

NEGRO UNDER ARREST IN MURDER MYSTERY

"Scoop" Snowden Severely Grilled Last Night.

BUT HE HAS NOT CONFESSED

Authorities, However, Inclined To Believe They Have Party Guilty Of Horrible Crime.

In the arrest late yesterday afternoon of John Snowden, colored, 30 years old, alias "Zep" and "Scoop" Snowden, one of a corps of wagon drivers employed by the firm of Parlett and Parlett Company, the police officials of the city and county believe they are close to a solution of the Brandon murder mystery which was committed some time during Wednesday of last week.

But among many persons who have followed the case closely, it is thought that Snowden is innocent of any connection with the crime and furthermore, in many quarters, it is not believed that a negro committed the horrible affair.

Snowden was submitted to a severe grilling at the hands of the several detectives, State's Attorney Gresh, Sheriff Sullivan and other police officials last night. His examination lasted about three hours. And it was stated by the officials that they feel they have the party guilty of the crime. Following the grilling examination the negro, in handcuffs, and in company of detectives Dougherty, Pohler and Kratz and Sheriff Sullivan, was whisked out of the city at 8.30 o'clock last night to Baltimore. He was confined for the night in a cell at the Central Police Station. Today he was removed to the Baltimore City jail, where he was further questioned by the detectives.

Although it has been published in other newspaper reports that Snowden was one of the ice delivery men of the Parlett Company, it was stated by a representative of the company today that Snowden had never been employed in that capacity. He was simply one of the drivers of the big dray used as a supply wagon to convey ice to the delivery wagons about the streets. This same official of the company also stated that as far as the company's records show, Snowden had never been to the Brandon home to deliver any material, though it has been published that at least on one occasion he delivered some wood there.

It appears, however, that Snowden was a consort of a young negro woman who was formerly employed as a laundress by the Brandons. He lives in Acton Lane, a negro settlement, immediately in the rear of the Brandon home on Second street. The information which led to the arrest of Snowden, together with another negro, Bernie Chambers, who is also an ice wagon driver for the Parlett Company, was first furnished by Mrs. Ella Rush Murray, wife of W. Spencer Murray, of Boston, who is one of the most active suffragists about Annapolis, and who lives at "Acton," the estate of the late Pay Director Murray, of the Navy, at Murray Hill. Mrs. Murray's information was gained through her colored cook, Florence Queen, mother of the two young women, who live on Second street near the Brandon home. These two women had told their mother of the identity of the colored man whom they had seen leave the alley of the Brandon house some time between 11 and 12 o'clock.

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In order that there might be no blunder, and that, if innocent, Snowden will not be treated unjustly, the detectives returned to Annapolis today and are endeavoring to find other evidence which may lead to other channels. While firmly convinced that Snowden is the guilty man, the detectives are emphatic that they have no desire to see him persecuted if there remains any doubt as to his guilt.

Her Delay Explained.

Mrs. Murray, who gave the first clues, when asked last night why she had not ventured to give the information to the police at once, explained that she as well as the negroes feared that they might expose themselves to the vengeance of the man whom they incriminated possibly before an arrest could be made.

There was more or less talk among a number of persons here last night as to why the accused negro should have been taken to Baltimore as a precautionary measure against possible mob violence. It was argued that the county officials in the last few years spent some \$50,000 in building the new brick jail on Calvert street, which is supposed to be absolutely secure against an attack by a mob bent on vengeance.

THE NAVY JUNIORS PRESENT SIXTEEN DOLLARS

To Mrs. Blodgett For Kits To Be Sent Colonel Doyen's Boys

The Navy Juniors presented to Mrs. Blodgett for the kits to be sent to Colonel Doyen's boys sixteen dollars. This was the result of their garden party held on Saturday afternoon at 67 College avenue.

The little folks had been untiring in working out their program. One of the youngest Juniors, a happy little girl residing on College Avenue, assumed alone the larger part of the publicity management; making in the Navy Academy a house to house canvass in the interest of the party.

The occasion was not only a financial success, but those walking up College Avenue on that afternoon witnessed a lovely stage setting of green sward and high hedges and groups of white frocked children at play. There were also tables groaning under cakes so rich Mr. Hoover might have drawn a wry face. There were ice cream cones packed full and overflowing.

And last, but not least, there was a magic flower bed where pink and white tulips blossomed on beautiful long stems—quite out of season for them. Over this magic flower bed a little lad was the high and mighty magician who enticed you to pluck a blossom and to find buried deep in its heart a magic number which conferred a gift from "Somewhere in Annapolis."

GOOD SUM REALIZED FROM LAWN FETE

Men's Bible Class Realizes \$250 At Clark's Heights Entertainment.

Returns are all in from the lawn fete given a few days ago at Clark's Heights, West Annapolis, the summer residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, and it is with pleasure the announcement is made that the sum of \$250 was realized.

The lawn fete was given under the auspices of the Men's Bible Class of the Maryland Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church. To say that the fete was a great success would but mildly express it, for the sum of \$250 as the net proceeds from a lawn fete is a most unusual sum.

The amount is to be appropriated toward the purchase of a pipe organ for the church.

SECURES POSITION AS TEACHER IN KENTUCKY

Miss Esther White Resigns Annapolis

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In spite of the severity of the third degree, Snowden maintained his innocence. The following facts were elicited from him, however:

That Edna Wallace, colored, with whom he lived, had been laundress for Mrs. Brandon for several months.

That Snowden had, through his association, been made acquainted with Mrs. Brandon.

That Snowden had, several weeks ago, been caught red-handed while attempting to loot the home of Henry Cowman, a recluse, 86 years old.

That he had carried a heavy bottle on the day of the murder.

Immediately after Snowden's arrest, the negro women who claim to have seen Snowden leaving the murdered woman's home, were taken to the Court House, where from a group of about six suspects, they identified Snowden as the man they claim to have seen. They selected him within less than two minutes.

In Danger From Mob.

News of the arrest spread rapidly through the town, and a throng of several hundred persons quickly gathered. When Bernard Chambers, colored, one of the suspects, was released, State's Attorney Green, speaking to the crowd, proclaimed Chambers an innocent man.

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Miss Esther White Resigns Annapolis School to Accept Position at Ashland, Ky.

There will be a number of changes in the corps of teachers in the city public school when it re-opens for the next regular term in September, according to all reports.

Among the latest changes to take place will be a vacancy created by the resignation of Miss Esther K. White, of this city, who for a number of years has been one of the teachers in the grammar department of the school. It is learned that Miss White has accepted a position as a member of the teaching staff of the public school in Ashland, Ky.

For the past year or two Miss White has taught one of the seventh grade classes in the Annapolis school, and her appointment to the Kentucky school will be that as teacher in a class of the same rating. Miss White has been attending the summer school for teachers conducted under the auspices of the Ohio State University at Columbus, O. which course is now nearing completion.

In view of her acceptance of the appointment to the school at Ashland, Ky., which, by the way, carries a larger salary, she has tendered her resignation as a teacher at Annapolis, to which she was recently re-appointed by the County School Board.