

LYNCHINGS in the United States are of almost weekly occurrence, and the number appears to be increasing rapidly. It is unfortunate that the close of such a progressive, civilization-making century should be darkened by the cloud of lynch law. In Florida, Mississippi, Kentucky, Illinois, Texas, Missouri and Kansas frightful lynchings have occurred within a year or two. These are States of schools, churches and law; yet the crime of capital punishment without the form of trial goes on. In this year of the World's fair, foreign visitors will be horrified when they read of the accounts of some of these affairs in the progressive United States. Even Egyptian warriors and Dahomeyans would be shocked to see some of the lynchings that occur in this country. The chief horror of the whole business lies in the truth that many victims of lynch law have been proved innocent of the crimes for which they suffered at the hands of an angry, almost insane mob.