

LYNCH VERDICT CLOSES PROBE

State Can Take No Further Action, Lane Declares

So far as the State of Maryland is concerned, the Salisbury lynching case is closed, Attorney General William Preston Lane said today.

The report late yesterday by the Wicomico County grand jury that it had found "absolutely no evidence that can remotely connect anyone with the instigation or perpetration of the murder" of Matthew Williams, Negro, on Dec. 4 constitutes the final chapter in the story, Mr. Lane said.

"I have decided to make no comment on the jury's report," the Attorney General said. "The jury examined 128 witnesses. After considering their testimony, it reports that it can find 'absolutely' no evidence to connect, even remotely, anyone with the crime. The grand jury, under the laws of our state, is supreme within its territory. I believe no comment from me is necessary."

Mr. Lane pointed out that he had participated in the lynching investigation at Governor Ritchie's direction rather than upon any request from the authorities of Salisbury or Wicomico County. His position in such a situation, he explained, is more that of assistant than director of any investigation.

Mr. Lane said that, in his opinion, the only possibility that the

lynch case would be reopened lay in the chance that additional evidence might be discovered. He indicated he believed that possibility remote.

"And even then," he said, "the disposition of such evidence would be up to the grand jury and not to the state. I know of nothing the state can do in the matter."

Governor Refuses Comment

Governor Ritchie, talking by telephone from a suite in the Ambassador Hotel, New York, exhibited irritation when asked to comment on the grand jury's lynching report.

"I'm not going to say anything until I have talked to Mr. Lane," the Governor said. "I wasn't in the grand jury room. I don't know what went on there or what evidence was placed before the jurors. How can I say anything now?"

Reminded that, although not present, he had full knowledge of the background of the case and was in position to give an opinion on the jury's failure to indict anyone, the Governor said:

"But how can I say anything about something I know nothing about? I turned that investigation over to Mr. Lane and I'm certainly not going to say anything until I have talked with him.

"I don't understand why you call me, anyway. Here I am in New York. I didn't even know the results of the Salisbury grand jury investigation until you told me."

To Return Tonight

The Governor said he would return to Baltimore by a late train

u, Mrs. Hostess

Mr. and Mrs. John Newton Hotinger, of Lexington, Va., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ivy Belle Lee, to Joseph Anthony Phillips, which took place Jan. 7, 1930, in New York.

The former Miss Hotinger is a graduate of the training school of the Church Home and Infirmary Hospital of this city and from the State Teachers' College of Farmville, Va. She is a member of the Woman's City Club of Baltimore.

Mr. Phillips is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Phillips, formerly of Hartford, Conn., now of Baltimore. He attended City College and is now studying law at the University of Baltimore.

Announcement Of Marriage

Never used. Sprigs of flowers may be stuck through the cards at a wedding breakfast and amusing little figures may be used for a children's party; otherwise the cards should be chaste plain. The names are written on the cards in ink as "Mr. Post," "Mrs. Tate," and so forth, except for children, whose first names are used.

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lynching. Reports here are so mixed up a fair view cannot be obtained."

'Nothing to Say'

One clergyman, Rev. Edward A. Daugherty, said: "I haven't anything to say to anybody from Baltimore." He stopped the brief conversation by hanging up the receiver of his telephone.

Louis Berger, leader of the Trade Union Unity League, Communist organization, sent the following telegram to Governor Ritchie in New York today:

"The workers assembled at the Tom Mooney House, commemorating the Paris commune, protest against your maneuvering to white-wash mob leaders who lynched Matthew Williams.

Want Mixed Jury

"The grand jury of rich Eastern Shore citizens did everything possible to protect those responsible for the lynching. We demand that you investigate the death of Jacob Conquest, Negro eyewitness to the lynching, and the disappearance of Rufus Jernigan, also an eyewitness.

"We demand a new jury of white and Negro workers and poor farmers to investigate Sheriff and Chief of Police Holland and Daniel Elliott Jr., who were in the lynching mob."

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