

# SNOWDEN TO HANG

## Negro Found Guilty Of Murdering Mrs. Lottie May Brandon.

### JURY OUT ONLY 20 MINUTES

#### Sentence Is Suspended At Request Of Prisoner's Attorney—Verdict Received Quietly By Crowd.

John Snowden, colored, was found guilty of murder in the first degree last night by a jury in the Circuit Court at Towson for the killing of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, of Annapolis, August 8 last. The jury was out only 20 minutes. Sentence was suspended by Judge Duncan at the request of counsel for Snowden. The verdict carries with it the penalty of death by hanging.

When Judge Duncan was informed that the jury had agreed on a verdict he announced to the crowd in the courtroom that he would not permit a demonstration of approval or disapproval, and instructed Sheriff Streett to have his deputies and the police present circulate among the crowd.

#### Snowden Takes Verdict Quietly.

No comment was made by the crowd when the verdict was announced and it dispersed orderly. Snowden took the verdict calmly and had nothing to say. He walked to his cell and later was taken to the Towson jail. Judge Duncan told the members of the jury who lived at a distance that they could spend the night at the Towson Hotel.

Arguments in the trial began early in the afternoon. State's Attorney Hartman, of Baltimore county, led off and was followed by Attorneys C. Gus Grason, of Towson, and A. Theodore Brady, of Annapolis, representing Snowden. State's Attorney Green, of Anne Arundel county, closed the arguments.

#### Judge Rebukes Demonstrators.

State's Attorneys Green and Hartman closed their arguments by asking for a verdict of murder in the first degree, without qualifications. When Mr. Hartman declared that Snowden had been guilty of a particularly fiendish crime, had really taken two lives, in that the slain woman was soon to have become a mother, and that the negro who ravishes a white woman deserves the extreme legal penalty and nothing short of it, a number of white women in the room applauded. Judge Duncan lectured them severely, saying that if the offense was repeated he would have to order the women from the room.

Marshal of Police Carter, Deputy Marshal House and Sergeant Pease, of Baltimore, took the stand in the morning and denied that Snowden was knocked to the floor and a pistol pressed against his head in an effort to get a confession. Snowden testified Wednesday as to the alleged brutal treatment at the hands of the police.

#### Refutes Nurse's Testimony.

Dr. J. C. Joyce, the first physician called to the Brandon home after Mrs. Brandon was found dead, testified that Mrs. Rachel Stewart, a nurse, who had testified at the instance of Dr. Joyce she had put a hairpin in the wound on Mrs. Brandon's forehead to see how deep it was, was not even in the room.

Attorneys Brady and Grason called State's Attorney Hartman to the stand and asked him if he had told persons at Towson that he was present in Marshal Carter's office August 17 while Snowden was being questioned and that he left the office because he was disgusted with the methods being used. Mr. Hartman admitted that he was in the office, but objected to his answering further on the part of State's Attorney Green was sustained by Judge Duncan because Snowden made no reference to his treatment on that day.