

YOUNG GIRL IS CONVERTED BY ROMAN TUTOR IN FREE SCHOOL

Enticed from Home She Disappears from Protestant Mother's Sight and Is Kept In Papal Retreat.

IS FINALLY BROUGHT TO BISHOP'S PALACE IN TAXI

Prelate and Instructor Proved to Have Lied About Maid—Lawyer Even Handles Case for Hierarchy.

In the same sly, insidious manner Rome works the world over. Her aim is not alone to Romanize America, but to Romanize the world. From the antipodes comes the story of her bold defiance of the sanctity of the home, of a mother's almost broken heart and of the law.

In addition it shows forth clearly the working of the system of placing Roman Catholics in the public schools as teachers, principals, and in the country public opinion did not permit teachers in the public schools, received their religious opinions from the home. There was a rude awakening.

Margaret Martin, more than seventeen years old, left her home in Australia, September 18, with the intention that she would not return. The story of her absence showed the following happenings:

That her Roman Catholic school teacher had tried to convert her to Romanism and then lied about it.

What Is Shown.

That the Roman Catholic bishop lied about her disappearance.

That a Roman Catholic lawyer appeared, finally, for the church and attempted to arrange that the girl should be taken to the Roman Catholic church before and after she was returned to her home.

That the departure of the girl was the result of a carefully laid plan to make her a Roman Catholic of her, and the Roman Catholic family received her the day she left her mother's home.

When the daughter failed to come back, the mother, in despair, went to the police. They could find no trace of her but were convinced that she had not left home. For a week the mother heard nothing, and public interest was aroused, which grew rather than diminished when the New Zealand Herald reported, "that a leading Australian solicitor, acting on her behalf and seen Miss Martin, held a long conversation with her, and stated that 'she is a free agent and knows it'."

This confirmed the view of the police, but set all to wondering who the lawyer was who could issue such a statement and who let the mother know. That anxiety was not entirely settled by the receipt of a letter stating that her daughter was well and happy.

At once the public mind seized on the idea that Rome was the guilty one. As when some particular crime is committed, detectives turn their attention to certain criminals prone to commit such acts, so in this case the public thought that the girl had gone to the Roman system, knowing in tendencies and past history. In this case the public suspicion was justified. The rumor became widely spread that the "new church had little more than a finger in the case," that adherents of that church had the girl in safe keeping, either in some institution or with a Roman Catholic family. To get information on this point the question was put plainly to Bishop G. C. Farry, the Roman Catholic representative, who said, according to the Herald: "You can say definitely with my authority that these allegations are utterly devoid of fact."

The mother now thoroughly aroused, told the authorities of the influence one of her teachers, a Roman Catholic, had over her. She was an instructor at the Epsom Grammar School, and the mother while still ignorant of the whereabouts of her daughter, made a definite charge against this teacher. She asked the Grammar School Board to "take such steps as would prevent other parents the pain that she had experienced." The board, having heard her complaint, afterwards called the teacher before them and learned that she had talked about religion. She objects to the girl, said she did not know that the girl had left home and denied any knowledge of her whereabouts."

City Is Aroused.

Mrs. Martin's charges so aroused the city of Auckland that a conference was called at the palace of the bishop to decide the future of the Martin girl. The bishop had accepted her print that he and the church knew nothing of the case and yet the conference was held in his palace and could be held nowhere else, he said.

To this he replied that the girl was not sent to the house where she was staying, but to a rendezvous, so anxious were the persons who sheltered her to avoid letting the mother know where she had been located. The Roman Catholic school did not tell the mother and the Roman school had not told her, but it was learned that she had been housed in the private home of an adherent of the Roman Catholic church.

At this meeting the Romans insisted that the girl, if she had returned to her home, should be allowed to come back in a few months to the church for instruction. This was refused, and the daughter, though a minor, was under the care of her mother was taken back to the Roman Catholic hiding place.

Such indignation was aroused by the act that a few days later the girl was returned to her home.

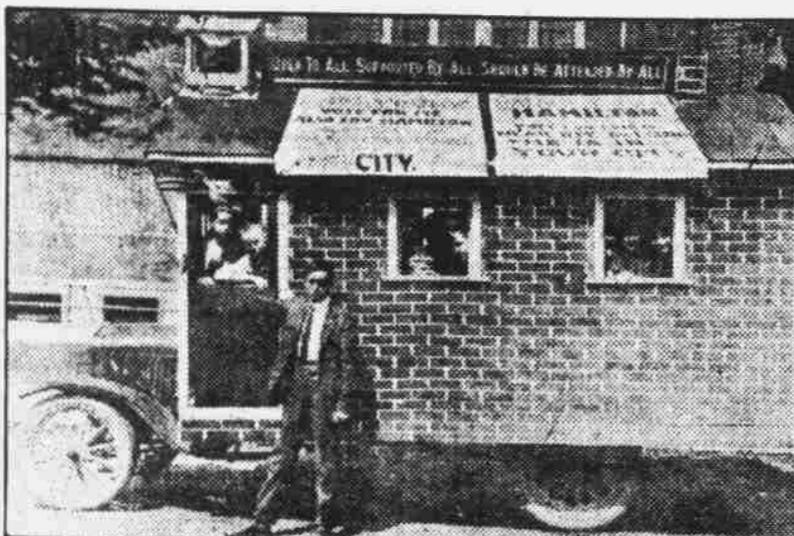
School Board Criticized.

The school board is being hauled over the coals by citizens. The Auckland Sentinel sums up this feeling and strangely enough, the conclusion applies to America:

"It may be that this case, and others which we have heard, will show the unadvisedness of accepting as teachers in our state schools those who by their religious affiliations bound to deny to the state the right to educate the children without the intervention of Roman Catholic confraternities. There should be some consistency in this matter. We believe in equal rights for all and equal opportunities, but if persons deliberately choose to belong to a system which only proclaims its hostility to the state, the system it seems to be the height of folly to entrust such persons with the education of our future citizens."

"When, further, the opportunity is used to instill into the minds of the children, privately or in the classroom, the faith which is so alien to every child's mind, it is high time for the state to say that such teachers are unfit to serve in its schools."

It Deserves Your Support



OFFICIALS FIND PROVINCE NO. 1 IN FINE SHAPE

Confer with Officers of 61 Units and Hold Many Group Meetings.

Find Protestant Churches and Order United in Promotion of Knowledge.

(Special to The Courier.)

Ft. Worth, Tex., Jan. 12.—The new Grand Dragon of the Realm of Texas, accompanied by other high Klan officials, paid his first official visit to Province No. 1, comprising some 85 or 90 counties in West Texas and the Panhandle last week, an area much greater than most states of the union.

The officials in their tour of the Province attended group meetings of local Klan officers at Ft. Worth, Abilene, Lubbock, Amarillo and Wichita Falls. In the last four-named cities inspirational meetings of Klansmen were addressed by the Grand Dragon and members of his official party. Officers of 61 units were in attendance at the group meetings and received instructions as to the details of the 1925 national and state programs. Every Klan unit in the Province was found to be in good standing, and five new units were taken into the organization.

Among the many brilliant speeches on the tour was one made by one of the speakers, in which he referred to the Morgan affair in the early part of last century, through its manipulations by politicians. Roman Catholicism had almost destroyed the Klan, almost destroyed that fraternal organization. The bitter campaign of vituperation and persecution waged on the Klan during the past year, directed at the Klan attack made on the Masons a century ago, said, but just as Freemasonry had triumphantly overridden the storm of envious hate and ridicule, so is this other great Protestant American organization taking its rightful place as a leader of true American principles and ideals.

The speaker quoted from a speech of John Quincy Adams, delivered during his campaign for the Presidency against Andrew Jackson, in which he stated: "I am not now, nor have I been, and never will be, a Mason."

He reminded his audiences of similar utterances of candidates during the recent political campaign in Texas, directed against the Klan. He read the seventeen planks of the platform of the anti-Masonic party of 1828, and noted their striking similarity to the present day planks of anti-Klan politicians.

The latest story is reprinted here with as follows:

PUEBLA, MEXICO, Dec. 1.—A plot to dynamite the cathedral here, the richest and finest structure in the republic was only today discovered by the authorities.

Just before celebrating the feast of Guadalupe, two time bombs were found under the main altar. Hundreds of natives were in the church at the time.

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In conformity with the action of the Kansas City klonvokation, all Klan were urged to devote a tithe of their income for missionary purposes, and this suggestion met with a hearty response everywhere.

It is regarded as a significant fact that the alleged bomb is invariably placed under the altar of the largest and finest cathedral in Mexico. In this instance, however, there were two altars, and the bombs were discovered just in time to save the lives of hundreds of worshippers who were in the edifice at the time.

Ignore Roman Outrage.

Klansters were reminded that the order stands solidly behind the Protestant cause and will at once assist each Klanster to report to Who, What, Why, Where, How, etc., of incidents in their territories which concern the Klan or the principles of the Klan, and forward the material to T. P. O. Box 471, New York.

In the matter of instruction and education of Klanspeople, subscriptions are preferred whenever possible. An interesting article would be to have the Courier going into the home of every Klanster by the yearly subscription plan. Yearly subscription is cheaper for the reader and to the organization, as it is more desirable that subscription by mail be given much attention and encouragement.

In accordance with plans which have been worked out with The Courier, each Klanster will at once appoint in each unit under his supervision an agent to care for the distribution and subscription of The Courier.

These names will be reported to General T. P. O. Box 471, New York city.

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Local organizations in the Province have instituted building programs. At Snyder it was found that plans have been formulated for a Klanver to cost about \$17,000. At Plainview the local organization has purchased a five-acre tract and will build a new home in the near future. Probably the most prominent Klanster in Wichita Falls is owned by the local Klan, and during the coming year it is planned to erect a modern Klanver.

At Lubbock a \$40,000 orphans' home is being erected on a twenty-acre tract of land adjoining the city.

A noticeable feature in towns where the Klan is strongest is the number and character of educational institutions. Everywhere the public school is of first importance and of high quality, some towns one or more added to the free public schools.

At Lubbock, the state is erecting a technological institute which will ultimately cost \$20,000,000. Already the legislature has appropriated \$6,000,000 for the first year.

Local Klansters are located throughout the Province. Abilene has three strong institutions: Simmon's University, a Baptist institution under the able leadership of Dr. J. D. Simmon, has 700 students; Abilene Christian College, founded by the Primitive Christian denomination, and headed by President Baxter, has 600 young men and women on its rolls; the Methodist Church, South, has a fine new first unit of a junior college, which is located in McMurry College. Dr. J. W. Hunt is its president, and he points with pride to the fact that 350 students have enrolled during its second year.

Also with the schools, Klansters of West Texas point with pride to the number of character of Protestant churches in every town and city.

Like the school buildings, the churches are of recent construction and modern design.

From the pulpits their preachers may be heard many of the leading ministers of the State.

Among the other activities of the Klan approved by West Texas Klansters is the Klorf, stands at the top. From both officers and members comes the highest praise and commendation for their official state work.

Senator Robinson, Democratic leader, replied at length and with warmth: "Democrat as I am," he said, "I do not believe the President of the United States should be charged as a traitor from Nebraska has charged him before Calvin Coolidge against the church, that he is a friend of crooks. As an American citizen and as a senator, I believe my President and my President is right."

In another part of his speech Senator Robinson declared his utter disagreement with the argument that the President would make a dishonest lease of Muscle Shoals.

"A good many sort of insinuation of the senator from Nebraska that gives the President a pretty alibi beyond precedence and beyond that to which his ability entitles him,"

Senator Robinson, of Alabama, asserted.

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