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## SCENE OF BAD RIOT T MERCY OF A MOB

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side of the court house and much other damage done. From that time on until the negro was strung up to the pole the vicinity for many blocks around was a bedlam.

#### SCALE BY MEANS OF ROPE.

A small crowd of young men, none of whom appeared over twenty years old, then secured a rope, which they threw over the ledge of a second story window. One of their number mounted the rope to the window. From there he pulled up a ladder that had been provided and a score or more of his companions followed. Once inside the building they were followed by many more who began working their way to the upper floors.

The sheriff's office is on the fourth floor, facing north on Farnam street, and from the rear of his office is a stairway and elevator to the jail. What methods were used to force a passage to the jail is uncertain tonight. All of the men who got inside were apparently armed, because they fired numerous shots after getting inside. That occurred about 4 o'clock, af-

is in a critical condition at a local hospital. His physician declines to say just how seriously he is injured. A rope was thrown around his neck and he was pulled off the ground twice before two police officers succeeded in cutting the rope and getting him into an automobile and away from the mob.

The mayor had gone to the court house and held a consultation with Sheriff Clark. Emerging from the court house, he met the mob and began to make an appeal for law and order. Somebody shouted, "Lynch him" and a member of the mob threw a rope around his neck.

Half a dozen men dragged the mayor half a block and threw the loose end of the rope over a trolley pole. Twice they drew the mayor's body from the ground. Each time two police officers cut the rope. Following the second attempt these officers succeeded in getting the mayor into a police motor car and rushed him to a surgeon's office nearby. The mayor was bleeding from his mouth and nose and after a brief examination by physicians was taken to a hospital. At the hospital it was stated by the physician at midnight that he was still unconscious.

It is believed that the mayor's condition is very serious if not critical. A corps of physicians have been working over him ever since he was removed to the hospital. His face and body were badly bruised by being dragged by the mob.

#### CAUSE OF THE OUTBREAK.

The assault with which William Brown was charged, was committed on Agnes Lobeck early last week. With an escort, crippled beyond the

streets and others by those already on the inside.

Just as he started to make an appeal for law and order a soldier fired and a man in a soldier's uniform received a bullet in the head. A shout to lynch the mayor followed.

The mayor has never been so urgent in such matters as when he saw him at the time he was responsible for the shooting.

Tonight the whereabouts of the mayor were kept secret. Further attempts on his life by a few newspaper men known by their whereabouts.

Since the present city administration came into office Mayor Ringer has consistently supported the police administration of Sheriff Ringer, which has been a "reform" administration. He openly supported such changes in police personnel as were suggested by Mr. Ringer and this has been the source of considerable criticism in part of the partisans of the old administration.

During the rioting a large number of negroes were badly bruised. Chief of Police Egan himself was subjected to physical assault and narrowly escaped being killed when members of the mob surrounded him and led him to the crowd.

Thousands of persons gathered in the downtown district, many of them out of curiosity, but many showing decided sympathy for the would-be lynchers.

One explosion of dynamite was heard at the court house during the progress of the fire.

At 9 o'clock Sheriff Ringer announced the situation as beyond his control and advised