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CATHOLIC PROPAGANDA.

A remarkable story of religious enthusiasm and faith comes in the dispatches from New York, where a Catholic festival has just been brought to a close. It seems that it is claimed that two bones from the wrist of St. Anne, the mother of Mary, are preserved in the Catholic church of St. Jean Baptiste, and that remarkable cures are reported as a result of a touch by the faithful of these relics. The dispatches say that on the first of the nine days of Novena, remarkable cures were reported, among them being a woman who is said to have regained her sight. This and many reports of similar miracles caused the little church to be besieged day and night by the lame and the halt and many pitiful scenes were witnessed. Believing parents carried to the shrine children who had been ill from birth; others brought men and women so crippled that they could not walk, and scores of the blind were led to the altar rail to kiss the little silver case and frequently utter their prayers to St. Anne for deliverance from their physical woes.

From Kankakee, Ill., a similar story comes. Lillian, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Fontana, so the dispatches say, was cured of blindness on the occasion of the annual pilgrimage to the shrine of St. Anne, at St. Anne, Ill., marking the close of a nine days' Novena. Led to the altar by her mother, the child suddenly staggered back in fright as her closed eyelids opened. Crying for joy, the mother pushed her way through the crowd of cripples and friends, and hurried with the little one to a nearby house.

We need not discuss the probability, or improbability, of the cases. We have not the necessary data before us by which to base an impartial judgment. The power of faith is mighty, and God is merciful to His children. But such stories diligently circulated and implicitly believed account to some extent for the success of the Catholic propaganda in this country.

The Rosary Magazine claims that the Catholic church in the United States, during last year, made 28,709 converts. This total does not include children but only adult baptisms.

In 1906, according to the same authority, there were found to be 25,055 converts. But that year it was difficult to get exact figures, for in many dioceses there was no note taken of converts at all. In some dioceses they were a negligible quantity. Since the congress of 1906, the idea had so grown that with very little difficulty accurate results have been secured.

The figures range, we are further informed, from 1,491 in New York to a vanishing quantity in some places. Cleveland had 727 converts; Mobile, 488. In New England convert making is very much below the mark. There were only 1,722 converts in a population of over 2,000,000, or one in 1,200, while the average for the country at large is about one in 500.

The Southern States have a record of about 2,000 converts. Catholicity has made its way in these states, it is said, in spite of strong Protestantism and the opposition of rooted prejudice and bitter antagonism.

It will be noted that the percentage of conversions is rather small. Even in the South where the record is largest, it is only one-fifth of one per cent of the Catholic population; and in the entire country it is less than that. Still, 25,000 converts is a large number.

It will probably be a surprise to many a hard-working Protestant minister to learn that so many thousands every year abandon the Protestant ranks for the "mother church." But it is not surprising. Protestantism, having abandoned the doctrine of continuous revelation and accepted the Bible as its only and ultimate standard, and then having admitted the right of higher criticism to lower than standard, necessarily finds itself in a perilous position in which its defenders can see nothing but defeat. When to its theology Catholicism adds miracles, it is no wonder if it gains what others lose.

The probability is that the Protestant churches will gradually become absorbed, and that the final discussion concerning faith will be carried on between the Catholic church and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, the two extreme wings of the forces professing Christianity. The probability is that the two extremes will finally meet, after all intermediate divisions have laid down their arms, or joined one side or the other.

HIDES AND LEATHER.

The stand of President Taft in favor of free hides, while it seems somewhat adverse to the interests of western cattle men, is not at all surprising in view of current developments. It may be recalled that only a few years since, Mr. Douglass, a shoe manufacturer, was elected Governor of Massachusetts by making a local campaign in favor of free hides and free leather.

Mr. Douglass showed that the tariff on leather adds fifty cents to the price of every pair of shoes purchased in this country. His demonstrations so impressed the people of that state that he was chosen Governor though

the remainder of the ticket on which he ran was not elected. During the hearings before the house committee, boot and shoe men declared they were willing to have their manufactures put on the free list if hides were made free. When the bill reached the senate, hides were taken from the free list, where they had been placed by the house, and made dutiable at 15 per cent ad valorem as under the Dingley law. This was accomplished after a hard fight and the senators from states interested in protecting hides declared that they would be willing to have hides made free if boots and shoes and other leather products were also made free.

The present stand of the western senators that if hides go on the free list, then leather should also be free, seems not only reasonable, but in a sense necessary. The President believes that unless hides are made free there can be no reductions in the rates on boots, shoes, and other articles of leather. Hides are rapidly increasing in price. The demand is so great that not even the large importations from Argentina will be likely to reduce the present prices. If this is the situation, then free hides and free leather will not reduce the present prices of shoes and other leather goods, but will prevent a further advance in the prices of these articles.

CLOSE THE SALOON.

A friend of the "News," in a letter, says a determined effort on the part of the people living in the Farmers ward district is now being made to rid that beautiful residence locality of the saloon operated at the corner of Twelfth South and West Temple streets.

Several complaints have been made of the place being open, in "a quiet way," for business on Sundays and also of the illegal selling of liquor to minors residing in the neighborhood. The property in the vicinity of the saloon is rapidly building up and numbers of children are obliged to play where the sight of so much drunkenness is anything but beneficial to their environment, and the presence of the saloon is a constant temptation to draw the young men from the fireside into its corrupting influences. A father or mother may guard the boy against frequenting such places if the saloon is some distance away, but when the saloon is brought into the neighborhood of the homes, the battle between the parents and the saloon man over the welfare of the boy is bound to become keen, and in too many cases result in the saloon keeper's favor, the boy's ruin, and the mother's broken heart. A den of vice is bad enough in the business district, but who is willing to have one in operation in the immediate vicinity of his home and children? Saloons cannot run without our boys, for if our present boys never patronize them, in the course of a few years they would all close. If those who were boys ten, fifteen, or twenty years ago had never frequented saloons, the saloons are this would have not only put up their window shutters, but would have "quit the business."

The parents of the boys of Farmers ward are convinced that they can better train the boys through the youthful periods to manhood without the degrading influence of "the family saloon" than with it. They have no boys to spare to build up the saloon trade. Their contention is for their homes, their children, and their children's children. Their cause is just and judging from the character of the men and women leading the movement their worthy effort will not cease until the saloon is closed and the neighborhood is enjoying that "peace and pursuit of happiness" enjoyed by almost all other resident districts throughout the country.

G. A. R. SOUVENIR.

The official souvenir of the Forty-third encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, which is now being sent broadcast by a local firm, is a handsome booklet that will undoubtedly be prized by visitors and residents alike. Printed on good paper and handsomely illustrated, the publication devotes space to the G. A. R. officials and Salt Lake generally. It stands in a class by itself away from the flood of catch-penny advertising schemes which always follow in the wake of big conventions. Copies judiciously placed should have the effect of converting the recipients to the idea that Salt Lake and Utah generally are mighty good places to move to. Messrs. Thomas and Lynch, the compilers, are to be congratulated on their effort to effectually advertise the City in a dignified fashion.

FALL OF TWO STATESMEN.
The crisis in Germany, in which Prince von Buelow fell, has been regarded as a triumph of popular government, it being the first time a German prime minister has stepped out of office at the demand of the people. Whether that estimate of the crisis is correct only the future can reveal.

Buelow sided with the opponents of the Emperor in the Reichstag when they demanded that he cease to compromise the government by meddling in foreign affairs. Bismarck fell because he insisted, practically, on the same view. He denied the right of the sovereign to negotiate with foreign chancellors except through the office of the German chancellor, and so he was dropped, to the surprise of himself and all Europe. Buelow's fall coming so soon after the humiliation of the Emperor may not be entirely due to the triumph of popular government.

The fall of Clemenceau in France presents another illustration of the inconstancy of popularity. It is a puzzle, too, Clemenceau. In a moment of forgetfulness charged that Delecluse had led France into a humiliating peace, referring to the Algeiras settlement. This was so palpably insincere and unjust that even his closest friends found it unsafe to stand by him. Clemenceau was a brilliant journalist when he was called to head the French cabinet. This was in 1906. He was one of the chief opponents of militarism and clericalism. Boulanger and Jules Ferry fell for his attacks.

His sympathies were very strongly with the Socialists. He was generally regarded as a practical statesman. It is all the more strange that he should have forgotten himself so far as to jeopardize his position by giving way to passion.

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It is a long time since Leon Ling was last arrested.

What misery loves is not company but complaining.

A pink complexion and blue blood make a fine combination.

A "tight-wad" finds it easier to keep his money than his promise.

Some people keep an automobile and others just keep a pitchin' in.

If Achilles' tent had been a circus one he never would have sulked in it.

There seems to be a bountiful supply of bears just east of Bountiful.

As a source of evil self love is far more potent than the love of money.

It is when their aeroplane doesn't work that the Wrights are "up in the air."

A man may own an unabridged dictionary and not have a command of language.

If Latham cannot become a successful aviator he might become a great plunger.

The smile of fortune is usually answered with a grin from those upon whom it falls.

If the stock market is the barometer of public feeling, then public feeling is decidedly dull.

Those who seek publicity (how numerous they are!) would rather be misquoted than ignored.

The Greek flag has been run up at the fortress and barracks at Cana, Crete. Long may it wave!

Hubert Latham has sent his congratulations to Aviator Bleriot. Praise from Sir Hubert is praise indeed.

In the battleship Michigan, what part is known as the Upper Peninsula and what part as the Lower Peninsula?

Even Our Lady of Snows wants a navy. This means that after a while she will catch the big navy fever. That is inevitable.

Mr. Justice Brewer says that he cares nothing for popularity. A man with a life position that carries high official and social position, doesn't have to.

"Down with Diaz!" is a strange cry from Mexico, and a harsh and bad one. Surely that grand old man is entitled to be called the father of his country.

What will Germany's answer be to England's big navy program? Will it be the laying down of the keels of six super-Dreadnoughts for England's four?

How near to a Slough of Despond the making of a tariff bill comes, only those who have tried to draw one up and get it accepted by house and senate know.

On this tariff question President Taft will have his say, and when it is said it will be heeded. His is the band wagon into which senate and house leaders would do well to climb.

A "visitor" complains that he has been robbed in change at the ticket office connected with one of the local resorts. He says he was charged 75 cents for a ticket that generally costs 25 cents. The management of the resorts should look into complaints of this kind, for we cannot afford to have visitors go out and advertise the City as one in which the stranger is being robbed. Our City should be renowned for the honesty and hospitality of its people in all positions.

PICTURE SHOW ABUSES.

New York Tribune.
A shocking tragedy, in which a 10-year-old boy killed a 3-year-old girl, is directly attributed to the effect which was produced upon the boy's mind by seeing a moving picture show which depicted scenes of manslaughter. Not improbably, but the display of such things to the children of tender years is permitted to see such things. It is bad enough for persons of mature years to gloat over the portrayals of all sorts of indecencies and brutalities and crimes, but to display such things to impressionable and irresponsible children, who are sure to be injured by them, is likely to be moved to imitate the horrors which they see, is nothing short of criminal.

WONDERS ARE COMMONPLACE.

Harford Times.
Losing a classical German author of profound sense and observation, says: "The greatest wonder of all is we become so familiar with great wonders that we cease to regard them as wonders at all. If that was true in the eighteenth century, how much more so now? The wonders of mechanics and electricity are for us everyday incidents. For 10 cents we ride 10 miles on the trolley, a perfect conveyance. Is it a wonder? Why, it goes every fifteen minutes. A button is touched, and an enormous hall is flooded with dazzling light. Why, of course, it is electric. A ship calls from the sea, and the land hears. That is Marconi. A garment is covered with embroidery and sold for a song. Why, that's the machine. An intricate clockwork of a dollar. That's also the machine. We are not at all astonished, why should we be? And yet it is doubtful whether the absolute sum of human happiness is greater than when we got our water in pails from the well, read by the tallow candle and carded our wool. The wonderful discovery of today quickly becomes the daily necessity of tomorrow."

JUST FOR FUN.

"Sometimes our disappointments come to be recognized as blessings," said the ready-made philosopher.
"That's a fact," answered the flippan

person. "It's always a sweet relief to me to discover in the morning that I forgot to wind the alarm."—Washington Star.

"Now, we've got plenty of money, me and my brother are going to get a couple of marriages."
"Perhaps! what on earth are they?"
"Marriages. We call 'em that because perhaps they'll fly one day and perhaps they won't the next."—Baltimore American.

"I am a self-made man," remarked the aggressive citizen.
"Well," answered Grandpa Whetstone, "go ahead."
"What more is there to say?"
"That remark about being self-made always requires explanation as to whether it is a brag or an apology."—Chicago Record-Herald.

"When you have made a statement for which you are sorry, you should own up to it," said the idealist.
"No," answered Senator Sorghum; "it is bad enough to say something you regret without following it up with an expression of self-distrust you are sure to regret still more."—Washington Star.

"John, what's this?"
"You told me to bring you something to remove superfluous hair from your face, didn't you?"
"Oh, yes; is this one of those electrical depilatories I have read about?"
"Not on your life; that's a safety razor."—Houston Post.

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