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Aleister Crowley, who is said to be the foremost Irish poet living, writing in "The International" on English degeneracy, states that "the Reformation was the moral ruin of England. It was not at first obvious," he says, "that giving up Rome meant giving up God, sooner or later. Indeed, the Puritan was hickory; and the spirit survived sporadically until recent years in the savage Protestantism of Autram, Havelock, Nicholson and Gordon. But they were the rear guard; their representative today is a Cheltenham colonel who plaintively advertises in the "Morning Post" that England cannot hope to win the war while idolatrous practices like having a 'Billiken'—or a 'Touchwood' continues! Protestantism swept over England. Materialism reigned mammon became God."