

Where power is given to get the minerals on paying compensation for damage done to the surface, the Court will still scrutinize the compensation clause. . . . If the compensation clause is capable of being satisfied by reference to acts done on the surface, then, though it may be wide enough to cover also damage done to the surface by taking away the support, still it must be confined to damage done on the surface, and the inference that support may be taken away on payment of compensation will not be drawn. Again, courts have asked whether the compensation is manifestly inadequate for such an injury as letting down the surface, and have commented upon the absence of any provision for compensation. Either of these circumstances has supplied judges with a reason for so cutting down wide language in a grant of minerals as to imply a condition that the surface shall be supported. The process of reasoning in such cases seems to be that parties must not be supposed to have intended what would be unreasonable and unjust."—*Law Notes*.

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Press reports announce that a grand-jury investigation of the mob of April 14, at Springfield, Missouri, which hanged and burned some negroes, has found that the alleged assault by the negroes on the woman who complained of them was not committed, that the negroes charged with the crime could not possibly have been at the place of the alleged assault at the time, and that the sheriff and police department were negligent in the performance of their duty. Lapses into the savagery of mob lynchings, with their burning of human victims, have pilloried this nation, bearing its brand of indelible disgrace, before all the civilized nations of the earth. A lessening of these unspeakable horrors is shewn by recent statistics, but one in Ohio and another in Missouri have again illustrated the latent savagery that exists in the worst stratum of every populous community, though ordinarily restrained by the forces of law and order. Well-intentioned defenders of lynchings are beginning to learn