

LANE INVESTIGATES LYNCHING OF NEGRO

Attorney-General Consults
Bailey At Salisbury In Probe
Of Williams Case

WITHHOLDS STATEMENT

Says He Must Guard Information
Until Jury Of Inquest
Convenes

[Special Dispatch to The Sun]

Salisbury, Md., Dec. 14—Attorney-General William P. Lane, Jr., arrived at Salisbury at noon today and immediately started an investigation of the lynching of Matthew Williams, Negro, here on December 4.

Accompanied by Assistant Attorney-General G. C. A. Anderson, he went to the Peninsula General Hospital, from which Williams was dragged in a straightjacket to hanging and burning, and questioned officials there.

Questions Police Chief

Later he interviewed L. W. Selse, vice-president and general manager of the Red Motor Coach Company, from a terminal of which gasoline was procured by mob leaders who directed the burning of the Negro's body.

The Attorney-General also questioned N. H. Holland, chief of police, who was guarding the entrance to the hospital on the night of the lynching.

Confers With State's Attorney

He also conferred with State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey.

Mr. Lane was reticent as to the questions he asked or the information he obtained, but said he would remain here until Wednesday morning to continue his investigation.

From the nature of the case, he explained, whatever information he has must be guarded until laid before the coroner's jury.

No date has been set for convening of the coroner's jury. Mr. Lane plans to appear in the Court of Appeals at 11 o'clock Wednesday in connection with the Yuel Lee case.

When W. Preston Lane, Jr., Attorney-General, left Baltimore for Salisbury yesterday, he had with him, according to reports in police circles here, copies of reports of a group of Baltimore detectives who for a week have been investigating the lynching at his request.

The detectives, whose services were loaned by Charles D. Gaither, Police Commissioner, are understood to have completed their work of attempting to identify leaders of the lynching mob.