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Who do you want to vote for president in 1900? Fill out the coupon in this issue and send it in. Let us have a thorough American at the helm when Rome attempts to put her boast into execution that in 1900 she will take this country and keep it.

We have arranged to supply the demand for this issue. We have plates made of it, and if we run out of papers today, we will print more tomorrow.

Count Creighton knew what he was about when he elected Fred Sackett tax commissioner. Already the count's candidate has recommended the cancellation of the taxes on St. Joseph's hospital and upon the vacant property at 27th and Leavenworth.

General Fitzhugh Lee, the United States consul general at Havana, who was a gallant officer on the Confederate side during "the late unpleasantness," has so deported himself during his official residence in Cuba as to endanger himself to the people of America and of the Antilles.

Hon. W. A. Saunders, ex-president of the Omaha city council, and Miss Jessie Peters of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., were married Wednesday afternoon at the latter place. This wedding was a surprise to many of the most intimate friends of Mr. Saunders.

Just think, if each man and woman who reads this number of The American would send for ten copies for free distribution in their immediate neighborhood, what an awakening there would be among the Protestants.

THE CHURCH OF ROME HAS 40 SOLDIERS FOR EVERY ONE (1) SERVING IN U. S. ARMY AND NAVY.

Last week we printed thousands of extra Americans, but before the issue was mailed every paper had been sold and since last Friday orders for that number have been raining upon us from every section of the United States.

The American of the 21st was a model paper, except for a few typographical errors, which were overlooked in the rush to go to press; but the issue of the 28th will far excel it in value and completeness.

Can we send some to your friends? Most of the orders we have received have been for \$1.00 worth, but they have ranged all the way from 5c up to \$14.30.

We want you to help circulate this number of the American. It has things in it that none of your neighbors have ever seen in print.

Our farmer friends, and those living in small cities, towns and villages have had no way of knowing that their liberties were being stolen from them, or that the Church of Rome has, in the United States, more than forty armed and drilled men for every one employed by the government.

The great daily papers published in every hamlet in the land have not dared to tell the truth, lest the Roman Catholics would boycott them and ruin their business, but we, trusting in God for aid and courage to tell the truth, and in the Protestants for their moral and financial assistance, have unmasked Rome as she was never unmasked before.

This being so, the duty of loyal, patriotic, Protestant Americans is as plain as day. They should prepare for the conflict that is sure to come. They should wake their neighbors and make them realize that everything they hold dear may be taken from them without a struggle unless they cease being partisans and become in truth Americans.

No sane man, no sane woman will remain inactive after reading this issue of the American. It should be your pleasure to see that they have an opportunity to read it.

We are not a coward, but we would tremble for the lives of our children did Jesuitism ever gain complete ascendancy in this country; and so will you tremble for your dear ones if you read carefully the canon law and the extreme oath of the Jesuits, which appear in this issue.

Read them, then act. We want your help in this great fight against the enemy of every form of freedom.

SOME PLAIN WORDS TO MR. WILLIS.

During a conversation with several gentlemen connected with the Y. M. C. A. of this city, the secretary of that association, Mr. Willis, referred to this paper as an indecent paper, and gave that as his reason for refusing to allow it to be placed on file in the reading room of the Young Men's Christian association.

Mr. Willis' excuse may serve his purpose, i. e., may keep the young men who affiliate with that association in ignorance of the papal designs against the civil and religious liberty of Protestant Americans, but it will not help the organization any.

He may please the half dozen young Romans who go there for the sole purpose of keeping such papers as The American from getting into the hands of the young men who go there to read and to be beyond the influence of the "esorts of other Roman Catholics, who are in equally as good standing in the Roman church as are those young Jesuits who hover about the Y. M. C. C. in obedience of the commands of their superiors, but he will find that the Protestants of this community will not long tolerate a man or an organization that truckles to Rome.

Mr. Willis may be a charming singer, but he will find sooner or later that a little spine is as pleasing to the American eye as a sweet voice is to the American ear.

Mr. Willis' says this paper is indecent. Will he tell us whether the teachings of the Church of Rome are indecent? We presume Mr. Willis' father and mother were Protestants. In that case the Church of Rome teaches that his father and mother lived in a state of filthy concubinage.

Again, the Church of Rome says that Mr. Willis is an illegitimate, a bastard, simply because his father and mother were not married by a greasy, licentious, drunken priest, and he knows that is not so. So do we, and we have the courage to say so; not only in Mr. Willis' behalf, but in behalf of every boy and girl that was born of Protestant parents.

And, further, the Church of Rome claims the right to ask the wife if she has refused the marriage debt; the daughter if she has had intercourse with one of the opposite sex or with a beast; and we believe the claim and

the practice is the ruination of more respectable women than all other immoral agencies, and against it we have the American manhood to protest, and yet the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. can find no place for a paper that fights fifty-two weeks each year for Protestantism and against the vile, treasonable and irreligious doctrines of the Roman Catholic church.

We have nothing but pity for a man like Willis, who finds nothing but had in his mother's defender and who has nothing but love for her traducers.

We thank God that he gave us a backbone, and we only wonder He did not make eels out of such fellows as Willis.

DIPLOMATIC.

There seems to be a determination on the part of the British government to resist the attempt of Russia to attain superiority in China, and it is also evident that the present Chinese dynasty is tottering—almost on the verge of dissolution.

While all this is going on the breach between King Humbert and the Vatican continues to widen. The pope insists that the only solution of the present embarrassment of the Italian government is in the granting of "temporal power" to the pope.

The recent dispatch of the United States battle ship "Maine" to Cuban waters has caused no end of comment. Few people realized that your Uncle Sam had his weather eye on Cuban affairs, and that he had been holding a most formidable fleet of battle ships in the neighborhood of the Florida Dry Tortugas subject to peremptory orders to move southward.

We have stated in this issue without the least equivocation, mental reservation or evasion of mind whatever that the Church of Rome had hatched a plot to overthrow this government; that the lady were arming and drilling to accomplish its overthrow by force of arms, and that the women of the Roman Catholic church were raising a fund for carrying on the war.

The charge is so serious, and the evidence so conclusive that Rome will attempt to use force to bring this country under the yoke of Rome that no sane man will pass it by without giving it the serious consideration which it merits.

We expect loyal, patriotic and fearless Americans in every section of the country to give due credence and heed to this warning, which has been made as plain as the safety of the parties who have furnished the information would permit. It is even more plain than the Roman church expected us to make it; and we trust no American will fail to call the attention of his friends to the danger ahead.

We have not said that the trouble would begin today, nor tomorrow, nor next year, but we do say that the pope will be compelled to leave Italy; that no European country will tolerate him; and, as a consequence, that it is the intention of the armed military organizations in the Roman Catholic church to see that he is permitted to land and to set up his throne in the United States.

We say that they expect the "no popery" sentiment will be so pronounced that there will be bloodshed if he attempts to set foot on American soil, and that they will then take this country and lay it at the feet of the pope, who will abolish our schools and wipe out those obnoxious laws relating to liberty of conscience, of press and of speech.

It is for you, Americans, to say whether this movement to install popery in this country shall be successful, or whether it shall meet with ignominious defeat.

Silence at this time would be all but criminal, and Americans who fail to raise their voices, who remain idle when there is work to do, do not deserve the liberties they are enjoying, and which Rome would deprive them of.

For that reason we say, spread the news among your friends. Send them papers. Don't stop until every man in the Union is aware of the damnable, black-hearted treachery of the Roman Catholics, whom we have taken to our bosoms and warmed and fed when they were starving, and after they had been driven from other countries as criminals.

Work! As you value your homes, as you value your lives, as you value your liberties, awaken your sleeping neighbors to a full realization of the

danger, for danger there is, and no man can tell just when to expect it. But it will come.

LIGHT AMID THE GLOOM.

The Roman Catholic hierarchy are daily conspiring to destroy the liberties of the loyal citizens of the United States. To those Protestant minds that have not yet been awakened to the manifold dangers which menace our free institutions this assertion will seem startling.

Early in the present century the authorities of the American government made a serious mistake when they located the national capital at Washington. The Potomac flats are reported to be the source of unhealthy physical conditions; but Baltimore, which lies contiguous to the District of Columbia, and which is the center of power and influence of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in America, generates a moral atmosphere that is far more menacing to the health of the body politic than any bad climatic conditions can possibly be to the physical man.

In which the Roman Catholic prime of the United States has his official residence is within a few hours' journey of that beautiful city in which resides the president of the nation. It is well known that James Cardinal Gibbons often leaves his capital to visit Uncle Sam's capital.

It is undoubtedly "official business" connected with the upbuilding and upholding of the papal monarchy that carries the cardinal thither. High Priest Gibbons does not visit Washington for his health; he goes to confer with those in authority on some question which will have a bearing on the material prosperity and well-being of the papal hierarchy in these "infidel parts," apparently oblivious of the fact that his religion teaches that most of the members of the government at Washington are "infidels" and will certainly be damned.

Although at the time that the national capital was fixed at Washington the Roman Catholics of the region of Baltimore were already a powerful and influential social body, the American statesmen of the period did not probably foresee the tremendous power which was destined to be wielded by the prelates of the papal capital, of the state of Maryland, and of the nation at large.

Mgr. Martinelli is in a situation to watch the progress of events at the seat of power of the American government, while High Priest Gibbons, as the nominal head of "the church" in the United States, is stationed near by. But even in Baltimore, where the Roman Catholics are so rich and so powerful, the Methodists are numerous and influential, and have served as vigilant sentinels on the watch-towers of our political Zion ever since the holding of the famous "Christmas Conference" of 1784—the first conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in the United States.

There are also indications that a great national university will be established at Washington under government auspices and superintendence, thereby carrying out the will and purpose of George Washington, who left a sum of money to be applied to this project.

The presence of competent educators, imbued with the true spirit of American patriotism and filled with burning zeal for the cause of political purity, would have a salutary effect upon the members of the Congress and upon the officials who may from time to time be entrusted with the administration of public affairs at Washington.

A truly American national educational institution will seek to inculcate those principles of patriotism and of free citizenship which are so essential to constitute the youth of the land proper defenders and true exemplars of civil and religious liberty.

Let not any patriotic heart be cast down or wholly discouraged. Be not dismayed at the apparent all-powerfulness of the Roman hierarchy in the United States, even in such cities as Baltimore and Washington. We have vigilant and valiant friends in all the great cities of the Union, though there is everywhere great need of the swelling of our ranks. The enemy is multiplying with prodigious rapidity, and is active and alert.

If each of our friends would faithfully and conscientiously perform the duty that lies nearest him, much good work would be accomplished which is now left unperformed. We must sow this country knee-deep with patriotic literature and with printed copies of the warnings to which George Washington and other American patriots have given solemn utterance.

We must seek, by every honorable means in our power, to win over to our principles the millions of Protestants who are unconscious of the dangers that surround us and which threaten to destroy us and our precious heritage.

Let every patriot do his full duty, and all will be well with our land and nation, and we shall enjoy all those manifold blessings of which a beneficent Providence designed we should be partakers.

Who is your favorite for president in 1900? Paul the greatest vicar of Christ, the patron saint of Protestantism, and "a citizen of no mean city" was one of the world's conspicuous heroes—not because of any deeds of valor which he ever performed on the field of battle (for he was an apostle of peace and opposed to force as a means of conquering men's minds) but because of his moral heroism. be-

cause he possessed that indomitable spirit which overcame obstacles and difficulties that would have appalled the ordinary mind, and because he never for one moment forgot his high calling—that he was divinely chosen to be the teacher and the exemplar of the pure principles and regenerating power of the new religion. His gospel was the antithesis of Romanism. He was a Christian patriot, a loyal citizen. From the Apostle Paul's singleness of purpose and grandeur of conception of man's duty to his Creator and to society, we may give solemn utterance. We must gather inspiration and courage to contend valiantly for the maintenance of a high standard of civic patriotism and public morality, and to seek to make our nation bright with new hopes and new realizations.

Gen. Weyler built barbed wire fences to keep the Cuban patriots from invading his back yard. "The trocha general" who started to death the women and children of his enemies will not live long enough to get away from his own history, which has disgraced his nation and the civilization of the country in which he lived.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

But this same Gen. Weyler is a "good Catholic," and "loyal to Spain." The starving to death of non-combatants and defenseless women and children in Cuba met with the full approval of the whole Spanish nation and of Rome. We all know what Spain, an alleged Christian nation, will do with "rebels" and "heretics" who fall into the hands of her soldiery.

What atrocious crimes and horrible cruelties the papist Spaniards can with perfect impunity commit, and yet remain in good and regular standing in the "Holy Roman Catholic Church!"

In the tragedy of "Richelieu" the Cardinal Duke of France is made to declare in a great crisis that: "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail." And on the sword which Emperor William of Germany presented to one of his sons last Christmas are inscribed the words, "Your strength belongs to the fatherland." The youth of our land are the bone and sinew of the nation—"the rose and expectancy of the fair state"—the hope of the American republic.

To the rising generation we may confidently say: "Your strength belongs to the fatherland"—that land in which you enjoy the inestimable blessings of civil and religious liberty. Then buckle on your armor—rally round the flag—stand by the stars and stripes—organize for self-protection—repel the advances of every foreign foe. "In the bright lexicon of youth there is no such word as fail."

We shall publish a complete exposure of the awful treatment, of the terrible abuse, heaped upon American girls in Roman Catholic convents in our issue of March 4. The article will contain the sworn testimony of witnesses in the now celebrated Salina Clewett case of St. Paul, Minn., which has attracted widespread attention because of the disgraceful and inhuman treatment which the Roman Catholic nuns accorded the poor, helpless creatures who imagined they were going into a religious institution when they entered the un-Godly place. American mothers should read that evidence. Their daughters should read it. It will make their heart's blood run cold, for no fend could exceed the average nun in heartlessness and cruelty, and Satan himself would not do what those girls swear the angelic sisters did. It is terrible. Don't miss it!

A dispatch from Manila, Philippine Islands, says: The revolt is very largely against the friars. It is not necessarily a movement hostile to the Roman Church, although the feeling against the Franciscan monks is very intense. The Catapanan and other secret political societies are engineering the finances of this movement and have a combined membership of 40,000 to 50,000. A good many Free Masons are members of these political organizations, but no Masonic body, as such, is identified with the movement. No aid has been tendered by Masons in the United States or elsewhere.

Motley, in the preface of his "Rise of the Dutch Republic," correctly states that: "The splendid empire of Charles V. was erected upon the grave of liberty." And it is upon the grave of American liberty that the Roman hierarchy purposes to erect a sacerdotal despotism that shall reproduce a society worthy of those dark times when the will of the Roman pontiff actually took precedence of the will of the kings, governors, legislators and judges of the earth.

The children of the ancient Carthaginians were at a very early age compelled by their patriotic parents to swear eternal enmity to Rome. There is in our time a more potent Rome to which American patriotic parents ought, by their teaching and their example, to constrain their free-born offspring to swear eternal enmity.

Now that Leo XIII. has been converted to republicanism politically, thereby taking ground against monarchical rule, there will be some curiosity to know whether he will vindicate his consistency by abdicating authority as Supreme Pontiff of the papal church and establishing a form of republican church government in its stead.—Chicago Tribune.

The editor of this paper takes pleasure in recommending to all patriots Rev. Christian's great anti-Roman book, entitled, "Americanism or Romanism, Which?" It is bound in cloth, neatly printed on good paper, and it is full of facts. It is interesting. Price only \$1.00. It is worth \$2.00. Order of American Pub. Co., Omaha, Neb.

If all Americans in the United States were zealous patriots, and if they were to view every question from a purely patriotic standpoint—always regardless of party ties and party predilections, having the courage of their convictions—there would never be any more "hard times" in this country.

All our loyal friends, wherever they may dwell, will make a serious mis-

take if they relax any of their customary vigilance in guarding the portals of the A. P. A. against the entrance of any man who is of doubtful veracity, or of whose general fitness to sit in council with freemen there is the shadow of doubt.

No greater, no more interesting, no more fearless exposure of Romanism was ever written than that penned by Rev. Charles Chiniquy and popularly known as "Fifty Years in the Church of Rome." Price \$2.25. Send us \$2.00 and get the book. American Pub. Co., 1615 Howard St., Omaha, Neb.

Kostello's awful book, "Convent Horrors and Secrets of the Confessional," 50 cents. We sell it to awaken Protestants, but we hate to be taken in such stuff. American Pub. Co., Omaha, Neb.

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ITALY AND THE POPE.

Archbishop Ryan Discusses a New Italian Federation.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21.—An extraordinary degree of interest has been awakened by the suggestion made in the special cable dispatches from Rome and from London that the Vatican has decided upon a course of encouraging transformation of Italy from a monarchy into a republic in order eventually to bring about a restoration of the temporal power. Archbishop Ryan says:

The Italian federation, with the pope at its head, is not a new idea, but has been spoken and written about for many years. The only new feature is the republican character of the rumored movement. As regards the attitude of Catholics in relation to the temporal power of the pope, I beg to refer to the following extract from a pastoral of mine:

"If the pope has the spiritual power to rule the Church of God he should have by implication everything essential to the exercise of that spiritual power. If some amount of temporal power and independence of earthly dominion be essential to this freedom, and many great non-Catholic statesmen have so thought and said, then some such independent position ought to be possessed by the pontiff. He represents too much indirect temporal influence to be the subject of the king."

"The first Napoleon felt that he only needed the pope as a subject to be complete and permanent master of Europe. The pope's present position of neither ruler nor subject is one which cannot be gratifying to either himself or the king of Italy. The latter must feel that his royal dignity is dwarfed by the presence of the pope—that in the shadows of St. Peter's and the Vatican the quinal is lost. But this is not as it should be, when proper order prevails. The power of earthly rulers is from God, as well as the pontiff's power. All power is from God, whether pontifical, royal or republican, and should be respected in its place. Hence, for pope and king the present position is one out of harmony with good order."

"What, then, should be done? To give such guarantees as Victor Emmanuel offered is clearly folly, as a single vote of the Italian parliament might at any time make the pope subject. It has sometimes been advanced as a solution of the difficulty that to guarantee these guarantees by European treaty, so that not Italy alone, but all Europe would be back of them, might give the pope an independent position even stronger than he possessed before the Garibaldians and Victor Emmanuel robbed him of his possessions. Such a treaty might project aim from any future spoliation. However, Italy has never suggested such guarantee for her guarantees, and would probably resent its suggestion as an intrusion and an insult."

"Besides this fact, we must remember how treaties in the past have been disregarded, and how with the governing power of Europe, power half infidel and anti-papal, it may be doubted whether these powers would enforce, as they should, the guaranteed rights. The subject is full of difficulty. The solution of the great past has been that the pope should be an independent ruler. It is evidently his own solution. Not that he cares to be the temporal ruler of a petty kingdom, for the sake of its little tinsel royalty. WHEN AS POPE HE RULES THE CATHOLIC WORLD. We are sure that he would prefer the pleasures of the Vatican library to those of a royal court. In the ordinary course of human life he is nearing the portals of eternity, but he feels now more than ever that it is due to his sublime office to lift his voice in defense of the liberty of the head of the church of Jesus Christ. Your devoted servant in Christ. P. J. RYAN.

"Archbishop of Philadelphia."

Too Personal. One of the women's patriotic societies held an open meeting in Washington recently, and the members were called upon to respond to various sentiments of a patriotic character. The woman who had the affair in charge notified each member of the toast she would be expected to respond to ten days or so before the meeting. To one young woman, says the Post, whom, as it happened, she did not know personally at all, she sent the toast, "Our Flag."

The young woman received it, and at once went to call on the head of the society, in a state of great distress. She simply could not respond to the toast, she said. She didn't know whether a joke was intended, but she had been chaffed unmercifully about it already, and just simply wouldn't go near the meeting if she were to be called on to speak on that subject.

"Why, what on earth is wrong with that sentiment?" asked the head of the society.

"The pretty young woman hesitated. She blushed.

"Well," she said, "you see, I'm going to marry a man named Flag."