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It would re a good idea to abolish the office of chapiain in our army and navy. Then there would not be any "hourly bulletins" sent to the pope.

This government will find before this war with Spain ends that every Roman Catholic priest attached to our army is a Spanish spy under papal direction.

John Ireland says the reason he injected himself into the ante-war controversy was to be able to send the pope "hourly bulletins of the plans of this government."

Andrew Carnegi says the Roman Catholics all favor Spain. Then the government makes a mistake every time it gives a commission to a Roman Catholic priest, jesuit or layman.

Protestant sordiers and sailors should not have their lives placed in jeopardy through the espionage of Roman Catholic priests, who owe primary allegiance, in all things, to the pope of Rome.

William Ewart Gladstone, England's Grand Old Man is dead. Nothing we could say would describe the venera tion and the esteem in which he was held by his feliow countrymen, or the universal respect in which he was held by the people of all nations. He was both a statesman and a scholar, and was known to be a stanch Protestant.

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The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Manila has called upon all his spiritual subjects to fight to the death against the invasion of their Roman Catholic territory by the heretics (Protestants) of America, and yet the government of the United States goes right on ap pointing Roman Catholic Jesuit priests to positions on its warships and in its army where they can act as spies and keep its foes posted on its strength, the location of its troops and the movement of its ships.

Tom Sherman would play traitor and betray this government into the hands of his superiors who govern Spain, as speedily as the most obscure member of his diabolical, bloodthirsty and treacherous order, the Society of Jesus. That is what they are forced into the government service for, and if the government don't shoot or hang a few of the blackhearted as well as black coated gentry known as jesuit priests before the war is over it won't be because they have not deserved that fate, but because the government agents refuse to see the wolf that is arrayed in sheep's clothing.

Every reader of THE AMERICAN wil be filled with regret at the announcement of the death of Elder H. W. Bowman, notice of which we have just received from his wife who is now living in East Los Angeles, Cal. Elder Bowman has been in poor health for some time but none of his friends anticipated his early dissolution. When we met him a year ago he was not in the best of health but we thought he had years of usefulness before him. But it seems his life-work was completed April 30th, for the silent reaper cast his sickle to the earth and the soul of Elder Bowman was one of those he reaped. The deceased was one of the best known patriots in the country, having edited patriotic papers, lectured against Romanism and contributed columns of sharp, incisive paragraphs to this and other papers. By his death the cause of anti-Romanism sustains a loss that it may never be able to fill. With the thousands of patriots who read this announcement of his death we mourn with his widow in her hour of bereavement. May his reward be a part in the kingdom of God.

# THE AMERICAN BE CAREFUL MR. PRESIDENT.

Recent press dispatches from Washington convey to us the information that certain Roman Catholic priests, and certain members of the Roman Catholic order of the Society of Jesus commonly called the Jesuits, have been appointed to positions in the army and navy.

We cannot place implicit reliance in the press dispatches, but, assuming that in this instance they are reliable, we will point out to President McKinley that which may have escaped his attention or which may never have been submitted for his

The first is that Roman Catholics, and especially the priests and Jesuits, owe primary allegiance to the pope of Rome in

Leo XIII in an encyclical dated January 10, 1890, specifically stated that where the laws of the state conflict with the laws of the church the laws of the church are to be unhesitatingly obeyed-that it is a crime to disobey the pope. And each priest in the United States has sworn in part: "In the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles St. Peter and St. Paul and the Saints and the Sacred Hosts of Heaven, and to you, my lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation that the pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the universal church throughout the earth, and that, by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his holiness by Jesus Christ HE HAS POWER TO DEPOSE HERETICAL KINGS, PRINCES, STATES, COMMONWEALTHS AND GOVERN-MENTS, ALL BEING ILLEGAL WITHOUT HIS SACRED CONFIRMATION, and that they may safely be DESTROYED. Therefore, to the atmost of my power, I will DEFEND THIS DOCTRINE and his holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority of the church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurpal and heretical, opposing the sacred mother of the church of Rome.

"I DO DENOUNCE AND DISOWN ANY ALLEGIANCE AS DUE TO ANY PROTESTANT KING, PRINCE OR STATE OR OBEDIENCE TO ANY OF THEIR INFERIOR OFFICERS. I do further declare the doctrine of the church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants, to be damnable and those to be damned who will not forsake the

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his holiness' agents in any place whatever I shall be, and to do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrine and to destroy all their pretended power, legal or otherwise."

Col. Edwin A. Sherman's book, "The Engineer Corps of Hell," contains something startling. It is the extreme oath of the Jesuit. Col. Sherman is a 33° Mason and President McKinley is a Mason and as a Mason we call his attention to the diabolical and treasonable oaths which have been assumed by the priests and the Jesuits of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, and we unhesitatingly brand every man who has assumed those oaths who are now in the government service or who are seeking positions therein, as spies and traitors.

The extreme oath of the Jesuit given in Col. Sherman's book, besides containing all quoted above in the priest's oath, has the following damnable declarations:

"I do further promise and declare that I WILL HAVE NO OPINION OR WILL OF MY OWN or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will UNHESITATINGLY OBEY EACH AND EVERY COMMAND that I may receive from MY SUPERIORS IN THE MILITIA OF THE POPE and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whatsoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the north, the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America, without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever, communicated to me.

I do furthermore promise and declare that I WILL, when opportunity presents, MAKE AND WAGE RELENTLESS WAR, secretly or openly, AGAINST ALL HERETICS, Protestants and Liberals as I am directed to do, TO EXTIRPATE THEM FROM THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH, and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I WILL HANG, BURN, WASTE, BOIL, FLAY, STRANGLE AND BURY ALIVE THESE INFAMOUS HERETICS; RIP OPEN THE STOMACHS AND WOMBS OF THIER WOMEN AND CRUSH THEIR INFANTS' HEADS AGAINST THE WALLS in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I WILL SECRETLY USE THE POISONOUS CUP, THE STRANGULATING CORD, THE STEEL OF THE POINARD, OR THE LEADEN BULLET, regardless of the HONOR, RANK, DIGNITY OR AUTHORITY OF THE PERSON OR PERSONS, whatever may be their condition in life, EITHER PUBLIC OR PRI-VATE, AS I AT ANY TIME MAY BE DIRECTED SO TO DO BY ANY AGENT OF THE POPE OR SUPERIOR OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF THE HOLY FATHER, of the SOCIETY OF JESUS.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, my soul and all corporal powers, and with this dagger which I now receive. I will subscribe my name, written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or weaken in my determination, may my brethren and fellow soldiers of the militia of the pope cut off my hands and my feet, and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein, with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul be tortured by demons in an eternal hell forever."

Such, President McKinley, are the obligations assumed by some men whom you have appointed to positions, positions

where they can be of the utmost service to your country's enemies and of the most dreadful consequences to the brave men who have offered their lives in defense of this government.

The men who have taken those obligations will know every detail-the number of your troops, their location, their orders, your coast defenses, the number of stands of arms, amount of supplies, munitions, etc., and even your intended moves. What they know, Martinelli, Ireland, Gibbons, Corrigan, and Fitzgerald will know, and what they know the pope, through a special, trusted messenger, and the General of the Jesuits, will know in Rome; and what the pope knows his agents in Spain, in Austria, in Germany, in France, in Portugal, in the whole Roman Catholic world will know sufficiently, and be instructed, to do all in their power to deprive this country of its "PRE-TENDED POWER, LEGAL OR OTHERWISE."

In a former editorial we called your attention to the fact that if there was a leak from any department at Washington, it could in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred be traced to a Roman Catholic. We reassert that, and add to it the charge that the so-called Spanish spies will use the priests of Rome as go betweens, and Spain will receive ALL HER RELIABLE INFOR-MATION FROM THIS COUNTRY THROUGH CHAN-NELS CONTROLLED BY THE VATICAN, to which point it will be carried by special Jesuit messengers.

It does not seem possible that the President is not fully informed as to the aims and objects of the Church of Rome, or as to the means it will employ to attain the coveted end, yet he may be. Equally as great men have been misled for a time by the false pretences, the lying promises and the treachery and trickery that goes to make up Jesuit or papal diplomacy, and he may now be completely hoodwinked, but he is sure to get his eyes open in the end, and when he does we pledge him the undivided support of every loval, patriotic man who assumed the A. P. A. obligation. Until that time the unthinking may go to war with priests to be betrayed and delivered to the enemy.

NO PAPIST SHOULD BE TRUSTED DURING THIS CONFLICT. THE CHURCH OF ROME ACCEPTS IT AS A RELIGIOUS WAR AND WILL DO ALL IT CAN IN AN UNDERHANDED WAY TO AID SPAIN, and the Protestants who put any confidence in Romish protestations of loyalty may have a terrible awakening one of these days.

We believe this war is foretold in the Scriptures and that it will lead up to and end in the great battle of Armageddon. The Book of Revelations describes Rome so plainly that there is no opportunity for a reading, thinking man to be mistaken.

FOR GOD'S SAKE, MR. McKINLEY, BOW NOT TO THE PAPAL BEAST. BE FAITHFUL IN A FEW, THAT HE MAY MAKE YOU RULER OVER MANY THINGS WHEN HE COMES IN HIS POWER AND HIS GLORY.

# PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Is it necessary for the Pope to issue a proclamation before the Roman adherent knows whether he can be loyal to a country or not?

Must Loyalty to the Church take precedence over Loyalty to the Country? If so, how can a Roman be depended upon as a Loyal Subject?

If the Roman Pontiff has the RIGHT to say to a subject "you be Loyal" to a Country, has he NOT the same RIGHT to compel the Roman subject to be disloyal?

Ought our government to appoint a Roman subject to any place of Trust, or have such within their confidence, when they the Romans owe first allegiance to the Pope; particularly when the Roman Pontiff has been and is now giving all the aid he possibly can to Spain?

These are pertinent questions for the loyal officers of the American Government, to fully consider before they are betrayed by the Romans and the blood of our young Americans is needlessly spilled through Spanish Roman treachery.

Loyalty, safe and true should be the test in every appointment.

We know of Sisters of the Romish church who are talking and doing all in their power for Spain, and yet these woman have been receiving United States, City and County monies for many years-thousands upon thousands of dollars.

> Yours for Our Government, without an if, YOUNG AMERICA.

New York, May 16th, 1898.

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### A HEARTLESS JUDGE.

The story is circulated that a certain judge who is not often charged with ingratitude, has fallen into that sln. It is said that a certain person holding office by appointment of a board of judges, bought a large number of trees paying for them with public money. Said official out of the bigness of his heart tendered one of those judges a number of those same trees, and offered to have them planted by men paid by the public. This all happened a few weeks previous to the expiration of said official's term, he was then a candidate for re-election. Now who could believe it, but really this same judge was heartless enough to refuse to cast his vote for said kind-hearted official's re-election!! Now the question is, what can a fellow do when he wants that judge's vote? Can't someone find out?

Mike Davitt calls on the 25,000,000 Americans of Irish blood to resist any attempt at an alliance between American and Great Britain. Don't get excited Mike. There are hardly onetenth that number of Americans with Irish blood in their veins, but, be they few or many, they must not interfere with the plans of the government-not at this time-they must be loyal, and no foreign bog-trotter will be allowed to work up dissatisfaction even among the ignorant Irish Roman Catholics against a country that is at peace with us. The Irish are born traitors and if their priests don't lead them gradually to the defense of Spain it will surprise nine out of every ten Protestants.

Ex-Park-Commissioner Tukey succeded in getting the daily papers to declare that he could not accept his old job even if re-elected. Tukey came to this conclusion only after he found that he could get only two votes from the electing board of judges. We are reminded of Pat who declared he would no longer work for his old employer, giving as a reason that "Me boss said Pat you're discharged.'"

A well-known London paper says: "Jesuits control the French army, and some regiments of the British army are composed entirely of Roman Catholics. Who can assure us that exigencles may not arise in which this may prove a very serious affair?" And how about Romanist regiments in the U.S. army? They owe supreme allegiance to the pope.-Boston Citizen.

# Watch.

If the pope says he wished he had not lived to see the day that Manila fell from the hands of the Spanish into the hands of the Americans, and if the priests and nuns of the Spanish hospitals at Cavite, tried to have the American fleet blown up, by sending it thro' a channel which had been mined, should not the American people look upon Martinelli as a papal, pro-Spanish spy, because of his being the pope's representative, although not officially recognized? CLEWITT.

# The Next Move.

Now is the time for the Roman Catholic clergy in the United States to sever their relations with the pope and form their own denomination. When the clergy voted on the infallibility of the pope, many of the delegates from the United States were opposed to the proposed innovation, and if they had voted according to their idea of right, would have voted against this doctrine. Now since the part of that denomination in the United States is strong enough to take charge of the work here they should tell the pope they will not trouble him in regard to the management of the affairs here.

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