(9). TITLE .: THE TERROR.

Picture :- Law abiding citizens of Madrid were aghast when "The Terror" --

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--broke loose. The mob got out of hand, and set fire to Jesuit buildings in many parts of the city.

Firemen worked like Trojans in trying to save the docmed buildings, --

-- but with little success.

The Convent of the Carmelite Fathers very soon became but a mere shell, while in --

-- the thickly populated district of Cuatro Caminos, the Maravilla Convent was attacked by a determined crowd of --

unruly people, with the result that it was quickly reduced to a blazing mass. Destruction by fire --

authorities of the new Republic -

--were quite unable to control the situation, for a time. ...

Valuable relics, and internal fittings were dragged and thrown out of the Convents, and fed to the flames, in the middle of the streets. The desires of the destructive element appeared insatiable - so, the mad orgy went on for the best part of a day.

A great pall of smoke overhung the city, blotting out the blue skies we always associate with Spain.

-- twelve buildings had fallen to the fury of the extremists.

Then martial law was proclaimed by the government. Tanks appeared, and the streets --

--were guarded by troops. Let's hope it is really the end of the story !