

# **Snowden Weeps Protests Innocence**

**Disappointed when told of decision of Court of Appeals Governor To Fix Date Of Execution This Week.—Petitions from State Wait on Manifestation of Annapolis Public Opinion**

Annapolis, Md., January 22—Protesting his innocence and further emphasizing it by saying that if God could come down to Annapolis, he would say the same thing. John Snowden was not moved from this position when informed by Sheriff Bellis of the decision of the Court of Appeals in his case last week.

If Bellis expected to see Snowden break down, lose his nerve and confess, he was mistaken. In reply to the sheriff's announcement that he must prepare to meet his God, and that he should tell the truth of the matter, Snowden answered amid his tears, that he knew nothing about it.

So far as is known there has been no organized effort throughout the State to ask Governor Harrington to commute the sentence of life imprisonment. On the legal side, the decision of the Court of Appeals is regarded as final and the only hope of saving Snowden's life at all rests in the executive clemency of the Governor.

Anticipating petitions from white and colored people throughout the State, Governor Harrington made public his view that he is opposed to capital punishment except for rape. The governor is reported to have read the testimony in the case and to have become convinced of Snowden's guilt.

## **DATE NOT FIXED YET.**

No action by the Governor in fixing the date for Snowden's execution can be taken until the findings of the court at Towson reach Annapolis and are sent to the Governor. He will probably receive the papers this week and set the date of execution some time in February, unless the sentiment of the white and colored people of Annapolis and in the State shows itself favorable toward sparing Snowden's life and commuting the sentence.

Rev. Benjamin Holt has taken the place of Rev. J. A. Briscoe as spiritual advisor.