

CIVILIZED AMERICA AND MARYLAND.

Prison guards in Florida torture to death a youth of nineteen. Policemen in New York murder a prisoner while administering the "third degree." Two men are publicly whipped in Ohio for stealing an old refrigerator which they sold for three dollars. Mere boys are in death houses in many American prisons waiting to be executed. In the State of Maryland, which boasts of its enlightenment, we notice that several Eastern Shore newspapers comment most intemperately on the decision of the Court of Appeals in the Lee case and come very near to approving lynchings.

Of course, Courts are not above criticism. We believe that every citizen has an inherent right to criticize the actions of every public official, but it is unfair and incorrect to give the impression to the public that our Courts discriminate in favor of murderers and rapists. They do nothing of the sort.

No one but a lunatic or criminal defends acts of private violence, and no one but a fanatical and vicious individual can advocate, either directly or impliedly, lynching in this state.

We have no sympathy with