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## NARROWLY ESCAPED LYNCHING.

Two Boys Arrested for Committing an Assault Upon a Young Girl.

Green Wiggins and Hayes Jenkins, two colored boys, aged respectively 17 and 15 years, were arrested last night at 11 o'clock charged with committing criminal assault upon the person of Bertie McAroy, a 13-year-old colored girl, who lives with her parents at Fifth street and Everett avenue. The girl said that she was on her way home, in company with the two boys, and that when they passed an empty house on Fifth street, near the "L" road junction, one of them placed his hat over her face and the two carried her into the empty house.

The boys do not deny assaulting the girl, but say they all three had been drinking.

As soon as the girl could get home she gave the alarm to her parents, who at once notified Police Officer Jennings. Jennings overtook the boys at the iron bridge on Third street. They were on their way to the state line, but had been overtaken by a mob of colored citizens who were gathered around them, flourishing clubs and rocks and threatening to hang them from the bridge.

After a lively discussion, Jennings succeeded in getting the prisoners and taking them to police headquarters, where they were placed in the steel cells for safe keeping. The boys expressed great relief upon getting away from the mob when they were locked up. The girl is quite ill.