

# DETERMINED MOB AFTER HOSE; HE WILL BE LYNCHED IF CAUGHT

Assailant of Mrs. Cranford May Be Brought to Palmetto and  
Burned at the Stake.

## ESCAPE SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE

Revoltng Details of Crime Cause Con-  
siderable Indignation.

## VICTIM MAY SEE THE EXECUTION

It Is Understood Mrs. Cranford Has  
Expressed a Desire To Witness  
the Lynching—Governor Can-  
dler Offers a Reward  
of \$250.

Palmetto, Ga., April 13.—(Special.)—A posse, composed of citizens of Campbell, Hall and Coweta counties, is in pursuit of Sam Hose, the negro who last night assassinated Alfred Cranford at his home near here and then assaulted the dead man's wife, and there now seems no chance for the negro to escape.

When Hose is caught he will either be lynched and his body riddled with bullets or he will be burned at the stake. There is a possibility of his being brought to this place and executed in the presence of Mrs. Cranford, one of his victims and the wife of the murdered man.

That Hose will be executed by the mob there is no possible doubt, and the mob which is in pursuit of him is composed of determined men, who are unmasked and who are wrought up to an unusual degree over the terrible crime which has shocked this section of the state.

### Surrounded in a Swamp.

Bloodhounds are still in pursuit of the negro and have held to the trail with a relentless persistence. At a late hour to-night news was received to the effect that Hose had been located in a swamp near Turin or Sharpsburg, about twelve miles from here, on the Central road, and it is from this point the next news is expected. It is understood that the swamp is surrounded by the mob, and that the capture of the negro is only a matter of a few hours.

A number of those who left here last night with the first posse have returned, but the determination of the chase has increased and the mob is continually joined by fresh parties, who are without mask or apology and who carry the verdict for the assailant written on their faces.

### Will Be Brought Back.

It is learned tonight, through what is considered a thoroughly reliable source, that Mrs. Cranford has signified a wish to see the negro lynched, and the understanding seems to be that he will be brought here. There have been whisperings of burning at the stake and of torturing the fellow, and so great is the excitement and so high the indignation that this is among the possibilities. Whether the negro is burned or hanged, it now seems certain that he will face his victim before paying the penalty of the crime and that she will see the execution.

There is no possibility of escape on the part of Hose, and though the sheriff is making every effort to apprehend him, that official would probably be forced to give up the prisoner to an overpowering mob.

The crime is one of the most horrible that ever shocked this or any other state, and the details are of the most revolting nature.

While Cranford was eating his supper at his home, four miles from here, yesterday evening the negro crept up behind him, and just as Mrs. Cranford discovered his presence, dealt Cranford a blow on the head with an ax. Cranford fell to the floor with his head split open and with his brains issuing from his wound. Not satisfied with this, the negro dealt him two more blows on the head.

One of Cranford's little children screamed at the sight and the negro promptly slapped the child over. He robbed the house, and then, after assaulting the grief stricken and terrorized woman, fled for his life.

News from the pursuing mob is hourly expected.