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DETERMINED TO RULE.

We have stated in this issue without the least equivocation, mental reservation or evasion of mind whatever that the Church of Rome had hatched a plot to overthrow this government...

Rome and to minimize the influence of the so-called Catholic university, located in the capital city. We wish the Methodist brethren goodspeed in their noble undertaking.

There are also indications that a great national university will be established at Washington under government auspices and superintendence, thereby carrying out the will and purpose of George Washington...

FRIENDS, BROTHERS, &

And the Roman church, flushed with victory, intoxicated with the success that has attended her move to capture our chief cities, and drunk with the knowledge that the president accords to her the credit of his election...

old Sixty-ninth regiment, was elected colonel. There are eleven companies, and 600 men, NEATLY EQUIPPED AND ARMED. They have been organizing for the last five months.

Roger F. Scannell told a representative of the Lowell Herald, in Boston, "That the movement for arming Irishmen and preparing them for warlike work is MORE important and of VASTLY GREATER SCOPE than most people imagine."

Who is your favorite for president in 1900?

Rome never changes. Her motto is semper idem.

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A lofty self-denial, personal fortitude, passionate patriotism, concentration of purpose and consummate skill in massing the forces of freedom...

Who do you want to vote for for president in 1900? Fill out the coupon in this issue and send it in.

All our loyal friends, wherever they may dwell, will make a serious mistake if they relax any of their customary vigilance in guarding the portals of the A. P. A. against the entrance of any man who is of doubtful veracity...

What marvelous changes the whirligig of time brings about! The New York Sun, which during Dana's lifetime was a democratic newspaper...

The Chicago Evening Post alludes to Alderman Powers as the "rum-shop statesman." It requires some courage on the part of a Chicago daily newspaper to speak thus boldly...

Rev. Father Doyle, of the Paulist Fathers, in a recent sermon at New York, said that converts were coming into the Roman Catholic church at the rate of 30,000 a year.

Henry Cabot Lodge is writing a history of the American revolution, which will appear serially in Scribner's Magazine, and be afterward published in book form.

Motley, in the preface of his "Rise of the Dutch Republic," correctly states that: "The splendid empire of Charles V. was erected upon the grave of liberty."

Our thanks are due our good friend, White Nixon, editor of the Houtzdale Observer, for the admirable position he gave our announcement of this week's edition.

The Ohio legislature has elected Mark A. Hanna to the United States Senate. Over 2,000 congratulatory telegrams have been received by Senator Hanna.

A lively discussion is going on in the editorial columns of the Chicago daily newspapers on the proposed re-tributions in favor of the retention of the greenbacks as an integral part of our currency system.

We expect loyal, patriotic and fearless Americans in every section of the country to give due credence and heed to this warning, which has been made as plain as the safety of the parties who have furnished the information...

We have not said that the trouble would begin today, nor tomorrow, nor next year, but we do say that the pope will be compelled to leave Italy; that no European country will tolerate him and, as a consequence, that it is the intention of the armed military organizations in the Roman Catholic church...

We say that they expect the "no popery" sentiment will be so pronounced that there will be bloodshed if he attempts to set foot on American soil, and that they will then take this country and lay it at the feet of the pope, who will abolish our schools and wipe out those obnoxious laws relating to liberty of conscience, of press and of speech.

It is for you, Americans, to say whether this movement to install popery in this country shall be successful, or whether it shall meet with ignominious defeat.

Silence at this time would be all but criminal, and Americans who fail to raise their voices, who remain idle when there is work to do, do not deserve the liberties they are enjoying, and which Rome would deprive them of.

For that reason we say, spread the news among your friends. Send them papers. Don't stop until every man in the Union is aware of the damnable, black-hearted treachery of the Roman Catholics, whom we have taken to our bosoms and warmed and fed when they were starving, and after they had been driven from other countries as criminals.

Work! As you value your homes, as you value your lives, as you value your liberties, awaken your sleeping neighbors to a full realization of the danger, for danger there is, and no man can tell just when to expect it. But it will come.

LIGHT AMID THE GLOOM.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy are daily conspiring to destroy the liberties of the loyal citizens of the United States. To those Protestant minds that have not yet been awakened to the manifold dangers which menace our free institutions this assertion will seem startling.

Early in the present century the authorities of the American government made a serious mistake when they located the national capital at Washington. The Potomac flats are reported to be the source of unhealthy physical conditions; but Baltimore, which lies contiguous to the District of Columbia, and which is the center of power and influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, generates a moral atmosphere that is far more menacing to the health of the body politic than any bad climatic conditions can possibly be to the physical man.

That "city of monuments" in which the Roman Catholic primate of the United States has his official residence within a few hours' journey of that beautiful city in which resides the president of the nation. It is well known that James Cardinal Gibbons often leaves his capital to visit Uncle Sam's capital. And it is undoubtedly "official business" connected with the upbuilding and upholding of the papal monarchy that carries the cardinal thither.

High Priest Gibbons does not visit Washington for his health; he goes to confer with those in authority on some question, which will have a bearing on the material prosperity and well-being of the papal hierarchy in these "infidel parts," apparently oblivious of the fact that his religion teaches that most of the members of the government at Washington are "infidels" and will certainly be damned.

Although at the time at which the national capital was fixed at Washington the Roman Catholics of the region of Baltimore were already a powerful and influential social body. The American statesmen of the period did not probably foresee the tremendous power which was destined to be wielded by the prelates of the papal capital, of the state of Maryland, and of the nation at large.

But, even in Baltimore, where the Roman Catholics are so rich and so powerful, the Methodists are numerous and influential, and have served as vigilant sentinels on the watch-towers of our political Zion ever since the holding of the famous "Christmas Conference" of 1784—the first conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States.

And the Methodists of the nation now purpose to establish a great Protestant university at Washington, which will have a decided tendency to retard and break down the power of the pope of

Let not any patriotic heart be cast down or wholly discouraged. Be not dismayed at the apparent, all-pervasiveness of the Roman hierarchy in the United States, even in such cities as Baltimore and Washington. We have vigilant and valiant friends in all the great cities of the Union, though there is everywhere great need of the swelling of our ranks. The enemy is multiplying with prodigious rapidity, and is active and alert. If each of our friends would faithfully and conscientiously perform the duty that lies nearest him, much good work would be accomplished which is now left unperformed.

We must show this country knee-deep with patriotic literature and with printed copies of the warnings to which George Washington and other American patriots have given solemn utterance. We must seek, by every honorable means in our power, to win over to our principles the millions of Protestants who are unconscious of the dangers that surround us and which threaten to destroy us and our precious heritage.

Let every patriot do his full duty, and all will be well with our land and nation, and we shall enjoy all those manifold blessings of which a beneficent Providence designed we should be partakers.

Paul, the greatest vicar of Christ, the patron saint of Protestantism, and "a citizen of no mean city," was one of the world's conspicuous heroes—not because of any deeds of valor which he ever performed on the field of battle (for he was an apostle of peace and opposed to force as a means of conquering men's minds) but because of his moral heroism, because he possessed that indomitable spirit which overcame obstacles and difficulties that would have appalled the ordinary mind, and because he never for one moment forgot his high calling—that he was divinely chosen to be the teacher and the exemplar of the pure principles and regenerating power of the new religion.

His gospel was the antithesis of Romanism. He was a Christian patriot, a loyal citizen. From the Apostle Paul's singleness of purpose and grandeur of conception of man's duty to his Creator and to society, we may see of a high standard, of civic patriotism and public morality, and to seek to make our nation bright with new hopes and new realizations.

Gen. Weyler built barbed wire fences to keep the Cuban patriots from invading his back yard. "The trocha general" who starved to death the women and children of his enemies will not live long enough to get away from his own history, which has disgraced his nation and the civilization of the country in which he lived.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

But this same Gen. Weyler is a "good Catholic," and "loyal to Spain." The starving to death of non-combatants and defenseless women and children in Cuba met with the full approval of the whole Spanish nation, and Rome. We all know what Spain, an alleged Christian nation, will do with "rebels" and "heretics" who fall into the hands of her soldiery. What atrocious crimes and horrible cruelties the papist Spaniards can with perfect impunity commit, and yet remain in good and regular standing in the "Holy Roman Catholic Church!"

In the tragedy of "Richelieu" the Cardinal Duke of France is made to declare in a great crisis that: "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail." And on the sword which Emperor William of Germany presented to one of his sons last Christmas are inscribed the words, "Your strength belongs to the fatherland." The youth of our land are the bone and sinew of the nation—the rose and expectancy of the fair state—the hope of the American republic. To the rising generation we may confidently say: "Your strength belongs to the fatherland"—that land in which you enjoy the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty. Then buckle on your armor—rally round the flag—stand by the stars and stripes—organize for self-protection—repel the advances of every foreign foe. "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail."

We shall publish a complete exposure of the awful treatment, of the terrible abuse, heaped upon American girls in Roman Catholic convents in our issue of March 4. The article will contain the sworn testimony of witnesses in the now celebrated Salina Clowet case of St. Paul, Minn., which has attracted widespread attention because of the disgraceful and inhuman treatment which the Roman Catholic nuns accorded the poor, helpless creatures who imagined they were going into a religious institution when they entered the un-Godly place. American mothers should read that evidence. Their daughters should read it. It will make their heart's blood run cold, for no fiend could exceed the average nun in heartlessness and cruelty, and Satan himself would not do what those girls swear the angelic sisters did. It is terrible. Don't miss it.

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Men may be called to their doors at night to have daggers plunged into their hearts, for Rome boasts of her unchangeableness.

Brownson says: "What the church has done, what she has expressly or tacitly approved in the past—that is exactly what she will do, expressly or tacitly approve in the future, if the same circumstances occur."

The Roman church approved the massacre of St. Bartholomew.

What were the circumstances? The Huguenots refused to accept the doctrines of the Roman Catholic church, and thousands of Roman Catholics were embracing Protestantism.

What are the circumstances today in America? The public refuse to accept the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, and thousands of Roman Catholics are going over to Protestantism.

And Brownson says that the church has done in the past, what she has approved, she will do and approve again, under like circumstances.

"But they were prepared, in 1572," you say.

"Yes, and they are prepared today," we answer.

Less than two years ago what did we see? The president of a Roman Catholic military organization in New York telegraphing the president of the United States that in case of war with England over the Venezuelan boundary dispute, he had 100,000 armed and drilled men ready to take the field.

Think of that, you Protestants, who can see no danger in Romanism.

Think of it as compared with your standing army of 25,000 men!

Every man of that 100,000 is a loyal Roman Catholic.

One-half of that 25,000 are loyal Roman Catholics.

As loyal Roman Catholics they, every man of them, believe that when the laws of the state and the church conflict it is a crime to obey the laws of the state.

As loyal Roman Catholics they believe that the pope can absolve them from their oaths of allegiance.

As loyal Roman Catholics they believe it their duty to bring America under the yoke of Rome.

And as loyal Roman Catholics they believe it is not a crime to kill a man who has been laid under an interdiction by the pope.

Believing these things they would be the deepest dyed traitors not to strike when their spiritual adviser gave the command.

"But they will never give the command," you say.

"But they did, and the command was obeyed," we reply.

"But this is the nineteenth century and the Church of Rome has grown more liberal, more tolerant," you retort.

And we say she is just as intolerant. She will not permit her children to attend the public schools. She will not permit her sons and daughters to marry Protestants. She still condemns the Masons, the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. She prohibits her members from contributing to the support of Protestant institutions. She will not permit our best citizens to join her numerous secret societies. She brands your wives as concubines and your children as illegitimate, and she says your laws are inferior to her own.

But the strength of the Roman Catholic army in the United States is not confined to one-half our army and that 100,000 men.

The dispatches and extracts which follow will give you some idea of the extent of the organization:

"You can say for me," said Colonel Scannell, of Boston, "that there are already in this city several companies formed. . . . They have been drilling regularly in their respective halls, and most of the members are good shooters. The companies are located in the city proper, South Boston, East Boston, Charlestown and Roxbury, and all told there are 1,300 men enrolled in the new organization. In addition to drilling in their respective halls, the members of the order take advantage of their holidays to go out into the woods WHERE THEY PRACTICE WITH THEIR RIFLES."

At present there is a difference of opinion among the leaders of the movement on account of RELIGION entering into it. In the ranks of the Clan-na-Gael are many Protestant Irishmen, including ministers and others. The question Clan-na-Gael are now discussing is WHETHER IT IS SAFE TO TRUST SO IMPORTANT A MATTER TO THE PROTESTANT IRISHMEN.

Some idea of the strength of the Clan-na-Gael in this country can be gained from the statement that there are fully 700,000 men enrolled in the organization. Councils of the Clan-na-Gael are established in every state in the Union. The union is strongest in Chicago and Philadelphia, while New York and Boston come next in order.—Lincoln State Journal.

And we believe it should have remained in that condition.

Should Coppinger succeed to the command of the army, the subjugation of the country could be made an easy thing, as the capital could fall before the rural districts could rally to the defense of the country.

You say this will never happen.

We say it has happened, and when a thing has once happened under and by the direction or authority of the Roman church it can happen again under and by the same direction and authority.

Then, this is made possible because Coppinger was a member of the Pope's army in Italy—fought under his banners before coming to this country, and before entering our army.

As no oath is binding on a Roman Catholic, Coppinger's oath of allegiance to the United States would not be binding on him, if the pope were to absolve his subjects in this country from such oaths.

He has already absolved the subjects of Italy from their oaths.

And unless the king of Italy is a coward he will accept the challenge of the papacy and settle the question. He will find out whether his kingdom shall be turned into a republic; whether it shall be ruined and plundered by the Church of Rome, as has been the case in the United States, and whether his subjects can have a divided allegiance, as have the Roman Catholic alleged citizens of this republic.

But the conflict that is on in Italy will not be settled there. It will be transferred to this country before it is finally settled.

We say it confidently.

We say it emphatically.

Those 700,000 Irish Roman Catholics—the most bigoted, the most ignorant, the most criminal, the most abject slaves to the wills of Roman Catholic priests—who are armed and drilled, the importance of such arming and drilling" not being understood by "most people," will hasten to take up arms against Italy and this country, will have to make them stack arms and go back to their avocations, or appear in the attitude of favoring the cause of the pope.

We do not know what other American citizens think, but we are free to admit that no Irishman would leave the United States to fight against Italy and in favor of the Pope, were we at the head of the government, and if they did and ever attempted to land on our shores again they would be hanged higher than Haman.

This thing of mining matters for the sake of the Irish vote, who have been disloyal to every form of government except that of the Roman Catholic Church, might as well end now as later on.

They should understand that we regard them with suspicion.

They should know that we realize that they were the most implacable enemies of this country in its rebellion against England.

That we know that more than 70 per cent of those who enlisted to quell the rebellion deserted before they served out their enlistment, and after the pope had recognized the confederacy.

It may be news to you to learn that Abraham Lincoln did not consider the interecne war, which cost so much of the best blood of both the north and the south, was a local contest. He said, in a conversation with Rev. Charles Chiniquy, at the outbreak of the war, that he considered the war was really backed by the pope and the Jesuits.

That declaration will be found on page 696 of "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." His exact words are:

"Unfortunately, I feel more and more, every day, that it is not against the Americans of the south, alone, I am fighting, it is more against the Pope of Rome, his perfidious Jesuits and their blind and blood-thirsty slaves, than against the real American Protestants, that we have to defend ourselves. Here is the real danger of our position. So long as they will hope to conquer the north they will spare me; but the day we will rout their armies (and the day will surely come, with the help of God), take their cities, and force them to submit; then, it is my impression that the Jesuits, who are the principal rulers of the south, will do what they have almost invariably done in the past. The dagger or the pistol of one of their adepts will do what the strong hands of the warriors could not achieve. This civil war seems to be nothing but a political affair to those who do not see, as I do, the secret springs of that terrible drama. But it is more a religious than a civil war. It is Rome who wants to rule and degrade the south, from the day of its discovery. There are only very few of the southern leaders who are not more or less under the influence of the Jesuits through their wives, family relations and their friends. Several members of the family of Jeff Davis belong to the Church of Rome. Even the Protestant ministers are under the influence of the Jesuits without suspecting it. To keep her ascendancy in the

north, as she does in the south, Rome is doing here what she has done in Mexico, and in all the South American republics; she is paralyzing, by a civil war, the arms of the soldiers of Liberty. She divides our nation, in order to weaken, subdue and rule it.

"Surely we have some brave and reliable Roman Catholic officers and soldiers in our armies, but they form an insignificant minority when compared with the Roman Catholic traitors against whom we have to guard ourselves, day and night. The fact is, that the immense majority of the Roman Catholic bishops, priests and laymen, are rebels in heart, when they cannot be in fact; with very few exceptions, they are publicly in favor of slavery. I understand, now, why the patriots of France, who determined to see the colors of liberty floating over their great and beautiful country, were forced to hang or shoot almost all the priests and the monks as the irreconcilable enemies of liberty. For it is a fact, which is now evident to me, that, with very few exceptions, every priest and every true Roman Catholic is a determined enemy of liberty. Their extermination in France was one of those terrible necessities which no human wisdom could avoid; it looks to me now as an order from heaven to save France. May God grant that the same terrible necessity be never felt in the United States! But there is a thing which is very certain; it is, that if the American people could learn what I know of the fierce hatred of the generality of the priests of Rome against our institutions, our schools, our most sacred rights, and our so dearly bought liberties, they would drive them away tomorrow from among us, or they would shoot them as traitors. But I keep those sad secrets in my heart; you are the only one to whom I reveal them, for I know that you learned them before me. The history of these last thousand years tells us that wherever the Church of Rome is not a dagger to pierce the bosom of a free nation she is a stone to her neck, and a ball to her feet, to paralyze her and prevent her advance in the ways of civilization, science, intelligence, happiness and liberty."

But Lincoln did not know all the secret work that Rome was doing to destroy this nation.

He knew she was the friend and adviser of the confederate states, but he did not know that Maximilian was into the conspiracy, and that he and his armies were waiting in Mexico until such time as both the confederate and the Union forces would be shattered, the treasures of the respective sides depleted, and the people of the entire country panting for a cessation of hostilities, when he would cross the border, fall upon the demoralized forces, and after a short but sanguinary struggle build upon the ruins of a once glorious republic a monarchy, by and with the consent of the pope.

We have said in another part of this article that Irish Roman Catholics were always disloyal to every government except that of the Church of Rome.

We desire to assert that and to point to their conduct in the war with Mexico.

Colonel Edwin A. Sherman states that in that war a circular was distributed among the Irish offering them land if they would desert the American flag; that a great many of them did desert and fought under the Mexican flag, were captured and branded on the cheek with a hot iron, the character of the brand being the letter "D," to indicate that they were deserters.

A man who cannot be trusted in time of war is a traitor in time of peace.

The Irish are proving the truthfulness of that assertion every day by organizing exclusive Roman Catholic military organizations for the protection, defense or use of the pope of Rome.

"But the pope of Rome has no use for an armed body of men," you say. "He is a spiritual and not a temporal sovereign."

He does not think so. The Irish military organizations do not think so. No loyal Roman Catholic does think so. It is only blind Protestants who believe that.

The pope has always laid claim to temporal sovereignty, otherwise what is the meaning of this declaration by Pius IX.:

"The church has the right to avail itself of force, and to use the temporal power for that purpose."

Pius said that in 1854.

Besides, the Canon law says that the pope cannot be bound by a secular prince.

Instead, the pope claims the right to depose heretical rulers, and to give their possessions to the faithful.

When the King of Italy entered Rome at the head of a victorious army in 1870, Pius IX. excommunicated and cursed him with the regulation papal curse.

By that act of the pope, and according to the doctrine of the church, every one of his subjects who belong to the Church of Rome were released from their oaths of allegiance.

"When a man is excommunicated for his apostasy, it follows from that very fact that all those who are his subjects are released from their oaths of allegiance by which they were bound to obey him."—St. Thomas, Vol. 4, page 91.

But the damnable pretensions of the church do not stop there.

The council of Lateran, A. D. 1215, and know ye that each and every enactment of all councils and of all popes speaking ex cathedra, have been revived by the pope's sitting in the nineteenth century, and within your knowledge if you are forty years of age, that council declared:

"Monarchs so deposed by the pope are converted into notorious tyrants, and may be killed by the first who can reach them."

A beautiful, a christian doctrine, that!

And yet there are Protestants who say that Rome is getting liberal.

And many of these Protestants are Masons whom the present pope, Leo XIII., has condemned to death and to suffer confiscation of their goods.

In fact, they have all been condemned, cursed, anathematized and ex-communicated, and as such are