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## SHORT BITS ABOUT ROME.

The Jews, after the fall of Jerusalem, looked upon the Christians as apostates and heretics. The Roman Catholics are under the same impressions regarding Christians.

Pagans thought Christians were Atheists, because they did not have any visible God to worship. Papacy seems to have a similar opinion regarding them, and have left out a commandment on account of this belief.

It was a custom in the Roman empire, when they conquered a nation, to accept the religion of that country by adoption. And this is the trouble with the papal church. It has worked on the same principles and now, in that church, there is a conglomeration of beliefs that causes a man, with a little common sense, to smile.

It is a matter of history that a greater part of the Roman "Thundering Legion" were Christians, although Christians were at this time in danger of being brought before the tribunal and killed for their faith. By their prayer for rain being answered, the persecution against them was not as violent as had been. The "thunder legions" against Spain seem to have been made up principally of Christians, and not one of the number who sank the boat with Hobson at Santiago were members of the pope's church. And this work of these people seems to have put a certain amount of hesitancy in the minds of the pope's followers, not because they are made of good material, as was the opinion of the Roman leaders, but because they are the kind of stuff that the papal pet chickens had better leave severely alone. For a Romanist has an unlimited amount of courage when he is behind a stone wall twenty feet thick and entirely out of sight. It is a good thing they have courage sometimes.

The Romanists boast so much about the apostolic fathers. When the inquisition was established in Spain it is a very happy thought that these same apostolic fathers were dead and out of sight of these heroes of thumb-screw and rack.

In the age after the apostles there were two tendencies toward heresies, one toward Judaism and the other toward a mixture with paganism. The mixture with paganism finally grew to be the Roman Catholic church. And now they say the Bible is a sectarian book, because of the prominence of paganism in their theology.

Rev. Dr. Harcourt's book against Romanism is recommended by five bishops in the Methodist Episcopal church. These bishops had better be careful or the Roman Catholics will vote against Mr. McKinley next time.

Many are waiting to see the president pull the lanyard and discharge Gen. Otis. He should be sent home because of lack of competency, and treasonable acts in favor of the prince who sits at Rome.

If a man wants the presidency he should not have a Roman Catholic wife for a running mate.

If the president does not do something with Otis very soon he will lose more votes than he has gained by his good work with the Spanish exhibition of military strength.

It is too bad that we are fighting against the Filipinos if they are simply fighting against the pope and his army of agents. Let some man be sent there who is not a tool of the "papal combine."

Facing the Twentieth Century, by Dr. King, will have some influence if it is sent to every member of the cabinet and every member of congress. Let the good work go on. Thanks for the means to push it.

They say that wide-awake churches have conversions from Romanism. Why is it then that some ministers have refused to receive the Citizen of Boston. Are they asleep? What method should be adopted to arouse them.

And now they call Greater New York "New Cork." It seems quite similar in name and I expect the man who gives the name knows the city.

A new patriotic paper is started at Milan, Ill. We may expect many of them till the next president is elected.

Why should Dr. Schell, general secretary of the Epworth league, want Priest Heldman for president? It is bad enough to see a Methodist politician make a bad break in favor of Romanism, but when a prominent officer in an organization, such as the Epworth league, makes such a break, it makes a person think there has been a barrel of a gun, a barrel of whiskey or an empty barrel somewhere near his head.

One sign of the decrease of the influence of Romanism is the decline of the number of those speaking the languages which are more closely allied to the Latin. We see Spanish spoken by 48,000,000, and French by 46,000,000, while German is spoken by 60,000,000, and English by 120,000,000.

It would be a good idea if Gen. Otis would teach the Filipinos English. From many reports we would infer he was teaching them Irish or Italian.

Let those who think Gen. Otis should be court-martialed write to the president, giving the reasons for thinking so.

A Roman Catholic writer has very pessimistic views as to the success of the Roman Catholic church in England. One of the obstacles in the way is, that the English will not tolerate the compulsory confessional, and the papal agents cannot successfully work together without this. They want to know every body's business so as to know where and how to strike. Let the Americans take a hint in time.

Gen. Otis, it is reported, says he does not want those who sell Bibles in the Philippines "nosing" around. Of all men Mr. Otis seems to be opposed to is the man who thinks nations who have a knowledge of the Bible are the most prosperous. Mr. Otis wants no Bible, he wants the pure worship of the Virgin Mary and nothing else. He does not want the United States to trouble him any more by sending or permitting any people selling Bibles or teaching Bible. He wants them to stay at home in the United States till he can have a little time to put Romanism on a firm basis. He then can have an opportunity to put the volunteers who are very patriotic at the front and let the Filipinos shoot at them and let the regulars stand by and see the play. He would want any Protestant general miles away. All he asks of the United States is his own sweet will and plenty of cash to carry out his wishes, even if it were to cost the lives of 10,000 soldiers, and then it would take the lives of 10,000 more to fully undo the evil he has done.

Has the pope ever heard the words, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

As Christ picked up a man—Judas—who would witness against them, if their were any "crooked" work among the leaders of Christianity, would it not be a good idea for the pope to employ a man as a spy and not let any of the leaders of the Roman Catholic church know it, so as to tell to the world any queer acts which may be of interest to the world?

Instead of the pope giving instructions as to his death, he would be more apt to give them instructions regarding the "purgatory platform," to see that it would be in good condition, and very strong, so as to be able to stand the jar.

The pope complains of being a prisoner and at the same time claims the prerogatives of Peter. Why does not some angel come and unlock the prison door for him?

If the descent of the holy spirit were to come upon the vatican with a rushing wind, no think, we could see gowned creatures fleeing from the building, like so many rats running from a bushel basket if some one were to strike it with a stick.

It would be amusing to see what would be the chances of Stephen during the time when the inquisition was in good working order, if he were to preach at Rome the same sermon he had been stoned to death for. They would say to him, "Mr. Stephen, we are very sorry for you, but you seem to be demented, and, that your heretical teaching may not cause others to go to hell, as you surely will, we must give you to the tender mercies of the arm of the law, which will be as lenient as it possibly can be under the circumstances.

The first church council was held at Jerusalem and Peter was not the president or chairman. If the pope were there he might have rectified this little oversight and placed Peter in the chair, and, if they would not he could have called on the Virgin Mary and the holy saints to snite them to the earth.

It seems strange that at the first council of the Christian church at Jerusalem, Rome was not represented. Yet, it was not until after this that the gospel was carried to Rome by Paul. And yet the papists claim that they are the first church.

According to the Bible, Peter was in the Mesopotamian Babylon, or to Blandin refers to the city of Rome being a spiritual Babylon, and if the papists want this view, they must take the consequences of the construction. Tradition says that Peter was at Rome and the papists can manufacture tradition by the cart load and every manufactured piece has the papal brand upon it, any one could see in what factory it was made.

James, the brother of the Lord, surnamed the Just, was the first president or chairman, of the assembly at Jerusalem. The Roman Catholics say Jesus did not have any brothers, that they were only cousins. Of course their patron apostle was a little neglected there. But what is lacking in history, they can make up all right by tradition, even to the chair which Peter sat in, which was made in about the twelfth century.

John lived until the end of the apostolic age. Paul was the earnest defender of the faith and apostle to the gentiles, but the church at Rome did not want either of these, she wanted the man who carried the sword, and as Peter, after he made use of the sword, denied his Master, so has the church of Rome, and it is about time they have a season of repentance.

### EVIDENCE.

There is a person who has no use for the religion of the Roman Catholic church. She states that when she was a girl her step-mother's relatives were Romanists; and when the step-mother died they did all they could to make a Romanist of her. When but a girl she went to the friends of her own mother, and if it were not for these friends the Romanists would have made life miserable. "No," she said, "I have no use for the Roman Catholics. I know what they are. If I had a child and if a person were to tell me that that child must either be a Roman Catholic or die, I would tell them, let the child die." E. E.

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## IS IT ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

HENNELLEY, Neb., July 21, 1899.—Levi Trowbridge, City Missionary, Omaha, Neb., Respected Friend: Please accept my thanks for the five numbers of the American you sent me. I had never seen the paper before. I like it well. But my Americanism is more American than his. Americans with him, include all who honestly swear allegiance to the United States government. No doubt but many of our best citizens are of this class, and I bid them welcome. But the risk in receiving them is so great that it includes most of the alum element of our cities. These are the rioters and anarchists, the dangerous classes, the outlaws of every city. These outlaws constitute the police of every city. With comparatively few exceptions, foreign born Catholics constitute the city guardians.

I am opposed to giving an office to any foreign born citizen. "Americans for America" is my motto. Nebraska had a governor who had to be naturalized after his election before he could be installed in office. I hold it to be an insult to Americans to import men to make and execute the laws for us.

And there are enough Americans to do the work without shipping in mobocratic foreigners to displace orderly citizens.

Moreover, I hold that Catholicism is not all Romanism, and that Catholics do not all belong to the church of Rome.

Episcopacy of every name, order and complexion, is of the same family, and the tread is all in one direction—self-seeking, arrogant, unrepentant, un-American, unchristian. "No bishop no king," and vice versa.

The United States government crouches before this combined power and I see a growing menace in it. It is not unnatural that President McKinley should cater to it. Not impossible that General Otis is instructed to play into her hands. Her minions are the balance of power that turns the scale of every election in this country, and every election is carried by bribery and fraud.

Just as if we had not enough of the unruly and ignorant mass in this country, we must be reaching out after Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, with all the Spanish vice, treachery and crime.

"Our motto is 'remember the Maine' and thresh the meanness out of Spain," but when we embosom all of Spain we can get, with all the meanness, ignorance, treachery and Catholicism of the people, there is "something rotten in Warsaw" or Washington.

The president recommends a standing army of 80,000 on a peace basis. The wealth of the nation has mostly passed from the producers to the non-producers, and billions mortgaged to capitalists for the privilege of using the money we earned. Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, recommends the retirement of the greenbacks, gold and silver certificates, make gold the only "standard of value" or legal tender, allow the banks absolutely to control the money circulation. By simultaneous action, every mortgage could be foreclosed and the banks refuse to loan money, and at one swoop, the capitalists could possess themselves of nine-tenths of the remaining property of the country, bankrupt business and pauperize labor.

Think you all this unrepentant and un-American machinery, that exactly fits into the cogs and meshes of monarchy is accidental or designed and made for use?

MOSES MECHAM.

### PHILIPPINE MANAGER.

Many who come from Manila are not pleased with the method adopted

by Gen. Otis. They state he causes the volunteers to do most of the work and lets the regulars do nothing. This may be exaggerated, yet, if there is any truth in it and there are many making the statement, it is the papal plan of making Protestants do the dirty work for the gentlemen, the pope's pets. Many in the regular army are Roman Catholics, but the majority of the volunteers from the east are patriotic men. If the Roman Catholics can keep the war going, between the Philippines who fought the dear Roman Catholic Spanish; and have them to fight those contemptible A. P. A.'s and A. P. A. sympathizers, they will be doing a grand work for his majesty, the Roman pope, and the pope, of course, will call this distinguished general sweet names.

The Roman Catholics have not much hope of doing much with Cuba and Porto Rico, but they would wilt if Protestantism would get a strong hold on these islands. That would have such a great influence on all Asia.

You watch the way the wind blows the ribbons when Otis acts, and you will see something worth knowing.

M. W. C.

### OTIS.

The Denver Post continues to tell what mean things the soldiers from Manila have to say regarding Gen. Otis. They say he is not competent, that he permits the Filipinos to do the garb of the friendly Filipinos and cut down the United States soldiers when their backs are turned. They state the hospitals are not properly managed, etc. Now, if General Otis is a Roman Catholic, and a good son of Mr. Pecci, who has his headquarters at Rome, he will try to carry out the wishes of that wire puller, and if the canned meat scheme was aimed at the Protestant soldiers of the United States, why would not the General Otis plan be a continuation of the "canned beef warfare?" There are many who think the administration cannot know, or something must be wrong or we would have a change of things at Manila. If these soldiers who have just come from Manila are all liars they are the biggest pack of liars a person has seen for many a day. Anyone can see that the Philippine affair is a Roman Catholic grab for all they possibly can get, and using the strength and lives of the United States men to get it.

F. D. F.

### EVIDENCE.

An Episcopalian said, "I once had a young woman work for me and she was the daughter of Roman Catholics. She attended the Episcopal church with me. When she went East, where her parents were, they asked her to attend the Roman Catholic church, but she would not. Then they did everything until they made life miserable for her, to make a Romanist of her, but did not succeed. The last that was heard of the young woman, she was working in the Episcopalian church." E. E.

### CORRECTIONS.

Aug. 4.—Dear Friend Thompson: Have just received the July 14 copy of the American in Micrographs, third column, I read that when a Roman Catholic says he is preaching the pure gospel he is preaching pure morality. I had it pure morality and not morality. That was quite a difference. Also first item refers to Manderson, it should have been Henderson.

### PAPAL DOCTRINES.

There are some who wish to stamp out of New Mexico the miserable disease of small pox, but the work of Roman Catholic priests hinders it to a certain extent. They tell the people there that if they die from small pox they will go straight to heaven. On this account it is difficult to get some of them to be vaccinated, and they

therefore get the disease and take it to other parts of the United States. When they are sick from the small pox their friends will hide them, and one of the ideas is that if they die they will not need absolution, and will not go to purgatory, but will go straight to the gates of heaven.

The question may be asked, "Why do the priests of the papal church, tell them these things?" It may be because these priests are afraid of the disease, and if they do not have absolution, according to the doctrines of the papacy, they will have a hard time beyond the grave, and if they do not get absolution and have the prospects of fearful things beyond the grave they might go to some other church that would make things a little brighter for them. But, as it is, this New Mexico, is a pest house, and the government should take measures to stop this nonsense and have all the people vaccinated so as to obliterate this dread disease to all the people who live near this home of the pope's pets.

T. A. B.

### GREAT CONFIDENCE.

It seems so funny the members of the Roman Catholic church are still caught in the old confidence game of pulling people out of purgatory. Put your nickel into the slot and the machine will do the rest. Put your two hundred dollars into the pocket of the priest and he will let down the bucket and put the lost soul in, and then take him from that naughty place. At least, so he says.

But there are some Roman Catholics who have a little common sense and see that the game is for revenue only.

The daughter of the poor widow dies and she receives the last rites of the church and laments the fact that her mother is poor, because of the expense of the American purgatory wire puller, who charges so much.

She thinks of the death-bed scene of a Protestant who had no priest, no extreme unction, no holy oil, and yet there was peace and comfort, and although the priest has given his instructions and his holy oil, etc., there is no peace. And yet this Protestant who was so happy was a heretic and of course those heretics are punished so much.

But it is the priest who demands a position between the person and God, that causes the trouble. Some of these days the Lord may let these priests know where they belong. There are many confidence games but one of the most successful has been the "purgatory slot machine."

Two hundred dollars in the slot will "doose the glim" when it is hot; and any "father" on the spot can work the scheme up to the dot. I. S. B.

### WHAT OUR WIFE OFFERS.

Knowing to what extent disease has attacked the human race and also knowing that Catarrh, Rheumatism, Consumption, Fevers, Pneumonitis, Tonsillitis, Diabetis, Brights Disease, Coughs, Sleeplessness, and other dreaded complaints can be overcome and driven out of the system without the use of medicines and while you sleep, I have taken the agency for the instrument which I am willing to guarantee will cure any of the above named diseases. Its name is the "Oxygenor King"; its price is \$25. Money will be refunded if instrument fails to do as advertised, when instructions are followed and on surrender of the "Oxygenor." It is practically "No cure, no pay." If you suffer, let me sell you an "Oxygenor King."

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