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Don't fret, the Jesuits will control McKinley's peace commissioners.

John Ireland may be pope! Somebody wants the Roman Catholic vote, John.

We are ready to admit that the Jesuits control this country, and that the inquisition may be set up any day.

No wonder Admiral Cervera possesses so many excellent traits. His mother was English. Anglo-Saxon blood will tell.

It is said that ten per cent of the students at Harvard University and at the University of Pennsylvania are Roman Catholics.

Rev. J. M. Wilson is delivering a series of interesting lectures at the Castellar street Presbyterian church Sunday evenings.

And now a new face of type has been named Dewey. Admiral Dewey is himself no new type of American. But he is a typical Yankee.

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John Ireland says the church is not a factor in this war. We all noticed that but never dreamed John would admit it. But it has arranged to be a factor in shaping the terms of peace.

Now is the time when the politicians chase the Roman vote pretty hard. If one side does it openly, the other offsets secretly it with a free will offering of cash.

Dewey opened the war by destroying the fleet in the Bay of Manila. Dewey closed the war by effecting the surrender of Manila. He is our alpha and omega—so far as 1898 naval victories are concerned.

One of the good things which the war between Spain and the United States has accomplished is the bringing closer together of the North and the South. The rebel ghost has vanished—never to reappear.

Elder Luther Warren is continuing his lectures each evening in the large electric-lighted tent at Seventeenth and Webster streets to large crowds. His subject this week has been "The United States in Prophecy." He will speak at least one week more.

Did you notice what a figure one John J. Coppinger did NOT cut in the Spanish-American war? He has done nothing to merit the major generalship which an accommodating President bestowed on him. Omaha has borne his absence with equanimity.

To anyone who buys a copy of the book "Romanism and The Republic" price \$1.00, we shall send in addition several small pamphlets worth fully another dollar of any true patriot's money. Remember all postage paid by us. Send in your order by return mail.

Certainly it was necessary for William McKinley to appoint a Democrat on the Peace Commission, and it was also necessary to appoint a Roman Democrat. Then he could lay the blame for the selection on the leaders of the opposite political party. He only named his candidate! William is wise beyond his generation.

The Review says: "Romanists hang together and act together. At all elections they vote in solid blocks in the interests of the church at the command of the Pope." There are several magazines in this country called Review. We do not know from what Review the above statement was originally taken, but the Review from which we quote is evidently not afraid to state the truth about the uniform attitude of Roman Catholic voters. We have seldom seen so much truth stated in so few words in the press of the day.

ROMANISM IN CONTROL.

A Vienna dispatch to the London Telegraph says a Protestant mission was organized in Inch, upon complaint of a Roman Catholic priest, for failing to remove his hat when the priest went by with his parakee god. That is the condition into which this country is gradually drifting. The day is not far distant when religious and civil liberty will be a thing of the past, and when Romanism will rule in her old-time way with the rack, the thumb-screw, the torch and the terms of the dungeon. Then will every knee bow and every tongue praise the bloody, cruel and relentless foe of truth, liberty and equality, in order that they may escape her wrath. Of course there may be a Luther, a Huss, a Wycliffe, a Coligny, a Giordano Bruno, or a Lincoln rise up occasionally and say "give me liberty, or give me death!" but around them will stand thousands singing the praise of the cruel, relentless tyrant who lives in Rome and directs the acts of his subjects throughout the world. We say it emphatically, your liberties are all but overthrown today. No human agency can save them. This probably would not be true, were the American people true to their convictions, were they honest at heart, and were they willing to openly meet the great enemy of the human race and give him battle. But the great body of the American people are dishonest at heart in their secret professions of opposition to the political power wielded by the ecclesiasties of the Roman Catholic church, but they are disloyal to the interests of not only their own children, but also to the interests of every other child that is growing up in this country today; more than this, the average American citizen is a moral coward. He is afraid he will lose business if he does this; or he is afraid he will lose a dollar if he does something else; or that he is to offend Dennis O'Flaherty if he does yet another thing. This cowardice has been the entering wedge that will ultimately cause the destruction of this grand republic. The beginning of the end is already upon us. It will follow speedily upon the policy of territorial expansion adopted by the government at the instance of the Jesuits, the secret agents of the Church of Rome. Students of political science expect to witness some wonderful changes in the next ten years. We say now that they will be appalled at the changes. The hand of the Jesuit is manipulating the government wires at Washington. Our officers are mere figureheads. The Roman Catholic church is virtually in possession of the government today. She can be in actual possession in 1900. While we realize the impotency of every effort to curtail her power and growing prestige, we shall, nevertheless, continue to protest.

The Peace Commission, which is to meet in Paris a like committee from Spain, is a monumental blunder. It is composed of men who dare not oppose the church of Rome. Senator Davis does not dare act contrary to the wish and will of John Ireland if he desires to be returned to the United States Senate; Whitelaw Reid would not dare oppose the hierarchy, because it would result in the destruction of his great newspaper, which would be boycotted by every Roman Catholic in the country; Justice White is a Roman Catholic and some have said, in addition thereto, a Jesuit, so he will obey the church; Senator Frye is a politician, and politicians never go counter to the wish of the church; Secretary Day has the necessary nerve to oppose the church, but he is a poor man, and they are already holding before his eyes a commission as associate justice of the supreme court. With such a committee peace should be arranged by the Jesuits with neatness and dispatch. Of course there will be wrangling for the edification of the public, but it will be smooth as glass underneath. White will, in all probability, be the most blatant advocate of what is supposed to be the most popular theory of adjustment with the American people. It is a great committee. Watch it.

We would have cut a sorry figure in the war with Spain had our navy been so more efficient than it was in 1873, the time of the Virginius affair. We may thank our stars that in the last dozen years the Congress has authorized the construction of so many formidable battle-ships and cruisers. In the

moments that have been adopted for materially strengthening the navy the Congress has reflected the sentiment of the American people. What could Dewey and Sampson and Schley have done with the American warships of 1873, or even with those of 1880? The building of a new navy is one of the wisest and most timely things the American nation ever did. When war between Spain and the United States became inevitable we found the means ready at hand with which to avenge the destruction of the Maine, to maintain the national dignity, and to perform work that was absolutely necessary to effect the expulsion of the Spaniards from the western hemisphere and from the Philippine archipelago, and to put a stop to the atrocities which were the concomitants of Spanish rule. Our new navy has done splendid work—has performed deeds that will shine with brightest lustre in the annals of naval warfare. We have had urgent need of every one of those war vessels which were completed under the administrations of Presidents Harrison and Cleveland. Those floating fortresses have made our flag far more respected throughout the world than it otherwise would have been.

The Boston Pilot declares that "we have often said, and cannot say too often, that no Catholic priest or layman makes a living by insulting Protestants. No Protestant minister converted to Catholicity ever devotes himself to abusing his former coreligionists. He would find it hard to get an audience if he did." The Pilot states that which is not true. What does Father Phelan, editor of the Western Watchman, published at St. Louis, do but make a living by insulting Protestants and noisily denouncing Protestantism? Do not Roman Catholic priests and laymen read and enjoy the Western Watchman? It is more than meat and drink for the sanguinary Phelan to prescribe all sorts of fantastic punishments for non-Catholics. He puts in print that which every consistent Roman Catholic, priest or layman, believes and practices.

Probably some of you have heard of Father John Williams. Well, John never admired THE AMERICAN! It was so ungentlemanly, you know. It couldn't see that all the female virtue in the world was tied up in those black dresses and bonnets worn by Roman Catholic nuns; so John took a fall out of THE AMERICAN, and he hasn't been the same man since. Recently we felt called upon to expose a recent shortcoming of the venerable Protestant priest, who laments because he cannot worship at the same altar with the Roman Catholics, and did it with our usual regard for the truth. One of John's friends saw the article and took the paper to the priest, who, we understand, read the item and then remarked: "I don't care what that paper says about me; no one reads it now." Now, John, don't get rash.

The Chicago Evening Post recently had an editorial in which it moralized on the repeated failure of New York's Tammany organization to elect a man whom it could really control to the office of President of the United States. The Evening Post says that: "Boss Tweed had his hand in Congress, his creatures in control at Albany, and cherished the hope of landing a subservient tool in the White House; but the American people would have none of Tammany." There is one well-grounded reason why, all along through the years, "the American people would have none of Tammany," and that is a reason which the Evening Post has not mentioned, viz: Tammany has been and is the obedient servant of the Roman Catholic hierarchy at the East.

W. J. Orem, of Baileyville, Kansas, and others of the Church of God, have been holding a series of meetings during the past week in a large tent at the corner of 33rd street and Ames Ave. In his lecture Thursday evening he gave the Mother of Harlots, the Roman Catholic church, some very hard raps. He closes his lectures in this city Sunday morning. He would be glad to meet all persons who are interested in the word of God at that time. All seats are free.

"Peace hath her victories no less renowned than war." Perhaps John Milton never penned a truer axiom.

But the war which the United States has waged against Spain, and which has just been wrought in a successful issue, was absolutely necessary in order that Peace might reign undisturbed over those islands which for so many centuries have suffered the unpeppable horrors of Spanish rule.

Bishop Messmer of Green Bay, Wis., delivered a speech before the German Roman Catholic Central society at its meeting in Milwaukee the 23rd, in which he made use of this language: "We are not to live as American Catholics, but as Catholic Catholics." In other words, in the words of John Ruskin, "we are Catholics first and citizens afterward." Or, to put it in plain English, "they will obey the church in preference to the state." To state it as the pope states it, "where laws of the state conflict with the laws of the church, the laws of the church are to be unhesitatingly obeyed."

Chief of Police Kipley of Chicago has discharged one Patrick O'Connor from the force for intoxication. Great heavens! has it come to this, that a Roman Irishman can actually be removed from the police force of one of our great cities for any offense of which he may have been found guilty? The proverbial "influence" of the Paddy policeman does not appear to always shield him from the punishment which a serious breach of discipline deserves.

A correspondent wrote to the Chicago Evening Post to ascertain whether Admiral Schley and Captain Evans were members of any church. The published reply was that the families of the two gentlemen are Episcopalians, but that it is not known whether the admiral and the captain are personally church members. From which it seems fair to infer that neither Schley nor Evans is "a practical Roman Catholic."

Several hundred thousand residents of Cuba who are either Spaniards or who are of Spanish extraction may in the near future have a chance to demonstrate their fitness for citizenship in a dependency of the United States. If tolerably good citizens can be made out of semi-civilized Spaniards, the United States will have fully demonstrated its ability to govern peoples of alien race and alien religion.

On the question of American "expansion" the Boston Journal ironically observes that: "Spain must give up Cuba and she must give up Porto Rico. She must do one thing more: She must depart forever from the Philippines." The majority of thinking Americans will consider this position sound, patriotic and humanitarian.

Spain's Church Obligation. Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 21.—The Post says Rev. John T. Murphy, president of Holy Ghost college, this city, rather takes issue with Archbishop Ireland, who in an interview yesterday practically said that the catholic church in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines was the only established church and needed no aid outside of itself. Father Murphy expressed the belief that the United States will find it wise to adopt a liberal policy toward the islanders and assume all church obligations that obtained between Spain and its colonies. In other words, ENDOW THE CHURCHES AND PROVIDE FOR THEIR MAINTENANCE as has been done for the last 400 years. The reverend gentleman says: "England, the greatest successful colonizing power since the fall of the Roman empire, found it the wisest policy to accept the conditions as it found them and allow the people of the conquered territory all the rights they enjoyed before. It did it in Canada, India and all of its other colonies. Other power have failed because they tried to force new customs upon the people whose government they had overthrown."

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American Bible Study

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According to the word of God—the Bible—the Lord's day, the Sabbath, is very easily distinguished from every other day. If you will turn to the first chapter, first verse and first sentence of Revelation you will read, "the revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto Him, to show unto His servants things which must shortly come to pass; and He sent and signified it by His angel unto His servant John: who bare record of the Word of God and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all the things he saw." Now, it is "the revelation of Jesus Christ" from God to the servants of Jesus which John says, same chapter and the eleventh verse, he was commanded to "write in a book" the things which he saw. If we are going to accept John's testimony on one point, then we must accept his testimony upon all points; in fact there is a penalty attached, see Revelation twenty-second chapter and eighteenth and nineteenth verses, for adding to or taking away from the revelation of Jesus Christ. While this book contains a caution in the last chapter, you will find that it also contains a blessing, see Revelation, chapter 1, verse 3, on him "that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein; for the time is at hand." Then, with both the blessing and the penalty in mind, let us consider what John has written. He says, Revelation, chapter 1, verse 10: "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day." Then the Lord has a day. Go back to the first book of the Bible, Genesis, second chapter and third verse: "And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it: because that in it He had rested from all His work which God created and made." Now go over to the twentieth chapter and tenth verse of Exodus: "But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." In St. John's Gospel, first chapter, verses 1 to 15, you will find that Jesus is referred to as "The Word," and that "The Word was God." You will also find it stated that "The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," and that as "many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, (even) to them that believe (on) His name." It is also stated there that "All things were made by Him; and without Him was not any thing made that was made" by The Word "in the beginning." After creating the heaven and the earth "God said let there be Light: and there was Light" (Genesis 1:3) John says, first chapter, that The Word which became flesh was the True Light of the world, and that "He was in the world, and the world was made by Him." (St. John, 1:10) "And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness; and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the fourth day." (Gen. 1:16-19.) Then if Jesus who was The Word made all things, and that "without Him was not any thing made," then He made the day—He made all the days—He made the Seventh as well as the First, and He "blessed the Seventh day and sanctified it." In Number Four we explained fully the meaning of the word "sanctified" so it will not be necessary to go over that ground again; we will only say it is "to set aside for sacred uses; to make holy." So Jesus, "The Word," who created all things, and without whom was not any thing made, made and consecrated the Seventh day which God later gave to Israel as its Sabbath, commanding as well that they keep it holy, as that they should labor six days. We have already quoted God's law in full, so it will not be necessary to return to it, but if you will turn to Deuteronomy, chapter 10, verses 1 and 2, you will read: "At that time the Lord said unto me [Moses] hew ye two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make the ark of wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark." And in the fourth verse of the same chapter Moses

says: "And He wrote on the tables according to the first writing: the ten commandments which the Lord spoke unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the Lord gave them unto me." Jesus said, Matthew, chapter 5, verses 17, 18 and 19: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For as by I say unto you, till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. Whosoever, therefore, shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven."

Let us now go to the thirteenth and fourteenth verses of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah. There we read: "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on MY HOLY DAY; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

Now if you will go back to the seventeenth verse of the eleventh chapter of Revelation—the Revelation of Jesus Christ—you will see that "the dragon was wroth with the woman [the true church] and went to make war with the remnant [what is left] of her seed, WHICH KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

Much more could be submitted to establish the claim that the beast had thought to change the Lord's Sabbath from the Seventh to Sunday the First day of the week, but in spite of man's attempt to change it, we find the last apostle who writes to the servants or children of God, speaks of the remnant of God's people who keep the commandments of God. And he wrote more than 60 years after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, and no man who has read and studied this subject carefully will say that the disciples changed the Sabbath to commemorate the resurrection of the Savior, for Jesus Himself says in the last chapter and the fourteenth verse, "Blessed are they that DO His commandments." Were John speaking those words would refer to the new commandment given to the world by Jesus, but as Jesus is speaking the blessing is to those who keep God's commandments.

If the above extracts from God's Word do not make the Sabbath question clear to you, it would be useless to attempt to make it plain, so we will not argue the question, but leave it as God has stated it.

I am not your judge. I have not and will not say you cannot be saved unless you accept my interpretation of the Bible. You and your God will have to settle the thing finally, and that, too, at no very remote day.

The next article will be devoted to a study of the prophecy of Daniel, twenty-fifth verse of the seventh chapter, "and he shall think to change times."

Pope Appears in Public.

London, Aug. 21.—The Daily News' Rome dispatch says: The pope held a reception today in celebration of the feast of his patron saint Glocchino. Nearest the pontiff stood the cardinals who were first to express the warmest felicitations on his recovery. Then followed the patriarchs, archbishops and lesser clergy, Knights of Malta and the diplomatic body. The central figure looked much more shrunken and feeble than ever; the effect, of course, being heightened by his pure white robes. His voice has fallen perceptibly, although it is still clear and penetrating. This, however, did not prevent the issue of the official report from the Vatican stating that the pope is in vigorous health. Several hundred telegrams were received by the aged pontiff from abroad, the most important being those from the Emperor of Austria and the young King of Spain, who is his god-son. The latter was in most affectionate terms, asking once more for the apostolic benediction for his suffering country.