

HIGHEST OF ROMAN CATHOLICS GIVE LIE TO CLAIMS OF ROME

The Catholic press is just now laying great stress upon the Americanism of Roman Catholics in America. Quoting church authorities the veriest child with reasoning powers can see how incompatible are the teachings of Rome with American institutions and ideals.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." This is the law as laid down by the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

of religious profession, which regulated matrimonial jurisdiction, declared that these were "abominable laws," and "have been and shall be totally void and without all force whatever."

Were the teachers in these universities sincere in their reply and believed that the "Pope nor any other person of the church of Rome" had any civil authority in any kingdom, or was it simply another case of begging the question for political reasons?

In its issue of June 23 the Catholic News of New York prints an article by Frank Ward O'Malley, in which appears this statement: "Lord Baltimore and his band of Roman Catholics founded the first of the 13 colonies, in which absolute religious tolerance was not only preached, but practiced."

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That the Roman Catholics were accorded religious freedom in the colony of Maryland is freely admitted, and that may be, and in fact, seems to be, the Roman clergy's idea of "absolute religious tolerance."

Can you imagine Christ the Master living in a beautiful mansion, wallowing lazily in wealth, maintaining an expensive automobile and chauffeur, with a retinue of servants to hasten at his call; wearing fine garments, drinking high whiskeys and living on the fat of the land?

Three thousand Klansmen from Sedalia Klan, Realm of Missouri, and adjoining towns held a mammoth naturalization ceremony at Dresden, Mo., last week.

Individuals not even remotely connected with the Roman Catholic faith. Now isn't that distressing—if true? But even the hardy followers of the Pope can scarcely expect us, simple as we appear, to believe such bunk, especially when we have proof to the contrary.

Komrade Klag's Kolumn

TO THE EDITOR, Western American: Kind Sir—The other day your new business manager, Lew Kletzing, late deputy sheriff of Clatsop county, approached me with the proposition and I submit a column of news per week to The Western American.

Being an Episcopalian myself, as my father and mother are, and being, in addition, an Orangeman, it occurs to the writer that it would be well to speak a word of criticism to a few otherwise well-meaning Brother Orangemen who have, from time to time, made some rather crude remarks, all in the belief that they were referring solely to customs that obtain only in the Roman Catholic church.

LAST week I returned to my home after an absence of some time, and found that several changes have taken place in the neighborhood since last I trod the ancestral acres.

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Three or four times Mr. Christie's fannypapers spoke of the fact that Doran was once an Episcopalian. That, gentle reader, is only too true. Many a time and oft did that same Doran (now Doran) come to my father's house and get what would slantly be called a "bawling out" because of his budding Papal tendencies.

Proceed to do your stuff," said Lew. And that's that, as the feller says, and here I am. As they say in Pendleton, "Let 'er buck!" Klanshishly, Komrade Klag.

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To the city of Portland there was sent recently one, Father Alva W. Doran (now pronounced Dor-an). Our literary sensibilities are still in somewhat of a daze as to why the father was sent here, and what he accomplished during his stay.

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