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CHASE ROYS WRITES PLAINLY TO M'KINLEY

Asks the President to Emulate Henry VIII. of England.

Confiscate The Roman Catholic Church Property That Has Been Filched From the People—Aguinaldo's Plan.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—President McKinley; Dear Sir:—A mighty discontent is about to arise with the American people on account of your course in the Philippines and in Cuba. Withdraw Governor Merritt and confer the power on Aguinaldo. We are fighting the Spaniards, not the natives. You must not sacrifice our men to save Spaniards, Spanish Roman Catholic estates or monastic property. You cannot establish any lasting, free government in a country, when the Roman church has all, or nearly all, the land. You must imitate Henry VIII. of England in this respect. Confiscate those stolen lands and return them thus to the people. This is doubtless Aguinaldo's design. Assist him in this and you will have him your friend and ally. We must not court alliance with Spain or Spaniards. The American people will never have it. They will remember the Maine. The Spaniards are hyenas. See their course today in Porto Rico—using fire and sword on the natives as they march toward San Juan. Dismiss Gen. Shafter at once, and appoint some educated man, who will at once make friendship with Gen. Garcia, for Aguinaldo doubtless fears he will be set aside as Garcia has been. You cannot possibly hope for the friendship of either the Cubans or Philippines if you are tender of their enemies the Spaniards, and the Spanish priesthood. Sweep away every vestige of Spanish power, greed and cruelty, and court the friendship and alliance of the natives, sending them school teachers and Christian ministers. The American people will sustain you in this course.

Yours truly,

CHASE ROYS.

Rome Not Satisfied.

The Herald and Presbyter has the following regarding the work of the Roman Catholics and West Point:

"Just before the adjournment of Congress a bill was passed granting to any religious denomination wishing to do so the privilege of erecting a chapel on the government land at West Point. It seemed to many who voted for it that it was only in accordance with the general principles of our government, which knows no distinction among religious denominations, and that because the bill grants the same privilege to all, therefore it could not be criticized as favoring Romanism. It seems to us that this is a mistake. There are cases where such a course might be justified and merit approval, but not so in this instance. The error is similar to that made in the matter of the Indian schools. The law gave no preference to the schools of any denomination, but gave money to each according to the number of scholars enrolled or taught. It was soon found that it was possible for one church to draw hundreds of thousands of dollars, while others drew only tens of thousands, and others would accept none. The Church of Rome possessed certain advantages, which made it practicable for it to gather in a far larger number of pupils than could any other organization. The Indian Education Bill had to be amended.

So, at West Point, no other denomination wants to build for itself a chapel on those grounds. There is one there now, which meets every demand, and it is used by all in common, as desired. But the Church of Rome is not satisfied with it, and demands another site for a chapel of its own, where it can store its paraphernalia and set up its idols

with no fear of their being disturbed. It is customary for Romanists to import their statues and pictures from Europe, and, if the law should say that "any person" importing a statue of the Virgin for religious uses should be relieved of the payment of duty, it might be said that the law was fair to all, because it permitted any denomination to do the same thing; whereas, no other than the one denomination wishes to import statues of the Virgin. So with the embroidered stoles and other garments of the bishops and priests. It is not treating all alike when it is said that all such shall be imported free of duty; because only one class of people desires to import that kind of merchandise for religious purposes, and to enact such a law is to play directly into the hands of the Romanists. L."

Everybody must keep their eyes upon the Roman Catholic church, for if they do not they will bring this nation to the level of Spain. Romanism must be put into her proper place and kept there.

T. H. A.

Now, Watch the Church of Rome.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 2.—The developments of each day add to the difficulties of solving the Philippine problem, and events before the conclusion of peace negotiations may make it almost compulsory for the United States, as the dominant force in the island, to maintain control for the purpose of preventing anarchy or a reign of terror under the dictatorship of Aguinaldo. The powerful influence of the Roman church may yet be exercised on the Spanish government with this end in view. It is apparent that if the United States should withdraw, it would be difficult, if not impossible, for Spain to regain control of the islands with her fleet destroyed and her military forces incapable of making any headway against the insurgents.

The insurgents are even more dissatisfied with the representatives of the Roman church in the island than with the Spanish colonial government, and should Aguinaldo succeed in gaining control there would be grave danger of violence directed against the Roman Catholic church and its property.

The Vatican at Rome understands this and representations were today received by the United States through Mgr. Martinielli, the papal delegate, asking that care be taken by the United States forces to protect the property of the church and the lives of

the priests. Instructions in conformity with these representations have been sent to Major-General Merritt and Admiral Dewey AND THEY WILL PROTECT THE CHURCH AND ITS PROPERTY within their lines just as they will protect the lives and property of all others.

Roman Catholic Church Not Afraid of United States Rule.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 4.—Most Rev. Sebastian Martirelli, the papal delegate in the United States, arrived in Boston last night, making a short stay with the Jesuit fathers of St. Mary's church, Endicott street. When asked what would be the effect of the annexation of Porto Rico to the United States he answered:

"I am not a politician, and do not know enough about the place to tell whether it will be a benefit to this country to own it or not. As far as the interest of the Porto Ricans is concerned, there is no doubt that they will profit by the change."

"Will the church suffer in any way from the political changes that are likely to take place in the Philippines and other Spanish islands?"

"I do not think that anyone who knows the American people would for a moment entertain a thought that the church will be in any way interfered with wherever the United States, by conquest or purchase, acquires possession. The change of government will take place, I suppose; but I expect to see everything else go on as it has in the past. Priests, as well as people, will be as well treated as they are here in the United States, and the church will go on doing the good work she has done in the past, perhaps with a little more freedom."

West Point Again.

Another man does not want things run at West Point through the Roman Catholic gutter and he writes as follows:

"I was very sorry and indignant to see that the United States Senate, among its last acts, passed a bill 'permitting the Secretary of War, at his discretion, to have erected on the West Point reservation a building for religious worship,' which, of course, means for the catholic church. Will you not add another vigorous protest against it in your editorial columns? and can not such influences be brought upon the present Secretary of War as to induce

him to refuse it? It would be strange if he would consent when our last United States Attorney-General, who was a catholic, refused to allow it, or, as the law officer of the government, decided against it. O. D. G."

The Roman Catholic politicians spend much time for their church in "log rolling," but they may sometime be like the bear who stood below a large log and then with his fore-paws was getting honey from under it and turning it slowly toward his hind feet, when the log rolled, from its own weight, caught Mr. Bear's hind feet, threw him on his back, rolled over him and went on down the mountain. The bear arose his feet and looked at the log, but did not say a word. This log-rolling may treat the Roman Catholic in this manner. A. M. B.

The Blower.

The Roman Catholic church can blow her own horn as well as a Chatham street Jew can do it for the "job lots" he has to sell. The Herald and Presbyter has the following:

"A correspondent is disturbed by the claim made by a catholic priest in a recent public address that the song, 'The Star Spangled Banner,' was written by a catholic, and 'that it was the catholics who sent out the first regiment to the war.' It is not worth while to be disturbed. Catholics do not send out regiments. They are not made up on denominational lines. Individual catholics have a right to enlist, but if they do so it is as American citizens. It would be strange if some catholics should not enlist. There is one thing certain, however, and that is the Spanish soldiery, army and navy, privates and officers, are catholics, and a pretty spectacle they are making of themselves. There is catholicism pure and simple, without the enlightening and humane influences of Protestant civilization around it. If Francis Scott Key was a catholic, he wrote his song under the influences of American Protestantism, and not under the shadows of papal despotism and the Spanish Inquisition."

The howly church can do much but they can howl the best. T. H. C.

Pride and Fall.

Pope Innocent III, asserted that Boniface VIII, pretended "God had set the papacy over kings and kingdoms to destroy and to rebuild" and that "subjection to the pontiff was necessary to

salvation." But the tide was growing strong against the papacy and what could have been done a century before could not be done at this time. Philip the Fair of France burned the papal bulls, and laid his "sacrilegious hands on the pope's person." The next pope, elected secretly, pledged co-operation with Philip, and it was the tail wagging the dog, instead of the dog wagging the tail, at this time. A few of the islands could get out of the pope's power they would willingly burn all the pope's bulls he would send to them, but there are many yet who have not their eyes opened wide enough to see what the Church of Rome is and will continue to aid it and support it all they possibly can. J. I. T.

Two Halves.

In 1878 Wycliff said that the papacy, as it was at that time, one pope in one place and another in the other place, was two halves of anti-Christ. It was anti-Christ; it was anti-papal; it was anti-Christian, and anti-common sense in general. But the Roman Catholics never forget a good deed and while they could not return the kindness with interest, while he was alive, his body was taken up by them and burned and the ashes thrown in the brook Swift, and were carried into the Avon and from the Avon into the Severn and from the Severn into the sea, so let all the world know that the Roman Catholic church never forgets a kind deed, but always pays it back with interest, and those ashes of Wycliff could inform the world of this fact. But what will the Roman church do when it is paid up in compound interest? Will it not make Rome howl? J. W. I.

Literature.

There has been much anti-papal literature and one might judge there was enough of it to down the heretical church. Ockham denied the claims of the pope for temporal supremacy and also for temporal power; he questioned the need of any pope at all. He was under imperial protection, when he wrote these arguments against the man at Rome, who wanted to be a temporal ruler. And Dante in his 19th Canto of his Inferno, hauls the Roman Catholic priests over the coals. Some one must continue the constant hammering until the eyes of the people are opened on the subject of Romanism and they have the courage to judge things for themselves. This might



"This Christian emperor and saint was the first to check free-thought."—(Doane.) His edict caused the pagan day of the Sun to be the sacred Sunday of Christendom. He was a murderer, an assassin and a perjurer. "He was a prodigal, a sensualist, and a public robber. He was all these, but still a Christian!"—(D. M. Bennett.)

cause the dog-collared gentlemen to growl some, but they will not bite much. T. H. B.

The Commencement.

The "captivity" in the Roman Catholic church was the initial step in the downward grade of that corporation. It has been going down ever since and there is no cessation of this movement at the present time. The overthrow of one of the greatest Roman Catholic countries may be another important step in this decline of the papacy. Let it go on till they cannot control kings, emperors, and presidents any more and let them attend to the things shepherd's of the Lord's flocks should attend to, and in a short time some other things may follow to show that the papacy, like Leo XIII., is on the shady side of life. T. C. I.

How He Knew.

The patriotic office boy answered the telephone. "Is it true," asked the voice at the other end, "that Admiral Dewey sunk four German warships in Manila bay today?" "No, sir, it is not true," answered the boy. "You have received positive denials then?" persisted the voice. "Hdn't even heard that there was such a story." "Then, how do you know that it isn't true?" "Because the Germans had six warships in Manila bay."—Ex.

Priests are Anxious.

Chaplain Chidwick of the Cincinnati introduced to General Wilson two leading Jesuits of Ponce, representing a thousand churches and their dependents in this province. The priests wanted information regarding their support. Wilson said that under the constitution of the United States it is not possible to apply government money for church purposes.

Phelan Feeling Sour.

Father Phelan of the Western Watchman assures the timorous catholics of the Philippine islands that religion will be held in more esteem after the American occupation than it has been for a hundred years by the bastard Free Mason catholics who have represented catholic Spain in those parts.

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