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**Georgia Huns Lynch
Negro Woman and
Three Men
May 20, 1918**

Valdosta, Ga. May 19.—Hayes Turner, Negro, and his wife Mary Turner, accused of connection with the murder of Hampton Smith, Brooks county farmer, and the wounding of his wife at their home near Barney last Thursday night, have been hanged by a mob. Two other Negroes, Will Head and Will Thompson were lynched Friday night.

Turner was lynched last night at Okaplico river, in Brooks county, after the mob had learned that the plot to attack the Smith was made at his home. Mary Turner, who was said to have Smith's watch in her possession when captured, was hanged at Folsom's bridge, on Little river today.

Citizens are still searching for Sidney Johnson, who, according to Mrs. Smith, fired the shot that killed her husband. Feeling continues high in Brooks county and it is believed Johnson also will be lynched if captured.

Thompson and Head were caught Friday night. Head confessed his part in the crime, saying he stole Smith's gun and gave it to Johnson. What part, if any, Thompson played in the murder is not known here.

Turner and his wife former tenants of the Smith farm, recently quarrelled with Smith over an account and this is believed led to the attack. The shot that killed Smith was fired thru a window in his home. Mrs. Smith wounded by another shot, ran out into the yard, where she was beaten by the Negroes, who fled after robbing the place.

Mrs. Smith was found several hours later by neighbors. News of the attack spread rapidly through the farming sections of the county and early Friday morning the hunt for the Negroes began.

The parents of Sidney Johnson and several others have been brought here and placed in jail for safe keep-

ing because of high feeling prevailing at Barney against the family. A double guard was placed around the jail.

The mob which lynched the Turner woman took her from sheriff Wade, of Brooks county, while he was taking her to jail at Barney.

**LYING FOLLOWS IN
WAKE OF LYNCHING**
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**Lynchers Send Out Lying Reports That German Agents are Fomenting Trouble Among Negroes
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Valdosta, Ga., May 21.—That German sympathizers and German secret agents are fomenting trouble among the Negroes in this section is reported from the district where Hampton Smith, a farmer, near Barney, was killed and his wife wounded recently.

Five Negroes, including a woman, have been lynched and a number of others are jailed today awaiting investigation. A Negro named Sydney Johnson, believed to have been the leader of the blacks in the murder, has taken to the swamps along Knight Creek, his feet tied with rags, saturated with turpentine, to prevent dogs from following his tracks.

The chief of police of Valdosta, with a posse, and sheriffs and deputies from six counties with a large pack of bloodhounds are on Johnson's trail.

When a report reached Valdosta late last night that Johnson had been located three miles from town, armed men began to assemble and early today over a hundred had been gathered together.