

AFTERMATH OF LYNCHING CASE

Suspect Arrested And Subsequently Released After Sweating Process

While the police of Brooklyn still deny that any arrests have so far been made in connection with the lynching of King Johnson, colored, which occurred early Christmas morning, it was learned that a man was locked up Saturday afternoon and was later released.

However, neither Chief Irwin nor any of his men, when asked whether or not the man had been arrested in connection with the lynching affair, would say anything more than that he was locked up for acting in a disorderly manner. It is the general belief of the residents of Brooklyn that the man was locked up as a suspect in the case and that after a severe sweating by the police was released, as he could give no information which might lead to the arrest of the guilty party or parties.

Although Chief Irwin and his men have run down every possible clue which the anonymous letter received by Justice John Potee contained in regard to the lynching, the authorities last night were just as far at sea as to who were concerned in it as they were on the morning the deed was committed. Each of the seven men whose names were mentioned in the letter, which was mailed from Baltimore, were questioned yesterday by the chief, and in each case the person seen by the head of the Brooklyn force denied having any knowledge of the affair.

Rev. Mr. Maice, pastor of the Independent Methodist Church of Brooklyn, who severely criticized the authorities for not apprehending the members of the mob on the night the lynching was committed, was also visited by Chief Irwin yesterday. At first it was thought that the minister would be summoned to appear before Justice Potee to tell the facts which he knew relative to the case. Following a lengthy conversation with the clergyman, however, Chief Irwin was satisfied that he did not know anything that might lead to the arrest of the person or persons implicated and therefore did not think it advisable to have Rev. Maice summoned.

Rev. Maice, when seen by a representative of the press late Saturday afternoon, reiterated his statement that the lynching rumor was spoken of by Mr. Harry Long, a member of his congregation on last Sunday night.

"Did he tell you of it?" he was asked.

"No," he replied. "My wife overheard the conversation, and did not tell me anything of it until the following morning, after the deed had been committed. Monday night, however, I spoke to Mr. Long and he then told me about what he had heard."

Mr. Long said that while coming home from Baltimore Christmas Eve a well dressed man, whom he had never seen about Brooklyn, but whom he thinks he can readily identify should he ever meet him again, was speaking of it on the car. Who the man was, or where he was going at the time, Mr. Long does not know. From what he knows the rumor of the lynching was spread all through the community and he does not see why the police were not notified.

"I do not think that the lynchings were residents of Brooklyn for neither Schwab or Johnson was well known in this section, and I do not see, therefore, why any of the residents of Brooklyn should want to get revenge. If I had any information that would benefit the police in any way I would be glad to give it to them."

Mr. William C. Crane, of Anne Arundel county, representing land and fertilizer interests and president of the Rock Creek and Marley Telephone Company said yesterday:

"In my business in the upper end of the county in the past few months I have met several responsible citizens who have told me they were offered jury duty presumably as a reward for political activity, and at the hands of the Democratic bosses in the county."

"Judge Brashears may think he is right in denying Rev. Mr. Craig's charges, and I see by the paper that the latter gentleman has modified his statements. If the grand jury, now in session, will summon me, I will gladly give them the names of the gentlemen who have reported to me these jury duty facts, and they can prove or disprove them if they will."

"If the proper official will perform their duties, as they are sworn to do, our grand old county will hastily redeem itself from the stigma it rests under. Unless Brooklyn and Curtis Bay can make a better showing from a governmental standpoint, many of the best citizens of the other end of the county would wish their hasty annexation to Baltimore city."