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Plus X's First Jubilee. Pope Pius X has proclaimed a jubilee in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception.

Wherefore, confiding in the mercy of Almighty God and in the authority of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, by virtue of that power of binding and loosing which, unworthy though we are, the Lord has given us, we do concede and impart the most plenary indulgence of all their sins to the faithful, all and several of both sexes, dwelling in this Our beloved City, or who come to it, who from the first Sunday of Lent, that is from the 21st of February, to the second day of June, the solemnity of the Most Sacred Body of Christ, inclusively, shall three times visit one of the four Patriarchal basilicas, and there for some time pray God for the liberty and exaltation of the Catholic Church and this Apostolic See, for the extirpation of heresies and the conversion of all who are in error, for the concord of Christian princes and the peace and unity of all the faithful, and according to Our intention; and who within the said period shall fast once using only meagre fare, except the days not included in the Lenten Indult; and after confessing their sins shall receive the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist; and to all others, wherever they be, dwelling outside this city, who within the time above mentioned or during a space of three months, even not continuous, to be definitely appointed by the ordinaries according to the convenience of the faithful, but before the eighth day of December, shall 8 times visit the cathedral church, if there be one, or, if not, the parish church, or, in the absence of this, the principal church, and shall devoutly fulfill the other works above mentioned. And we do at the same time permit that this indulgence, which is to be gained only once, may be applied in suffrage for the souls which have passed from this life united in charity with God.

More Sauce for the Goose. Many non-Catholic papers and a few Catholic papers have criticized Catholic papers, priests and prelates for protesting against or criticizing in any way the conduct of the Spanish-American war or the administration of affairs since the American occupation.

To these carping critics is commended this biting language from the pen of a non-Catholic—Granville P. Wilson—published in the Philadelphia "City and State":

"She (America) makes war on Spain for the professed purpose of putting a stop to her 'cruel, barbarous and uncivilized' treatment of her colonists, and shoots, starves and tortures to death more of them in three years than Spain did in the previous three hundred—and from the same motives. She (America) burns the dwellings of the aged, the infant, the sick and the helpless by thousands; and when asked what becomes of the inmates replies: 'That's their lookout' (see Gen. Hughes before investigating committee.) She induces a poor oppressed and suffering people, who welcome her soldiers as angels of deliverance and 'kiss the hands' just raised to shed their blood, to assist in driving a common enemy

from their shores; and when that is accomplished and their help is no longer needed, kill those who assisted her, take possession of their country and their life portion, 'eats, wipes her mouth and says, 'I have done no wickedness.'"

"Christian Imprudence" Under the above caption a local contemporary fittingly comments on a picture which is going the rounds and recalls a peculiar episode in connection with the recent "Chinese difficulty."

The picture in question appeared first in the "Bookman" and is explained in this wise: "American War Correspondents Grouped about an idol in the Purple (Forbidden) City of Peking. The Idol had never been profaned by Foreign Devils. The man standing on the right is the late W. J. Chamberlain of the New York Sun. In the center is Martin Eagan of the Associated Press, now with the Japanese in Eastern waters. This picture has never before been printed."

The Rochester "Herald" adds: "Yet our people wonder why the Chinese despise the Caucasians who show such contempt for their most sacred beliefs. Reverse the conditions. The picture shows two of the correspondents sitting in the lap of the idol. What would happen if a Chinese should stray into one of our cathedrals and disport himself thus familiarly, while another impudent Chinese took a 'snap shot' of the scene, for the purpose of emphasizing this contempt? The first decent white man who came along would very likely use his boots to such purpose that the impudent Chinese wouldn't be able to sit down for a week. The wonder is that the impudent white adventurer doesn't get himself killed oftener."

Another matter of surprise is that no hullabaloo is made over alleged or real outrages perpetrated upon Catholic missionaries.

Sarpi and Andrew D. White Former Ambassador Andrew D. White has been writing in the January and February "Atlantic Monthly" on Paolo Sarpi. According to Mr. White "Sarpi fought the most bitter fight for humanity against Papacy ever known in any Latin country, by which the whole world has profited ever since. As a man he was greater than Machiavelli and Galileo; he threw a bright light into the most important general council of the Church and revealed to Christianity the methods that there prevailed."

"The most important general council into which Sarpi threw a bright light" is the council of Trent of which he wrote what purported to be an exhaustive history. Probably this is the "bright light" to which Mr. White refers. Let us see what Ranke, the noted German Protestant historian, has to say about Sarpi's history of the council of Trent.

"Sarpi does not always adhere to facts as he finds them."

"Not infrequently he alters his author's expressions to suit his own erroneous conceptions"

"His remarks are every one steeped in gall and wormwood."

"His narrative is colored by his own cast of opinion—his systematic opposition, dislike or hatred to the court of Rome."

"His (Sarpi's) endeavor is manifest to strengthen the impression favorable to the council."

"He glides lightly over the matters that are not much to the credit of his country."

Sarpi's authorities are diligently collected, very well handled, and used with superior intelligence; nor can it be said that they are falsified or that they are frequently or essentially perverted, but a spirit of decided opposition pervades the whole work.

As to who Sarpi was let the Rev. T. J. Campbell S. J. tell in the March "Messenger."

"Who was Sarpi?" writes Father Campbell, "A servite friar who lived in Venice after the first wave of the Protestant reformation had subsided in Northern Europe, and who strove ineffectually to protestantize the republic, though he did not openly apostatize. His name was originally Peter, but when he became friar he changed it to Paul. Robbing Peter to pay Paul describes his whole life. He made two or three unsuccessful attempts to obtain a bishopric, and is

credited also with ambition to become General in his Order. Thwarted ambition is the explanation of his fury against the Pope, though Ranke and Cantu ascribe it to his intellectual political bent; which is the same thing. Venice was just then at war with the Holy See. The Pope had put the city under interdict, and Sarpi sided with the city and defied the Pope. He maintained the very unrepugnant doctrine that civil power came directly from God; that no one had the right to question the acts of a ruler and that the State should regulate all ecclesiastical discipline; for which service he was made State theologian at a salary. He immediately adopted the abusive phraseology of the reformers, and Rome was henceforth the harlot, the beast, etc."

This is the sort of man Mr. White, credited a shrewd, level-headed diplomat, would canonize.

Mr. Low's Execrable Taste. Papers and politicians opposed to Seth Low, as a republican politician, characterized him as the most despised mayor New York ever had. We were inclined to charge this up to the former mayor having foiled the plots and plans and pet fads of the papers and politicians referred to, but after Seth's latest performance in Rome we are prepared to concede that Mr. Low is "small potatoes and mighty few in a hill at that."

Through the courtesy of Archbishop Farley, Mr. Low was received in special audience by the Holy Father and was treated with marked courtesy by the officials of the Vatican.

The following day the former mayor of New York was the guest of honor of the Methodists in Rome and delivered an address laudatory of Garibaldi.

No one questions Mr. Low's right to go where he pleases and to talk on any question he sees fit in any manner which suits his fancy, but if he were a man of the fine breeding his fulsome admirers would have us believe he would not have so infringed on the ethics of good taste.

It was not compulsory on Mr. Low to meet the Pope. Doubtless he solicited the honor, because one is quite out of the fashion who visits Rome and does not see the Pope, but having been received at the Vatican he should not have turned face about and eulogized one of the chief despoilers of the Papacy.

Seth Low has been removed from the pedestal upon which he had been elevated in our gallery of American gentlemen and relegated to the category of "cheap skates."

The mission of the Catholic church is the oldest and the largest Christian mission in Korea, says a writer in the New York "Evening Post." The first European missionary reached the Hermit Kingdom in 1863, but work had been done here long before that time. The mission was conducted by the missionaries of the Societe des Missions des Etrangers of France. The most imposing as well as the most prominent building in Seoul is the Cathedral erected at a cost of about \$40,000. Bishop G. Mutel is at the head of the mission, and he has a large corps of priests and nuns. Within the last decade several Koreans have been ordained priests. They number 43,000 communicants and 7,000 catechumens.

Between 1867 and 1901 there were 69 divorces granted in the Dominion of Canada. During the same period 700,000 were granted in the United States. In Canada Parliament grants divorces and the procedure is public, searching and expensive. In this phase of civilization Canada certainly is ahead of us.

Most Rev. Dr. Murphy, Archbishop of Hobart, Tasmania, is the only prelate now living who was a bishop in 1854, the year of the proclamation of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, the golden jubilee of which is to be celebrated this year. He is also the oldest living Catholic prelate.

New York papers published weird and wonderful stories about Rochester's big fire. And yet full of inaccuracies as they were some of the people purchased them in preference to the home papers which had all the news.

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It would not injure the present city administration if it "made haste slowly" in its plans to reorganize the police department.

Evidently John W. Gates is not dead broke. Report has it that he has purchased a million dollar residence in New York.

The legislature will merit commendation if it passes a law which will curb, in any appreciable degree the rapacity of the notorious "loan sharks."

According to the "Outlook" Japan "may not be a Christian nation in the narrower sense in which that expression is used, but Japan is a Christian nation in a wide sense." Wonder why Protestant missionaries are detailed for Japanese service.

Five Minute Sermon The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. We must admire the great desire of the multitude to hear the words of Christ and to be with Him—a desire that caused them to undergo willingly the fatigue and inconveniences of the journey and to lay aside their worldly cares. We must deplore the negligence of so many Christians, who show no desire to follow Christ in the way of salvation and to bear His word announced by His ministers.

The multiplication of the bread in the desert, and at the time when Easter was near at hand is said by Catholic theologians to be a figure of the Blessed Sacrament with which the whole Christian Church would celebrate the Christian Easter, and which would feed and nourish the whole world in the desert of this life, as the multitude was fed beyond the Jordan, in feeding that multitude Christ enlivened our faith, increased our gratitude, and favored us in favoring them.

We should learn to give thanks when we take our meals. As the people received the food from the hands of Christ, so also do we receive it from God alone in the ordinary way of His providence for without His blessing the earth would be barren and unproductive.

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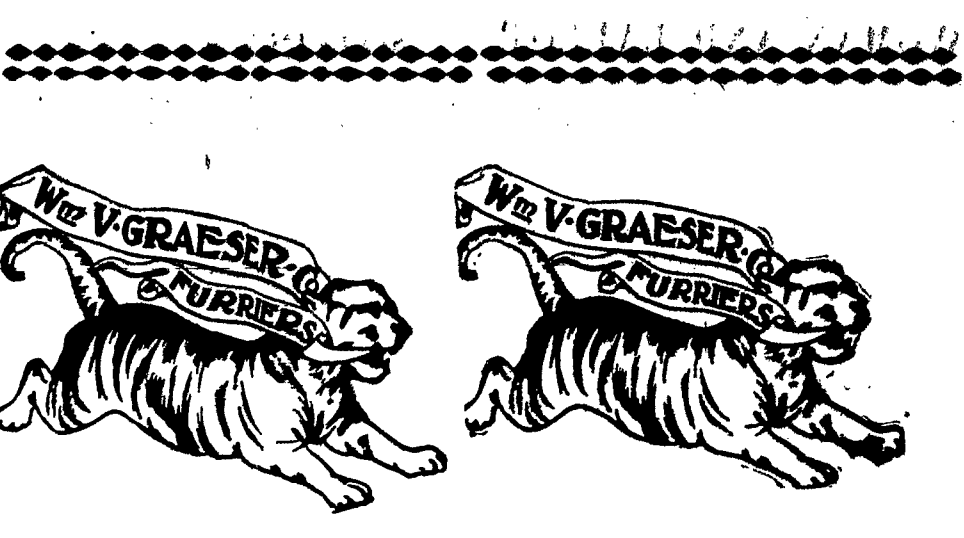
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