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was then taken out and shot, and his body burned. Miss Wilson is in a precarious condition. The sheriff, with three deputies, left to-night for the scene of the crime.

The negro saw his doom and with a scream of terror fell to the ground in a faint. He was quickly revived and dragged to the stake, while the crowd stood silent. The frightened man was limp and had to be held up while the chains were fastened around his neck and body.

BURN NEGRO AT STAKE

Pleas for Mercy Ignored.

When all was ready the cry was given and the crowd stood back. A match was applied to the pile and, with oil to feed upon the tiny flame soon burst into a roaring fire. The terrified negro again pleaded for mercy in the most agonizing tones and prayed that those around him might perish. He then called upon the Maker for forgiveness, and as the flames leaped up and encircled his neck an unearthly shriek was heard and the man's eyes had almost bulged out of the sockets.

By this time the fire had gained such headway that nothing could be seen excepting a wriggling motion in the center of the circle of fire. A deathly silence followed and in a few minutes the flames had subsided sufficiently to disclose Pennington's head, fallen forward and hanging limp over the iron chain.

The body was quickly consumed, after which the crowd quietly dispersed.

Lynchers Near Enterprise, Ala., Take Life of the Assailant of a Woman.

BOTH RACES IN THE MOB

Blacks and Whites Join in Execution of Culprit, Who Is Identified and Confesses.

[SPECIAL TO THE RECORD-HERALD.] BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 7.—Uttering

alternate curses and prayers and shrieking as the flames encircled his writhing body, John Pennington, a negro, died at the stake near Enterprise to-day, a victim of the vengeance of a mob of 500 whites and blacks.

Though the suffering wretch pleaded for mercy and frantically endeavored to break the chains that tightly bound him, not a trace of sympathy was shown on the faces that peered at him through the flames. Pennington had committed a brutal assault upon Mrs. J. C. Davis, the wife of one of the best known farmers of Coffee County and confessed his guilt.

The attack was made yesterday when Mrs. Davis, who was alone at home, was in her garden. Leaving his victim unconscious, the negro fled into the woods about the place. As soon as she regained her senses Mrs. Davis crawled to the house and gave the alarm.

Captured After Chase.

A large posse was quickly organized with bloodhounds and the negro was chased until early this morning, when he was captured in a swamp. Pennington was bound hand and foot and taken back to the Davis' home for identification.

Mrs. Davis immediately recognized him, and the negro broke down and wept. He admitted the crime and pleaded for mercy, but deaf to his cries of terror, the leaders dragged the trembling man from the house.

Several members of the crowd had already driven an iron pipe into the ground, and as the men approached with Pennington both whites and blacks were piling brushwood around the stake.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY AN ANGRY MOB.

Special to The Daily News. EUFULA, Ala., June 28.—Billie Ma-gruder, a negro nineteen years old, was taken from the Quitman county jail in Georgetown, Ga., last night and lynched for an attempted assault on the daughter of Mr. John Whitaker, who lives ten miles from this city, for whom he worked.

The assault was attempted last Monday night. He confessed to the mob of his guilt. His body is supposed to have been thrown in the Chattahoochee river.

Mob Hangs Alabama Negro.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 2.—With a rope around his neck and death before him, Charley Bentley, a negro, confessed to the murder of Jim Vann, alias Williams, a white man, and was hanged by a mob in Leeds, St. Clair County, to-day. The murderer's body was riddled with bullets and left hanging to the limb of the tree. The coroner's jury had shortly before returned a verdict fixing the responsibility of the murder on Bentley.

The crime was committed early, while Vann and his wife and child were asleep in a camp near Leeds. Vann's skull was crushed with a rock, and his slayer then grabbed Mrs. Williams around the throat, but she screamed for help, and the negro ran into the woods, where he was hunted down.

NEGRO IS SHOT AND CREMATED

Swift Punishment for an Assault Upon an Alabama Girl.

TROY, Ala., Sept. 3.—Bill Fourney, alias Bill Hilliard, a negro charged with assaulting Miss Wilson at Chestnut Grove, was shot and his body burned by a mob near the scene of his crime to-day.

Miss Wilson, who is 16 years of age, and the daughter of Dr. Carroll, about 12 years of age, were on their way to school at Chestnut Grove, just across the line in Coffee County, when they were overtaken by the negro. He seized Miss Wilson, and the little girl ran off. As she did so, the negro fired his pistol at her, but missed. The little girl raised the alarm, and soon a posse was in pursuit of the negro. When they reached the scene of the crime they found Miss Wilson unconscious and terribly bruised in the face and about the head.

The posse tracked the negro to his home, where he was found in bed, saying he was sick. The little girl identified him and he