

CRISFIELD IN A FRENZY

Body Of Lynched Negro Reed Dug Up And Burned.

MOVE TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

Better Element Of Negro Population Asks That All Negro Joints Be Closed, And Indorse Lynching

[Special Dispatch to the Baltimore Sun.]

Crisfield, Md., July 29.—The excitement over the murder of Policeman Daugherty Saturday night and the lynching of the murderer, James Reed, a North Carolina negro, yesterday is still intense.

At a late hour last night the body of the lynched negro was dug up from his grave on the marsh and a large bonfire made. The mangled body was riddled with bullets and then thrown into the fire.

The whole town seemed to be in a frenzy. Half of the people did not sleep during the entire night. The morning brought a condition a little less serious, but feeling was still intense and there was fear of more trouble between the blacks and the white population of the town.

The town council held a spirited meeting this afternoon and laid plans to restore order.

A delegation of the best and most respectable negroes of the town, with all the colored preachers and a colored physician, went before the council and asked to be allowed to co-operate with the white citizens in restoring order and peace between the two races. The Negro delegation asked that the authorities close up all negro places of amusement, places suspected of illegally selling liquor, harboring negro criminals, causing the congregation of negroes or doing anything that could in any way stir up sentiment among the negroes that would probably lead to trouble between the two races.

The delegation agreed to furnish evidence within the next few days that would lead to closing up several dives in the negro section of the town.

The delegation also offered resolutions regretting the murder of Policeman Daugherty, commending him for the performance of his duty and condemning the negro Reed for the murder, and further stating that they would have been willing to have joined in the hunt for the fugitive and that the lynching was justifiable.

The authorities have consented to act upon some of the suggestions of the delegation and have ordered the closing up of nine negro joints and the arrest of several criminally inclined negroes.

They have also instructed the police justice to apply the heaviest penalty possible upon all blacks who are brought before him and proved guilty of any charge upon which they may be arrested. This, it is thought, will break up a great deal of the lawlessness heretofore prevailing among the negroes of the town. In future all strange negroes are to state the cause which brings them to town and on the day they arrive secure the permission of the authorities to stay in town. Otherwise, they will be arrested on a charge of vagrancy and sent to the House of Correction. The Council passed resolutions of respect to the murdered officer and tendering their sympathy to his family.

Capt. John Chelton, captain of the *Ercliff*, of the Crisfield Packet Company, who captured the negro Reed, has been appointed to the vacancy on the police force caused by Daugherty's death and a large number of special officers are still on duty to keep order and prevent any further outbreaks between the negroes and the whites.

Photographs of the lynching have been made into souvenir postal cards and the dealers are rushed to supply the demand of those who wish to send them to their friends, relatives and acquaintances in all parts of the country. The rope with which the negro was hanged was cut up into small pieces as souvenirs. Large crowds of white people congregated on the streets all day, but very few negro inhabitants of the town were to be seen on the streets.

Lemuel Showers, proprietor of the negro billiard room, who lent the negro Reed the pistol with which Daugherty was murdered, managed to escape from the town yesterday, but was captured up the county today and lodged in jail at Princess Anne to await trial. A large number of persons have met each train today with the hope that he would be brought back to Crisfield. They intended to lynch him as soon as he arrived, but the officers knowing the fate which awaited him if he was brought here took him to Princess Anne.

The negro Hildred, who was under arrest when the tragedy occurred and who was a partner of the negro Reed, is still at large, but the authorities are continuing the search for him. It will probably go hard with him if he is captured.