

MURDER MYSTERY REMAINS UNSOLVED

But Police Officials Believe Negro Snowden Guilty Party

MORE ARRESTS ARE MADE

Accused Man, Under Grilling, Men- tions Names of Frank and John Henry Green, Colored.

Although the county police officials and detectives who have been endeavoring for a week to solve the mystery of the murder of Mrs. Lattie May Brandon, found slain in her home on Second street last Wednesday afternoon, incline to the belief that the negro, John Snowden, arrested on Monday afternoon and charged with the murder, is the guilty party, considerable doubt is expressed in other quarters as to whether or not the man has any connection at all with the crime.

The thorough grilling to which Snowden has been subjected to at the hands of the detectives has failed to bring forth anything in the nature of a confession. The negro has admitted that he was in a saloon at the corner of West and Second streets on the morning of the tragedy, but has stoutly protested his innocence of any knowledge of the crime. However, he has been formally committed to the Baltimore City jail under a warrant issued late yesterday afternoon by Police Justice Charles O. Dulin, charging him with the murder, and the police officials, it is said, are of the opinion that he will break down and confess ere long.

A multitude of rumors are still emanating, and many theories are being advanced as to how and when the young woman came to her death. The big stumbling block of the whole affair, is the fact that there is a total absence of a motive for anyone to take the young woman's life.

The newest development in connection with the case, if it could be called a development, because it is based entirely upon unofficial information, is the report that at the second autopsy on the body of the young woman, which was conducted in Washington last night after her remains had been exhumed, revealed indications of flesh of a negro beneath her finger nails. If this is true, of course, it would indicate that the dead woman struggled with her assailant before she was finally overcome. In connection with this, it is stated, that Snowden bears a number of apparently fresh scratch marks and skin cuts about his face which he cannot explain to the satisfaction of the authorities. It is reported that the negro, when questioned on this score, said that the scratches resulted from a scuffle which he had several days ago with his consort, Edna Wallace, and it also is said that the negro has denied having had any trouble with Snowden. At any rate, many of the officials are almost firmly convinced that Snowden is the man who committed the horrible tragedy.

Further grilled by the detectives in the Baltimore City jail yesterday afternoon, Snowden is reported to have stated that he saw one Frank Green, colored, come out of the Brandon home at a certain time on the morning of last Wednesday. As a result, Deputy Sheriff William D. K. Lee last night arrested Green, and also John Henry Green, but very little suspicion appears to be directed against them, as a farmer, Mr. Wagner, who lives near Woytych's Station, on the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway, stated that the men had worked on his place last Wednesday.

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den judgment upon the evidence that has been gathered by the officials who have been investigating the tragedy, but it was stated in semi-official quarters today that it is doubtful whether or not this inquest will be held tonight, owing to the investigations which are still in progress.

In the meantime all Annapolis is stirred to a high pitch of feeling over the horror of the affair. Many women of the town are frightened and thoroughly unnerved, and everyone hopes for an early solution of the tragedy.

It has been stated in various papers that Sheriff Sullivan offered a reward of \$500 for information that might lead to the apprehension of the criminal. But this is not correct. A reward of that amount, offered by the Washington Times, still stands, however.

This afternoon Brandon is being questioned in the office of Sheriff Sullivan by State's Attorney Green and Baltimore detectives Dougherty and Krutz.

Brandon's brother, Lorence, was present during the examination.

The jury of inquest, which was to have been held tonight at the Court House has been indefinitely postponed.

105 NAVY OFFICERS GET PROMOTION

Snowden and Thesis Made Rear Ad- mirals—Some Advanced Only For Period of War.

President Wilson yesterday approved the recommendations of the Mayo Board for the promotion of 105 officers to take care of the expansion of the Navy as a result of doubling its enlisted strength to a total of 150,000 men. Thirty-four of the promotions recommended and approved are of officers who will be advanced by the "selection" process to permanent higher rank in the Navy. The other seventy-one are to receive only promotions for the period of the war, in accordance with authority granted by Congress last May.

The board making these selections was headed by Admiral Henry T. Mayo, and its other members were Vice Admiral Dewitt Coffman, Rear Admirals Nathaniel H. Usher, Frank P. Fletcher, Walter McLean, Albert G. Winterhalter, Albert W. Grant and William L. Rodgers, with Commander Kenneth M. Bennett as recorder. Chief interest centered around the promotions of Captains to be Rear Admirals.

The promotion approved by the President are as follows:

CAPTAINS TO PERMANENT RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL.

Thomas Snowden, Emil Thesis (extra number).

COMMANDERS TO PERMANENT RANK OF CAPTAIN.

Frank H. Schofield, James F. Carter, George W. Laws, George O. Day, Luke McNamie, Charles L. Hussey, John R. Y. Blakely, John F. Hines, Yates Stirling, Jr.

LIEUTENANT COMMANDERS TO PERMANENT RANK OF COMMANDER.

Henry C. Mustin, William F. Cronan, William R. Wells, Paul B. Dugan (extra number), Hilary H. Royall, W. R. Hyles, Jr., Kenneth G. Castleman (extra number), Frank T. Evans, Daniel P. Mannix, Wilbert Smith, Harry K. Gage, Ward K. Wortman, Hayne Ellis, Frank D. Berrien, Paul Foley, Edwin H. Doad, Charles R. Train, Hugo W. Osterhaus, Charles P. Huff, Louis J. Connolly, Ernest J. King, Byron A. Long, Alfred G. Howe.

CAPTAINS TO TEMPORARY RANK OF REAR ADMIRAL.

Albert P. Niblack, John A. Hoogewerf, William B. Fletcher, Marbury Johnson, Edwin A. Anderson (extra number).

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The arrest of Snowden was made at the instance of statements made by two colored women, Mary Perkins and Edith Queen, who live across the street from the Brandon home, who positively assert that they saw Snowden leave the house some time between 11 and 12 o'clock on the day of the tragedy. It is stated they were afraid to make mention of the information which they had sooner than they did, for fear that they might get themselves into trouble. But their statements finally got to the ears of Mrs. W. Spencer Murray, living at "Acton," Murray Hill, where the mother of the two young negroes is employed, and Mrs. Murray very promptly got in touch with the police officials. Snowden, when he was first examined Monday evening at the Court House was brought before the two women. They positively identified him as the man they saw leaving the Brandon house, and they still stick by their story.

There is a maze of circumstantial evidence against the negro, according to the officials, and it is said that there will be some development of a definite nature before tomorrow, possibly tonight. But there is a decided belief among many persons about the city that the negro is innocent and that the crime was committed by other than a negro. In other words, some one in the immediate neighborhood.

The jury of inquest which was appointed on the case on the night after the tragedy was discovered, was ex-

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W. R. White (extra number), John S. Graham, L. S. Shapley, William K. Riddle, John G. Church, James H. Comfort, G. B. Landenberger, Charles L. Arnold, W. Norris (extra number), R. S. Keyes, Adolphus Andrews, Frederick L. Oliver, Thomas B. Kurtz, Harold E. Cook, John Matt Enos, John P. Jackson, B. B. Wygant, Hanley H. Symonds, Roger Williams, John E. Bass (extra number), W. Satterlee, B. C. Allen, Arthur P. Fairfield, J. C. Tremont, Jr., W. N. Vernon, Frank R. McCrary, Percy W. Foote, George F. Neal, William H. Allen, John Downes, Jr., J. L. Hilleman, C. T. Hutchins, Jr., John J. Hannigan, Gay Wilkinson, Stuart Castle, W. W. Galbraith, John V. Babcock, R. F. Zogbaum, Jr., H. G. S. Wallace, Roe Reed Adams, Henry A. Baldrige, William Lee Pryor, George J. Meyers, Edward J. Marquart, Donald C. Bingham, Ralph M. Griswold, L. B. Porterfield, G. J. Row-