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LYNCHINGS.

A proment Federal official in Georgia has been collecting the lynching statistics for a group of four Southern States, including Georgia, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina, and finds that there were in these States fiftythree criminal assaults on white women last year, distributed as follows: Georgia 21, South Caroline 14, Alabama 15, and Florida 3. The assailants in all cases save two were negroes. Of these criminals 34 were promptly lynched, I hung by law, while the fate of 20 was never definitely known, 15 being "lost in the woods," that is, probably lynched or "disposed of," making a total of 49 lynched, 1 judicially hung, and the remaind-er escaping. It is probable that if any of the latter had been caught, lynching would have promptly followed.

It appears from these figures that public sentiment in the four States we have mentioned is, as Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson declares, very emphatically in fa-vor of lynching for this crime, and it would appear also that Judge Lynch is vigilant and very lew of these crimes by negroes go unpunished; and finally that the crime is one largely peculiar to the negro. All these circumst-ances will tend to prevent any change of public sentiment in the rural districts of the South in the matter of lynching for certain crimes.—Times-Democrat.

A special despatch to The Times Democrat from Baton Rouge says: "Mr. Loret is depirous of adding to the extent of St. Mary parish, and to that end has introduced a bill changing the boundary lines of that parish, together with those of St. Mattin and Iberia. The object of the bill is to add to St. Mary a sertain attin of swamp land which of the bill is to add to St. Mary a certain strip of swamp land which is included in the parish of St. Martin, but cut off entirely from that parish by the intervention of Iberia. The value of the land is not considerable, but it is occupied by many swampers and others, who claim that their affairs would be benefited and their efforts facily be benefited and their efforts facilitated by annexation to St. Mary.

The strip of land refered in the above should belong to either Iberia or St. Mary, we believe however St. Mary should have better claim for annexation. It is the famous 'Bayou Boutte' section where a little war occurred a few years ago that cost this parish several thousand dollars for the prosecution of those who were accused of having taken part in the war in which several persons were killed. This parish is anxious to cede that part of our parish, which properly belong to either Iberis or St. Mary.

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