

about the Presidents of the United State, 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 article 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, 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 we 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 method. But we also resent that form of publicity which day after day spreads 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."

The Crisfield Times:—

"Filled with venom as poisonous as that used by the aborigines on the tips of their arrows, an article appeared in the Baltimore Evening Sun of December 7th, written by H. L. Mencken, that should redound to the everlasting shame of the paper which published it.

"Attacking the manhood and the womanhood of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the laity and the men who labor for the Glory of God alike, mocking the patriotism of the people of the Peninsula and likening them to the beast of the jungle, ridiculing the family life and condemning the standard of our morals, religion and ethics the outpourings of the sewage of a great city would be as incense in comparison with the noxiousness of the matter printed.

"Eastern Shoremen generally, at home and abroad, are incensed, and justly so, that any newspaper, supposedly of character and standing, would allow a writer to so endeavor to insult and degrade a whole section of the State of Maryland for an unfortunate happening in one city of that section.

"There may be no justification for the people of a community to take the law into their own hands, and mete out what they consider justice, but there is less justification for the Mencken article regarding the occurrence.

"It does not take a great deal of courage to condemn the action of a mob either privately or publicly. It takes less courage to endeavor to outrage the sensibilities of thousand of people in such manner that they have no personal redress.

"Mencken and Ades—Ades and Mencken, the two name that will live long in the memory of our people. One as the write of the most scurrilous article that we have ever seen in print, the other as the primary cause of unrest and dissatisfaction that reaches from one end of the Peninsula to the other.

"There are no words in any language fit to express our opinion of the article and of the paper in which it appeared. The attack on our Judiciary, on all of the fine things of our community life, can

The Observer, Baltimore:—

"Too much hooley and fol-de-rol has been published about the summary execution of a murderer at Salisbury, Md., on Friday night last.

"While columns have been written about the poor unfortunate who was taken from a hospital bed and hanged in front of the court house we note nothing worth while about the business man who was shot down at his desk by the wretch who sneaked up behind him and fired without warning. He has been lost sight of by the editorial writers and the weeping willies.

"Nobody desires a lynching as a rule, but some times such executions do more for the preervation of public order and safety than a score of executions ordered by the courts. Some may shout and cry about this, but it is a fact.

"It is altogether unfair to paint the Eastern Shore as inhabited by lawless people. There is no more orderly section of Maryland.

"Unhappily most of the city bred do not understand the situation in the rural sections and the smaller towns. If society has a right to protect itself then there can be no complaint when that right is exercised.

"If the courts are too slow that is not the fault of the average citizen.

"The Salisbury lynching was encouraged in a way by the foolery over the Worcester County murder case. And in this affair too, some of the papers weep over the accused man but are almost silent over the wiping out of a family by a fiend. Th-