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ROMANISM VS. AMERICANISM.

We ask no man where he was born, as nationality is no bar to membership in the A. P. A. The American Protective Association is not a political party, and does not control the political affiliations of its members, but is an educational order.

We cannot vote for any man who owes his first allegiance to the pope at Rome, and takes his politics as well as his religion from the banks of the Tiber instead of the Potomac. When I make this assertion I make it without fear of contradiction. I will quote from the laws of Romanism: "(1) The holy father is the supreme ruler of the world in temporal as well as spiritual matters. (2) It is the duty of all Catholics to plot and labor for the absolute supremacy of the pope. (3) It is the duty of all Catholics to take part in elections, to know that politics is part of morals. Politics is morals on the widest scale." And, my friends, we have only to look at the city of Chicago to see the result of the filthy politics of Mayor Hopkins, who left the mayoralty chair with the city in \$7,000,000 of debt. In fact, it has become a saying that the Jews own Chicago, the Irish run it, and the Americans can stay here if they pay their taxes and behave themselves. My friends, every Roman Catholic is a corpse in the hands of his superiors, (the priests). Roman Catholics must vote at the dictation of their pastors. Canon law says: "They must also give perfect submission and obedience of will to the church and the sovereign pontiff as to God himself. They must acknowledge no civil superior before the holy father, that in their political work they must always and in the first place serve the interests of Catholicism." Archbishop Ireland, at a council at Baltimore, when he had worked his audience into a spirit of enthusiasm by his fiery eloquence, said: "Go to your homes with the enthusiasm you have shown here. Spread it in every state in the Union, and say there is a new departure among Catholics in the United States. Tell them the long-expected day has come when Catholic bishops, priests and laymen will rise up and say, 'Henceforth we will vote as one man in accordance with our religion.'"

As an ex-monk of the Roman Catholic church I say to you, my friends: Go to your homes with the enthusiasm you have shown here. Spread it in every state in the Union. Tell the A. P. A.'s, the P. O. S. of A.'s, the Orangemen, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and all our grand patriotic societies all over this broad land. Tell them the long-expected day has come when Americans will rise up and say, "Henceforth we will vote as one man in accordance with our American principles."

We also uphold the Constitution of the United States of America, and no portion of it more than its guaranty of religious liberty. The great and estimable principle guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States, that every one can follow without interference the dictates of his own conscience, has insured the right and privilege of all communities and of every individual in the land to practice and preach any religion which is not in conflict with the Constitution itself. Every intelligent citizen is very anxious to preserve this right and this privilege from infringement or abridgement. Thousands, yes, millions, have come to America, the land of freedom, to enjoy this privilege, having fled from countries where it is denied. The Roman Catholic church does not believe in liberty of conscience, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, or in free public schools. I quote from the Rambler, a Roman Catholic paper: "Religious liberty, in the sense of a liberty possessed by every man to choose his religion, is one of the most wicked delusions ever foisted upon this age by the father of all deceit. The very name of liberty—except in the sense of a permission to do certain definite acts—ought to be banished from the domain of religion. It is neither more nor less than falsehood. No man has a right to choose his own religion. None but an atheist can uphold the principle of religious liberty. Shall I, therefore, fall into this abominable delusion? Shall I foster that damnable doctrine, that Socinianism and Calvinism and Anglicanism and Judaism? Are not every one of them mortal sins, like murder and adultery? Shall I hold out hopes to my erring Protestant brother, that I will not meddle with his creed, if he will not meddle with mine? Shall I tempt him to forget that he has on more right to his religious views than he has to my purse, to my house or to my life-blood? No! Catholicism is the most intolerant of creeds. It is intolerance itself, for it is the truth itself. We might as rationally maintain that

a sane man has a right to believe that two and two do not make four as this theory of religious liberty. Its implety is only equalled by its absurdity." Thus we have a right to condemn Rome out of her own mouth. In the words of Patrick Henry: "Give me liberty or give me death."

We are also in favor of the little red school-house, and we believe the free public schools (which Rome hates) to be the best place for American Protestant children to be taught. A boy who goes into the little red school-house may enter as a German boy, an Irish boy, an Italian boy or a Swedish boy, but he will come out an American boy.

We are also against the employment of Roman Catholic teachers in our public schools. Do you not know that 75 per cent. of the public-school teachers of Chicago are Romanists? Fathers and mothers, it is your duty as American citizens to see that your children are brought up in the free public schools, and that no teacher who owes his allegiance to the Pope of Rome shall teach your boy or your girl. You must fall into line with those noble men and noble women who uphold the Stars and Stripes by every means in their power.

We are in favor of placing foreign immigration under severe restrictions for at least twenty years to come. Some of you, no doubt, have witnessed at the theatre the play, "Mugg's Landing," but we need not go to the theatre to see mugs landing, for we can go to Castle Garden and see "mugs" landing every day in the week—Irish mugs, Italian mugs, Hungarian mugs.

Major McKinley may go about the country preaching protection to the poor workingman, but he has not solved the problem yet, unless he preaches for the stoppage of foreign immigration for at least twenty years; then we shall have work for the poor workingman, and fewer strikes.

We are in favor of opening the convents to official inspection, and want to say to those who are therein confined: "Come out and enjoy the liberty for which your forefathers bled and died, and do not hide your light under a bushel, for God says, 'Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven.'"

HARRY A. SULLIVAN.

LIBERTY'S STARRY EMBLEM.

"Old Glory" the Fifth Flag We Have Had—What It Means.

"Old Glory, or the Flag of Freedom," was the subject of a recent sermon by Rev. J. Q. A. Henry, of the La Salle Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago. The edifice was beautifully decorated with flags and flowers. The text was: "Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee, that it may be displayed because of the truth."—Psalms lx, 4.

After referring to the origin of flags and their gradual growth in beauty and significance till these standards came to symbolize the dominant and peculiar characteristics of life, government, mission, and hope, he said: "The loyal American believes that Old Glory is the brightest, most blessed, and most benign of all national emblems of all time; that it symbolizes the holiest hope of human kind concerning civil and religious liberty, personal freedom, and national independence; that it embodies the climacteric point of progress and purity, equality and fraternity. Old Glory represents the youngest of the nations, but is the most venerable of national emblems, taking precedence over the flags of the principal European countries.

"Since the beginning of our republic there have been five flags for which our people were willing to die: 'The Pine Tree,' the 'Rattlesnake,' the 'Grand Union,' the 'Flag of 1777,' and 'Old Glory.' Our ensign was never known as 'Old Glory' until after it had been baptized in the tears, love, and blood of the great rebellion. It is the symbol of life, law, and liberty, of government, protection, right, and righteousness—in short, of true Americanism, first and forever. It means progress in government, education, justice, morality, and peace. It celebrates mental and moral victories no less significant than those triumphs of shot and shell. In origin and history it is closely identified with woman. Her hand fashioned it because her heart loved it, and on more than one occasion she has been ready to defend it, as Mrs. Day, Parson Brownlow's daughter, Barbara Fritchie, and many other noble women have attested.

"We have had great leaders, but we have also had a great flag. It expresses all that is noblest in self-sacrifice, greatest in heroism, sweetest in liberty, and most inspiring in hope. It went up never to come down. It will continue to wave when thrones perish, tyranny, ignorance, and superstition are no more."

SMUGGLED PEARLS IN A BOOK.

Frank O'Brien, a Candidate for Priest's Orders, is in Trouble.

When Frank O'Brien, candidate for priest's orders and fresh from the hallowed walls and cloisters of the Vatican at Rome, sets foot in Chicago, his native town, today, he will be warmly greeted, not only by relatives and friends but by officers of the United States customs service, who will charge him with what looks like an attempted violation of the revenue laws.

Friday a book carefully wrapped and addressed to F. E. O'Brien, No. 537 West Twelfth street, was received at the post-office. The book bore European stampings, and consequently was examined to see if it was subject to duty. It fell, and, bursting open, revealed that a section had been cut out of the middle, and in the space thus made snugly reposed five pearl and silver necklaces. Accordingly, Mr. O'Brien will be given a chance to pay the duty or submit to the confiscation of the articles by the government.

Frank O'Brien, the young man who is said to be the principal in this interesting episode, is the son of Mrs. O'Brien, the widow of John O'Brien, who was killed in this city fourteen years ago while in the employ of the Burlington. There are five children in all, Theodore, John, Mary, Anna, and Frank, all of whom are grown. Theodore is a blacksmith for the City Railroad Company, and John, who was formerly a book-keeper at Riverdale, is also a candidate for priest's orders and is studying at Baltimore, Md. Ex-Alderman James O'Brien is an uncle of these young men. Frank graduated three years ago at St. Ignatius College in West Twelfth street. After finishing study there he went abroad, and during the last two years has prepared himself in Rome for the service of the church. He left Italy on the 11th of the present month, and according to previous plans will arrive in Chicago today or tomorrow. His mother and sisters are deeply agitated over the unfortunate affair, and are certain that the investigation which they will at once demand will clear the young candidate of all guilt. They say Frank had never before sent a package of any kind whatever. Beyond this the family positively declined to say anything whatever.

Besides explaining what use a candidate for the priesthood has for five pearl necklaces, Mr. O'Brien's homecoming will throw light on another matter which is chiefly important to but one individual. On the fly-leaf of the book containing the pearls is the name and stamp of the circulating library of Mrs. Haines, No. 989 West Madison street. Mrs. Haines is proud of the popularity of her books, but up to this time understood their circulation was confined exclusively to America.—Chicago Tribune, July 22.

Taught a Lesson.

Do you believe the Roman Catholic party and their sympathizers will again attempt to engage the loyal men of the north and south to fight and to assassinate another President of the United States, with a view of capturing our country?

The Pope of Rome and Jeff Davis (the American traitor) have taught the American patriots a lesson that they will not very soon forget; they have learned that Roman Catholics (particularly the Irish) cannot be trusted—that there were more traitors among them than among any other nationality (perhaps more than all the others combined). Statistics show that 72 per cent. of Irish soldiers deserted from the army during the war of the rebellion. The Americans have learned that it is not safe to place Roman Catholic officers in the army, but when we have American, German, English, French, Swedes, Danes, Dutch, or any officers from any Protestant country, we feel perfectly easy and safe. Military men understand these matters well.

It is to be hoped that the government will never be so blind as to promote any of the pope's cadets, particularly those who have been drilled in Roman Catholic churches, even to the position of corporal. It is just as dangerous to promote Roman Catholics to military positions as it is to elect them as public-school directors, judges, governors, legislators, or to other civil posts. When there are enemies in our country, it is the duty of citizens to punish them. Every intelligent, patriotic person and every ten-year old child knows that the Romans are continually, knowingly and willfully violating the Constitution and laws of our country. In the city of Washington the pope has his spies watching our senate and the house of representatives; and now Leo is to have spies in London to watch the parliament.

It is now reported that the managers of the Roman corporation are attempt-

ing to discourage Protestants of European countries from emigrating to the United States, and to encourage Romans of all parts of Europe, particularly the Irish slaves of the hierarchy (because they are "so valuable to our church"), to flock here. What precious jewels they are!

The greatest humbug at the present time is: The Irish in America are raising money under the pretense of freeing Ireland—that is, to encourage all the Irish tools to emigrate to America. Do the pope and the hierarchy believe that the true Americans have so thick heads that they cannot penetrate their scheme? If the pope and his emissaries could possibly create animosity between the British and the American patriots, what a jubilee they would have! But Protestant Britain and the northern and southern patriots have shaken hands, and those who were once made enemies through the machinations of pope and hierarchy are now friends, and such they will continue to be. PATRICK LA CONOR.

JESUIT CONQUEST OF MEXICO.

Eloquent Pulpit Orators Attract Large Congregations.

The increasing influence of the Jesuits here is attracting attention in religious circles, says the correspondent of the New York World, writing from the City of Mexico. The earliest missionaries in this country were Franciscans, and this order has the enthusiastic support of a great majority of the Mexican people. Recently the Jesuits secured possession of the Church of San Francisco, which had passed into Protestant hands. The Franciscans urged that the church, which, before confiscation under President Juarez, had been the property of their order, should on its restoration to the Catholics revert to them, but the Jesuits were more enterprising and had obtained money to buy the church. The Jesuits now have the churches of San Francisco, Jesu Maria, San Hipolit and San Brigida among the great and fashionable churches to which, by the ability of their pulpit orators, they are attracting large congregations of wealthy people.

There has always been a strong undercurrent of opposition here among Catholics to the Jesuits, and their increasing influence in these modern times is arousing ancient animosities. People who side with the Franciscans assert that the Spanish Jesuits have entered upon a regular campaign to gain control in ecclesiastical affairs here. The Jesuits sent trusted agents into this country eight years ago, but their reports were unfavorable on account of Archbishop Labastida, who was hostile to them. The present archbishop, a much venerated prelate, is apparently more friendly to the Jesuits. The government will maintain an attitude of impartiality as long as the clergy do nothing in violation of the famous reform laws, which define rigidly the relation of state and church.

Catholics opposed to the Jesuits assert that the latter are gaining a preponderating influence socially, and will in a few years control ecclesiastical affairs in this country.

Ready to Shed Their Blood.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 12.—Ten thousand Orangemen celebrated the anniversary of the battle of the Boyne here today. Special trains were run from all parts of Manitoba, the occasion being made a monster demonstration against Roman Catholic separate schools. At an open-air meeting strong resolutions were carried with loud cheers condemning the dominion cabinet for attempting to force parochial schools in Manitoba despite the wishes of the people as declared in Premier Greenway's recent answer to Ottawa. The resolutions declared that Orangemen would give up their life blood, if necessary, as a sacrifice for their schools, which should be freed from religious interference.

An Able Liar.

The Chicago Inter Ocean is an able newspaper liar. Editorially, on Sunday, July 7th, it declared that no one was injured by the Roman mob in Boston July 4th, and offset the wanton attack of the pope's Irish on the A. P. A. procession and little red school-house by relating an imaginary assault on a Roman Catholic picnic in Indiana. What better could be expected from the Inter Ocean? It is one of the worst Rome-ruled dailies in America. We are reliably informed that one Smythe, private secretary to Archbishop Feehan, is one of the press censors on the Inter Ocean, and that he permits nothing to appear in its columns injurious to Rome. The Inter Ocean account of the Boston Fourth of July riot was about five inches in length.—Liberty.

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CALLS FOR CONFISCATION.

An A. P. A. Council Demands that the City Take the Gas Trust's Mains.

Some of the A. P. A. councils took up last week the demand that the mains and gas-pipes of the Kansas City Gas Light and Coke Company now in the streets be taken into the city's possession. A set of resolutions which were introduced by several councils and adopted by a council, No. 62, on the South-west boulevard, makes some very clear demands on A. P. A. aldermen. The resolution begins by reciting that the mains are worth \$500,000, that they are now in the city's streets, and, though the supreme court has decided against the company, it still claims them. It is asserted very positively that they belong to the city according to the state laws, and that any act on the part of the council toward placing the company in possession of them will be equivalent to a gift to the company by the people.

The resolution closes by demanding that the "aldermen friends" insist upon securing to the city and people all the ownership of the mains and their use for public purposes.

No. 62 has the reputation among the A. P. A.'s of being the most radical council in town.—Kansas City Star.

Our Public Schools.

The Prussians have a maxim, "Whatever you would put into the life of a nation you must put into the common schools." Second only to the home, the school life is paramount in determining character. Children are marvelously susceptible to surrounding influences. The child-mind is soil ever ready for all kinds of seed. His habits are not fixed. His mental and moral natures are not developed. He is easily moulded by the atmosphere which he breathes. Teachers have almost unlimited influence over pupils. We are often told that the pupils of Dr. Heman Baggis came unconsciously to imitate the manner in which he carried his head, which was really the result of a physical infirmity. So subtly does the personality of the leader imprint itself on dependent lives. In point of moral and religious tendencies, this is doubly true. The fact is that school-life as influenced by teachers and fellow-students has almost an absolutely determining power over the young.

This being true, it is almost alarming how few of our public school teachers are Christians. An investigation was recently conducted in Wisconsin to find how many principals of the high schools in fifty villages and cities were members of evangelical churches. It was found that only five, or one in ten, had such connections, while six were outspoken unbelievers. Probably much the same proportion would hold elsewhere. In many of these schools card-playing, etc., is allowed. Now, this is a serious matter. It is necessary that home and church influences be made as strong as possible to counteract the secularizing and irreligious influence of our public schools. It also shows us the need of sustaining Christian colleges. We must depend upon them more and more to provide teachers for our public schools who will set before our boys and girls the example of a devout Christian life. The state schools turn out young men and women well trained intellectually, but they are not putting into our school teachers of religious character to exert a Christian influence upon our youth. This also places a double burden upon our young people's Christian organizations. The Junior League must take the pupils who are in the lower grades of the schools, and the Epworth League those who are in the higher, and in a measure counteract the secular and irreligious tendencies which prevail.—Epworth Herald.

Bishop Newman on Papists.

At the Methodist celebration on the Fourth of July, at Round Lake, N. Y., Bishop John P. Newman, of Omaha, delivered an oration on "America for Americans." His speech was a "protest against Roman Catholic efforts at domination in regard to school moneys." He said that one of the greatest evils threatening the republic today was the Irish and Italian element at the head of affairs in the Romish church. There was one branch of the papal church that he would watch as he would a thief, and that was the Jesuits. He called upon all Protestants to swear that they would never consent to the appropriation of public money for sectarian schools. The foreigner, he said, must learn that all Americans hold their rights as inherent in themselves—not as the gift of pope or potentate.

Romish Persecution.

According to the Independent, a Hungarian woman of New York City, who recently left the Romish church, is suffering outrageous persecutions from

those who have sought but failed to win her back. She receives daily letters and cards from unknown people, full of vulgarity and threats. They have even set upon her with stones and knives. It would not be just to charge upon the Catholic church such conduct if this were a single instance, but the fact that such incidents are of frequent occurrence, and that almost every one who leaves that communion is followed by just such treatment, there is no other legitimate conclusion than that it is the essential spirit of Romanism. Central Baptist.

Ben Harrison and the Flag.

OLD FORGE, N. Y., July 20.—Ex-President Harrison was called upon this afternoon by a committee having in charge a flag-pole raising at this place next Saturday, and was told by Dr. Blumenthal, of Syracuse, that the summer colony thought it proper to erect a flag-pole in front of the Old Forge House.

"I am heartily in sympathy with the object," said General Harrison when the doctor had finished. "I not only believe that the American flag should be hoisted on top of every school-house and on every public place, but it should be planted in the heart of every American citizen."

The ex-president promised to be present at the pole-raising and to make a speech. Great preparations are now in progress for the event. The Grand Army men of Onondaga, Oneida and Herkimer counties will have charge of the exercises. Ex-Congressman Theodore Pool, of Syracuse, will give the flag, and speeches are promised from many distinguished men.

Those Vigilant Watchmen.

What vigilant watchmen of our liberties the editors of our Democratic and Republican press are in not sounding a single word of warning on receipt of the Boston dispatch telling of the papal crimes in that city! But let the A. P. A.'s oppose the nomination of a papist to an office in which he will have the care and keeping of our liberties—the liberty to speak and print about Rome—and these editors, now so silent, will wear out the hinges of their jaws denouncing A. P. A. bigotry.—Toledo American.

We endorse the above as being correct, and invite the attention of the editor of the Bellefonte Democratic Watchman to the same, as it fits his case. He should read the account of the Boston riot on July 4th, and perhaps he might get the fact through his brain that there are Irish Roman Catholic bigots in that city who did not hesitate to attack defenseless women at the rear of the procession, and succeeded in murdering one of their own gang by mistake.—Houtsdale Observer.

Brown and Ross Discharged.

The hearing in the case of John Ross and Harold G. Brown, charged with shooting John W. Wills, the East Boston rioter, on Independence Day, terminated Saturday afternoon in the discharge of both prisoners. Judge Emmons decided that the conflicting nature of the evidence would not warrant the court in holding them for trial. The release of the prisoners was hailed with delight by the large number of members of patriotic societies in attendance.

These riots were remarkable for two facts, viz: The trouble was started by a drunken Irish Catholic woman, and the same kind of women lined the streets, insulted those in the procession, and the cowardly men composing the mob did their fighting for the most part by throwing over the heads of these viragos. Yet, despite the fact that they were the aggressors, not a single Irish Catholic was arrested!—Houtsdale Observer.

No Difference.

EDITOR THE AMERICAN: Please take notice of the fact that Chauncey M. Depew is again in Europe. Watch him and Cardinal Gibbons. Never mind the pope! I saw Benny Harrison & Co. pulling strings with the cardinal and his archbishops at Steve Elkins' farm last year, and then Chauncey went to see the pope. Where does McKinley come in? His bishop is quiet now.

From your pictures last week it seems to make little difference whether Republicans or Democrats are in office, as Rome owns us just the same. Right you are, Mr. Editor. Go for 'em. AMERICAN.

It Tells.

What with Father Phelan's attack on the Christian Endeavorers, Priest Cleary's attack on the woman suffragists, and Martin's attack on the American public schools, Rome is showing how completely out of harmony she is with advanced civilization. Is it any wonder that she hates the A. P. A.?—Portland.