

RESPIRE FOR SNOWDEN SEEMS POSSIBLE NOW

Reported Secretary Of State Has Declined To Sign Death War- rant Of Condemned Man

MAY DELAY PROCEEDINGS

That there may still be a tie-up in the Snowden case, seems probable according to a statement made today at noon, by Sheriff Joseph H. Bellis. When asked by a Capital representative if he had received the death warrant which had been signed by the governor and sent to the secretary of state last Wednesday for his signature, the sheriff replied he had not, and furthermore, that he had been informed the secretary of state is opposed to capital punishment and has declined to sign the warrant up to this time.

This may mean that should the governor determine to carry out his intention of administering justice as he sees it after having read the testimony in the Snowden case over three times, visited the scene of the murder and signed the death warrant, that it will be necessary to appoint another secretary of state, if Secretary Simmons declines to sign the document because of his conscientious scruples in the matter.

This line of action was thought to be possible, if not probable by Sheriff Bellis this morning, who continued, however,

"I may receive the death warrant for Snowden in this evening's mail, but should I, the paper will not be read to him tomorrow, Sunday, as I am not in favor of taking such action on Sunday. If the document comes tonight I will read it to him on Monday morning."

County Health Officer Dr. James J. Murphy, visited Snowden in the death cell at the jail last night, and found his physical condition much improved over his attack of nausea on Thursday afternoon and night. Warden Hedon said this morning Snowden is all right again and is eating three good meals a day. He gets everything he asks for in the way of food, and is fed of different kinds of meat and vegetables, especially. No meals are being served him now except by the jail authorities. He is keeping up wonderfully well, the warden says, and shows no signs of weakening since his breakdown a day or two ago.