizations on the same line as the Irish regiment now organized in New York city are in process of formation in Brooklyn, Boston, Philadelphia, several places in Connecticut and Chicago, and will also be begun in other cities.

"The official designation of the New York regiment is the First Irish Volunteers. The regiment is divided into two battalions, and every movement is carefully watched by Colonel Moran, who is said to be slated for major general of the Irish army. Not the least important feature of the regiment is to be an engineering branch formed of a few of the most reliable men, who will make a special study of mining operations and the use of explosives."

Roger F. Scannell, of Boston, said in an interview:

"You can say for me that there are already in this city several companies formed of the Irish-American army. They have been drilling regularly in their respective halls, and most of the members are good shooters. The companies are located in the city proper, South Boston, East Boston, Charlestown and Roxbury, and, all told, there are 1,300 men enrolled in the new organization.

"In addition to drilling in their respective halls, the members of the organization take advantage of the holidays and go out into the woods, where they practice with their rifles. The leaders of the movement are military men, nearly all of whom are veterans. The bulk of the organization is of young men, who are imbued with enthusiasm and are ready to do all in



QUERY.—Who is the Jonah, and will they throw him overboard?

their power for aiding their native land."

The organization of an Irish army on American soil for the avowed purpose of waging war against Great Britain in favor of Irish independence is an insult to the intelligence of every loyal American, and calls for prompt and decided action on the part of our chief executive.

The United States are at peace with Great Britain. This government has no grievance to be settled. The most amicable relations exist between the people of England and those of the United States, and any movement which is started with the intention of bringing about distrust and discord should be speedily suppressed. Men who engage in such a movement should be tried for treason and hanged, and they will be if Cleveland deems they are placing the peace of two nations in jeopardy.

But it is our opinion that this movement, which is ostensibly for Irish freedom or Irish independence, is, in reality, a movement for papal supremacy in the western hemisphere. There are few spots on this side the Atlantic which are free from papal domination. The most prosperous of any that is free is the United States, and they are claimed by the papacy by right of discovery and because Spain and France, both Roman Catholic countries, never asked the pope to sanction the "Louisiana purchase," which, according to papal doctrine, would be necessary if the bargain or agreement was to be in a manner binding upon the Roman pontiff.

The Roman hierarchy is composed of wily men, schooled in craftiness and Jesuitry, and they would not sanction this movement unless they saw some place where the holy church could get some advertising out of the deal.

Probably this dispute with Great Britain about the Monroe Doctrine, as it applies to the Venezuela boundary controversy, is the result of the interference of papists in our affairs of state; or it may be the result of priestly nagging in Venezuela.

However, the reason for organizing

an army on American soil which shall be under the control and at the command of persons other than officers of the regular army, when taken in connection with the fact that none but Roman Catholics are eligible to membership, and when considered with the further fact that a Chicago firm imported several million cartridges from Canada last year, although their usual annual importation is but a few thousand, we say the reason for organizing such an army must be apparent to every person. It is to embroil Protestants and bring about war at any cost so that the wide-spread feeling for a purer Americanism that now engulfs the country may be overcome or allayed until such time as Romanists have so remodeled our laws as to make them conform to the laws of their church, when it will be too late to remedy the evil they have been scheming for years to bring upon this country.

It will be a good idea for Americans to keep their eyes on the main objects—self-government, no foreign or ecclesiastical interference in our affairs of state, and a purer Americanism, backed by a love of flag and country.

Don't let a false show of patriotism lead you into a trap which Rome has cunningly devised. It will be time enough to twist the lion's tail when Americans have a grievance. It should not be done by Americans at the dictation of a raft of Irish adventurers.

Let it be understood now that Americans are not bothering their heads in the least about Irish independence. The Irish are ruled body and soul by the priests to-day. It would be the same if they secured what they term Irish freedom.

Suicide of a Priest.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 13.—Rev. Fr. Cosgrove, a Roman Catholic priest, aged 35, died at Mullanphy Hospital yesterday afternoon, the result of being run over by a locomotive in the Eleventh street yards.

He had been suspended from priestly functions for improperly soliciting money in this city, by Archbishop Kain.

Railroad officials think he threw himself under the engine with suicidal intent.

A BIG ROW IN COUNCIL 40.

Selection of Its Advisory Board Members Last Thursday Night.

The Kansas City Star, an anti-A. P. A. paper, publishes the following:

"Council No. 40 of the A. P. A., the largest council in Kansas City, held an exciting meeting last night, one of the results of which is that there are a great many disgusted A. P. A.'s in Kansas City to-day. It had been expected that a row would break out when the members of Council 40 got together to select their two members of the advisory board, and early in the evening the hall in the Humboldt building, at Sixth and Main streets, was crowded. Visitors were present from most of the other councils, and so many of them wore the uniforms of Kansas City's police force that the mayor's friends proudly called attention to the shrewdness of Mr. Davis in his dealings with the other police commissioners.

"It had been stated in advance that A. P. A.'s not members of Council 40 would not be allowed to remain in the hall while the election of members of the advisory board was in progress. This was because some members were afraid visitors would want to vote. Joseph Reid, who, by reason of his connection with the street department, a position to which he was appointed while he was president of the advisory board some months ago, is looked upon as the mayor's direct representative in this council, was the presiding officer. It fell on him to order the visitors to leave the hall. Ben T. Hardin, a Democratic lawyer, was an anti-Davis candidate for member of the advisory board. He at once objected to Reid's measure for excluding visitors, and thereupon there arose among the friends great dissension.

"It was proposed as a compromise that the visitors should take the south side of the hall and stand up, but the multitude of them was so great that this was dropped as not being the proper plan. Then a motion to exclude the visiting 'friends' was carried, much to the delight of the Davis men, who seemed to see in this first test of strength a prospect of winning the night's contest. The visitors went out to the number of 200. When they reached the street they expressed themselves in language which varied from ordinary words of condemnation to profane imprecations which gave a bluish color to the night air.

"Meanwhile, behind closed doors, the order was electing its two members of the advisory board. Ben T. Hardin

and A. S. Newby, the latter of the Newby Store Repair Company, had been aggressive candidates, and a thorough canvass had been made in their behalf. When the friends counted noses they found that 139 had voted for Hardin and Newby, while the next highest vote received by any candidate was about fifty less. Neither Hardin nor Newby is regarded as a supporter of Davis, though the mayor's friends claim to have at least their good will.

"Before adjourning the council elected John Tobin president, to take the place of Joseph Reid. Reid is well enough liked by the A. P. A., and not long ago was president of the advisory board, but he has fallen into the company of the mayor's supporters, and the 'friends' favored putting him back to his old place in the ranks.

"In Alderman Bowman's council, No. 91, the mayor's backers seem to have been more successful, though his opponents claim to have won one of the two members of the advisory board elected. The successful candidates were J. W. Woods and a Mr. Evans, whose christian name seems to have escaped the recollection of several of the friends who talked about his election this morning. The mayor's friends claim both Woods and Evans, and it seems to be conceded that at least one of them is friendly to Mr. Davis.

"The fight to-night will be in Council No. 72, which meets near the east end of the Twelfth Street Cable line, and in Council No. 62, on the Southwest boulevard. In the latter council an exciting contest is expected, as it is the fighting council where, at one time, things became so hot for Alderman Olson that it was necessary for him to resign.

"One of the best-posted members of the A. P. A. said to-day that of eighteen members of the board elected by nine councils, not more than three or four were friends of the mayor. The elections to-night will settle the whole fight, though it is already practically settled. It was also stated that a committee selected to run down the rumor that Mayor Davis and Police Judge Jones have formed a combination pronounced the story untrue."

Card of Thanks.

I desire to take this means of thanking the kind friends and neighbors, the members of State Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., and of Lodge No. 120 of the Modern Woodmen, and the officers and members of the police department, for their attention and services at the death and burial of my husband.

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OVER THE FLAG.

Lincoln Citizens Interested in "Old Glory."

For some time past the school board of Lincoln, Neb., has been more or less agitated over the subject of floating the American flag from the school-houses in that district. A few patriotic members of the board offered a resolution that "Old Glory" should fly from the little red school-houses at Lincoln. At first this was most vigorously opposed by several of the members, from whom, by the way, much better should have been expected. These same opponents to the patriotic proposition have also made a record for themselves in the direction of insisting upon the election of Roman Catholic teachers, whenever one presented her application, in preference to Protestant teachers. In fact they went so far in one instance as to prefer a Roman Catholic teacher without a certificate, which is required by the laws of the board, to the daughter of an old soldier who was qualified and in possession of a certificate. These un-American ideas have attracted the attention of the general public to such an extent that the question of the successors of these gentlemen is daily discussed on the street-corners, in the hotel-lobbies and in the patriotic orders.

The minority of the board have succeeded up to date in having five flags flung to the breeze, with a fair prospect of more to follow, although the board has been to little expense in the matter.

Chancellor George E. MacLean, of the State University, recently issued an order to have the Stars and Stripes floated from the Central University building on every school day, and the Daily Evening Call, an afternoon publication of Lincoln, has editorially denounced the unpatriotic, disloyal and un-American ideas of the majority of the school board.

In recognition of the moral support of the principles of A. P. A.-ism, Lincoln Council No. 122 of Nebraska of the American Protective Association, at their last regular session, unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Chancellor G. E. MacLean, of the State University of Nebraska, has ordered the Stars and Stripes to be floated from the flagstaff of the Central University building on each school day, thereby manifesting a spirit of patriotism and love for "Old Glory" which is highly commendable; therefore be it

Resolved, That Chancellor G. E. MacLean deserves the thanks and praise of every loyal American citizen of this state for his patriotic order; be it further

Resolved, That Lincoln Council No. 122 of Nebraska of the American Protective Association, extend to Chancellor MacLean the sincere thanks of the members of our order; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent by the secretary to Chancellor MacLean, the daily press of Lincoln and THE OMAHA AMERICAN, and that they be made a part of the proceedings of the council.

The thanks of the Daily Evening Call were expressed as follows:

WHEREAS, Professor L. L. H. Austin, editor of the Daily Evening Call, has shown himself to be a true and patriotic citizen, and a fearless advocate of our national emblem and our public school system, through the columns of his paper; therefore be it

Resolved, That Lincoln Council No. 122 of Nebraska of the American Protective Association, extend to Professor L. L. H. Austin the sincere thanks and heartfelt gratitude of the members of our order; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Professor Austin by the secretary and given to the daily press of Lincoln and THE OMAHA AMERICAN for publication, and that they be made a part of the proceedings of the council.

Since the above were published in the press of the capital city, two of the principal objectors of the flag-flying have come down from their high perch and are wondering "where they are at." This is easily accounted for by stating that "both men were candidates for re-election." One has already stated that he will not be a candidate again, and the other, alas too late, is commencing to talk patriotism.

We Are With You.

There are now somewhere near sixty patriotic papers published in the United States, consisting of dailies, semi-weeklies and monthlies. These papers are scattered over a vast territory, all working for the same cause, but each one independent. Would it not be advisable for the editors to get together and organize a Patriotic Press Association? There are many things of importance that might be brought before the meeting that would be of great benefit to the association, as well as to the order at large. What say you, friends? Let all give their views as to the feasibility of the move.

—Little Rock Mirror.

"THE bigots" are opposing Coppinger's confirmation as brigadier general.