

WHO SCRATCHED NEGRO?

Hint In Snowden Trial Of "Hellish" Treatment By Police.

ATTORNEY GREEN CAUSES STIR

Ready To Give Reason For Removal Of Case From Annapolis, Calling It "Wonderful Story."

The introduction of three photographs of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, taken after death; a photograph of John Snowden, colored, charged with the murder, showing scratches on his face, and the testimony of Dr. Joseph C. Joyce that Mrs. Brandon's death was caused by a blow on the head formed the principal evidence yesterday in the trial of Snowden at Towson.

Two of the photographs of Mrs. Brandon showed bruises on the neck and the other bruises and cuts on the legs. They were offered in evidence on Wednesday, the first day of the trial, but were not admitted until it was shown by witnesses that the bruises and cuts were found on the body directly after Mrs. Brandon was found dead.

Detective Pohler, of Baltimore, testified as to seeing fresh scratches on the face of Snowden when arrested, and to a question as to how he received the scratches Detective Pohler said Snowden told him Edna Wallace, colored, with whom Snowden lived, was responsible for them. The Detective also said Edna Wallace denied this, but his testimony was objected to by Attorneys Brady and Grason, for the defense, and Judge Duncan ruled that Edna Wallace could be asked the question when she takes the stand.

Hint Of Rough Treatment.

While Detective Pohler was on the stand Attorney Brady questioned him particularly about the treatment of Snowden by the police after arrest, but the officer said he was not handled roughly in his presence. Mr. Brady brought out that the photographs were taken after Snowden had been in custody some time and intimated he would show that the prisoner underwent "hellish" treatment at the hands of the police. This led many in the courtroom to believe the defense would try to show that the scratches were received while in the hands of the police.

The testimony of Dr. Joyce was considered important in that the defense will contend that Mrs. Brandon, who was about to become a mother, succumbed to internal hemorrhage. Dr. Joyce's testimony was based on the theory that death was due to a hemorrhage of the brain, caused by a blow on the forehead, which almost penetrated the frontal bone.

Dr. Walton H. Hopkins told of finding bruises and cuts on the neck and said the wounds had been inflicted by finger nails, the position and nature of them indicating that Mrs. Brandon had been seized from behind and strangled. The defense, it is understood, will try to prove that Mrs. Brandon fell in the kitchen and struck her head against the refrigerator door, later dragging herself to the bed on which she died. Dr. Hopkins said she could not have dragged herself to the bed after having received the wound in the kitchen nor if it had been received by falling against the bed.

Creates Some Excitement.

Some excitement was created when Attorney Brady asked State's Attorney Green why he removed the case from Annapolis and Mr. Green sprung to his feet and said: "I will tell the jury if the court will permit me and it will be a wonderful story." Judge Duncan reminded the men that the trial had been going along peacefully and said he hoped it would continue so.

Thomas A. King, a neighbor, who had lived in adjoining apartments for some time before his wife joined him, denied that he was a frequent visitor to the Brandon home. He said he had known Mrs. Brandon only 10 days and that he had introduced his wife to her the Monday before the tragedy the following Wednesday.

Mrs. Ida Burch, Mrs. Grace Farley and Mrs. Grace Myers, neighbors of Mrs. Brandon, testified to seeing her alive between 10:30 and 11 o'clock on the day she was found dead.

It is expected the State, which is represented by State's Attorney Greene, of Anne Arundel county, and State's Attorney Hartman, of Baltimore county, will offer in evidence today the fingers of Mrs. Brandon, under the nails of which, the prosecution hopes to prove, particles of black flesh containing short hairs were found.