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THE MANCHU DYNASTY.

The New York "Sun" a few days ago had a noteworthy article to the effect that the recent massacre of British missionaries in China is a sign that the Manchu dynasty is tottering and that the Chinese people will drive it from power by the great European powers will have to interfere.

The "Sun" interprets the recent success of the Japanese armies to the blundering incompetency of the Manchu leaders, and also to the fact that the common people want a change in rulers. Our contemporary points out that the Manchus, who are not pure Chinese, but interlopers who installed themselves at Peking by force of arms, would prevent these massacres, if possible, in order to keep on friendly terms with the great Caucasian powers. The "Sun" asserts that it was long ago seen by those interested that there were three ways in which the disintegration of China could be prevented: first, to let the Japanese march on in triumph to Peking, depose the reigning dynasty and re-construct the government of the Celestial Empire under the Mikado; second, to partition the Middle Kingdom between Russia, France and England; third, to leave the Manchus in power in the theory that, having received a tremendous lesson, they would try and reorganize their administration so as to restore public confidence and to place it in the position it should occupy among the nations of the world.

The third course was adopted presumably in the belief that Li Hung Chang, by whom the treaty of peace was negotiated, would be intrusted with the re-organization. It will be remembered that ex-Secretary of State, John W. Foster, and the American ministers at Tokio and Japan had much to do with checking the advances of the Japanese and negotiating the treaty of peace. They hoped that Americans would play a great part in the resultant development of China's military and industrial resources.

It would appear that the Chinese people have become angered at the sight of their hated enemies, the Japanese, encamping almost in sight of Peking, and have decided to be rid of the Manchus and the missionaries, who represent the European nations from whom the Japanese learned much of the methods of war, and procured many of the modern weapons that made them so formidable in the war just closed. This position has been strengthened by the practical deposition of Li Hung Chang and the triumph of the party of apathy and reaction.

It is plain that all the great European powers and the United States as well, have reason to take an interest in China's future. What will be the outcome? In the present condition of affairs it is well-nigh impossible to obtain any final answer. When this

throne, they will be brought to terms by European bankers.

## ELECTRICITY

The recent consolidation of the Westinghouse Electric company and the Baldwin Locomotive works with a combined capital of \$20,000,000 means a good deal. It means that in the near future locomotives that can haul small trains between points, twelve or fifteen miles apart, will be constructed so that they can be operated by electricity and that trains can be run almost continuously, at least, every few minutes. It also means that the shrewd, hard-headed capitalists who have their money invested in these big plants, imagine that some day electricity, as a motive power, will be so developed as to practically supplant steam that they propose, being equipped with all necessary facilities for manufacturing electrical supplies and locomotives, to be in a position to grasp the situation when it presents itself.

It is not likely that electricity will supplant steam as a motive power for long hauls for years to come, but we expect to see in the near future the New York Central's Charlotte branch, the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg's Windsor Beach line, the Lincoln Park & Charlotte, the Glen Haven railroad and the Bay Railroad to Ontario Beach all operated by electricity. By this motive power trains can be run with very brief interruptions and at small proportionate expense. Hence its superiority to steam on the short distances of suburban travel.

The capitalists in the new combination foresee a revolution in railway locomotion as a consequence of the successful experiments with electric locomotives. Railway managers must take electricity and electric locomotives into their calculations in the near future.

## THE FLAG FOOLS

The Illinois Legislature passed a law at its last session providing that on all schools, no matter whether public or private shall be hoisted a national flag, four by eight feet, and that it shall be kept flying from a suitable flag-staff during school hours. The penalty for non-compliance with the law is from \$3 to \$10 fine and costs of suit for each and every day of disobedience.

It is plain that the legislature can make such regulations as it chooses for its own schools but it is clear that the law is unconstitutional so far as it relates to private and parochial schools. The legislature has no more right to make laws regulating the display of flags on parochial school buildings than it has to prescribe what citizens shall have for their meals every day or how their shoes shall be out. It is plain that these flag fools have gone mad in Illinois. It is such idiots that bring the stars and stripes into contempt.

The "Northwestern Catholic" of Sioux City, Ia., says that the corn crop of 1895 will exceed by \$90,000 bushels the record of any previous year that the state of Iowa alone will raise enough corn to supply five bushels to every man woman and child in the United States in estimated at 2,350,000,000 to 2,500,000,000 bushels which at 35 cents per bushel, the present price for December or May delivery, will be worth \$800,000,000. A decline of five cents per bushel will mean a difference of \$115,000,000 in the value of the crop.

Secretary Carlisle says he would not like to be president because of the hard work attached to the office. From what appears in the public press it would seem that Thomas B. Reed, William McKinley, Benjamin Harrison, William Allen, Levi P. Morton and divers other gentlemen are not afraid of the work if the American people would only elect one of them to be president.

The United States territorial Judge in Utah has decided that women may vote upon the adoption of the forthcoming constitution, although they have never voted at territorial elections. It seems a queer decision.

Cardinal Vaughan, Archbishop of Westminster, comes of a family of distinguished priests. His brother, Monsignor Roger Hyde Vaughan, was Archbishop of Sydney, Australia. Other brothers are Revs. Kerelm Vaughan, founder of the Arch-confraternity of Expiation; Bernard Vaughan, S. J.; the Very Rev. Prior Jerome Vaughan, and P. Vaughan, the two latter secular priests in the Archdiocese of Westminster.

The New York "Sun" is devoting considerable space these days to discussing whether corn should be eaten from the cob or cut off and eaten with a spoon. If the "Sun's" editor had seen the "unperfected democracy" eat corn at the clam bake at Windsor Beach last Sunday he would say democratic etiquette required that corn should be eaten from a cob.

Cardinal Ledochowski is the first non-Italian to occupy the exalted position of Prefect of Propaganda since the congregation was created by Gregory XV in 1612.

The rejected suitor who threatens to kill the woman who spurns his advances, is too much in evidence. He should be sentenced to marry some spinster of uncertain years.

John Wannamaker is said to have made \$4,000,000 last year in his Philadelphia store. Wannamaker's son a few days ago gave a supper in Paris to twenty guests that cost \$20,000. Yet it is reported that the help in Wannamaker's store are the poorest paid of any establishment in any large city in the country. Comment is superfluous.

A London clergyman has figured out that the population of Hell is in the neighborhood of 12,000,000,000 souls. That reverend gentleman, needless to say, was not a Catholic priest. If he were, he would have had too much to do to try and keep souls out of Hell to have any time to waste in such nonsensical calculations.

In order to coerce some other coal barons into certain combinations, certain coal barons are threatening to put on the market 1,000,000 bushels of anthracite coal at \$2 a ton. "When rogues fall out, etc."

A French court has just passed an examination for admission to practice as a doctor of medicine. This is a most honorable, if not lucrative, than marrying an American heiress for her money.

Comptroller Bowler, of the United States Treasury department has such a good opinion of himself that he thinks he can set aside statutes enacted by Congress at his own sweet will. He should study up Corporal Tanner's official history.

If the people want Grover Cleveland to have a third term they will give it to him. If they do not, they will defeat him. Why, then, this howl about a third term from personal enemies of the president.

The Journal desired to emphasize again the fact that it is not responsible for the opinion of its correspondents and that because certain ideas are expressed by these correspondents in the columns of the paper, it by no means follows that they receive editorial approval.

Judging from many democratic papers if William O. Whitney wants the democratic nomination for president he can have it on a silver platter with the platter thrown in.

There is one \$10,000 note of the United States treasury outstanding. Don't you wish you had it?

Mrs. Peter White, who had charge of the Irish village at the World's Fair, has consented to read a paper on the progress of Irish industry for women at the Cotton States and International Exposition. Lady Aberdeen has also been invited to read a paper.

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## THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Luke, x. 25-37.—At that time, Jesus said to His disciples: "Blessed are the eyes that see the things which you see. For I say to you that many prophets and kings have desired to see the things that you see, and have not seen them, and to hear the things that you hear, and have not heard them. And behold a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Him, and saying: Master, what must I do to possess eternal life? But he said to him: What is written in the law? how readest thou? He answering, said: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind, and thy neighbor as thyself. And he said to him: Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. But he willing to justify himself, said to Jesus: And who is my neighbor? And Jesus answering said: A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, who also stripped him, and having wounded him, went away, leaving him half dead. And it chanced that a certain priest went down the same way, and seeing him passed by. In like manner also a Levite, when he was near the place and saw him, passed by. But a certain Samaritan, being on his journey, came near him, and seeing him, was moved with compassion; and going up to him, bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and setting him upon his own beast, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two pence, and gave to the host, and said: Take care of him; and whatsoever thou shalt spend over and above I at my return will repay thee. Which of these three in thy opinion was neighbor to him that fell among the robbers? But he said: He that showed mercy to him. And Jesus said to him: Go and do thou in like manner."

Of whom was the man, who fell among robbers a figure?

It was a figure of the human race, which by disobedience fell from the state of grace into a state of sin. Jerusalem, the city of the Lord, built upon a mountain, represents the state of grace, and Jericho, a city built in a valley, represents the state of sin.

Weekly Church Calendar.

Sunday Aug. 25.—Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost. Epist. 2 Cor. III. 4-9. Gosp. Luke x. 25-37.

Monday 26.—St. Zephyrinus, Pope and Martyr.

Tuesday 27.—St. Joseph Calasancius, Confessor.

Wednesday 28.—St. Augustine, Bishop, Confessor, and Doctor of the Church. St. Herman, Martyr.

Thursday 29.—Bede of St. John Baptist, St. Sabina, Martyr.

Friday 30.—St. Rose of Lima, Virgin. SS. Felix and Adauctus, Martyrs.

Saturday 31.—St. Raymond Nonnatus, Confessor.

EDITOR CATHOLIC JOURNAL.—

Not having developed in your last issue the meaning of your paragraph of the previous number, that good Catholics should not worry over the errors and faults of the clergy, I am glad to state that something may become a matter of conscience to the people to expose the sins of their pastor to legitimate suspicion, and that the latter very readily would neglect his duty and jeopardize his eternal salvation by allowing vice and scandal to go unpunished and rampant among his clergy.

Coming to the last proposition: "He alone is responsible for his own soul, of him will God require it," the word alone is what makes this sentence erroneous. Everyone knows that all superiors, as parents, educators, pastors, and leaders of souls, are responsible for the souls of those committed to their care, and that God will require these souls from their hands. This is not disputed by any Christian. By expunging that objectionable expression above, and taking into consideration your previous explanation of this paragraph, I will be the first to subscribe to it.

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## HIS GOLDEN JUBILEE.

Cardinal Ledochowski Celebrates the Fiftieth Anniversary of His Ordination to the Priesthood.

The Breach of Porta Pia.

ROME, ITALY.

A great celebration was made in honor of the Golden Sacramental Jubilee of his Eminence Cardinal Ledochowski, Prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Propaganda. His Eminence was ordained priest on the 13th July, 1845, by Cardinal Lambruschini, Secretary of State to Pope Gregory XVI, the same who consecrated Leo XIII. Bishop. On the following day, Feast of the Seraphic Doctor, St. Bonaventure, Cardinal Ledochowski said his first Mass in the crypt below the high altar of St. Peter's—that is, directly above the tomb of the Apostle. He was then twenty-two years of age. His career since that time is well known; his excellent archiepiscopal rule at Gresen-Posen, and his subsequent imprisonment by Prince Bismarck at Ostrow, having made his name famous throughout the Catholic world. On this account, his lofty position in Rome as Cardinal Prefect of Propaganda worthily represents the victory which his faith and courage won over the Iron Chancellor. Therefore, on the happy occasion of his celebrating fifty years of priestly life, he was greeted with telegrams and letters of congratulation from every part of the world, and from persons of every class and rank—Cardinals, Patriarchs, Archbishops, Bishops, Diplomats, etc. Nor was Rome second to the rest of the world in its expressions of joy and devotion to the great priest and prelate whose brilliant life is an eloquent example of the unceasing victory of the Church over the world. The Cardinal held a reception in his apartments at Propaganda, and the personnel of the various offices attached to the Congregation, University, and College of Propaganda assembled to offer him an address, a commemorative medal, and other gifts, in token of their reverence and affection. Mgr. Ciasca, Secretary to the Congregation, gave expression to the congratulations and good wishes of all. He also presented the medal, which bore a portrait of the Cardinal on the obverse and a dedicatory inscription on the reverse. The employees of the famous Polyglot Press offered a book of the Canons of the Mass, together with a complimentary address. Then followed the addresses and congratulations of the Roman Procurators of the Catholic missions, and of the Dominicans, Franciscans, Augustinians, Carmelites, Capuchins, Jesuits, Passionists, Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Salesians, Marist Fathers, African Missionaries of the Sacred Heart, Melchiorists of Vienna and Venice, and of other religious bodies too numerous to be mentioned. Next came the addresses and congratulations of the Propaganda, Irish, Scotch, English, North American, South American, Greek-Ruthenian, Armenian, and Maronite Colleges. Among the gifts and addresses from abroad, those which came from his former diocese of Gresen-Posen touched the Cardinal in a particular way. Numberless bouquets were also given him, most of them being sent from the convents of Rome. On the morning of Sunday, the day following, his Eminence celebrated Mass in the Chapel of the Propaganda College in the presence of a large number of prelates, invited guests, and representatives of the Roman colleges. During the Mass were sung three beautiful motets, composed by Signor Borghi, the well-known choir master of Propaganda College. At the conclusion of the Mass all present joined in the solemn "Te Deum." A rinfresco, or light Roman festal collation, was afterwards served in the refectory, and the students of the Propaganda College offered a magnificent album containing addresses in all the principal languages of the world. At mid-day during dinner the students admirably executed a cantata, also composed by Signor Borghi.

The new Archbishop of Athens was consecrated on Sunday, July 14, in the Church of the Santi Apostoli, served by the Minors Conventual, to whose number the consecrandus belonged. Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli, the conservator, was assisted by two members of the same Order, Mgr. Grasselli and Mgr. Camilli. Mgr. de Angelis was born at Castro die Velsi on October 25, 1848, and although his life has been

still possessed of excellent health and strength, so that the best hopes are entertained of his success as Archbishop of Athens. He entered the Minors Conventual at an early age, and was placed in the Roman province of the Order. He has been renowned during his career not only for apostolic zeal, but also for his great learning and the important offices which he has filled in the Order. He goes, therefore, to Athens as a worthy metropolitan representative of the Latin Church, and as Delegate Apostolic in the kingdom of Greece.

The Breach of Porta Pia is the day-dream and nightmare of Italian Liberalism. It is a nightmare by reason of the pressure which it exercises upon the finances of the country by obliging a large army navy to be maintained in order to perpetuate its effects in the status quo. It is a day-dream because the gift of golden speech which the Italians possess is freely used to gild it in the imagination of the people tortured by their inward questionings about burdensome taxation. But it will be best to let the representatives of Liberalism speak for themselves. The proposal to make its anniversary a national holiday was brought up in the Senate on July 17. Senator Negri objected on the grounds that it was unnecessary to stir up a settled question. The Breach of Porta Pia was a fact, and the proposed law neither added to nor subtracted from its importance. From a national point of view the law was superfluous and, therefore, inopportune. From a religious point of view it was dangerous. From a national point of view it was superfluous, because the Italians were in Rome and would stay there. They will never leave it; no power could chase them away; if they wished to leave it the Pope himself would ask them to stay, as he would shirk the burden of the Third Rome. "We came to Rome," he continued, "by virtue of a thrice sacred right, just as we went to Naples and Florence, and there is no reason to make a celebration with fireworks and other foolery over this right which is the same to us as the right to live. By this law it is intended to show that Italy does not fear the Pope—day that it wishes to strike fear into him. This is bad logic. The papacy was never as great as it is now, and the reason is that Italy has placed it in the condition of a victim, thus increasing its influence. To go forward on this line of policy is a mistake. The law is discourteous."

Voices—"No, no."

Negri—"Yes, it is, and so it will be regarded as such by the Pope and the Catholics. Those who support the law say: The Pope is discourteous to us and we should make him a return of discourtesy. That is also a mistake. The more the Pope can pose as a victim the stronger will his position become. Let us use all possible courtesy towards him, thus isolating and weakening him. All our ecclesiastical policy heretofore has been a blunder. We should have made the clergy ours, thus withdrawing it from the iron will of the Vatican. We should have created a new environment about the Pope. Let us leave this hostile power in peace. Let us not irritate it and give it occasion for protests which the world will listen to." Comments would spoil this speech. It speaks worlds as to the condition of the Pope, suggesting, as it proceeds, the painful parallel between his condition and that of Our Lord when bound before the scourging.

Mgr. Bonatti, who was received in audience, is titular Archbishop of Palmyra and Delegate Apostolic at Constantinople. He is on a short visit to Rome.

The Sultan is sending Galeb Bey with a letter and gifts for the Pope. The letter is a reply to that which the Pope addressed to the Sultan about the re-union of the Churches.

A general chapter of the Augustinian Order will be opened at Rome on September 26.

The Discalced Carmelites intend to found an international college at Rome. The students will be members of the Order.

PATRICK RYAN.

Melbourne, the rainmaker, has confessed himself a fraud. Uncle Sam, who was also in the rainmaking business a while, doesn't confess so frankly, but he admits his undertaking was a failure.

Beef trust beef is not as high now as Mr. Armour expected to keep it. It is never well to reckon without your host when the host is some 65,000,000 Americans.