

SCHOOL CAUSE ENLISTS HATE OF ROMANISTS

CATHOLIC DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION BITTER AGAINST BILL

Papal Threats to Be Used in Campaign Against Sterling-Read Law—Calls It "Vicious"

(By a Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The Catholic director of education, the Rev. James H. Ryan, is violently denouncing the Reed-Sterling education bill. He declares that it is an "dangerous, vicious as a wolf in sheep's clothing." He affirms that it would "bureaucratize the schools of the United States."

The argument is not very subtle. It is the old doctrine of states' rights advanced at a time when the Roman hierarchy was in the same argument that the nation has used against nearly every progressive movement in this country in the past thirty years. The prohibition movement, the woman suffrage movement and the child labor law have had to face the same attack, framed in heraldic language, and the age-old organization, and that the full power of this mass trend can be utilized to the benefit of Americanism.

Sophistry and Ignorance

All of this, of course, is miserable sophistry when it is not pure ignorance. We are indeed powerful enough to take care of ourselves even though the nations of the earth rose against us. But we are not morally strong enough, inevitably to do the best and most difficult things. We are not sufficiently well trained in diplomacy to defend ourselves against the cunning of those who have practical political deceit for many centuries.

The assurance of our safety in this era of expansion and temptation must rest to a degree on our sense of nationalization, on our superior, unyielding sense of America. This does not mean necessarily that America needs no strong bond to the rest of the world, and on every convenient occasion.

Papal threats and Jesuitical cunning will be enlisted among the methods used by the Roman Catholic authorities to squeeze out voices against the Reed-Sterling bill, with which a large part of Protestant America has set its heart because it follows the plan of educating the people along lines fathered by our early American thinkers. But, despite the "silent wakas" of Rome and the noisy ultimatum of the priests, intimidation and threats will do little harm because the true American instincts for better education are aroused.

BOMBING OUTRAGE IS OCCASION FOR MEET

Mayor of Coffeyville, Kansas, Issues Call for Protest Assembly

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

COFFEYVILLE, Kas., Dec. 29.—A mass indignation meeting was recently called by Mayor McMillan, of this city, the object of which was to have the community go on record as protesting against incendiary outrages such as have been committed here recently.

The meeting opened the meeting by reviewing the bombing of The Daily Dawn plant, the fire recently on the farm of E. J. Sweeney, west of the city, and the blaze on the Union Traction trestles.

The citizens were urged to subscribe funds to employ detectives to run down the cause of these crimes. He said the local officers of the law were overwhelmed with police regular duties, and that the laws of the state made it impossible for the city or county authorities to offer rewards exceeding \$300.

Pastor Makes Appeal

The Rev. Earl Rinney, pastor of the First Christian Church, urged citizens to subscribe funds for the employment of experienced investigators, characterizing it as "an investment in law and order."

The county commissioner reported that the board of commissioners had voted a reward of \$300 for the capture and conviction of the person or persons guilty of blowing up The Daily Dawn newspaper plant. He made plain that the board would gladly have increased the amount if the law would permit. It is understood that rewards totaling nearly \$2,000 have been offered for the conviction of the bombers of The Daily Dawn.

Letter Nails Falsehood

Opponents of The Daily Dawn recently started the rumor that the American Legion had decided that the Dawn explosion had been caused by gas. The commander of the local post, however, issued a statement that the legion had not made such a report, and that no committee had been authorized to investigate and report the explosion. Many legion members have requested the newspapers to correct the impression that the legion had issued such a report.

KANSAS WOMEN HELP AMERICAN HOSPITAL

Raise \$3,000 at Bazaar—Work on Building Awaits Shipments

FITTTSBURG, Kas., Dec. 29.—About \$2,000 was cleared at the bazaar held here for the benefit of the building fund of the American Protestant hospital now being erected here. The bazaar, which is the first of its kind in the Protestant Women's Hospital Clubs and practically all of the thirty-three units in Pittsburgh and surrounding towns maintained booths for the sale of food and merchandise.

Through efforts of the hospital clubs a large amount of money has been raised and turned over to the building committee. Several successful bazaars and entertainments were held last winter and during the summer. The women's clubs have been the backbone of the movement for a Protestant hospital in this community.

Work on the hospital is at a standstill, awaiting arrival of steel, which is now being fabricated at a plant in Kansas City. An early delivery has been promised. The foundation and some of the brick walls are in and everything is in readiness for the erection of the steel skeleton.

Klan Is Combating Scattering of Force

(By John Eight-Point)

Men make laws, but events shape their course despite them. We Americans are surrounded by the logic of things as they are and make progress because we understand and can adapt realities. We may change the shape of a water course, but as long as the force of gravity functions we must provide for the outlet. American nature is like the irresistible water in a river. We may harness it with "shalls" and "shallots," but the "gravitational force" exists and shapes events.

We are now passing into an era in which the temptation to show our power over other nations and in world affairs is singularly strong. This temptation is not increased by the insistence of intellectuals who are strong in sentiment, but weak in common sense. Egotism leads many to feel that because of a superior goodness we might associate ourselves in world affairs and lift the whole world to new light.

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MAYOR SCHWAB IS CALLED A CLOWN

Executive Who Issued "Call to Arms" Is Scored by Editor

(Special to The Fiery Cross)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The resignation of Mayor Schwab is asked in an open letter to the mayor in Everybody's Daily, a Polish publication, which denounces Schwab as a "clown" of which the city of Buffalo should be heartily ashamed.

Mayor Schwab recently created a sensation by his amazing "call to arms" issued to a Roman Catholic organization of which he is the head. It was demanded before a meeting of a papal order at Syracuse, the mayor made it plain that he favored accomplishing the purposes of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, even to shooting down American citizens who opposed such a course.

Formerly Mayor's Adviser

Added force is given to the challenge by the fact that the editor, Frank Ruszkiewicz, formerly was a member of the mayor's advisory board, that group of the city's "best minds" which Schwab appointed at the beginning of his administration to guide and counsel him but which, strangely, he has not seen fit to call upon since.

The demand for Schwab's resignation is the culmination of charges printed in the Polish paper to the effect that in the Polish section there are numerous saloons which harbor underaged girls. These charges Schwab has "answered" in his characteristic manner by criticizing the editor for writing the articles which "reflected on the virtue of Polish girls."

"Should Be Ashamed"

The first paragraph in Friday's edition of the daily gets away in this fashion:

"Now you have been shouting all the time to others, 'Bring me proof! Bring me proof!' Everybody's Daily is willing to do this upon that condition. If Everybody's will fail to prove this point, look what an opportunity this will give you. Then in truth you can say, 'I. Schwab, am the only great mayor of Buffalo. If you think he has not proved to you the truth, then as a decent citizen and father of a family, will you resign as mayor of Buffalo? Do you agree?'

The challenge which is written in conclusion is as follows:

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