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## One Conviction!

Although it was not accorded  
undue prominence in the press  
despatches—many a paper had  
not one word about it—the first  
conviction on a charge of criminal  
libel of a bigot who circulated  
that "bogus K. of C. oath" was  
secured a few weeks since—on  
July 29th to be exact—by an in-  
dividual Knight of Columbus in  
Waterville, Minnesota.

The publishers and editors of  
the Mankato, Minn., Morning  
Journal, charged specifically that  
E. M. Lawless, editor of the Wa-  
terville "Sentinel" with having  
taken and subscribed to the bo-  
gus Knight of Columbus oath.  
Lawless immediately swore out  
a warrant charging the Morrisons  
with criminal libel. Previous suits  
and trials had failed of effect be-  
cause no specific individual had  
been slandered. The Morrisons  
were given an opportunity to  
apologize or retract but they did  
not avail themselves thereof un-  
til the trial went against them  
when it was too late.

The foreman of the jury which  
tried the Morrisons was Rev.  
Thomas Billing, resident Metho-  
dist pastor of Waterville, Dr. E.  
W. Buckley, of St. Paul, who tes-  
tified that when Mr. Lawless re-  
ceived the fourth degree in the  
K. of C. he was master of the  
of Portsmouth, Va., which letter  
province and present at the cere-  
monial. Supreme Secretary Mc-  
Ginley, of the K. of C., took the  
stand and not only denied abso-  
lutely the authenticity of the al-  
leged K. of C. oath but he had  
read into the records the genuine  
obligation taken by fourth de-  
gree Knights of Columbus which  
we herewith reproduce for the  
sake of accuracy, history and the  
benefit of our readers:

"I swear to support the Con-  
stitution of the United States.

"I pledge myself, as a Catho-  
lic citizen and a Knight of Colum-  
bus, to enlighten myself fully up-  
on my duties as a citizen and to  
conscientiously perform such du-  
ties entirely in the interest of  
my country and regardless of all  
personal consequences, I pledge  
myself to do all in my power to  
preserve the integrity and purity  
of the ballot and to promote ob-  
edience and respect for law and  
order. I promise to practice my  
religion openly and consistently,  
but without ostentation, and to  
so conduct myself in public af-  
fairs and in the exercise of pub-  
lic virtue as to reflect nothing but  
credit upon our Holy Church, to  
the end that she may flourish and  
our country prosper to the great-  
er honor and glory of God."

After Mr. McGinley's testi-  
mony the jury rendered a ver-  
dict of guilty. Then it was that  
the Morrisons threw themselves  
upon the mercy of the court. The  
judge, however, imposed a jail  
sentence of thirty days without  
the option of a fine.

Let us hope that this will be a  
lesson to the Menace bigots and  
an encouragement to the Knights  
of Columbus to fight the bigots  
wherever such action will tend  
toward spreading Truth and dis-  
pelling error.

## Shocking

If the stories in the secular  
news despatches be correct and  
the historic city of Louvain has  
been destroyed, together with its  
ancient Cathedrals and the fa-  
mous University and its priceless  
library, then indeed a shocking  
indignity has been offered to all  
the civilized world and German  
soldier's have something to an-  
swer and explain.

We all recall what General  
Sherman said of war and we  
know that in war times certain  
things are demanded and per-  
mitted that would not be tolerat-  
ed in times of peace. But we can-  
not imagine any valid excuse for  
wanton destruction of public  
buildings and historic edifices  
when such is not accomplished  
during the bombardment and  
siege. This does not appear to  
have been the case at Louvain.

For a neutral nation and one  
wishing to keep out of the Euro-  
pean conflict, Belgium seems to  
be suffering more than the real  
combatants. And it is difficult to  
see up to date, where England  
and France have been of mater-  
ial aid to Belgium but for whose  
efforts Germany would now be  
invading both countries.

## A Patriot!

In their crazy animosity toward  
Catholics and the Catholic  
Church, the Menace bigots have  
run foul of Uncle Sam and the  
Federal postal authorities and  
one of their poor dupes, a clerk  
in the Charlotte, N. C. postoffice  
named Charles F. Alexander to  
answer a charge of having open-  
ed a letter addressed to Dr. John  
S. Clifford, a prominent Catholic  
and a North Carolina district  
deputy of the Knights of Colum-  
bus.

In the summer of 1913 Dr. Clif-  
ford's two sisters were dismissed  
as public school teachers in Alex-  
ander on account of being Catho-  
lic's. Great public indignation  
was aroused and a mass meeting  
was held at which non-Catholic's  
as well as Catholic's protested  
against such arrant bigotry. This  
was followed by an anti-Catholic  
meeting at which was read a let-  
ter of sympathy addressed to Dr.  
Clifford by William B. Doughtery  
of Portsmouth, Va., which letter  
never had been received by Dr.  
Clifford. Investigation by Feder-  
al Post office inspectors resulted  
in Alexander's arrest. He is  
prominent in the Junior Order of  
American mechanics, the organ-  
ization largely instrumental in  
stirring up anti-Catholic senti-  
ment in North Carolina.  
Here's hoping all bigots get  
their just deserts!

## Ignorance

Not one of us but has run  
across amusing examples of non-  
Catholic ignorance concerning  
things Catholic. A Denver priest  
recently received from a sup-  
posedly well educated young Pro-  
testant a letter descriptive of  
scenes in Rome in which this  
passage occurred:

"We saw many Jesuits. They  
were very picturesque in their  
robes."

"It reminds me," he said, "of  
an incident that happened in Il-  
chester, Md. The Redemptorist  
monastery there is close to the  
railroad. An A. P. A. and a Catho-  
lic were passing it on the train.  
"That is another hotbed of  
Jesuitism," said the A. P. A.  
"Why, I thought that was a  
Redemptorist monastery," an-  
swered the Catholic.

"Sh-h! They're the worst  
kind of Jesuits!" said the A. P. A."

"A man who knew how to  
omit," says Stevenson" would  
make an liad out of a daily pa-  
per."

In a brief statement published  
in the Seminary Bulletin of Lon-  
don, Ont., Bishop Fallon says  
that in the four years he has  
been Bishop of London he has  
confirmed 8,969 souls, of whom  
662 were adult converts.

An ounce of "now" is worth a pound  
of "by and by."

War is the most inexorable thing  
civilization does.

Better be the head of a mouse than  
the tail of a lion.

Anyway, no one can blame this war  
on the United States.

An honest man is honest whether  
anybody is looking or not.

The easiest resolution to shatter is  
that one not to talk so much.

However, the Eskimos and the Pata-  
goonians still remain neutral.

The best way to make sure of your  
job is to stop feeling sure of it.

Belgium is the battlefield of Europe  
as Switzerland is its playground.

After all, the balance of power sim-  
ply means the balance of powder.

Nearly every successful man has had  
a failure somewhere along the line.

There is no sign of "a good loser"  
visible yet in the European situation.

Most men would rather get the short  
end of an argument than keep quiet.

Entries to the race for the Nobel  
peace prize will be restricted this year.

This is the best country on earth, after  
all. Ask any of the returned tour-  
ists.

We appreciate most things more if  
they are homemade, especially happi-  
ness.

Some article of some kind or another  
is reasonably sure to be named after  
Ligeia.

American embassies abroad are fast  
becoming clearing houses of universal  
representation.

King Xerxes' fabulous million men  
would now look like an under-recruited  
militia regiment.

The most that foreign powers can  
reasonably ask of Uncle Sam is to re-  
main neutral and raise crops.

One man with an ingrowing dispo-  
sition can put the souls of a street  
car full of people, out of tune.

The question of how to collect a tax  
so that no one will notice it is one of  
the oldest known to civilized man.

The difference between a luxury and  
a necessity is much the same as that  
between a character and a reputation.

After a few years of married life a  
man learns not to tell his wife twice  
that the same woman is good looking.

The airship has added to the pos-  
sibilities of war, but the plain fighting  
men continue to bear the brunt of  
battle.

Maintaining great navies and stand-  
ing armies to insure peace doesn't  
seem to have proved a brilliant success  
in the old world.

Despite the havoc that powder and  
ball are producing, the girls still go to  
balls and powder their faces without  
fear of explosion.

And still the hope is entertained that  
when it is all over there will be enough  
of the earth left for the meek peace-  
makers to inherit.

Having tried and failed to keep the  
peace with armament, perhaps the  
world will soon be ready to experiment  
with disarmament.

Europeans in large numbers are  
stranded in the United States—an es-  
pecially fine place for them to be stranded  
just at this time.

After one or two big naval battles in  
Europe the American navy, without  
the addition of a single ship, will be  
the strongest in the world.

Changes in military uniforms  
throughout the world show a growing  
inclination to protect the soldier in-  
stead of making him a target.

There are people in this country who  
will postpone the payment of their  
debts for a month, or even more, with-  
out any proclamation of a moratorium.

Delegates to the postponed peace  
conference at Bern returned from Eu-  
rope minus their baggage. That is  
one of the "most unkindest cuts" of  
the whole war.

A New York paper chronicles the  
fact that an intoxicated man was re-  
scued from the East river while a sober  
man drowned. "Still even this is no ar-  
gument for inebriety."

The Belgian farmer has been plowing  
up cannon balls for several genera-  
tions. The indications are that his  
descendants can continue the perfor-  
mance for generations to come.

Cherokee Indians have asked that  
they be permitted to live their own  
lives in their own way, which shows  
how naively optimistic are the Indians  
as compared with the rest of us.

Every married Canadian desiring to  
enlist for the war is required to pro-  
duce the written consent of his wife.  
It would be a good plan to limit some  
kings and emperors in a similar way.

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