

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]  
**The Montgomery County Outrage Case.**

**GREAT EXCITEMENT AT ROCKVILLE—THE POPULACE PREPARED FOR LYNCHING.**

ROCKVILLE, MD., July 26.—This place has been full of rumors all day about the supposed arrest of the colored man Diggs, the outrager of Mrs. Tschiffley, near Darnestown, Montgomery county, Saturday night, and as a result there has been considerable excitement. The entire county is worked up to the highest pitch, and it is safe to say that had Diggs been brought here on any of the trains he would have been punished through the form usually used in such cases. There seems to be but one opinion, and that is that vengeance should be swift and certain. All classes are unanimous in this respect, the colored people being apparently as fully in favor of it as any of the whites.

A rumor reached here this afternoon that Diggs had been arrested near Washington, and that he would arrive here on the afternoon train. This spread throughout the county like wildfire, and when the train arrived several hundred determined men were on hand ready to do all that was necessary. They separated with an understanding that they were all to be in attendance on the arrival of the night train. About seven o'clock information came that Diggs had been arrested near Beltsville. This appeared to be authoritative, and as a result even a larger crowd were at the depot when the night train arrived. Sheriff Kelchner came, but no prisoner. He said there were plenty of rumors, but that, so far as he knew, Diggs was still at large. This was unwelcome news, for some of the men had a rope in readiness, and were very anxious that there should be use for it.

At 10.30 the crowd separated again, there being no necessity for them to remain longer, but it is now alleged that they will receive all trains as long as there is any chance of the prisoner arriving.

Persons who visited Mrs. Tschiffley this afternoon found her suffering very much, but Dr. White, who is in attendance on her, thinks that she will recover, though her injuries are even greater than first reported.

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The capture took place about sundown. Davis knew Diggs by the published description. A number of reporters interviewed Diggs as soon as they could gain admittance to the jail. He admitted that he did what was charged against him, but said he was drunk and hardly knew what he was doing. He denied striking the lady. It was not long before many in Rockville knew of the capture, and preparations were begun immediately to carry their intentions into effect. Mr. Tschiffley was sent for so that he could be present at the ending of Diggs, which will take place before daylight, as it has been decided to take him out of jail as soon as all the members of the vigilance committee have been notified and are on hand.

**THE PRISONER PREPARING FOR DEATH—A LONG SIEGE THREATENED.**

At 1.30 this morning there were not over a dozen persons about the jail. Sheriff Ketchner, with the jailer, are on the inside and refuse admittance to any one. The sheriff summoned nearly all of the crowd as deputies. Other deputies have appeared in front of the jail door with shot guns and say they will not allow anything unlawful to take place. One reporter got several quilts and blankets and has laid down for a nap in the jail yard, waiting for developments.

Parties from Darnestown cannot reach here before daylight, so it is probable the attack will not be made and the prisoner demanded until 5 o'clock or later. Diggs anticipates death, and is preparing himself accordingly, at the suggestion of one of the men in jail. The sheriff says he will not surrender the prisoner, and is prepared for a long siege.

**The Latest.**

ROCKVILLE, MD., July 27, 4 A. M.—The prisoner was taken from jail about 3.40 this morning by unknown parties, who have taken him towards Darnestown. No person awake in town to tell the tale.