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Where is Coppinger? Commodore Schley can speak Spanish fluently.

Blanco must feel rather lonesome since he has been cut off from Madrid. Watch for the Jesuit hand in the arrangement or negotiation for peace between Spain and this country.

Wonder if the pope is resting easier since the Jesuits were given that \$55,000 contract for taking Toral's army back to Spain? Your Uncle Samuel is an easy mark!

Spain has commenced negotiations for peace. She is treating through the French ambassador. She will agree to anything if the United States will only help her let go.

It is now reported that Spanish prisoners cheer American ships that pass their quarters which are loaded with United States soldiers bound for Spanish ports. Guess they have learned that the 'Yaakee hogs' are of a very fine breed.

At Pinole, Cal., Wednesday night an explosion occurred in the Hercules Powder company's nitro-glycerin house which started a fire and caused a second explosion by which five men were killed and about twice that number were injured. Cause unknown.

Now that Dewey and the American soldiers have caused the surrender of Manila, will this country have to pay another tribute to Rome? Will the Jesuits get another contract over other lower and responsible bidders, for carrying the captured soldiers back to Spain.

There is considerable stir among the property owners along 24th street in South Omaha. Attorney W. A. Saunders, as the representative of a number of property owners has commenced a suit alleging that the tax for paving 24th street is illegal and cannot be collected. The outcome of this suit will be looked forward to with no small amount of interest.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Thurston Rifles are sending out a chain letter for the purpose of raising an emergency hospital fund. This is a commendable move and will appeal to our citizens now that the reports from the front indicate so much sickness is within the American lines in Cuba, for they do not know what day a similar report may come from our boys in the Philippines. Each citizen can do something, and every little bit will help.

In the book of Daniel it is recorded that in these latter days the hearts of the kingly of the north and of the south shall be "to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table; but it shall not prosper: for yet the end shall be at the time appointed." No man knows when the end is to be, but there are many who have studied the signs of the times and compared them with the prophecies in the Bible who believe it is not many years hence—that it is almost at our doors.

Americans should in all business transactions give loyal Protestants the preference. Patriots who patronize papists are playing into the hands of their enemies. We have heard of professed patriots who have been guilty of the manifest impropriety of patronizing Roman Catholic saloonkeepers. A saloon is as a rule a good place to stay away from, but those of our friends who will take a drink ought not under any circumstances to spend one cent of their money in any drinking place kept by a Roman Catholic. Should you reside in a city in which all the saloons are run by Romanists you can obviate the necessity of patronizing a papist by not drinking at all.

This country does not want to retain the Philippine islands, but it wants the fullest and most complete brand of religious liberty set up under a republican form of government. This need

not interfere with the expulsion or destruction of the distasteful, traitorous organizations of the Roman Catholic church that have robbed, murdered and ruined the people of these islands for hundreds of years. The understrappers in Martinelli's order should be the first to feel the halter draw.

An authoritative statement from Washington is to the effect that Gen. Miles as commander-in-chief, aided by Generals Shafter, Brooke, Lee and Graham, with a combined force of 150,000 men, are to take the field against Havana in the fall. Is Major General Coppinger to be left out of the combination of big generals that is to effect the capture of Cuba's capital? Perhaps the war managers do not after all consider Coppinger's services absolutely indispensable to the carrying out of any great military project.

According to a special to the Chicago Chronicle from Jacksonville, Fla., Private Charles Devine, Company A, Fourth Illinois, has been court-martialed and dishonorably discharged from the military service of the United States and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment at Fort Leavenworth, for stealing \$20 from a soldier in his company. He has been safely landed at Fort Leavenworth. Devine is a Roman Irish name, and we'll wager a dollar to a doughnut that this Charles Devine is an Irish Roman Catholic. Stealing from comrades is a Roman Irish trait.

Tom Blackburn has our sympathy. Just as he got comfortable settled at little Middle Rosewater's pie counter and had been helped to a nice \$150 job as pass inspector, some great, big, rude, rough boys came along and pushed him away and gave the pie to another boy, who accepted it at \$75 per month. All that it is necessary to do to commit political suicide in Omaha, is to wear a Rosewater collar. Everybody seems to take a fenshish delight in putting one of Rosey's friends in a position where they will not have to depend on public office for a living. Too bad, Tom; but you can regain public confidence by taking off that collar which Rosey riveted on you fifteen years ago. Of course people will look upon you with suspicion at first, but you are young and can live the part down. Get on the right side—here's our hand.

Elder Luther Warren, of Chicago, one of the most able and eloquent speakers we have ever listened to, began a series of lectures in the large, electric-lighted tent at Seventeenth and Webster streets Wednesday evening and will continue to address the people of Omaha on the signs of the times as foretold in the Bible. His Thursday evening lecture was very interesting and instructive as it proved beyond the possibility of a doubt that the Turkish empire is the plague described in Revelation, chapter 9, as locust, to whom it was given power to hurt the earth for five months. It will not be possible for us to give a full report of the Elder's lecture or those that will follow, but we can say this, no citizen of Omaha, whether rich or poor, Protestant or Roman Catholic, Jew or unbeliever, black or white, who is seeking truth, can afford to miss these lectures. The Friday evening lecture will be "The Fifth Universal Kingdom." Those that are to follow during the next five nights will all be grounded upon the words and prophecies of the Bible. All lectures are free and denunciations are not discussed. The Elder begins the services at eight o'clock. We should like to meet every reader of THE AMERICAN at the tent during the next week as we are greatly interested in your spiritual welfare as we are in your political, and we believe you need the information he is able to impart. As we said once before we are not a member of any church, but we believe the signs of the times indicate the nearness of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. It would be well to obey the injunction to "work, for the night is coming when man's work is done."

THE AMERICAN should be on every newsdealer's counter. Will you and your friends see to it in your city? Keep asking for this paper.

Henry F. Bowers, Clinton, Ia., is the head of the A. P. A. in this country. Write him about your council and ask him for information.

THE BOURGOGNE TO BLAME.

Exonerated for the Crew of the Cromartyshire.

COURT OF INQUIRY REPORTS.

The French liner, according to the Halifax findings, was that of its course and sailing at a very high rate of speed at time of collision.

HALIFAX, N.S., July 29.—The decision of the court of inquiry given here to-day exonerates Captain Henderson and the officers of the ship Cromartyshire from all blame in the matter of the Bourgogne disaster. The report was made by Captain W. H. Smith of the British Royal Navy reserve, with whom was associated in the investigation Captain Bloomfield Douglas, R. N. E., and Captain Lewis Anderson, nautical assessor. Captain Smith dwells on the incidents of the collision as described by the master and crew of the sailing vessel, and says: "At the time the two ships came into collision the concussion was so violent and the blow inflicted so heavy that the sailing vessel was driven apparently considerably from the course she was heading although the number of points she was caused to deviate is not exactly stated, but the effect of the blow caused her headway to be stopped and made her unmanageable. The jib boom and bowsprit of the Cromartyshire passed over the side of the steamer and was broken and torn away from the starboard side of the sailing ship with all of the gear attached and cast over the leeward. The foremast was also broken and came down from aloft and fell over the same side of the ship. The collision bulkhead remained intact, which saved the ship from foundering. The damage this vessel sustained was not known to those on board the sailing ship and could not be, as the evidence shows she passed quickly out of sight across the bow to starboard."

Captain Smith's report set forth the measures taken by the Cromartyshire to discover if there was any loss of life upon the steamer, and special attention is drawn to the international regulations for preventing collisions at sea, which, the report says, "should have been observed by these vessels." "There can be no doubt," it is added, "that the steamer was supplied with an efficient steam whistle and that it was sounded at regular intervals. The officers of the sailing ship and most of the crew heard it several minutes before the collision. Abundant proof is also produced that the sailing vessel had an efficient horn and was using it according to regulations. From statements made by witnesses in this case there is an indication that the sailing ship's horn was heard on board the steamer and was answered by her. With regard to the speed of the steamer at the time of the collision the report says that nothing can be absolutely and certainly known as to its rate except from the inferences drawn from the various statements made in the evidence. Perhaps her speed will never be accurately known. From the sudden manner the steamer first came in sight upon the port bow of the sailing ship and her equally quick disappearance in the fog immediately after the casualty, as shown by the evidence, the court is forced to the conclusion that the steamer was proceeding at a very high rate of speed.

"Article 20 states that when a steam vessel and a sailing vessel are proceeding in such directions as to involve risk of collision the steam vessel shall keep out of the way of the sailing vessel. For reasons unknown to the court the latter did not keep clear of the sailing vessel."

"Article 21 says: 'Whereby of these rules one of the vessels is to keep out of the way, the other shall keep her course and speed.'"

"The evidence upon this point is of a clear and satisfactory character and conclusively proves that the sailing ship, under the circumstances, did keep her course and speed according to the provisions of the act. The court is of the opinion that her master would not have been justified in departing from the statutory regulations unless he could have sheltered himself under the conditions pointed out in Article 21. All the necessary duties were performed upon the sailing ship with proper caution and due diligence was exercised in her navigation by her captain when the character of the fog was taken into consideration. Captain Henderson of the Cromartyshire and the officers of his ship are therefore exonerated from blame from the collision and its consequences."

Captain Smith in his report says: "It appears to me that La Bourgogne, as a mail steamship starting from New York, was not in the position at the time of the collision as indicated by the steamer lanes upon the pilot chart of the North Atlantic. It also appears to me that it is highly desirable the rules of following the steamer lanes should be made more binding on all steamers navigating the Atlantic when plying between New York and European ports."

Typhoid Fever Spreading. CAMP ALGER, Falls Church, Va., July 29.—Typhoid fever continues to spread among the regiments at Camp Alger, notwithstanding the strenuous and unceasing efforts of the medical officers on duty here. Ten new cases were discovered yesterday, making a total of thirty-six since Sunday.

Big Zinc and Lead Output. TOPEKA, Kan., July 29.—The zinc and lead mines of Kansas produced in 1907 mineral worth \$2,034,988, an increase over the previous year of \$183,160.27.

IT WAS AN AMERICAN CREW.

Woman First on the Lifeboats of the Burning Steamer Ardanhu.

New York, July 29.—The steamship Ardanhu of the Tweed line, trading between West Indian ports and this city, came up the bay yesterday with a heavy list to starboard, and the cargo stored in her lower hold on fire. The first fire made its appearance at 2:30 o'clock on Monday night, when, had the vessel had an uninterrupted voyage, she would have been off the New Jersey shore and close to Sandy Hook. But leaky boilers and the breaking down of her engines delayed the ship at least thirty hours, and at the time of the discovery of the flames in hold No. 1, the steamship was off Fenwick's island, on the coast of Maryland.

The wildest excitement followed the outbreak of the fire and several of the eleven stowage passengers, all Jamaicans, endeavored to seize the lifeboats. The third mate, Percy Sanders, was forced to draw his revolver to prevent the men from the stowage leaving the burning steamer in the three lifeboats, which could easily have accommodated the other forty-five passengers and members of the crew.

The passengers were, however, forced out of the boat by Captain Walker and his men, and when discipline was restored preparations were first made for the saving of the women and children on the vessel. The lifeboats were lowered. The sea was quite calm and the ship's officers stood by the rope ladders. Thus a panic was averted and the safety of the fifty-six persons on board the Ardanhu assured.

The heat was so intense and the smoke was so heavy that it was for a time unsafe for the passengers to remain on the upper deck. They were all ordered forward, and the women and children were first put into the lifeboats, each of which had a full supply of food and water on board and were supplied with compasses and signal rockets. It was nearly midnight when Captain Walker considered that he had the fire in control, and decided to continue on his way to New York. The women and children were taken back to the steamer and the lifeboats were hoisted to the davits, but were not taken on board. The officers from that time on kept watch over the lifeboats to prevent the eleven Jamaicans, who appeared to be terror stricken, from deserting the burning steamer in them. Most of the stowage passengers, however, stowed themselves in the small boat astern, and remained there until the Ardanhu reached the narrows.

HAWAII HEARS THE NEWS.

Annexation News Reached Honolulu July 13—Received With Enthusiasm.

HONOLULU, July 30.—The steamship Coptic arrived from San Francisco on the evening of the 13th instant, with the important news that the United States senate had ratified the Newlands resolution, making Hawaii a part of the United States. Long before the vessel reached the harbor, it was known that the steamer brought annexation news, the information being signaled to the Mohican.

The fire whistle and the whistles of foundries, mills and steamers were turned loose and pandemonium reigned. Fireworks were set off. In the midst of the noise, 100 guns were fired on the grounds of the executive building. At the same time the Hawaiian bands started out and marched through the streets to the wharf, playing American patriotic airs. An immense procession was formed and a march was made to the executive building.

President Dole was at his beach home when the steamer was sighted. He hurried into town and reached the wharf as the steamer tied up.

Captain Sealby of the Coptic was presented with a silver cup by the citizens of Honolulu for bringing the news.

The people here have decided not to have any formal annexation celebration until the Philadelphia and Admiral Miller arrive with the flag.

The leading men of Honolulu met and recommended Harold M. Sewell, United States minister to Hawaii, for governor of the islands. It had been generally thought that President Dole would be their choice.

SPAIN WILL PROTEST.

Sagasta Declares He Asked for Peace Before Porto Rico was Occupied.

LONDON, July 29.—The Madrid correspondent of the Daily Mail says: Spain will probably protest against an attack upon Porto Rico after the Washington cabinet had officially received Spanish overtures for peace. Senor Sagasta said to-day: "We resolved on peace many days ago and made known our resolutions to the United States government. I regard as null and void and as destitute of good faith everything that the Americans have done since, and I am ready to protest against it formally."

Several Brought Fortunes.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—Stemmer Humboldt arrived from St. Michael's yesterday afternoon with 112 passengers from Dawson City with about \$1,000,000 in gold dust and as much more in drafts. Three men brought \$250,000 each.

Mustering in Hawaii Guards.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 29.—From most authentic sources comes the information that the arrival of the American troops in Honolulu will be followed by the mustering into the United States volunteer services of the Hawaiian national guard, a force of 500 men.

Cervera the Guest of Honor.

ANAPOLIS, Md., July 29.—Admiral and Mrs. McNair entertained Admiral Cervera and his staff, who are prisoners at the academy, at a dinner last night. The table was decorated with American beauty and La France roses.

American Bible Study

BY JOHN C. THOMPSON. LESSON II.

It seems to me that the Church of Rome was proved beyond the possibility of a doubt, in Article No. 1, to be the beast spoken of by John the Divine in Revelation; yet, for fear that there may be some who are not fully satisfied I will, with God's help, follow the question still further.

There are but two sides to any question—a right side and a wrong side. With this question of Romanism there are but two sides: you are either for the Church of Rome—the scarlet woman, the whore that sits besides many waters—or you are earnestly and loyally opposed to her and in favor of obeying the Commandments of God. This is where the test comes. If you have the number of the beast, or his mark, in your right hand or in your forehead you will in no manner inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, which John said was at hand, and which may be set up at a day in the near future.

On the other hand, if you have been sealed in your forehead as a servant of God and your name was written in the Lamb's book of Life from the foundation of the world your admission to the New Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven from God is already a settled fact.

2. And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea.

3. Saying, hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.—Rev., chap. 7.

8. And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, [the beast] whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.—Rev., chap. 13.

10. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God.—Rev., chap. 21.

I will say at this time that the men at the head of the Church of Rome have done exactly what Christ prophesied in the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew—they have done things that would, were it possible, have deceived the very elect.

After carefully reading and studying the New Testament I can see where the men at the head of the Church of Rome found the shadows of many of the doctrines of their organization. At the same time I find throughout the Bible that the evil will put on the livery of heaven to serve the devil as foretold by Jesus Christ in the chapter referred to in the preceding paragraph.

If you will get your Bibles and search the Scriptures, in chapter 7 of First Corinthians, from the 25th verse we find where they get the shadow for the idea of celibacy for their priests and nuns, and yet if you will turn over a few pages until you come to Paul's First Epistle to Timothy, chapter 3, verse 2, you will see that it is distinctly stated that a bishop should be the husband of one wife; and in the 9th verse of the 5th chapter of Timothy only widows over sixty years of age are worthy to be taken into the number [order]. I wonder how long it would take the hierarchy to disband the female orders of the Church of Rome if they were made up exclusively of women who were above sixty years of age?

The Romanist doctrine of celibacy is one of the marks of the beast as is also her order against eating meat on certain days. Read First Timothy, chapter 4:

1. Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2. Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3. Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth."

So is her denial of the Word of God, the Bible, to the members of the church throughout the world, a further mark of the beast, for how can one KNOW THE TRUTH except by reading with ones own eyes and understanding with ones own mind? To accept and believe the interpretation of some other man or many other men does not constitute knowledge. You can believe what men tell you, but you

must KNOW what God's truth is if you would not be numbered with the followers of the beast in the last great day.

The men who have built the structure—the throne—for the beast and labeled it the Church of Rome want to Matthew, chapter 18, verse 18 and chapter 18 and verse 18, for justification of the claim that the church has the power of binding and loosing, yet in the 8th verse of the 8th chapter of Ecclesiastes it is stated that "There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death." This is a flat contradiction of the claim of the Church of Rome that she can bind and loose. But this is not the only denial entered to her claim. The first chapter of Revelation does not leave the Church of Rome an inch of ground on which to stand. "One like unto the Son of man," speaks to John in the 13th verse of the first chapter of Revelation saying: "I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death."

The men who have woven the fabric of Romanism knew, what Barnum believed at a later day, that the people liked to be humbugged, so they instituted a custom or a rite which is known as extreme unction. Is this authorized by the Bible? We will go to I. John, chapter 2, verse 20:

20. But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

This unction was Truth, which Christ said he would pray the Father, even God, that He give to His disciples after He had left them. The Spirit of Truth, the Holy Ghost, (St. John, from the 17th to the 27th verse of chapter 14) was to be a Comforter, but the world was to reject it as it would reject him. But this is not the extreme unction of the Roman Catholic church. The organizers of the papal system go to the 5th chapter of James for authority for the practice of anointing the sick with oil. My understanding of the application of the doctrine of extreme unction of the Roman church is that it is restricted to cases of sickness where hope of saving life is extinct, and that it is administered with the understanding that if the sick recover no benefit from the unction is to attach, which proves that their practice is contrary to the very passages on which they pretend to base the practice of administering extreme unction.

14. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord:

15. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick; and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.

It is plainly stated that if oil is applied in the name of the Lord, and if prayers are said, believing, having faith that his sins will be forgiven, the Lord will raise him up. If the sick die after the oil has been put on and after the prayers have been said, do they not die in their sins, because of lack of faith? I know that Christ used sin and sickness as synonyms. Turn to the 9th chapter of Matthew, from the 23d to the 6th verse. There it is recorded that one sick of the palsy was brought to Christ Who, seeing the faith, said, "Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee." Because of those words the scribes said within themselves "this man blasphemeth," and Jesus, knowing their thoughts, asked, "wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For, whether is easier, to say, 'thy sins be forgiven thee'; or to say, 'arise, and walk'? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the man sick of the palsy) 'Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house.'" Extreme unction is but another mark of the beast, if it is applied in the way I understand it is applied.

The Church of Rome says heretics shall be twice admonished and then, if they repent not, they shall be turned over to the secular arm to be punished. It gets a part of this doctrine from the 3rd chapter and the 10th verse of Paul's Epistle to Titus. It reads:

"A man that is a heretic, after the first and second admonitions, reject."

But the church has not and never did have the right to punish or to judge an unbeliever for it is written "vengeance is mine, saith the Lord," and Christ said "if any man hear my words, and believe them not, I judge him not; for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world." Is not this doctrine