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Public Shame.

After Bishop Burgess and other clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church had refused to perform the ceremony, Rev. John Lewis Clark, a Congregational minister, married William Ellis Corey, the millionaire who cast adrift the wife who had kept his home when he was poor, and Mabelle Gilman, a chorus girl whose face and figure attracted the president of the Steel Trust.

Because the Congregational Church rules are extremely liberal it might have been expected that little censure would be visited on Rev. Mr. Clark. But his brother clergymen and members of his congregation were shocked beyond measure. They said openly that Mr. Clark had been induced to do what he did for the sake of a fee more than ordinarily large—it is said Mr. Corey's check was for \$1,000.

To make a long story short, Mr. Clark was criticised so sharply that he has returned Mr. Corey's check and it was a close question whether he would not be compelled to resign his pastorate.

But—and to their shame be it told—the women in Mr. Clark's congregation insisted that he must not leave their church. In this day, when women are demanding that they be respected, one would think they would have demanded that the offending minister be ostracised rather than commended for placing a premium upon the desertion and repudiation of the woman who was good enough to wash, iron and mend and be the mother of a family, while a man was poor and obscure but was not good enough to be the mistress of a mansion and share in affluence!

Would it not be supposed that women would resent such an affront upon one of their sex, rather than applaud it? Would they welcome such treatment of themselves? Or, can it be possible that many of Mr. Clark's female parishioners are inoculated with the bacillus of free love, that bacillus that is sapping our national morality?

It is a satisfaction, however, to find public sentiment against this man Corey who has defied all traditions and, apparently glories in his shame!

Message from France.

It is a modest but comprehensive message that Monsignor Amette, Coadjutor Archbishop of Paris, sends to American Catholics by Ernest Aroni, writing from France to the New York "Mail":

"What do we ask of our brothers in the United States? We entreat them to arouse and exert the force of the public opinion of a great nation. That is all we have the right or the will to ask.

"I cannot speak officially, nor issue nor utter an official message. You must understand clearly that my position give me no such authority. But I can speak as a Catholic to Catholics, and to unbiased Americans as an observer who knows the questions in issue.

"To all your countrymen, therefore, I would make this plea: Give us your full understanding of the conditions which exist in France, and which encompass Christianity in this country. Study the questions for yourselves.

"If you distrust our words because you believe they are founded on self-interest, ignore them. But do not accept the false phrases of our implacable enemies for the facts. Once you have gained comprehension of the truth, and the whole truth, we are assured of your sympathy.

"As a Catholic speaking to the Catholics of America I would say: We need your comfort and sympathy in this hour of trial. But our request of you above all else is that you should speak your own

patriots to full understanding of the tyranny, the despotism and the oppression which masquerade in France to-day under the names of freedom and liberty.

"The impact of the thought of a great people truly free is bound to be felt throughout the civilized world.

"That is our plea to America—comprehension of a criminal regime which crushes liberty in the name of liberty and whose aim is the spoliation and oppression of the Church of France, the vast majority—know no better but the extermination of the Christian faith and of all religion."

Facts in the Case.

The "Catholic Sun" puts the case of Capital and Labor and Socialism concisely and accurately when it says:

"Every now and then someone rushes into print and asserts that Socialists are at work among the working masses sowing the seed of discontent. They undoubtedly are, but just as unquestionably they have help. The men who advanced their house-rent thirty per cent. are helping them. The coal barons who autocratically advance the price of coal thirty-two per cent. are helping them. The men who advanced the price of meat twenty-three per cent. are helping them. They are being helped by the men who put a twenty-one per cent. advance on clothing, and the manufacturer who clings to the wages in spite of the frightful advance in the cost of living, is helping to make Socialists, or, it may be, revolutionists that some day will rise and fill the streets of our great cities with hot human blood.

"The Catholic Church does not desire either socialism or revolution to obtain. She simply seeks justice between all men whether rich or poor, employer or employed. Under present conditions it is difficult to build such an era. There is an inflammatory labor press preaching war, and an inflammatory capitalist press which constantly misrepresents the purposes of workingmen who seek to gain advance and thus preserve their families and themselves. Most of the people are familiar with both classes of these journals, and who know them know that they have as motto, 'the King can do no wrong.' They are dangerous factors of social order for this simple reason. In truth, with certain individuals and corporations gathering millions, on the one side, and with bitter strikes menacing us the country over, a time has come for just men to do some sane thinking, and do it at once. The Socialists are not causing all the strikes. A giant wrong exists somewhere."

Daily Paper Funny.

The Catholic Journal believes that the reportorial staff of a daily paper is incomplete unless it contains at least one educated Catholic. This is not altogether because of a desire to have our religion represented. It is to save the paper from making ridiculous blunders. It is practically impossible for a non-Catholic to write intelligently about Catholic ceremonies. A few days ago one of Boston's enterprising sheets had the following:

"Rev. Joseph Rathner, by his presence of mind at the 7:30 Mass last Sunday in St. Francis Church, Tremont, N. J., averted a panic by throwing a blazing sacrity, set fire by a candle, out of the church before the flames spread."

Now a sacrity, according to the Standard Dictionary, is "a room attached to a church or religious house in which the sacred vessels and vestments are kept and in which the clergy robe." Hence it will be seen that the reporter who saw the priest throw a "blazing sacrity" out of the church must have been "seeing things at night."

"This is strictly in line with our own 'Ohio State Journal,' says the 'Catholic Columbian,' one of whose genial reporters recently conferred a mitre on Father Kelly, chaplain at the penitentiary, and had him confirming a class, 'assisted by the Bishop.' We may assume that the Bishop's presence was providential.

Another case of unconscious witticism was where a daily paper describing a religious function said that the 'acolytes entered the sanctuary swinging the thurifer!' That thurifer was certainly having the time of his life.

More Slander.

A few days ago we called attention to covert attacks upon the Catholic church in a short story which appeared in the May 'McClure's.' The editors of that magazine have explained that there was no intention of hurting the feelings of any Catholic and that the story was purely allegorical.

Rider Haggard appears to be another offender. The "Catholic

Standard and Times" has this to say of his latest serial "Fair Margaret":

"Mr. Haggard gives some edifying reading for Sundays in depicting the cruelty and rapacity of Pops and Spaniards, the self-defensive subtlety of Jews pretending to be converts, and the sturdy honesty and manliness of Englishmen dealing with the stealthy and cunning of the Bluff King Hal pattern of the dealing with the Spanish dons. Reads of this pestilent rhodomontade—at least than what they can learn from such writers as this imaginative sensationalist and other hack novelists who want to keep the pot boiling.

Not one in a million will ever have seen the State papers of Henry, Elizabeth and Cecil and Walsingham, wherein are shown who were the real intriguers and hirers of assassins in the reigns of the noble Tudors—who were the poisoners and sowers of treason in Scotland and France and Iceland. It were devoutly to be wished that some novelist conversant with these flaming documents would arise and give the world an antidote against the virus of English his-torians and novelists such as James Anthony Froude and Rider Haggard."

Editorial Notes.

"The theater is a social force," says Dr. Maurice Francis Egan in the "Catholic Citizen" of Milwaukee. "It can only be made a better social force by the power of public opinion."

In "Church Progress" of St. Louis, is found the following: "Conditions in the State University of Missouri, which foster drunkenness among its students, emphasize the necessity on the part of Catholic parents of sending their children to Catholic colleges and an inflammatory labor press preaching academies. Before the Senate Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence on Tuesday reputable witnesses, speaking from personal observation, testified that many students at our State University leave drunk and thus preserve their families and themselves. Most of the people are familiar with both classes of these journals, and who know them know that they have as motto, 'the King can do no wrong.' They are dangerous factors of social order for this simple reason. In truth, with certain individuals and corporations gathering millions, on the one side, and with bitter strikes menacing us the country over, a time has come for just men to do some sane thinking, and do it at once. The Socialists are not causing all the strikes. A giant wrong exists somewhere."

The "Catholic Sun" thinks there is far more chance of Archbishop Quigley's elevation to the Cardinalate than of several other prelates more frequently mentioned.

King Edward now has a Catholic nephew.

It is reported that J. Pierpont Morgan is to become a Catholic. Well, better men than he have yielded to the influence of the true faith.

Catholics have no business to consult fortune tellers, whether they divine by cards, by trance, by tea-leaves or by palmistry. The Church interdicts one and all.

While the orators and scribes are lauding Anglo-Saxon prowess in connection with the Jamestown expedition, the owner of the mortgage upon every stick and stone therein bears no Anglo-Saxon name. He is Thomas F. Ryan, capitalist and financier.

Governor Hughes appears to be a winner all along the line. He is winning reforms for the people without making deals with the politicians. The latter just have had to fall in line.

If the public utilities bill will not curb the grasping public service corporations, then some other remedy must be tried. These concerns must be made to do their duty to the public which gives them so much for nothing.

Mabelle Gilman, the chorus girl who took up with Millionaire Corey after he put away his wife, complains that she was put out of the Catholic church because no Catholic priest would marry her to a divorced man. Archbishop Messmer pointedly states that by virtue of her relations with Corey she ex-communicated herself—the Church regards her marriage as no marriage and considers her now living a life of shame.

It would seem as if the policemen on night duty work pretty long hours and that the city authorities might well try and devise a plan for their relief.

What is the matter with the yellow press? It has not created an

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The Daylight Store.

Boy's Washable Blouses—25c to \$1.00

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