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LYNCHING IN GEORGIA.

After a season of summary justice at the hands of mobs, Governor Candler of Georgia has issued an appeal to the people of that state to stand together and suppress the violence which is rapidly destroying the good name of the commonwealth. He asks that the people uphold the courts and allow them to deal with wrongdoers, rather than permit lawlessness, in the form of lynching, to prevail.

There is no doubt that lynching in Georgia has at last reached a degree of frequency and of savagery where it is incumbent upon the law-abiding people of that state to take radical action if they do not wish the reputation of the state for humanity and civilization and its business interests to suffer. There have now been 77 cases of lynching in the United States since January 1, 1899, and of these 22, or nearly one-third have occurred in Georgia. There have been 75 cases in the South, the North having contributed but two to the total. Of these 77 victims 60 have been negroes, 59 of whom were lynched in southern states. Of the 22 cases in Georgia all but one were colored men. Three men were lynched in February, five in March, two in April, one in May, two in June, and eight thus far in July. To make the showing complete, the alleged crimes for which these 22 persons were lynched were as follows: Incendiarism, 5; robbery 5; alleged rape, 3; alleged complicity in murder, 3; rape, 1; murder and rape, 1; murder 1; resisting arrest, 1; race prejudice, 1; using violent language, one.

The governor in his appeal well says: "The mob often makes mistakes and the innocent are made to suffer with the guilty. It never knows where to stop, but after punishing the guilty, drunk with the blood of one victim, it thirsts for the blood of another, and often sacrifices on the altar of vengeance those who are guiltless of any crime. We must away with the mob." He might have added in the words of Dupont Guerry, who recently spoke before the Georgia Chautauqua: "Lynching once established readily extends to crimes not originally contemplated, and, unless restrained, ultimately to acts not crimes. The diabolical crime referred to is not only the direct cause of much of our lynching, but has produced that condition of lawlessness and savagery that results in lynching for other crimes. Were it not for this cause, mob violence would most rarely occur in the South. If this is not the truth we are without excuse before God and man for its excess in our midst."

A feature of the Georgia lynchings

is that they have grown out of the brutality of the people, as well as out of the brutality of the crime committed. It is idle to charge these crimes to the technicalities and delays of the law, as might be done in some of the northern states. There has never been a case in Georgia where the law has been allowed to take its course in which the courts have not awarded prompt and exact justice. The mob does not excuse the rape and because the law cannot be trusted to do it. The position of the mob is that the law shall not do it, not because the law is not sure enough for him, but because he is not good enough for the law and because the mob is not willing for his victim to give public testimony.

The question cannot be settled by the Georgia people by any more law making. The law is all right, and it will be enforced if the mob allows that to be done. What the law-abiding people must do is to give their moral support to Governor Candler. A better sentiment must be built up. They must learn that it is well not to substitute mob violence for law, for that is setting off crime against crime—crime that diminishes respect for all laws among all people. Active co-operation with the governor can bring about a healthier tone among all classes, and it will result in a greater respect for the law without allowing any man guilty of crime to go unpunished.—Spokesman-Review.

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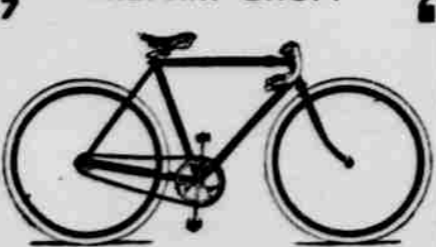
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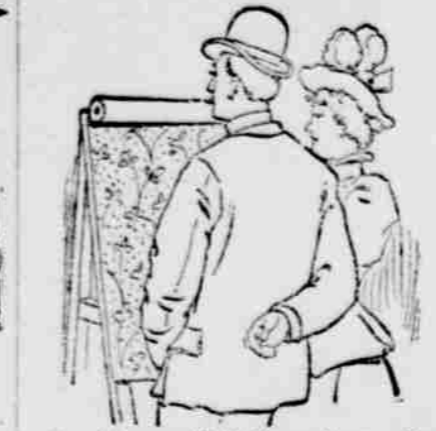


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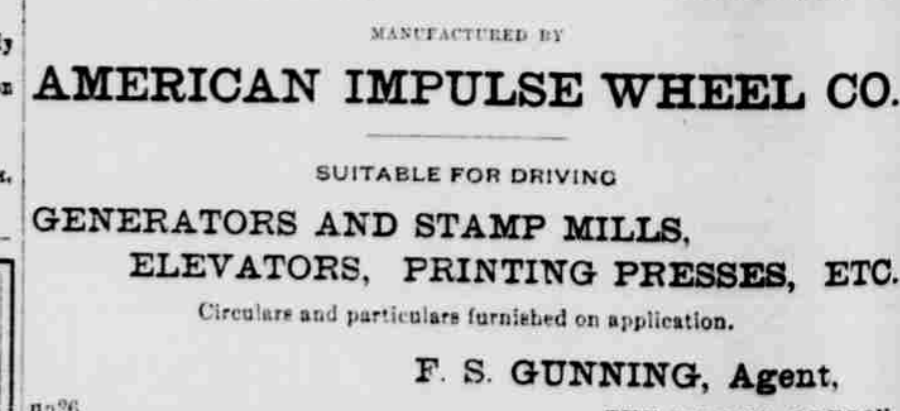
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