

NOTED WOMAN LAWYER WOULD SAVE SNOWDEN

Mrs. Grace Humiston, Of Ruth
Cruger Fame, In Annapolis
To Save Condemned Man

WILL SEE THE GOVERNOR

Declaring she had discovered new evidence in the case of John Snowden which would prove that he did not murder Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, Mrs. Grace Humiston, noted woman lawyer of New York is in the city making a last minute effort to save the life of the colored man who is doomed to die next Friday morning.

While Mrs. Humiston would not speak about matter with newspaper men it is said on high authority that she has come to Annapolis to lay before Gov. Harrington some hitherto unknown facts concerning the murder.

It is believed that Mrs. Humiston will seek to have the governor postpone the hanging until she can work out the new evidence it is said she has unearthed.

The introduction of the well known woman into the case at this hour only serves to increase the widespread interest in the case.

Friends of John Snowden, convicted of the murder of Lottie May Brandon, and sentenced to die on the gallows next Friday morning have not yet abandoned all hopes of getting the governor to commute the sentence from death to life imprisonment.

This was proven today when it became known that Mrs. Grace Humiston, who won fame by clearing up the murder of Ruth Cruger, a New York girl, some time ago, appeared in Annapolis yesterday accompanied by Mrs. Spencer Murray.

Mrs. Humiston plunged into the work at hand at once. She had an interview with Sheriff Bellis late yesterday and today called on Rev. Briscoe, an Annapolis colored preacher, who has interested himself in the effort to save Snowden from the gallows. For several hours she talked with W. L. Lockard, secretary to the governor, this morning but she refused to make a statement to representatives of the press when approached.

Governor Harrington announced today that he would be glad to meet any and all persons who have the least doubt concerning Snowden's guilt in his office in the State House Monday morning at eleven o'clock. The meeting will be an open one and it is believed will be largely attended.

The governor proposes to read to the crowd a resume of the evidence of the testimony taken in the trial. The governor is especially to meet with those men who have signed petitions recently asking for a commutation of the sentence.

It is the intention of Mrs. Humiston to be present at this gathering, together with Attorney A. T. Brady, chief of counsel for Snowden, and others.

Governor Harrington wired from New York today to his secretary asking him to announce the meeting scheduled for Monday morning. The governor is firmly convinced of Snowden's guilt and unless some hitherto undivulged facts are presented he will not interfere with the hanging of the condemned man.

Mrs. Humiston was brought to Annapolis to interest herself in Snowden's behalf through the efforts of Mrs. W. Spencer Murray, formerly of this city.

Mrs. Humiston untangled the Cruger murder after the metropolitan police and detective force of New York exhausted every clue and thereby was fame as a detective. She is a highly educated woman and edits a magazine of her own called New Justice. She was in Annapolis shortly after the murder had been committed and at that time urged a theory of the crime which was inconsistent with the evidence in the case.

Those friends of Snowden and those who believe in his innocence are placing their last hopes in Mrs. Humiston to save him from the gallows almost on the eve of the hanging.

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Meanwhile, Snowden continues to protest his innocence. He is in the best of health and sleeps like a child during the night, just as usual say. He grows and stays with members of his own race every day. He still entertains hopes that he will receive a commutation of sentence at the last minute despite the warning that there was no chance for him given by the state and when the new sentence is given with him.