

A book review by Aleister Crowley from the August 1917 edition of The International.

The Menace of Peace by George D. Herron. Mitchel Kennerley, 1917.

It is said that many soldiers have lost their minds owing to the war. So have some civilians. But we do not think that George D. Herron is in either group. He raves in a most blasphemous manner about Christ, and he looks every night under his bed for a Jesuit.

The world is indeed hysterical when such delirious cat-calls find a publisher.

Not content with destroying the German body, he must destroy the "German mind," another phantom like his "wicked Pope Benedict" bribed by German gold, like (I suppose) the Earthquake of San Francisco. Probably the Flood was started by the Germans to try out their U-boats. Such alleged partisans of the Allies are their gravest enemies.

A book of roaring blasphemy like this is just the argument that the enemy most needs.

Lord, save us from our friends!