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MENCKEN ABUSES EASTERN SHOREMEN

The people of the Eastern Shore are very indignant because of the abuse and misrepresentation of them by one H. L. Mencken, in the Baltimore Evening Sun of last Monday. Mencken applied every insulting epithet he could think of to the people of the Eastern Shore—sparing no one. He imagines he is very smart, but with all his smartness has evidently not learned that abuse is no argument. Is it too much for us to believe that the really worth while people of Baltimore resent the publication of Menckworth while people of Baltimore resent the publication of Mencken's diatribe?

The Sun is being condemned all over the Shore and in Baltimore city for the publication.

THE FINISHING TOUCH

(From the Cambridge Daily Banner)

Having fired a number of blasts at this paper, its editor, and the people generally on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Sunpapers have now turned us over to the tender mercies of Mr. H. L. Mencken, and Mr. Mencken, in yesterday's issue of The Evening Sun proceeds to tell us what he thinks of us individually and collectively and, apparently, he does not think much of us.

We feel rather complimented that to Mr. Mencken should be given the job of putting the final touch on this fair community. In fact we recall that several years ago he wrote something along the same line (possibly worse) about the Presidents of the United States, beginning with George Washington, the first President, and continuing down the line to Woodrow Wilson, and he paid no compliments to any of them.

We suggest that the Sunpapers republish the articles for, no

doubt, many 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, disembowled and hurled his remains into the Potomac River, possibly a rather polite form of lynching.

We are republishing Mr. Mencken's article of yesterday 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 the 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 who attempts to shift the responsibility to the crop produced.

Note: It might also be added that Mr. Mencken is editor of a magazine the public sale of which was barred in some cities, and for two years during the World War he was war correspondent with the German Army.

[Probably that is where he imbibed German Kulture.—The Messenger.]