

# BODY IS DRAGGED THROUGH TOWN AFTER BOY IS BURNED

Young Negro at Waco, Texas, Confesses to Charge of Assaulting and Killing Woman and When Cry of "Get the Negro" Goes Up Mob Takes Prisoner and Burns Him In Public Square.

## OFFICERS ARE SURPRISED

Swept Off Feet by Sudden Rush of Mob—Body Placed In Sack and Dragged Through Street Behind Horse.

WACO, Tex., May 15.—With 15,000 persons as witnesses, including women and children, Jesse Washington, a negro boy who confessed to the criminal assaulting of Mrs. Lucy Frayar, seven miles south of here last Monday, was taken from the Fifth district courtroom today and burned on the public square.

The burning came immediately after the negro's trial had ended and after the jury had returned a verdict of guilty, giving him the death penalty. Someone not far from the negro started the cry "Get the negro," and Washington was seized. A suggestion that he be burned on the plaza met with instant response and he was dragged to the city hall yard, where the chain already around his neck was thrown over the limb of a tree, wood secured and the fire started.

After verdict had been returned the negro said in a whisper: "I'm sorry I done it." The rush came with such suddenness that officers and lawyers were swept off their feet. About 1 o'clock members of the mob returned, put the charred body in a sack and a man on horseback dragged it through the principal streets. The horseman then headed in the direction of Robinson, where Mrs. Frayar was murdered.