

# FIRST LYNCHING IN 20 YEARS

The lynching of Matthew Williams, negro murderer, in Salisbury last night made a total of 15 in Maryland since 1885 and was the first in the State in 20 years.

On Christmas Eve, 1911, a mob broke into the jail in Brooklyn, then a part of Anne Arundel county, seized King Johnson, negro, and shot him to death a few blocks from the station. The day before he had killed Frederick A. Schwab in a Fairfield poolroom.

## WHITE VICTIM

Only one white man has been lynched in Maryland. Marshall E. Price was hanged by a Denton mob in 1895 after he had confessed attacking and cutting the throat of Sally Dean, fourteen.

Other Maryland lynchings have been:

**HOWARD COOPER**, negro, lynched June 12, 1885, at Towson, Baltimore county. Cooper was charged with attacking Miss Katie Gray, a white woman.

**TOWNSEND COOK**, negro, was taken from the Westminster Jail, Carroll county, by a mob on June 2, 1885, and hanged from a tree. Cook had attacked a white woman.

**BENJAMIN HANCE**, negro, was lynched on June 17, 1887, by a mob at Leonardtown, St. Mary's county. He was charged with an attack.

**HOE VERMILLION**, negro, was taken from the Upper Marlboro Jail on December 3, 1889, by a mob and hanged. He was charged with burning several barns in Prince George's county.

**JAMES TAYLOR**, negro, was taken from the Chestertown Jail in May, 1892, and hanged by a mob. He was believed to have been implicated in the murder of Dr. James H. Hill, near Millington.

**ISAAC KAMP**, negro, was taken from the Somerset County Jail on June 8, 1894, and killed by a mob. He was arrested in connection with the murder of Edward Carver, a county resident.

**JACK HENSON**, negro, was taken from the Ellicott City Jail on March 18, 1895, by a mob and hanged. He had been convicted of the murder of Daniel F. Shea in Howard county.

**JAMES BOWENS**, negro, was lynched at Frederick, Md., on November 16, 1895.

**WILLIAM ANDREWS**, negro, convicted and sentenced to hang, was taken from the Somerset county jail on June 9, 1897, and lynched. He had confessed attacking Mrs. Benjamin T. Kelly in Somerset county.

**HENRY DAVIS**, negro, was taken from the Annapolis jail on December 20, 1906, and hanged to a tree in the rear of St. John's College. He had confessed to an attack on a white woman of Annapolis.

**WILLIAM BURNS**, negro, who murdered a policeman, lynched in Cumberland, October 6, 1907.

**JAMES REED**, negro, who murdered a policeman, lynched in Crisfield, July 28, 1907.