

UNITED STATES ARMY
LOOTING.

If non-Catholic clergymen must take current politics as topics of their Sunday discourses, they might well imitate the example of Bishop Coleman, of Wilmington, Delaware. When governments and nations violate moral laws which ought to be binding on all the world, in their dealing with other nations, it is well that such profligacy should be reproved from the pulpit by those who are subject to no authority in their choice of topics and treatment. Bishop Coleman strongly denounced the iniquity of the war we are waging in the Philippines. He declared it to be a war of extermination. He might have added, if there be any truth in the despatches being sent here daily, that it was like the war in the Soudan, a war of scientific massacre against a weak and ill-equipped enemy. We are told in one despatch that in the taking of Santa Cruz care was taken to prevent the looting of the place by the natives or Chinese. But in the letters from soldiers which find their way into print we find the cause of anxiety to save the Filipinos' property. It is to preserve the loot for the American soldiers. One Guy Williams, of the Iowa regiment, on the 11th of February wrote a letter to his brother in Burlington, Ia., which is published by the "Hawk-Eye," of that city. After describing the capture of San Roque, he says:

"We marched about seven miles through the sand and went into camp for the night in a little bamboo village. The people had deserted the houses and left everything they had, and the soldiers made short work of the whole thing. They looted every house and found almost everything from a pair of wooden shoes up to a piano, and they carried everything off or destroyed it. I did not get anything of much account. The other companies had got ahead of us. Talk of the natives plundering the towns; I don't think they are in it with the Fiftieth Iowa."

Are we not a fine Christian nation and a set of noble philanthropists to carry the blessings of civilization to these benighted orientals in such a striking way as this?—Catholic Standard and Times.

CROMWELL CENTENARY.

It is, we think, quite true to say that the proposals for the Cromwell centenary have fallen flat. The Daily Chronicle, which never does things by half, pours forth gushing strains over the memory of the regicide, and the Daily News prints several articles, including one by Dr. Horton, who revamps the ridiculous fabrication that there was a massacre of the Protestant settlers—reported at 200,000!!—by the Irish Catholics which Cromwell avenged. But though the Lord Protector was a man of extraordinary force of mind and an able general, his life-story reeks of blood which leaves an indelible stain on his reputation, and which, considering his misuse of the Holy Name of God, produces an impression of horror. A historical figure he may be, but the people do not regard his character with favour, and God forbid that they ever should. It was a compound of cant, intolerance, and bloodthirstiness, all too faithfully illustrated in the Drogheda massacre, and had he lived many years longer and had sons of like ability and temper, he would probably have established a despotism unrestrained by that great bulwark of freedom—a national Parliament.

—Liverpool Cath. Times.

Rev. Father Grenier, S.J., held Sunday services at Austin the day before yesterday.

GOOD MATERIAL IN BLUE BOOKS.

Reference was made before to good local material in blue books and other official publications. In this connection, it is strange to observe that some publishers use the blue books sent them for wrapping paper. They cut out the leaves and paste them round the papers which are sent to a distance, or to exchanges. Not long ago, the Ontario Government got out a report on birds. Special attention was given to birds from the farmer's point of view, those that were destructive to crops, those that fed on insects which injured crops, etc. It was a practical, curious and valuable report. The very material, one would think, for newspapers which circulate in the agricultural districts. But some weeklies never alluded to it, and, in one or two cases, at least, the bird report found its way to the wrapping heap. This does not seem like good policy. It is often charged against young reporters on the city press that a good item goes right under their noses and they do not see it. The same criticism may reasonably be applied to editors who get good reading matter sent to them in printed documents and destroy it without taking the trouble to read it.—Toronto Printer and Publisher.

A MINISTER ON PROTESTANT HATRED FOR SPANISH CATHOLICISM.

Rev. Herbert S. Biglow, a Congregational minister of Cincinnati in a lecture delivered to his congregation recently on "Las Casas" said:

"I am glad to hold up to you the life of Las Casas, a life which John Fiske declares to be in many respects the most beautiful and sublime life in the annals of Christianity since the Apostolic age." I am doubly glad to introduce him to you, because he was both a Catholic and a Spaniard.

"When I hear bigoted Protestants ranting against Catholics I am pleased to remember that Protestant ministers in New England were proving from Holy Writ that slavery was a divine institution a century after the Pope had declared against it. And when I see Americans going into ecstasies of rage over Spanish oppression I like to recall the fact that Spain had abolished slavery a hundred years before the blood of Brown and Lovejoy had aroused the American conscience to act with like humanity."

AN A PARI ARGUMENT.

While the leader of the Opposition was speaking on the Church Union debate, he made the remark that, "this resolution, as it now stands, would imply that we are perfectly satisfied so long as the Bishop's authority is maintained." Mr. Balfour immediately interjected, "And the Prayer-book." Whereupon Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman retorted, "And the Prayer-book; but who is to interpret the Prayer-book? The interpretation of the Prayer-book means that which the reader of it may read into it." Quite so; Sir Henry is right. But what is true of the interpretation of the Prayer-book is true of the interpretation of Holy Scripture. Will he go so far and deal with the Bible on the same lines of argument? The two cases are strictly "a pari." His argument destroys the Low Church fetish of an open Bible. We sincerely commiserate our Evangelical friends. Here in the House of Commons, in a single debate, Mr. Balfour insists on the spiritual independence of the Church, and Mr. Campbell-Bannerman rejects the principle of private interpretation. But these Scots are so metaphysical!—Liverpool Catholic Times.

THE OLDEST MAN IN THE VATICAN.

His Holiness the Pope, whose marvellous recuperative powers have astonished the world, is by no means the oldest man in the Vatican. That distinction is held by a faithful servitor of his, Commander Pacelli, of the Papal Body Guard, who reached the age of 101 years a few weeks ago. The veteran, who only retired from active service quite recently, is still hale and hearty and it causes him no inconvenience to walk all the way from his residence, on the outskirts of Rome, to the Vatican.—Exchange.

PROTESTANTISM AND DIVORCE.

"A Protestant Theologian" (Professor C. Starbuck) says in a recent number of the "Sacred Heart Review":

"When once Protestantism, taking advantage of an exceedingly dubious interpretation of Christ's words, had declared divorces a vinculo permissible for adultery, the first breach was made in the sanctity of marriage, which has steadily widened ever since, until now, in this most Protestant of all Protestant lands, as it boasts itself to be, marriage, so far as the law is concerned, is really nothing but a mere concubinage, dissoluble at the option of either party, after a few legal preliminaries."

CARDINAL VAUGHAN'S DENIAL.

Cardinal Vaughan's secretary describes the report published in the Paris Matin that the Cardinal was a candidate for the succession of the Papacy as a piece of impertinence, and denounces the journalism that gave it birth. "If any cardinal should suggest himself as a candidate," the secretary said, "he would be despised by all Catholics, and his pride visited by God's damnation. We do not live in the Middle Ages, when worldly ambitions reigned, and plots and conspiracies could be carried on. The voting is now done conscientiously, and at God's instigation. No one can tell beforehand who will be God's anointed to fill the highest position in the world."

BE CAREFUL HOW YOU SIT.

Recently an eminent physician gave utterance to the opinion that appendicitis is more common in this country than in others because of the Yankee custom that men have—and men are more frequently sufferers from the disease than women—of habitually sitting with one leg thrown over the other. The habit, the physician was quoted as saying, restricts the action of the digestive apparatus, and especially of the lower intestine and causes stagnation of the contents and the stretching of the opening of the vermiform appendix, making it possible for obstructions to reach the latter and thus giving rise to appendicitis. There is no other disease, I may judge from the attention given to it by current publications, in which the general public takes so much interest as in this one, which is comparatively new to medical practice. Probably much of the popular interest is due to the fact that only within a few years what may be called the literature of appendicitis has reached the reading community.—Leslie's Weekly.

Mr. D. W. Fleury, of 564 Main street, has a silver half-franc piece bearing on one side the profile of the first emperor of the French with the words, "Napoléon Empereur," and on the other the words, "République Française, 1808." This combination of emperor with republic is a curious historical fact.

THE RICH MAN'S BURDEN.

Take up the rich man's burden,
Now that his day is done,
Bring on his gold and pile it,
Here in the setting sun.

Take up the load he gathered
Of falsehood, fraud and fears,
Hide it, with throbs of anguish,
Amid his shadowed years.

Take up the time he squandered
In riot and in sin,
There's mercy for the sinner,
He did no mercy win.

Take up the hopeless future
To tear-dimmed eyes, that close,
He keeps of his lands six feet,
Where his bones shall repose.

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I want to inform you, in words of the highest praise, of the benefit I have derived from Ripans Tablets. I am a professional nurse and to this profession a clear head is always needed. Ripans Tablets does it. After one of my cases I found myself completely refreshed. Acting on the advice of Mr. Geo. Bowler, Ph. D., 588 Newark Ave., Jersey City, I took Ripans Tablets with good results.

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Mrs. MARY GOODMAN CLARK.

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