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From Devil's Island
ful of Deportation

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v 21.- Rene Belbenoit, author
6 years in the steaming jungl
toddy he is fearful of being
uring 6,000 names has been presented to President

so back," he remarked quietly. "Then I will escape
illed. And it is easy to die in the colony. Easy to
die with no one to take the blame."

He's a dark little man, weighing
hardly more than 100 pounds, with
black curly hair. His eyes are filled
with a profound sadness; his face
deeply lined, and he smiles only
rarely.

Witnessed Beheadings

Those who have read his book
know his story—a veteran of the
World war at 19, with additional
service in Morocco, he was sentenced
to the South American colony for
theft for eight years. He made four
frustrated attempts to escape, wit-
tnessed nine beheadings. The final
try for freedom successful, he landed
seventeen months ago in California
after two years of fighting his way
by sea and jungle, carrying 30
pounds of manuscript.

"I wanted to be a free man in an
honest way, understand?" he said.
"I could run away now, but I won't.
I love this country. I take no man's

Prisoner Held in Woods
Until Identified By
Victim

(Wiggins, Miss., Nov. 21.—Peter
Lott, a resident of Wiggins, said a
negro, Wilder McGowan, was lynched
today by a mob of white men
who had trailed him with blood-
hounds after the alleged rape of a
74-year-old white woman last night.

Lott said the mob had trailed the
negro to his grandmother's house,
where he had slept, and overtak-
him as he prepared to drive to
Guilford in a truck.

Lott said he had learned the
negro was dragged from the truck
and strung to a tree a short
distance from his grandmother's
house.

Lott said Sheriff S. C. Hinton was
put investigating the case and could
not immediately be reached for a
statement.

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"The mob got the sheriff could catch up with him," Lott said. "The mob members had been out searching all night with the dogs. "They trailed McGowan to his grandmother's house, learned he had spent the night there and then rushed after the scent with the hounds. They caught up with the negro just as he was ready to go off in the truck. The old woman was not only raped but also robbed, Lott reported from the office of the sheriff. McGowan, Lott said, was employed in Gulfport but made regular trips by truck to Wiggins, 35 miles from there.

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Closing Stocks