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Shameful

Here are a few specimen indictments of the Carranza outfit now in Mexico from the pen of Rev. Richard H. Tierney, S. J., in "America".

"Riot reigns, in Mexico. Animal passions are dominant. Shameless brutality is the order of the day. The Carranzistas are in power; so, too, is the demon of hate and lust. A motley horde swept down the broad avenues of the capital, bearing banners that flung defiance in the very face of God. Religion was blasphemed, God was outraged. There was order in those ranks; the ranks broke and anarchy began to reign. Houses were looted, schools were closed, Sisters were driven hither and thither, priests were made prisoners, thrown into stables, left there without food or drink, and then were submitted to a mock execution. This is the triumph of a policy conceived in iniquity and executed in human blood. Never since the days of the French Revolution have such crimes been done against innocent men and women. Never has God been blasphemed more shamelessly.

"Not long since the Vicar-General of the diocese of Tamaulipas, with provisional residence at Tampico, received this note from their commander, now the governor of the state:

The day after tomorrow (Shrove Tuesday) I shall come for you to wash my feet, after which I shall demand of you all the money the late bishop left you. In default of the gold I shall hang you to the highest tree in the plaza.

Shortly after the scoundrel who wrote this published an article in his paper, from which the following "headings" are taken:

No more Roman Catholic Churches.
No more Priests.
We need no more churches, only schools.

It is not necessary for people to believe in God, whom no one can see.

We shall not permit churches to be opened.

But why write more? The tale is sickening. Besides there others in the United States who know more of this pillage and rapine and murder than the writer. Let them speak out.

Poor Belgium.

Pitiable, indeed, is the plight of Belgium. Because her rulers deemed it their sacred duty to stand by England and France and oppose armed resistance to German passage through Belgium to invade France, Brussels, Louvain, Liege and now Antwerp have been captured by the Germans, the cities laid waste, industries paralyzed, citizens impoverished and hundreds of Belgian soldiers have been killed.

While the Belgians have been valiantly holding back the German invaders and without their aid, the Germans doubtless now would be occupying Paris, it is not apparent that the French and English have rendered them ma-

terial aid. The French have been trying to save France and the English have been helping the French. It would seem to impartial observers that the French could have been left for a while to defend their own country and that the English reinforcements should have been sent to aid Belgium.

Indeed, there are observers who fail to see wherein England has contributed so much, either by navy or army, to check the onward march of the Germans.

Time to Act.

While it may be the charitable act to ignore the gibes, the insults, the obscene fifth peddled broadcast by the Menace and its kindred band of bigots and while it may be argued, perchance, that silence gives no free advertising to these reptiles, nevertheless there is a point where charity almost ceases to be a virtue and where stern action is demanded.

The Menace campaign has progressed to a point where this vile sheet is being flung broadcast in public buildings, in public lavatories. Obscene advertising, Menace advertising matter is tucked under office doors where it cannot fail to meet the eyes of the Catholic and non-Catholic alike. These obscene attacks, if not met or denied may be accepted as in a measure true by our non-Catholic associates and this feeling makes it unpleasant for Catholics who have to work for non-Catholic employers and alongside non-Catholic associates.

We should act rather than pass resolutions. Police protection and a little vigilance on the part of owners of office buildings would result in the detection of offenders like those mentioned above. If the proprietor is a bigot, of course he hated to accept Catholic money and hence Catholic tenants should at once vacate and engage quarters where they will be free from insult and annoyance.

The Menace should not go through the United States mails.

Grossly Unfair

The Catholic Journal holds no brief for Governor Glynn and it pleaded for the same sort of fair treatment when Governor Hughes was similarly attacked so we may not be accused of partisanship in referring to the subject.

Governor Hughes was attacked, so was Governor Dix, and now Governor Glynn because the state debt has been increased in the last eight years. True, there has been an apparent increase but neither Mr. Hughes, Mr. Dix nor Mr. Glynn can be held responsible because the People of the State by their collective vote authorized nearly \$200,000,000 increase in the State debt before Charles Evans Hughes was even nominated for Governor when they approved the referendum proposition to spend \$101,000,000 for the barge canal and \$100,000,000 for good roads. As the work on these state improvements progresses each year bonds are issued and the state debt increased just that much in that given year but neither the Governor in office or the Legislature could prevent or hold back these bond issues. The People voted for them and upon the People's heads be the credit or blame.

Let us be fair men at the loss of partisan advantage!

President Wilson should not extend too much recognition or aid to Carranza and his band of lawless brigands.

Pope Benedict's first official utterance was intended to facilitate peace between the warring nations of Europe.

Debt is the secret foe of thrift, as vice and idleness are its open foes. The debt habit is the home-brother of poverty.

The Menace recently unearthed a "plot by a cunning Jesuit" to abolish the Board of Education in Cleveland. The "Jewish Independent" gravely informs the Menace that the "Jesuit" referred to is Alderman Alexander Bernstein, a member in good standing of Rabbi Margolies' orthodox Jewish congregation. The Independent asks "Is the Menace really a menace or only stupid and careless?"

The Church has suffered the loss of a wise and able son and Pope Benedict XV a trusted and capable adviser in the death of Cardinal Ferrata, Papal Secretary of State.

The uncompromising tone adopted toward peace proposals does not bode well for immediate peace. The German people will battle to the last against humiliation such as proposed by Viscount Haldane in his recent arrogant speech. Germans will prefer annihilation.

The Holy Name Society peace demonstrations in their parish churches last Sunday were well nigh as impressive if not quite so imposing as the annual parade.

The average American citizen did not believe there was a man alive who could be so close mouthed as the president, then the president discovered John Lind.

A Frenchman, according to a Paris cable, lived for a year without a brain, but that's nothing, we've known of men who got along without one all their lives.

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Greece is putting out a \$100,000,000 per cent loan at 5%. Both the total and the interest rate indicate that the late war was a costly luxury even to the Balkan state that got most out of it.

Plans are being made for the erection of another tall building in New York. Erecting the tallest building in New York appears to be as futile as building the biggest battleship in the world. As soon as the tallest building is finished a taller one is begun.



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