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## JESUITICAL DODGES

Exposed by a Man Who is "Onto His Job."

A correspondent writing to the *Colombian Looking Glass*, and signing himself American, says:

Mr. Editor.—It may be interesting to your readers, and especially to the Grand Army of the Republic, to know that on the 28th day of May, at Minden, Neb., the ever dear and memorable day to Americans, the day of memorial services over our departed dead, as well those who died in battle and those who have since passed over the silent river to join their old regiments on the other shore, was celebrated in the Catholic church, and the sermon was preached by a Catholic priest, Rev. Father J. L. Longhran, and, gentle reader, as I read that very eloquent sermon extolling the brave men and noble women who participated in that conflict and heard him say that Protestants fought, bled and died side by side with Catholics in the mighty struggle for liberty and freedom, I cannot help thinking what a lover of liberty!

He said in the course of his remarks that "Europe is today a veritable camping and parade ground for her soldiery. In every town and city you can hear the clank of steel, the tramp of the war horse, and see the soldier with a bright uniform and flying banner rushing through the streets. What is it? So many paid hirelings to keep a long suffering people in slavery and poverty. A few years ago, while travelling through Europe, I saw this. Soldiers everywhere, the din of music, war in the air, the mass of troops, marshalling of battalions, marching and countermarching, the cabs, vans and boats full of soldiers. Was the country in a state of siege or preparing for war? No, it was at peace at the point of the bayonet. And I turned to my native land and said: 'God bless you, United States; you will never come to such a pass, your every citizen is a soldier born, but he guards your peace and liberty.'"

Now, while this priest says very beautiful things about your old soldiers and the sentiment of liberty, and the bravery of American youth and its readiness to defend the honor of our glorious flag, do not be deceived as to the real sentiment of the priests, prelates and bishops in this country. They are taught to deceive people by smooth words until such time as they think they are strong enough to use the soldiers they are training in every county, city, village and hamlet in the United States, where they have a following sufficient to muster camp and while some priest may tickle the ears of the people on Decoration day by beautiful sentiment. Don't forget that they are only deceiving you, as the following taken from their papal platform will show.

They say: "We view with alarm and apprehension the rapid growth of numerous American orders or societies in this land. It is to us evidence that our measures for quieting and deceiving the American people were not sufficient, that we have been too bold, did not exercise that wisdom that many centuries of deception should have given us."

Now, why is it, Americans, that the Catholic priests all over this country should throw open their churches to and preach beautiful sermons over the dead soldiers of this country? If this is not done to deceive it is only a late thing, and it has been thirty years since the war of the rebellion. Now, is it not for the purpose, as the papal platform says, to deceive the people of the United States, then don't be deceived.

Now, hear the papal platform speak again: "We also call on the clergy everywhere to organize the laity, male and female, old and young into secret societies and sodalities, and that the men and boys may have competent instructions to give them military training that they may be prepared to aid our faith in an emergency."

Now they say that in pursuance of this order or platform, the clergy and bishops in the United States have now in training 800,000 Irish Hibernian rifles alone, besides the Catholic Knights of America and many others. These Irish Hibernians are not American citizens only in name because when they march they carry the Irish flag and this same priest or reverend father at Minden, stands on the same papal platform and by these same holy laws that the balance of them do, and is no doubt helping to increase the ranks of the soldiers that some day if needed—that is, in case they fall by the silent ballot, which they know how to handle under the direction of the bishops and priests, then the soldiery which this same reverend father so dreads in Europe will be called into action. The very thing he condemns in Europe he is fostering and

training in America. Oh, you! what deeds of valor, what deeds of heroism, what sacrifices of property, life and limb have these old heroes of the rebellion suffered and performed!

But, loyal Americans, stop and ask yourself the question, why should the Catholics, especially the bishops, prelates and priests of the Catholic church turn their churches into veritable flower gardens and line it with the stars and stripes, the emblem of American liberty, free schools, free press and free speech, on Memorial Sunday? Why should these priests preach their most eloquent sermons to the remnant of those who survived that awful carnage and thirty long years of peace? Why this wonderful change of sentiment? Have they forgotten, have you forgotten, old soldier, and have you forgotten, American citizens, that in our darkest hours of trial, when the gloom of war had settled like a death pall over our dear country, and when you, old soldier, was making some of those bloody charges in the seven days' fight in the wilderness, and when 30,000 of your brave comrades lay in Washington wounded and dying, and as many more already dead on the dreaded battlefield, that at that dark hour and in that awful moment of suspense, when human liberty, free speech and free thought and religious liberty was hanging by the finest thread, the pope of Rome, the head of the Catholic church, the infallible ruler of the priests, bishops and prelates in every country on earth, the being whom they receive their authority from, both in temporal as well as spiritual things, the man on the Tiber who they say must have his temporal power restored to him, and that it is the duty of every good Catholic to labor and plot to bring this end about, that man of all the crowned heads of Europe, of all the princes and potentates of earth recognized the southern confederacy, and wrote Jefferson Davis a letter, and in that letter calls Jeff his dearly beloved son, and tells him his cause is just and that he would do all in his power to stop the unholy war. In that letter to Jeff Davis the pope says that Abraham Lincoln was a heretic and an apostate who, according to the canon law of Rome, anyone had a right to murder. Not only this, but he sends letters to his bishops in this country, ordering them to weaken the union armies by drawing their people away and out of them, and as to how well they succeeded the records will show.

I suppose you, old soldiers of the rebellion, have not forgotten the riots in New York city when the draft was ordered and that was after this letter was written by the pope to Davis and his bishops. You certainly are aware that the principal part of that mob were Catholic Irishmen. The darky that these Catholics love so well today and are doing so much to educate, were shot down by that mob on sight. Why all this change of sentiment?

But what else happened that the American people should never forget? While, as the venerable father says, "they should teach their children patriotism," and we answer that Abraham Lincoln, the saviour of his country, the man above all others we loved, the man of honest principles who was devoted to his country, loved her starry banner, loved the poor and downcast, a man in whom there was no guile, these same Catholic priests and bishops murdered through the agency of John Wilkes Booth, a Catholic.

Have the principles of this government changed since that awful night, when by that awful deed this country was thrown into a deep gloom causing every loyal citizen to mourn?

But, oh how changed now! The priests are delivering orations of tribute and respect to our murdered president and his "hirelings," as Pope Pius IX. says in his letter to Jeff Davis. Maybe they can deceive the American people, but we sincerely hope not.

Have you read the trial of Mrs. Surratt and others for the killing of Abraham Lincoln? Don't you know that Booth was a Catholic, Mrs. Surratt and Miss Surratt were Catholics? Don't you know that the plot to kill and murder Abraham Lincoln was made and consummated at her house, and that besides Booth and others some ten priests of Washington were in the habit of visiting that house? Don't you know that the horse that Wilkes Booth rode out of the alley that night was procured from a Catholic? Don't you know that the Dr. Mud who set Booth's leg, which was broken when he jumped from the stage after shooting the president, was a Catholic? Don't you know that the man in whose barn he was captured and killed was a Catholic? John Surratt, son of Mrs. Surratt, who was tried on account of this conspiracy, by the aid of Catholics went to Canada and was hidden in a convent by the priests and helped to the

steamer *Peruvian* by Father Charles Boucher, and that Father Lapierre kept him under lock and key from Montreal to Quebec, and from there to Rome, where he was captured by the United States detectives in the pope's body guard.

But what a change has crept over these people. The reverend father pays a tribute of respect to the mothers, wives and sisters of the old soldiers. Now, old soldiers, how many of you, according to the canon law of Rome, are legitimately married? And on that point they have you charged. No man and woman who are not married by the rites and ceremonies of the Catholic church are considered man and wife. Your children and mine are illegitimate, and if Rome came into power, could not inherit one dollar's worth of property from their parents.

But he says: "why dwell longer on this subject? The war is over, slavery is abolished and we are in the enjoyment of sweet peace. We are a strong and united nation." If slavery is abolished and this nation is united, we do not owe it to the influence of the pope of Rome nor his priests, and the man that is deceived into thinking so is not wise.

But now we must quote from the reverend father's sermon. He says "we must above all things be liberal. It matters not to what section we belong—north, east, south or west—or with what party we affiliate, or to what creed, Protestant or Catholic, we must work as one family, work as one great brotherhood for the common good of the country. We must crush out bigotry and that narrow, selfish way of thinking wherever we may find them. Bigotry and liberty, peace-loving thought, cannot flourish together. The bigot is like a small, four animal, his presence makes the air oppressive. Our forefathers left us a code of laws embodied in the constitution, we should live up to them if we would perpetuate our greatness. But first of all we must understand them. To this end we must educate, educate the intellect and the heart, not one but both, of the child that it may know to comprehend all that is good and eschew that is evil. They have left us a written charter as a legacy and a guide to our course, but every day convinces us that a written charter may become powerless. Ignorance may misinterpret it, ambition may assail and faction destroy its vital parts, and aspiring knavery may at last sing its requiem on the tomb of departed liberty. We must in our everyday life give proof of our love and knowledge of the constitution which grants freedom of conscience to all men and protects all religious belief. As citizens we must not question a man's creed. All we need to know is that he is a good law abiding, liberty loving American citizen. We must ever protest against the spirit that would make religion a mark of political or social fitness."

Now, fellow Americans, we heartily endorse every word this holy father says in the above quotation. But does the pope, and the bishops and the priests do so? and we answer no, they do not. If they did their canon law would be of no effect, because it and our glorious constitution are diametrically opposed to each other. Our constitution decrees liberty of speech, freedom of thought in religion, while the canon law of the Roman Catholic church is just the opposite.

They say, section 11, "that all laws contrary to the canons and decrees of the Roman prelates are of no force." Section 13, "we ought not even to speak to one whom the pope has excommunicated." How is this for religious bigotry? How does this tally with our constitution?

Section 15 says "the civil law (that means our constitution) is derived from man, but the ecclesiastical law (that means the canon law) is derived from God by which the pontiff can, in connection with his priests, make constitutions for the whole Christian world." How does this coincide with our constitution. This law abiding and loyal priest is bound by this canon law as firmly as a loyal American is to the constitution of the United States.

Section 18 says, "the goods of heretics are to be confiscated and applied to the church." Where, old soldier, does religious bigotry come in? You ask me when will all this come to pass and we answer you in their own language—"1900."

This gentlemanly priest says we must educate the heart as well as the head, and right here he gives himself away. You don't want to forget that our free public schools are the terror of all Roman Catholics and that the priests and bishops say they are godless schools and nurseries of vice and not fit for a Roman Catholic to send their children to. Who made them godless schools when the bible was taken from them, who had the principal hand in it, who

was it that said amen when it was completed, who was it that raised the cry that no one was competent to teach the youth the bible except the priests, who was it who said in justice to the infidel the bible ought to go? We answer it was the bishops and priests of America. Now, after they have accomplished their object they turn and say your schools are godless because you have no religious training in them. How do you like these liberty loving gentlemen? Wherever they are strong enough, as in some places in Minnesota and Wisconsin, they have refused to pay tax to the public schools for the reason that they had to keep up parochial schools. They say down with the bulwark of our liberties, our free public schools.

The gentleman talks about a law abiding, liberty loving American citizen. I ask you, can he be one who owes his first allegiance to the pope at Rome? And that every priest and bishop in the United States does, and we quote from the holy laws of Romanism to prove it. Section 1 holy laws says, "the holy father (that is the pope) is the supreme ruler of the world in spiritual as well as temporal matters, especially where we have the votes or power." Section 2 reads, "it is the duty of all Catholics to plot and labor for the absolute supremacy of the pope." Now, according to this law, this reverend holy father who has been tickling your ears with his beautiful sentiments, owes his first allegiance to the pope of Rome instead of to the constitution of the United States, and it is his duty to plot and labor for the absolute supremacy of the pope instead of our constitution. "No man can serve two masters."

Now allow me to again quote from the reverend father's remarks: "But what is passing strange to us is that under the light of this nineteenth century, in this age of our national greatness and guided by that hallowed constitution, we find bodies of men under various names of sects, association and clubs banded together for the express purpose of ostracizing their fellow citizens because they follow a certain religious belief. These men are not the rank and file of the people, not the intelligent hand and heart of the people, they are un-American, they trample under foot the liberties guaranteed by the constitution, they prostitute their citizen rights to vile purposes, they are dangerous, they are the political, the social and moral dynamite amongst us." Now it is passing strange, in the face of such an eloquent sermon, such a patriotic sermon, such a loyal sermon to our constitution from this reverend father, that it should be necessary to have these societies to protect American liberties. But we have intrenched in this county a religious octopus, presided over by the pope of Rome and these loyal priests, which has in every nation on earth, where they have had the power asserted their authority by religious bigotry and domination, by fire and sword, by war and bloodshed, by the faggot and the stake, by the inquisition and the guillotine. Yes, you do not forget the unholy wars they have waged, you do not forget the countries they have laid waste and the houses they have desolated, the people they have imprisoned without authority of law or trial, and are doing the same thing in our land of boasted freedom today. They are arrogant in the United States today as they have been for the last 100 years. They claim all the offices in the gift of the American people, and have hoodwinked the people by beautiful sentimentalism until they have succeeded beyond their own most sanguine expectations. They have, by their papal platform prostituted their rights of citizenship, which says "it is our desire that in the future you refuse to act as democrats or republicans, only so far as is necessary to secure election to an office or to aid in the election of one who, when elected, will serve only our holy church." How do you like that doctrine, Americans? How does this compare with the reverend father's sermon?

But this is not all. Sec. 5, holy laws of Romanism says, "we are in favor of filling all offices with men selected by the bishop of the diocese, upon whose political judgment all Catholics must rely, for the bishop must be obeyed, right or wrong." And this is the law: The faithful can confide in the bishop, though he may in one county or city compel you to support the candidate of one party and in the next county or city support those of the other party, but you must not hesitate, he "knows what he is doing, for in either case we get our price for your vote and the holy church is the winner." Now, in the name of God and liberty, where does this holy father's devotion to the constitution come in? Where does the liberty of conscience come in? Yes, the holy church gets the price and is the winner. How do

you like it, Grand Army people? Don't you feel honored in allowing men to address you on Memorial day who own their followers through the bishops, body, soul, breeches and votes and gets a price for them.

But listen to sec. 6 of these holy laws, and you will feel prouder than ever: "In order to find employment for the many thousands of the faithful who are coming to swell the ranks of our Catholic army, which will, in time possess this land, we must secure control of the cities, railways, manufactories, mines, steel and sailing vessels and above all, the press, in fact every enterprise requiring labor in order to furnish our workmen employment. This will render it necessary to remove or crowd out the American heretics who are now employed. You need not hesitate, it is your duty to do so. You must not stop at anything to accomplish this end. There are many ways to do this, but if you cannot devise a way, consult your father confessor, but be careful to do nothing that will create scandal."

Yes, that's it. French nice deceiving sermons to the Grand Army of the Republic and deceive the people or you cannot carry out your nefarious schemes.

Now, I ask any lover of liberty and freedom what this priest tries to say of these American societies he says are un-American? If these societies that are sworn to uphold the constitution of the United States, to uphold our free schools, to uphold our glorious stars and stripes, if they are un-American, what would you say of such laws as we have just quoted? They need not try to deny that they are on their statute books as they are carrying them out on every railroad and in every shop in the United States where they have the power; yes, in every city.

Now, Americans, if you love your country, which has been purchased by the best blood of the nation, take this beast with his seven heads and ten horns and cast him to the bottomless pit where he belongs.

## HERETICS, CAN YOU

Read This Extreme Oath of the Jesuits and not Tremble?

If any class of people are banded together by more infamous ties, for the accomplishment of more damnable work, than the society of Jesus, the leading society of the Roman church, we should like to make their acquaintance. Probably they, too, would have a religious attachment to use as a cloak to cover their deeds of infamy, their corruption and their licentiousness. Probably they, too, would have a *Monita Secreta* for their guide, but it could contain nothing more dastardly than the "extreme oath of the Jesuit," which we copy below.

The author—or translator—of the book from which we copy the following, under the heading "Ceremony of Induction and Extreme Oath of the Jesuit," has much to say which we will publish next week. His translation of the oath is:

I, ....., now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the saints and sacred host of heaven, and to you my ghostly father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by Saint Ignatius, Loyola in the pontification of Paul the Third, and continued to the present, do, by the womb of the virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear that his holiness, the pope, is Christ's vice-gerent, and is the true and only head of the Catholic or universal church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by my savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths, and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatsoever, especially the Lutheran church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authorities and churches of England and Scotland, and branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere, and all adherents in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred mother church of Rome.

I do now renounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistracies or officers.

I do further declare that the doctrine of the churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestant or Liberal, to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents, in any place wherever I shall be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, England, Ireland, or America, or in any other kingdom or territory, I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestant or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, regal or otherwise.

I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the mother church's interest, to keep

secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances, whatever, but to execute all that shall be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my ghostly father, or any of this sacred convent.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver perjure as cadaver, but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the pingles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever, committed to me.

I do furthermore promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly or openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, flay, strangle and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulating cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the person or persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed so to do by any agent of the pope or superior of the brotherhood of the holy father, of the society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all temporal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive, I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, as testimony thereof, and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by devils in an eternal hell forever.

All of which I, ....., do swear by the blessed trinity, and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform, and on my part to keep inviolably; and do call all the heavenly and glorious host of heaven to witness these my real intentions to keep this, my oath.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed sacrament of the eucharist, and witness the same further, with my name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal in the face of this holy convent.

## MR. TATE'S ELIGIBILITY.

He Makes a Frank and Full Statement Concerning His Citizenship.

OMAHA, Aug. 10.—To the Editor of the *Bea*: I see by today's papers that a question as to my eligibility to hold the office of lieutenant governor has arisen. In view of this fact I make the following statement:

On the 4th day of March 1879, at Buffalo, N. Y., I filed my first papers or "declaration of intentions." About two years later I went to Buffalo to file my final papers but could not do so, as the time required by law had not quite expired. In the fall of 1881 I moved to this state, and the fact that I could vote on my "first papers" led me, as it has thousands of others, to neglect taking out final papers. When the contest as to the citizenship of Governor Boyd arose I recalled my own neglect and as soon as it was convenient I filed my papers and completed my citizenship. This I did on the 5th day of February, 1891. I was under the impression that the terms of citizenship were in the form of a contract and that when the final papers were filed citizenship dated back to the filing of the "Declaration of Intention."

These are the plain facts in the case, and if they constitute ineligibility then it is the duty of the state central committee to at once substitute another name for mine for the office of lieutenant governor.

I love this land of my adoption. Her stars and stripes are more to me than tongue or pen can utter, and I would rather know I have been a citizen of this country for eighteen months than to be lieutenant governor without such citizenship.

I am a republican. I believe in republican principles. I am proud of the glorious achievements the party has wrought, and though my name be taken from the ticket, my ardor will not be dampened nor my zeal lessened in the coming campaign. In office or out of office, in storm or sunshine, I am always a republican. J. G. TATE.

## Dead.

In Lincoln, Neb., August 1, 1892, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dean, interment in the Ashland cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean have a number of warm friends in Omaha who read *THE AMERICAN* who will be unmeasurably pained to learn of the great loss they have sustained. The editor can fully sympathize with the bereaved parents. He has passed through the same great affliction, which makes him the more ready to offer words of sympathy and consolation. May you never meet with another such bereavement.