

hunters, but more than anybody else the Free Mason societies, sought the opportunity of gaining larger recognition and support. and at the same time dealing a blow to their one foe, the Catholic church. With this end in view the Masons sought to persuade Huerta to aid their cause, having promised that if he should do so that they would obtain his recognition by the United States Government. Failing in the object of their endeavor, because Huerta refused to become a Mason, they sent deputies to confer with Carranzo and Villa, two bandit leaders who had commenced an uprising in Northern Mexico. Mr. Lind, a Mason, was despatched by the United States Government at the command of President Wilson to Mexico to ascertain the state of affairs in that country and to report. From a Masonic viewpoint and in bitter opposition to the Catholic church, he returned to Washington with such a one-sided argument that Carranzo and Villa were allowed to continue their advances and were supplied generously with arms, ammunition and money by associations and Masonic affiliations and men of violent anti-Catholic prejudices.

Huerta having refused their patronage and assistance, they determined upon Villa and Carranza to de-Catholicize Mexico. Frequent consignments of American arms and ammunition were supplied by them even before the embargo on arms was raised. The base of supplies for the Federals was Vera Cruz and the United States thought to bring the war to an early close by seizing this important position. It was a masterly stroke, and Huerta cut off from his own source of hope fell, and with him his constitution, and all semblance of order and government.

The Niagara negotiations which allowed the rebels to continue the fight and to import arms, and kept the Federals impotent, hastened the fall of Huerta and the triumph of anarchy under Carranza, Villa and Zapata.

Immorality, spoil and the execution of prisoners have been the order of the day wherever they marched and in whatever towns they happened to capture in their rampages throughout the whole length and breadth of Mexico. Adventurers and bandits suddenly finding themselves powerful sank themselves into a mire of gloating sensuality and lust.

A cry of indignation and horror would go up from every Catholic, yes even every non-Catholic, were the cruelties perpe-