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## THE NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The American associations met in Druid's hall in St. Louis last week, and transacted considerable business. The papers placed the number of delegates at 300. The Star Sayings, an evening paper, gave this account of their proceedings.

Mr. A. B. Case, the well known Chicago publisher, was found, and upon the reporter announcing his mission, said: 'The Star Sayings' made an effort yesterday to ascertain the facts in connection with our meeting. Upon learning in the meeting that the reporter—in fact all reporters—were being refused any information with reference to our meeting, I arose in the convention and protested vigorously against such a policy, saying that if we had anything we were ashamed of the people to know, it was about time to expunge it from our order of business. True, we are a secret organization, but for the simple reason that our deliberations must be held where we will not be annoyed by a great crowd. I do not believe, however, that there is anything in our work that we should be ashamed of. Those who are ashamed of it should sever their connection with the Patriotic Sons of America. I have no objection to giving you a frank, plain statement of what the Patriotic Sons of America are here for, and what they hope to accomplish. Our organization is unalterably opposed to the aliens who are flooding this country and robbing native Americans of the opportunity to make a living. We are unalterably opposed to any alien who comes to this country and claims to be a German, an Irishman, a Pole, a Scandinavian, or any other foreigner, because this country is for Americans, and Americans only. We do not mean by this that the aliens who come to America and become Americans shall be ostracised, because he is as good as the native born. We know, and the public should know that popery and the Catholic church has this country by the throat. We can take the railways, steam and street, and it will be found that the great bulk of those holding offices, down to the manual laborers are Catholics, arrogant, insulting and unfit to control anything in a free and enlightened country. We claim to know that the pope, and the church of Rome, and the priests, are constantly at work undermining American citizens of Protestant belief, in order that they may be supplanted by those who cling to the Catholic faith. We know this, and we believe that a large majority of the American people know it, but are afraid to tackle the subject. There are members of our organization, as is evidenced by their secretiveness, who are entirely too timorous in this direction. It has come to such a pass that no native born or naturalized American citizen outside of the Catholic church is safe in his position. The influence of the priesthood of the Roman Catholic church is constantly being exerted to encompass the downfall of the Protestants. Those who doubt the actual existence of the state of affairs claimed to exist, have but to look at the statistics, and investigate for themselves. Take the steam and street railways, the railroad officers, the manufactories, the great commercial houses where large forces of men are employed, and go through the list marked C. and P., meaning Catholic and Protestant, and you will find at the

end that popery is in the lead. Not only is this true in connection with corporations and private business enterprises, but the church of Rome is today aiming to control the government of the United States—first, by city, then by county, then by state, finally, unless something is done to check the movement, the priests will prevail, and Protestants will be compelled to seek another land. This is plain talk, but it embodies the facts. The Patriotic Sons of America believe that that the individual who cannot, or does not, control himself, is not a good citizen, but a constant menace to a free government. We are, therefore, in favor of individuality, and the aim of popery is to suppress individuality. The true Catholic dare not express an opinion contrary to that entertained by the church, and, therefore, his individuality is wiped out by the priests.

Now, what the Patriotic Sons of America hope to accomplish can be told in a few words. They hope to throw a safeguard around the public schools, which are now threatened by popery. They hope to formulate plans upon which an active campaign can be inaugurated and defeat the encroachments of the priests. In fact, the Patriotic Sons of America hope to be able to show that in America state and church are now and must continue to be separate and distinct. That is what the Patriotic Sons are here for, and if that is not a benevolent work, I don't know what it is."

The proceedings of the Wednesday meeting which was really the opening day of the convention, were interfered with in a decidedly tragic manner. Col. G. G. Miner, of Chicago, Ill., a veteran of the Mexican war, 76 years of age, climbed up the four flights of stairs in the Druid's hall building, and upon reaching the center of the room in which the convention was in session, suddenly threw up his hands and fell over dead. The proceedings were naturally, at once abandoned, and a committee, with Mr. A. B. Case, of Chicago, at the head of it, was appointed to take charge of the remains and prepare them for shipment to the former home of the deceased in Chicago. Mr. Case will accompany the dead member's body to Chicago Friday morning, via the Afton railroad. Nothing whatever was done either during the day or night session Wednesday but the work of preparation to care for the suddenly stricken member.

The convention reassembled Thursday morning at 10:30 but did not get to work until nearly noon. After disposing of the routine business, Mr. A. B. Case rose and offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

In the mysterious workings of Providence this supreme body has been called upon to witness a scene which rarely falls to the lot of man in every-day life to experience. Before organization, before the necessary preliminary work could be accomplished, and while the first vote was being taken, one of our worthy members, a good citizen and a loving husband and father, was snatched from our midst by the fell destroyer.

One moment in the midst of the hurrying bustle of active life, urging a mere matter of formality, with all the intensity of an honest nation, before a delegated assembly of friends on earth, the next summoned to the ranks of the silent majority, that grand vast as-

sembly which is, and always will be beyond the reach of human ken.

It seems fitting at such a time that this assembly should pause in its active work and pay its tribute of respect to the memory of one who has done unceasing good for the grand cause in which we are engaged, and whom death even honored by seeking him when he was holding aloft the banner under which he had been fighting all his life.

Descended from the Huguenots, born on American soil, he inherited from a noble ancestry an uncompromising hatred of popery and its pagan superstitions. When a mere stripling his noble sentiments prompted him to take his place in the ranks of American soldiers who faced the bullets of the Mexicans, to uphold the honor of the American flag, and the same indomitable spirit drove him later on to face the rebellion and to offer himself a target to the deadly missiles of disloyalty.

When peace was seemingly reigning in the land, this valiant soldier of the American idea remained constantly on guard against the country's most dangerous foes, even when the majority believed the nation safe.

It was the life mission of our deceased friend, Col. Miner, to warn his people of the danger with which the cunning of Rome and her emissaries is ever threatening us, and also to engage in active warfare against this foe, in which he was ever ready to sacrifice property and life. And it was his good fortune to die a true soldier's death while marshalling the forces of his friends to face the common enemy.

Under these sad, yet inspiring circumstances it is befitting that this supreme body bow in humble submission to the fiat of omnipotence, and remembering those nearer and dearer to our departed friend, render our sad condolence to the mother so suddenly left a widow, and the daughter who was the pride of her father's heart. In their affliction we trust that they may find help and strength through the love of him who doeth all things well.

Resolved, further, that to honor the memory of our friend, we will ever remember and hold up as an example his earnest devotion and untiring labor for our cause, and that we pledge ourselves in the shadow of his death, to carry on our holy war with the same spirit which he was ever striving to inculcate into his people.

Resolved, That all councils within the jurisdiction of this supreme body, be sent a copy of these resolutions with the request to take suitable action upon the death of one to whom this order was so much.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, properly engrossed, be prepared and sent to the family of our departed friend, to the end that they may be consoled by knowing how we feel their loss.

## WHAT IS LOYALTY?

The Roman Catholic bishop of Colorado, in the course of an address in Denver, made use of this language:

"A few days ago the papers of the country were full with the reports of the condemnation by the French courts of a certain bishop who went to Rome without asking the permission of the government. For that "terrible crime" he was mulcted in the sum of 3,000 or 4,000 francs. Now, I must confess that it required some courage for a judge in France, a Catholic country, to fine a bishop for such an offense. But for 30,000,000 Catholics to stand there and

submit to any such outrage, is an act so contemptible, so dastardly mean and cowardly that I can find no name to stigmatize and brand it becomingly. I ask you, as Americans, if such a thing had been done anywhere on this continent, what would you have done? I can tell you what a score or two of brave Irishmen would have done. They would have tarred and feathered both judge and jury; and in that condition driven them through the length and breadth of this country, as a lesson to future generations. And 70,000,000 Americans would have applauded the act till the very vaults of the firmament would have re-echoed with their "bravos." "Well done, boys; more power to you!"

We quote this statement for the purpose of showing what a depth of loyalty pervades the utterances of the average priest of Rome, who claims the protection of the laws of the land where he is domiciled, yet applauds the rascals and traitors who have the temerity to trample upon any enactment, and override any order which does not meet their approbation, or which does not receive instant the sanction of the holy (?) fraud who is now passing as the viceroy of God, and the prisoner of the vatican.

What is loyalty? Webster says it is "the state or quality of being loyal." And what is that state or quality? "Devoted to the maintenance of law; disposed to uphold the constituted authority; faithful to the lawful government, whether parental, civil or divine."

If that is loyalty how can you reconcile the act of the Archbishop of Aix—when he set at naught the order of a civil officer and proceeded to do the very thing he and all other Romanists had been ordered not to do—with the desire to "uphold constituted authority?"

How any Roman orator can stand before an intelligent audience—before the whole country—and proclaim such sentiments as the last sentence of the above excerpt contains and not be censured by the daily press, is certainly beyond our understanding.

The idea is preposterous! Think of a score or two of Irishmen tarring and feathering an American jury! Think of the superstitious, ignorant, and cowardly citizens of the most pope-cursed and priest-ridden spot on God's footstool, darring to even dream, let alone attempting to decorate the form of a wearer of the ermine, in the United States with a mixture of hot tar and feathers! Think of 70,000,000 Americans applauding the act! Such talk may please Irish, but if they ever dare to raise a hand against our officials for enforcing laws and decrees, may God have mercy on their souls—the American people will have none!

The Irish have already ruled the cities of this country too long! It is time that Denver, Minneapolis, La Crosse, Davenport, St. Joseph and Kansas City emulated the example set by Omaha at the last general election, when every Roman Catholic was given two years longer to look after his own private affairs, and when none but Protestants were clothed with authority to transact public business.

The more Roman Irish you elect to office the more will flock to your city. They will drive Protestants from every branch of business, and undermine them in every walk in life.

When this is done, Protestant churches will grow fewer with each succeeding year, and, while they are declining, the Roman corporation will grow in strength and wealth, until, like it is in New York, the politics of the cities will become proverbial for their corruption.