While Virginia men are winning for her splendid and everlasting fame on the fields of France a gang of irresponsible roughnecks in Culpeper County who did not go to the front have brought disgrace upon her. They have broken her long and honorable record of allegiance to the law with an inexcusable and especially shameful lynching, done by stealth and lacking even the faint courage of the mob that makes open attack. The stain on the State's name can be wiped out just in one way. That is by speedy and relentless pursuit and prosecution of the offenders. The responsibility for doing or not doing this is on the Governor, the judge of the circuit and the Commonwealth's attorney of the county. Let us hope for examples of official courage and vigor and avoidance of the pitiable pretense of effort to vindicate the law that usually follows a lynching in which some voters or friends of voters are supposed to have participated.