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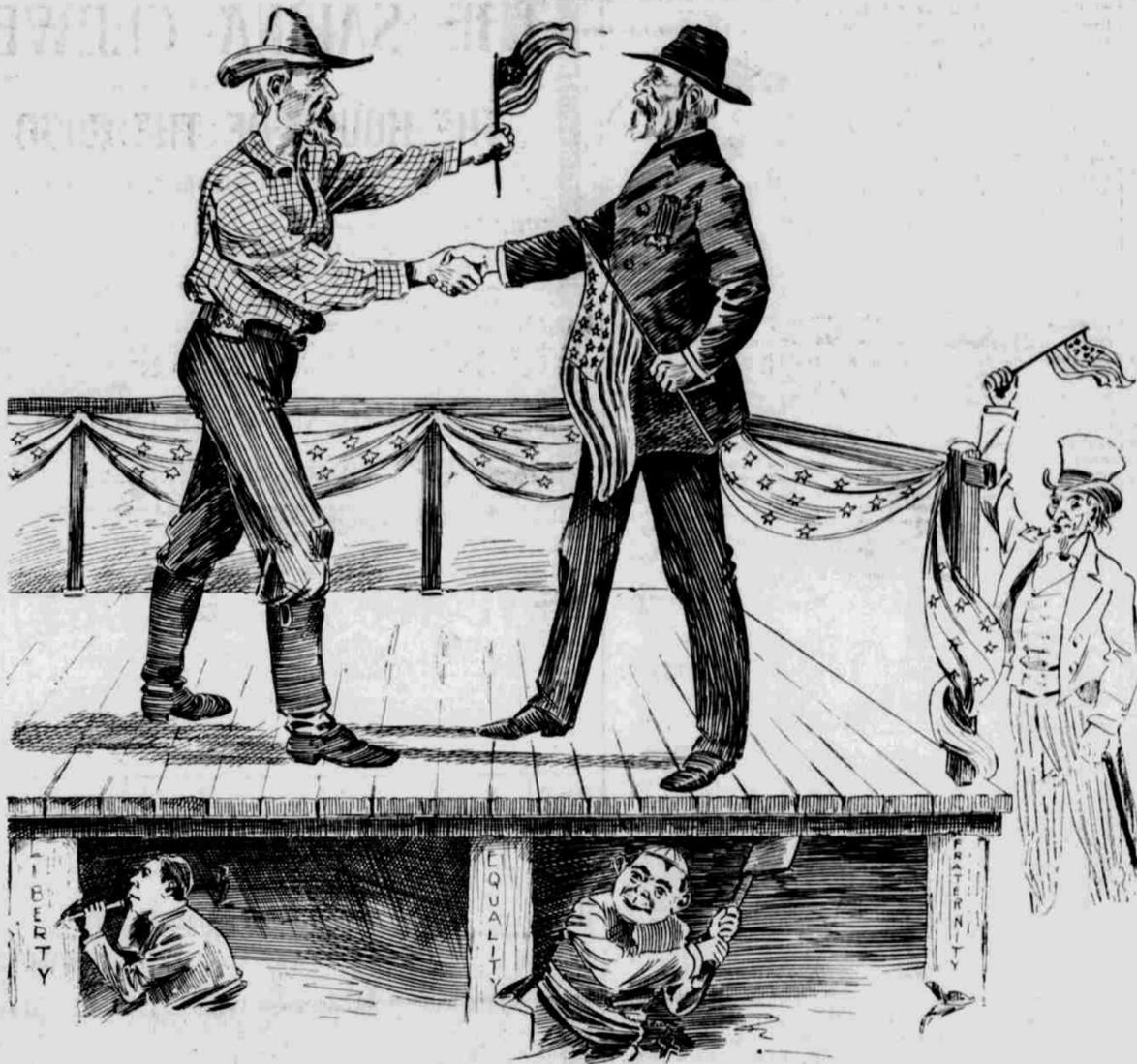
Member of England's Parliament Would Help the United States.

Rev. Slattery and His Wife the ex-Romanists Received With Mob Violence In Many Scotch and English Cities—Going to Sweden.

Yorkshire, Eng., Mch. 12, '98.—Editor Omaha American; Dear Sir:—In my last but short letter to you in answer to your cablegram inquiring about my arrest in Edinburgh, Scotland, I promised when the whole thing was over to send you a full account of the matter. First of all, I was not arrested, but I was summoned for exposing for sale a pamphlet which was a translation into English of the Roman Theology used by Romish priests in the confessional and which was considered as obscene literature. I may add that every word in any way obscene was left out by me in the translation, but I left a space where the word ought to be. The court condemned it, but not as my work. It was condemned as Roman Catholic theology and unfit for publication. This was exactly what the Romanists did not expect, as they were sure they had me, but it was all the other way. Now the eyes of the Protestants in Great Britain are opened to the rottenness of Rome, but I am not done with them yet as the people are now demanding that Rome's theology be brought before the House of Lords with a view to its condemnation officially through out the realms. This matter is now being attended to by one of the Lords themselves who is a very staunch Protestant. A word about our trip might be interesting to our western friends.

We sailed from Boston last October in the ship "Canada" and had a very enjoyable trip across the Atlantic. We went direct to London and spent about 10 days sight-seeing; visited places of historic interest and the graves of England's dead kings and queens in Westminster Abbey. Here lie many of England's mighty dead but none greater than that great Protestant king and hero, William of Orange. I stood on his grave and his motto inscribed on his banners flashed into my mind; "The liberties of England and the Protestant religion I will forever maintain." May not Americans adopt the same motto by changing one word, "The liberties of America and the Protestant religion I will forever maintain." We visited the House of Parliament and the House of Lords, the famous tower of London, St. Paul's Cathedral and many other places. London is a Babel and cannot be described in detail. It is the center of a mighty empire and of great people. We opened our meetings in Manchester and Rome's hell hounds began to howl but they had the wrong man. I came over determined to fight it out and so far I have got the best of them. They confessed that they thought when I saw the state of affairs there I would run back to the States. That would truly be a long run—3,000 miles—but I do not run an inch.

A Roman Catholic inspector of police closed the hall, but he opened it again and that pretty quick too. Our next place was Sheffield and there the Romanists burst into the hall in a body, filled the gallery and hooted and yelled for about two hours and broke up the meeting. We had to leave the hall by a back way and get into our hotel next door through a window. The mayor sent a letter forbidding the meetings and I sent a letter to him demanding protection and the lectures were given. We next visited Liverpool, Birkenhead, Bortle, Glasgow, and Edinburgh, where the case in question about the pamphlet occurred. Then we visited Holy Rood Palace, once the home of Mary Queen of Scots,



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and stood on the spot where Rizzio was stabbed. We also visited the famous and once impregnable fortress, Edinburgh Castle. It is a fine old pile and is now a military post. From there we came to Newcastle-on-Tyne and then to Sunderland and thence to Bradford, Yorkshire, where I am tonight. We had an awful time here. The hall was wrecked, carriages that belonged to some of the audience were broken, sticks, stones, bricks, glass and Romish oaths filled the air. This did not deter us. We were kept in the hall for almost 24 hours during the lectures and we gave them, and we will—God willing—give two extra lectures on Monday next.

We will go from here to Leeds, then to Hull, which is on the west coast, and from there I will run over to Norway and Sweden to fill a few engagements there. I will speak in Latin and a Lutheran minister will interpret. I will then return to England and fill a few more engagements and then home to Boston, the "Hub of the Universe." This country is in a fearful condition from Popery. No man can fully describe the ruffianism of Rome in England and I fear that our States will become a second England if we do not look sharp. I say to your readers beware of Rome in America. The Roman Catholic papers have abused the United States for her action towards Spain. All the reputable English papers are on our side and one of the Protestant members of Parliament rose yesterday in the House and proposed giving the English navy to America if she wanted it.

I like the English people very much. They look upon me as one of themselves, being born over here. I find them very kindly disposed towards America. I hope that the day is not very distant when these two great Protestant nations will be more closely bound together and then we could sing in the words of the poet: "For England and America Let the nations clear the track, Wed the Stars and Stripes forever To old England's Union Jack." Good bye. Pray for us and may your labors for American light, liberty

and progress be blessed with signal success. I remain fraternally yours, JOSEPH SLATTERY.

### American Flags Barred by Rome.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—The Roman Congregation of the Holy Office has just sent to this country a decree regulating the use of flags in decorating churches, which forbids the use of National, State or other secular emblems. The decree also prohibits the use of the unblessed banner of private societies, and makes the following rules for the blessing of such banners as may be used in churches:

They must be emblems of an organization the statutes of which are fully approved by the Bishop; the society must be under the Bishop's jurisdiction and must depend on his authority, and the banner must have on it a distinctly religious mark.

The decree admits that the American flag is one which should be to all Americans a glorious emblem, but rules that it cannot therefore be considered as a fitting decoration for the House of God.

The mandate from Rome was issued in consequence of the friction between Bishop McDonnell, of Brooklyn and some of his people in consequence of the Bishop's action in commanding that an American flag with which a cherub was decorated should be removed from the edifice.—Philadelphia Record.

The above pronouncement from Rome, degrading the American flag, under which the nunneries, monasteries, Houses of the Good Shepherd, and other vice-breeding institutions of this alien church flourish, will make interesting reading for G. A. R. men and other patriotic citizens. It is time that this Government should make some pronouncements not regarding the flag alone, but likewise in regard to the incarceration of females and helpless children in Rome's various prison pens throughout our land.—Houtzdale Observer.

Every man who is honest enough to express his opinion of popery will discover that the devil in it is not dead.

## MARGARET L. SHEPHERD

Thrills Large Audiences In Washington Then Goes to Baltimore, Md.

Chase Roys Points Out Why Romanists Establish Their Institutions In This Country Instead of the Roman Countries of Europe.

Washington, D. C.—Editor American:—I send you herein a most remarkable article, cut out of the Washington Times, issue of March 12, 1898:

"The Franciscan Monastery, at Brookland, in short time will be an accomplished fact. Last July the Times published an exclusive account of the project of this monastery and the establishment of a branch of this great Roman Catholic order of monks in the District. The facts of the purchase of a fifty-acre tract, the McCeney estate, in Brookland, by Dr. John B. Larner, for the order and the plans in a general way were given.

It was said at the time that there was a great deal of surmise among Catholics, and that there would be more as to the intention of the order in establishing a branch in this country.

The Times is enabled to state the facts in advance of other publications with regard to the new branch of the order, and also to outline the plans and the work already done at the site of the monastery.

This American branch of the order is intended as a training school for novices of the order, from Belgium, Italy, Austria and Spain, who are intended for the missions of South America and the Holy Land. IT IS ESTABLISHED IN AMERICA BECAUSE OF THE FREEDOM OF THOUGHT IN THIS COUNTRY AND THE FREEDOM FROM GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE THAT CAN BE HAD IN NO OTHER COUNTRY.

[This last clause, which I ask you to put in italics or caps, shows that this Franciscan order of Popery must come

to a Protestant country to enjoy that measure of freedom, which popery itself has driven out of every country in the world, where popery prevails! Every one of these popish organizations is putting forth great efforts to reduce this government to the same slavish condition as Spain, Portugal or Austria.]

The monastery will be affiliated with the Catholic University for reasons of policy, and the degrees of the monastery will be given by the university, but there will be a separate government entirely, and the officers of the university will have no control or supervision over the order. The monastery will have two hundred people, monks and novices. The prior will be Dr. Godfrey Schilling.

The cornerstone of the main building of the monastery will be laid some time in the latter part of May. Mgr. Martinelli will officiate at the ceremony, which will be one of the most magnificent Roman Catholic ceremonies ever held in this country. The work on the building has already begun, and it will be so far advanced during the summer that the monastery will be opened in October and the school year begun.

The architect of the building is Sig. Leonori, who has been the architect of nearly all the modern Franciscan monasteries. He is an Italian and is famous in his country. The main building will be a great square in the severest monastic gothic style. It will be two hundred feet each way and two and a half stories. The building will be around an inner court one hundred feet square. The arrangement will be two sets of rooms, with half between, one set opening on the outside and one set on the court, after the manner of some of the government buildings. On the first floor will be the cells of the monks. Above will be school rooms, lecture hall and rooms for visitors.

There is connected with the monastery a large tract of land which is to be cultivated by the monks and their pupils. Already there is a vineyard of ten acres under cultivation.

The Monastery is a cherished plan of the pope and has been under consideration for many months. It will be especially under his care and patronage. Dr. Schilling will make other needed arrangements while he is in Rome, but will be in this country again before autumn.

The Franciscan monks are one of the oldest orders in the church. They date back to the middle ages and are part of the history of Europe. They are very strict in their forms and life and are under vows of celibacy, poverty, abstinence and labor.

Note:—Rome is establishing herself at the nation's capitol.

### CHASE ROYS.

P. S.—Mrs. Margaret Shepherd is delivering a series of stirring lectures here, in Masonic Temple to crowded and delighted houses. Her calm, energetic, earnest and yet pleading manner on the rostrum holds her audience spellbound, and the lessons she is giving will not soon be forgotten.

We need more Margaret Shepherds in the field, and yet not a newspaper has noticed her by a single line, except in paid advertisements!

The senate committee on appropriation has amended the House Bill, providing for the expenses of the District for 1898 and 1899, which gave nothing to the Popish houses in the District of Columbia, so as to give them their usual allowance. The senators need to be changed.

### The Detectives.

According to a Denver paper the President is having detectives to guard him and discharging the police in uniform. It is not the uniform that simply hurts a man for this purpose, but a greater danger lies in his being a subject of a foreign ruler, yet living here and claiming the protection of the flag of this country.

If we may read between the lines, and if the report in the Denver paper is true, the President is having some trouble from the Roman Catholic Church. He has done many favors for the followers of the pope, and they seemed to think that they could do anything with him, but the demand of the patriotic people of the land has been stronger of late than the pope's people and the President has fallen out with the faithful, because he is causing the United States to point their heavy guns at a Roman Catholic country. If he wants Congress to help him decide the attitude the U. S. shall assume, we may infer that some Roman Catholic has warned him that if he strikes Spain, his fate will be that of Lincoln and Garfield. And then we will see more plainly the plan of a certain class of Roman Catholics if the President does not do exactly what they want him to do. It would be a good plan if these detectives were to both watch for those who would assassinate and find the source from which it came and then not stop where other committees have. The Roman Catholics do not want war and the papers which are Rome ruled are blaming the president because he is following the wishes of the men of Wall street, whom they hate, and saying that the Wall street men are the cause of the president trying to keep the United States from having war. If war can be averted it will be wise, but the double dealing of the pagan papists is in harmony with their past history, and the business of the people of the United States is to tell them to go to Rome if they wish to follow the directions of the pope in politics, and kill men because they will not follow his directions. Mr. McKinley will learn soon, if he does not already, know it that the Roman Catholic cattle are hard truck, and the sooner he says to them, that they can have equal privileges and no more, the better it will be for all concerned. E.

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