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## PAPAL NOTES

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The Archdeacon villain of one of Hugo's stories "in making himself a priest made himself a demon, — love, the source of all virtue in man, was transformed into horrid things in the heart of the priest."

The Catholic Sentinel is authority for the news that Colonel Roosevelt recently visited some nuns who had been driven from Mexico and listened with "clenched teeth" to their story.

One brand of patriotism: — The priests of Ireland have served notice on the British Government that Catholic chaplains must be appointed to the army or there will be no Catholic enlistments.

Fraternal courtesies: — Mr. Marairty, special agent from the Supreme Council, told the Knights of Columbus at McMinville how in Mexico the Catholic populace is oppressed, and their religion maligned by Freemasons and Agnostics.

The Protestant preacher who thanks God for this "Land of the Free," then winks at Papal aggressions, may not be a fool, but he "sure would make a good substitute if you wanted one in a hurry."

The Catholic Federation has demanded of the Wilson administration two things: Rescue of the nuns and priests at Vera Cruz and recognition of no government in Mexico which does not grant real "Freedom of Worship." Funny, isn't it to hear Roman Catholics talk about Freedom of Worship? The Pope's Bull against Civilization (Syllabus) and every other Papal authority for the last thousand years have condemned Freedom of Worship.

Recently five Catholic bishops called a boycott on a paper in Milwaukee. These gentlemen were called into court to answer a suit for damages. They put up the plea that the laws of the Church are superior to the laws of the State, and that they had a right to discipline a member even by an unlawful boycott. The same proposition, in effect, was put up to a court in Oklahoma, where a nun sued the managers of a convent for violating a teaching contract. The court held against the Church in the former, and for the Church in the latter case.

## C. W. BIBB IN JAIL LANDED BY ROMAN THUGS

### THE FEARLESS ANTI-CATHOLIC LECTURER ON THE 13TH OF NOVEMBER LANDED IN JAIL AT RED WING, MINN., WENT THERE TO LECTURE IN PLACE OF PARKER

One of the fearless, forceful, foremost, fruitful fighters in the patriotic cause in America is the little S. A. Thurner, C. W. Bibb, of Minneapolis. When the editor of the Sentinel was in Minneapolis during the fierce Roman Catholic mob riots, Bibb was on the job day and night. As a pack of these papist thugs shadowed this editor from the great church in which he lectured. Bibb was ever present and at great risk went with the editor to see him safely on his sleeper.

But Bibb seems to have limits to his operations. On Friday, the 13th instant, he was called upon to go to Red Wing, Minn., to lecture in place of Billy Parker, who had been advertised to speak, but was unable to meet the date.

Bibb, sort of innocent-like, went down to Red Wing, Minn., loaded to the guards for the priest and his tribe. He arrived in Red Wing about 5 p. m., ate his dinner and was lounging in his room at the St. James Hotel, when behold a knock at the door. Mr. Bibb opened the door to look into the keen eye of Chief of Police Jackson. The chief was invited into the room and to a seat, he all the while showing clearly he was ill at ease.

Dr. Gladden said, "There does not appear to be any adequate reason why 75,000,000 people should be shuddering with fear that 25,000,000 are about to subjugate them." Let Archbishop Quigley of Chicago answer Gladden: "We have well-ordered and efficient organizations, all at the beck and nod of the Hierarchy; and ready to do what the Church authorities tell them to do. With these bodies of loyal Catholics ready to step in the breach at any time, and present an unbroken front to the enemy, we may feel secure." (In Chicago Record-Herald, September 11, 1911.)

What is a mob of 75,000,000, unorganized, and most of them asleep, against 20,000,000 compact and with religious fanaticism obeying a single voice?

Harper's Weekly of October 23, 1875, said, — "The simple truth is that the Roman Church is making a powerful effort throughout the world to resume her old political ascendancy. To this end she has a perfect and world-wide organization, and can count upon the superstition of ignorance. In the greatest of European states she is contending today with the greatest of European statesmen. In England the most sagacious and sincere of English political leaders, with masterly force expose her designs, and the chief of English poets appeals in strains that ring like the twang of the English cross-bow, to the old English spirit and valor that smote Rome three centuries ago. In this country the Hierarchy of that Church has declared war upon the American free public school, not as injurious to American liberty, but as fatal to Roman ascendancy. This Hierarchy marshals its adherents, who are largely ignorant and of foreign birth, and association as a voting class. . . . The attempt is open and resolute. The purpose is frankly announced, and all the resources of the most powerful priesthood in the world are brought into the field. To say that it is a bugbear because it is not yet successful, or to insist that it never can be successful because we are such an enlightened people, is as foolish as to declare that no other evil is possible because we are so exceptionally honest and superior. The way to prevent fires is to put out sparks."

On July 18, this year, the same Harper's Weekly made a special feature of Dr. Washington Gladden's "Anti-Papal Panic," in which the author tries to belittle the nation-wide effort now being made to throw off, or hold in check, the Roman Catholic plague which has wrought the ruin of so many peoples. The change in this paper indicates the progress Rome has made in capturing the public press.

"What's the matter, Chief?" asked Mr. Bibb. "Trouble a plenty," replied Chief Jackson. "I have a warrant for your arrest."

"All right, Chief," said Mr. Bibb, "I am at your service. I have but one request to make. I always carry a number of books with me and I want to take one of these books with me to keep me company while I partake of your generous hospitality."

Chief Jackson is a fine fellow, far too good a man to have any sympathy for the principles the low down cowards whose mandates his official position compels him to obey.

Down to the jail Bibb and the Chief went and behind the cold chilled steel bars, just such bars as the godly nuns and inmates of the Houses of the Good Shepherd inmates are guarded by to prevent the burglars from intruding. Bibb sat on his crude cot reading "Jesuitism Unveiled" as contentedly as if he had been in the library of his own beautiful home in Minneapolis. For an hour and a half Bibb remained behind the steel bars reviewing the treason and the infamy of that pet organization of the Roman Catholic

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## THANKSGIVING DAY

It is not necessary to refer to the origin of this day among our puritanical fore-fathers.

Appreciation and gratitude are normal instincts in the life of man. A life void of these higher and finer sentiments is like a barren desert. What fragrance is to the rose, or what beauty is to the lily, that is gratitude and appreciation in man's life.

Life is a great school, with experience the teacher, with man or humanity the pupil.

Let each one, from a heartfelt appreciation for any and all experiences, give thanks in his own way.

And there are many things to be thankful for. Let us be thankful for precious moments of spiritual exaltation, for sacred communion, for baptismal refreshments, which have sweetened our lives.

Let us be thankful for tender ties of love and sympathy—ties of home and family—ties of friendship, which draw us closer together in common kinship.

True friendship are the richest blessings of human life!

It is so perfectly natural for us to appreciate and to feel thankful for the joys of life; for sunshine of happiness; for success and victory; for triumphs and conquests.

How frequently we lose the deeper lesson? How frequently we fail to realize that our deepest joys are begotten of deepest sorrow?

How little some people recognize that the purest light is often the result of deepest anguish of heart and soul?

How little we realize that frequently our greatest triumphs rise out of seeming defeat?

"It is the cry of despair," within the soul of man, that becomes "the voice of hope!"

"Out of the shadow of doubt rises the light of faith!" What is the Joy of Pleasure? compared with the deeper "Joy of Sacrifice, born of Sorrow and Pain?"

In counting over our experiences, opportunities and privileges or service (and that is the best in life) let us not undervalue the shadows and sorrows; let us not underrate the failures and defeats, many of which prove "Blessings in Disguise."

In the present upheaval, through the awful war, let us read the higher promise of better things!

Out of the breaking down of the old system of organized error and iniquity a larger vision and promise of a higher form of equity must come, or evolution is a farce and a snare.

Out of the greed of gold and power, out of this mad blindness, which has set nation against nation, international fraternalism will come, based upon the Democracy of World-Brotherhood, which alone is a guarantee for world-peace!

Let us above all else be thankful for this larger vision of faith and assuring hope, which is the light upon the way of true deliverance, leading out of the wilderness of confusion and bondage.

The errors and mistakes of the Past and Present are still our best teachers.

Err, of necessity, we will and must until we acquire sufficient wisdom to solve our social and economic problems in conformity with nature's laws and methods of progressive evolution.

There can be no lasting construction until scientific principles are applied to the social needs of humanity. "Necessity is the Mother of Invention!" Invention is the means of Progress! Therefore let us be thankful for "Compelling Necessity!"

Is not every obstacle, every obstruction a challenge? Do not defeats and failures reveal to us inherent weakness and moral delinquencies? to be overcome?

How else would we ever develop our latent forces and creative powers? were it not for the challenge of Compelling Necessity? for the "Eternal Must!" For these things let us all give thanks!" Cor.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ORGANIZE

A Chapter of the Knights of Columbus has just been organized in Mt. Angel with, we are informed, 150 charter members. We have no prejudice, no anti-clerical hatred for the Knights of Columbus, providing they are good and patriotic citizens and do support the constitution of the U. S., and defend the equal rights of every other citizen to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They, the Knights, have a perfect right to stand up for the rights of the Catholic citizen of this republic, for the Catholic citizen has just as good a right to live and labor here as any Protestant, Jew or Free-thinker — just as good and no better. When any Protestant imagines that this is a Protestant country he is mistaken; when any Catholic imagines he is going to make this country a Catholic country, he is just as badly mistaken. This country is greater than any one church, aye, greater than all churches combined, for it embraces the idea of universal mental liberty. This government was conceived and founded as the Republic of Man—free Man, representing all creeds, all faiths, all great and fruitful ideas. This government stands upon the Declaration of Independence; that immortal document written by Thomas Jefferson who was a wise and consistent secularist. Under the Declaration and Consti-

tion the United States has no national religion, recognizes no particular religion as against others, tolerates the intrusion of religion into none of its public affairs. This government is run by men living on the earth, not by theories respecting beings that live off the earth. This government hates religion in politics or religion in schools or religion in any other department of State. There is one ground upon which this eternal sectarian warfare between Protestant, Catholic and Jew can be settled, and settled for all time. It is the ground of absolute liberty to all parties and special favors to none. I will state that ground in the confession of an honest Protestant.

"When we endorse the federal Constitution and say that we believe in the complete separation of church and state, we mean just what we say. We don't mean the mere separation of the Roman Catholic Church from the state; but we mean the separation of all churches and religious organizations from the state. Some Protestants, who have not given this matter the thought it deserves, are playing into the hands of Rome by joining, to some extent, in the demand for legislation on religious matters.

"The only way to observe the spirit of religious freedom and guarantee to every citizen the freedom of con-

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## A TEAM OF BULLS

We do not refer to a pair of animals of the ox kind. These are highly civilized; and usually orderly enough. No; the "bulls" we are after, are of a very different species of beast. From the name of the leaden seal affixed to it—which in Latin is named "bulla"—the documents of a certain character, issued by the pope of Rome, are called "Bulls." The pair of these bulls that we consider today, are those named "In coena Domini;" and "Aeternus ille."

The first — "In coena Domini" — translated — "at the Supper of the Lord" — is so named because read in Rome on Maundy Thursday—the Thursday before Easter. It is a bundle of excommunications; showing in detail, how kindly the pope feels toward any who see things in any other way than as he sees them. The earliest one that has come down to us was issued by pope Gregory XII, in 1411. The form has been modified more or less, from time to time. As issued by Pope Pius IX 1869, it excommunicates and curses—with all the frills; all apostates and all who refuse obedience to the pope; and all who without leave, own or read any books the pope may condemn. It curses all who directly or indirectly impede the work of the church. Kings, magistrates and any others who favor, receive or defend heretics or schismatics and those who argue that the pope is subject to a council. (This was just before the Vatican council had declared the pope infallible—you see that he was not going to take any chances on that subject.)

We propose to give this old bull a short grooming; and see if we can find his good "points."

There are 32 paragraphs in this document; may we not, then, speak of them as so many "horns" of the beast? — As several of these deal with the case of rulers, we may first say that in the centuries past, many rulers and states have forbidden the publication of this document, annually, within their realms, because of its attacks on the authorities — though these were all of them, professors of the religion of Rome.

One of two things must follow: — Either the pretended "unity" of the Roman Church is false — OR — The pope and his lackeys of the priesthood — are "The Church" — and the people and their civil rulers are so many nothings, and don't count.

In the third "horn" many of the so-called heretics are named; and it is added that the same curses fall on any who without "Our authority"—"knowingly read, keep, print or defend their books." Horn 17 undertakes to gore all and every — who as civil officers, make, or seek to enforce any laws that the pope may object to. Horn 18 impales those who turn to the civil law to escape any rule of the pope. Horn 20 gores any rulers or states that dare try to tax the property WE claim. And horn 21 does for any rulers who seek to enforce civil law against any criminal priest. But you should see the precise form of this "horn."

"We excommunicate and anathematize the magistrates and judges . . . . . anyways intruding themselves in capital or criminal causes against ecclesiastical persons, by processing, banishing or apprehending them, without the special, particular and express license of this holy apostolic see; . . . . . although the offender should be counselors, senators, presidents . . . . . or entitled by any other name."

Have you observed that here — in "Free America" — no matter what evidence is adducted against a priest, the defense is — "He is insane, and must be coddled and cared for" — or, if nothing else offers — "He isn't a priest at all — but is a humbug and pretender."

Horn 26 is very suggestive. After speaking of the ways in which actions of derelict Romanists—or wicked outsiders, must be corrected, he says that if "even by the connivance and toleration of us and our successors, for how long time soever continued, neither all nor any . . . . . right of the apostolic see . . . . . howsoever and whensoever obtained, can, or ought to be, prejudged, or receive any prejudice."

Possibly Rome is sometimes slandered by the opposition; but good friend—Please note from this document, which is annually published for the guidance of Romanists all the world over—

"We may connive at—and tolerate for a time—but THEN—LOOK OUT." "L."

## Our Patriotic Lecturers and What They are Doing

We invite our lecturers everywhere to send us in reports of what they are doing or get some of their friends to do so, and especially to notify us where they will lecture next. The following are the names of men who are regularly lecturing and whom you can procure by writing them for terms and dates.

- Rev. C. L. Edwards, Muscatine, Ia., Route 9.
- Rev. A. J. Scarborough, Magnolia, Ark.
- Rev. J. A. Cottam, Dearborn, Mich.
- E. H. Beales, Wichita, Kan.
- Walter Sims, Bay City, Mich.
- E. G. Grossehne, Jr., Brownville, Neb., Box 5.
- Dr. W. H. Boles, Marion, Ill.
- Otis, L. Spurgeon, Des Moines, Ia.
- Pat Malone, 907 Second Ave., East Oskaloosa, Ia.
- William Lloyd Clark, Milan, Ill.
- Basil, E. Newton, Hope, Ark.
- Rev. W. H. Granger, Houston, Tex.
- P. A. Seguin, Stevens Point, Wis.
- J. L. Finn, Toledo, Ohio.
- Ford Hendrickson, Toledo, Ohio.
- Billy Parker, Oil City, Pa.
- E. A. Jordan, La Harpe, Ill.
- Dr. Joseph Slattery and wife, Dr. Mary E. Slattery, P.O. Box 1846, New York City.
- George H. Buss, 907 Second Ave., East Oskaloosa, Ia.
- Ex-Nun Helen Jackson, 2424 Auburn Ave., Toledo, Ohio.
- J. W. Meyer, Huntington, Ind.
- J. A. Hoyt, La Crosse, Wis.
- A. D. Buhlman, Lock Box 4195, Detroit, Mich.
- Father Jones, Co. 18, National Military Home, Ohio.
- Ex-Priest William Black, Bellaire, Ohio.
- Martin F. Bunge, Milwaukee, Wis. (Martin Bunge lectures to German only.)

William Lloyd Clark is now lecturing on the Pacific coast. He lectures this week at the city of Tacoma, Wa. h., at the Masonic temple, for six days. Dates for Mr. Clark on the coast are coming in faster than he can ever hope to fill them and get back to his family. If the climate agrees with him and suits him, he may possibly stay two or three months. Clark certainly will make good here. He has the promise and prospect of a larger crowd than the building will hold. He writes the land is lousy with priests and great Roman Catholic churches everywhere. The people on the coast know Rome. They are thoroughly aroused and awake to the situation.

E. H. Beales of Wichita, Kan., is one lecturer to get in touch with him.

Rev. C. L. Edwards of Muscatine, Ia., is another strong man. In the campaign prior to election, he was on the go. It will not do for Mr. Edwards to be allowed to be idle this winter. The cause needs every hour of his time. Edwards has been bringing things to pass in his lectures everywhere. We want you people to accept him as a man you can depend upon.

C. W. Bibb of 2208 Girard Ave. south, Minneapolis, is wide awake and in the field ready for work. The following are some of the subjects on which Bibb specializes:

1. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy a Political System.
2. The Roman Catholic Hierarchy an Enemy to Our Public Schools.
3. Shall the Pope Rule America?
4. Influence of Popery on Nations.
5. Is There a Danger?
6. Romanism an Immoral System.
7. Primacy of Peter, or the Fallacy of Apostolic Succession.
8. Romanism a Pagan, Rather Than a Christian Institution.

The last two subjects are especially adapted to churches.

You should get in touch with Mr. Bibb at once.

Ford Hendrickson of 2424 Auburn Ave., Toledo, Ohio, is lecturing this week at Orrville, Ohio. When he arrived in the town, the priests secured the revocation of the contract which gave to him the city hall. Every place of lecture was closed to him, so Hendrickson, the bold and courageous speaker, marched out and took a curb stone for a platform and began to lecture. To the horror and consternation of the mayor, city council and the priests, and a few of their loyal supporters, the whole city turned out to hear him. The result of this was the

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