

# GRAND JURY RECALLED

## REV. CRAIG CENSURED

Judge Brashears in Charge to Grand Jury Refers to His Allegations as for Purpose of Cheap Notoriety.

### TO INVESTIGATE JOHNSON'S LYNCHING

However the Jury Will First Dispose of the Tyler Murder Case—Mrs. Robinson One of the Witnesses.

Laying the blame for such deplorable affairs as the lynching of King Johnson to laxity of local conditions which permits the systematic violations of the Sunday laws and on the apparent apathy of the more respectable citizens, including such men as the Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Brooklyn, Judge James R. Brashears this morning said to the reconvened Anne Arundel county grand jury "let us take hold with a stern hand and reach the officers of the law themselves if they are culpable."

The jury had been recalled for the purpose of taking up the case of Albert Tyler, the Eastport murderer, who, on December 4, killed his wife and son-in-law, and immediately after, being charged by Judge Brashears, retired and began to hear the list of witnesses in this case. Before going into the jury room, State's Attorney N. H. Green expressed the opinion that the inquest would probably not get to the Brooklyn lynching affair in its deliberations this morning and probably not today.

Judge Brashears, however, devoted practically all of his remarks to the jury to the Brooklyn affair. Incidentally he referred in severe terms to the interview given by the Rev. Mr. Craig, wherein the Brooklyn pastor attacked the manner of drawing juries in Anne Arundel and charged that service on the juries in this county is controlled by the favor or disfavor of a corrupt political machine.

"I think it only fair to say," said Judge Brashears "that the sheriff of the county having nothing to do with the Brooklyn lockup, was not in any way responsible for this sad occurrence. You will consult with the State's Attorney, and I think it more than likely that a thorough investigation of this affair may bring to light other violations. Naturally, such a deplorable thing stirs all of the good citizens of the county, and it is your duty under your oath taken when you qualified as jurors, to ferret out the facts. If you find that those officers of the law at Brooklyn were responsible for the lynching, through their negligence, or in other ways, you should present them for trial.

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“As I told you in my charge to you during the October sittings of Court, it seems the duty of the citizens from all sections of the county to see to the enforcement of the law in this locality of Anne Arundel. It is notoriously known that this section of the the county is absolutely lawless, particularly in its violation of the Sunday laws. It is doubtful if where this thing occurred those in the saloon business are fit persons to sell liquor. You have, under the law, the right to recommend to the Clerk of the Court that he do not issue licenses to persons whose conduct of their saloon you find justify such action. This section of our law has been upheld in the higher courts a number of times.”

Judge Brashears then took up the charges of political bossism in drawing Anne Arundel jurors, which was made by the Rev. Mr. Craig.

“So far as I am concerned personally, I would not care what Dr. Craig might say,” said the Judge, “but think it is due to you gentlemen of the jury to say that he certainly does not know whereof he speaks. I simply mention his remarks so that the public may know his charges are without foundation, and so far as I can see, there is no reason for them unless it be for the purpose of cheap notoriety. At my request, this same Mr. Craig was approached during your October sittings by the Rev. W. W. Davis, and asked to give information as to the alleged violations of the law. Notwithstanding this he did not come before you and he did not give any information.”

Immediately after hearing Judge Brashears' instruction the jury went to its own room and began calling witnesses in the Tyler murder case. As there are a dozen or more of thee, including Mrs. Vivian Tyler Robinson, who was shot by her father at the same time her husband was killed. It is not likely that the Brooklyn lynching will be taken up today. Judge Brashears urged the members of the jury to make its return on the Tyler case as soon as it was possible and so get this matter out of its way.

Although the Brooklyn lynching has caused great indignation in this city, many persons this morning expressed sentiments in keeping with those of Judge Brashears, and declared that if the people of Brooklyn really desired to better conditions there, the better element could do so. The action of Mr. Craig in condemning the county and charging political manipulation of juries, created indignation, too, this morning.

The present grand jury headed by David O. Parlett, one of the most respected citizens of Annapolis, who is not even remotely connected with politics, had in its membership eleven men who are notoriously independent and unapproachable in political matters. Five of these are Prohibitionists and three of these five were candidates on the Prohibition ticket in the recent election.