

NEGRO WOMAN.

ALMOST LYNCHED.

By a Wild Mob of Her
Own Race.

SHE BURNT HER CHILDREN

The Police Arrived in Time to Save
the Life of the Unnatural
Story of Frightful Bar-
barity in Atlanta

Atlanta, Ga., May 13.—Winnie Roach, a mulatto woman, came near being lynched by an angry negro mob of incensed negroes tonight at the corner of Schofield and Hilliard streets. The crime with which she and her husband were charged was brutally burning their four little children nearly to death by lighting paper, saturated with kerosene, with which their bodies had been wrapped. The man, Lawrence Roach, ran away during the afternoon when he heard that his treatment of the children had been reported to the police. The woman had been away from home all day, and did not know that her cruelty had been found out, and she was in the house when the mob gathered and was in the act of applying more fire to one of the children when the crowd broke into the house. Telephone messages were sent to police station by white people living in the neighborhood, who said they believed the woman was about to be burned by the crowd. A wagon load of officers was sent to the place. So defiant was the woman that she attempted to beat one of the children even after the police arrived. The woman and the children were taken out of the house and quickly put in the wagon which carried them to the station. One of the children had all the flesh burned from her legs in several places, and will probably die. The other three are all badly burned.

The children said their father and mother beat them and then wrapped paper about their bodies. The paper was saturated with kerosene and set on fire. While the paper was burning the children were held to keep them from running, and when they screamed they were beaten. The woman denied having anything to do with the affair.

Sergeant Ball, who led the detachment of police, said the woman would have been lynched if the officers had not arrived when they did.