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A condition of tense excitement prevailed among the colored women of the city last night, when the ninth consecutive victim of Atlanta's "Jack the Ripper" was due to have been slaughtered.

At police headquarters the force was figuratively on tiptoe, and if a murder had been reported officers would have been on the spot on record time. About 8:30 o'clock came a telephone call that Jack had assaulted a negro woman at Jackson and Fourth streets, and four call officers, Johnson, Gorman, Webb and Palmer, were off like a flash on their motorcycles.

The call had come from W. M. Selcer, of 527 North Jackson street, secretary of the Railway Postal Clerks' Investment Association. His servant, Mary Yeldell, 22 years old, had returned screaming to his house with the infor-

mation that a man had tried to attack her in an alley.

She had left her work but a few minutes before and proceeded up Jackson street to the alley, where someone was standing in the shadows. Thinking it was one of her friends, she accosted the person.

"Throw up your hands, I want you," cried the supposed friend, whereupon the girl fled, frightened half to death.

Mr. Selcer telephoned for the police and then proceeded to the alley with his revolver. On his coming the negro made a record from one end of the alley to the other and disappeared. A search of the neighborhood failed to locate him.

After the occurrence the negress was afraid to venture home and other darkies of the section were thrown into a state of near-panic. Their employers used every means to reassure them and the excitement soon subsided.