

SUPREME COURT LAST HOPE RAY FOR SNOWDEN

Habeas Corpus Application Denied Yesterday And U. S. High Court Offers Faint Hope

CONDEMNED MAN PRAYS

With only two more days to elapse before he must take his place on the gallows to pay with his life for the brutal murder of Lottie May Brandon, the last faint hope—save one—that the sentence might be commuted or a reprieve granted has slipped away from John Snowden.

Snowden's last hope now rests in the United States Supreme Court and the final appeal is expected to reach that tribunal either today or tomorrow.

Another faint hope was kindled in the colored man's heart yesterday, gleamed for a minute and then went out. In the afternoon Judge John C. Rose of the Federal Court in Baltimore passed adversely on an application by Snowden's lawyers for a habeas corpus by which the execution would have been stayed off.

Has Washington Lawyers.

Snowden's lawyers are George L. Pendleton, C. S. Williams and Thomas Beckett, the last two being members of the Washington bar.

According to Attorney Pendleton, he and his colleagues in the habeas corpus proceedings, had anticipated any adverse decision on Judge Rose's part by making every preparation for seeking the intervention of the Supreme Court of the United States to prevent the execution on Friday of the condemned man. They immediately filed an appeal from the decision with Clerk Arthur L. Spamer, a few minutes after it was rendered and this, Attorney Pendleton stated, being certified to the Supreme Court and reaching that body either today or tomorrow, the effect of the appeal will be almost inevitable to arrest the execution through the process of court which must follow on its reaching the Supreme Court judges. The basis of the proceedings is the unconstitutionality of Snowden's trial by reason first of the jury having been composed exclusively of white men, and therefore not having been "a jury of his peers;" and secondly, of the verdict of the jury not having been rendered in due form.

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Snowden Restless Last Night.

It was said that Snowden seemed more restless last night than at any time since he has been incarcerated. Nothing has come from him in the way of a confession, however, and his protests of innocence are as firm as ever. Officials do not believe that he will ever admit that he committed the crime and will go to his death without unburdening himself.

With the exception of the final test of the gallows all preparations have been made by officials for the hanging. Tomorrow Sheriff Bellis will test the scaffold with sand bags to make sure that everything is in order and that the sentence of the court may be carried out without a hitch.

The exact hour for the hanging has not yet been set by the sheriff but will be about 7 o'clock in the morning.

SHORT LINE CAR HITS AUTO TRUCK AT GLEN BURNIE

Truck Badly Damaged But Occupants Escape Injury; Car Suffers No Damage

A Ford auto truck was smashed and two occupants narrowly escaped serious injury or death when the machine was struck by a Short Line car this morning at Glen Burnie. The truck was driven by two men who are said to be lightning rod agents but their names could not be ascertained.

The driver of the truck saw the car approaching but was unable to get the brakes clamped on before the collision occurred. The car which figured in the smash-up was bound for Annapolis and was crowded. The collision occurred about 8 o'clock.

It is said the lightning rod men escaped without a scratch but the machine was badly damaged.

EAT PANCAKES AND OUTWIT THE JINX ON NEXT TUESDAY

Next Tuesday, a week from today, is Shrove Tuesday, or better known as "Pancake Day". According to legendary lore it is always safe and wise to eat pancakes on this day, as tradition has it bad luck will follow if you omit this dish from your menu the last day before Lent. Besides the eating of pancakes is said to keep away disease and pestilence and all sorts of ill omens.

Shrove Tuesday precedes Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, the first of the forty days of fasting.

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Puts On Death Suit.

Sheriff Bellis delivered to Snowden yesterday the new suit in which he will be attired Friday morning when he walks to the scaffold and in which he will be buried. The suit is of blue serge. Snowden put it on as soon as it was handed to him then fell on his knees and with his head buried in his arms knelt by the side of his cot and prayed for more than two hours.

According to the sheriff Snowden is bearing up well and eats heartily. He sleeps soundly at night and apparently is not disturbed. The only ones who are allowed to see him in the death cell beside the guard is his spiritual adviser and singing band.
