

# SNOWDEN RESIGNED TO FATE AWAITING HIM

## Expected He Will Walk Firmly To Scaffold Tomorrow To Go To His Death

### ALL PREPARATIONS MADE

Alternately praying and singing, Snowden paced his death cell tonight, his feet on earth, in preparation for the hanging which will take place tomorrow at dawn. The Rev. Benjamin S. Mott said that there was no change in the disposition of the condemned man and that he was absolutely resigned to his fate.

Friends of Snowden and those who have believed his protestations of innocence admit that the fight to save his life or to secure a commutation of the death sentence seems hopeless. Some time today a writ of habeas corpus will be presented by attorneys for Snowden before the United States supreme court but there is practically no hope that the execution will be stayed.

#### Will Test Scaffold

Late this afternoon Sheriff Joseph H. Bellis will visit the jail and test out the scaffold with sand bag dummies. The same rope that has hung four men will be slipped about Snowden's neck tomorrow morning when he takes his place on the gallows. It was announced at the sheriff's office today that every detail for the carrying out of the hanging had been worked out and that there would be no delay after the procession leaves the death cell and the jail physician finally pronounces Snowden dead.

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#### Visitor Refused Admission

Mrs. Spencer Murray, who has been one of the leaders in trying to save Snowden from the noose, returned this morning from Baltimore. She called on Sheriff Bellis in his office early in the morning and told him Snowden had sent word that he desired to see her. The sheriff informed her that no visitors would be permitted to see or call on the condemned man.

While she was talking with the sheriff she was approached by a representative of another Annapolis newspaper who asked her if she cared to make a statement. Mrs. Murray wheeled on him and, pounding the railing with her fist, said, "I would not give you a statement to publish in your paper if it was the last thing on God's earth, and you can tell your editor that with my compliments."

To a Capital reporter Mrs. Murray gave a statement which is published elsewhere in this issue.

#### Mrs. Humiston Still Absent

It was ascertained that Mrs. Grace Humiston, who has been aiding Mrs. Murray in the fight to save Snowden had not returned to Annapolis up to noon today although it was said that she would be here during the day.

Following reports of alleged attempts on the part of Mrs. Humiston to induce Mrs. Burch, one of the state's prominent witnesses in the case, to change her testimony, announcement was made at the State house that if Mrs. Humiston followed up these she would be arrested. When she left here Tuesday she said she would return yesterday.

#### Burial Arrangements Made

Snowden is to be given a decent and proper burial if developed today. J. A. Adams, undertaker, issued a statement in which he declared that the body would be received by him after the hanging and prepared for burial.

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"Snowden will be hanged at daylight tomorrow," Sheriff Bellis said today. "I have not determined just the time when the order of the court will be carried out but it will probably be 7 o'clock or shortly after."

### Cannot Talk From Scaffold

"He will be accompanied from his cell to the scaffold by his spiritual adviser, his praying and singing band, Chief Deputy Grafton Boone, Deputy Sheriff Wm D. K. Lee and myself. He will take his place on the scaffold accompanied by only Officers Boone and Lee."

"Snowden has been told that he will not be permitted to make a statement or say anything after he has taken his place on the scaffold but will be permitted to say anything he wants to before the death march starts from the cell."

"As soon as he steps on the scaffold Deputy Sheriff Lee will strap his legs while Deputy Boone will adjust the noose about his neck and pull the black cap over his head. At a signal

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According to the sheriff, Snowden does not eat with the same zest as he has heretofore shown. When asked last night what he would have to eat he replied, "Oh bring me anything." He did not eat much of that which was set before him whereas he has been eating well and picking out delicacies with care. He is allowed to have anything he wants to eat.

### Resigned to His Fate

It is predicted that Snowden will walk unassisted to the scaffold. Rev. Holt said last night that he is prepared and ready to die. He said he believed that Snowden would walk to the gallows without any show of emotion and that he would maintain his poise till the last.

Asked if he believed Snowden would confess, Rev. Holt said, "He will never confess for he has nothing to confess. I believe as much as I believe in anything that Snowden did not murder Mrs. Brandon, and I have pleaded and begged of him to tell me if he is innocent. I do not believe Snowden would say he was guilty of that infamous crime even if he knew the admission would save his life."

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