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PRIESTS REPLY TO ROOKER. Criticisms of Mgr. Satolli's Secretary Vigorously Resented.

One of the most interesting of all contributions to the documentary history of the troubles in the diocese of Lincoln of the Catholic church, says the Bee, will be found in the following letter from two of the priests who have borne the brunt of the fight:

TECUMSEH, Neb., November 9.—To the Editor of the Bee: In your issue of November 8 Rev. Dr. Rooker, private secretary of the apostolic delegation, through your correspondent at Washington, attempts an explanation that does not explain, but rather envelops in deeper mysteries the conditions surrounding the apostolic delegation. For the first time we are informed, by Dr. Rooker, that no official information about the long continued and widespread ecclesiastical troubles in Nebraska has reached the representative in America of Leo XIII. Will Dr. Rooker explain to an anxious public why this is so? Numerous letters have been sent by priests of Nebraska to the apostolic delegate. Have they been intercepted? Have they never been received? Many of those letters have been registered, others have been sent by express and receipts therefor returned, bearing, some, the signature of Dr. Rooker; others, that of the apostolic delegate himself. What does all this mean? Those letters contained public matters of great importance, of which it was the duty of the delegation to take cognizance. Were not these officially conveyed to the delegate? If not, why not? How has he then been able to send forth documents intimately affecting the civil and religious interests of the people of Nebraska, and, through Nebraska, of all America? Has his name been forged to these grave documents? Who has forged it? Will Rev. Dr. Rooker please answer these inquiries, and thus set at rest an anxious public?

Dr. Rooker says that of these grave matters "nothing is officially known at the delegation." What, then, is the delegation in America for? We, twelve in number, nearly three years ago, met the delegation in Omaha, and received promises of redress, and papers to that effect were signed, and assurances were there given that no persecution against us by the Bishop of Lincoln, pending the settlement of the controversies, would receive countenance or sanction from him until the difficulties were fully and fairly heard and adjudicated. And yet Dr. Rooker says that "the delegation knows nothing officially of these matters." And Dr. Rooker "is an honorable man!"

Several of us met the delegate in Chicago, during the Columbian exposition, at the reception given him by the Columbus Club of that city. And even there, remembering to have met us in Omaha, the delegate turned aside to whisper assurances that the matters were receiving his attention and would soon be righted. Yet Dr. Rooker says we are "obstreperous and recalcitrant," and fit only to be "dislodged, like renters who have not paid their rent." We wish to tell Dr. Rooker that even renters in America are respected and esteemed citizens, and from some of the rented homes of Nebraska moneys have been generously remitted to purchase the palatial residence in Washington wherein Dr. Rooker is now "lodged." And yet he is a charitable priest!

The Bishop of Omaha was commissioned by the delegation to obtain information concerning the difficulties in the convent at Hastings. He asked the resident priest of Hastings to furnish him the facts of the case. For complying with this request that worthy priest incurred the anger of the Bishop of Lincoln, was threatened with suspension and finally driven from his parish and ultimately from the diocese. A committee of honorable citizens from Hastings went all the way to Washington to remonstrate with, and were received by the delegate. And yet Dr. Rooker says "nothing of all these troubles is officially known at the delegation." But Dr. Rooker is a truthful priest!

Over a year ago the Archbishop of Dubuque was directed by the delegate "to give his solicitude and apply his authority to the Lincoln difficulties. (These are the exact words of the delegate to our advocate, Dr. Smith.) At the same time the Archbishop of Dubuque was instructed by the cardinal prefect of the Propaganda Fide at Rome to proceed at once to the investigation. The archbishop killed time by unnecessary delays, as if, being a well-known friend of the Bishop of Lincoln, he wished thereby to kill or disperse the witnesses in the case, and thus destroy the evidence. The delegate, angered by these delays, repeated his directions to proceed immediately to Lincoln. The archbishop delayed his coming. But when he did come, refused to come farther than Omaha, where he held a sham trial, and then returned to his home in Dubuque. Our complaint of this conduct moved the delegate to renew his instructions to the archbishop to proceed to Lincoln. At length he came to the city of Lincoln, where, in the face of the intelligent and cultured people of that city, a city of schools and colleges, the seat of one of the leading universities of Amer-

ica, a city so beautifully called the "Queen of the Prairie," he dared to carry on a star chamber proceedings, one-sided and partisan. Yet Dr. Rooker says that nothing is officially known at the delegation of these difficulties, and he is the private secretary of the apostolic delegate. What, then, has become of the reports which the archbishop should have rendered of the proceedings held in Omaha and Lincoln, and to which report the apostolic delegate referred in a letter to us?

We have received many letters from the delegates reversing sentences against us by the Bishop of Lincoln. These letters bear, to all appearances, the seal and signature of the apostolic delegate. Are the seal and signature genuine or forged? If they are genuine, how is it that Dr. Rooker says "nothing is known officially at the delegation about these matters?" If forged, what are the conditions surrounding the delegation at Washington, by which such conduct is made possible? And yet Dr. Rooker is an honest priest!

In the petition for an injunction against us, brought by the Bishop of Lincoln, in the court of the First judicial district yesterday, when the question of a decision from the highest tribunal known to the Catholic church was broached, the Bishop of Lincoln immediately produced with a manifestation of glee, and was about to put in evidence, a document from the delegation at Washington. And yet Dr. Rooker says "nothing is officially known at the delegation about the Lincoln difficulties." In this preliminary hearing the spotless honor of an incorruptible judge, a defender even of the rights of renters, refused to place in the hands of the Bishop of Lincoln the club of the cruel tyrant—an injunction. Beaten in his attempt to grasp the tyrant's club, the injunction, he at the railway station at South Auburn, in the presence of the traveling public, threatened to strike us next week with the terrible club of "public excommunication," and signified that we ought to be in hell. And yet Dr. Rooker can see no other solution of those Lincoln difficulties than the invocation of the civil power "to dislodge those recalcitrant and obstreperous priests." Have the influences of the Bishop of Lincoln, which a year ago impeded an appeal to the supreme court of this state from the unjust decision rendered in the district court at Nebraska City, reached the portals of the delegation? Does Dr. Rooker know that the incorruptible people of Nebraska rose up in their might on the 5th day of this month and hurled from their sacred tribunal of justice the "tool of a haughty Roman Catholic prelate?" Let Dr. Rooker come within the boundaries of young and fruitful and beautiful Nebraska, and there attempt to enforce his barbarous decree "to dislodge those recalcitrant and obstreperous priests, just as I would throw out of my house a renter who had not paid me my rent." Yours respectfully, D. FITZGERALD, W. MURPHY.

CHURCH LOTTERIES ILLEGAL.

Decision of Illinois' Assistant Attorney-General on Sales at "Fairs."

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Nov. 2.—An important question was settled to-day by the law department of the state. The question at issue was: "Is it illegal for a church or society conducting what is termed a 'fair,' to sell quilts or other articles by chance, lot or ticket?" and Assistant Attorney-General Martin L. Newell rendered the opinion that it is illegal and may be the subject for prosecution under the state laws concerning lotteries.

Drop in Title Quotations.

NEW YORK, November 8.—An American heiress with \$2,000,000 and a desire for the title of princess may communicate with Pastor J. Berger of the Roman Catholic Church of Leopold, Perry county, Ind. The \$2,000,000 must be in cold cash or convertible securities. A slight discount may be made on quick business. Lawyer Albert S. Warner of 277 Broadway has received a letter written in French on the official note paper of the church in question, by Pastor Berger, in which the writer says:

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Why This Star?

Senator Thurston of Nebraska has refused to make any campaign speeches this fall on the excuse of ill health. This is a little peculiar, however, for it was only about a week ago that he was fully able to appear in court in San Francisco in behalf of the Union Pacific Railroad, from which he is still drawing a large stipend.—Kansas City Star.

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Wronged a Girl.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., November 9.—EDITOR THE AMERICAN: How strange it would be if a week were to pass without a scandal for the Roman priesthood. Stranger it is, however, how the press tries to dodge printing these items. A row in Polish circles in Minneapolis brings to light an unpublished case here. Frances Morowinski caused two of her countrymen to be arraigned in court for abusive and obscene language.

The girl recently caused the arrest of Wladislaw Polack, a student for the priesthood, on the charge of bastardy. She is now a mother. She claims that whenever she passes the house of the friends of the young priest, she is subjected to all manner of vulgar names because she had him arrested for being the father of the child.

This Polack, so far as known to your correspondent, did not marry the Morowinski girl, but is still studying for his future position. If the girl's charges are true, he is a father, and should be eligible for the priesthood without a doubt.

Her tormentors were found guilty, and were fined \$3 or three days' imprisonment. ZAMBOT.

A Ministerial Ass.

A Presbyterian minister, Dr. Trumbull, in a sermon preached in Allegheny last week, made the remarkable statement that "people who belong to secret societies are not Christians," and that "they introduce into their social affairs strong drink, which tends to do away with Christianity." It is truly surprising that a man of reputed intelligence, who is supposed to be a leader among the people, should be so extremely ignorant of the subject he attempts to discuss, to the extent of slandering the best men of the country.—Pittsburgh American.

Assaulted.

From the report of the Presbytery of Santa Fe, New Mexico, we learn that Rev. Jose E. Cruz was assaulted, not by a mob, but by the police, for refusal to remove his hat before the host as borne by the Romanists through the streets of Las Vegas. He was also arrested, tried and fined \$30 and 30 days in the filthy county jail on the same account. He did not resist the police. The presbytery took action to carry the case to the supreme court.—Christian Observer.