

CORNER'S JURY TO INVESTIGATE SLAYER'S DEATH

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Tribunal, Clothed With Competent Authority, To Endeavor To Ascertain Facts

AUTHORITIES WILL HASTEN INVESTIGATION

State, County And City Officials
Co-operating; Mayor Expects
No More Trouble

Matthew Williams, confessed slayer of D. J. Elliott at his office yesterday afternoon, was removed from the Peninsula General Hospital last night and hanged in the Courthouse yard. The hanging was witnessed by hundreds of people.

An investigation of the entire affair is being conducted by local authorities who had not progressed sufficiently to make any statements at press time.

The opinion prevails that many of those participating in the actual hanging came from other sections of the peninsula and that their actions were prompted by events that have occurred in their own communities.

State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey said a coroner's jury, composed of leading citizens, will be summoned this afternoon, and later adjourned until a later date for a hearing.

All evidence that can be collected will be placed before the jurors whose duty will be to fix responsibility for the death of Williams, Mr. Bailey said.

"There will be no more delay than is necessary for the identification of those who took part in this crime. I plan to prosecute this case vigorously, stopping not at the leaders, but carrying it to every other person who took part who can be identified."

After a special meeting of the Mayor and Council this morning in City Hall, Mayor Wade H. Insley issued this statement:

"A careful investigation shows that everything is quiet and no further trouble is anticipated. There is no indication of tense racial feeling and what has happened can be safely classed as indignation directed only toward the individual concerned. There never has been any trouble between the races here and there is not going to be now.

"Simply as a precautionary measure sufficient police protection has been provided. The city feels that it is amply able to handle the situation without outside help. The investigation of last night's unfortunate occurrence is in the hands of the proper county authorities."

Governor Albert C. Ritchie returned hurriedly home from New York and started a thorough inquiry.

"When the investigation is completed I shall have something to say," the executive declared. "But the matter is entirely too grave for me to talk about now, of course, I am shocked by the affair."