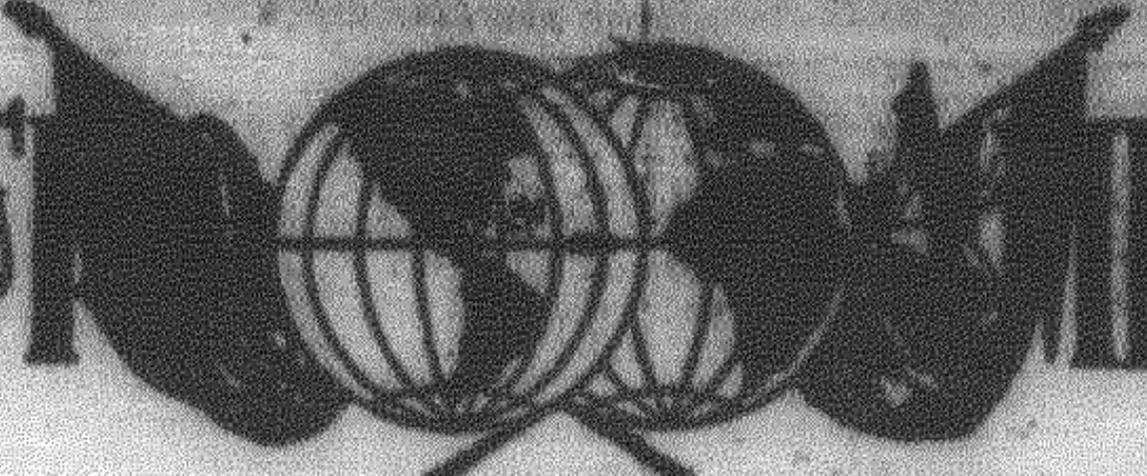


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SNOWDEN WILL GO TO THE GALLOWS FEBRUARY 28th
REV. I. L. THOMAS DIES AFTER PROLONGED ILLNESS
600 GERMANS, 700 CANNON, 350 MACHINE GUNS CAPTURED

GOVERNOR FAILS TO GRANT REPRIEVE. ALL HOPE NOT LOST

Letters Pour in on State's Executive Asking Clemency—Several Delegations Also Ask For Reprieve.—More Petitions on the Way—Governor Seems Convinced of Guilt of Condemned Man After a Thorough Study of the Evidence. in Case.

Annapolis, January 29—February 28th, Friday, and the last day in the month was fixed by the Governor today as the date upon which John Snowden is to be hanged. He has just one month to live.

Governor Harrington put in a busy season this week and a large part of the time was spent considering the case of John Snowden.

The latter part of last week the Governor spent a whole day going over the testimony of the trial in the lower court and the opinion of the Court of Appeals. Not only once but several times he went thru the records reconstructing the case for himself.

Sunday afternoon he made a visit to the scene of the crime on Second Street in order to satisfy himself on several points. He stood at the window from which Mary Perkins said she looked out and saw Snowden come out of the Brandon home and then went over to look at the alley which leads past the Brandon house back to the street on which Snowden lived.

RECEIVES TWO DELEGATIONS

Letters from many parts of the State have reached the executive mansion urging the changing of the sentence to life imprisonment.

Rev. Simon P. W. Drew, an evangelist, was the first to interview him and on last Saturday a delegation headed by Dr. J. R. L. Diggs, together with Rev. P. C. Neal, J. W. Winston and Frank Williams was received at his office in the Union Trust Building in Baltimore.

Dr. Diggs urged a lighter penalty for Snowden on the ground that no

colored person was a member of the jury that tried him, and therefore the convicted man was not tried by a "jury of his peers" Dr. Diggs told of a similar case in West Virginia which the Supreme Court set aside, because colored people were excluded from jury service. Dr. Diggs also stressed the fact that Snowden was convicted on circumstantial evidence and that the testimony of Mary Perkins was brought in question.

GOVERNOR'S REPLY.

The Governor replied to the delegation in a speech of twenty minutes. He said he had known Mary Perkins because she had worked in the executive mansion and he had found her reliable. He said that he would regard the changing of Snowden's sentence as "the greatest misfortune that could possibly happen to the colored people.

Referring to his criminal law practice, Governor Harrington remarked that he had tried fourteen murder cases and in none of them was the evidence so strongly against the accused as in this case. He added that to him the evidence was not "circumstantial" but "indirect," that he was convinced of Snowden's guilt, and unless some new evidence was presented to him, he would set the date as soon as the papers arrived from Towson.

The certificates showing the affirmation of the judgment of the lower court by the Court of Appeals left the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County Tuesday and were handed over to the Governor. Action was taken on them immediately.