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Does Not Meet Issue

The Sun in its issue of this morning in quoting from the editorial published in this paper Saturday attempts to mislead its readers by quoting a letter of Governor Ritchie to Judge John R. Pattison dated November 30th, but it so happens that this letter of the Governor's followed his first letter to Judge Pattison about troops by more than two weeks. Why does not The Sun published the beginning of the correspondence which began with the letter to State's Attorney James A. McAllister on November 10th and the letter to Judge Pattison on November 13th.

In these letters the Governor makes known his intention of sending the state militia and the state police to Cambridge for the trial of Yuel Lee alias Orphan Jones. The Governor has no letters from Judge Pattison or State's Attorney McAllister which called for his letters of those date.

If the Sun wants to be fair, and is not influenced by influences antagonistic to the Eastern Shore, why not let its readers have the first part of the correspondence instead of the latter part. Publish the letters which Governor Ritchie sent to Mr. McAllister on November 10th and the one to Judge Pattison on November 13th.

Upholding The Courts

In its news columns on Saturday The Sun published the following statement from Mr. Bernard Ades, counsel for Yuel Lee alias Orphan Jones who is charged with murdering four persons at their home near Berlin

seem to make so incumbent upon them. We hope, too, that all of them before uttering the severe words of censure which are attributed to some of them, for the words of some of them had a harshness which did not seem compatible with their high calling, asked Divine inspiration that they might deal charitably with their fellow man.

No one on the Eastern Shore has any sympathy for the mob of men who took the law into their own hands Friday night. From the first announcement of the horrible crime nearly two months ago which may be considered responsible for this outbreak, all of the better thinking people of the Eastern Shore have been unanimous in their desire to permit the law to take its course, but they have been indignant at the various obstacles that have been thrown in the way of Justice, delays caused not only by Mr. Ades and his International Labor Defense Union but also others who should have been co-operating that justice might be done.

We wonder if any of these ministers have taken the trouble to ascertain the real facts in the whole trouble or whether they have been swayed by the highly colored sensational misrepresentations that have been printed in the metropolitan press. Would it not have been more Christian like to have ascertained the actual facts. They are no more humiliated by the lynching Friday night than the very great majority of the people on the Eastern Shore. The people on the Eastern Shore are God-fearing law-abiding citizens, equally as much so as the citizenship of Baltimore and they feel just as keenly of more so the ignominy that has come to this community, as the result of his lawless outbreak.

We appreciate the interest of these Baltimore ministers in this situation but we do not think the Eastern Shore is nearly so lawless as Baltimore. We would refer these gentlemen to the report of the Crime Commission published not very long ago. It does not reflect any great credit upon Baltimore. With all of the murders and every other kind of crime that exists in Baltimore, these murders even occurring in the penitentiary and with the constant conflict between

persons have forgotten it, especially that portion of the article which referred to William Jennings Bryan, whom he would have taken to the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, disemboweled and hurled his remains into the Potomac River. Possibly a rather polite form of lynching.

We are republishing Mr. Mencken's article of Monday and know that its charming simplicity and its delightful manner will appeal to our readers.

Everyone knows that we are opposed to lynching, that we deplore the unfortunate lynching that occurred last week and we deeply resent the implication that the people of the Eastern Shore, either by silence or expression, give their approval to such lawless methods. But we also resent that form of publicity which day after day spread propaganda that tends to excite the less responsible citizenship to violence and then, after having sown the seeds of violence, attempts to shift the responsibility for the crop produced.

LYNCHINGS IN STATE IN HALF CENTURY

A Record Of The Lynchings In Maryland During Past Forty-Five Years Shows Nine On The Western Shore And Six On The Eastern Shore.

A record of the lynchings which have occurred in Maryland during the past forty-five years shows that there have been fifteen of these and that nine were on the Western Shore and six on the Eastern. One of those lynched was a white man and he was among the six lynched on the Eastern Shore.

The counties in which the lynchings have taken place are: Western Shore: Alleghany 1; Anne Arundel 2; Baltimore 1; Carroll 1; Frederick 1; Howard 1; Prince George's 1 and St. Mary's 1, making a total of 9. Eastern Shore: Caroline 1; Kent 1; Somerset 3; Wicomico 1, making a total of 6.

Those lynched were: Matthew Williams, lynched at Salisbury, Dec. 4th. He was charged with the murder of Daniel Elliott. Marshall Price, lynched at Denton, March 26, 1895.

King Johnson, lynched at Brooklyn, Anne Arundel County, December 25, 1911.

Howard Cooper, Negro, lynched June 12, 1885, at Towson, Baltimore county. Cooper was charged with attacking Miss Katie Gray, a

The Eastern Shore Kultur

By H. L. Mencken

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NOT many observant Marylanders, I take it, were surprised by the news of last Friday's extraordinarily savage and revolting lynching at Salisbury. Something of the sort had been plainly hatching down in that forlorn corner of the State for a long while. There was a time, years ago, when it was the seat of an urbane and charming culture, dominated by an enlightened and public-spirited gentry, but of late it has succumbed to its poor white trash, who now determine its ideas and run its affairs. The Ku Klux Klan, which was laughed at in all the more civilized parts of Maryland, got a firm lodgment in the lower counties of the Shore, and the brutish imbecilities that it propagated are still accepted gravely by large numbers of the people, including not a few who should know better. The whole area is a lush stamping-ground for knavish politicians, prehensible professional patriots, and whooping soul-savers. It is, quite naturally, a stronghold of Prohibition (and of the rot-gut liquors that go therewith), and within its bounds tinpot revivalism is making its last stand in Maryland.

There could be no better indication of the depths to which public opinion has sunk in Wicomico and Dorchester counties than the comments of the two local papers, the Salisbury Times and the Cambridge Daily Banner, upon the lynching. The latter, to be sure, deplored it formally, but only formally: the rest of its comment was devoted to hysterical railings against Baltimore, and disingenuous attempts to distort and conceal the facts. The former went to the almost incredible length of dismissing the atrocity as a "demonstration." Well, the word somewhat fits. It was indeed a demonstration of what civilization can come to in a region wherein there are no competent police, little save a simian self-seeking in public office, no apparent intelligence on the bench, and no courage and no decency in the local press.

Certainly it would be silly to think of the lynching as if it were an isolated incident. It was, in fact, nothing of the sort. It was the natural culmination of a degenerating process that has been in progress for years. At least since the World War the lower Shore has been going downhill, mentally and morally. It has been sliding out of Maryland and into the orbit of Arkansas and Tennessee, Mississippi and the more flea-bitten half of Virginia. Time and again the whole State has been menaced by the peculiar swinishness of its boozing-dry politicians, and now it holds us all up to the contempt of the nation and the world by staging a public obscenity worthy of cannibals.

IN the immediate premises, unfortunately, not much can be done. The gallant Wicomiconians, having

sional failures of the latter with philosophical calm. If the people of Wicomico want to condone and ratify such cowardly outrages, then they have an inalienable right to do so. The rest of the State may protest, but it cannot take that right away from them. All it can do is to let them know plainly what it thinks of them.

THE remedy lies in another direction. What is needed down in the Bible Belt of the Shore is simply a revival of enlightenment, a liberation of decent public opinion. There are plenty of people in Wicomico who view Friday's lynching precisely as any other self-respecting man must view it. The difficulty is that the running of things in that whole unhappy region has passed into the hands of ninth-rate men. It is cut off from easy contact with the rest of the world, and its poverty has caused most of its best sons to move out. So it has become an Alsatia of morons, which is to say, lynchers.

What it cries for without knowing it is more attention from the rest of the State. We have let it sweat in its own juices without paying anything more than casual attention to it. We have even allowed it to arrogate to itself a political power and importance altogether out of line with its state of civilization. Baltimore City sends one delegate to Annapolis for each 22,300 of its population, but Wicomico county sends one for every 7,800. Baltimore, with 805,000 population, has six State senators; Wicomico with but 31,660, has one. In other words, the vote of the president of the Johns Hopkins University or of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, when it comes to electing the upper House of the Legislature, is worth but one-third as much as the vote of the Salisbury witch-burners, and when comes it electing the upper House, but one-fourth as much.

Such grotesque disparities stand in plain contempt of all fairness and reason. They not only deprive Baltimore of its plain rights; they also give a false and evil influence to the low-grade political backs who flourish in such swamps, preying upon the ignorant and ignoble hinds. They are to blame for the prevailing yearning, so noticeable in all the backwaters of the State, to spit into the city's eye whenever possible, to oppress it with stupid and costly legislation, to loot the money of its taxpayers, and, in general to bid it be damned.

THE Salisbury lynching, at least in some part, was a gesture to that end. It was the local morons' answer to the effort of city men to make them behave with common decency. They wanted to do things in their own barbaric way, and what is more, they wanted to prove to the city slickers that they could. The Cambridge Daily Banner, foaming in bad English, seeks to put all the blame for the sorry business on the Sunpaper, and hints broadly that it has turned Communist! Mr.

Communication

'Tis an ill wind that blows no good in some direction. Take for instance the sunny climes of the tropics that lures the idle rich in winter and compare it with the chilling sleet and snow storms of the north where countless stand in breadlines and seek shelter wherever to be found. So, the same rule applies to the continued bickering and underhand methods of those concerned in the present controversy of meting out Justice to those who are guilty.

Very seldom are lords or barons of gangland guilty of murder materially, it is the underlings or goats that pull the chestnuts from the fire. So it is with many corporations and individuals who see a chance to prey upon the unfortunates.

They employ many ways and means to carry on their nefarious schemes.

To create hatred against capital to the poor white and preach racial prejudice to the negro, seems to my mind the sole purpose of some organizations of which we have heard so little about until recently. Can anyone enlighten me on the true facts concerning the purpose and principles upon which the so-called International Labor Defense League is founded.

Is it truly an American organization or does it exist solely for the purpose of which I have already stated. To be sure if its American I cannot understand why it works with so much secrecy and is in the hands of the unscrupulous who are as guilty of contempt of court as it is possible to be.

Now on the other hand if its un-American why not get naturalized and be a regular chronic nuisance as ninety-nine out of every one hundred of their ilk appear to be.

If the United States Government can find time to lay off the boot-logger and tax payer for awhile and spend a little more time and money in weeding out such undesirables, then possibly an American citizen could find Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

To be sure we have the freedom of the press in our fair and noble land—and some papers exploit that privilege to their own personal gain. While others no doubt, the minority, appear to have a little civic pride left.

A newspaper does not rely on subscriptions as revenue to continue operations, but does rely on subscriptions as a means of charging for their advertising in this way. The more blatant and screaming headlines carried by some papers regardless of the true worth of the stories whether they be fact or fiction, if it goes over they have possibly sold an extra 5,000 which adds upon their monthly average circulation on which their charges for advertising is computed and based for National Advertising, etc.

The Sunpapers at Baltimore are no more interested in this lynching from a humane or sympathetic standpoint than Bernard Ades. Its sole purpose and objective is to sell more papers, thereby materially filling their coffers with the filthy lucre of which the morbid and curiously hungry thrive on.

As for Mr. Ades and his organization, (who are behind the lines

DOORS BARRED AGAINST MARCHERS

Fifteen Hundred Demonstrators Marched Back And Forth On Pennsylvania Avenue To Find Both The White House And Capitol Doors Closed.

By W. B. Ragsdale
Washington, Dec. 7. (AP)—Fifteen hundred demonstrators marched back and forth on Pennsylvania Avenue today to find both the White House and Capitol doors barred against them.

Singing the "Internationale" and chanting slogans calling for unemployed insurance, they paraded under a police escort and found other armed bluecoats waiting for them at either end of the Avenue.

At the capitol, their representatives were twice repulsed in efforts to gain the Senate floor to demand unemployment insurance. Sergeant-at-arms Barry informed Herbert Benjamin, their leader, that today was not the day for receiving petitions and that theirs would have to be presented through a member.

Annual Meeting Of Dorchester County Tuberculosis Association

The attention of all members of the Dorchester County Tuberculosis Association is called to the annual meeting of the Association to be held tomorrow, Tuesday, December 8, at the office 123 High Street, commencing at 3 P. M. This is an important meeting at which it is necessary to have a quorum of the members present in order to elect directors and transact other business. Because of the large membership list, it has been deemed advisable by the Board in the interest of economy, to use this method in urging members to attend. It would be encouraging to the Board to have the members show their interest in the selection of directors, as according to the by-laws the officers of this Association have to be chosen from this Board of Directors. All solicitors in the recent campaign are especially asked to be present. The meeting will not be long and tedious, but is very important for the future welfare of the Association.

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