Dec. 16-Nashville, Tenn.:

Sam Smith, 15 years old, alleged to have shot and wounded a white grocer on December 8, and himself wounded and lying manacled to a bed in the city hospital, was taken out of the hospital and lynched by a mob. The mob of a dozen men kept attendants at bay, cut telephone wires, and carried Smith to the outskirts of the city where he was strung to a tree and his body riddled with bullets.

18-Charleston, Mo .:

A mob of over 200 men overpowered the sheriff in his office in order to get possession of Roosevelt Grigsby, 20 years old, who was alleged to have attempted to attack a white girl. He was dragged across the courtyard and hanged to a tree within 50 feet of the sheriff's office. A bullet was fired through the body which was then cut down, tied to an automobile and dragged through the streets of the Negro section.

## SUMMARY

By States	
Florida	
Georgia	
Illinois	
Kentucky	
Louisiana	
Mississippi	
Missouri	
South Carolina	
Tennessee	
Texas	i
Total	16
Alleged Offenses	
Murder	3
Attacking white woman	5
Attempted assault on white woman	4
Insulting white woman	2
Shooting white man	2
Total	16
Manner of Lynching	
Shot	7
Hanged	-
Hanged and Shot.	1
Beaten to Death	1
Manner Unknown	4
Total	-

Taken From	m Peace	Officers	and	Jails
Georgia				
Florida.				
Kentucky				
Mississippi				9
Missouri				
Total				

Conviction: In January, 1924, Robert J. Lancaster, who with seven other members of Company M, Alabama National Guard, was charged with lynching William Baird, a miner (on January 13, 1921, at Jasper, Ala.) was found guilty of second-degree murder and sentenced to serve eighteen years in the State Penitentiary.

Lynching Prevented: It has been noted with a great deal of satisfaction that in a number of instances during the year state authorities have given evidence of their desire to prevent mobs from taking the law into their own hands. In many cases of attempted lynching sheriffs have removed their prisoners for safe keeping and in others the local National Guard unit has been ordered out by the Governor.

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## VIII. MOB VIOLENCE

## ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

Early in the year the St. Paul Branch of the Association informed the National office that there had been a number of hold-ups of white women on the streets of the city and that several colored men had been accused of being the guilty parties. On March 28 a white woman was killed. A number of colored men were arrested and afterwards released, but the last one arrested was held and was identified by a number of the women who had been attacked. Finally he confessed to the murder.

The St. Paul Branch at once took up the matter and convinced themselves that the young man was guilty. At the same time they established the fact that he was a mental defective.

The Branch appealed to the National Office for assistance in allaying the tension existing in both St. Paul and Minneapolis, and