

LYNCHINGS IN THE SOUTH

"New Negro" Calls Them Heinous, Barbarous, Disgraceful

To the Editor of The Courant:-

In reply to Mr. Black, who wrote to The Courant on July 10, I would like to say that Mr. Walter White did not exaggerate the cowardly treatment dealt out to colored people in the South. He should not forget that many who write of conditions in the South were born there and are qualified to speak. If Mr. White did mix up the affair at Honey Grove with the disgrace at Sherman, the heinous and barbaric facts are unaltered.

I have often wondered why courts and police are maintained in many of the backward States of the South. Those who have been lynched are dead, unable to speak for themselves. It is impossible to make martyrs of them, as Mr. Black accuses Mr. White of doing, for the mobs in the South have already done so. The Negro who was killed at Sherman is already a martyr to brutality.

Mr. Black endeavors to justify disrespect for law and order by saying that the Negro confessed to his crime. Did he? And where did the Mayor of Sherman get his information? From men who failed in their duties as officers of the law or, perhaps, from members of the mob of lawless rabble?

The South has sent out false propaganda about Negroes to the North. It is now endeavoring similarly to propagandize Europe. The Governor of Texas, a State noted for its outrages against justice, has sent a representative to England, where he should receive little encouragement. No one need try to picture lawless Southerners as savage. On occasion, they succeed in doing so quite well themselves.

THE NEW NEGRO.

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