

ACCUSED RAVISHING HUNTSVILLE GIRLS

Latter Were Hoboing With Male Companions on Freight Car; Men Thrown Off by Negroes Who Made Captives of Girls

A mob estimated at 300 people was gathered about the county jail at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon and fear was expressed that the bastille would be stormed at any time. The Jackson county sheriff was out of town at the time of the arrests and efforts were being made to reach him late today. The prisoners are in charge of deputy sheriffs.

All nine of the negroes were alleged by the girls to have taken part in the assaults, and are now in jail. The fight continued from Stevenson to Paint Rock, one of the white men remaining in the box car and witnessed the ravishing of the girls.

This was described as one of the most brutal attacks in the history of the Tennessee Valley.

Charged with criminally assaulting two Huntsville girls on a Southern freight train, nine negro hoboes are being held in the Jackson county jail at Scottsboro this afternoon according to a telephone message to The Daily Times.

The girls are Ruby Baites, 23, and Victoria Price, 18, both of whom are considered in a most serious condition.

Seven white boys, hoboing on the same train, were tossed from the moving train near Stevenson but were picked up by passing motorists and brought to Scottsboro where they were being treated for minor injuries. Neither are believed to be in a serious condition.

The attacks were alleged to have taken place in a freight car along the route from Chattanooga to Paint Rock. The negroes were taken off the train at the

latter place and transported to Scottsboro. They are expected to be transferred for safe keeping, feeling running high in Scottsboro, it is said.

News of the attack spread like wildfire through Jackson county during the afternoon and officers feared for the lives of their prisoners. The crime was believed to have taken place between 12 and 3 o'clock.

The girls had been to Chattanooga, it was stated in search of work and were returning to Huntsville on the freight train. They happened to climb into the same car with the negroes and white men and it is believed that the negroes deliberately tossed the white occupants out of the car and then held the girls prisoners.

It is not known just where the girls reside in Huntsville and The Daily Times was asked to try and find their parents.