

not tolerate them or their theories."

"Chirps" In Worcester Democrat Pocomoke:—

Well, Sir, that feller Mencken bust loose again in the Monday edition of the Evening Sun. Gosh I'll bet he was glad he had something to write about. I know, mighty well, hew 'we colyumists' (how's that?) are put to it sometimes to fill up space, and he welcomed that little fracas in Del-Mar-Va as a sparrow welcomes a crumb on the surface of a snow-clad earth.

"Gee! but he knows a lot about the people of the good old Eastern Shore. One might think he lived here all his life; and then, again, one might think he couldn't live here more than five or ten minutes, if he had the temerity to show up on this side of the big ditch. Still, I don't know; when you come to consider his lampoon of the Sho' in the aforementioned sun paper, and that interesting cartoon with which 'The Sun' illuminated its editorial page on Saturday last, it would be easy to conclude that both the lampooner and the cartooner have in their mental and moral constitutions the makeups of pretty good Eastern Shoremen when it comes to lynchings. I'll bet both are cussin' the luck which befell them from getting their necks in the rope that swung 'liams' to a tree. How I believe both could have a glee around the bonfire of flesh could easily have a barbecue was on. I'd have eaten the flesh, and smacked the fineavor of the good that little conceiptor in line with the verby Mencken in his depiction by the swinging body, re sympathetic nature which could have even as an architect the reduction of his building of wood and

"Really, that Man so stinkin' rotten, buzzards would light he ever came over they would light of sudden death as pecked out an what sort of boomed before it

"So do we believe that the same privilege should be extended to the citizens of the several counties of the State. We have a local option law that we believe is good but good or bad, it is what we want and Baltimore should have no concern in it. We think that we have intelligence on the bench, Mr. Mencken to the contrary, notwithstanding, and if our "enlightened" neighbors in the city of Baltimore will play in their own back yard justice will be properly administered by this same bench.

"All of Maryland is proud of Baltimore, but in its confines are to be found Bolshevics, Communists and the scum of the earth. If it wants this kind of populace to swell its population it is welcome to them, but the Shore will

present incarnation. You know Wordsworth said: 'Our birth is but a sleep and a forgetting; The Soul that rises with us, our life's Star,, Hath elsewhere its setting, and cometh from afar.'

"Mencken's soul, if he has one, must have come from a hyena, a rattlesnake, or a skunk. There must have been present at his birth, a flock of leather-winged bats, a nest of rattlesnakes, a swarm of hornets, and a colony of toad-frogs—all contributing to his special form of life. There must have been some such scene attending his later existence as portrayed by the immortal William where the witches concoct a charm made up of poisoned entrails, fillet of a fenny snake, eye of newt, toe of frog, wool of bat, tongue of dog, adders fork, worm sting, lizard's leg, owlet's wing, scale of dragon, tooth of wolf, witches' mummy, maw and gul, root of hemlock, liver of blaspheming Jew, gall of goats, slips of yew, nose of Turk, Tartar's lip, finger of birth-strangled babe, and all cooled with baboon's blood. With this, his body was smeared, good and plenty. Behold! the creature in its present form. Will somebody name it?

"But after all, the situation may be similar to that which bobs up when a person tries to kill himself by taking too much poison; the dose has the opposite effect; the would-be suicide lives. So all this crazy stuff that flows from the pen of Mister Mencken, intended to make you shed angry tears, has the opposite effect—it is to laugh. So carry on, Mr. Colyumist, and let me suggest you prepare one of your interesting effusions for the next Annual Dinner of the Eastern Shore Society of Baltimore City. I'll guarantee you an invitation, and in reach of your hand there will be a glass of poisoned wine. Drink it, so that your spirit may take flight and find lodgement in some corporeal encasement which will not take on the semblance of man. You'll be more fitly housed."

The Federalsburg Times:—

"The Baltimore Evening Sun, in its issue of December 7th, published a very obnoxious editorial entitled "Eastern Shore Kultur" in which the Eastern Shore of Maryland was styled as the "forlorn" section of the State, inhabited by a mass of "morons."

"The article, which was contributed by H. L. Mencken, left

nothing unsaid in its attack upon the ideals and institutions of our famous peninsula. It condemned the Methodist Church, it condemned our stand on prohibition, it called us "a lush stamping ground for knavish politicians," it called our leaders "ninth-rate men," it called the Eastern Shore the "land of tin-pot revelism." Even the bench was railed upon, and as for preachers and newspaper editors, they were let off by being referred to as "clowns."

"It is only natural that every Eastern Shoreman would take offense at such statements. We are of the opinion that the worthy gentleman who wrote the article has never visited the Eastern Shore; his article shouts his ignorance of conditions here. It has been our observation that the person who so hastily reaches such untrue and unjust conclusions is the one in fault and not the people he is railing against.

"The injustice in the article is plainly evident, when he refers to this section as the land of 'poverty.' But then how was Mr. Mencken to know that the very next day after his article appeared, that one town alone in this poverty-stricken area was to cancel \$76,000 worth of business from Baltimore. Certainly, it is plain to all that the gentleman simply didn't know what he was talking about when he mentioned "poverty."

"And, if the rest of that State believes all of what was in that editorial, which insinuated that the rest of Maryland would be better off without the Eastern Shore, then we are ready and willing to sever what broken ties may remain with the Western Shore and Baltimore City and form a State of our own across the bay.

"We are certainly not proud of everything Baltimore City has done, and we are just a trifle tired of its meddling in our affairs.

"What a splendid State this Del-Mar-Va Peninsula would make. A rich country, close to city markets, but far enough away to avoid its contamination, and its political influence. A unified people with common interests, ideals, and aspirations. What a great "FREE STATE" we could have—a state with more than half a million people, with no domineering large cities—fourteen rich and prosperous counties in the best section of the United States."

Chestertown Transcript:—

"If the purpose of the Balti-

more City press, in referring editorially, by cartoon and special articles to the lynching which took place at Salisbury on Friday night of last week, was to tear down and create hatred and prejudice between the Eastern Shore and Baltimore City, that purpose has been accomplished. It has destroyed that bond of friendly and business relations which progressive citizens of both sections have been working for years to increase. It has separated by a gulf much larger than the Chesapeake Bay the two sections which are in the same state who meet together in the legislative halls at Annapolis to enact Legislation for the good of the State as a whole. We cannot believe that the attitude of the Baltimore City press is the attitude of the people of that city, if it is not, let them show that they are as incensed as are the people of this section. Can it be the affair in Salisbury that has caused such condemnation of the Eastern Shore? This again is hard to believe as we believe the last lynching before the Salisbury affair was in a suburb of Baltimore City. We believe that the lynchings in that section adjacent to Baltimore will number two to one of those of the Eastern Shore. No, it is not the recent affair but an outburst of prejudice which has been harbored against a people who live and stand up for the traditions of Maryland and who refuse to accept the teachings of those who are trying to tear down the principles on which our country was founded. It is very apparent that the articles were written by men who were ignorant of the facts in the case and who are also ignorant of the class of people who live in this section."

The Cambridge 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 Monday'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 State, beginning with George Washington, the first President

have no basis on which to stand. The political complexion of the article, drawing attention to the disparity of population between the Eastern Shore counties and Baltimore City and the representation in the Legislature of our State as a consequence, makes us all the more determined in our opinion that the safety of the commonwealth depends upon the maintenance of the proportion in question, and that one Eastern Shoreman is not only worth three or four, but worth three or four thousand such men as Mencken, both their State and to their communities.

"The Eastern Shore stands by the record of its people past and present. It still believes in and practices the principles our forefathers enunciated and practiced in the Legislative halls and on the field of battle, more deeply imbedded in our hearts and in our minds and in our souls by the action of our people in the last great War, that America is for Americans, first, last and all the time, that local self-government is our inalienable right, that Democracy must continue to be, as it has been in the past, the foundation upon which the Temple of freedom, and righteousness and of liberty rests, and we affirm our belief in the justice, conservatism, right-thinking morality and intellectuality of our institutions and of our people, to which may be added that something a Gracious God has blessed them with above all others, and which is exemplified to the stranger and wayfarer as well as friends and acquaintances in the serenity of their homes and the conduct of their affairs.

"And we condemn, with all the power that in us lies, the filth that permeates the article appearing in the Sun, by the flow of which the writer endeavored to inundate, desolate and lay waste a fair, and happy and prosperous Country.

"In choosing between the principles enunciated by the Judges on our Bench, the Ministers in our pulpits, the laborer at his task, the people in their homes, and those principles so aptly translated into words by Mr. Mencken in the Baltimore Evening Sun, we thank God again and again, that we are Eastern Shoremen, proud and happy to be known as such wherever men may congregate and wherever Angels may sing their Anthems to the living God."

The Observer, Baltimore:—

victims have no spokesman, unfortunately."

And closing with that part of The Marylander and Herald Editorial That Mencken did not like:—

"Salisbury's reply to the interference in Shore affairs of men and women of the ilk of Mencken, Ades, Mays, Labor Defense League, and all other Anarchist and Communist groups, composed for the most part, of men and women from the lowest strata of the mongrel breeds of European gutters, may not have been such as to merit the applause of the better-thinking people, but at any rate, it was to say the least effective and convincing. The Shore's reply to continued attacks by the press of Baltimore City, may be expected to prove equally convincing."

Baltimore Association of Commerce Passes These Resolutions:—

"Baltimore owes much of that which is best in its own citizenship to the Eastern Shore, and ties of blood and of affinity and the possession of a common heritage and history are a lasting bond between the two areas. We are confident that the citizens of the Eastern Shore will appreciate the fact that the citizens of Baltimore cannot control the contents or comments of the newspapers.

"The members of the Association of Commerce share the entirely justified indignation of the people of the Eastern Shore that the serious crime of the relatively few has been used as an excuse or opportunity for indiscriminate denunciation of the people of an entire section."

Baltimore Firm Condemns H. L. Mencken and Baltimore Evening Sun:—

"To Our Many Friends On The Eastern Shore: We take this means of publicly condemning the article of H. L. Mencken in The Evening Sun of December 7th, and expressing our disapproval of the attitude of the Baltimore Sun toward the people of the Eastern Shore. The Gal-lowsay James Co.,—Adv. in Baltimore Sun.