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### SPANISH TREACHERY

Slowly but surely the conviction is forced upon the American people that the blowing up of the Maine was not the result of accident but of design, not caused by an explosion from within but without. Whether it was sanctioned by the Spanish government at Madrid or not cannot be told as yet, probably not. Still it hardly seems possible that the Spanish officers now in Cuba could have been ignorant of the fiendish treachery which sent hundreds of citizens of a friendly country—in a time of peace—to a watery grave in the darkness of night, without a moment's warning. It may easily be that the deed was planned, connived and executed by brutes of the Weyler stamp, but if the official inquiry proves—as it now appears will be the case—that the explosion which wrecked the Maine came from the outside and not inside the ship, there is no way in which Spain can escape moral and legal responsibility for the dastardly outrage.

In making these statements THE JOURNAL does not join the jingoes in demanding that war be declared. Neither has it joined the ranks of the "yellow journals." The latter have already aroused public sentiment to a far higher pitch than is necessary or warranted by the circumstances. But we cannot do less than to say that Spain must not be allowed to escape any responsibility for the sinking of the Maine and its cargo of human beings. A money indemnity will not suffice. She must be taught a lesson she will not forget. In short, Spain must be taken herself from the North American continent. She must no longer remain a menace to the United States. She must not flaunt her hatred of the American people in the face of the nations.

We believe this lesson can be taught without the bloody trail attendant upon a war. We believe that the government at Washington will be able to bring this about without declaring actual hostilities. We incline to the opinion that the blustering, swaggering Spaniards will not risk a war with this country, but that they have "bluffed" so long that they have come to think that the Americans will submit to any sort of slight that Spain sees to inflict. When confronted with the spectacle of "Uncle Sam" with his fighting clothes on Spain will back water as gracefully as possible.

At the same time it is eminently

proper to remark that Theodore Roosevelt is the right man to be at the head of the navy department for the next few weeks.

### PROTESTANTISM

W. C. Brann, editor of the "Iconoclast," is a virile writer if at times he employs language more forceful than elegant. Here is the way he polishes off one Professor Homer M. Knowles of Lake Como, Miss.—"a professional pedagogue and amateur editor"—who took exception to a statement made some time ago by Brann that "Protestantism has no place in the scheme of things." "By the scheme of things I mean the God-appointed order of the universe. I do not agree with Omar, the Persian poet, who calls it 'the sorry scheme of things,' there being still enough old-fashioned orthodox left in my composition to lead me to believe that 'God ordereth all things well'—that men rebel against the decrees of Providence because they cannot comprehend the divine plan, which embraces all that is, or was, or ever can be. In this mighty scheme Protestantism can have no place because it is, as its name implies, simply the religion of protest. It is not an harmonious entity, but a thing at war with itself, a headless Briareus, striking blindly, lawlessly, with all its hundred hands. It is the enemy of order, and order is heaven's first law. It was born in the brain of a madman, has been perpetrated by religious architects, is the embodiment of theological chaos. It is the illegitimate child of Catholicism and digs its empoisoned fangs into the bosom of its dam. Protestantism is a Jonah's gourd that will perish before the fierce rays of the midday sun. Yesterday it was not and to-morrow it will be no more.

"Catholicism contains all that is virile in the cult of Christ. If it be an 'egregious error' then the Christian religion is a lie. The stream cannot mount above its source, the creature rise superior to its creator—'ye cannot gather grapes of thorns or figs of thistles' and the Catholic church is the mother of every so-called Christian cult existent upon the earth to-day. They are but the exuvial, the cast garments of Rome, and like all such rubbish, will make a grand display for a time in Baxter street or on the Bowery, then be consigned to everlasting oblivion. Professor Knowles looks at religions as a small boy looks at a circus pageant; I look at them thro' the lorgnette of the world's history. That's the difference."

### LOCAL RULE IN IRELAND.

Writing on the question of Home Rule some time ago THE JOURNAL ventured the prediction that it might yet happen that the Tories would be the ones to grant Ireland's demands. This prediction was made after the accession of the vacillating, ostentatious, shallow Rosebery to the mantle but not the position of Gladstone. The prediction bids fair to be fulfilled. While the Liberals and Radicals have practically broken with their Irish allies and have abandoned the issue which they once declared to be paramount, the Conservatives and Liberal Unionists are apparently about to give Ireland local self-government on substantially the same lines as in the other members of the United Kingdom.

Says the New York "Tribune" of the Tory bill introduced a few days ago in the House of Commons:

"Judging from the cabled summary and from the manner in which it was received at St. Stephen's, the measure must be a good one. Memory is taxed to recall any former occasion on which all parties and factions in the House of Commons were united in approval of a measure belonging, as this does, to the realm of controversial politics. Yet they are now thus united. Even all the Irish factions are. Dillonites, Redmondites, and Healyites join with Orangemen in welcoming Mr. Gerald Balfour's bill. Some of them mean to criticize and even oppose some features of it, but as a whole they cordially approve it. So does Mr. Morley, and so do, presumably, the majority of his followers. Mr. Labouchere is not yet heard from, but his opposition is to be taken for granted, and will merely

emphasize the otherwise unanimous approval of the house.

The few criticisms of details which are made are illogical and weak. One is against grants in aid of land-owners. But precisely such grants are made in other parts of the Empire. Why not in Ireland? Another is, that local control of the police is not granted. No. Neither is it in England and Scotland. Excepting those in the city of London, all policemen in the kingdom are under the control of the home secretary, and Mr. Balfour's bill provides for the maintenance of that system in Ireland as well as elsewhere. In brief, the aim of the measure is to place Ireland on an equality with the rest of the kingdom in respect to local self-government. If it does not do that fully, in every particular, that may well be because the state of preparation for such a system is scarcely as complete in Ireland as in the other members. Under this measure rapid progress in self-government as well as in material prosperity will doubtless be made, until in no respect will Ireland have cause to complain, as she has hitherto with justice complained, that discrimination is made against her."

The New York "Herald" has this to say of the bill: "It is, in other words, a bill to benefit Ireland, and not some one section or faction of Irishmen. Briefly, this new measure establishes Irish local government. It establishes county and district councils, and the principle of it is that the inhabitants of counties and districts, including women and peers, now unenfranchised, shall hereafter manage their own affairs, hitherto managed for them by grand juries and other authorities deriving their authority from the crown or from the classes, and not primarily from the choice or consent of those governed. It is an experiment in democracy—democracy of a very large kind. As such, independently of the interest a new departure in Ireland always excites, it will be watched by students of popular government everywhere. The passage of the bill through parliament seems assured."

It is to be hoped that the Irishmen will stay united until they really do receive merited and long delayed recognition from England.

### MARCH

The principal feasts in March are those of St. Joseph and St. Patrick. Other notable feasts are St. David's, 1; St. Thomas Aquinas', 7; St. John of God's, 8; Blessed Clement Hofbauer's, 15; St. Gabriel the Archangel's, 18; St. Basil's, 22; the Annunciation, 25, and St. John Climacus', 30. Archbishop Williams will keep the thirty-second anniversary of his consecration on the 11th, and other bishops who were mitred in March are Bishops Fitzmaurice, consecrated this week; Messmer, Durier and McGovern.

### QUITE VENERABLE.

Not a few of our American Catholic parishes are becoming quite venerable in age. Here is St. Patrick's, in Carlisle, Pa., of which the present pastor is the priest musician, Rev. Henry G. Gans, which has just celebrated its 119th anniversary.

This parish, which lies in the Harrisburg diocese, was founded in 1779 by Rev. Charles Sewell, S. J., and it once had as pastor the prince-priest Gallitzin, and at another time Father Brosius, who came to this country with Gallitzin, when the latter left Russia. St. Patrick's also boasts of having had as a parishioner once Roger B. Taney, who afterwards became chief justice of the United States Supreme court.

Commissioner James L. Whalen is to be congratulated upon the firm stand he has taken in regard to the management of the city government. Stick to it, James. The people like your style.

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The sensational papers made too much of an address a Rev. Father Weber delivered last week in Kingston, N. Y., about the Maine disaster. The reverend gentleman has repudiated part of the address, none of which he should ever have delivered, and the assurance is given that he will deliver no more. Let us hope this ends the incident.

### THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. Matthew xvii. 1-9.—At that time: "Jesus taketh unto Him Peter and James, and John, his brother, and bringeth them up into a mountain, apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud saying: This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face, and they were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they, lifting up their eyes, saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man until the Son of man be risen from the dead."

### Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, March 6—Second Sunday in Lent. Epist. 1 Thess. iv. 1-7. Gosp. Matt. xvii. 1-9. Monday, 7—St. Thomas Aquinas, Confessor and Doctor of the church. SS. Perpetua and Felicitas, martyrs. Tuesday, 8—St. John of God, confessor. Wednesday, 9—St. Frances of Rome, widow. Thursday, 10—The Forty Martyrs. Friday, 11—Most Holy Lance and Nails. Saturday, 12—St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Confessor and Doctor of the Church.

It was quite natural that the apostles should have been awed by the unexpected voice of God, and we should in no way be surprised at it. We have reason, however, to be astonished that so many Christians are not frightened at hearing the menaces of the same God against those who follow not the teaching and the law of Jesus Christ.

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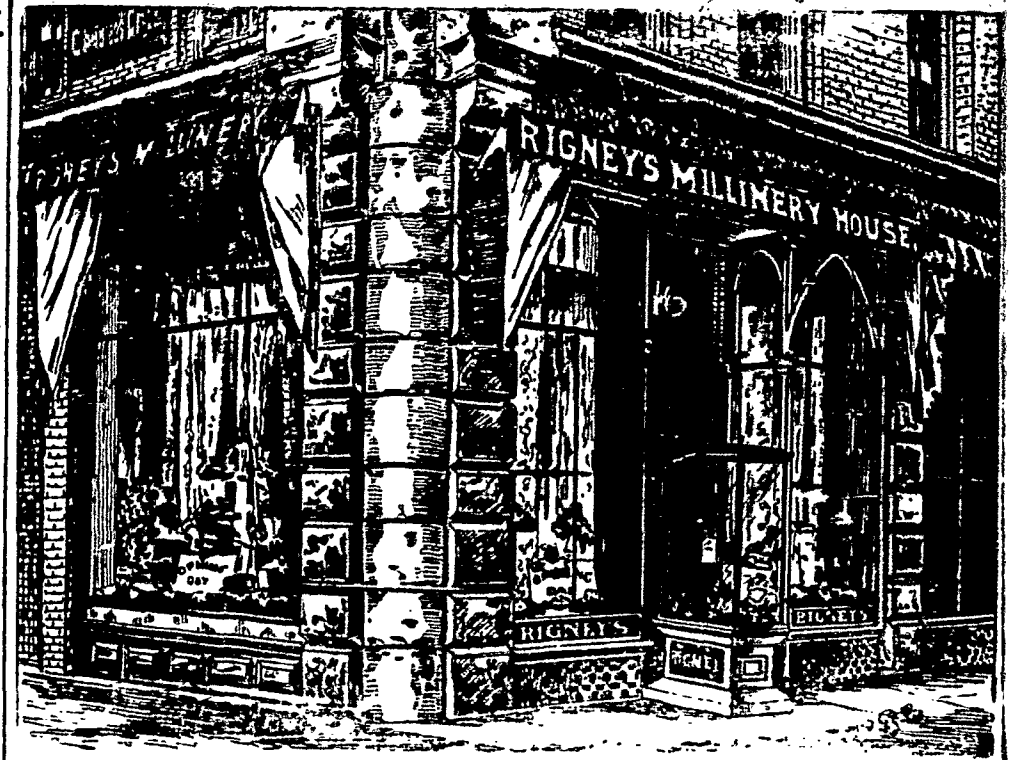
### THE FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

February 27—First Sunday in Lent; Holy Family, Auburn; Scottsville; Clyde. March 6—Brookport; Aurora; Mt. Morris; Waterloo. March 13—Fairport; Weedsport; Penn Yan. March 20—Lyons; Port Byron; Pittsford; Mumfords. March 27—East Bloomfield; Stanley; Spencerport; Holy Rosary.

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