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The sheep will be separated from the goats in a very few weeks.

It was an inspiring sight to see the militiamen shoulder arms and march to the depot beneath ten thousand flags and through streets lined with a hundred thousand people.

There was a blending of the blue and the gray in the parade which was formed to escort the Omaha Guards and the Thurston Rifles to the depot last Wednesday. We are one people.

Why did not the pope mediate between Spain and Cuba, instead of waiting until the United States told Spain to stop her inhuman warfare and then jump up with an offer to mediate.

The Roman Catholic church furnishes seventy-five per cent of the government employes, but when the country needs fighting men the Roman officials stay at home, or desert at the first opportunity after enlisting.

The Omaha Guards and the Thurston Rifles have left Omaha and gone to war, but our citizens need have no fear of an attack from the Spanish flotilla, as we still have the Hibernian Rifles with us to protect the Port of Omaha.

Now it is said that Senators Thurston and Allen have both recommended Romanist Coppinger's promotion. If his promotion will keep some loyal Protestant officer out of the yellow fever and cholera stricken district, we shall not object.

The Paris Soliel says the war between the United States and Spain is "the first step in an inevitable struggle between the Latin and Anglo-Saxon races, between the Catholic and Protestant religions, between the old and the new civilizations."

First Lieutenant Lee Forby of the Thurston Rifles was presented with a handsome field glass just as the train was pulling out for Lincoln. The present was from some of his friends who had been associated with him in Mars lodge No. 130, K. of P., of which he is a past chancellor commander.

Our government can look for trouble from Spain's Roman Catholic sympathizers in this country in other quarters than those now being attacked. We expect the next thing these internal enemies will assail will be the armor plate works, the gun factories and the coal mines, followed by the destruction of the lighting plants of the large cities, during which will occur a reign of terror. Wise Protestants will buy arms and ammunition. Trouble is getting nearer every day. Don't be like the foolish virgins in Christ's parable.

Last week we stated that it would be just like Rome to blow up and destroy our arsenals, magazines and powder mills. Today we can say a fire was started in the powder mill near Santa Cruz, Cal., Tuesday and that it is supposed to have been the work of a Spanish agent; and that Wednesday night the arsenal at New Orleans was broken open and a quantity of dynamite taken. That, probably, was also done by a Spanish agent. Spain's agents are all Roman Catholics.

There is a move in certain quarters to stir up discord among the state militiamen. The plea is put forward that if they cannot enlist as a company they should not enlist at all. This looks to us like a pretty flimsy excuse. It may serve to keep the Hibernian Rifles at home in the several states, but that is about as far as it will reach, for loyal men in the ranks will not question the wisdom of the governor, or make the mistake of supposing that he would divide local companies and jump inexperienced men over the heads of their officers. The average governor is a man of sense, whether we agree with him politically or not, and we think he can be trusted to treat his soldiers with the utmost justice. This is especially true of the governor of Nebraska.

McKINLEY DURING SIXTY DAYS.

President McKinley has been maligned and his motives have been questioned even by men who were at heart his friends, simply because of the maliciously untrue reports sent out from the nations capital by interested parties. We know not what was the motive that actuated these false reports, nor do we know who was responsible for them, but that they were false and that they were malicious events that have transpired and others which have transpired seem to prove conclusively.

It seems to be settled that President McKinley was not for peace at any price; in fact, there are grave doubts in our mind that he was even for peace, if the reports regarding the attitude of his cabinet, that are now coming to light, are at all reliable.

Near the close of last week, and after President McKinley had signed the Cuban resolutions which virtually declared war against Spain, the news was flashed from Washington that Postmaster General Gary had resigned, that John Sherman would soon retire from the cabinet, that John D. Long had handed in his resignation as secretary of the navy and that Lyman J. Gage was thinking of quitting so that men who were in sympathy with the attitude of the United States Senate could be appointed to cabinet positions who would carry out the ideas of the president. It was also stated that the signing of the resolutions was a distinct victory for Secretary Alger, who had been ably seconded by Secretary Bliss.

Any person who knows anything about the official family of the President knows it is composed of eight men. That the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of War are the four most responsible positions. Three of those positions were filled by what is now reported to have been peace at any price men, while the third, the Secretary of war, which had but little, comparatively, to do with a dispute outside our national borders, was for war. The other four were but little more than figure-heads, yet three of them were for war and one, Mr. Gary, was for peace, which left the cabinet evenly divided, and placed the responsibility for deciding the question as to whether there should be war or peace on the shoulders of the president.

He decided right. He said there should be war. Immediately Mr. Gary resigned because of ill-health and Mr. Charles Emory Smith, the author of the Cuban plank in the Republican platform, was appointed to the position made vacant by Mr. Gary's retirement. Then Mr. Long, the Secretary of the Navy, resigned, but his resignation is being held up until the president can find the right man to fill the position. Then the venerable John Sherman, the Secretary of State, stepped down and his assistant, Mr. Day, was appointed to his place. Mr. Gage is still a member of the cabinet and will be until he succeeds in raising the necessary funds to carry on the war, then, unless he catches the war spirit, he may resign.

During the time those misleading statements were being sent out John Ireland was in Washington. Whether they emanated from him or not we do not know, but as he was a peace at any price advocate, and as he knew the average Republican, like the average Democrat, would endorse any policy their leaders might choose to adopt, he may have inspired many of those dispatches for the purpose of securing the party backing for his peace scheme. But if he did, he must admit that for once party fealty gave way to the pitiful plea of a famishing and dying people, whom he, his god the pope, and their butchers, the Spaniards, yet hope to keep beyond the fostering care of the stars and stripes.

It pleases us to be able to set our President, before our readers, in a true light on this question. The evidence at hand and partly outlined above seems to prove that he was not a peace at any price man. The resignations of Gary, Long and Sherman disprove such a charge. His decision in favor of war when they his principle official advisers were opposed to it, makes any defense of his action by his friends unnecessary, and an apology from his opponents obligatory if they would not be accused of unfair-

ness and with being biased by party prejudice.

We believe it can now be stated positively and emphatically that McKinley is president; that no man is his master; that he has listened only to the will of the sovereign people while bearing uncompromisingly the censure that should have been borne by those who hindered and restrained him so long when he was endeavoring to do his whole duty. It is the duty and should be the pleasure of every patriotic, loyal citizen to uphold the president in the present crisis; by their acts they should convince him that Ireland and the Irish Roman Catholics do not own America neither do they elect its chief executive.

While we have never doubted Pres. McKinley's loyalty, we have doubted his nerve, but his over-riding of the wishes of his most trusted advisers, convinces us that he has enough nerve to face ever extra hazardous questions.

Until the war ends we are for McKinley. If he is reported to be acting different to what a patriot would act, we shall await developments, and if the charges prove true we shall not hesitate to censure him, for the rights of the people are dearer than the friendship or good will of any man.

Our exchanges can materially aid us in an effort to secure the names of all Nebraska-born boys above the age of 18 who are ready to emulate the example of their loyal, patriotic fathers, and are ready to answer their country's call and go forth to fight and die, if necessary, to make men free, if they will say that we want to add their names to a roll bearing our own, which roll will be tendered the governor in case more volunteers are needed for offensive or defensive purposes. Nebraska is filled with old soldier heroes who once risked their lives to make others free, and their must be thousands of soldiers' sons who would gladly and willingly go to the front as so many of foreign birth are doing. While we are not authorized to organize a regiment, we propose to aid our country in every possible way while trouble continues, and one of the ways to help is to know what Nebraska boys are ready to shoulder a musket and march to victory or to death under the flag their fathers so ably defended. It would be a grand tribute to the patriotism of the fathers and mothers of this state and an everlasting glory to the commonwealth to be able to offer a whole company or a whole regiment of Nebraska-born boys to defend and protect this nation. To the end that it may be positively known how many Nebraska-born boys are anxious to serve their country we request those who are to send their name, age and address to the editor, John C. Thompson, 1615 Howard St., Omaha, Nebraska.

The governor of Nebraska is reported to have said that he had received more than one hundred applications for commissions to organize a company. We suggest that the governor call the applicants all to Lincoln, have them mustered into service in two companies and let them choose their officers by lot. Each man, after he signs the muster roll, to draw an envelope containing a card designating his rank. We can't expect to get permission to furnish two hundred companies in addition to the state militia, and every man who offered to get up a company did it, no doubt, for the pure and unselfish motive of serving his country and not for the salary attached to a captaincy. What say you, Governor?

Some complaint is heard because the Spanish ex-minister, Polo, is in Canada plotting against this country, and efforts are making to have him remove from neutral territory. It seems to us that it requires a good deal of nerve for this government to object to one man remaining on British soil to plan and plot against us, when our government has allowed the organization, arming and drilling of 100,000 Irish Roman Catholics for the avowed purpose of freeing Ireland from British rule. What would our government say if the British Prime Minister were to demand the disbanding and the unarming of that great force? We should treat the British as we want them to treat us.

Advice from Washington are to the effect that the government has learned that some of its secret service officers in foreign countries are unreliable and

not to be depended upon. Romanism is responsible for this. It is well known that the church must always know every secret entrusted to one of her members. In the present instance, state secrets are of great value to her, as her eldest daughter and the pope's godson are, jointly with the church, financially interested in the success of Spanish arms. Rome has her finger pretty deep in this trouble. Watch her.

Every copy of last week's American is gone and we have thirty five requests for the paper. If you are not going to send your paper to a friend will you be kind enough to send it to us so that we can get it into the hands of those who are interested.

It is the duty of every subscriber to The American to send this paper to at least one of their friends for the balance of this year. It only costs One (\$1) Dollar, and the nation should be awakened to the real and awful danger that is almost upon us.

Our friend John Rudd, the Sixteenth street jeweler, was married the first of the week to a most estimable lady.

The Jesuits. Dr. Fisher of the Yale university, says, in his church history: The teaching of the Spaniard, Mariana, one of their Jesuit writers, that regicide was lawful, was believed to have led to the murder of Henry IV of France. The assassination of his predecessor, Henry III as well as William of Orange, was traced by many to the poisonous doctrines of the Jesuit teachers.

At the present time when presidents are killed by those who make their plots in Roman Catholic houses, may we not say that the Roman Catholic church is always the same. And if soldiers are leaving the regular army and give for a reason that they will not fight for a government which will not "avenge the Maine," it looks as if there were people who were advising them to desert. At this time when there is war these things should be taken into consideration, and properly handled.

If people are murderers let the world know them so that they shall be given a "wide berth," in every sense of the word. It would do any one good to read Dr. Fisher's church history. The Roman Catholic church is truly placed in it where she belongs. E. S.

No Papal Interference. At the last conference in New York the ministers of the M. E. church, by a vote of 165 to 3, adopted the following resolution: "We want no overtures from our government for settlement of the burning questions confronting us as a nation based upon propositions emanating from Rome. Let efforts emanating from that source exhaust themselves in humanizing and civilizing Spain. American institutions will guard their own honor."

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A Future Cardinal.

An exchange says: A dispatch to the Baltimore American of April 18, from Washington, says: "A diplomatic mission worthily filled is usually rewarded by the sovereign pontiff by the red hat of a cardinal. The American prelates, therefore see in Archbishop Ireland a future cardinal. It is, of course, a debatable question whether the archbishop has been successful in his diplomatic capacity. But he obeyed the Vatican to the letter. It is conceded here that he conducted a lost cause with distinguished ability." For his loyalty to Spain, Ireland is to have a cardinalate—if Corrigan and others will allow him to be boosted over their heads.

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