

# THE AMERICAN.

## WITH BEING BEGGARS.

With Dishonoring the American Flag, Preventing Free Speech

And Warring Upon the Public School System are Some of the Things the Roman Hierarchy Will Have to Answer For.

The Arnold Publishing Co., of Boston has sent out many interesting and instructive tracts but none have been filled with more meat than the following under the heading "Facts From Washington."

The statements published in this number of The Envelope Series are furnished us by one who as a resident of Washington knows whereof he affirms. They could be greatly multiplied, but are sufficient, it is believed, to call the attention of patriotic men of all parties to a condition of things that the next presidential election should make impossible of continuance, if it is not corrected by the present administration or by congress.

These facts are not sent out for the purpose of stirring up sectional strife, or awakening partisan feeling, or religious bigotry, but that Protestants may see that Romanism here, as in Italy, Germany, and France, is a great political machine, and that it allies itself with any party that will give it power, and for the time that such party will further its interests.

The greed of public moneys has ever possessed Rome; and in every country where she has directly or indirectly ruled she has built up her influence both by public funds and by impoverishing the masses, with the well-known result in such Catholic lands as Mexico, Italy and France, of being in the end stripped by government of her ill-gotten gains for the public good.

The Roman Catholics have twelve million dollars worth of property in the city of Washington, largely secured since the civil war. Fully two-thirds of this represents contributions by noble Protestants, gotten from government this, clerks by a system of beggary, with consternation or loss of coercion in it, and from risks to the government by appropriations which Christians regularly made to some of their people constitutions. All of the Protestant holdings in this city do not approach in value half of this amount. This immense ecclesiastical power has now become a menace of frightful proportions. There is in this city one Presbyterian, one Lutheran, one Episcopal, and one Methodist church of fine architecture and proportions. Then there is one Baptist, one Congregationalist, one Episcopalian church, large, but without architectural ornaments. The reason for this paucity is the fact that the members are mostly government clerks with small incomes. There is no city in the country, of equal population, with so many vast marble and granite Roman Catholic churches, of almost cathedral pretensions and proportions, costing from a quarter of a million to a million dollars each. Satolli and his retinue are referred to by the daily press of this city as the papal legation. This is by Roman Catholic direction or approval, of course, as nothing goes into the press which has not the approval of the Roman Catholic church. The *Civita Cattolica*, the organ of the propaganda in Rome, interprets the reception of Satolli, the place given Cardinal Gibbons and other Romanist prelates in the Exposition, and especially the late letters of President Cleveland to Leo XIII., as an indication that the American people are becoming more favorable to the Roman Catholic theory of government, and the European press refers to the presence of Satolli here as to the presence of a recognized papal legate. The effort of the Vatican is to have relations with this republic as an independent power, and they may be expecting the president to favor this. As an example of European press notices take this:

"LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Roman correspondent of the *Central News* says: 'The report is confirmed that the Vatican has instructed Archbishop Satolli to influence Catholic members of congress in Washington in favor of America's sending a diplomatic representative to the Vatican.'"

Government officials do their work under a jesuit surveillance that puts the whole governmental system practically under the eye of the Romish priesthood. I am familiar with facts which plainly convince me that the papal power in many of our departments here exceeds that of the heads of the departments themselves. Have the American people any right to express their judgment as to the way in which their government is being perverted by sectarian interference? Some time ago I had a talk with a member of the cabinet, in which I called attention to the regular monthly visits of so-called nuns and sisters of charity, who solicit money, during the business hours, from nearly all the clerks of the different divisions, contrary to the rules, plainly posted, forbidding all persons from entering the different rooms for such purposes during these hours. I said to him: "Mr. Secretary, I am perfectly satisfied with your wants, and I wish to use publicly what you say. How is it

that every month these nuns come into your department and go into almost every room and to almost every desk?" Here is a department which gets two million dollars annually. The clerks are expected to pay money over to the nuns. How is this?

He said: "I am sure this does not go on in my department." "Yes, sir, it does. And how is it?" I asked, "that the chief clerks and private stenographers are so often, if not quite generally, Roman Catholics?"

"My chief clerk and private stenographer," he answered, "are Protestants."

"No, sir, your stenographer is a Roman Catholic, has become such since appointed, and is in that position for a purpose. All you propose about removals from office is reported, so that you may be led to appoint Roman Catholics as clerks. Do you not know that there are clerks in your department who will lose their positions if they do not pay over their money to the Roman Catholics? I know a faithful clerk who had been here a number of years, and he goes out when the nuns come in, for he will not pay money to them. Now, I don't feel disposed to mention this department, but have you anything to say, or any authority, as to what is done here?"

The result was that he sent out an order that this begging should be stopped; but whether it has been I do not know. It ought to be, not only in Washington, but all over the land, by statute enactment that is not a dead letter because administered by Romanists or officials who fear the Roman Catholic vote, but a law enforced, and with penalties that would make it effective.

In the civil service examinations the Roman Catholics always have the advantage. The Protestant young men and women have the advantage of a higher standard of education than that of the Romanists, but the latter always succeed better, because they can get, in advance, the questions of the examination.

In one division all the clerks were given a furlough of a week; before the furlough was over a number were dismissed, but no Catholics. Clerks in this division understand that it militates against them to be Protestants; and it is a general fact that, of the clerks dismissed, the Protestants predominate, while of the new appointments, the major part are Catholics. A lady could not give to her own church because she was giving fifty cents a month to the Roman Catholic church, and she was dismissed. She said: "One day when the collector came I did not have any change with me, and this provoked the nun, and I gave her nothing the next time she came. A week after I had a letter which urged me to resign."

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A man lost his position, and could not find anything else to do. One day his wife, who was a Roman Catholic, asked him why he did not see the priest. He went to him, and the priest told him he could not do anything for him; but said that if he would join his church, he could get him work. He joined that church, and almost immediately received a position. The priest was sure to get a part of his salary when he went for it. There are government clerks who thus pay regularly from ten to twenty-five percent of their wages for the purpose of holding their positions.

On pay-days in the pension bureau, as the clerks receive their pay, they file out between two nuns, who stand on either side, with bibles extended. Many of the clerks throw in quarter and half dollar pieces. At the last pay-day it took two hours and a half for all these clerks to pass out, during which time these nuns stood there and received their money. The commissioner of pensions is a Roman Catholic; as also is his first assistant, and it may not be amiss to add that the chairman of the house sub-committee on pensions is of the same faith.

The following instance has recently come to my notice, and I have verified it. A one-legged soldier in the pension bureau had been promoted, on merit alone, during a series of years, until he occupied a very important place in the bureau; but only the other day he was reduced four hundred dollars in annual salary, and an Irish Roman Catholic, who saw but four months' service in the army, was put in his place.

Six government clerks in one room in the pension bureau, and, strange to relate, all members of a certain Protestant church, were lately reduced in pay, from three to five hundred dollars each per annum. Five of these are old soldiers. Their reduced pay was immediately given to six other persons, five of whom were Roman Catholics. In this particular room nine-tenths of the clerks are now Romanists. It was in this bureau that Cardinal Gibbons persistently urged the appointment of a Roman Catholic for chief clerk.

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to be an American and Protestant at the capital, as it does in Rome-ruled New York?

A few months ago an investigation showed that one-half of the one hundred and fifty clerks in a certain division of the agricultural department were Roman Catholics. There are more there now. Are we to learn agriculture from Ireland?

In the law office there is but one chief of a division, appointed under Harrison, who retains his place thus far in the present administration, and he is a Roman Catholic. In the bureau of engraving and printing, the assistant superintendent, who is an active Roman Catholic, has contrived to retain his position, like many other Romanists in prominent positions, under both democratic and republican administrations, while it was a noticeable fact that all Protestant democratic officials, ranking above the highest civil service clerkships, were promptly dismissed upon the respective changes in administration.

In one division in the printing office where there are fifty clerks, there are forty Romanists. In one room in the treasury of eight clerks, four are Roman Catholics. Why is this?

In a bureau in the agricultural department an old and faithful clerk, who always avoided giving to the nuns, and who was outspoken in his Protestant sympathies, was summarily dismissed—he overheard a chief of division complaining very bitterly against some opposition that was being made against Roman Catholic influence in the department, and connecting his name with it. The dismissal followed. Is this the land of the free?

If there is one of the leading departments not visited by the sisters of charity, so called, I am not aware of it. Some bureaus seem entirely subject to the order of priests. Cases like these are known. There are four members of one family in government employ, and one of the daughters is in one of these priest-controlled bureaus. When some one remarked that they must earn a great deal of money, she said: "Nor we have to pay a good deal of it over to the Roman Catholic church, in order to hold our positions."

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Why, with a presidential election pending, did the assistant secretary of the treasury send a United States vessel to meet the pope's agent, Mgr. Satolli? Simply for political effect!

President Cleveland has Cardinal Gibbons come to the White House for conference. Following those conferences, appointments were made of chiefs to departments or bureaus distributing large amounts of money, and controlling large lists of clerical appointments; and Irish Roman Catholics were appointed.

And, more significant still, these conferences were closely followed by the letter of Cleveland to the pope, and the offer of his state paper to Leo XIII., in a letter which astonished the country. Why is this done? For political effect.

Why were Roman Catholics placed at the head of the national campaign committees of both the great political parties in the past presidential campaign? For political effect alone.

Are there not able Protestants, in either the democratic or republican parties, who can be entrusted with these high duties? Is it not about time that presidents and cabinets and congresses were called to strict account for pandering to a church that has been the assassin of liberty in every land where she has obtained foothold? Are we to follow the lead of less than ten thousand, mostly foreign-born, ecclesiastics, and the part of the Roman Catholic church which they control? or are the nearly sixty million Protestants and their intelligent American Catholic fellow-citizens, who are at one with them, against all this old world encyclopedism, to be held in honor by the government?

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fact that the people cannot be held to the Roman Catholic faith unless the distinctive teachings of that church are inculcated in early youth.

Roman Catholics who love the public and the institutions of our country will inevitably free themselves from the bondage of Rome. Such freedom is in the air we breathe. —N. Y. Tribune

### FROM THE COFFIN

The Flag Had to be Removed Before It Entered the Church.

At the annual meeting of Hooker Post No. 638, G. A. R., in Central Turner hall last night, complaint was made by a number of the old soldiers. It was said that at the funeral of John Weirich, an old veteran, last Tuesday, the priest of St. George's Catholic church, on Calhoun street, refused to allow the soldiers to bring the coffin into the church with the American flag wrapped around it, and the emblem had to be removed from the casket. —*Enquirer.*

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Employer—Just go to him again. I'm sure he's our man.—London Million.

### A Costly Joke.

An English ventriloquist recently beat a handbag, at the same time mimicking the cries of a dog. A sympathetic man rushed up and gave the man a thrashing.

The ventriloquist sued him for damages, but the case was decided against him, on the ground that the dog champion acted in good faith.—London Letter.

### The Pug's Parlor.

English underservants, who are always excluded from the housekeeper's room, refer to this sacred spot as "the pug's parlor." The pug strikes one as being an exceed-

ingly fat, and is always conjuring up to ladies.

—London Letter.