

PLOTTINGS OF ROME.

Pope at the Head of an Absolute Despotism—He is a Political Prince.

Free Citizenship Incompatible with Allegiance to the Throne of the Sovereign Pontiff.

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Romanism is an absolute despotism, the most unlimited of monarchies. The pope is supreme in the manipulation of the papal hierarchy. He is a political prince forever unreconciled to the loss of temporal power. Brovius affirms that the pope has the supreme power over kings and Christian princes. Mercineas asserted: "The pope is the lord of the whole world." That these political pretensions have been a fruitful source of the seditions and wars which, like successive tornadoes, have swept in fearful rapidity over Christendom, the records of history furnish the most incontrovertible proof. These papal machinations have interfered with the peace of France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Portugal, Sweden, Russia, Poland, China, Japan, Egypt, Abyssinia, and many other governments, inciting to anarchy, war and revolutions. In addition to this political intrigue, the Romish church has assailed all Protestants and non-Catholics with the most execrable persecution. In her fiendish malice she counsels the violation of every principle of justice, of every obligation to humanity, of all contracts and oaths, and urges as a duty the persecution and extermination of all unbelievers, by means of corporal punishment, imprisonment, banishment, murder, fire, sword and scaffold. In our republic the pope has established his political plant, built up his papal prisons, selected strategic centers, and collected his most un-American and reliable subjects, in order that he may engulf our cherished institutions and disrupt our civilization. Bishop Hughes said Romanism was friendly to republics, for they allowed its free development. But our people should know that the triumph of Romanism means the subversion of republics and the establishment of political and religious despotism. When they say that Romanism will one day rule America, and then religious liberty will be at an end, they appeal to the instincts of self-preservation, and justify a free and independent people in the adoption of any and every unreasoning measure that may be necessary to thwart their treason and destroy their diabolical design. Concerning the political treachery of the Roman Catholic hierarchy, there can be no reasonable doubt. By what means do they hope to execute their treasonable purpose? Enough has been reached within the past fifty years to show that they are working according to a carefully considered plot. They seek to ruin the republic by subversion rather than conquest. Their plot involves the influx of the low and dissatisfied populations of Europe, until a surplus majority of this inflammable and un-American population can be mobilized in the strategic centers of our civilization, make these men citizens and invest them with suffrage, and they in turn will create dissension, strife and anarchy among respectable citizens and parties, while they will stand and vote together till they come into possession of the cities, the army and the navy, control the press, destroy the schools, annul all the laws guaranteeing liberty of thought, speech, conscience and worship, and build upon the graves of Protestantism and American freedom the most damnable despotism that ever cursed the world. Romanism refuses to become Americanized, because her hope of success depends upon her control of these immigrants, thus retaining their ancient principles, customs and religion. All know the radical change that has occurred within the past forty years as to the nationalities and character of the immigrants who have come to our shores—less and less of the desirable class and more and more from Romish countries. They come at papal dictation and remain subject to priestly control. They are not content with peaceful measures, but are arming by the hundred thousand ready for the fatal hour when, in view of the apathy, dissension and weakness of non-Catholic forces, the scullions of the pope will take the reins of government and apply the principle of papal authority to the utter destruction of American liberties. Then Protestants and Americans will be at the mercy of those whom we have harbored, and who declare we have no rights which the papacy is bound to respect. Then, by the secret machin-



Uncle Sam—"There must be some mistake here; this hall was for our country's great men, not for the subjects of some foreign ecclesiastical despot! The Jesuits are at work; I must watch closely those I have on guard in the various offices. If they countenance such work as this, I shall call new men to my service."

before it was, if leaders of one of the national parties had not pledged "no postal legislation" detrimental to them. The "trusts" and "combines" now appear to have their selfish interests fostered. Romanism is likewise a combine against American institutions and should be closely observed by the people. The alcoholic liquor system is another great combine, debauching our youth and keeping men in poverty, and it is well known popery gets considerable gain out of it, probably more net gain than the government. Men should lay aside partisanship, if necessary, to maintain good popular government, and voters must not permit had men to be nominated for office; but if they are, act with independence and earnestness, supporting only good men, securing at the same time a pledge of the aspirants for office to advocate the living issues of the times. By so doing, in due time the evils will be corrected. Without constant watchfulness popular government fails. Reader, do your part, and earnestly persuade your neighbor to unite with you.

Dangerous Power of Catholics.

Under this head the *Presbyterian Messenger* gives the following, which speaks for itself, and requires no comments: "One of the papers says: 'The Catholics are only about one-sixth of the population of the United States, yet they hold more than one-half of the public offices. Why is this? First, it is because they are instructed by the priests to get into office, and there to get appropriations from the public funds for the Catholic church. Then all Catholics are instructed to vote for the nominee, and they do it, for the priests see to it that their people go to the polls and cast their votes for their own men.'"

Mr. Stead, in his book, "If Christ Came to Chicago," says: "The Catholics of Chicago have the mayor, the chief of police, the chief of the fire department, the postmaster, the city attorney, the clerk of the circuit court, the clerk of the probate court, the clerk of the supreme court, a number of the judges and forty-five of the sixty-eight aldermen. Ninety per cent. of the police force, 80 per cent. of the fire department and 60 per cent. of the school teachers are Catholics, while 80 per cent. of the pupils are Protestants—as half the Catholic children go to the priests' schools."

Dr. Scott F. Hershey, in a recent letter to the writer, says: "In some rooms and divisions in Washington city 60 to 70 per cent. of the clerks and employes are Catholics."

Cromwell's Warning.

A Boston *Standard* correspondent contributes the following interesting letter to that journal:

"A little less than two and a half centuries ago Oliver Cromwell uttered the following remarkable text for the A. P. A. of to-day: 'Because it is true and certain that the papists, the priests and Jesuits have a great influence, they prevail upon the discontented spirits of the nation, who are not all so apt to see where the dangers lie, nor to what the management of affairs tends. Those do foment all things that tend to disservice; to propagate discontent upon the minds of men. This pope is a person all the world knows to be a person of zeal for his religion, and a man of contrivance and wisdom and policy, and his designs are known to be all over. Nothing but an endeavor to unite all the popish interests in all the Christian world against all the Protestant interests in the world.'"

History does not repeat itself in the above; it is and has been a continuing history, with the same danger and menace in ambush; and not even congressmen can afford to forget or excuse it.—*The Portlander*.

Trying to Deliver the Goods.

This Father Lacombe, who seeks to put the hierarchical screws on Mr. Laurier and other members of the Liberal party, is the clerical promoter to whom the Dominion government has recently granted a large slice of the Northwest territories to found a colony of half-breeds. The colony, it is to be presumed, will develop into a solid Roman Catholic constituency, and will be of material value to the hierarchy. This gift of the people's property doubtless helped to make the Dominion government solid with the clerics; and now the hierarchy is expressing its appreciation of the favor by a good turn for the embarrassed aggregation of bosses and tools who are seeking to convey another large donation to the grasping bishops. It's a disgraceful deal altogether; and neither the hierarchy nor the government cuts a dignified figure.—*Toronto Star*.

ery of Rome, one faction will be inflamed against another, and one section of the land will be put at variance with another. Then rapine, violence, assassination, sedition, massacre—everything that can render life and property insecure—will distract every village, city and state in the Union. Then, according to Bronson, heresy and infidelity will be declared to have no rights. Then, according to Archbishop Kenrick, Protestantism will be declared to be a crime and punished as such. Then, according to Archbishop St. Louis, religious liberty will no longer be endured. Then, according to Hecker, the Catholic church will be compelled to take the country and keep it. Then the inquisition will be introduced and the darkness of the middle ages will settle over the land. School-houses, colleges and churches will be converted to papal purposes, fortunes will be confiscated, and the total resources of the government used to subdue the world to the Antichrist. Liberty of speech and liberty of the press will be no more. Papal dungeons be the homes and the graves of American freemen. Then will the inhuman monster, the monarchical demon, the god of slaves and aristocrats, quaff blood like water, and view with scornful indifference the squalid millions whom he has impoverished and robbed of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This is an awful picture for a free people to contemplate; but evidences multiply with every passing year that a plot no less damnable than this is being unfolded in the history of our rapidly Romanized civilization. Is the last star of human freedom to be extinguished? and is our republic itself to set in a night of despotism without the hope of a coming moon? The answer to this question will be given by the attitude and action of the American people within the next decade. If men and ministers continue to cry Peace, peace, when there is no peace; if Christians continue to treat this "mother of harlots" as the pride of Christ; if an apathetic citizenship refuses to break the power of political Romanism by the peaceful measures of the ballot, then a fatality no less dark and damning certainly overhangs our cherished republic. Thank God, the spirit of freedom is immortal. Indications are not wanting in the present patriotic revival that the spirit of '76 and '61 still lives, and that the same heroic devotion which secured our national independence and maintained our national integrity, will once more come to the front and preserve American institutions by forever breaking the political power of Romanism, which has been the assassin of human liberty in every land and age. This is an hour of crisis and this a day of des-

tiny. Union or separation, freedom or slavery, fortune or confiscation, cooperation or the inquisition—one or the other is inevitable. A few years more and the die will be cast, the decision irrevocable. In this critical year every citizen should certainly vote to put none but Americans on guard. CHICAGO, ILL.

Misfits.

Because there were men like Linton and Hainer, who opposed the confirmation of Coppinger, the (Roman) Catholic Leader calls them "Misfits." There is not a word that applies better to their idol, Coppinger. If any one will look up the record of Coppinger and not call him a "Misfit," rather than these two men who are standing by our country, I am mistaken. And you can mark my words. "Time will show that he is a misfit." And when I see such men forced into high positions by the Roman Catholic church (?), I say let the people of the United States make that church know where her place is, and make her stay where she belongs, and punish her according to her persistency to do otherwise.

This "bringing of the (Roman) Catholic Leader to time" will undoubtedly make it froth at the mouth, and because of this it will yelp and howl and snap. It is the nature of the beast, and can not do otherwise. ORLEANS.

Power of the A. P. A.

Evidences in all directions tend to show that for the last two years a power has been in American politics beneath the surface, operating in unseen ways and accomplishing the most important results, by organized methods.

Undoubtedly the organization known as the "A. P. A.," whatever name the initials may represent, is a more solid organization, with greater secrecy and craft in its operations than the old Know-nothing order, or any previous order with similar objects. The voting force of this organization is immense. Its main power, however, is in its thorough discipline. Its members vote whether other citizens do or not. They have no off year. Their motto is ETERNAL VIGILANCE.—*Chicago Chronicle*.

Bishop Vincent.

The (Roman) Catholic Leader says Bishop Vincent said: "I never mean to forget that I belong to the holy Catholic church." And the paper adds: "The name is no longer a reproach." The name "Holy Catholic Church" never was a reproach, but this mean, contemptible, underhanded, Jesuitical, semi-pagan, anti-Christian, blood-stained, Roman Catholic church is another name altogether, and Bishop Vincent will tell you so if you will take the trouble to ask him. ORLEANS.

HOW ROME WORKS.

The Government Positions Largely in the Hands of Her Loyal Sons.

The venerable Rev. Alexander M. Marvin, of Pasadena, Cal., April 20, 1895, says in a letter originally published in the San Francisco *Occident* (Presbyterian):

"The United States Senator from this district, Hon. Stephen White, is well known as an able man, an eloquent orator, and faithful advocate of the interests of Southern California. In common with others in his position he has the power of filling a number of lucrative offices. The sixteen appointments already made bear, without exception, we are told, the names of Roman Catholics. Mr. White appears to be loyal to the church of which he is a member, and no one can question his right to bestow favors on his co-religionists. But this little incident seems to show that if you want to augment the political power of Romanism the best way is to elect to a high position one of its adherents; then you have one multiplied by sixteen, and sixteen multiplied by twice that number of subordinates, and so on. It's no wonder that some sensible voters sympathize with the aims of the A. P. A. A purely religious boycott is a hateful thing, but the boycotting of a politico-religious machine that has brought shame and disaster on thousands is quite another matter, and may be along the line of true patriotism and righteousness."

A boycott is a hateful thing. The aggressions of Romanism in America have been stupidly, patiently and peacefully borne by the American people. Now the pope's followers are so strong in our midst there will henceforth be no such peace, unless their schemes of classish industrial substitution and boycotting actions cease. Will it cease? If it does not, what will Americans do about it?

Also, here is another instance of how this scheme works: Attention is called to a sample page of the last issue of the United States Official Register of all government employes, page 340. Upon this page are named 90 employes, only seven of them were born in this country; 66 were born in Ireland, and the remainder from an equally Roman Catholic country, Austria. Only with political influence, under present conditions, can such things come to pass, and a civil service law will not change this condition of its execution is left to such schemers.

At Washington, numerous are the instances where Roman Catholic adherents are specially favored, and we could double the length of this lengthy paper narrating interesting facts, notwithstanding a strong civil service system is in force.

These influences at work are merciless, grasping, selfish. Political power is an aim of Romanism, not respecting our industries or our institutions, if profit will be a reward to them.

No knowledge is ascertainable from this stealthy power as to what extent they have influenced our currency; but, since the close of the year 1894, English banks squeezed from "Uncle Sam" a profit of about \$11,000,000 in one deal, the government asking the unusual, humiliating and conditional favor that they should use their influence to assist our treasury to maintain its gold reserve. The principal English banking-house, operating in this profitable enterprise, is the same as the one where the gold of the pope's millions is banked. About 150 years ago the Catholic church attempted to control the commerce of a good portion of the world; is it now attempting to manipulate the currency of the world, and bring distress upon mankind for its own gain?

View the situation from almost any standpoint, it is painfully apparent the hand of some unbrotherly Romanist is near, touching the sources of influence, and affecting the peace of the nations.

Now, the people of the United States should be determined that when this class of foreigners land upon our shores they become Americans, in accepting sincerely the principles of the Constitution; or else, if they are determined remain in political allegiance, representatives of a foreigner claiming civil power, and seek constantly the advancement of such a foreign despotism, Americans should persist in the determination that such people peep their hands off our institutions; and, should these loyal political patriots so continue to act, they must expect to be legislated against as foreigners, or as alien voters.

In a word, insist upon efficient common schools for young America. Insist that the teachers possess the character you wish your children to possess. The voters are to blame for the conditions stated in this paper. They should, therefore, always attend the primaries of their respective parties, and every other meeting of political importance. They should insist that their principles be recognized in every person soliciting party support. The voters should try to keep out of control, in every party, all selfish combinations of men, and combine to do it, if necessary. The ascendancy of men who labor for their personal interests, rather than the common good, should be kept under, especially those seeking some personal legislative advantage. The national campaigns are almost supported by selfish combinations. The Louisiana Lottery would have been legislated out of existence years