

### NATION ASKED TO STOP SLAYING OF INNOCENT MEN

#### Lynch Law Takes Lives of Thousands, Association Tells Attorney General

New York, May 16.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, through its secretary, John R. Shillady, of New York, issued the following statement today in the form of an open letter to Attorney General Gregory commenting on the latter's recent address to the executive committee of the American Bar Association in which the Attorney General urged an educational campaign against lynch law and mob violence.

"In the press of May 6 and May 7 there is reported an address said to have been delivered by you to the Executive Committee of the American Bar Association in which you urged an educational campaign against lynch law. Such a campaign is sorely needed. In the press reports of your address to the Bar Association reference to individual cases is wholly to mob violence occasioned by public resentment of alleged German propaganda. In one part of your address you say, very truly, that unless the hysteria which results in the lynching of men is checked it will create a condition of lawlessness from which we will suffer for a hundred years.

"We would most respectfully call to your attention the fact that this condition of lawlessness which you apprehend and from which you believe we will suffer for a hundred years unless steps are taken immediately to check it, is now and has been in existence for many years past. Its victims have been largely negroes. Since 1885 between 3,000 and 4,000 cases of lynching have been reported. Recently this association caused one of its staff to make a careful investigation of the files of the Chicago Tribune, the New York Tribune and other daily papers, magazines and books, for the purpose of compiling information in detail concerning lynchings. The compiler has found only three instances in which lynchings have been punished. In two of these cases the victim of the mob was white. In the third case, that of a particularly atrocious murder of a Tennessee farmer and his two daughters, the lynchings were two young and friendless white boys.

"Many Justly Murdered  
"Since the United States entered the war on April 2, 1917, our information is that 219 negro men, women and children have been killed and lynched by mobs in addition to two white men, one of these being Robert Prager. Four negroes were lynched in Alabama, two in Arkansas, one in Florida, seven in Georgia, one in Kentucky, eleven in Louisiana, three in Mississippi, one in North Carolina, two in Oklahoma, two in South Carolina, five in Tennessee, nine in Texas, two in Virginia, one in West Virginia and one in Wyoming. In addition to these cases of lynching per se, 175 men, women and children were tortured, burned and killed at East St. Louis in July, 1917, and three negroes were killed by a mob at Chester, Pa., in September, 1917. In some of these cases the lynchings were particularly atrocious. In Tennessee, for example, three men were burned at the stake, the burnings being accompanied by savage torturing. In one case, which occurred two weeks ago, the body of the victim was burned at the stake after having been lynched by hanging.

"In the case of the negroes who have been lynched no question of loyalty to their country has been raised in any case, the crimes of which they were accused were ordinary crimes for which courts do now and have always provided adequate remedies and certain punishment. Furthermore, these negroes were not men and women (for cowardly mobs lynch women as well as men) of wealth and position with opportunities through the engagement of learned counsel to secure delays in trial or mitigation of punishment, but they have been the victims of the frenzied and we regret to say, the despised.

"The association regards as significant the pronouncement which you have made as Attorney General. We would most respectfully suggest to you the expediency of making a second pronouncement in the name of our high office or better still, in the name of the President of the United States, calling upon the lawyers of the country but upon the Governors of the states, sheriffs of counties and the citizens of local communities to assert their regard for the laws of the nation which is now calling upon these citizens to fight to make the world safe for democratic government. One hundred thousand of the best colored youth of the land have responded to the call of the country and are preparing to give their lives in its defense and in support of the cause upon which it is embarked. They, in common with their many millions of white fellow citizens, have the right to believe that while they are risking and if they die, sacrificing their lives for their country, that their country through its highest spokesmen should call upon officers sworn to obey the law to make an honest effort to prevent the disgraceful practice of lynching negroes whenever it suits a mob to engage in this exercise.

"We would further call your attention to the fact that not even the contention can be maintained that these lynchings are the result of uncontrollable anger at the perpetration of unmentionable crimes against women. The facts show that at least three-fourths of all lynchings in recent years have had nothing to do with attacks upon the person of white women, but on the contrary, the lynched negroes have been accused of all kinds of crimes from serious ones to the most trivial offenses.

"From the best information available to this association, it can assert without equivocation that the colored people of the nation are loyal to its purposes in this as in every other crisis of the nation's history. They have been deeply stirred and inspired by the nobility of the President's utterances and by the fact that he has placed America's participation in the war upon so high a plane. Their response to the nation's appeal for service in the trenches, in the factory and on the farm has been without conditions. "Despite these facts, discrimination against them because of race and the lynching of their people under circumstances which would not

occasion the lynching of white people, constitute a blot upon the character of civil government in American states. We submit that responsibility for the correction of such gross injustices against patient, devoted and loyal Americans of color has by the force of events been laid at the door of the nation as such."

**MRS. TAYLOR HOSTESS**  
Dauphin, Pa., May 16.—On Tuesday evening the Ladies' Aid Society of the United Evangelical Church met at the home of Mrs. George Taylor in Erie street. After the regular business, a social time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served to: Mrs. Elmer Feaser, Mrs. Catharine Kint-

er, Mrs. Jane Garman, Mrs. George Shoop, Mrs. Charles Bricker, Mrs. Charles Welker, Miss Jane Bickel, Miss Lydia Maurey, Miss Cora Coffrode, Miss Alice Feaser, Mr. and Mrs. George Taylor. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Catharine Kinter, Tuesday evening, June 25.

**MITE SOCIETY ENTERTAINED**  
Dauphin, Pa., May 16.—The Mite Society of the Presbyterian Church was entertained by Mrs. Freeman C. Gerberich, Tuesday, from 4 to 8 o'clock, at their private park, the "Elm." Supper was served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Greenwalt, Mrs. Sarah Sponsler,

Mrs. George W. Heck, Mrs. Alice B. Hess, Mrs. John W. Hummel, Philadelphia; Mrs. Blanche Robinson, Mechanicburg; Mrs. J. D. M. Reed, Mrs. Harry Reed, Mrs. Jane Sellers, Mrs. Belle Hawthorne, Miss Margaret Brook, Miss Mary Umberger, Miss Bertha Sellers, Miss Anne Miller, Miss Sarah Margaret Haw-

thorne, Dorothy Kline, Miss Carrie Gerberich, Dr. W. P. Clark, Russell Reed, Wallington Deibler and Mrs. Freeman C. Gerberich.

**BUTTS-PHILIPS WEDDING**  
Waynesboro, Pa., May 16.—Miss Susan Brotherton Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Phillips, and Charles Stahl Butts, Gettysburg, were married Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents.

STORE OPENS 8:30 A. M.—CLOSES 5:30 P. M.

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Misses' Sizes 16 and 18—Women's Sizes 36 to 44  
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**We Continue On Friday Our Gigantic Sale of Porch and House Dresses**

By keeping a keen lookout on the market, we contracted for these dresses over six months ago, when the factories were slack, and procured these pretty dresses far less than present day wholesale prices. You can reap the full benefit of these savings if you buy at this sale.

**Women's and Misses' Porch & House Dresses Special at 95c**

A splendid assortment of good percale dresses in pretty striped and plaid patterns. Well made in assorted fast colors. Cut full sizes from 36 to 44. All new models.

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The very newest Spring and Summer models fashioned of ginghams and plaids in stripes, checks and plaid patterns. Long or short sleeves, nicely made and daintily trimmed. Cut plenty full. Sizes 36 to 44.

**WOMEN'S AND MISSES' Porch and House Dresses Special at \$1.45**

A fine selection of new Summer models of dark gray, blue and black percale dresses with high neck and long sleeves. Guaranteed fast colors. Cut full, sizes from 36 to 44.

**WOMEN'S AND MISSES' Porch and House Dresses Special at \$2.45**

Made of fast color ginghams in a pleasing variety of patterns—all guaranteed fast colors. The very latest Summer models executed in the very finest workmanship and trimmed in many handsome styles. Cut full. Sizes 36 to 44.

**Other Exquisite Porch and House Dresses In a Large Variety at \$3.95 and \$4.95**

SECOND FLOOR

**Special Friday Sale of 1,000 Shirtwaists**  
Worth to \$1.50 — Friday at **95c**

One lot of women's and misses' shirtwaists, made of fine white voile and with all the newest style collars, lace and embroidery trimmings. All sizes 36 to 44.

FIRST FLOOR

**Friday Always Brings Extra Big Values For Boys**

**Boys' Norfolk Suits ..... \$3.95**

10 to 18 Years  
Boys' Cool Cloth and Chevrot Norfolk Suits in a special Friday Sale—One Dollar less than the usual price.

**BOYS' KHAKI PANTS ..... 79c** **BOYS' COOL CLOTH PANTS ..... 69c**

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**BOYS' MIDDY SUITS ..... 69c** **BOYS' WASH SUITS ..... \$1.39** **BOYS' WHITE ADMIRAL SUITS ..... \$1.59**

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A well made neatly trimmed Middy suit, it's a real bargain.

3 to 8 Years  
They are handsome suits made in all the new models, Norfolk, and Middy.

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A real Admiral Suit made of white Galatea with belt and shoulder straps.

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**MEN! Read This**

**MEN'S KHAKI PANTS ..... \$1.29** **MEN'S CHEVIOT PANTS ..... \$1.69** **MEN'S ODD PANTS ..... \$2.49**

Two pair to a customer sizes 32 to 42.

32 to 42  
Overalls cost more than these good trousers.

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MEN'S SENNITT STRAW HATS offered **\$1.29** at .....

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