

# SEEK CLEMENCY FOR SNOWDEN

## Effort To Commute Death Sentence Made At Annapolis.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 20.—EXTREME activity is being exercised by the advocates of a commutation in the case of John Snowden, colored, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Lottie May Brandon, in Annapolis, on August 7, 1916, sentenced to be hung on the last day of the present month. Mrs. W. Spencer Murray, an active suffrage advocate, who has lived in Annapolis for some years, is working hard in the movement, and has brought Mrs. Grace Humiston, of New York, here to help her. Mrs. Humiston, in the employ of a newspaper, was in Annapolis shortly after the crime which was inconsistent with Snowden's connection with the case.

Sentiment in favor of a commutation has made some progress among professional and business men of Annapolis, who have signed a petition to the Governor. The Governor has stated that he contemplates asking these gentlemen to a conference, at which they will be permitted to state their reasons for doubting Snowden's guilt.

Snowden still appears to hope that the efforts being made for him will save him from the gallows, and persists that he is innocent.

## Big Water Loss At Frederick.

Frederick, Md., Feb. 20.—City Engineer Emory C. Crum told Mayor Fraley and the Board of Aldermen at a meeting last night that leaky mains and defective joints were causing a loss of approximately 800,000 gallons of water a day. He recommended that the city spend 30,000 for water meters, which, he said, would cost consumers no more than the present rate for all the water needed and would put a check to the waste that was apparent in most of the homes and business establishments of the city.