

IS THE CLEWETT CASE

Repeated Here? A Reader of The American Wants to Know Whether

Girls are Imprisoned in Roman Catholic Institutions, in This County, Against Their Will and Contrary to Law.

Is this a Case of Kidnapping?
Omaha, Neb., June 8.—Editor THE AMERICAN: I have just been informed that the young girl who has been employed at the home of Mr. D. N. Brown chief clerk in the paymaster's department of the U. S. army, who lives in the neighborhood of Twenty-eighth and Jackson, has been placed in a Roman Catholic institution in this county against her will. I understand the girl is one of three sisters, orphans, and was well satisfied with her home and objected to going into Rome's prison, but accompanied the nuns after they talked to her a long time. I think this case ought to be thoroughly investigated and if it is a fact that the girl was deprived of her liberty contrary to law, those Romish institutions should be driven out of the community. I remember reading in your paper of the trial of that St. Paul House of the Good Shepherd and now wonder if this community is later on to be shocked by the recital of the inhuman, the immoral and the unchristian conduct of Roman Catholic nuns. Is it not time that the people of this city inquired as to how many girls are confined in Romish institutions against their will? I am in favor of inspecting all those places, and liberating all girls who are kept prisoners and made to slave day and night for an alien church, and a debauched priesthood.
M. S.

BISHOP BONACUM IS OUTWITTED.

Priest at Colon Proves to Be Hard Man to Eject.

The following item was clipped from a local daily paper:
Colon, Neb., June 6.—(Special.)—Bishop Bonacum of Lincoln, with two priests, a private detective and a woman to keep house arrived here at 2:55 p. m., Saturday, to take possession of the parsonage. Rev. Turjohn was out of town at the time, no one being at home but his housekeeper. After trying all the doors and finding them locked the bishop broke a pane of glass, loosened the catch in the window and crawled in, badly frightening the housekeeper. With the assistance of the two priests he at once commenced to carry Rev. Turjohn's personal effects out to the stable. The woman they brought with them returned to Lincoln on the first train, refusing to have anything to do with them. About 6:30 the bishop and his two priests came down town for supper. Turjohn's housekeeper refusing to cook for them, when Turjohn executed a flank movement that would have been a credit to Dewey.
He had returned to town about 5:30 and knowing they would have to come down town for supper, he waited at a friend's house while a few friends watched for the bishop and his priests. All three came down together, leaving the private detective to watch the house, with instructions to shoot any one attempting to enter the premises. This the detective refused to do, wanting higher and better authority than that given by the bishop. As soon as the bishop and his two associates entered the boarding house, Rev. Turjohn was informed and with a few friends went up and took possession of the house, the detective offering no resistance, and proceeded to bring his goods back into the house and put the bishop's satchel in the stable. Then the bishop showed up, but too late, as the doors and windows were barricaded.
About this time it commenced to rain, torrents of water falling for two or three hours, the bishop and his two priests standing on the porch and get-

ting what comfort they could out of the situation. About 11 p. m. they came down town and spent the rest of the night in the depot.

The entire community is with Rev. Turjohn and admire his pluck and the stand he has taken. There is a good chance for the matter to get into the civil courts and interesting developments are being watched for.

[What a blessing it would be to the Roman Catholic church if it would throw off the yoke of the papacy and the bishop and adopt congregational form of church government.—J. B.]

ROME IN THE QUEEN'S NAVY.

Fishy Doings on Board the Flagship of the Pacific Squadron.

A friend in Victoria, B. C., sends us the following account of one move made by ex-Priest Ruthven in his fight with Romanism:

As our readers are aware the rendezvous of the British Navy in Pacific waters is at Esquimalt some three miles from Victoria, the capital of British Columbia. Owing to the many accessions lately made to the Pacific squadron there have been, for the past six months, an average of six warships lying at anchor. During December last, on the arrival of the "Leander" and other cruisers, with their attendant torpedo-boat destroyers from England no fewer than ten vessels, with aggregate crews of nearly 3,000 men were gathered at Esquimalt. The good citizens of Victoria paid many a visit to and had much to say in praise of her majesty's ships. One of them said little but proceeded to "saw wood" on a pretty extensive scale. Father Joseph Nicolaye has the supervision in matters spiritual of the Romanists in Victoria, and his eagle eye, peering through the three long miles of land and sea which separated him from Esquimalt, saw a chance to rake in the "nimble dime" for "holy mother church." The paymaster on board the Flagship is a papist of the deepest dye, a pervert like the late but not lamented Chief Justice Davie. To him the good priest unfolded his little plan. A simple plan it was. Nothing more nor less than to deduct sums of money varying in amount according to their rating, from the monthly pay of the men on board. The crew of the Flagship, the "Imperieuse," numbers 600 men, of whom about 15 per cent are papists. These made 90 steady, if not voluntary, subscribers to the funds of the "holy church." A simple plan, a lovely

scheme, one which was working beautifully and spreading to the other ships in harbor, until, unfortunately for the pious fraud, it reached the ears of ex-Priest Ruthven, who has been carrying on anti-Romish crusade in Victoria for the past year. Ruthven is a man of deeds as well as words, so he immediately laid the ax to the root of the matter by sending to the captain of the Flagship a letter, of which the following is an exact copy:

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 10th, 1898.—Capt. C. H. Adair, H. M. S. Imperieuse, Esquimalt, B. C., Dear Sir:—The minds of the public here, for the past few weeks, been deeply exercised over a persistent and widely spread rumor pointing to a grave irregularity on board your ship; and one which would incur the gravest censure if brought under the notice of the Admiralty. It is asserted that your paymaster, Mr. Moore, deducted certain sums of money from the pay of the Roman Catholics serving on board the Imperieuse, such deductions being made in the interests of the Roman Catholic church and its local representative priest, and without consulting the desires or inclinations of the above mentioned men of your ship, some of whom knew nothing of such a hitherto unheard of scheme until they counted their money and discovered a shortage. On returning to the pay-clerk the shortage was explained as being under orders from the paymaster and for the benefit of the Roman Catholic church. If this rumor is unfounded I shall be glad to contradict it from my platform. If justified by facts I would beg the favor of a communication stating whether the rules of the service permit such practical blackmail.
I am,
Yours truly,
V. M. RUTHVEN.

The receipt of this letter caused no small stir on board the Flagship and Mr. Moore was invited to make an explanation. But Rome is wily and something must be done to avoid a court-martial, so a document was hastily prepared, stating that the undersigned had freely and willingly donated all sums of money deducted from their pay to the use and benefit of the Roman Catholic church. Urged by their fear of the priest and their awe of a superior officer the men signed and Mr. Moore, after swallowing his captain's reprimand, breathed more easily; yet his troubles were only commencing, for Ruthven wrote a full account of the whole transaction to the Secretary of the Admiralty at Whitehall, London.

The official inquiry is now on foot, not only with Mr. Moore's action, but also into the custom of allowing "sisters" into the naval hospital to levy contributions from sick and dying seamen. The citizens of Victoria are looking anxiously for the outcome and Mr. Moore is expecting a "hot time."
J. M. McD.

Roman Catholic Europe Sounded.

London, Dec. 12.—The Daily News' Rome correspondent says that Spain has asked the pope to sound the European nations as to whether they could support Spain in a war with the United States.

Since which the pope has announced his sympathies as being entirely with Spain and has placed his blessing upon Spanish arms.

Can any thinking American who is conversant with papal history fail to see the trend of thought actuating the hidden design for the overthrow of this nation? Leading Americans cannot fail to comprehend the machinations and intrigues of Rome and the magnitude of consequences involved.

Every nation raising an opposing voice against American occupation of the Philippines are Roman Catholic countries or under papal domination, which alone should convince Americans that there is a peril soon to be faced.

Spain was once the banker of the world, whose merchantships were seen upon the high sea in almost countless numbers. She once possessed that portion of the United States west of the Mississippi river including Florida and a part of Mississippi and Alabama, together with Mexico, Central America and all South America (except Brazil) with tributary islands, including Cuba and Puerto Rico, while today her only possessions on the western continent are the two last named. How long?

Spain through her religious training has become ignorant and is blinded by superstition so completely that reason has become dethroned.

Can it be wondered at that such a nation, whose religion (?) teaches them to "extirpate all heretics (Protestants) from the face of the earth," would insult America by firing upon our flag, destroying our man of war, entailing a heavy loss of life, besides imprisoning our citizens and clubbing them to death while incarcerated in her dungeons, and all this in time of peace?

No civilized power free, from papal tyranny has signified displeasure toward the United States for resenting Spanish insults and atrocities; yet the pope

was asked to sound the Roman Catholic world in case of war between the United States and Spain.

Every Spanish spy captured since war was declared has been a Roman Catholic.

Every Spanish sympathizer within the country can be traced to the Church of Rome.

Catholic prelates have enjoined good Catholics in case of war with Spain not to forget their mother country, while Catholic leaders assert that "It will be hard to get a Catholic to fire on the cross."

Never before in the history of the American people has so grave a question come up for sober consideration. There are disciplined spys throughout our land, guided and directed by a power dictated to by a foreign ruler, whose followers are filling the chaplaincies of the army and navy, affording opportunity for the transmission of plans and specifications, through which even the commanding general can easily be outwitted.

These are some of the facts which are being seriously considered by thinking, patriotic Americans.

While the government continues to fill the chaplaincies of the army and navy with friends of an enemy who have decried our free institutions, driven from the schools of the land the guide to morality (the Holy Bible), denounced Protestant mothers as prostitutes, etc., so long may thinking Americans wonder with profound amazement. May God give us light and reason to be hopeful of a brighter day.
LOYAL.

Liberty of Speech Spreading.

Victoria, B. C., June 1.—Editor THE AMERICAN:—Today saw what we believe to be the final triumph of liberty in Victoria. Rome's persecution of ex-Priest Ruthven, as you may be aware, culminated some three months ago in an arbitrary commitment for perjury by the late Chief Justice Davie. The committing judge, a pervert to popery and brother-in-law of the notorious Priest Yorke, denied bail to Mr. Ruthven until forced to grant it by the action of the legislature. The whole question of the malicious prosecution of a British subject and the perversion of justice by a British judge was forced upon Parliament by two of its most prominent members. The resultant inquiry was undoubtedly the immediate cause of the death of the chief justice; but though dead his order of commit-

ment against Mr. Ruthven stood upon the court records. At the Assizes which opened here yesterday, Mr. Justice McColl presiding, it was presented to the Grand Jury. Before retiring for consideration of the case the jury was warned by the justice against entertaining any charge of a frivolous or malicious nature. The Grand Jury, composed of some of the most influential men in Victoria, unanimously agreed that there were no grounds for the charge of perjury and declared "no bill." Thus, for the fifth time within twelve months has Ruthven defeated Rome in the law courts of Victoria and gained a victory for the right of free speech which is not likely again to be challenged by the agents of Rome in British Columbia.
VICTORIA.

What Lafayette Favored.

Lafayette approved of the expulsion of the Jesuits from France. He came to this country a few months after their expulsion. While here he invariably attended worship at Protestant churches. We are told by his biographer that he refused an invitation from Bishop Fenwick to attend Roman Catholic services—"at which refusal the bishop was much hurt." To Mr. Chas. Palmer, Richmond, Va., Lafayette said: "It is my opinion that if the liberties of this country—the United States of America—are destroyed, it will be by the subtlety of the Roman Catholic Jesuit priests, for they are the most crafty, dangerous enemies to civil and religious liberty. They have instigated most of the wars in Europe."—Exchange.

Romanism From a Methodist Pulpit.

What is the matter with Gunnison? The Catholic Standard says: "Father McNamara, missionary of Mississippi, preached Catholic doctrine from the pulpit of the Methodist church at Gunnison, Miss., recently, whence many a time and oft denunciations had been hurled by the disciples of John Wesley against Catholic teaching and practice." The disciples of so good a Mason as Brother John Wesley in Mississippi must have back-slidden to have permitted Roman Catholic doctrine to be preached in the name of Wesley. If this thing is permitted to grow Roman Catholics will soon be claiming Wesley as a pervert to the papacy.—Tyler.

No man is living up to his political duties who fails to oppose the enemies of national peace, purity and prosperity.

