

WATCHMEN FOR JAIL

County Commissioners Authorize Officers For Brooklyn Lock-Up.

GRAND JURY TO INVESTIGATE

Funeral Of Frederick A. Schwab

Held—Negroes Remain At Home.

Special Officers To Preserve Order

With their eyes opened to the urgent need of having an officer regularly employed on duty at the Brooklyn lock-up, in the Fifth district, to look after the prisoners that may be incarcerated there from time to time, the Anne Arundel County Commissioners yesterday adopted an order providing that officers be assigned to duty there day and night; that is, one officer for day duty and another for night duty. The hours of employment are left to the discretion of the chief of police of the district.

The Commissioners were moved to this action by the lynching enacted in the early hours of Christmas morning, when King Johnson, otherwise known as King Davis, a negro, who had shot and killed Frederick A. Schwab, a white man, was taken from the lockup by a mob and shot to death.

To Inspect Brooklyn Jail.

The Commissioners took further action in connection with the case by appointing a committee, composed of President Smith and Commissioners Pettebone and Brown, to inspect the Brooklyn lockup, with the view of ascertaining what repairs, if any, are needed as a further protection to prisoners.

Although the county authorities are pursuing a rigid though quiet investigation, it is said that thus far they have not succeeded in uncovering any tangible evidence that would lead to the identity of any of the lynchers. State's Attorney Nicholas H. Green held a conference with the County Commissioners, and it is understood that some plan was outlined for the employment of detectives to work on the case.

The grand jury of the October term of court will reassemble today. It has been recalled for the primary purpose of investigating the Tyler murder, committed at Eastport nearly a month ago, in which Albert Tyler shot and fatally wounded his wife and son-in-law and badly wounded his daughter. The jurors will also take up the lynching case, and any evidence that may be gained or witnesses produced as the result of the pending investigation will be turned over to them for their consideration.

Heard Threats Of Lynching.

Charles Floyd and John J. Lowman, of Brooklyn, were last night summoned before Justice Potee, at the Brooklyn Police Station, to tell what they knew of the lynching.

Both men declared that they heard a man whom they did not know say on the main street of Brooklyn Sunday afternoon that it was useless for Patrolman Helmer to lock the doors of the police station. Floyd said the man declared "We will get him out before sunrise."

Floyd stated that the man had left on a car for Baltimore about 6 o'clock, saying that he would return before midnight. Neither witness stated to whom the "stranger" had addressed his remarks.

Floyd said that Patrolman Helmer had been standing within 25 feet of the "stranger" when the man made the prophecy of Johnson's death. He said that he did not believe the patrolman could have heard what was said.

The summoning of Floyd and Lowman resulted from a statement alleged to have been made by Joseph W. McCracklen, a storekeeper of Brooklyn, that if he were a member of the Anne Arundel grand jury the first presentment he would vote to return would be against Chief Irwin and Patrolman Helmer.

He gave as reasons for this statement that Lloyd and Lowman had told him that the "stranger" had declared in hearing of Patrolman Helmer that Johnson would be taken from the police station before sunrise of Christmas Day.

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All Brooklyn was agog with discussions of McCracklen's statement yesterday morning. The news soon reached Chief Irwin and he summoned all three men to appear before Justice Potee last night.

Justice Potee questioned both Floyd and Lowman closely last night about their attitude toward the enforcement of the law, asking them, if as good citizens they did not believe it their duty to have reported the statement they heard to the police immediately.

Both men declared that they had not expected anything to come of what they heard and gave other vague reasons for their failure to acquaint the police with the "stranger's" predictions, among them being "I did not see a patrolman again for several hours."

Floyd said that the "stranger" was a short, stocky man, of dark complexion. He could not remember whether he had a mustache or was smooth shaven.

The result of the examination was telephoned to State's Attorney Green, at Annapolis, and he ordered them summoned to appear before the grand jury this morning.

McCracklen gave bond, \$100 for each man, for their appearance this morning, declaring that "I got them in this hole and I am going to stand by them now."

After the examination Chief Irwin took Floyd and Lowman to Fairfield to inspect the saloons and homes there in an effort to identify the "stranger" whom they had seen in Brooklyn Sunday afternoon.

Minister Flays Authorities.

That what he termed the inefficiency of the Brooklyn police, whom he declared responsible for their failure to apprehend members of the lynchings' gang, is due to political conditions in Anne Arundel county, was the statement made by Rev. Kenneth M. Craig, pastor of the Brooklyn Presbyterian Church and president of the Brooklyn Improvement Association, yesterday afternoon.

Last night it was said that a movement was on foot in Brooklyn to call a mass-meeting of the taxpayers and call Rev. Mr. Craig to account for statements he was reported to have made by the afternoon papers. It was predicted that his resignation would be called for at an early date.

Murdered Man Buried.

The funeral of Schwab took place from the home of his brother, Frank Schwab, at Fairfield yesterday morning. A number of relatives of the murdered man gathered to listen to the services at the home, conducted by Rev. J. Franklin Bryan, of the South Baltimore Methodist Protestant Church, Light street, near West street.

A stillness that was almost tense pervaded the little town of 800 inhabitants while the services were being conducted. No negro showed himself outside of his home, although every window of the houses inhabited by negroes was occupied.

Chief Irwin sent Patrolmen Johnson and Hawkins to the town to be on watch for any disorder that might arise.

Negroes Denounce Lynching.

Lynching in general, and the lynching of King Johnson, the negro murderer, by a mob in Brooklyn, Christmas Day, was condemned by the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Preachers' meeting of the Washington conference, colored, yesterday.