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## PAPAL NOTES

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The anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's death is April 11. Let all patriots remember he was assassinated by Romanists because of his Americanism.

The government of France ignores the Pope's prayer day. Too bad, for only last week the Catholic papers were patting themselves in glee over France's return to the holy fold.

The Catholic census shows a membership in the U. S. of 16,309,310; 18,994 clergymen; 85 schools for priests; 909 colleges; 287 orphanages with 45,742 inmates; 1,456,206 students in parochial schools.

Congressman Kittner of California, according to a Catholic paper, has publicly in the House "absolved" the K. C. order from the curse of the "4th degree oath."—But still, killing Black is of the spirit of that "4th degree."

The Roman Catholic Hierarchy compelled this democratic administration to increase the number of navy chaplains and raise them to the rank of officers, so that as a matter of military discipline they can compel the soldiers and sailors to attend the monkey mummeries of papal worship.

The Methodist Church South was corner-stoned on the divine right of slavery; but now that slavery is abolished, and is found to be immoral, this church easily adjusts herself to the situation. But not so the Roman Catholic Church, for all her wicked deeds in behalf of "faith and morals" were by infallible direction. She cannot get away from this basic principle.

Romanism had so far progressed in Illinois that two years ago it captured all the state offices but one. Then it put up Roger Sullivan, a Knight of Columbus, for U. S. Senator; the patriots began to get their eyes open, and Roger got the skids put under him. Then recently it put up a Knight for Mayor of Chicago, but he too got the skids and was buried under a plurality of about 140,000, the biggest plurality that ever walloped a candidate for that office. Judging from the returns from recent city elections, as well as from the November election, it would appear that not more than a greasy spot will be left of the Democratic party next round if it don't cut loose from Rome.

Father Buck announces a series of Catholic (anti-Protestant) lectures at Cornelius to begin Sunday evening, April 11. His subject for that date was, "Is the ground for the Protestant religion a sound one?"

Go to it, Mr. Buck! Say what you want to say, say it any way you want to, and you will not be disturbed; but if Protestants were like Catholics, you would be mobbed, your meetings broken up, and your church stoned. This is the difference between Protestant freedom and Catholic bigotry. And it is just because of this difference, which is fundamental to the two systems, that Catholic politics and education must be cut out of our social order.

Watson says pussy-foot Cardinal Gibbons, of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy, has already established three Roman Catholic national functions:

1. The Pan-American Thanksgiving, in which officers of our Protestant government bend reverently while the man in chemise and petticoat creates his God out of a piece of bread.

2. Cardinal Day, on which the prince of Baltimore rides to Washington City in his private car, receives the homage of his Catholic subjects, and the congratulations of government officials, the Cabinet, judges of the Supreme Court, officers of the Army and Navy, Senators and Representatives.

3. Columbus Day, already adopted by 24 states. This is the festival day of the Italian Pope in which the holyboners take possession of our streets, close up the shops, suspend all business, and parade around with banners and images, with petticoated convent-keepers displaying their military power to the exultation of incipient traitors, and to the disgust and alarm of all patriotic Americans.

## AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF OREGON PROGRESS OF OUR WORK

We have now in process of organization the proper forces to introduce an Amendment for our State Constitution which will make it impossible for sectarian or private institutions to live and promote their religious notions at the expense of the tax payers' money

Not securing help enough to head off the \$85,000 appropriation, over \$22,000 of which is intended to go direct to Roman Catholic institutions, we have passed on to the next point in our advance movement of inaugurating the work of a Constitutional Amendment. This work is well under way. We will have plenty of time to get the necessary funds from the interested and now aroused taxpayers and complete this work. This will take longer than to have used the referendum on the individual appropriation, but it will be far better because it will at one stroke stop the whole business of robbing the state for the Roman Catholic benefit and prevent the necessity for referendum measures in future years, when the grafters might sneak in again while the people sleep and carry off their "dough" to make bread, wine and fine raiment for the holy agents of the pope. Now while this is being

prepared, and while those of our growing army of workers who are able are helping to finance our work, we must not forget that it requires public sentiment to accomplish these things. We must therefore get the truth to the people. Everybody can help by boosting for the Journal. Let every reader get a subscriber at once. This will help mightily in many ways. It will double our circulation and make it possible for us to get good, better paying advertising contracts so needful for newspaper success. It will give twice as many people the necessary knowledge of our work and the necessary enthusiasm to carry the campaign into their part of our great commonwealth. It will show the enemies of our republic that there is a limit to their monarchal advances and exploitations, and it will inaugurate other ways and means to promote true economy and progress all along the line. The Silvertown

Journal is now better equipped for business than ever before. Our subscription has grown to a commanding proportion. The editor starts on his campaign of the Pacific Coast next Monday. His battle cry is, "On to the Capital", and the subject of his first lecture in that city, where he was so "royally" entertained by the high officials, for one-hundred days, in honor of his truthfulness, will be "Roman Despotism, or American Liberty, Which?" The boycott of the Silvertown Journal and the malicious prosecution and false imprisonment of its editor have marked an era in the fight against the money-mad enemies of the people. Our friends of Liberty begin at last to see the way to a more perfect union, to the strength which that union gives and to the victory over the powers of darkness which can only be secured by that strength. A FREE PRESS—a paper that is open

for all, is the path-way to TRUTH, and TRUTH alone can make us free. The old Roman idea of suppression of honest thought will soon become a thing of the past. We are all beginning to learn that an opponent's erroneous views, expressed publicly, gives us all an opportunity to point out his error and to establish the truth. The lazy-minded, good-for-nothing will object. The frightened criminal will object. The slave drivers and white-slavers will object. But honest, progressive lovers of humanity will hail our FREE PRESS with delight.

"Then let us pray that come it may,  
As come it will for a' that,  
That sense and worth, o'er a' the earth,  
May bear the gree, and a' that.  
For a' that, and a' that,  
It's coming yet, for a' that,  
That man to man the world o'er,  
Shall brothers be for a' that."

## ROMAN MIRACLES

It is interesting to note how the successors of Saint Peter kept the Holy Faith of the Holy Church pure down through the turmoil of the centuries, and stamped upon history the unmistakable and irrefutable evidences of their own infallibility. Coming in special manner to their aid in the 4th century the Lord caused an epidemic of Relic Worship to strike the Church. It sent men all over the earth into all the grave yards of all the centuries for the bones of dead saints. Every church must have its relic, every village the skeleton of its protecting saint, and every populous city a bone of an Apostle, or the skull of a Prophet.

It was a source of great revenue, and a tremendous temptation to the heathen, this traffic in bones. Bone by the donkey load; bones of heretics, of heathen, of criminals and of saints, were gathered and sold; and it was well thus, for the saints alone were not sufficient to meet the demand. The head of John the Baptist, and the teeth of the original Saint Peter were multiplied to meet all the demands of the market. A traveler in Jerusalem relates how he saw four great boxes of holy bones, each box too heavy for two men.

The wood of the True Cross also became valuable for miraculous intervention, and as an article of merchandise. It was conjectured that 20,000 tons more or less of this wood found its way into the churches, monasteries, convents and palaces of Royalty. Some of it is still doing service in Catholic countries. The ability of the True Cross to multiply itself is attested by the fact that while parts of it were doing miraculous stunts in different parts of the realm, the whole cross was preserved at various points as shown by the testimony of a host of most credible witnesses. Its miraculous and protective powers are established beyond

question by a multitude of historical events, — events recorded by Sacred Historians.

Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, in searching for the True Cross, some three hundred and fifty years after it had been laid away, came upon three crosses together. To determine which was the True one, she applied them, one at a time, to a dying lady. Two of them showed no power, but so soon as the third one touched the dying, she opened her eyes, and was immediately restored. This was the True Cross. Helena sent a part of it to her son at Constantinople, and the remainder was preserved in a silver case kept in Jerusalem.

In the year 938 King Athelstan of England received a piece of the True Cross, a little piece of the Crown of Thorns, and the sword of Constantine the Great on the hilt of which was fastened one of the four nails by which Jesus was secured to the cross.

In A. D. 1223 the monks of Norfolk, England, had a cross made from the wood of the True Cross, which did raise the dead, make the lame to walk, cleanse the lepers, and cast out devils.

In 1241 The Holy Cross of our Lord was obtained by France. It was purchased at a great price. The year previous the King had secured possession of the Savior's True Crown of Thorns. These two relics were carried by Royalty in great procession on great occasions of State.

The marble staircase of Pilate's house in Jerusalem, over which Jesus passed from the Judgment seat, was brought through the air to Rome ages ago, and still possesses astounding merit for the millions of pilgrims who ascend the steps on their knees kissing each step as they go.

In 1247 a portion of the Savior's blood was presented to the King of England. It was attested by a formidable array of bishops, abbots, clergy, nobles, and monks of the Holy Land as a part of the very blood shed upon the cross. The Bishop of Norwich preached a sermon expounding its glories, and promised that whoever worshiped this most holy blood would by permission of all priests obtain free remission of penances for six years and 140 days. The historian relates that there were a few perverse people who in the face of the most conclusive testimony still questioned the genuineness of the blood.

In A. D. 1098 Saint Andrew directed Peter of Province in a dream to the spot where he found the Lance which pierced the Savior. The people flocked to the church and worshiped so precious a relic.

In 594 the Savior's famous Seamless coat was obtained from a Jew at Zaphat, and carried by three bishops to Jerusalem. In 1156 another Coat of Christ (seamless) was found by revelation, in France. The letters found with it showed it was made by his mother, and enlarged itself as he grew.

The identical cradle in which the infant Jesus was rocked enriches a great Catholic church in Rome to this day and claims the veneration of Christendom.

In the time of Luther they had a piece of Christ's manger at Wittenberg, Germany; and a venter of Indulgences wore a feather in his hat plucked from the wing of Michael the Archangel.

The True Cross, or portions thereof were at all the chief centers of population. At Venice they had a part of the Savior's dress, also, and some of the earth which imbibed his blood.

Charles the Bald, brought to France a certain linen garment belonging to the Savior's mother. In 912 when the Northmen attacked Chartres, the people hoisted the linen garment as a standard. The enemies' eyes grew dim; they could neither advance or retreat; and became an easy prey to the people of the town who slew them without mercy.

At Croyland in 975 the Abbot had some of the hair of the Mother of God enclosed in a gold box.

The head of John the Baptist was being brought to Constantinople when the mules balked at Panticium. The miracle was evident, so the head was left there for a while to rest. Then it was taken on to its destination where the emperor erected for it a magnificent church. Another head of John the Baptist was taken to Edessa in 761. A pious woman of France who had been praying for three years for one of John Baptist's limbs, finally vowed to eat never again until she got it. After seven days fasting one of the holy John's thumbs was placed upon the altar of the church in which she worshipped. It was wonderfully white; and though the thumb had been dead 615 years, three bishops in tearing a piece from it drew blood.

## Where is Brother Phillip?

IT IS REPORTED THAT BROTHER PHILLIP OSTEREID, THE GARDNER WHO HAS BEEN AT THE MT. ANGEL CATHOLIC INSTITUTION FOR MANY YEARS, HAS MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED. MANY THINK THERE HAS BEEN FOUL PLAY. BROTHER PHILLIP WAS A GENERAL FAVORITE AND QUITE LIBERAL IN HIS VIEWS. Where is Brother Phillip?

## THE SCHEME OF SOCIAL MORALITY

In many respects, and for many centuries the Roman Catholic laity have been victims of a tyrannical and corrupt priesthood, a priesthood that wherever laboring, has sworn its first and highest allegiance to the pope, who claims to be, of right, a temporal prince; and to be also the king of all the rulers of the earth. And he claims for his priests, that they are not amenable to any secular government on earth, for any immoral or criminal action they may commit. Remember all these things as we proceed.

In scripture, adultery is rated as a crime that cuts the soul off from God; and destroys hope of heaven. See Ex. 20, 14; Lev. 20, 10; Prov. 6, 32. The Protestant Churches of our land accept this as law; and in cases of adultery by any member, clerical or lay, they inflict their severest penalty — excommunication. Nobody else on earth treats this crime in this way.

The Philippine Islands were exclusively Romanist for nearly 400 years. The story of the vices of the priests there, as told by native Philipinos, is given in a Senate Document, that Romanists in Washington have made a most determined effort to suppress. The best and most intelligent of the Islanders testify that of the priests of their acquaintance nine out of ten keep mistresses, seduce women in the confessional, and have swarms of children. So has it ever been in the Latin States of America; and it is because of the crimes of the priests that the Mexican Revolutionists have been severe with them.

Rome argues: "Once a priest, always a priest." That is, no immoral or criminal action a priest may commit, can destroy his power and authority as a priest. He may still say mass, hear confessions; and do all the official work of his order, even were he guilty of a distinct act of seduction every day in the year.

That many Romanist priests in America have been guilty of sensual sin, is well known. But who ever heard that one of these has been put to public shame by his superiors for any of these crimes? On the other hand, when more than 1000 Catholic women of Chicago, united in a petition to the pope's special representative in Washington, to protect them from adulterous priests, the petition was refused, the "highest ups" of the Romanist body in America decide that a virtuous woman of their own so-called church, has no rights that a lustful priest is bound to respect. Does this tell you enough about the "rights" of the Romanist priests in America?

Look further. Of 119 men who have held the office of pope since A. D. 1000 — 36 by name — have been recorded by Romanist writers, as being lewd men; and the bastard children of the popes have been numbered by hundreds. But to come nearer our own time, Gregory XVI became pope in 1831. He openly kept a mistress in the Quirinal Palace in Rome. Pius IX who succeeded him, had several mistresses; and his children were well known in Rome. Cardinal Satolli was the son of Pope Leo XIII. These three men ruled the church for some 74 out of the 84 years since the accession of Gregory. For so much of the time in our own day Rome has been ruled by men known to be fathers of bastard children! And each of them was called "HIS HOLINESS" — "Our HOLY Lord God — the pope." And that is the "Morals" of Rome!

The priest who practices social impurity has simply followed the unrebuked example of scores of his popes and other high ecclesiastics. For their own practice, the Roman priesthood does not believe in the social morality taught in the Bible and enforced in the Courts, and by public opinion in Protestant lands. Among Protestant peoples, if one is accused of lewdness, he is really injured by the story; and has a right to legal redress. In Romanist lands, so notorious is the immorality of priests, that it is not slanderous or libelous to say that a priest has practiced seduction, and has a swarm of children. Nor does it destroy the credit of a priest among his own parishioners here to say the same thing.

An American priest whose immorality has become notorious, may be sent to a "retreat" for a few weeks, or may be sent to another

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Organize for concerted action. Patriotic sentiment unorganized cannot hold against an organized and aggressive enemy. The papal political and semi-military secret orders are growing very rapidly, and are taking control of affairs in many places. Free speech is now denied in Jersey City, in Paterson, N. J., in New Mexico, and all other places dominated by the Pope's devotees. Organize, organize!