

# POPE'S ARROGANT PROCLAMATION STARTLES THE CIVILIZED WORLD

### Roman Pontiff to Forbid All Catholics to Bear Arms or Make War Beyond Frontiers of Their Own Countries—Audacity of the Autocrat Causes Universal Consternation and Amazement.

By I. C. Ahl.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 18.—Cable dispatches from Rome received here to the effect that Pope Pius XI is planning to write an "encyclical" letter excommunicating all soldiers of any nation who are Catholics who bear arms beyond the frontiers of their own countries has spread consternation and amazement at the very audacity of the man, in army and navy circles here.

When the news was first received it aroused interest and when it was finally analyzed down to the last ditch, it was found that it is designed to militate against the safety of any country and is a test of the Pope's power to rule his subjects no matter what country they may be citizens of.

Go back to the outbreak of the world war and think what the effect of such an order would be. The nation declaring war against Germany, and the millions of Catholics who were conscripted in the country being unable to fight all because the Pope would excommunicate them if they did.

If America were to declare war on a foreign country for any cause now, under the terms of this order she would have to actually force soldiers who belong to the Catholic church to go overseas and fight. Anyone who commanded men in the past war knows the little value of a soldier who had to be forced to do anything.

It would mean that the enemy would come to America and bring the fight-

ing here and lay waste to the land, instead of our taking the fighting to them.

It means that the nation would lose power over her own soldiers for anyone who knows anything at all knows that the Catholic cares nothing for the laws of his land when it comes in conflict with a law or an order of the Pope.

This is the boldest stroke a Roman pontiff has made in many years, almost within the memory of living man. It affects almost every nation on the globe and will spread riot and consternation throughout the armies of the world.

France will be prostrate. She has invaded the Ruhr region of Germany to force payment of reparation claims which Germany whines she cannot pay. The Catholics of France, if they listen to the edict of the Pope must desert their army and hide themselves back to France pronto.

Army officials here are stunned over the situation for they know only too well the power of the Pope over Catholics and they are frank to say that it is apt to breed discontent and perhaps open rebellion. Catholic soldiers in the Philippines must come home. Those stationed in Guam, Hawaii, Alaska, the tropics, in Haiti, Santo Domingo and other outposts of civilization where we have troops must quit the colors and come hiking within the continental borders of the United States.

Protection of Americans in Cuba

## LORRIE OF SOLDIERS FALLS WITH A D.-S. THUD

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scattered for many yards, and Sydney and his helpers hastily trying to sweep them up and remove them from public gaze. The labels were of all kinds—Old Hunter, Under the Roof, White and Black, Maryland Rye, Kentucky Bourbon, Grandfather's Delight, Canadian Club, Haig's Best—oh, all kinds and every kind that memory could recall. The whole gamut of the boozier's imagination was suggested. One could hear the barkeep asking as he mopped the moist mahogany, "Wot'll have, gent?" and the various replies as the dead game ones named their poison. Oh, memory, how sharper than a reptile's tooth to have such scenes recalled!

And the animated hogshead, it turned over like a live thing and the "soldiers" rolled 50 to 60 feet in every direction. They winked and they tinkled; they crashed and they smashed; they clashed and they flashed and great was the excitement of the onlookers. The taxi-drivers and the passersby set up howls of merriment and jets of delight. And the smell that pervaded the heart of the business district? Veteran elbow-benders sitting at their desks sniffed the air, closed their Bibles and took a walk around the block. Public curiosity was whetted to a razor-edge. Soon the debris of the spill was removed from sight, the big barrels were safely on board, each filled jippin' full of "soldiers," and then the lorry went rapidly away from there. The lorry is said to belong to a certain Jew, who specializes in "soldiers."

This story will resound at Salem and back will come the echo, "Where, O, where, is the Mystic cleaver, the Governor's Fitch Slenth, whose duty it is to stop the sale of booze?"

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## KLAN SHOULD HELP METHODIST FIGHT

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and said it would be most surprising if in these days sectarian, nationalistic or any other kind of prejudice could successfully be invoked to prevent a reputable body like the Methodists from erecting a purely utilitarian institution on a piece of ground which before they bought it, they wanted and which they acquired by customary and legal means, namely, purchase in the open market.

Here Are the Inside Facts

Mr. Hoagland said, in part: Methodist missionary activity in Italy has been going on for a long time and we now have no less than 70,000 adherents of our faith in the country.

It has not been our aim to "carry on propaganda among Roman Catholics" and alienate them from their church or interfere with the Vatican in any way. Our mission, briefly, is to bring religious hope and belief to those who have none and to furnish education which is of practical value. There is an immense field for these activities.

In regard to religion, while it is generally presumed that virtually all Latins are Roman Catholics, it is a fact that a very considerable percentage of them—in fact millions—have no religious belief whatever and attend no church. They are either cynical and agnostic or in many cases frankly atheistic. If, say, the Methodists, the Roman Catholic church is unable to appeal to and hold these people they should be allowed access to something else. As to education, generally speaking, the only schools in Italy are the public schools and the Roman Catholic parochial schools. Without going into the details of comparison, the Methodists say that their idea of introducing education along modern lines and in accord with the best American standards contemplates giving the people of Rome who wish to avail themselves of it something entirely new, of which there is no counterpart in all the Italian curricula of education.

Methodist schools have been in existence in Rome for a long time. Before the war there was a girls' school and a boys' school, both attended by a considerable number of Roman Catholics whose parents waived sectarian considerations and sent their children to the place where they felt the best education was to be had.

Base Ingratitude

One of the bitterest opponents of the Methodists today is a writer named Diego Angeli. He has had two daughters receiving instruction in the Methodist school for girls. According to Dr. Tipton, the Methodists have on file letters from him speaking in the highest terms of the quality of the instruction in the school, and expressing most sincere gratitude for kindnesses to his children, which included giving one of them a trip to America. It was only after the war and the purchase of Monte Mario that the trouble began. Before the war there were a number of foreign schools, including some German ones, which were very good. These, of course, were closed after the entry of Italy into the war, and have remained closed ever since. This left the Methodist schools in a conspicuous position. The purchase of Monte Mario seemed to arouse particular opposition as an attempt to overshadow the Vatican, which it was not at all.

An Inspiring Site, Indeed!

According to Mr. Hoagland the Methodist school was growing at a rate which made expansion inevitable. Also it was desired to have a location outside of, but near the city. Monte Mario was decided upon because, in the first place, it was one of the few sites available which answered the requirements, and secondly, because the view from there, taking in all the points of beauty and historic interest in and about the city so closely associated with early Christianity and culture, would be "an inspiration."

The present school on Monte Mario, attended by 160 boys of ages from 8 to 17 years, is housed in a medium-sized white building, which has occupied this position for a long time without question. It was first constructed as a gambling house, but did not pay because in those pre-motor days it was found to be too inaccessible from the city. Later it was used as an insane asylum and such it was when the Methodists purchased it.

The deal was negotiated in the regular way. The Methodists had their representative approach the owners, who were anxious to sell. The consent of Vatican representatives, however, was also necessary, as they had a mortgage of 400,000 lire on the property. This consent, nevertheless, perhaps through lack of information, perhaps through indifference—was given at the time and place appointed for the consummation of the transaction. Soon thereafter various attacks were made on the project.

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wanted to repudiate the sale. Adverse action by the City Council at one time seemed imminent, due, it was said, to the expressed wishes of the Queen Mother. Despite these and other difficulties, however, the transaction was duly confirmed.

"Oh, These Americans!"

Recently opposition has been concentrated on two points: firstly, the "danger" that "these Americans" would put up a skyscraper and deface the skyline of Rome, and secondly, that Roman citizens want this bill for a Dante memorial.

In regard to skyscrapers, the plans which are already drawn provide for nothing of the kind. These plans have already received the approval of the Italian authorities.

In regard to the Dante memorial, there is such a project, although it is said to have received greatly increased attention since Monte Mario came into such prominence. However, it was far enough along so that a site was selected, and this site is not on the Methodist property and therefore with its approaches is still available for a Dante memorial if desired for such purpose. The amount of land controlled by the Methodists is about 40 acres, which is only a small section of the area on a hill, the proportions of which appear to be those of a small mountain.

Asked if he thought the campaign against the Methodists would succeed in dislodging them, Mr. Hoagland said he did not think so.

Open To All Alike

This school, which the Methodists hope to expand into a college, is said by its champions not to be a sectarian institution. It is open to all denominations, and has numbered among its students Roman Catholics and Mohammedans. Students are expected to go to chapel, but need not go to the Methodist church, provided they attend one of their own. The instruction is educational and not denominational. The aim is to make these students good citizens in their own country. They are given patriotic instruction about their own country in their own language. Thus it is most of the professors are Italians, although on account of the number of Montenegrin boys in the school—about 20—there is a Montenegrin professor, the Minister of Education in the old Montenegrin Government.

## UNDER ROMAN HEEL IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Resentment is running high here over the election of Daniel J. Callahan, supreme treasurer of the Knights of Columbus as president of the District of Columbia board of education, although no particular action is being planned in any direction.

In fact, if action were planned, there is no direction in which it could be applied, for the people of the district have no say regarding the people placed to govern them. Furthermore, it will be more than five months until Congress assemblies which is the only course of relief they have.

For several months Callahan has been a member of the board. During the most of this time he has been chairman of the committee of the board to supervise the textbooks used in the public schools of the city.

In his present capacity as president of the board, Callahan will have the biggest say regarding textbooks and

is in a position virtually to dictate what the children of the district shall study, and it is feared here that it will result in the virtual conversion of the district schools into parochial schools.

At present there is a large number of Catholic teachers in the city schools, to the exclusion of Protestant teachers who have been applicants for the positions. This is due largely to the influence of Callahan as a member of the board. It is feared now that the next term will show more Catholics on the faculty than Protestants.

A bill is being prepared by a well-known Congressman for introduction in Congress in December to make it illegal for any man or woman to be appointed to the school board who does not send his or her own children to the public schools. Callahan's children naturally are sent to a parochial school.

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