

THE NEGRO MUST DIE

Three Hundred Armed Men
After Him.

HIS VICTIM CRAZED

SHE SHOWED NO EMOTION AT THE
GRAVE.

The Black Beast Whose Crime
Would Disgrace Savages Has Not
Slept Since Wednesday Night,
and Will Probably Die

Fighting

PALMETTO, Ga., April 14—Armed men patrol the streets of this little town tonight. No uprising of the negro element is anticipated but the men of Palmetto, who early in the day closed their places of business and joined the posse pursuing the negro, Sam Hose, who brutally murdered farmer Alfred Cranford and assaulted his wife, took this precautionary measure for the protection of their families. The negro has not been captured, but is surrounded in a swamp between this city and Newnan. Hose's hiding place is a dense thicket, fifteen miles long and equally as wide and as he entered it late yesterday he fired a parting shot at one of his pursuers, who sought to disable him and bring him back to Palmetto alive. It is believed tonight that Hose will die fighting and thus avoid the worse fate in store for him. He has had nothing to eat and no rest since Wednesday and is undoubtedly desperate. He is armed and knowing that he will be lynched, will doubtless make a fight which will result in his death. His pursuers hope that, exhausted by his long flight, he will be compelled to seek rest and that they will be able to come upon him while asleep.

His pursuers number about 300 men, all business men and farmers, and every one of them armed. The swamp is completely surrounded and the negro's escape is impossible.

The funeral of Alfred Cranford was held today. His wife stood by his grave but showed no sign of emotion. It is feared that her mind has become unbalanced as a result of the terrible ordeal she has just passed through, and that she will collapse completely when she hears that her negro assailant has been caught and lynched.

GRIFFIN, Ga., April 14—Today has been one of subdued excitement, and posses have gone out to look for the fiend.

Sam Hose, the negro who assassinated Mr. Alfred Cranston near Palmetto on the night of April 12, is said to be in Spalding county, and if that is the case it is hardly probable that he will ever get beyond its confines, unless it is to be turned over to some one who will administer justice to him without delay.

Early this morning news was received here that the negro was out near Digby, in the eastern portion of the county, and was making his way towards a large swamp, closely pursued. As soon as this news was quietly circulated a crowd left here to join them, and up to a late hour had not returned.

This afternoon there was considerable excitement about 3 o'clock by the rumor that a negro answering to the description of Hose was seen out near Woodruff's store, at the Griffin mills, and in a very few minutes a large crowd had gathered, but the negro was not found. Col. T. W. Thurman, who came down from Carrollton this morning, says that some of the people are returning from the search. Information has reached here that he has relatives at The Rock, in Upson county, Milner, in Pike county, and Talbotton, in Talbot county.