

## MAY BE LYNCHED ANY MOMENT.

**Mrs. Frost Identifies a Prisoner at Salina as Her Assailant Despite His Proof of an Alibi.**

SALINA, KAS., April 10.—[Special.] The situation growing out of the assault on Mrs. J. M. Frost is extremely exciting.

Last night a man by the name of John Hudson was arrested and taken before Mrs. Frost. She immediately declared that Hudson was her assailant.

The prisoner maintained that he was innocent and begged that every means be taken to protect him from the mob, as he could to-day prove an alibi. The jail was securely guarded all last night and though a large crowd surrounded it the general feeling prevailed that the prisoner should be given the benefit of the doubt.

This morning the county attorney investigated Hudson's statement, and he succeeded in proving an alibi through the evidence of four witnesses. Mrs. Frost, however, notwithstanding the strong testimony, reiterates her statement that Hudson is guilty. She understands fully the importance of her statement, and unhesitatingly says, not only to the officers, but to all who call on her, that Hudson is guilty and should be hung. The witnesses who testify in behalf of Hudson are Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, a colored man and wife, and two farmers. They claim that Hudson was at Hensley's all night the night the crime was committed. The place is six miles from town, and the house at which the witnesses swear they saw him makes it absolutely impossible that he is the guilty person if their testimony is correct.

The situation is merely the woman's statement against the other witnesses and the mob will decide in favor of the wronged woman without more thoroughly investigating the case. Last night a mob of 200 came on a special train from Abilene to hang Hudson, but were kept from accomplishing their purpose. Tonight at a late hour the largest crowd ever assembled in the jail yard is congregated and the danger is imminent of their breaking into the jail. Another serious complication is the combined action of the colored people of the city. They believe Hudson innocent and threaten to resist any attempt made to harm him. Great caution will be necessary if bloodshed is avoided.

### The Mob Relented.

SALINA, KAS., April 11.—[Special.] This has been one of the wildest nights ever seen in the city. A mob from Niles and other neighboring towns surrounded the jail at 11 o'clock, and, after a short skirmish with the guard, tore down the inclosure to the jail yards and attacked the jail.

In a short time the mob had battered down the door of the jail and captured John Hudson, charged with being Mrs. J. M. Frost's assailant. They fastened a rope around his neck and hastened to the National hotel, where Mrs. Frost was staying. They dragged the frightened wretch before her and she again declared him guilty.

The fact, however, that four reputable witnesses proved an absolute alibi made a majority of the most prominent citizens object to the haste of the mob.

After Hudson had been taken to the street where the hanging was to occur, he was given an opportunity to speak. He said that he realized that he was about to die, but he was innocent and if given a fair trial would prove his innocence.

The speech was cut short by a member of the mob telling the victim to say his prayers at once. At this a number of citizens began to protest and the sentiment in favor of saving the fellow grew so strong that a number rushed into the mob and after a severe fight rescued the negro.

They now have him confined in a stairway and are fighting with the mob. The best citizens are in preponderance and it is believed they will be able to keep the negro from the mob. A number of citizens were seriously injured by the mob in the fight, among them Hon. T. F. Garver and J. L. Bristow. The negro will be given a fair and impartial trial.