

Tries To Drag A Prohibition Red Her- ring Into The Lynching And Burning

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: If the Governor of the State of Maryland takes oath of office and, among other things, swears to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and then says there is one particular portion of the Constitution of which he does not approve and as Chief Executive of the State refuses to lend State aid in enforcing that portion, why should the individuals composing the Salisbury mob be condemned if they do not approve the process of certain State laws? Should the Sheriff be criticized for his failure to enforce the State law? Does he not have an example in higher places? And maybe the excitement of the mob was due to the failure of the State to aid in enforcing Federal laws. Is there such a thing as a sober mob? And, again, maybe they were only exercising their personal liberty. B. H.

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