

THE DECREE IS FINAL

A DEFEATIST STATEMENT FROM MONSIGNORE SATOLLI

Nothing Now Remains for the Various Bishops and Priests but to See That It Is Enforced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Owing to misapprehensions on the part of the publication of a statement that the decree concerning secret societies was not final, and was to be submitted to the bishops to secure from them their opinions thereon, Monsignore Satolli authorizes the following brief statement of facts:

"The archbishops of the United States have taken counsel with respect to three societies, namely, the Fellowship of Sons of Temperance and the Knights of Pythias. The archbishops decided that the whole question should be submitted to the apostolic see. In a communication from his eminence, Cardinal Secretary of State, Monsignore Satolli, the action of the general congregation of cardinals to whom his holiness committed the question, is made known. The congregation, after considering carefully the matter, made the decree; this decree his holiness fully confirmed and gave it complete effect. The decree is, therefore, transmitted to all archbishops, bishops and other ordinaries in the United States to be by them carried into effect. Monsignore Satolli has acted merely as a medium of transmission, but in view of the contradictory and confusing reports emanating from various parts of the country the facts are thus briefly stated."

Knights to Bishop.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 31.—J. P. Hatcher, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias for Minnesota, has written this letter to Bishop Messier, of Green Bay, Wis.:

"Your interview, dated Green Bay, Wis., December 20, and reported in the Chicago Tribune, in regard to the decree of the Roman church putting the ban on the Old Fellowship and Knights of Pythias, is entitled to special consideration for the fact that you offer an argument in justification of the ban. Your argument is stated as follows:

"There never has been any objection to Catholics belonging to the lower degrees of any of these secret societies. In these degrees men are only banded together for mutual benefit and pleasure; but in the higher degrees, the principles and teachings of these societies are distinctly anti-Christian and contrary to the principles of the Catholic church. If the lower lodges were separated from the higher circles of these orders, no objection would be made to them, but as all are a part of the same organization, they must all come under the ban."

"Your words, right reverend sir, are clear and explicit, and if your argument can be sustained they explain fully the ban placed on these societies by the pope. But I deny the charge you make against the order of the Knights of Pythias, and I publicly challenge you to prove your assertion. You owe this to the American public, to your own church, and in a special manner to the societies on whom your accusation falls. My demand, made with the greatest respect, are:

"1.—That you prove that a radical difference exists as to the principles and purposes between the lower and higher degrees of the Knights of Pythias, a difference such as to make the higher degrees worthy of condemnation, while the lower degrees are innocent.

"2.—That you prove in those higher degrees that the principles and teachings of these societies are distinctly anti-Christian and contrary to the principles of the Catholic church."

IS IT SIGNIFICANT?

New Developments Impending in the Korean War.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—A dispatch from Shanghai, received here, states that the whole British squadron in Chinese waters has been suddenly ordered to proceed to Chefoo from Chusan. New developments are impending.

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LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Central News agency correspondent in Rome says: "It is understood that after Cardinal Vaughan's arrival, the pope will preside at an initiatory ceremony in the Vatican, the means of extending Roman Catholicism in Protestant countries. Several American and colonial bishops will attend the conference."

At two great expositions—Chicago and San Francisco—Dr. Price's baking powder secured highest honors.

THE BILLIARD CHAMPION

Ives Will Play the Wizard at Any Style of Game.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 31.—Frank C. Ives was asked today what he had to say in answer to Schaefer's reply to his challenge. He made the following statement:

"Schaefer wanted me to go on an exhibition trip with him, and though I was not anxious to do it, I agreed to go. However, if he thinks I'm going on a long, fatiguing tour, I don't intend to play a match game for the world's championship at the end of it. He is mistaken. If he wants to play a cushion-carom game, or any other kind of a game, I will accommodate him. I don't care to play a match game for the world's championship. I have no reason why I should. I do not see why I should be expected to do any more than any other game any more than I should. I am willing to meet Schaefer in any game he may propose, provided it is for not less than \$500 a side. I will bet \$50 that Schaefer won't put up \$500."

THE RACEWINNERS.

Clever Riding by Jockey Perkins on the Bay District Track.

"Scout" Perkins gave an exhibition of good jockeyship at San Francisco yesterday. He was riding Circe in the Quinlan stakes, and was leading Mainstay by a length. Fifty yards from the wire Circe stumbled in the mud, and went to her knees. Perkins pulled her up and going ahead won by half a length from Mainstay. Coady, who rode Charles Quick in the second race, ran into the fence and had his leg broken. The favorites won all except the first race. These were the winners on the five tracks:

At San Francisco—Five furlongs, selling, for maidens, Barcelona, in 1:11; six furlongs, selling, Robin Hood No. 1, in 1:09; Quinlan stakes, five and a half furlongs, for 2-year-olds, Circe, in 1:10; six furlongs, Imp, in 1:04; about six furlongs, selling, Captain Carter, in 1:12.

At East St. Louis—Five furlongs, selling, Little Phil, in 1:06; six furlongs, Prince Peyton, in 1:09; nine-sixteenths of a mile, Robin, in 1:24; three-quarters of a mile, Little Phil, in 1:06.

At New Orleans—Six furlongs, selling, Renaud, in 1:12; six and a half furlongs, Adeline, in 1:20; six and a half furlongs, Boston, in 1:20; six furlongs, Advocate, in 1:10.

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"Now that is Byrnes. He is the man we have had steadily in our eye for three years, and he has had us as securely in his eye. As the community knows, our work has meant nothing but the overthrow of misrule in this city. Byrnes has known this well, the public and we have fought us. Now, why has not the senate committee, through counsel, made themselves familiar with these matters? We have urged that Byrnes should be asked, before the investigation, whether he had known of the rottenness of the police force. He was, or he