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AWAKE YE FREEMEN!

In the war for truth and right,
Hold your ground;
Forward toward the foes which you
have found.
They're entrenched with lies and gold,
Lies deceptive, wealth untold;
But to shrink with weakling fright,
Or to wait
For your brothers, left alone to cruel
fate,
Or to cheer the heroes bold,
While they're into slavery sold,
Is a traitor's coward part.
And a shame—
Awake ye FREEMEN, and deserve
the name.

A CUNNING FOE

If the patriotic readers of the Silvertown Journal knew just what is going on they would be astonished and certainly do something radical. But the work of the Roman power is so astonishingly underhanded and so cunning, and of such a nature as to be so unsuspected by honest workers that our forces are done up completely, time after time, before we even suspect that there is anything wrong. The Jesuit has taught his lesson well to his willing students scattered all over the world and they have all but ruined our great country.
In the case of The Silvertown Journal, we are sick at heart. Not knowing how to give up, as long as there is a ghost of a show to proceed, we will do so; but the more we know of the enemies' methods and the more we realize how they can enlist the services of the vilest members of society in the work of villifying any one who dares oppose them and to work for them in defeating our plans of making public their un-Godly doings, the more monstrous and frightful does this old "beast" appear and we almost succumb, because we know also that the great majority of our friends will never realize the reasons for our not doing more, for our not putting out a better paper and finally, for our financial, moral and physical breakdown, which will surely come, and that quite soon, unless more of the patriots who read these lines make it their business to "spike the enemies' guns".

HELL ON EARTH AND ILL WILL TO ALL MEN.

After 2000 years and more of the best efforts that the best people of the earth could put forth to teach love as the foundation for all human action, we still have about as hellish a condition as they did when Rome ruled the whole known world with an iron hand. And why this failure, or at least, this partial failure? There must be something radically wrong in the average human brain, some idea must have evolved that is still to our disadvantage, something that produces hate, greed, selfishness and war. And what is this unless it is the idea that one man or one set of men has the "divine right" to govern? And where is this idea more thoroughly demonstrated than in the Roman "inner circle"? This old abominable idea is taught by Roman parochial schools to millions of little children all over the world. Little wonder that there is still hate, greed, selfishness and war. Little wonder that "Love" is still crucified. Little wonder that Mexico is ruined, that Europe is ruined, that the whole civilized world, in many respects, is in a worse condition than are the savages or even the wild beasts of the jungle.
And what can be the remedy? Publicity! Public Schools! The Truth! The substitution of "vox populi" for the tyrannical rule of popes, priest and political shysters! Truth has been crushed to earth but it will rise again, and every one who reads these lines should at once become an agent to help introduce the long delayed, truly divine regime of "peace on earth and good will to men."

IT IS COMING!

It is an unchanging law that the people must desire to be saved before it is possible for them to be saved. There is no other way. And again, there is a sure sign by which their desire may be judged and this sign is their attitude toward one another. If the desire is strong enough it will manifest itself in union. And no tyrant ever has or ever will have power to enslave a united people. The outlook for the salvation of the human family is most excellent, the awful European war to the contrary notwithstanding, for on every hand we see the people uniting to resist the old time tyrants which have governed the world.
The workers are uniting, not only "at the machine" but at the ballot box, and their very souls are uniting in the fight against the robber methods which so long have kept them in slavery. The farmers are uniting and uniting with the other workers for they begin to see that the good cause of one is the good cause of all. The workmen are uniting in a practical way and they are uniting with the good and true men to help save not only the women from the silly slavery that has bound them, but through their salvation, save the whole human race.
The priesthood have always been united to rob the people and they have been united with the kings and monarchs and political bosses and other parasites in educating the children to become a toe-kissing, hero-worshipping class of profit-makers.
But the desire for a practical salvation has grown, is growing, and soon, very soon, will we have "a world where thrones have crumbled and where kings are dust, where the aristocracy of idleness has perished from the earth, a world without a slave, man at last free."

THANK YOU, FATHER NOLL!

Our readers are familiar with the efforts that are being made by Roman Catholics to muzzle the press in this country. In connection, the following from The Menace will be of interest:
"In an address delivered at the national convention of the American Federation of Catholic Societies at Baltimore," says the Fortnightly Review, "the Rev. J. Noll, editor of Our Sunday Visitor, gave the following list of anti-Catholic papers and magazines now regularly published in this country:
"Papers—The Menace, The Accuser, The Lash, The Patriot, The Peril, The Yellow Jacket, The Beacon Light, The Guardian of Liberty, The Woman's Witness, The Silvertown Journal, The Citizen, The Jeffersonian, The Liberator, The Sentinel, The Mankato Journal, The American Citizen, The Danger Signal, Magazines—The Melting Pot, The Truth Seeker, Watson's Magazine, The Rip-Saw, The Burning Bush, The Converted Catholic.
"Bitterly anti-Catholic in tendency, though not professedly published for the purpose of combating Catholicity, are the following: The Christian Herald, The Lutheran Witness, The Christian Standard, The Review and Herald, The Christian Worker's Magazine, The Lutheran Church Worker, The Christian Witness and Advocate.
"This is by no means complete, especially in its third part, to which should be added practically all the Lutheran and many other church organs, as well as most of the Socialist papers and magazines. Likewise a dozen or more Masonic journals, and an occasional daily, especially in the South. It would be a useful task for the Central Bureau of Catholic Central Society, or a committee of the Catholic Federation, to draw up a complete list of all the anti-Catholic periodicals published in this country, properly classified and with such information about the leading ones among them as would be apt to prove helpful in the defensive battle that these journalistic reptiles are forcing upon us."
If there is any one thing we relish better than another, it is to get from the lips of a partisan of the Noll-Sunday Visitor type the admission that we are on the side opposite to the one he occupies on any question.
Still we have labored somewhat against the Rev. Father Noll. We gladly accord The Menace first place as an opposer of Romish error, and since that is not our specialty, we grant that the Christian Standard can afford to be left out of his first classification. But when he puts us third among the papers "not professedly published for the purpose of combating Catholicity," we must enter protest. Like the lawyer who, when fined \$5 for contempt of court, insisted on increasing it to \$10 so as to more fully express the contempt he felt, we are hurt—deeply hurt—at not being named first in that list.—The Christian Standard.
Those who labor for righteousness to day will live in the good they have done in the long ages of the future, though they are misunderstood by those who are now in tyrant power.

ANTI BREEZE FROM GEORGIA.

The American Government is of No Force When in Conflict With Roman Pope's Government. Watson Shows Them to be Traitors.

A Georgia paper, "The Daily Telegraph," upholds the Roman Catholic doctrine of the "Ne Temere" and says that:
"If a Protestant and Roman Catholic become husband and wife, legally, and then the priest separates them with the declaration that they are not married, but are living in concubinage, 'it is nobody's business.' This separation was brought about in two cases in Macon.
To this block-head Macon editor, Tom Watson makes the following convincing reply in the "Jeffersonian" of April 15th:
"Two citizens of Georgia, one a Catholic and the other a Protestant, fall in love with each other and marry, in strict accordance to Georgia law.
"They live in happiness, and perhaps are blessed with children; and they never dream of dissatisfaction, until the Italian pope revives an ancient papal law, 350 years old—adopted as a dogma of the Roman church by the council of Trent, in the sixteenth century.
"That law was made in Europe, before Protestantism had battled for, and won, the right to live.
"That law was never heard of in this country, until about seven years ago: it arrogates to itself the authority to annul the marriage laws of every state in the union.
"The Macon priest, obeying the orders of the foreign potentate, of whom he is the sworn subject, goes to the happy home of that Catholic husband, and tells him, in effect, that the laws of Georgia can not validly marry him; that he is living in sin with the woman who, by the laws of Georgia, is his wedded wife; and that he must admit the concubinage, by his obedience to the laws of Rome and his acceptance of a remarriage by Rome.
"If the Protestant wife defies the law of Rome, appeals to the law of Georgia, and protests that she is a lawfully wedded wife, then the priest compels her Catholic husband to desert her.
"And The Telegraph says this is no concern of the state!
"What, then, could concern the state?
"The state is the sovereign, and heir to all the ancient powers of the crown.
"When did the crown ever treat with unconcern the introduction of a foreign law into the realm?
"Let The Telegraph read Chapter VIII, of Book IV, of Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England; and it will realize how sound is my position.
"Had the Macon priest lived in the days succeeding the reign of Edward I, of England, he would have been tried for treason, under the praemunire statutes, and would have lost his head.
"Had Boifeuillet lived under those Catholic kings in England, and given his obedience to the law of the Italian pope, the Catholic courts of England would have sentenced him to lifelong imprisonment, and to confiscation of his property.
"England was intensely Catholic, when the praemunire statutes were adopted, and she remained so for centuries; but her Catholics were patriots first, and papists, afterwards; and they manfully refused to bend their necks to a foreign law.
"How can The Telegraph regard the relation of husband and wife as a private matter?
"What state ever treated this fundamental relation of society, as a private matter?
"The home is the basis of civilization, and, of course, marriage is the basis of the home.
"Are we to be told that Catholic priests can destroy lawful homes, by compelling Catholic husbands to desert their Protestant wives, and that it is none of the state's business?
"If it is none of the state's business, why make any laws on the relation of husband and wife?
"If it is none of the state's business, why do we make laws declaring what constitutes a lawful marriage?
"After the state does declare what shall be a lawful marriage for her own citizens, is it no concern of the state if her own citizens violate those laws?
"According to the logic of The Telegraph, our laws against bigamy are impertinent.
"They trespass upon the inclination of the individual.
"If the citizen deserts a wife he tires of, and takes another, that is his own private affair, and does not concern The Telegraph, The Jeffersonian, or the state.
"If a Turk comes here from Constantinople, clings to his religion, and persuades three Macon ladies to marry him, all at the same time, it is nobody's business, but that of the

Turk and the three Macon ladies!
"If a Mormon moves in upon us, and prevails upon five or ten Macon ladies to unite with him in the bonds of wedlock, it is nobody's business, save that of the Mormon and those five or ten Macon ladies.
"I am certainly astonished to find a staid and sober old family paper, like The Telegraph, going at this wild gait.
"Now, let us see what the "Ne temere" decree has done for Boifeuillet and Bernard Brown, and what it has done for their wives.
"Suppose that Boifeuillet and Brown should be sued by their discarded wives for alimony, and that the judge of the superior court should order them to pay a monthly sum to these cruelly wronged women, or go to jail for contempt, what would be their legal defense, under the laws of Georgia?
"Suppose Boifeuillet and Brown marry again, and are indicted for bigamy, what will be their legal defense under Georgia law?
"Suppose the priest knowingly remarries these two men, while their wives are living, what will be his legal defense, under Georgia law?
"The Telegraph will please answer.
"Think of the outrage perpetrated by the Italian pope and his foreign law, upon those two Georgia ladies, who, with the infinite trust of womanhood, placed their reliance on the vows to love them, protect them, in sickness and health, 'until death do us part.'
"Did either of these brides have the remotest idea that her lawful husband could be taken from her by a law made in a foreign land?
"No faith to be kept with heretics! So runs the maxim of Rome.
"Even the Catholic husband, who has led a 'heretic' maiden to the altar, and vowed eternal fidelity to her, and then taken her to his arms and his bed, in the sacred relation of wife, can throw her aside like a worn out garment, repudiate his pledges, prove false to his vows—and do it, sanctimoniously, in the name of religion.
"These are the men who are clamoring against our divorce laws!
"The foreign law of the Italian pope can be brought here, to destroy lawful homes, and blight the lives of legally married Protestant girls, and it is all right.
"But if a maddened wife goes into court, and pleads for release from a drunken brute, who is false to every duty of the martial relation, our laws must clutch her, and fling her back, hopeless and despairing, into a life that is an earthly hell!
"So say the Romanists.
"Let us make a comparison, between Catholics and Jews:
"By the 'religion' of the Catholics they are not married at all, unless married according to a foreign law, which conflicts with the laws of Georgia.
"By the religion of the Jews, they are not bound to observe our Sunday, but have a perfect right to keep their places of business open, as on week days.
"Is it any concern of the state if the Jews go by their religion, instead of by our law?
"Haven't the Jews as much right to use their religion, and their 'conscience,' as an excuse for violating our laws, as the Roman Catholics have?
"If no, why not?
"If The Telegraph can tell me, I will be greatly obliged.
"If a Roman Catholic can put his 'conscience' in a position of treasonous law-breaking, why not a Jew put his conscience above the observance of our Sabbath?
"The Telegraph says the Roman church 'is thriving pretty well.' Yes, she is.
"She began to recuperate at the identical time that the Protestant churches began to forget why they were established.
"So long as Protestantism does not protest against popery, the average citizen does not know what are the baleful effects of popery, when it once gains control.
"I beg to remind The Telegraph, however, that the Democratic party lost forty-eight seats in Congress last year, because of President Wilson's truckling to Roman Catholicism.
"I beg to remind it that the Democrats lost the Empire State of New York, because Governor Glynn is a Knight of Columbus, and because President Wilson had given all the patronage to the Roman Catholics.
"I beg to remind The Telegraph, that the Democrats lost the imperial Democratic city of Chicago, a few days ago, because the Democratic nominee for mayor is a Knight of Columbus and a rank Romanist.
"This would seem to indicate that Romanism is not thriving quite so well as it did before Protestants and non-Catholics began to arouse themselves to the need of patriotic action, against the Italian secret societies of the Vatican, which seek to politically control this country in the name of 'religion.'

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EVOLUTION. (A Stray Shot.)

I am sometimes made to wonder if materialists are right, in assuming man was monkey, and lost his tail one long dark night. First, a spark of protoplasm, a gathering germ, a human bud, wiggling, twisting in the ocean, a shapeless nothing in the mud. But they wiggled, turned and twisted, first it was a little worm, eating, drinking, what a mystery, evolving from a germ.
Science(?) says it's evolution in a long and bitter trail, for a million years in passing, before it reached wings, legs and tail.
When evolved to a monkey, he ran around on four feet, doing things like he was spunky, beginning first to learn to eat.
On his hind feet he walked and strutted, not because he was so fine, but because he simply wanted to change his brain, and make his mind. But how to get his tail extracted,

'twas the simplest thing of all; he took a rock and beat and battered, until he had no tail at all.
He looked around with admiration, and his wife began to cry—"you'll have a time with bugs and fleas until the day you come to die."
The monkey's tail began a crawling it is a wonder to relate; it climbed upon the garden railing, 'twas a great big rattlesnake.
"Come taste this apple," said his snakeship, "it will make you wondrous wise, bring the monkey-man 'long with you, it will open both your eyes."
The dude appeared a tailless monkey, a monkey plainly to be seen, he imitates the "missing linkum," a man, but very soft and green.
This is the man you see each day,
With a monkey's face and nose,
For there is nothing to some men,
But just the air Sunday clothes.
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