

ROME IN WASHINGTON.

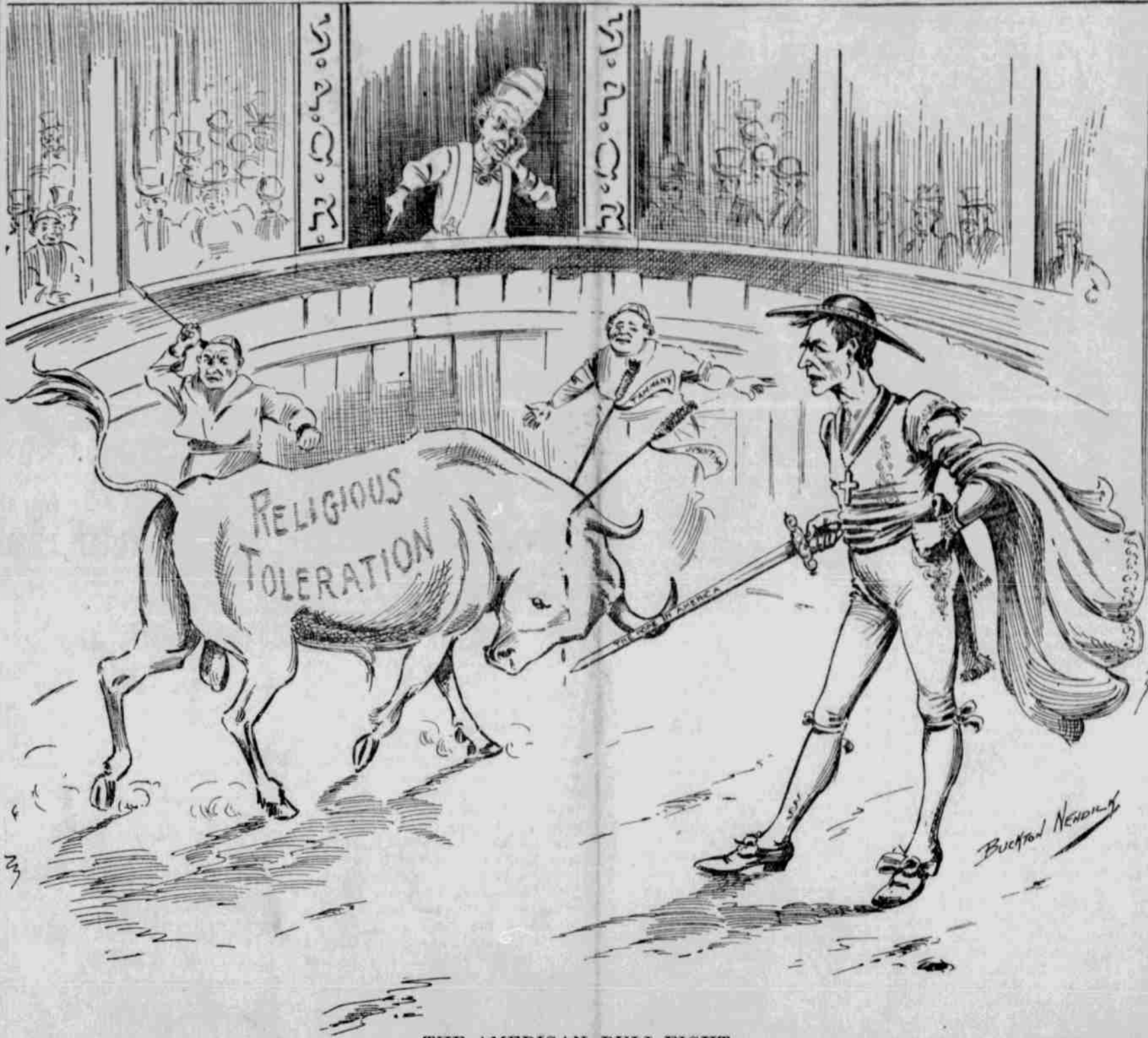
Some of the Doings of the Roman Combine at the Nation's Capital.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Government Printing Office Completely Under the Control of Romanists.

We are informed that since the attention of the authorities in the several departments was called in these columns to the fact that the impudent, brazen-faced nuns kept up their practice of levying tribute on the wages of the employees, there is a lull in the business, and that in the bureau of engraving and printing and in the navy yard they suspended operations entirely on the last pay-days. This suspension, however, may be only temporary. Speaking of the bureau of engraving and printing, these facts concerning the doings in that department have been handed to us. The assistant chief is a Romanist. All appointments and promotions are submitted to him before any decisive steps are taken. The Romanists have nearly all the best places, and their proportion in numbers is as three to one. Most of the Romanist employes are coarse, common Irish, who constantly seek to abuse and insult any delicate Americans who may be placed near them. Some of the women employes in the bureau have not been in this country two years. The few Protestant superintendents are so fixed as to be powerless. When a vacancy of any importance occurs, however, many non-Catholics may apply for it a Catholic is pretty sure to get it. Not long since a vacancy occurred—one of the superintendents died. The place was filled by a lower official, a reputed Protestant, but his wife is one of the most prominent workers in the Roman Catholic church in this city. The Roman church reaps a rich harvest from the bureau. A plate-printer's assistant was recently heard to say that she must have a promotion; that she could not support herself upon the salary she was receiving because she paid eighty-seven dollars a year to her church. She has a good position now. Black-robed sisters stand inside the doors with outstretched hands regularly every pay-day to receive their proportion of the employees' earnings. No Protestants are allowed any such privileges. The Catholics do whatever is in their power to scatter discord among their Protestant neighbors. A quiet, hard-working Protestant is frequently called up and roundly abused by a Protestant superintendent for some misdemeanor never committed, the invention of some malicious Catholic informant.

We will have plenty more, and worse things to tell of this thoroughly Romanized department of the government.

The government printing office is fast becoming a most disgracefully demoralized department. Two characteristics on the part of the majority of the present employes are conspicuously noticeable to any one passing through that once well-regulated workshop, viz., laziness and incompetency. It is a well known fact that in the first division especially not two hours work is done in the eight, and what is done is of such a blotched character that the work is necessarily delayed; to the inconvenience and annoyance of the departments of the government for which it is intended. The general demoralization is the result of the wholesale dismissal by the present public printer of most of the old and competent force, to make room for a lot of botchers who are not skilled workmen and whose chief qualifications for the positions they occupy consist in their having been local political party workers in some "bloody" wards of New York or other foreignized and Romanized cities, their abilities in this respect having been recognized by some second-rate member of congress, who willingly becomes the instrument in the hands of an officious priest who wants to secure positions for his cross-marked disciples. A friend employed there assures us that in the chief divisions the sight of an American is "good for sore eyes." Foreign "mugs" and broken English gabblers meet one at every step. Places hitherto held by skillful American mechanics are now filled by men who seem more fitted to trot the bogs of Ireland than to do a decent day's work in this great government workshop. They troop into the building when the whistle blows at eight in the morning with the visible signs upon the knees of their corduroys of having just risen from the dusty floor of St. Aloysius church across the way, to which popish joss-house two-thirds of the force, male and female, belong, and



THE AMERICAN BULL-FIGHT.

His HOLINESS:—To Satolli (the Espada).—Don't show that red hat of your's quite so conspicuously, Satolli, or you'll never be able to use the sword on him.

through the influence of whose meddling priests, as stated, they obtain and hold their positions.

A Mason employed there for many years who is naturally acquainted with every other Mason formerly there, tells us that he has "kept tab" of every member of his fraternity dismissed from the office, and he has noticed that in every single instance of this kind a Romanist—and generally an Irish Romanist—has been put into the place. This, of course, is not the result of accident, but of studied intention, either on the part of the public printer or the priests who manage that annex to St. Aloysius church, and who as all the world knows, are instructed by the pope himself to proscribe Masons in every manner and in every place, that fraternity being under the anathema of the "howly father."

In the medical museum a few weeks ago an official was being examined as to his physical condition by an agent of a life insurance company, and was, for this purpose, partially disrobed. During this time two nuns entered the building begging money for their church, and so promptly did said official deem it his duty to respond to their appeals that the examining physician was obliged to postpone his examination until the man could get into his clothes and hasten away to get a bill changed, out of which he could deliver over to the nuns his accustomed contribution, as they admitted of no delay, after which the examiner proceeded. This business goes on there, despite the fact that a notice is conspicuously posted prohibiting begging, soliciting or peddling. These impudent white-hooded Romish mendicants have the right of way. They should be kicked into the middle of the street, instant.

An old lady sixty-five years of age was recently sent to the "farm" by the police justice for begging in the street for a crust of bread, while veiled nuns in convent garb flit through the departments and along the streets, from store to store and from house to house—not asking for a crust to sustain life, but with impudent effrontery and brazen men, demand contributions for their already rich "God-houses" and to sustain a lot of lazy, wine-guzzling, lewd and libidinous priests. We say, when this state of affairs exist in our midst there is something wrong, and Romish beggars should be treated as beggars, and every last one of these motherless, unsexed females notified to "get thee to a nunnery" or go down to the government farm along with the consistent and legitimate beggars. There should be no beggars, yet there are beggars and beggars.—United American.

WAR ON THE A. P. A.

American Liberal League Organized to Oppose all the Order's Candidates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 8.—Open and organized warfare against the American Protective Association has commenced in this city. Meetings have been held in every precinct and an organization called the American Liberal League has been formed by a number of prominent lay members of the Roman Catholic church to devise plans for the defeat of candidates in the coming election who may be supported by the American Protective Association. The organizers of the American Liberal League have employed every available means to learn the plans and methods of the American Protective Association. They claim to have obtained accurate accounts of the American Protective Association meetings in this city, with the rituals and oaths of the various lodges. James F. Smith, an attorney, who is a prominent mover in the American Liberal League, said: "Our league is an organized body; it is only by combination we can fight the A. P. A. movement. By thorough district and central organization we will try to see that none of the A. P. A.'s are elected. The local Populist ticket is largely A. P. A. in its makeup, and the municipal non-partisan ticket also contains many A. P. A. names. In the recent Republican municipal convention there were sixty seven members of the A. P. A. and its ticket also has many names which the American Liberal League will openly denounce."

A Leisure Hour.

In a leisure hour I have been glancing over a pile of the back numbers of your noble paper. Review is an earnest word, and a needed one, as in view of absolute or continued progress, we must seek ever to compare, improve and complete, in any field of action, with unceasing endeavor.

Your paper's sterling Americanism, and bold stand for uncorrupted freedom, educationally and morally, will not without its fruits in our dear land, so beautiful throughout its surfaces, yet so ominously threatened in a political, social, and even a spiritual sense, through that vampirous network of greed, wiles and black magic, the Catholic church and its system, which is spreading its leprous touch across the paths and lives of a free and generous, therefore unsuspecting people. Let us awake to conditions, and to that which may result in our unfortunate future as American citizens.

New England is pierced through and through by Catholicism. We must

remember this means the abolishment of free education for our children, for what is that education which consists only of an ignorance laid down to hold the masses subordinate to the law of the priests! And without knowledge comes darkness, preceding destruction and disaster. This would be the result of papal authority, which may be likened to a cancerous growth, insidious, hidden, yet so fatal in its ending. To the free hearts of a free people an appeal must be made.

Let America be ruled by Americans, and let fearless souls and patriotic spirits put shoulder to the wheel in every political campaign and in every decisive action.—Ella Gibson Magoon in *Progressive Thinker*.

BARBAROUS TREATMENT

Of a Scotch Priest in a Roman Catholic Institution in Germany.

There has just been published at Hagen, says the *Pall Mall Gazette* a pamphlet telling the story of most extraordinary and wanton cruelty practiced upon a priest. This is the story: The Rev. Alexander Forbes, now about 49 years of age, held till about three and a half years ago an active profession in the Roman Catholic diocese of Aberdeen. At that date he got involved in differences with his bishop. His ecclesiastical superiors arrived at the opinion that Mr. Forbes was a difficult man to deal with. They proposed, therefore, that he should take temporary vacation from his duties in some home of rest, and suggested that of the Franciscan Sisters at Bruges.

The institution kept by the Franciscan Sisters was reckoned by Mr. Forbes to be a convalescent home, and so it was, only most of the convalescents were idiots. He lost no time in introducing himself to Dr. H. Moulart, the principal doctor, who informed him that he could not be received as an inmate, since the home was intended only for the mentally deranged, whereas he was of perfectly sound mind. Thereupon Mr. Forbes, who was traveling alone, went on, upon the advice of a Roman Catholic sister and with the consent of his bishop, to the large Alexiar cloister, conducted by lay brethren at Mariaberg and at Aix la Chapelle. What he saw and experienced there for more than three years is, at the end of this century, almost incredible. Mr. Forbes arrived at Mariaberg on February 18, 1891, and found immediate admission. His board was paid by his superiors at Aberdeen, and he attended, with the consent of the archbishop of Cologne, to all the clerical duties of the asylum. But this did not last long,

The barbarous punishment inflicted upon the helpless wretches—nervous, epileptic, and insane—which he had almost daily to witness, grieved and disgusted him so very much that after vain protests he at last threatened to bring the circumstances to the knowledge of the authorities.

That moment saw the end of his liberty. Since then he himself has been most unmercifully handled, beaten, and cruelly maltreated, for more than three years. It has now been clearly proved that an official had at the time, but he hid the back and without the knowledge of Mr. Forbes, procured from the district physician and private sanitary officer a certificate showing him to be a lunatic. He was deprived of every freedom, assaulted and struck by four of the brethren at the same time, and this on many occasions. He was strapped and pinioned repeatedly, and even thrust into the dreadful cell or dungeon reserved for isolated confinement. In this there was neither chair nor table. He was kept in this awful place night and day, without any food whatever. Even a drink of water was withheld from him. Every communication with the outer world he was utterly deprived of. The letters received for him did not come into his hands, and those which he wished to send off were held back. A German Roman Catholic divine also had the misfortune of making the acquaintance of Mariaberg, but through a ruse he contrived to escape, and gave a description of the outrageous treatment of Mr. Forbes, as he had often witnessed it. Some German papists interested themselves in the case. Herr Mellage, a hotel keeper, of Iserlohn, took energetic measures to secure the release of the unhappy man. After vain application to the clerical authorities, he succeeded in enlisting the attention of the procurator-fiscal and the chief of police at Aix la Chapelle. They directed a radical examination of his mental state, and in the end, after every obstacle on the part of the pious brethren, Herr Mellage succeeded in bringing the unfortunate man in triumph from his prison. Mr. Forbes was set at liberty, his deliverer, Herr Mellage, being accepted as bail for his residence in the country till the end of criminal proceedings which have been taken. Mr. Forbes is now living with Herr Mellage, at Iserlohn, in Westphalia. He has been deprived, since his deliverance, of his right to officiate.

Pope Leo a Born Diplomat.

Pope Leo XIII. is a born diplomat, equal to Metetrnich or Machiavelli. He is politically a Republican, a Democrat, an Imperialist, a monarchist, a social-

ist, or a prohibitionist, if by any means he may advance the power of popedom. He never loses sight of the Romish stereotyped motto, "The end justifies the means." His recent encyclical letter, addressed to all the faithful, is the most artful, plausible diplomatic document that has appeared in modern ecclesiastical literature. He poses as a unique and conspicuous reformer. He looks out upon the world of mankind with the eyes of worldly wisdom. Not once does he appeal to the written word of God as the arbiter of christian unity, as the solvent of the ecclesiastical muddle, but balancing himself upon the pedestal of apostolic succession, he assumes powers and prerogatives which alone belong to Jesus Christ. He is in favor of reforms which emanate from the quirlinal of Rome, and which lead by all roads back to the vatican. His octopusian tentacles extend all over mankind; and he would save all men by a system of salvation which originated in the dark ages and which has been filtered in the mystic waters of Babylon. "Come into my rexy house," said the spider to the fly. Fear him who comes bearing gifts.—Christian Leader.

THE A. P. A. DENOUNCED

By the Civic Union of New York, a Roman Catholic Political Organization.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The Civic Union held its county convention at 1137 Broadway last night, and adopted a resolution endorsing the candidacy of David B. Hill for governor. John P. Brophy, the president of the organization, presided over the deliberations of the convention, which was attended by forty-three delegates.

The resolution adopted was offered by Thomas Carey, and is as follows:

"Whereas, The seventh plank in the civic union platform declares for 'the absolute equality before the law of all citizens, regardless of birth, belief, or legitimate calling; and

Whereas, The constitutional rights of American citizens are threatened by the secret conspiracy known as the A. P. A. 'sandbaggers in politics,' as its members have been aptly styled by the Hon. Richard C. Kerens, of Missouri, and,

Whereas, This revival of know-nothingism has made its appearance in our own state, and the issue has been squarely and manfully met by the Hon. David B. Hill; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Civic Union, composed of 10,000 enrolled voters, without distinction as to religious or political belief, records its unqualified approval of Senator Hill in his noble position, and on that issue takes its place beside him to stand or fall in behalf of our proscribed fellow-citizens."

Mr. Brophy (whose name sounds very Roman Catholic Irish, the president of the union,) was appointed only a few days ago a deputy to Internal Revenue Collector Edward Grosse.

Jurors Were A. P. As.

DENVER, Oct. 9.—In support of a motion for a new trial of the suit of J. K. Mullen and Charles D. McPhee against the Western Union Beef company, ex-Judge Vincent D. Markhart filed an affidavit made by the plaintiffs, alleging that the jury, which returned a verdict for the defendants, was packed with American Protective Association men by Sheriff Burchinell and Matt Adams, clerk of the district court, and would not give a verdict in accordance with the evidence for the plaintiffs because they are Roman Catholics. The affidavit, which is very long, repeats the oaths known to be taken by members of the American Protective Association and declares that they are unfit to serve on juries, especially in cases where Roman Catholics are concerned. The suit of Mullen and McPhee was brought to recover \$10,000 damages for cattle, which they alleged died from diseases contracted from infected cattle which the Western Union Beef company introduced upon the ranges.

Priests Preach Sedition.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Oct. 6.—In view of the continued disturbances in Granada, President Zelaya threatens to place himself at the head of the troops and end this state of affairs. Priests throughout the country are preaching against the government. Two more have been arrested. It is known they furnished the Indians with arms and ammunition. The government maintains the closest censorship of the press. Mail correspondence even is being inspected.

A False Report.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The Rome correspondent of the United Press telegraphs a denial of the statement recently printed in the *Paris Figaro*, that Mgr. Satolli, papal legate to the United States, is to be made a cardinal at the papal consistory soon to be held.