

BILLY SUNDAY PREACHES TO ORGANIZATION

MEMBERS OF ORDER SPECIAL GUESTS OF EVANGELIST
Nashville Tabernacle Scene of Notable Sermon on Protestant Body in America

(Special to The Fiery Cross)
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—The evangelist, Billy Sunday, who has been holding a revival in the city, preached a sermon to the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in his tabernacle. Klansmen were the honor guests of the evening.

Appropriate to the occasion, Mrs. Virginia Asher sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Prayed Klan
As he stepped on the platform to greet his audience, Mr. Sunday said, "I don't know anything about this organization except what I read in the newspapers, but from the lies printed about me, I believe that all this talk about you is not true. I never heard of the Ku Klux Klan having anything to do with anybody who was behaving himself. Some people ask me, 'Why is it that you form an organization that excludes Catholics and Jews?' I don't know, unless it is for the same reason that there are Catholic and Jewish organizations that don't admit Protestants."

The evangelist then brought back the picture of the supreme sacrifice, and of the three crosses at Calvary. And when they came to the place that Sunday called the "middle cross," he said, "The middle cross is the one on the right hand and one on the left—like the cross that you have seen."

Although forming his most dramatic picture, Sunday used it as a symbol in addition. On the left was the altar. Nailed to the cross, he turned his head and reviled the dying Jesus, saying:

"If I then say, 'Save Thyself and live,' He died and passed out into a world of darkness without light. Across on the right was the other cross. Sunday's strength came out of his right hand. He said, 'Lord, remember me when Thou comest into Thy Kingdom.' The answer came back, 'This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.'"

"The mob howled. And then in a few fleeting moments the crosses of Calvary had faded from the scene. The story of the cross was ended."

In his closing prayer, Mr. Sunday appealed for men who would step out and reaffirm their faith in the principles for which that middle cross had stood. The audience ended with more than fifty conversations.

Symbols of Life
As symbols, the mocking thief was said to represent the element of society that rejects Jesus Christ. That thief was not so much to blame, Mr. Sunday said, for Christianity then was in its formative stages, while here in Nashville there are hundreds of persons rejecting him in almost the same manner.

On the right hand, he said, the symbol of repentant society, the thief who asked to be remembered in heaven. And there was the middle cross with its dying figure, despised but dying for a world he loved.

The world took from the lips of the dying thief on the left those mocking words, "If I am Christ, let me be crucified with him." Sunday said, "The query has been echoing down the ages, and the faithful still ask with an 'If.'"

Mr. Sunday closed with "If" to "let," shouting, "Jesus is the Christ."

DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO PROSECUTE CASE
Trial of First Carnegie Defendant Awaits Return of Official

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 29.—"We will not go to trial until District Attorney Samuel H. Gardner is present to prosecute the case."

"We will not go to trial until District Attorney Samuel H. Gardner is present to prosecute the case," said the declaration of William H. Propper, national Klan investigator, following the postponement of the trial in criminal court here of Ira Dallas Day, Jr., Carnegie contributor indicted on charges of instigating riot and rioting.

It was the first of the eleven Carnegie persons indicted on charges of instigating riot and rioting in connection with the fatal attack upon parading Klansmen there August 25, 1923, during which Thomas Abbott was killed.

District Attorney Gardner, who Mr. Propper reports, promised him he would personally prosecute the defendant, has been delayed on a federal court case here for two days. It is uncertain just how much longer he will be detained. Mr. Propper decided immediately after the postponement to delay the trial until Mr. Gardner can fulfill his promise.

BIBLE STUDY URGED IN NAVY HEAD TALK
Secretary Wilbur Says the Holy Book Is a Solution of Life's Problem

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Thorough study of the Bible was urged on the students of the Potomac M. E. Church School by Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur.

"Lawyers spend years of research in unfoliating the meaning of the terse sentences of our constitution," he said. "Courts ponder over its meaning and proper application to life problems. There men study for a life time on the application of the principles of the Declaration of Independence to human life. What a fruitful field then there is for the body of that book which deals with man and his eternal destiny, with God and his omnipotence, with history from the dawn of creation to the last trump."

"The problem of life is life itself, and the Holy Book is a great factor in the solution of the problem."

The Dark That Failed

The Fiery Cross Has Obtained the Serial Rights to This Most Remarkable Book. Because of its Simplicity in Setting Forth Facts and the Absolute Absence of Conjecture or Personal Opinions of the Author, It is a Radical Departure From the Average Run of Works of a Similar Nature. The Complete Story May Be Obtained From the Kim Publishing Company, 208 Quincey Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The Price of the Book is \$1.—Editor's Note.

READERS of The Fiery Cross who have known but little of the Roman corporation have been astounded at the revelations made by the author of "The Dark That Failed." Fear and superstition have been yielded by that corporation with telling effect on the ignorant and simple-minded for centuries. In the following installment the anonymous author tells of an Irishman, who unwittingly cursed the pope as a "dago":

"The Catholic church," says he, "is in its root principle, at issue with the civic definition both of freedom and authority."

No politician can conceal the deadly character of that. Read it over again. A church opposed, fundamentally, to civil authority and national freedom. A church declaring that no government can institute a law, which seeks to grant liberties it denies, or denies liberties it grants.

A church asserting its independence of any law which a state may pass to prevent the mental and physical contamination of its people, by restraining innocents and those afflicted with the "king's evil" from mating. I mention this only because it was one of the specific things touched on by Mr. Belloc. The church, he says, can not recognize any legal restraint on the right of people to reproduce themselves, in the ordinary way, simply because they are rotten in mind, or body. He puts it less "offensively," perhaps, but that's the position he takes on behalf of the church.

Another thing? He seemed to fear that, in this wild country of ours, a law might some time be passed to gently put incurable sufferers to sleep indefinitely, and he served notice in advance, that the church would also refuse to obey that. On the grounds of murder, he says? If there is any other possible reason the church has for defying the laws of a country that harbors her, it should have been given. For the greater part of her history, she has been in murder up to her elbows. But the amazing thing is her fearless and open defiance of all civil law, actual or prospective, that conflicts in any way with her own antiquated code.

"The chief political problem," says Belloc, speaking of the "necessary" conflict between church and state, "has still to be solved in the new world. What the result will be, no foreigner could attempt to predict. But presently the problem certainly will be, and in one or more of the many fashions, stable or unstable, more or less tragic, it will have to be solved."

Think well before you answer! Did I overdraw the picture, or exaggerate the prospect? Why is the citizenship of this country not blazing with indignation at a foreign enemy in our midst, which has grown so powerful by sapping our substance, that it flaunts its defiance of our laws in one of our leading magazines? Shall I tell you? It is because the millions at the bottom are kept in the dark. Rome works from the top downward. In fact, those at the top are the only ones she considers. The struggling masses, she regards as slaves. She expects them to follow. There are few of our public men who do not court her, or "tremble with fear at her frown." Already she has throttled most of our daily newspapers. They vie with each other in giving prominence to whatever pleases her, or advertises her power. What can the people know, and, therefore, what can they do? Follow on in that direction.

Infallibility

It is a matter of record, of course, but as my recollection serves me, it was during the reign of Pius Ninth, on whose death I feared a blotting out of the sun, that the infallibility of the pope was established. It means that since then the pope has been absolutely proof against mistakes—when speaking ex cathedra. He is therefore removed from all consideration as a human being, for—"to err is human." In fact, it puts him in a class by himself, from which even God is excluded. The Great Maker and Ruler of the universe, constantly changing His mind about things of considerable magnitude and letting a cog slip even more frequently in regard to small matters. If He finds that a continent is not just what He intended, He rolls the sea in over it and wipes it out. At the end of a million or so years, He may change His mind again and push it back up through the ocean in a different form. He builds mountain ranges and then levels them. Every discord in nature is a misfit—such, for instance, as a colt with five legs, or a pig with two heads, or a pair of Siamese (twins), or a baby with a hare-lip, or webbed hands and feet. These are not what God intended at all. They are mistakes, or discords, in the divine plan—fantastic results in the timeless sequence of cause and effect.

Stationary as a Tomb
A uniform law of change runs through all created things—barring one. Everything in God's universe changes except the rear guard of the Roman Church. The progress of the Church at the front, in its accumulation of earthly power, is constant; but once an outpost is taken by the Vatican, or Papal bull, it becomes embalmied in the doctrines, or dogmas, or mysteries of the church and, thereafter, remains as changeless as a mummy.

If making the pope infallible was calculated to see how far the credulity of the masses could be led, the experiment must have been highly gratifying; as, for the most part, they merely added it to the other decrees of the church and implored the saints to aid them in believing it. Rome has never yet formulated a rule, or a doctrine, or a commandment that has outrun the faith of its lowly followers; and it seems it

never can, since the limit was reached in conferring infallibility on the pope.

How It Is Done

When it was found easier and pleasanter and more profitable for the church to exempt its so-called "fathers" from the responsibilities of fatherhood, marriage was considerably relinquished to the lay members. It was even made a "sacrament" in order to emphasize the favor that was thus granted exclusively to the rank and file. As a sacrament, it would also enable the priest to keep in closer touch with the domestic affairs of each particular couple in his jurisdiction and see that results were satisfactory to the church.

No inconsistency is ever apparently observed by the ordinary members of the church in the commands that are given them to multiply as rapidly as possible, while the titled members, of both sexes, avoid everything that even hints at parenthood. If a "Mother Superior" were discovered to be a real mother, or a father, she would show a priest to be entitled to the name "father," holy honor among the masses would lay hold on the scandal and smother it.

Sanctimonious Trifles

Oh, certainly, I am familiar with the explanations given why these family names are bestowed on the professional relatives of the church—those in the select circle of "single blessedness"; but the fact remains that, generally speaking, nuns are not "sisters," and heads of convents are not "mothers," and "fathers"—to say nothing of their "Graces" and "monks"—are not "brothers," and priests are not "Right Reverends" and "Coadjutors," and "Vicars Generals," and "Nuncios," and "Princes," and the whole galaxy of glittering titulars that have been elevated by Rome above the God-given impulse to have and care for a family. Let the tollers endure the hardships and responsibilities of having and raising children. It is not enough that their "superiors" co-operate with them, by branding the youngsters as they appear and solemnly consecrating them for life to the service of the church? How else could the earthly fortunes of the church's fictitious parents, and the heavenly fortunes of its real ones be insured?

The system is perfect. A layman's belief that the church is something which it is not, logically leads him to adopt reverently the misnomers supplied to him, in which to address properly the members of its holy unmarried caste as "father," "mother," "brother," or "sister," as the case may be. These are the most endearing words in the language and are at once pleasing and secure against scandal.

In a Nutshell

In plain terms, the spiritual texture of the Roman church is a series of declarations or doctrines, issued by it from time to time, each departing further from the teaching of the Redeemer and advancing regularly in the direction of greater power. It has had a few set-backs for premature, or ill-advised exercise of tyranny; yet it grows in the manner and with the momentum of a coral reef—dead at the base, yet on top swarming with life—each generation of workers becoming petrified as part of the structure, while out of them arises a new and larger generation in the process of growth. Never has the church lost sight of its goal; and if it can preserve the changeless pile it has erected, and keep the oncoming generations multiplying and working to enlarge the edifice, while their feet remain fixed in the matrix, its ultimate triumph is only a question of time.

It is so easy to follow the obvious, that I often wander from the path.

By the Wayside
My experiences in Europe and elsewhere were incidental. I was not out for the purpose of confirming the view I had already acquired, in regard to the character and purpose of the church. But if anything more were wanting to root from my mind the last traces of the impossible dogmas, and demons and devils, which were so cruelly imposed on my infancy, the church is furnished by what I saw in countries where it has erected, and kept the living memory of priest multiplying and working to enlarge the edifice, while their feet remain fixed in the matrix, its ultimate triumph is only a question of time.

In one country I was told by the brother of a priest with whom I was traveling, far from lines of the tourist, that nearly every peasant family there had an ambition to have at least one son a priest. They could well afford, he said, to make every sacrifice to that end, as his family had done; for as soon as the son becomes a priest, he will repay everything except the cost of his education. Not only his own, but his family's future is secure. The honor of having a priest in the family is a compensation also—aside from the profit.

(Continued Next Week)
Thoughtful Americans will do well to give "The Dark That Failed" a second reading. This serial story which has been running in The Fiery Cross will soon be finished. The story in its entirety can be obtained by addressing the Kim Publishing Co., 208 Quincey St., Brooklyn, N. Y. Price One Dollar.

SMITH DRIVE IS AMED AT WHITE HOUSE

ROMAN CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT PLEASES POPE

Catholics of New York Can Not Dominate Another Political Convention, However

(By a Staff Correspondent)

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A great effort will be made by Al Smith's friends to lead him in the direction of the president's chair four years hence, according to information now intended to reach the public ear. That they can do this is held to be impossible because Protestant America is awaking to her dangers as well as to her duties. The Roman Catholics of New York can not dominate another convention, it is thought, because the country as a whole now realizes what a sinister crimp the unyielding attitude of Roman Democrats put into the party.

But Al Smith will not down as long as he has lungs to beg and servility enough to listen to his Roman master. He has not his eyes upon the presidential office and a Roman Catholic America, and although he may fear that his aspirations may never be realized, he is driven forward by a force so imperious and an egotism so vast that he will never attempt to resist it.

The Vatican hope has been uppermost since the first president of the United States served his term to the satisfaction of the country and the glory of the flag. Every form of papal cunning and deceit has been nurtured to a single end. Every avenue of approach possible to Catholicism has been attempted, and every chance has been exploited to feed the hope and the sinister possibility.

The popularity of Smith with a certain section of the east has been considered in the latest hierarchical plan, and the most has been made of this man's ability as a vote coxer. In the secret councils of the cardinal Smith's political strength has been commented on and commended. A far-reaching effort on the part of the Roman Catholic clergy is again planned and will be put through in the coming year. The possibilities of Smith's gubernatorial position will be used in every secret channel of the Roman will.

It now remains an evident fact that loyal Americans must not relax their efforts to checkmate the latest designs of Rome. To discount these solemn warnings is to open the land to more perplexities in the immediate future, and to make the hierarchy's task an easier one. To "push-pool" the rise of Smith power in the east is to play into the Vatican's hands. To refuse to take Smith seriously is to surrender the grip on the political situation of the nation.

CHICAGO REDS PLAN TO HONOR LENIN

Speakers Urged to Glorify Dead Radical for Effect on Americans

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 29.—The cackling of Bolshevism which continues to prey upon America's workmenmen through the device of destructive propaganda of imported agents and tools of Leninism is being nurtured to head, January 22, the first anniversary of the death of Nicolas Lenin.

"The Daily Worker," official organ of the Communists and other "Reds," in an editorial proclamation calls upon "comrades" everywhere to join in the demonstration. The vicious theories advanced and practiced by Communists, striking at the very fundamentals of civilization, motherhood, the home, and Christianity, have been consistently opposed by the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Committee in Caution
The central executive committee of the so-called "Workers' party," William Z. Foster, and C. E. Ruthenberg, with John Williamson, of the "Young Workers' League," will not openly advocate rioting or sabotage on January 21; but when American propaganda what "Leninism" means, they will appreciate the menace in their call for a "demonstration," from which the following excerpts are taken:

"We can do the greatest honor to the memory of Lenin by teaching Leninism at the meetings in his memory. Our aim at all the Lenin memorial meetings must be to acquaint the workers with the principles of Leninism which were the guide of the workers and peasants of Russia in their struggle for power. We must bring to the workers the consciousness that it is only through the application of these principles to their struggles in the United States that they can achieve their victory against their exploiters and oppressors."

"Must Build Organization"
"While we teach the principles of Leninism at the Lenin memorial meetings, we must not overlook the building of the organization of the followers of Lenin, the Workers' (Communist) Party and the Young Workers' League through these meetings. At all the Lenin memorial meetings there should be an appeal to those who accept the principles of Leninism to unite with the organizations of the followers of Lenin. After such an appeal a systematic canvass of the audiences for applications for membership in the Workers' Party and the Young Workers' League must be made."

"Comrades of the party and the Young Workers' League! There must be a Lenin memorial meeting in every city and town in which there is a following of Lenin. After such an appeal a systematic canvass of the audiences for applications for membership in the Workers' Party and the Young Workers' League must be made."

"I wish you all the success in the work to which I firmly believe you have been called as a result of the need of our country, wherever that may be, either as separate individuals or as a Klan, they will receive from me a very sincere and cordial greeting."

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Kentucky

CIRCLE OF CROSSES

FRANKFORT, Ky.—The whole city of Frankfort watched several fiery crosses light up simultaneously until a complete line encircled the city. This was all done like clockwork as everything else that is planned for the good of the order, a system that accomplishes results.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASING
BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—The Knox county Klan is going down the line in spirit and in life. They hold their meetings as regular as the clock and their membership is steadily increasing.

STILLS ARE CAPTURED
LEXINGTON, Ky.—The state prohibition office is stepping on law violators with both feet. Three large stills and 8,000 gallons of beer were taken in the Green Brier section of Nelson county and another case in Lexington caused the state prohibition men who were tried for impounding federal officers, and held over to the January term of federal court, under \$2,000 bonds.

LIQUOR CASES TRIED
ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky.—At the November term of circuit court, twenty-seven liquor cases received conviction. This goes to show that the city and county officers are on the job. They say give them the rope and they will not let a moonshiner or bootlegger enter the county. They boast of Elizabethtown as a "dry city."

ALL ON THE JOB
MT. STERLING, Ky.—The local Klan organization in this county is at work doing things. Every man is on the job and doing the work of his station with a system of worthiness. A big year for the county Klan is the prediction.

HAVE PEPPY KLAN
PALMOUTH, Ky.—Pendleton Klan No. 12 is one of the peppiest Klans in the state. They have a definite program laid out to work to and are carrying it out to perfection. The officers elected are on the job and functioning like clockwork.

ORGANIZATION ACTIVE
WHITESBURG, Ky.—The Letcher county Klan is doing much good work for the needy in the county. A man in distress on account of the death of his wife was given aid, and also a young man who was wounded while hunting was aided recently. Many others have been given aid by the local Klan. They have the Klan spirit.

OFFICERS INSTRUCTED
WHITLEY CITY, Ky.—The meeting of the McCreary Klan No. 72 of this week was very enthusiastic and of interest to all as a state service man gave instructions in the ritualistic and paper work and instructed each officer in his duties.

YOUNG MAN AIDED
LEXINGTON, Ky.—At the last meeting of Fayette county Klan, donations were made to a young man who was injured in a wreck, and to the Salvation Army who had been refused the permission to erect their kettles on the streets by the mayor. At the close of the meeting the Exalted Cyclops was presented with a liberal donation and asked to buy himself a token to keep in honor of the respect of his followers.

TO PRESENT HOME
HAZARD, Ky.—A campaign is in action in Perry county to raise enough money to buy and present a home to Bill Turner, prohibition officer. In due respect and regard for the great work he has accomplished in the county cleanup.

THE SAVAGE DOES NOT READ
A few sticks and stones, a rough fur for governing, and a hide for a house, constitute his only requirements outside of the use of his own lithic arms and legs.

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SEES MENACE TO EUROPEAN PROTESTANTS

DR. JAMES A. VANCE, JUST RETURNED, TELLS OF DANGERS

Bankruptcy and Ruin, Nashville Man Says, Are Confronting the Churches There

(By a Staff Correspondent)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 29.—Dr. James A. Vance has just returned from Europe with a curiously pessimistic report. He says: "Protestantism in Europe is on the brink of bankruptcy. Is it worth saving? What say the Protestant churches of America? Is Protestantism worth saving in America? If it is not worth saving in America, it is not worth saving in Europe. Indeed, the situation is far more acute in Europe, for the need of that which only gospel can supply is more desperate."

Among other things Dr. Vance says: "There is no bigger, no more pressing matter before us in connection with helping Europe, than this which has to do with the religious life of its people. The Christian churches of Europe must be made solvent. They must be helped to their feet, so that they can function as a virtue force for the world. They must be saved in order that they may minister to the spiritual needs of the people. These needs are always deepest. Our religious moods are our profoundest. What men worship determines the kind of men they become, and the sort of world they build."

Not the least of the matter is the attitude of the Deist of the ages. The plight of European Protestantism must delight Roman Catholic votaries, but the joy will be short-lived. Protestantism, as a world-over proposition, is not in a sad plight, but in a healthy and growing condition. The European status is a reconstruction problem, and European Protestantism at the foundation are no worse off than the European dupes of Rome who receive scant help from the Vatican coffers. The favorable point to observe is that Protestantism is growing rapidly—more rapidly than Roman Catholicism—in communities, and that means that eventually the financial troubles in the European church, if they are as bad as Dr. Vance thinks, will all be straightened out.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ATTACKED BY PRIEST

Romanist Says American Institutions Are "Godless and Natural"

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 29.—The Rev. Lawrence F. Kearney, father provincial of the Dominican Fathers in the United States, declared that the public schools of America are "godless institutions in an address delivered here at the college of St. Mary's of the Springs, a Roman Catholic institution. He declared that they teach naturalism" and that God is never mentioned.

"The first settlers," he said, "were men and women, both Roman Catholic and Protestant, who came from other shores to gain the right to rear their children in the Christian faith. All the early schools were church schools—the Puritans in New England, the Quakers in Philadelphia, the Catholics in Virginia, and the Dutch in New York. Today, outside of Roman Catholic activity, there are few institutions of learning in America that are essentially Christian."

"Divorce is anti-Christian, yet it is winked at in many universities, and even taught in some," declared the Rev. Father Kearney.

THEY FEEL BAD
Klansman Joe says: "We have all seen people who quarrel, they're religious mainly because they feel bad."