NO. 177. VOL 39: ORLEANS, LA., THURSDAY, JUNE 26, 1919. [Heading and News Column at Left from New Orleans States. News-

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To Be Taken to Scene of Crime and Stood Be-

-(Special.)—As four o'clock approaches John Hartsield, assailanf of the Ellisville white girl, is being carefully guarded in the office of Dr. Carter of this city.

The wounded negro has confessed and seems very nervous. Dissention has broken out among the indignant citizens as to what disposition should be made of the prisoner.

It is said the negro will be taken to the scene of his crime, near the Ellisville radroad tracks, where he attacked Miss Meek, and will be stood up where everybody can see him.

Some of the angry chizens, it is said, want Hartfield lynched, While others want him burned.

ELLISVILLE, Miss., June 26.— (Special)—Walter Crawley and Will Rogers, two farmers, were members of the posse who shot Hartfield in the shoulder, and af-(ected his capture.

Three thousand strangers are in Ellisville today to witness the disposition of John Hartfield, negro assallurit of Miss Meels.

Officers are anable to control the crowds.

HATTIESBURG, Miss., June 26. John Hartsield, negro assailant of an Ellisville young woman, has been brought to Ellisville from Collins and is guarded by officers in the office of Dr. Carter in that

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fore Crowd ELLISVILLE, Miss., June 26.

HOUR NEARS JOHN HARTFIELD WILL BE LYNCHED BY ELLISVILLE MOB

article below from Jackson (Miss.) Daily News.]

AT 5 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON

Governor Bilbo Says He Is Powerless to Prevent It— Thousands of People Are Flocking Into Ellisville to Attend the Event—Sheriff and Authorities Are Powerless to Prevent It.

HATTIESBURG, June 26.—John Hartfield, the negro alleged to have assaulted an EllisviHe, young woman, has been taken to Ellisville and is guarded by officers in the Office of Dr. Carter in that city. He is wounded in the shoulder but not seriously. The officers have agreed to turn him over to the people of the city at 4 o'clock this afternoon when it is expected he will be burned. The negro is said to have made a partial confession.

GOV. BILBO SAYS HE IS POWERLESS.

When Gov. Bilbo was shown the above dispatch and asked what action, if any, he intended to take to prevent the affair, he said:

"I am powerless to prevent it. We have guns for state militia. but no men. It is impossible to send troops to the scene for the obvious reason that we have no troops.

"Several days ago, anticipating

for the lynching has now been fixed for five p. m.

A committee of Ellisville citizens has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the event, and the mob is pledged to act in conformity with these arrangements.

Rev. L. G. Gates, pastor of the First Baptist church of Laurel, left here at one o'clock for Ellisville to entreat the mob to use discretion.