

RITCHIE, LANE TO INVESTIGATE NEGRO'S DEATH

State's Attorney To Question Officers Who Saw
Crowd Take Man From Hospital—Attorney-
General Offers Aid Of Office—Arrest
Of All Involved Threatened

Ritchie Promises Full Probe Of Shore Case

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, on his arrival in Baltimore today, said:

"I am going to make a thorough investigation of the matter today. I shall determine later what is to be done about the lynching and about the trial of Orphan Jones. When that investigation is completed I shall have something to say.

"But the matter is entirely too grave for me to talk about it now. I have just reached Baltimore.

"Of course, I am shocked by the lynching."

The Governor reached the Belvedere Hotel early today from New York. He was joined later by Attorney-General William P. Lane, Jr., and together they began a review of the lynching.

[From a Staff Correspondent]

Salisbury, Dec. 5—Immediate prosecution of the leaders of the mob which hanged and burned a colored prisoner here last night and of every member of the mob who can be identified, was promised today by State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey.

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

Calls Conference At Once

"I have arranged for an immediate conference with Sheriff G. Murray Phillips and Chief of Police N. H. Holland, who saw the mob in action, to obtain from them the names of all the persons they recognized and the extent of participation of each."

An investigation of the failure of the local police to halt the lynching was started by Mayor Wade H. Insley, who called upon the Chief of Police and the members of the force who were on duty at the time for detailed written explanations, especially in reference to reports that three uniformed patrolmen were directing traffic on the fringes of the mob while the hanging was in progress.

A coroner's jury impaneled by Magistrate S. King White viewed the body this afternoon in a colored undertaking establishment but withheld its verdict to give the authorities an opportunity to fix responsibility for the death of the man.

Lane Wires Bailey

Attorney-General William P. Lane, Jr., telegraphed to Mr. Bailey an offer

of the assistance of his office in the prosecution. The telegram said:

The facilities of my office are at your disposal for any assistance you may require in connection with the lynching last night.

"It isn't necessary for me to say that I am shocked," Mr. Lane said. "It comes back to a question of influence that the lynching may have on the case of Orphan Jones. I am ready said