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TRIALS' DATE NOT YET SET

The Criminal Libel Case May Begin by November 1st. Catholics Ridicule Their Victim and Claim the First Victory.

Word comes from Attorney Winslow that the time for the trial of the editor of this paper on a charge of criminal libel, was not set last Saturday, as expected, owing to some technicality, but that the prospects are good to have the time set tomorrow. He says that the indications are that the criminal libel case will begin November 1st, but a victim, when he becomes entangled in the awful meshes of the law, never can tell just when his turn will come to be slaughtered. In one of the German Catholic papers the preliminary trial before the justice court and our being bound over to the grand jury was grossly exaggerated and held as a great victory for the reverend sisters. Here is their little canary song:

"The first proceedings in the suit has taken place in Salem before Judge Webster. Lawyer Winslow, acting on behalf of the accused editor of the Silvertown Journal, Hosmer, made tremendous exertions to stop proceedings because of the evidence brought forward not being sufficient to constitute a cause of action. He claimed that a journalist could not be made responsible for the utterances of other persons, etc. Judge Webster, however, could not be convinced by such singular logic, and placed Hosmer under \$400 bail, with the order to vindicate himself before the grand jury on the charge of libel. The reverend sisters thus luckily have won in the lower court.

"Hosmer is in a state that draws the loudest cries for help from his depressed heart.

"In No. 42 of the Journal this Socialist laments: Help, people! Help, Governor West! Help, preachers! Help, O, ye silent newspapers! Help! Help! Help!

"The tototaller may twist and turn as much as he will, he will have to pay the penalty and convince himself that one does not libel, with impunity, innocent women of an order.

"Hosmer also begs for a defense fund, but up to this hour has received only \$13.00, from people who dare not give their names, so that one doesn't know whether he really has received the money or just publishes the gifts to make an impression and deceive the people.

"The sympathy of our readers is with the reverend sisters." (Then follows three letters expressive of Catholic sentiment, and assurance of financial support.)

"We ask the readers to help the benedictine nuns of this place, who have been so ignominiously defamed by the Menace clique. The case is important for us Catholics, as we have grown tired of letting our church and religion be disgraced and calumniated by our arch enemies.

"The defamation must be punished.

"Mt. Angel does its duty. The residents of this place meet the wishes of the sisters by voluntary gifts, for they cannot understand that the good sisters who, for so many years, have been unselfish-

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AID AND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY

The Guardians of Liberty, Pastor Leon L. Myers, the Members of the Commercial Club and Protestantism Hard Hit by President Richardson, Who Exceeds His Authority and Writes a Misleading Letter to Benedictine Fathers at Mount Angel. Guess at Mr. Richardson's Object!

REV. Leon Myers, the pastor of the Silvertown Christian church, innocently asked officials of the Silvertown Commercial Club for the use of the rooms to organize "The Silvertown Guardians of Liberty." The request was granted and the meeting was advertised. But when it was found that "The Guardians of Liberty" is an anti-Catholic organization, the pastor was informed that he couldn't have the rooms for that purpose. This was all right. The Commercial Club did not want to get mixed up in a sectarian fight, nor advertise itself as engaging in anything except commercial business. But, not satisfied with this, their president, P. S. E. Richardson, writes to the Benedictine Fathers of Mt. Angel, absolutely misstating conditions, and, being a professed protestant, puts himself in the position of a traitor by giving aid and comfort to the

enemy of Protestantism, and what every true Protestant and Freethinker holds to be an enemy to our country.

President Richardson seems to have exceeded his authority, for we have spoken to a number of the most active members of the Club, and they all claim that no action was taken in regard to writing such a letter to the "dear people of Mt. Angel" that they ever heard of, and yet Mr. Richardson signed the name "Silvertown Commercial Club."

Here is the letter as it appeared in the St. Joseph's Blatt: Silvertown, Ore., Aug. 26, 1913. The Benedictine Fathers, Mt. Angel, Oregon.

I deem it expedient at this time to advise you and the good people of Mt. Angel, that the Silvertown Commercial Club, nor any of its members are—or will become interested in any movement started as an outcome of certain supposed statements of a former Nun of Mt. Angel Monastery (the lady in question was not a Nun. Ed.) and it is with extreme regret that I find

it necessary at this time to make these statements, owing to the attempted use of the Silvertown Commercial Club rooms for some such purposes recently.

Yours very respectfully,
SILVERTOWN COMMERCIAL CLUB.

P. S. E. Richardson, Pres.

How could a Protestant, unless he is commercially mad, write such a letter? Notice that he says "nor ANY OF ITS MEMBERS are OR WILL become interested in ANY movement, etc." Now, some of the members are very indignant, and are much interested and will continue to work in the movement against the Catholic Hierarchy, as an outcome of the real statements of the nun who did escape from the convent. "Certain supposed statements," indeed, Mr. Richardson! Did you say this to get in good with the Catholic church and forget that your numerous Protestant friends, including the respected pastor of one of Silvertown's churches, had taken a solemn oath that this escaped nun did make these statements? Who is the liar, Mr. Richardson?

THE BLATT CALLS US "THE JOURNAL-MENACE CLIQUE."

Under the above heading the St. Joseph Blatt claims to have received many letters expressing abhorrence at the vulgarity of the Silvertown Journal and the Menace and hoping that the slanderers (meaning us) would be brought to an accounting.

The Blatt expresses pleasure that so much interest is taken by the reading public to preserve the honor of the Catholic church and restates the fact that steps have been taken to punish the impudent accusers, and that they were obliged to do so because the case is spread all over the United States. The Blatt then tells the story in part which Miss Lasenan told Mr. Myers. However we notice that these holy prevaricators leave out some of the most interesting part of the story, and when they have given their readers what the priests think is a big enough dose they say, "But this is enough of this filthy story which is completely invented from A to Z."

They call Miss Lasenan a swindler, say she was not kidnaped in Portland but came of her own free will or was perhaps commissioned by the "Journal-Men-

ace clique" and begged for admission and a robe. They state that she was not a sister, and declare that her statement as to the drunken orgy was a humbug, that no alcoholic drinks were served (only mineral water) and that no one was in pursuit of the fugitive. They say that only simpletons and fools would believe the story as to the happenings in the convent.

Rev. Leon Myers is called the preacher with the burnt up brain, Miss Lasenan is called the crazy woman and they insinuate that if there is any justice to be had the slanderers (meaning us) will get a chance to reflect over our filthy trade in the penitentiary.

Now, calling names, unless it can be shown that these names are really appropriate, does no good and has a reactionary effect on those who use them. But as these "holy rollers" have seen fit to start the game, we'll try our hand at it, being careful to show the falsity of their application of bad names to us and how well the names we use fit them. Then let us apply to them every name they gave us and see which party deserves

the appellations.

They call us a clique. We never saw the Menace people. Rev. Myers and Hosmer differ on the religious question and there is really no clique with us at all. The Catholic priesthood is really a clique, and a most dangerous clique at that. The Silvertown Journal man was never before accused of being vulgar, and surely nothing in the Menace that we have seen is to be compared with the vulgarity of the priests whom we could mention if we choose to do so. They speak of the filthy story of Miss Lasenan, but the story is not half as filthy as it would be if all the facts were told, and it is only filthy because of the filthiness of those filthy priests who have made such a true story of filthiness possible. The writer has seen Miss Lasenan and talked with her, and knows that she is no swindler, and, knowing of the false doctrines and swindling practices of many priests, we judge that the term best applies to the whole priestly outfit.

Simpletons and fools are they who believe all the holy humbug stories of these false, blind lead-

Answer to "Enlightened Slave."

Portland, Ore., October 12, 1913. Editor of Journal, Silvertown, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

The capitalist and bourgeois cries out against sabotage. He decries it as cowardly, sneaky, dirty, (we measure others by our own standards, you know) in fact as everything bad. Yes, it is bad. It hits his pocketbook, his God, the ONLY place where he is vulnerable. That's why he cries. Yet to the working class it is good.

The "Enlightened Slave," in your last number, is one of those who have shed the unclean slough of bourgeois morals. His own

skin is enough for him. He has learned to stand on his own feet, therefore I call him Man, the highest term than can be given to any one.

Yet, he is wrong, not in intention I believe, but in use of language in drawing a comparison between the methods of the working class and their oppressors.

Apologists, or would-be apologists, I can but pity. The law for our actions is within ourselves. We workers do not care a whit for all your Christs, your laws and your authorities. We want no Saviors, no Gods, no masters.

We only stand on ourselves. We, the nucleus of a new and

better society that has also a place for the masters, our present enemies, if they so choose, for be it said, there is no hate, no spirit of revenge of getting even in our hearts, but love and self-respect and smiling determination that will achieve what it has set for its task.

But to pollute the idea of sabotage, a weapon of the conscious working class for all humanity's emancipation, for putting life upon its proper basis, by speaking of it in the same breath with the low and contemptible, dirty and tricky methods which capitalism employs to get the filthy lucre, (money is not tainted brrr) to me is almost desecration.

Speak up! Do you realize what your foolish letter did? It gave the mouth-piece of the Catholics, the St. Joseph's Blatt, the chance to fool its poor dupes and make them believe that we, who are fighting the battle for your child's liberty, have no friends in our own home town. Listen to what the Blatt(er) says:

"The fanatical preacher, Myers, and the Socialist, Hosmer, in Silvertown, the two who published the grewsome tale of the impostress Lasenan, (very likely an assumed name) have been disowned and ostracized by their own neighbors of Silvertown, as the following letter will prove."

Then the letter, written by Richardson, is published in English. Now, it is not true. Myers and Hosmer are not disowned by their neighbors, and we think it safe to say that personally a majority of the members of the Commercial Club are as much opposed to the Roman Catholic church as we are, and some of them are doing all they can to help in this case in which the accused have told the truth, and in which the good (?) priests, their Blatt(er) and their Protestant (?) friend (?) have prevaricated like dirty skunks.

ers of the blind, but after careful investigation we are forced to believe that every word of Miss Lasenan's story is true.

The priests drink and smoke, and some we have heard of do other stunts that burn up the brain, therefore, as Mr. Myers uses no stimulants or narcotics, and is strictly a moral man, "the preacher with the burnt up brain" would apply to the Blatt dictator far better than to Pastor Myers.

We know that Miss Lasenan is not crazy, but we know of nuns going crazy because of their helplessness in trying to escape from the slavery of the nunnery, and if the truth was revealed in this regard it would astonish our readers that these holy (?) men would dare use the word "crazy."

Criminal libel, of which we are accused, is not punishable in the penitentiary, only in the county jail. Hosmer is the only one indicted, and if, by false testimony, he is put behind the bars, he will only be one out of thousands of innocent human beings who will be longing for their freedom—held as victims of the vilest clique that an inquisitorial and iniquitous history has ever recorded.

Your bourgeois and capitalists can not understand, but you working men, "Ye Slaves," you should and can note this distinction Capitalism's motive is christallized in the word PIG-ETHICS, while ours is for a larger, a nobler, a finer life, not only for ourselves and our brood, but our present enemy and his as well.

Which is more ethical?
Three cheers for Sabotage!
Yours for industrial freedom,
FRED FREYER.

The best way for Silvertownians who love Catholicism is to move to Mt. Angel and buy a jug of holy water, give all they earn to the priest and cuss the Silvertown Journal.

CHURCH FANS WAR'S FLAME

The Great Peril in Mexico Comes From Catholic Slavery, Ignorance, and Fanaticism of Deluded Subjects.

The greatest problem before the nations today is what to do with Mexico. The Oregonian says: "The diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, France, Spain, Cuba, Guatemala and Norway, at a conference at Mexico City, Wednesday night, decided to recommend that their respective governments send warships to Mexico for the purpose of affording legation guards should trouble arise. It was said tonight the diplomatic representatives had recommended a temperate attitude in the matter of Mexico's reply to Washington. Three methods of dealing with the situation are being suggested as open to the Washington government:

First. A military and naval demonstration would serve as a precautionary move in case a forcible policy later is required.

Second. A series of strong demands made upon the authorities at Mexico City to force the immediate elimination of Huerta officials."

This demonstrates the fact that a country governed by the pope and his militia, blighted by his nunneries and robbed by his priests, is not fit for self-government.

The solution of the Mexican trouble is to drive out the beast of Catholicism, and the solution of the great educational, political, economic and religious problems facing these United States of America today depends altogether on whether we, the people, with the aid of our chosen officers, are to control this land of the free, or whether it is to become governed by a tyrant Roman king, the pope, and his licentious, dominating, caniving knights, the priests. The happiest countries today are those where this parasite has been driven out, and the most miserable are those where the old harlot is allowed to spread her robes. Will America take the warning?

G. of L. Are With Us.

Washington Court

"Guardians of Liberty."

MR. J. E. HOSMER,

Silvertown Journal,

Silvertown, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find M. O. for \$7.00. This amount comes from the members of the above named Court of the "Guardians," as a donation to your fund for defraying legal expenses in the case of "Rome vs. Hosmer." All our boys are interested in the issue of your case, and wish you success. If there is anything that we can do to assist you further let us know.

I would suggest that you get in touch with every Court of G. of L. asking them as a body, to contribute to this worthy cause. Wishing you success.

Yours very truly,
MASTER RECORDER.

The money that has been scared out of the Catholic people and used in riotous living would build, equip and sustain all the schools in the world—and then some.