CURRENT TOPICS.

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Places and Sources.

-D. G. Mack on Auricular Confession - A. P. A. Newsboys-Secret Societies.

NEW YORK, April 26. For the first time in the history of the National Guard organization the question of a militiaman's right to refuse to attend a obscene to be published? I have a sis- "Our Reply to Rev. Gordon" Unanswerreligious service or to participate in a tor, a pure minded innocent young parade intended to observe a religious gill. I almost see her now, a beauti-featival will be officially inquired into fal annost see her now, a beautitomorrow night. It is the first time the question of religion in any form has been allowed to become a subject of dobate, and National Guardsmen, not only in this city, but all over the country anxiously awalt the outcome. The investigation will take place at the for the court-martial was issued last night by Major Dennis McCarthy, president of the delinquency board.

With the exception of Dickinson all was purely a religious observance, and that their failure to participate was not a breach of military rules, but that, on the contrary, the breach consists in charging them with the offense.

Sergeant Johnson is one of the best known men in the batallion. He was attached to the old regiment for years, of Monterey and Los Angeles, took an and his son is in the same sompany with oath on assuming office in which the

If any out of you can answer that ques- strict Reman Catholic is first and above tion in the affirmative, that one is no all a subject of the pope of Rome. In man Becould. In order to prevent his heart, the interest of the paparty Successors to Edling Bros., 305 North Hems of Interest From Various onission the princt who hears the come comes first, the interest of his country feasion asks you concorning any size second. In the oath which George you may have omitted." The church Montgomery took there was no reservaof Rome, or rather, some followers of U n. He did not swear that he would Tremble in the New York National Guard It, have written a list of the questions, utwy an Italian prelate so long as his to be asked by the configmer. I would obedience did not conflict with his daty like to give you copies of some of the as an American citizen. He simply questions, but the laws of the United said he would obey, and the inference States prohibit their publication in the is irrestible that if a conflict arose, he English language. Suffice it to say would be bound by his oath, and that the questions are too indecent for pub- he is loyal -not to his native land, the lication. Do you want my man asking United States of America, but to the your mother or your sister, or your "Roman Popedom."-The Argennut. aweethoart questions which are too

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NEW YORK, April 30th, 1894 .- Ed. ful arure eyed child standing beneath | Hor AMKIRCAN - Your reply to the the old oak tree, crying, just as she ravings of one Rev. Gordon against the stood when I left her. Should any A. P. A. is unanswerable, but your task man, priost or no priest, ever pollute was easy. For the statements of Mr. her innocent young mind by asking her Gordon were falss. He either knew such questions as a priest would ask they were faise or he did not know her in the confessional, I would become what he was talking about. If we do a murderer in twenty minutes. Many not charge that he was guilty of gross, armery of the Sixty-ninth batallion. of you have wives, and some of us, and in a minister, inexcusable ignorwhere four non-commissioned officers thank Heaven, have sweethearts, ance, what other conclusion can we arwill be court-martlaled. The order Would any one of you want a man to ask rive at than that he lied willfully. If your wife or sweetheart such questions we say he did not faisify intentionally, \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.00, \$2.45 and \$2.96. that she could not think of them with- then we are forced to say he is ignor- Men's shoes at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, out blushing? And yet there are ant, ill-informed and needs to acquaint \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.45, \$2.90, \$3.25, \$3.50 and The alleged offenders, all of whem are thousands and hundreds of thousands himself with past and current history. \$4.45. master Sergeant John F. Johnson, cand of young girls going every week to the Everyone will admif that a minister confessional. You would not allow knowingly making false statements in Corporals John Roach, J. J. Dickinson, your own family to do such a thing but the pulpit or outside of it is altogether in Derbys. Fedores and Crushers at you sit idly by and lot these innocent unfit to preach the Gospel of Christ. very low prices. Just come in and look girls go straight to ruin. The last And I assert that a man who is ignor- them over. are Roman Catholies, to which church thing about Auricular confession is the ant to the degree Mr. Gordon may a majority of the batallion belongs. fact that the priest absolves the sinner. seem to be is also unfit to preach the The man, who are backed up by nearly Who is this priest that he has the Gospel or to be a teacher of men in any every member of their company, say power of forgiving sins and absolving capacity. Mr. Gordon has been guilty that they are being persecuted. The the souls of the sinners? Who is he of one of these two things, faisifying, North 16th street. charge upon which they will have to that has been so elevated and favored or dense ignorance of things it is his rt-martial tomorrow night is by the Lord? Who is he that he has duty and privilege to know. Therefore failed to turn out in parade been made equal with the Great Son he is unfit to preach the Gospel; therewith be atallion on St. Patrick's day. and has the full power of forgiveness? fore he should resign his charge and Thealleged culprits take the stand that Who is he that contradicts Him who not disgrace the church of Christ, if he the parade in question was nothing said Repent in thy life and thy Lord refuse, his sheep, the sheep of a blind more than a walk from the armory to will forgive thy sins in Heaven?' Who or false shepherd, should drive him St. Patrick's cathedral, where services is he? In general be is a great, fleshy, with the services is he? In general be is a great, fleshy, high-living, sense i Irishman. Say that in every sense of the word it DAISY G. MACK. be pulpitless, so far as American Protestant pulpits are concerned. They will doubtless find pulpits in Rome, till A Bishop's Oath Must Conflict With His they do they are misplaced. The fate of Gordon will be the fate

George Montgomery, who, on Sunday of everyone who attempts to justify last, was consecrated coadjutor bishop the Roman Catholic Political churc Her deeds are the deeds of darkness night, and as soon as Major McCarthy's order was made known Sergeant John-son started for him. He denounced the major in the most vigorous manner. He said that the major was an outrage and that the major in the most vigorous manner. From almost her earliest history she man Catholic religious church, but our political affairs. And therefore, I the major in the most vigorous manner. He said that the most vigorous manner. He said that the root of re-ligious lib by the folliul function. 'All I have to say MHX said, 'is that if I rot you before mel will fine you the rules of the Holy Father, the decrees, cut off. They are on now, let them be sidered wicked. Among these were ordinances, or dispositions and manwhere Rome has prospered? Without vexed at the affront to the author of long wrangle followed, and the men how George Montgomery reconciles into the greatest nation on earth, the publication of his famous trilogy, gathered around and endorsed all that this oath with the allegiance which he, great, glorious and free, free to all, a in which the place of honor will be for country wherein all may serve God as mystle Rome. His holiness said: "Inthey please or serve him not at all if stead of burning books they think they so please. But no sooner do we wicked, it would be better if they a clear case, as, not being a Catholic, as a pope. He has a court, a revenue, discover Rome interfering in our poli- would try to write good books themhe had no right to be ordered to parade and representatives at other courts. tics and our affairs of state than we selves." see misgovernment and disaster on all sides. The church of Rome is a danger



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Johnson then made the claim that in any event the major could not sit on the dates of the Apostolic See." court-martial, as he was prejudiced. A the surgeant said.

holds good in the regular army as well with the sovereigns of the world as one as in the National Guard. In case the potentate with another. There is no to any state. court finds sgainst the men tomorrow reason why he should not make and night, the is ter will at once take the carry on wars as his predecessors did matter before the supreme court on three centuries ago. There is no doubt the ground that religious liberty is at- that he could enlist an army from the tacked.

Auricular Confession.

must first understand that thing and clared war on obnoxious nations in the have its measure. I am about to assail Middle Ages. If this should happen, the doctrine of auricular confession, so where would George Montgomery long practiced and upheld by the disci- stand? Would he continue an Ameriples of the church of Rome. First, I can citizen, or would he obey the oath will define it. "Auricular confession he has just taken, and take the side of is a secret oral confession of all your the enemies of his country? sins, either of the body or the mind, made to a priest. It must be without tions between the United States and reserve, that is, you are to omit no sins the papacy became so strained that war of any nature whatsoever. In order to was the only alternative, it is possible, prevent omission the priest who hears nay, under circumstances easily imagthe confession asks you concerning any inable, it is probable that an embarsins you may have omitted." This is a rassing antagonism might arise befair, impartial definition of auricular tween the government at Washington confession and is strictly a true one, and the government at the vatican. The object of this confession is that the Are we to assume that George Montpriest may prescribe a penance for the gomery would, in that case, obey his sins and absolve the sinner. This does not, on careless perusal, seem a very If he thinks it likely that the former bad thing, but it is the most damnable would be his true line of duty, would it doctrine of any religion that has ever not be fair for him to pitch his tent at existed since the commencement of the Rome instead of Los Angeles? world. It is worse than the outrageous ractices of the priests of Bacchus, for it is secret and their practices were theological questions in our day. A open. It is worse than the infamous orgies of the worshipers of Pouapus for trine of the real presence or pitches faithful" slew thousands of Protestants they sought proselytes only among into purgatory may safely be set down Paris and the following day the holy people of notorious bad repute, while as a crank. But the Roman Catholics priests (?) assembled in Notre Dame this modern horror invades the homes are more than a sect. They aspire to (Mether Church) and worships God (?) of the pure and innocent. But let us be a "temporal power," and they swear and the pope sent his blessing. What fession and see what makes it so bad. Therein they differ from the Jews, who their hands yet dyed in the blood of First. "Everyone, man, woman and are also a race as well as a sect. But child is to confess all sins, either of the tenaciously as the Jew adheres to his body or the mind, to the priest. This, race, he carefully identifies himself as pope-to them God upon earth-blessof itself, does not seem so very bad, to his nationality with the people ing their wicked murderous deeds.

CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS.

Allegiance to This Country.

At a hasty glance, it is not apparent an American citizen, bears to the So far as Dickinson is concerned, the United States. Pope Leo the Thirgeneral opinion seems to be that he has teenth is a temporal sovereign as well at all to a Catholic church. That rule His dominions are small, but he deals ranks of the faithful in Italy, Austria,

France, and Spain, if he could pay them, and he might declare war upon In attempting to assail anything you the United States, as other popes de-

> Even without assuming that the relaoath, or would he stand by his country?

The day of sectarian polemics has passed. Nobody seriously discusses man who undertakes to assall the doc-Sonsider this doctrine of auricular con- allegiance to the head of that power. a spectacle! Horrible thought! With but I ask you 'Would you wish to have among whom he dwells, and knows no committed, either by thought or deed?" Rothschild is a Frenchman. But the attempt of popish Rome to interfere in a fortune to you.

Then why shall 65,000,000 of people be ruled by the council of Rome?

Shall we go back? Shall we become slaves? Generally speaking the devoters of Rome are uneducated, they have an inherited incapacity for thinking, a condition forced upon them by the practices of the church, and yet they are ruling our big cities, they are ruling the United States. A nice thing! A nice thing for the great American people to confess! Ruled by the Irish, the Murphy's, the O'Connors, the Micks and the Paddys, the priests and the nuns, and the old woman over there in Italy! But its so. They're the mas-

ters. How long, O Lord? The hand of Rome has been working stealthily. Seeking to save souls for Christ? No, no. Seeking what she has alyays been seeking-Temporal power. Rome wants to stand upon the State and say: "You are mine!" Do we see the shades of Washington, Lincoln and Grant come forth. Let Rome not mistake, the heart of Washington, the heart of Lincoln, the heart of Grant are alive yet, and, like Bruce's heart will lead us on.

We would hardly fear another St. Bartholomew's massacre in these days, but the church of Rome never changes, it is the same now as it was when "the their fellow men kneeling before the virgin, giving thanks to God and the Co., 832 Stock Exchange, Boston, Mass.,

In conclusion, let me say, I am not an coins, stamps, confederate and contiyour own mother go to any man, no other allegiance. The London Roths-matter who or what he may be, and child is an Englishman, the Frankfort zen. I stand to do my part in saving stamps, and you will receive book by confess all the sins which she may have Rothschild is a German, the Paris our public schools and to thwart every

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