

EXPECT FREEDOM FOR MEDA HODELL

Governor Green Said Con- vinced That Girl is In- nocent of Murder

Fremont, Feb. 23.—(Special)—
Indications that Meda Hodell, now
serving a life sentence in the De-
troit House of Correction, convict-
ed for the murder of her father-
in-law in this county some years
ago, will soon be freed are seen by
local officials.

The case, the greatest in the an-
nals of criminal cases in this coun-
ty, aroused state wide attention at
the time of the trial, due to the
large number involved in the case,
and also because the same people
were being tried for the murder
of Meda Hodell's husband, Romie
Hodell.

Meda's mother, Mrs. Alice
Dudgeon, and two brothers, Lee
and Herman Dudgeon and a farm
hand, Robert Bennett, have all
been freed of the charges. Lee
and his mother were convicted and
served some time at Ionia, but an
appeal for a new trial was granted
them, and they were subsequently
freed.

The governor, through the parole
commissioner, it is said, has inti-
mated that it is up to the authori-
ties to convince him that the girl
should serve the remainder of her
sentence rather than for Meda to
make a new effort to prove her in-
nocence.

From the day she was taken to
the state penal institution she has
steadfastly maintained her in-
nocence, the warden of the Detroit
House of Correction being one of
those who is convinced that the
girl did not commit the murder.
He has recommended her release.
It is expected that the commis-
sioner of pardons will make his
report to the governor shortly.