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IN BAD TASTE

The determination of the "yellow journal" to turn even the awful death of the Maine's crew into an advertising scheme for its own benefit has inspired these stinging words from the Boston "Republic":

"Some years ago the officers and men on board United States warships met death in the far-away harbor of Samoa. The ships were caught in a frightful storm such as mariners sometimes encounter in that part of the world. The brave Yankee fighters met their death heroically. The band was mustered on deck and to the strains of the national anthem officers and men went down with their ships."

"Were not these brave and gallant men as well entitled to a monument as are the victims of the Maine disaster? The former died with their eyes wide open and in presence of peril which they could not resist; the latter slept peacefully while the messenger of death was bearing the fatal summons. "But 'yellow' journalism was unknown when the Samoan catastrophe occurred. Journalistic enterprise had not reached the point where it was considered proper to turn a national disaster into an advertising scheme at the expense of men and women of patriotic impulses."

There is more truth than poetry in these sentences. It is somewhat nauseating to read in the secular press that our city officials have walked into Mr. Hearst's trap and have been hoodwinked into acting as assistant advertising agents for his paper.

The monument scheme is not the only one the yellow journal is pushing in connection with the war scare. Three United States senators and two congressmen have just sailed for Cuba on a reportorial tour for this precious sheet, at so much per report, we suppose. This is refreshing impudence on the part of both the representatives and the journal. Congress is now in session, and the people of the United States are paying these men a salary to legislate for their interests. In the face of this the yellow journal proposes and these public officials accept the offer that they desert their duties and go on a tour to a foreign country in order that the aforesaid yellow journal may sell a few extra papers because of "the thrilling account of the exact condition of affairs in Cuba by our special staff of congressional reporters."

Things in general are coming to a pretty pass.

Congressman Mahany's cup of notoriety is now full to overflowing. He has achieved such prominence as to cause the New York "Sun" to score him numerically. The same paper scored Grover Cleveland and he became president. It was the most savage critic Bryan had and he came in victoriously close to being elected.

WEST POINT CHAPEL.

Readers of THE JOURNAL have not forgotten the recent agitation regarding the refusal of the bigots to permit Catholics to erect at their own expense a chapel on the government reservation at West Point where the Catholic cadets and other attaches could attend worship without being compelled to wait the pleasure of the government chaplain a Protestant, of course, who receives a liberal salary from Uncle Sam. Justice McKenna, the attorney general, found a way by technical ruling to sustain the objection of the bigots on the ground that the government could not permit any sectarian institution on lands belonging to the national government. At the time Catholic papers all over the country protested against Mr. McKenna's ruling and also against the innate injustice of the whole proceeding. Some critics told the papers that they should have held their peace because Archbishop Corrigan and other eminent prelates had not taken part in the discussion. Time has demonstrated that these critics should themselves have waited a while.

Congressman Mahany of Buffalo has introduced in congress a bill instructing the secretary of war to order the removal at once of all religious edifices of whatever character from the military reservations of the United States. This bill was introduced as a protest against the illiberal action of the committee on military affairs in voting by an adverse majority of 10 to 3 against the petition of Catholics for the privilege of building and maintaining at their own expense a chapel on the government reservation at West Point. Mr. Mahany takes the ground that if the government can legally support a Protestant house of worship at West Point it cannot be unlawful to allow the Catholics to have a house of worship there without expense to the government. And he further contends that if Catholics are to be denied this privilege no other religious body can justly be permitted to enjoy it.

Mr. Mahany wrote to Archbishop Corrigan concerning his bill, and received in reply this significant letter: "Hon Rowland B. Mahaney: Dear Sir—Returning from a brief visit to Boston, I find on my table your letter of recent date, and copies of Bill H. R. 8276.

"Many thanks for your courtesy and for your kindness in endeavoring to secure equal treatment for all our citizens. "I am glad to avail myself of this opportunity to mention the gallant conduct and devotion of one of my young priests on the Maine. Rev. J. P. Chidwick, who was one of the very last to leave the ship, and afterwards untiring in caring for the wounded and the dying.

"Our brave soldiers will hardly be tempted to choose an army life, if by so doing they must forego the privilege of serving God according to their religious convictions; or must do so only as pariahs, set to one side as an inferior class, and made to feel the stigma attached to their faith and their poverty.

"Let us hope that more equitable counsels will prevail. "I am, dear sir, "Very respectfully yours, "M. A. CORRIGAN, Archbishop."

In this letter the archbishop thoroughly approves of the position taken by the Catholic press on this matter as well as repudiates the course pursued by the national administration.

A bill to encourage art has passed the assembly authorizing the larger cities of the state to expend \$25,000 yearly in buying meritorious works in painting and sculpture. The acceptance of such a bill is a good sign. Not only is taste cultivated, but industry and manufactures are improved by the fostering of artistic discernment in the people. If the bill passes, a way will be opened to preserve Powers art gallery to Rochester.

The verdict in the Lattimer murder case was to have been expected, but the unfortunate occurrence will probably have a good effect in the future both on the mine owners and the miners.

THE "Catholic Standard and Times"

is conservative, as witness this: "It does not seem to strike the knaves or fools who are bellowing for a war with Spain that it would be particularly heroic for a first-class power like the United States to bully a shrunken nation like Spain, more particularly now that she is in a state of exhaustion after two protracted rebellions in her colonies. If a great, overfed, muscular man attempted to browbeat a sickly valetudinarian how the on-lookers would cry shame upon the bully! Yet this is exactly the simile that suits the present case. Spain has been always America's friend—her only powerful friend in Europe in the war of 1812 and some sections of the American people are seemingly always on the watch for the first plausible or unpalatable pretext for showing that gratitude is no ingredient in the American character."

Seeing the A. P. A. is dead the following resolution adopted in Pittsburgh a few days since by the National Christian Reform association is rather apocryphal: "Resolved, That the recent demonstration of certain societies, such as the American Protective Association in this city, claiming to be especially patriotic, call us to declare that they are un-Christian in spirit and un-American in teaching. They practice what they condemn in others and employ underhanded rather than fair means.

The title-hunting papas and mammas are in a state of excitement just now. Prince Albert of Belgium is here on a tour of the United States, and there are any number of girls here—we will not call them Americans—who would be delighted to become queen even in a poverty-stricken little court like Belgium.

One great disadvantage of being a bachelor woman is that when house-cleaning time comes round she is obliged to take her own underwear for scrubbing purposes.—Evening Sun.

To which the New York "Press" pertinently rejoins: "And is it any wonder that bachelor men remain so?"

Not a little of the magazine poetry of the day strikes one as possessing a dull, pungent odor of reminiscence.

Remarks an esteemed contemporary: "This age of the bike, the trolley and the motor carriage is no time to experiment with a hay trust. The people do not have to go to grass.

Richard Croker should execute another somersault and order the Tammany legislators not to vote to muzzle the press of the Empire state. Mighty as he cannot hope to cope successfully with the mighty power of the press.

The chaplain of the Maine, Rev. Father Chidwick, is a Catholic priest. The blatant bigot, Fulton, now hints that Father Chidwick blew up the Maine. This beats yellow journalism.

"Fifty millions for war," said the New York "Journal." "Fifty millions for peace," remarked the Albany "Journal." We prefer the latter expression.

The newspapers of the state will have a good deal to thank James M. E. O'Grady for if the Ellsworth press gag bill is killed.

His Grace, Archbishop Williams of Boston, last week observed the thirty-second anniversary of his consecration as bishop of Boston. Ad multos annos.

Why should a charter to govern four large cities be passed without the inhabitants of those cities having any voice or choice in the matter?

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THE GOSPELS

GOSPEL: St. John vi. 1-15.—At that time: "Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias; and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the Pasch, which is the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up His eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to Him, He said to Philip: Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this He said to try him, for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered Him: Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to Him: There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said: Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were sat down: in like manner also of the fishes as much as they would. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples: Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered them up therefore and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now these men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said: This is of a truth the Prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus therefore, when He knew that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king, fled again into the mountains, Himself alone."

By this Gospel our Master has taught us how highly we should prize all things that come from God. Besides, those fragments were an additional proof of the miracle, and are a lesson to pious people not to neglect the smallest labors of God, the inspirations and fervor in prayer, the grace of receiving the sacraments, for from the effects we will better learn the importance of the helps we have received.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday, March 20—Fourth Sunday in Lent. Epist. Gal. iv. 22-31. Gosp. John vi. 1-15.
Monday, 21—St. Benedict, abbot.
Tuesday, 22—The Five Wounds of Our Lord (March 18).
Wednesday, 23—St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor of the Church (March 20).
Thursday, 24—Feria.
Friday, 25—Annunciation of the B. V. M. Saturday, 26—Most Precious Blood of Our Lord (March 25).

THE FORTY HOURS' ADORATION.

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