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What Carranza's Recognition Really Means.

The Revolting Story of Mexico's Prospective President.

The Ravishment of Liberty and Democracy.

In the city of Washington the representatives of several South American republics and of the United States have met and decided for the time at least, the fate of Mexico. "Watchful waiting" had been found to be disastrous, and so it was proposed, after the unhappy country south of the Rio Grande had been looted and despoiled, that an attempt be made to save its charred and barren ruins. Venustiano Carranza, the darling of the present administration, by a strange but not unexplainable irony, is the man to whom the conferees have donated the office of President in the southern republic.

The real significance and consequences of such an act are apparent enough when it is understood, as Mr. Thomas Woodlock points out in a letter to the New York Evening Post of October 13th, that the second of the assurances that the conferees have received from Carranza, declares that persons connected with any religion in Mexico will be permitted to return to Mexico and will be secure in life and property if they have not and will not participate in politics. Which, of course, simply means that priests and prominent Catholics will be denied political privileges in that country under the benign rule of Senor Carranza. A very happy and enlightening solution indeed of our blundering in Mexico!

A better understanding of the present chapter in our Mexican relations can be obtained from the first of a short series of articles appearing in the current issues of the Outlook, written by Edward Bell, author of "The Political Shame of Mexico." This first article is entitled "Carranza, A Criminal Solution," and reveals quite clearly the story of that man and of his policies. (The Outlook, Oct. 6, '15.) It shows the miserably weak and vacillating character of Carranza; that, for example, he had been originally of the "cientifico" group, deserting the sinking Diaz ship a few months before it foundered, and making a deal with Madero which gave him the Governorship of his province, where he displayed a childish inefficiency and love of foolish pomp and show.

It also shows what the ascendancy of this man has already meant to his war-ravaged country. "The wholesale looting of rich Mexicans' houses in Mexico City and elsewhere, thoroughly as it has been attended to, has not been the feature of this business which definitely established its heartless vandalism. That which does this is the destruction of the homes and the means of sustenance of the poor." The followers of Carranza are even to this regard much worse than the soldiery of the brutal Villa; for the Carranzistas destroy absolutely everything they cannot carry away or store up for their future use. "Not much has been printed of this wanton wiping out by Carranzistas of the industries in which the peons are employed or the confiscation of the crops and foodstuffs they have raised. In many places in the north, in the center, in the south, utter desolation marks the spot where industrial establishments supplied employment for the peon, and the men Carranza claims as his generals are the ones who have been responsible for it." And the whole purpose of this appalling wastefulness is "a vicious hope of driving the poor to desperation and to enlistment in the army of destruction."

In other respects, in the outrages upon the Church and the Church people, and in the universal desecration of Mexico's womanhood there is no noticeable difference in the methods of the factions.

Mr. Bell also clearly sets forth the robbery and fraud which have

been perpetrated by Carranza and his fitting companion, the unspeakable Villa, and how our own country has aided in the commission of these crimes. "In the year ending June 30th, 1911, the last year of normal conditions, our imports from Mexico amounted to \$57,000,000. For the year ending June 30th, 1915, when three-quarters of the area of Mexico was in turmoil and the inhabitants were starving, our imports from Mexico amounted to \$92,000,000. Of this amount substantially all the cattle and coffee and henequen, amounting altogether to \$47,000,000, were sent to us through revolutionary—that is to say, bandit—venders. This merchandise was taken by force from its rightful owners, and Carranza was a party to the transactions. When we bought it at lower prices on that account, we knew that for the most part the money paid for it would be used to buy arms to be employed in killing and coercing people in order that more merchantable stuff might be offered to us at the same rates." And we further aided by exchanging our good currency for the revolutionary fiat money.

In view of these things, the meaning of Carranza's recognition by the Pan-American powers is clear. It is indeed a crime against the most sacred ideals of liberty and democracy. The actions of our own administration deserve the strongest condemnation. They have allowed Americans to be ruthlessly killed, sisters and priests to be brutally mistreated, and have not only not protested against these things, but have actually assisted the perpetrators of these outrages by counsel and advice and by rendering it easy for these marauders to purchase arms. It is time that Washington awaken from its day dreams and fine speeches and learn the real meaning of "liberty" and "humanity" and "democracy."

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Seeking Souls in The Foot Hills of the Rockies.

The diocese of Calgary, Alberta, presents a field for missionary work full of hardship for the priests. Like most sections of the great Northwest, it is entrusted to the Oblates.

Fr. N. C. D. Dubois has charge of a vast section of the foot-hills of the Rocky Mountains, with a central post at Okotoks. Scattered among these hills are a score of Catholic families of different nationalities, and Fr. Dubois, in trying to keep them in touch with their religion, must cover a circuit of sixty miles. He manages to see his charges twice a year, and during these visits of a week or so he says Mass in the poor miner's cabins, administers the Sacraments and teaches catechism to the children.

The roads through the mountains are rough and dangerous, and the accommodation offered in the homes of the Catholics very poor. For twelve years the Father has been his own cook; most of the time, besides taking care of the horse that bears him over the trails.

The 700th anniversary or seventh centenary of the Order of Friars - Preachers, generally known as the Dominican Order, will occur next year.

News From Ireland

Carlow.
At the recent junior Oxford examinations, held in Manchester, Miss B. M. Coleman and Miss E. M. Hoey obtained the highest honors in English literature, arithmetic, French, geography, religious knowledge, domestic economy and drawing.

Clare.
Much regret has been caused in Clare, where he was well known and highly respected, by the death of J. B. Ievers, Quinville Abbey, Quin.

Down.
The death has taken place at Fermoy of William O'Connell, who had been in the news-agent business for a period of sixty years. He was for some years a member of the Town Commissioners, and was a staunch Nationalist.

W. Ahern, Annacarriga, Minane Bridge, Cork, has been sworn in a magistrate for the districts of Carrigaline and Tracton.

Derry.
The Coleraine Board of Guardians appointed Dr. S. J. Bolton, J. P., dispensary medical officer for Aghadowey district, in succession to Dr. H. S. Morrison, resigned.

The Derry asylum committee approved of the appointment of Rev. L. Hegarty, Adm., to the chaplaincy of the Derry asylum, rendered vacant by the resignation of Rev. Father MacFeeley, P. P., Waterside.

Down.
To the extreme regret of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances the death has taken place, rather suddenly, at his residence, Drumiller, Gifford, of James McCloyre, N. S. T. Ballyvarley.

Donegal.
An inquest was held in the City Morgue on the body of Robert O'Connor, aged 42, a slater, who was found dead in bed at his residence, 189 Parnell street, on the 16th instant. According to the evidence, deceased had been in delicate health for the past two years.

Fermanagh.
Miss P. McHenry, Enniskillen, took first prize at Cavan show for water color painting.

Kerry.
Kerry qualified for the All-Ireland football final by defeating Roscommon, the Connaught champions, by 2 goals 3 points to 1 goal 1 point.

Kildare.
J. O'Neill has recently taken over the duties of station master at Athy on his promotion from the station mastership of Fenit, County Kerry, where he was extremely popular.

Kilkenny.
The Callan Guardians have expressed their sorrow at the death of their able fellow member, John Leahy, and extended sincere sympathy to the sorrowing relatives.

The Callan Guardians have appointed Dr. Phelan as medical officer at the workhouse in room of the late Dr. J. N. Shee.

Limerick.
Died: At Garnagully, Ballyragget, Michael O'Shea. At Crochtentlogh, John Hennessy.

Limerick, Clare street.
Miss J. Gusack, Clare street, Limerick, has been appointed domestic economy instructor to the Limerick Technical schools.

Longford.
The football championship of County Longford was awarded to Granard.

Married—At the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin, Anthony S. Farrell, Main street, Longford, to Lena, daughter of Dr. Gray, corner of North Longford.

Mayo.
Miss Eva Kerny, of the Kilmenna National school, has carried off one of the scholarships in Kiltimagh Convent. Miss Keany was educated by Mr. Moran, N. T. Kilmenna.

Roscommon.
Miss M. Mullen, Rahard, took first prize at Boyle agricultural show for butter salted and unsalted.

Foreign Mission News

Special correspondence by
The Propagation of the Faith Society
348 Lexington Ave., New York City.

A thought for November:
"Ask any Catholic on his death-bed and facing eternity, which would he prefer, a wreath for his coffin or a Mass for his soul. Our tribute for our dead should be worthy of our faith."

Masses for the dead may be said by our missionaries, and the offering will have a double value this year.

Protestant bodies will hold conventions in seventy-five large cities of this country. Missionaries from the ends of the world will attend and show in facts and figures what is being done by non-Catholic Christianity for the spreading of the Gospel.

The Catholic Church represents in the Union of S. Africa about one and one-half per cent. of the total population of 6,000,000; the proportion is about the same for the white and black races.

It is stated that more than one-third of the population of India, estimated at 315,000,000, never know from the cradle to the grave what it is to have enough to eat. Over 100,000,000 of them live at the rate of one cent a day per head. The missionary surely can expect no help from these unfortunates, rather it is his task to sustain them, and it is our task to sustain him.

Answering the Call.

The Apostolic Delegate to the Philippines, Archbishop Agius, wrote nine years ago: "For God's sake send us priests, thousands are dying here without the Sacraments."

The first priests to go to the islands in response to the appeal were sent from Mill Hill, England, by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which defrayed the expenses of travel and supported them in some measure for the first year. In fact, the bulk of the money that enabled them and others to do their work was the gift of the Society. The Belgian missionaries in late years have been supported by their relatives and friends in the old land. Of course this is now at an end, and according to the best reports, no help may be expected from that quarter, even after the war is over, for many years.

St. Michael's.
The requiem masses for this week were for George and Theresa Messmer, Felix and Catherine Feltz and Susannah Imo.

At the 10:30 o'clock mass Sunday the opening of the Men's Mission will begin. It has been very gratifying indeed to see the women turn out in such large numbers all this week and hope it will continue the same for the men next week. The mission is being conducted by the Jesuit Fathers. Mass is held every morning at 5:30 with English sermon and at 8:30 o'clock with German sermon and every evening at 7:45 o'clock with English sermon. Confessions are heard every day and evening. Sunday afternoon will be the closing for the women.

Saturday is a day of fast and abstinence, it being the vigil of All Saints Day.

The regular meeting of Br. 104, L. C. B. A., will be postponed from Monday evening to Wednesday evening, Monday being the feast of All Saints.

Holy Family.
Saturday being the vigil of the Feast of All Saints will be a day of fast and abstinence.

A meeting was held at St. Ann's Home recently to arrange for the annual Donation Day for that Institution, to be held at Convention Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 17th.

FOR PROTESTANTS.

Sometime an outspoken Protestant friend will say to you: "Your religion looks to me like so much superstition, but I suppose there must be something to it or you would not accept it. I'd like to find out about it."

Suppose he speaks so today. What books could you suggest for him? Here are a few that were chosen by Monsignor W. T. Russell, D.D., of Washington, D. C., for succinct information about Catholicism:

- The Catechism of Christian Doctrine.
- The Faith of Our Fathers—Cardinal Gibbons.
- Catholic Belief—Fra-di-Bruno.
- Questions of the Soul—Father Hecker.
- Our Christian Heritage—Cardinal Gibbons.
- The Question Box—Father Conway.

- Plain Facts for Fair Minds.
- Spiritual Pepper and Salt—Bishop Stang.
- Manual of Theology for the Laity—Geiermann.

- Catholic Ceremonies—Abbe Durand.
- Catholic Christian Instruction—Bishop Challoner.
- Bible History, Church History—Gilmour.
- The Mass—C. W. Currier.
- Manual of Prayer.

- Questions Asked by Protestants Briefly Answered—Rev. M. Phillips.
- Short Answers to Common Objections Against Religion—Rev. L. A. Lambert.

- Short Course in Catholic Doctrine—J. T. Durand.
- The Sacraments—Rev. A. A. Lambing.
- Short Line to the Catholic Church—Rev. L. A. Lambert.

NEWSPAPER DON'TS

Don't fail to tell the editor how to run the paper. He has nothing in the world to do but to listen and keep his temper ever awest.

Don't sign your name to what you want published. It's the editor's business to espouse unpopular causes and take your chestnuts out of the fire. What hurts your business might also hurt his—but that's different.

Don't notify the editor when you change your postoffice address. He may lose track of you and you will escape paying the last two or three years of your subscription.

Don't forget to write on both sides of the paper. The printers may forget how to swear.

Don't write your communications so that they can be read. Deciphering them keeps the editor busy and he is able to make an occasional blunder, which promotes good feeling all around.

Don't imagine that the newspaper has anything to do. Newspapers run themselves and the ravens feed the editors and printers.

Knights of Columbus.

A special meeting of Rochester Fourth Degree Assembly, No. 178, Knights of Columbus was held at the Knights of Columbus rooms, Wednesday evening, October 27th.

The Fourth Degree will be given at Syracuse, N. Y., on November 21st.

The Knights of Columbus held a Halloween party at the rooms last night. Prizes were given to the most Grottesque Costume, the most Unique Costume and also for the most Comical Costume.

Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, A. O. H.
The Masquerade Ball which was given by the Ladies' Auxiliary, No. 1, was a great success. About 250 couples were present and enjoyed dancing until midnight. The prizes were won by the following: Gentlemen's 1st prize, Robert Falls; 2nd, by Daniel O'Connor; Ladies' 1st prize by Margaret Neslon, 2nd won by Helen Hartigan. All who attended had a good time.

Canvassing City for Donations To St. Ann's Home.

Bishop Hickey has issued his annual appeal for funds to aid in the maintenance of "St. Ann's Home," and in consequence the Catholic women of Rochester are canvassing the city for donations of money and articles for books, as well as meats and groceries. On November 17th, the annual festivities in the interest of the home will take place at Convention Hall.

The committee has arranged for a bazaar. Booths will be erected at which the women will provide musical entertainment will be furnished. Luncheon, dinners and suppers will be served in the annex from 11:30 A. M. until the closing hour in the evening. A varied menu has been decided upon, well calculated to supply people of all tastes.

Order of Alhambra.

Musa Caravan to Hold Meeting Election Night.

Tuesday evening next, Alhambra will meet at Foresters Hall, 297 Main street East to prepare for a ceremonial to be held early in December. A committee composed of Jos. H. Foley, chairman; Lawrence Varian, K. P. McCarty, Edw. Linsen, and John Hall will furnish entertainment followed by luncheon. Election returns will be received throughout the evening.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

The requiem masses for this week were for George Witzgman, for the deceased members of the Lensing family, for the Poor Souls and for the deceased members of the Lennevers family.

The monthly meeting and conference of the Young Ladies' Sodality will take place on Sunday afternoon.

Confession will be heard Thursday afternoon and evening in preparation for the First Friday, Friday being the first Friday of the month Holy Communion will be distributed at the 6 and 8 o'clock mass.

St. Mary's.

The social which was to have been given by the Confraternity of Mary in the church hall last Wednesday was postponed, the date will be announced later.

The masses on Monday morning, All Saints' Day, will be at 6, 7, 8 and 9 o'clock.

A special meeting of the Executive Committee and Promoters of the Confraternity of Mary was held in the schoolhouse last Wednesday evening and final arrangements were completed for the annual banquet which is to be held in the church hall, Wednesday evening, Nov. 17th. Tickets have been in the hands of the promoters for over two weeks and any member who has not been reached by her promoter and desires to attend the banquet, can assure the tickets at the rectory.

The Young Men's Association of this parish held a very successful entertainment for their friends in their club rooms last Thursday evening.

St. Augustine.

The first minstrel show of the Young Men's Club of this church is to be given at Exposition Park on November 22d. The Executive Committee have appointed the following committee to direct the production: Bernard M. Gallagher, chairman; W. Barick, Thomas F. Walsh, Chester Ecker, Louis A. Snyder and Neal Harold. Thomas McMillan, who has considerable familiarity with minstrelsy, will be in charge of the show. The musical numbers will be directed by Joseph Kurts. The personnel of the company has been determined only in part. E. M. Newell is to be interlocutor and Ray Miller, Leo Hogan, Charles Hawkins and S. O'Brien will be on the ends.

By much laughter you may distinguish a fool.