

WANTS TO KILL A CONGRESSMAN.

Mr. Linton Challenged to Fight a Duel by Captain Phelan.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Representative Linton of Michigan, the leader of the A. P. A. sentiment in the house, received some days ago a letter from Captain Thomas Phelan, of Kansas City, the Irish agitator, challenging him to fight a duel at Bladensburg. The challenge was preceded by a denunciation of Mr. Linton's course in opposing the church school appropriations and the placing of the statue of Father Marquette in the Capitol. Mr. Linton paid no attention to the communication, and from some other source it found its way into the newspapers.

Mr. Linton said to day: "Ever since the house defeated the appropriations for sectarian institutions in the District of Columbia bill partly through my efforts, my mail has been loaded with great numbers of letters from religious fanatics and cranks denouncing me, threatening vengeance and death in various forms. I have paid no attention to any of them."

"Since publicity has been given to it I may conclude to make some reply. Not so much to Phelan as to the fanatical spirit which he represents. Of course, fighting duels is not in my line. I am not an enemy to the church, but I am unalterably opposed to government appropriations to assist sectarian work, and to any sort of union of church and state, and shall continue to oppose them."

Another dispatch dated at New York says:

The Journal, under a Washington date, will to-morrow say that Captain Thomas Phelan, a resident of Kansas City, well known as a broadsword fighter, and at one time famous as that friend to Ireland who was cut and stabbed to the very threshold of death in the office of O'Donovan Rossa, by a select body of assassins there in hiding to kill him, has issued a challenge to Representative Linton, of Michigan, to fight a duel at Bladensburg. Captain Phelan based his challenge on Linton's connection with the American Protective Association. In his challenge Captain Phelan says, in part:

"Recognizing that your attitude in public affairs is, and for a long time has been, inimical to the interests of the Roman Catholic sentiment of at least one-seventh of the population of the United States, and that you have been the assailant of that strong, educated and influential minority. I deem it my duty, in lieu of any other challenge of your unpatriotic and obnoxious methods, to address you this letter, for the purpose of stigmatizing you for what you are, and as a warning to you that a further persistence in the course you have marked will lead to anarchy and crime in a country which, were it not for such firebrands as you, would be the happiest and most peaceful among the nations."

"The swordless priests and disciples of the Prince of Peace cannot resent your unmanly insult, but I, a layman of that grand old creed, properly take up the glove that you have thrown down and tell you, demagogue and coward that you are, that at Bladensburg, where such gallant gentlemen as Decatur and Baron, great commodores of the American navy, fought and fell for honor, is a fitting place to read the lesson which this pacific letter is intended to convey. If you have a soul above your buttons and an intelligence worthy of a man you will easily comprehend the meaning of this communication. If you cannot, I will, should I fail to hear from you, take means to make its meaning plainer."

TO CONFER ON SCHOOL QUESTION.

Dominion and Manitoba Governments to Discuss It at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Man., March 19.—In the Manitoba legislature to-day Premier Greenway announced that the dominion government had requested a conference with the provincial government on the school question, to take place in this city. Consequently the local house was adjourned until April 18. The conferences will take place immediately after the second reading of the school bill at Ottawa, or as soon as representatives of the dominion can reach here.

Mr. Roblin, leader of the opposition, said he hoped when the school conference met on lines other than party lines a solution would be reached that would be satisfactory to the minority and the people of Manitoba as a whole. He hoped the conferees would remember that Canadian confederation was the result of a compromise, a little yielding here and a little there, sacrificing what some held as a principle to them. This had been done in the past and it would be a sorry spectacle if the dominion were now torn asunder over this question.

Mr. Prendergast, a Catholic, said he hoped the proposed conference would not be futile. The Roman Catholic minority were entitled to justice and justice forthwith.

The impression prevails here that the Manitoba government in the approaching conference will be asked to place the Roman Catholic minority on the same footing as in Nova Scotia. That province has a national school

system with a provision for religious instruction at certain hours, but where Catholics are separated they virtually have their separate schools. The standard of studies is fixed by the government. Text-books acceptable to the Catholics, of course, would also be a concession asked for, but no difficulty is anticipated on that score.

FROM WHEELING, W. VA.

Resolutions Condemning and Commending Public Men.

At the last regular meeting of Council No. 1, A. P. A., of Wheeling, West Virginia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we condemn the Hon. S. B. Elkins for voting to confirm the appointment of Colonel Coppinger to be brigadier-general of the United States army, when he knew that thirteen or more men were his seniors in office, and worthy of promotion, and better entitled than he to the promotion, and when he knew that the patriotic organizations and many loyal American citizens had petitioned him and the United States senate against it.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Senator Elkins and one to The American Citizen.

(Signed) S. V. MCCUSKEY, President, ROBERT COWAN, Secretary.

At the last regular meeting of Council No. 1, A. P. A., of Wheeling, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse and admire the true stand taken by Congressman W. S. Linton, of Michigan, on the amendments and resolutions offered in congress against sectarian appropriations, and we also approve those members of congress who so nobly stood by him, thereby defeating the enemy.

We further endorse Hon. W. S. Linton in his opposition to the placing in Statuary Hall, in the national Capitol, the statue of Marquette, a Jesuit priest.

We also, with him, condemn the action of removing from its long accustomed place the statue of that honored hero, General Sam Houston of Texas.

S. V. MCCUSKEY, President, ROBERT COWAN, Secretary.

Removed the A. P. A. Sign.

On Thursday midday, the 12th, some unknown persons—presumably papists—while the secretary of the Miners' Union was busied at the hall of the A. P. A., at Victor, "smashed" the A. P. A. transparency which marked the meeting place. While the dastardly outrage was being perpetrated, a Hibernal heathen, whose name has not been learned, and who was standing across the street, yelled: "Good boy; you have done right!" The remark was overheard by three of our friends, and the remarker will be remembered. He may live to regret having endorsed the dastardly act of his fellow papist. Although at present there is still a large colony of Roman anarchists within the confines of Victor, the great bulk of the near-by population are law-abiding American citizens, whose numbers are being rapidly augmented. The lawless element which is to say the Hibernal element—will, we believe, steadily decrease in numbers and strength. This one anarchist act illustrates what kind of citizens are turned out by Roman Catholic churches and parochial schools, which are seminaries of sedition, colleges of conspiracy, nurseries of offensive foreignism, and recruiting stations for rebellion. The American school house and the Roman mass house are in eternal conflict. One teaches pure patriotism, the other cannot teach any phase of patriotism.

Michigan A. P. A.

DETHOT, Mich., March 11.—The annual meeting of the Michigan State Council, A. P. A., has been in session the past two days. Over 200 delegates were present. Action was taken urging congress to remove the Marquette statue from the Capitol; authorizing the political committee of the order to endeavor to procure the adoption of the A. P. A. platform by the state convention of the various political parties, and, failing in this, to recommend the formation of an independent "American" party; commending Congressman Linton for his stand against appropriations for sectarian institutions, and for his efforts against the unveiling of the statue of Father Marquette in the United States Capitol; prohibiting any holder of political office from being a member of the advisory boards of the A. P. A., and urging congress to recognize Cuban belligerency.

Bigots Boycotted.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 11.—The priests in two of the Catholic churches in Little Rock have commanded the members of their respective churches not to patronize any member of the American Protective Association.

The edict originated, or the order first came from, Bishop Fitzgerald to the priests, who, under his instructions gave it to the city.

All of One Mind.

Linton of Michigan ought to be president of the United States. The politicians may not permit him to become so this year, but they cannot prevent him from becoming supreme president of the American Protective Association.—Denver American.

INFIDEL, VILLAIN, CUR.

Epithets Applied to Nashville's Mayor by a Papist.

The following threatening communication has been received by Mayor McCarthy of Nashville, Tenn., says the American Herald of Lowell, who was elected by the A. P. A. It bears the earmarks of papal bigotry:

CHICAGO, Feb. 11, 1897.—To the Mayor of Nashville, Tenn.—Sir: I see by the Chicago Chronicle that your town is an A. P. A. stronghold, and that you are the standard-bearer of that villainous organization. The communication has been forwarded to the Chronicle by its special correspondent in the south, our fellow-citizen and co-religionist, John F. Finnerty, who is now in Savannah, Ga. You know nothing infidels, what do you mean by organizing the hordes of Satan against our holy Roman Catholic church, which discovered America and made it possible for such dogs as you to live? We own this country and mean to govern it in the interest of the church, ye curs! How could you fellows live without us? We run the government of the United States, ye rebel dogs. In the next war we will crush out of existence both your rebels and your Yankees, horse, foot and dragons! In ten years America will be the greatest Catholic empire in the world, and Grover Cleveland at the head of affairs, and the Roman Irish Catholic church will wield the power which once signalized its existence in Europe. Then goodbye to infidelity, which is another name for American Protestantism. We Irish Catholics are the people, and don't you forget it. Very truly yours,

REV. FATHER DXXXXY,

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We are a little wearied with this gush and waste of sentiment over James Marquette, the Jesuit agent of Louis XIV., and his financier Colbert. Under the spacious guise of converting the American Indians, but the more serious business of acquiring territory for the French king, a company of priests and laymen—all Jesuits—left France and came to America (1669). They claimed to be working for the extension of the kingdom of Christ, but it was the extension of the kingdom of Louis they were after. "America for France and Catholicism," was their motto. Now why should this Jesuit Marquette be especially honored above other better men? His work, and that of his compeers, was to establish French supremacy in Am Frontenac, Niagara, St. Joseph, Green Bay, Mackinaw, Detroit and on the Ohio and Alleghany. Here Braddock was defeated fighting them and Washington served his apprenticeship at Fort Duquesne. If Marquette should have his statue in Congress Hall at Washington why not the rest of "Le Grand Monarque's" Jesuit explorers in the persons of Alouez, Hennipen, Joliet, La Salle, Nicolette and the whole crew of the exploring ship Griffin? Let us make a "Mrs. Jarley's show" of the whole crowd and by act of congress dub them all patriotic American citizens. We strenuously object to this apotheosis of James Marquette in the capitol of a Protestant nation. In some public park such might not be out of place any more than the statues of Cadillac and Father Richards, that are placed in niches on the exterior of Detroit City Hall. What's the matter with Loyola or Torquemada, as well as Marquette? Both were great men in their special vocation of building up Romanism on the blood-cemented foundation of Protestants, Jews and Free-Masons. Nor do we believe that the insisting upon placing this statue of Marquette in the Capitol at Washington is the universal desire of the people of Wisconsin. It has emanated from the councils of Romanism and as such we protest against the action. We are in this reminded of that of the man who insisted upon erecting a monument to Major Andre, but somehow the affair would not stay

built. The same results may follow this stone representation of the uncompromising Jesuit, Marquette.—American Tyler.

Control of the Quebec Hierarchy.

It has long been our custom in this country to talk glibly about the arrogance of the Quebec hierarchy, and the way in which they control the people under their spiritual jurisdiction, but we have absolutely no conception to what lengths this control is exercised, and how completely the unfortunate population is dominated by the hierarchy. Now and again some striking incident affords us a glimpse behind the scenes, but the incident passes from our minds, and forgetting the occurrence we are apt to cultivate the idea that there has been some misrepresentation. But when we find a Roman Catholic archbishop issue such a mandament as the following, which although somewhat lengthy we take the liberty of publishing in full, we are constrained to stand aghast, and ask if such things actually occur in our own country. The mandament was issued by Bishop Labrecque, of Chicoutimi, and was read from the various Roman Catholic pulpits in his diocese Sunday before last:

"My Dear Collaborators.—On reception of the present circular, you will kindly call the attention of your parishioners while you read them this, and comment on the few principles therein exposed. Many fundamental facts, unfortunately, are too often set aside, and knowledge is necessary not to drop out of the road to Heaven.

"The church has been constituted by its divine founder as a perfect society by itself, independent and distinct of the civil society. The bishops have been established by the Holy Ghost to erect that society called Church of God (Art. 26 28). Therefore, they have, in their respective districts, the triple legislative, judiciary and coercive power; they have power to teach, command and judge. Such powers, of course, are subordinated to the authority of the chief of the church, who alone possesses the plenitude of the apostolic power. All the priests and the faithful owe docility, respectfulness and obedience to the bishops. It is to them, as well as to His apostles, that Jesus Christ said: Who obeys you obeys me; who despises you despises me.

"You know that for a few years past a school of journalists and writers have existed whose mission is to destroy the bishops' authority, to ruin the spiritual power which is the base and foundation of all authority in the family and society. If, to fill the duty fallen to them by the Divine Right, i. e., teach and guide the people confided to their pastoral care, the bishops take a course in conformity with the ideas of those innovators, we hear them cry out: Arbitrary, despotism; we see them censure without any scruples the acts and documents of the religious authority. Furthermore, they interpret these things with bad faith, misrepresent and attack them. In one word, this school of men, through daily articles, practically claim that the bishops are not infallible, and consequently people are free to accept or reject their direction in affairs of conscience.

"Among those journalists one distinguished himself in a special manner at the time of the recent election in Charleyoix, during which I, being sure to meet with the echo of all the bishops, not excepting one, of the dominion, thought it to be my duty to give the faithful of that county necessary directions in regard to remedial legislation. To escape a well-deserved condemnation, even by his own political chief, the director of the newspaper, L'Electeur, had to apologize for an article, followed by many, though not so aggressive, but more perfidious ones, being scandalous and subversive to the ecclesiastical authority. All sorts of abuses have been heaped upon a member of the Catholic hierarchy of this province. He has been audaciously and wrongfully accused, openly, of having prostituted his spiritual authority to help the interests of a political party. It was, it is understood, ruining the ecclesiastical authority by its base; it was a case of preaching anarchy in the domain of consciences; it was also making that bishop amenable in the public opinion, regarding the management of his divine ministry.

"A newspaper guilty of such black attempts against the Catholic hierarchy, and whose revolutionary instincts do not back up the lie and calumny to attain its object, deserves to be banished from all Catholic families. However, I will tolerate it until further notice, hoping that the lessons freely given him by the religious authority, and even by the chief of his political party, will prove profitable for the future. If ever, God grant not, this paper should fall again in the same faults and become a danger of perversion, for a great number of the faithful of this district, I would not hesitate to interdict the reading of it under special penalty. The ecclesiastical and natural law gives me the power and directs it to me as my duty. God has confided to me the most Catholic districts perhaps of the whole world. I am happy to claim it as such in this circumstance. The faithful of this dis-

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trict have always been remarked by their unalterable devotion and respect and their constant submission to the spiritual authority. A thousand times during my pastoral visits I have certified to this fact. Well, it is for me a duty to keep among this religious population the sacred truth of traditional faith, this obedience and loyalty to the religious authority which made their strength in the past, their glory in the present and their salvation in the future."

In the light of such a deliverance as the above, it is possible to estimate the tremendous courage required in a man like Mr. Laurier taking such a bold step as he took the other day, when, in defiance of clerical dictation or control, he threw down the gauntlet, defied the church and the hierarchy to ruin him if they so choose, and moved the six months' hoist to the remedial bill. Such courage, such heroism is not encountered every day; indeed, it smacks of the deeds of ancient classic heroes. If he never did anything else to merit the public support and acclaim of his fellow countrymen, than to take the stand which he took on the bill, he deserves to have his name enshrined in the list of popular political heroes.—Winnipeg Daily Tribune.

The Minority.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 7.—EDITOR THE AMERICAN: Let me thank you in the name of the minority delegation of the Illinois State Council for your fearless attack on the party elected to fill the office of state president. While your editorial is a rebuke to those delegates who elected Mr. Johnson, it is entirely silent on the stand for purity taken by a minority of the delegates to the convention. Allow me to suggest the propriety of publicly thanking the men who dared to fight the powers that be. For there was a fight—a fight that will long be remembered by Clarence P. Johnson and others of his ilk who were at the convention. So bitter was the fight that at times it almost came to blows. The convention was called to order by Mr. Clarence P. Johnson—the hall was packed with his adherents—with men who were ready to do anything to secure the reelection of Clarence P. Johnson, with political heeled who make their living out of the patronage that forms part of the agreement between Clarence P. Johnson and the Jamison-Herz machine; men who tried gag law, men whose conduct was so ruffianly that even Mr. Johnson was disgusted. With all this against them the minority in that convention made such a fight as will live in the order until the Johnson machine and its adherents will be a thing of the past. I for one think we should extend our thanks to the men who dared to do this, to the man who with three-fourths of the convention hooting him denounced Clarence P. Johnson in words so scathing and bitter that Johnson cringed on the platform and in reply whined like a whipped cur. For the good of the order you should recognize the men who made that fight; you should extend to them thanks and assure them of co-operation. Let the general public know there are men in the A. P. A. who are honest and fearless. Let them know we protest against a state president who is charged with being an adulterer.

Yours for right, DAISY G. MACK.

Their Hearts Are Not In It

There are in congress 103 A. P. A. S., but as they were elected as Republicans and not as A. P. A. S. and are responsible to their party, and as their party has not declared in favor of A. P. A.-ism, of course these 103 Republicans A. P. A. S. have done nothing along the line of A. P. A.-ism. Legislators, with rare exceptions, ever go ahead of their party. If the 103 A. P. A. members in congress had a party behind them, they would have long ago been heard from. It is plainly evident that A. P. A.-ism has not taken a very deep hold on them. Though the issues presented by the A. P. A. are of vastly more importance than the issue that called the Republican party into existence, these 103 Republican A. P. A. S. put together have not the energy and courage of old Ben Wade or Joshua R. Giddings. If they had their cause at heart, as the early Republicans had theirs, they would from their places in congress, shake the American nation. It is barely possible that the Republican party can be frightened into mak-

ing some show of Americanism, but its heart will not be in it, and when once more entrenched in power will ignore its promises. No real reform along our lines can come from the Republican party, unless the old barnacles can be scraped off, and whether this can be done or not, and we don't think it can, remains to be seen.—The Tocsin.

What C. A. Potter Says.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 31, 1895.—The Howard Medicine Company.—Gentlemen: I desire to say to all who feel the strength of their manhood slowly slipping away, whose ambition is at its lowest ebb, whose mind is beclouded, and the senses dulled, when you feel dyspeptic, and lose your self-respect, that your blood is out of order, and all you need is some of Howard's Vegetone Blood Powder to tone up your system. It will act almost instantly upon the blood; you will feel the renewed life and vigor coursing through your system; you will feel the old-time grip in your hands; your mind will be as active as ever; your friends will observe the flag of health flying in your face, and you will feel like a new being. I have not felt so well for five years as I do since taking one package of your Blood Powder, and I feel as strong and active as ever. I weigh 15 pounds more than ever in my life. The change is so marked that it is the subject of comment when meeting my friends. I recommend Howard's Vegetone Blood Powder to be, as I believe, the greatest blood-purifier on earth.

C. A. POTTER.

Wide Suggestion.

A meeting of the state executive board of the American Protective Association was held at Leadville on the 18th inst. Business of importance to the order was transacted. Resolutions were adopted expressing regret at the departure of Rev. Kerr B. Tupper from the state, and recommending him to the patriotic orders in Philadelphia. The board recommended that each subordinate council keep a membership roll which should be signed by each member when initiated. Also, that the councils throughout the state use their utmost endeavors to raise funds with which to prosecute the work of the order during the next six months. Reports were read from the various sections of the state, showing a renewed interest in the order and its principles.—Denver American.

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