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## {JOHN MITCHELL, MILITIA OF CHRISTER.}

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**M**R. John Mitchell, of the Militia of Christ had better hump himself or history will be written wholly at variance with his interpretation. Assuming to speak for “organized labor,” branches of which had denounced the clerico-political assassination of Ferrer, Mr. Mitchell apologized for the resolvers to a convention of Catholic organizations that met in Brooklyn. The ground on which Mr. Mitchell asked pardon for Labor was that Labor had been misled by false newspaper reports. Since then one act after another on the part of the Spanish people confirmed “the false newspaper reports,” until the climax is now capped by the decision of the Supreme Court of Madrid which virtually reverses the judgment of the Barcelona tribunal upon which Ferrer was executed. The court declared that Ferrer was not concerned in the Barcelona disturbances; secondly, that none of the rioters who were prosecuted acted under his orders; thirdly, that not in the one hundred prosecutions arising out of the riot was any trace discovered of Ferrer’s participation or inspiration. On account of all this the court ordered restitution to Ferrer’s heirs of his confiscated property. All of which amounts to a wicked and underhanded condemnation of Mr. John Mitchell, his judgment, and his integrity. What reliance can future generations place upon history if such expert and ex officio holy opinions as Saint John Mitchell’s are simply ignored, made spit balls of? There should be an International Censorship established with Father as chairman.

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