

**\$303,000 APPROPRIATED FOR EDUCATION IN WEST VIRGINIA
SOLDIERS AT CAMP MEADE BEING MUSTERED OUT RAPIDLY
SNOWDEN GOES TO HIS DEATH AT 6.56 THIS MORNING**

Protests His Innocence Until The Last

Goes to the Gallows Without Losing His Nerve and Asks That Pursuit of the Real Murderer Be Continued.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 28—
At 6:56 this morning (Friday) John Snowden, convicted of the murder of Lottie Brandon on August 8th, 1917, was hanged in the city jailyard. He was accompanied to the scaffold by his spiritual advisor, Rev. Mr. Holt, who had been with the accused man almost continually during the past few days. To the last Snowden protested his innocence and said "he could not go to the gallows with a lie on his lips."

Never before in the history of Annapolis has there been such a general feeling of suppressed excitement, when it became evident that every effort to save the condemned man's life had been fruitless. People gathered in the street corners and the sole topic of conversation was the fate of the man, who on the morrow would pay the penalty for a crime which he had persistently declared himself innocent of.

The little gatherings here and there caused some apprehension on the part of the officials and members of the State Guard were ordered out by Adjutant General Warfield. Some of the officials feared a demonstration by the friends of the accused man, and some such thought may have been harbored by the more rabid, but no such thought was ever dreamed of by those who had fought from the beginning to save Snowden's life. They had employed every legal means possible, had been unsparing in the expenditure of money, which was gathered here and there from those who wanted to see justice done. Now after all legal means had failed and they realized that they had lost, and Governor Harrington, who was entreated, as a last resort, had failed, were calmly waiting word that those who had determined from the first that Snowden must hang, had succeeded.

Governor Harrington is said to have received several communications in which his life was threatened if he failed to pardon Snowden, and they have been turned over to police officials. These letters are regarded as the usual kind received by leading officials following unusual cases in which there is a great deal of newspaper notoriety and little importance was attached to them.

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SUPREME COURT REFUSES WRITS FOR SNOWDEN

Chief Justice White of the United States Supreme Court refused to grant a writ of certiorari and habeas corpus to Snowden's attorneys. This means that John Snowden will be hanged at dawn Friday morning.

369th At Oyster Bay

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Feb. 23.—About fifty members of the 369th, New York's colored heroes, visited the grave of Theodore Roosevelt, and one of them placed a large wreath on the grave while others stood at attention.