

# MURDER MYSTERY IS AS DEEP AS EVER

## Authorities Incline To Belief Of Snowden's Guilt.

### RUNNING DOWN ALL REPORTS

#### Detectives Still Hard At Work On Case —Efforts, By Habeas Corpus, To Release Accused Negro.

The Brandon murder mystery is apparently no nearer a solution this afternoon than it has ever been.

Detectives have been scurrying about the city and others have been running down reports that might lead to some connecting evidence as to the party who may have slain the woman in her little home on Second street in the western section of the city on Wednesday of last week. But the crime stands today as it has appeared all along—a maze of conflicting reports, with no motive for the crime established, no tangible evidence tending to the same and still a mysterious affair.

The authorities seem to be almost unanimously agreed that the negro Snowden is the guilty party of the horrible crime but a wide divergence of opinion still maintains about the city on this score.

As stated in last night's issue of *The Capital*, the detectives further examined Mr. Thomas A. King, who, with his wife, lived next door to the Brandon home. The examination took place in the office of, and in the presence of, State's Attorney Nicholas H. Green, but it is understood, according to the statements of the authorities, that no new light was thrown on the case. It was stated by one of the investigating officials that they have been hard at work endeavoring to clear up every little detail in connection with the case, and in running down every report brought to their attention that might form a basis leading to a clue of the criminal. Late yesterday afternoon Detectives Dougherty and Kratz visited the plant of the Parlett and Parlett Company, at the foot of Main street, where John Snowden, the negro under arrest accused of the murder, and held in prison in Baltimore, was employed. Snowden was a driver of an ice supply wagon of this company. The object of the visit of the detectives to this plant was to interrogate the several negro employees who were acquainted with the idea of ascertaining whether or not Snowden might have made any remarks to them about the murder. Officials of the firm promptly agreed to permit of such an investigation at 5 o'clock, at the close of the working day. But after it was over, it was stated that none of the negro workers furnished any information that was worth while. The detectives, therefore, continued their inquiry along lines during the night and today.

Attorney Jerry L. Smith, of this city, who has been acting as counsel for the accused negro, has been in Baltimore for the past 24 hours, and has been endeavoring to secure his release on habeas corpus proceedings, on the ground that Snowden has made no confession, and that there is not sufficient evidence to warrant holding him further, but it is said Marshal Carter and other police officials are fighting these proceedings. Another report that was spread about the city today was to the effect that Snowden will be spirited away from Baltimore some time this afternoon and lodged in the county jail on Calvert street, the idea being that the accused man should properly be under the jurisdiction of the authorities of Anne Arundel county and confined within its precincts. Whether the negro is to be removed is not known.

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Humphson, the woman detective, was at police headquarters in conference with the police authorities, complained of the action of Dougherty in refusing her a view in Annapolis with a negro witness in the case.

What is puzzling the detective why Mrs. King, when she was questioned, said that she did not see Brandon was murdered.

In the meantime all Annapolis is still agog over the mysterious case, and everyone is hoping against hope that an early solution of it will be made. Summing up the case from every angle however the belief that Snowden has any connection with the crime, has not fallen flat here, and many persons have expressed the opinion that the murder will go down into history as among the unsolved mysteries.

Mrs. King's story of the next morning, as told to the detectives, follows:

"My husband and I were at our breakfast table at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Brandon talked across the yard to us. My husband left about 8.50 o'clock for his office. I talked to Mrs. Brandon until after 9 o'clock. I then went about my household duties, and that was the last I saw of Mrs. Brandon alive."

Mrs. King stated that she noticed in the afternoon that the shades in the kitchen were down and that the back door was locked and that she thought this unusual.

It is the theory of many persons in Annapolis that if a negro had killed Mrs. Brandon he would not have pulled down the shades and locked the kitchen door, leaving behind considerable jewelry on the bureau and a diamond ring on her finger.

#### **Husband Again Questioned.**

Brandon went to Baltimore yesterday and was questioned by Marshal Carter and Deputy State's Attorney Roland R. Marchant. Mrs. Grace