

# 10,000 SEE CORPSE

## Sunday-School Children Are Among Throngs That Gaze At Lynched Negro.

## NO INQUEST IS HELD YET

## Coroner Says He Can Find No One To Identify Single Rioter.

## MINISTER PREACHES ON MOB

**Scores Those Who Shot Burns To  
Death—Morbid Crowd After Sou-  
venirs Tears Clothing From The  
Body—Mob Wanted To Burn And  
Hang Negro.**

[Special Dispatch, to the Baltimore Sun.]

Cumberland Md., Oct. 6.—It is expected that Chief Judge A. Hunter Boyd, who witnessed the lynching of William Burns, the negro murderer of Policeman August Baker early this morning, will address the grand jury on the subject tomorrow, when the October term of the Allegany court convenes.

Judge Boyd did all in his power to save the negro's life and to have the law observed; but his pleading was in vain, for the sullen mob brushed him aside in their determination to avenge the policeman's death in the manner they had elected. The Judge was vigorous in his efforts and fearless in his manner, and from his demeanor and declarations there seems to be little doubt that he will be as determined to have the mob leaders punished as the mob was in meting out summary death to the negro.

During the day, it is estimated, 10,000 persons, including many Sunday-school children, closely examined the semi-naked body as it lay at the undertaker's. In the evening an attempt was made to close the shop, but the crowd threatened to force the doors, and they were reopened. As told in THE SUN this morning, a sullen mob battered down the doors of the jail after midnight, took the keys from Deputy Sheriff Noah Hendley, dragged Burns into the street and riddled his body with bullets, 20 feet from the building, as influential townsmen begged them to desist.

### FIRST IN CUMBERLAND HISTORY

The lynching of Burns was the first in the history of Cumberland and the second in the history of Allegany county. The first occurred at Westernport some years ago, when a man named Johnson was hanged from the Potomac river bridge for the murder of a man named White. Johnson was a religious fanatic and was thought to be insane.

Michael Malone was convicted of manslaughter in connection with the lynching, Benjamin A. Richmond, then State's Attorney, prosecuting him, and he was sentenced for manslaughter. This is said to have been the only instance of conviction for lynching in Maryland.

While the mob this morning was on the outside making a demonstration, which could be heard several blocks, the prisoner, apparently conscious of what was going on, uttered not a word. Prisoners occupying cells near him say he never murmured from the time of the appearance of the mob until after he was dragged from his cell. The negro died game, according to eye-witnesses.

The pole was being played against the cell door for 10 minutes, broke the gas pipes and escaping gas filled the jail. The prisoners were rapidly being asphyxiated when their peril was discovered by Deputy Sheriff Hendley. Judge Boyd entered the jail and saw the work of destruction by the mob. The big telegraph pole which was used as a battering ram still lay in the basement. As the pole was too long to use effectively in the small room it was necessary to drive one end through the plastering of the wall opposite the cell to give sufficient leverage.

Turkey Ellsworth Connor says that the mob forced the first grated door open with the ram, but in the meantime got the keys. Both grated doors are badly sprung, as is the door of the cell from which Burns was taken. The mob searched Turkey Connor for the keys, but he did not possess them.

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Connor was in bed, and was aroused by voices without. He investigated, and found about 25 men assembled in front of the jail. Before he could dress, he says, at least 500 appeared.

As Burns was being taken from the jail door he was struck over the head with a piece of gas pipe, some of his teeth being knocked out. His body was exposed to public gaze at the undertaking rooms all day, thousands viewing it. Hundreds of Sunday-school children were allowed to see the body, the trunk being exposed and bullet holes being clearly discernible. This evening the undertaker closed the door of the morgue on the curious throng, and it was nearly broken down. He was obliged to open the door and let the crowd in. It is estimated that at least 10,000 persons viewed the body today.

Hundreds of persons visited the home of Policeman August Baker, the victim of Burns.

It is stated that the mob had procured a rope with which to hang Burns, but the man with whom it had been intrusted lost courage and disappeared. When the mob called for it he could not be found.

Rev. William Cleveland Hicks, rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, who pleaded with the mob last night to desist, preached this morning on the lynching. His text was "Be ye angry and sin not." Mr. Hicks had prepared another sermon, but he waived it on account of the occurrence of last night. He said, in part:

"This is a time for plain words. It is a time also to act. The Christian religion does not forbid anger. Righteous anger is at times, a mark of Christian manhood or womanhood. Christ Himself looked about him with anger, as he beheld the desecration of His Father's house. For the last three days Cumberland has been stirred to its profoundest depths with righteous indignation at the dastardly crime which resulted in the death of a much respected citizen and faithful officer, and our people very rightly were demanding that swift and sure punishment should be meted out to the offender. This was well and good, but last night in this fair city a crime far worse was committed—committed in cold blood—the act of a mob of men, who are not to be classed generally among the lawless and lawbreakers, but men who are known and who have been held in respect by their fellows."

## PRAYED OVER BODY IN STREET.

Rev. Mr. Hicks, early this morning, stood over the prostrate form of the dying man, in the middle of the street and offered a prayer of mercy. For the time the mob ceased in its demonstration. Several in the crowd had shown a disrespectful attitude toward the clergyman, and it was feared at one time from the movements made that he might be assaulted. Rev. Mr. Hicks wanted the body removed from the cobbled street to Emmanuel churchyard, near by, but the mob would not consent. He, however, caused it to refrain from burning the body.

Some who had not helped in the lynching wanted to mutilate the body, and made a movement in that direction, but the desire of the principals for revenge seemed to have been satisfied. With the exception of the trousers, the clothing was all torn from the body of the man. His coat was torn in bits and the fragments kept as souvenirs. One man secured the blood-stained white silk handkerchief of the negro.

Undertaker Louis Stein has been ordered by the court to hold the body of Burns until Tuesday morning. No inquest has yet been held, and Coroner George Marts said tonight that he had not yet been able to secure the name of a single witness who could identify any of the lynchers. Until this is done, it is useless to hold an inquest. State's Attorney Wilson and Coroner Marts are acting under instructions of the Court.

A special delivery letter was sent to

William Burns at Delaplaine, Va., today, the home of the dead man, asking what disposition should be made of the remains. A woman named Johnson, living at Wheeling, wrote that she has a son named William Burns and she asked for a description.

#### TO BURY POLICEMAN.

The funeral of August Baker, the victim of Burns, will occur tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by Rev. C. F. Floto, pastor of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church. Members of the police force will act as pallbearers, and interment will be in Greenmount Cemetery.