

## TWO TENNESSEE NEGROES LYNCHED

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House Yard.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 29.—Joseph Robertson and Ozias McGaha; negroes, who were this morning sentenced to twenty years each for criminal assault, in the Circuit Court, at Lewisburg, were taken from the jail at Fayetteville to-night by 300 men and hanged in the Court House yard.

The negroes reached Fayetteville from Lewisburg at 2 o'clock this afternoon, in charge of Sheriff Menefee of Marshall County and four deputies. The whole party was locked in the baggage car, and the Sheriff was endeavoring to get to the branch prison at Tracy City with his prisoners.

When the train stopped at Fayetteville the mob, acting on a message from Lewisburg, demanded the prisoners. Sheriff Menefee refused to give them up, and the crowd threatened to put dynamite under the car. When the engineer started to couple up the train for the purpose of pulling out, a man leveled a double-barreled shotgun at him.

Col. J. H. Holman and W. B. Lamb urged the mob to let the train and its cargo proceed. The leaders agreed to let the train go if the car with the officers and negroes was sidetracked. This was finally agreed to.

Sheriff Menefee and Sheriff Sherrell, the latter of Lincoln County, held a conference, with the result that the officers and the deputies formed a hollow square and marched the prisoners off to jail. Sheriff Menefee also telegraphed Gov. Turney for troops.

Two hundred armed men rode into town from Marshall County to-night, and, after a conference with the mob of 100 in Fayetteville, stormed the jail. They battered down four doors and took the negroes out. Not a shot was fired, and few loud words were spoken.

Robertson and McGaha were taken to Lewisburg this morning from the Davidson County Jail. They arrived at 10:10 o'clock, and were sentenced and started to prison. The courtroom was crowded with men, many of them having rifles.

As soon as the prisoners left, the leaders began sending messages to friends at Fayetteville to stop the train and hold the negroes until they could get there. Robertson was charged with attempted criminal assault upon a Miss Stewart and McGaha on a thirteen-year-old white girl.

Adj't. Gen. Sykes had two companies and a battery ready to leave on a special train to-night, when a message came from Fayetteville stating that it was too late.