

Adams, Jr., James Calloway and Charles Lynch, and all other persons whatsoever concerned in suppressing said conspiracy or in advising, issuing or executing any orders or measures taken for that purpose, stand indemnified and exonerated of and from all pains, penalties, prosecutions, actions, suits or danger on account thereof; and that if any indictment, prosecution, action, or suit shall be laid or brought against them, or any of them, for any action or thing done therein, the defendant or defendants may plead in bar of the general issue, and give this Act in evidence."

Thus we see that Lynch law was brought into being from patriotic motives alone and, for the time, was a valuable adjunct to the law when Virginia was being overrun by a pitiless enemy.—*Green Bag.*

A NATIONAL CRISIS AND HOW RECEIVED.

A distinguished journalist of the United States gives his impressions of the temper of the British people on the occasion of the national crisis which has recently arisen. His observations are well worth preserving:—

"War! Seven nations simultaneously battling for existence; Europe trembling under the tramp of 12,000,000 soldiers; war by Dreadnought and submarine; war by Zeppelin and aeroplane; the combined armies of Ghengis Khan, Timur, Xerxes, Hannibal, Caesar, Saladin, and Napoleon pygmytized by contrast with the hostile hosts; war at a cost of £12,000,000 per day; the proudest of centuries threatened by the most appalling ruin that ever scarred the memory of man; the delicately-adjusted and exquisitely-organized machinery of production vandalized for 3,000,000 square miles; the commerce of the universe in chaos; art and science, agriculture and industry, halted by the bayonet; civilization with a sword point at her heart; the Bank Act suspended; the Stock Exchanges of the world closed; the calculations of the five races dislocated; bewilderment from Canton, U.S.A., to Canton, China; and this, the biggest piece of news that ever broke