Feehan and Koslowski.

"I have taken steps to begin suit against Archbishop Feehan for heavy damages and to determine the power of the Roman Catholic church in America to make me a parish in society and put a blemish on my 120,000 parishioners here and elsewhere," said the Rev. Father Anthony Koslowski of All Saints' Polish Catholic church yesterday, when asked how he looked upon the major excommunication placed upon him by the pope at the recommendation of the Chicago archbishop. "The papal bull is a remnant of another age, when church and state went hand in hand. Then there was no ecclesiastical or civil redress for the victim of one of these pronunciamentoes. It is different now and especially so in the United States. The fortunes and liberty of the humblest citizen cannot be attacked with impunity. The effect of this excommunication, if carried out, would be to render me a social outcast. The constitution of this country says no man shall be attacked because of his religious opinions, and there is another law which prohibits the boycott. The bull is in violation of the laws of the United States and is an attempt to subvert civil to ecclesiastical authority.

"After all, I am amazed that the major excommunication should be resorted to in this age. I would publicly burn this papal bull if it were not that I might be accused of imitating Martin Luther and also indulging in child's play.

"I would like to ask any man what right Archbishop Feehan has to dictate to me. I deliberately separated myself from the Roman Catholic church four years ago. I sent a notice to the pope. Four years have passed away. Now he excommunicates me. For what? When I had established this church I advised that a church committee be sent to the archbishop to see if our troubles could not be settled. The committee was insulted and informed by Archbishop Feehan that he wanted to have nothing to do with them or me. The committee was practically driven from the house. We then decided that we had better try and get along by ourselves. We have done so pretty successfully. My parishioners here number over 10,000 and in all my churches 120,000.

"The entire excommunication is illegal not only according to canonical but civil law. Canonical laws say that when charges are brought against a priest he shall be regularly summoned before a jury where he must be allowed an advocate. Nothing of this kind was ever done with me. The only notice I ever received from Archbishop Feehan was a notice to leave town in twenty-four hours. I then wondered and wonder now who this man is who has authority to order a citizen out of town after the manner of a police justice. I refused to recognize his authority then as to the material affairs of the church and I refuse to do so now.

Moreover, canonical law says notice of the excommunication shall come directly from the pope to the person excommunicated. I have received no notice of this kind. Again, the excommunicated person must be called three times by the supreme pontiff before the bull against him is finally issued. This is to give the accused the opportunity of being restored to the bosom of the church if he should so desire after expressing a penitential spirit. I was never extended an opportunity of this kind.

"The troubles of the Polish Catholic in Chicago," continued the priest, grew out of the financial administration of the affairs of St. Hedwig's church, where at one time I was assistant pastor. The congregation of this church became dissatisfied with the way in which the church was managed. They could get no accounting from Father Barzynski or the archbishop. It was denied that the parishioners had any right to have a voice in the financial management of the church. This caused a schism.

"The congregation split and money was raised for the building of All Saints'. I was selected to lead the seceders. The Poles in other cities have gone through the same trouble, but I have been the only one selected for excommunication. Why? Because in establishing the Independent Polish Diocese of Chicago it was necessary to have a constitution. This constitution has been so satisfactory to many dissatisfied churches throughout the country that the independent church has been growing rapidly.

"We have now four churches in Chicago, and churches at Thorp, Wis.; Egg Harbor, Ind.; Depew, N. Y.; Buffalo, N. Y.; South Chicago and two churches in New Bedford, Mass. The movement is spreading all over the country.

"The cardinal principle of our church is to retain the church property in the hands of the church organization. We refuse to surrender it to any bishop or archbishop. A committee of elders handles every cent, and in this way the priest's entire time can be devoted to the spiritual advancement of his flock. The amount of church property controlled by Archbishop Feehan in Chicago amounts to over $100,000,000. We do not believe that such power should be in the hands of one man.

Chase Roys' Second Letter.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 9.—President McKinley: Dear Sir:—How long will it take you to comprehend Spanish Roman Catholic character? Some thought the blowing up of the Maine with the instantaneous and most diabolical murder of some hundreds of brave but unsuspecting American seamen would open your understanding so wide that you would not be likely to be imposed upon again for a whole year; but we have been mistaken. The archbishop of Manila begs the pope to intercede and try to save the church property and the lives of the Spaniards and Spanish priests, monks and holy nuns from destruction by the terrible Aguinaldo and his insurgents. The pope refers his request to you President McKinley and you immediately send a dispatch to Gen. Merritt to give the desired protection. The Spaniards are grateful, as usual, for your kindness, and not ten days elapse before they make an exhibition of their gratitude by a tremendous assault upon Gen. Merritt's heroic little army of Americans resulting in the death of nine of our brother citizens, and forty-five more wounded, some of whom will lie down in death, others will be cripples for life! Aguinaldo and his insurgent army sat by and gave us no aid. He wasn't wanted. He is too cruel. He might have killed a priest or monk or even an archbishop!

Do you forget, President McKinley, that even according to the laws of our own beloved Republic, murderers are put to an ignominious death? And have not those Spanish Roman Catholics been murdering, with every conceivable torture invented by their Inquisition, the men, women and little children, the fellow-countrymen of Aguinaldo, for more than 300 years? And tell us, President McKinley, have their priests and monks, bishops and archbishops not been the teachers and leaders of those robber Spaniards, who have taken all the choicest of the lands from these natives, killed their leading men and enslaved those left alive? Aguinaldo seems to have been chosen by the God of justice to avenge the unspeakable wrongs that have been heaped upon his innocent people for 300 years!

Let Aguinaldo capture Manila and plunder it, if he will. It belongs to him. Why should we sacrifice American citizens to do what the natives are willing and able to do? Make Aguinaldo governor of the Philippines and assist him to establish a republic under the protection of the stars and stripes, and let him and his people pay us an annual sum for our aid and protection, having first confiscated and given back to the long-suffering natives their stolen lands. You have done well to destroy the Spanish government there; but you must now give them a better one. Send them school-masters and teach the poor, down-trodden natives to read; and ministers, with the Book of Life to give them a hope of better things to come. And now let me recommend to you the careful study of that horrible system of diabolism, which has been the cause of all the bloody wars in Europe and America for more than 500 years? You will tell me you have not time. You need read but one small book to understand it well—"Leo XIII, and Modern Civilization," by J. Bleeker Miller, only 180 pages; in which you may learn the influence of the Church of Rome upon the state; upon the family, upon the individual; upon Science. You are not fit to be president of the United States until you can pass the civil service examination in popery. The lives of our citizens depend upon your mark in this branch. I trust some of your friends will cut this out and send it to you.

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Under and by virtue of an order of sale on decree of foreclosure of mortgage issued out of the District Court for Douglas county, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 26th day of September, A. D. 1898, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, at the East front door of the County Court House, in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale as follows, to wit:

Lots twenty, twenty-one and twenty-four in block two (2); lots one, eight and twenty-three in block four (4) in Grammercy Park, an addition to the City of Omaha, surveyed, platted and recorded, all situated in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy George H. Pitchett, administrator, with will annexed, of the estate of John M. Sheely, deceased, plaintiff, herein, the sum of eight thousand two hundred and sixty-five (8,265.00) dollars judgment with interest thereon at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum from May 26, 1898.

To satisfy the further sum of forty-three and 25-100 ($43.25) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Douglas County, at its May term, A. D. 1898, in a certain action then and there pending wherein George H. Pitchett, administrator, with will annexed, of the estate of John M. Sheely, deceased, is plaintiff, and Edward T. Peterson, Thomas R. Wilde, Martin Cahn, Alfred C. Woolley, Alonzo P. Tukey, Elizabeth I. M. Tukey, Frank M. Richardson, Janet S. Richardson, Charles Wagner, Saturnina Wagner, Emily Angell, Elizabeth Roberts, Frank Thompson, executor, and Joe H. Lane, administrator, with the will annexed, of James Thompson, deceased, are defendants.

Dated at Omaha, Nebraska, August 19, A. D. 1898.

JOHN W. M'DONALD,
Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska.
Greene & Breckenridge, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

Pitchett Admr. vs. Peterson et al. Doc. 69. No. 290.

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To satisfy the further sum of forty-six and 65-100 ($46.65) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Douglas County, at its May term, A. D. 1898, in a certain action then and there pending wherein George H. Pitchett, administrator, with will annexed, of the estate of John M. Sheely, deceased, is plaintiff, and Thomas R. Wilde, David R. Archer, trustee, David R. Archer, Catharine Archer, Alonzo P. Tukey, Elizabeth I. M. Tukey, George Herb, Mary Herb, Collins F. Newton, A. W. Newton (first name unknown, wife of Collins F. Newton,) and others are defendants.

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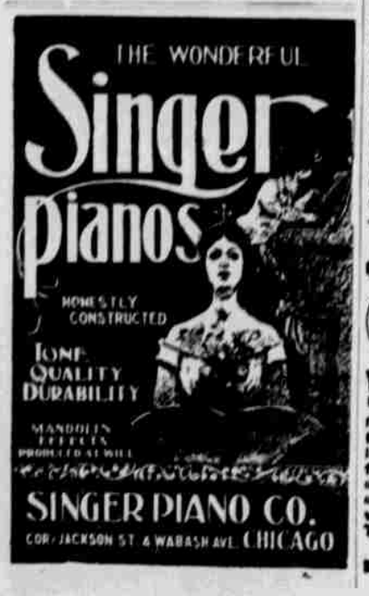

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