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Judge Albion W. Gourgee
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir,-

I have been intensely interested in reading the Bystander's Notes published in to-day's Inter Ocean. The subject is one which has been in my mind for some time and I wish to take the liberty to ask for a little information.

Will you kindly refer me to other instances similar to the Paris case wherein the principle

has been involved that the United States has no power to protect the lives and rights of citizens of a state!

I recall the mafia case where the President claimed the United States had no jurisdiction over crime in Louisiana but where he nevertheless recommended and had paid from certain moneys the sum of \$25,000 as an indemnity to the Italian gov't.

I recall also the Wyoming massacre of the Chinese and a similar recommendation from the then-President.

I would like other references which

you can give in the same line. How many states were represented in the immolation of the thirteen colored citizens which you mention, and what states were they?

Also, in what states have occurred the most of the public lynchings of the nearly two hundred mentioned?

If you will kindly give the desired information, you will greatly oblige me.

Respectfully

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